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School Boards: An Exercise in Democracy

By Ben D. Taylor

A while back I was given some free advice about school boards (as with most free advice I probably got what I paid for). I was told that if I wanted half of the people in town to love me and the other half to hate me; then I should run.

That sentiment is inherent to the nature of any governing body (but it is even more poignant in a small town). The structure of our school systems was established to be a reflection of our government. The school board acts like the legislative branch (elected individuals whose principal mission is to set forth policies and guidelines), while the school administration acts as the executive branch putting those policies into action.

As with most political positions, the actions of any acting school board are under a great deal of scrutiny from the public (the main difference is that school board members do it without any pay). To be a member of the school board requires a 4 year commitment with little encouragement, and a strong sense of purpose. Former Sonora ISD board

member Clay Cade commented that, "a good school board personnel's only job is to take care of every child".

School boards have officially been a part of our school systems since before the Civil War, but have roots tracing back to the Mayflower Compact of 1620. Among the first concerns of New Englanders (after food, safety, and religion) was to set up a school, and from 1642 onward the control of those schools were placed in the hands of local representatives. The problems facing those individuals were similar to the issues current

day board members address. One of the main issues then (as now) was to hire qualified schoolmasters (the current day superintendent), and evaluate their performance, rewarding the competent, and removing the inefficient ones.

Our system of government was constructed on the principals of checks and balances, in order to assure that not one single entity holds complete control. The school board is the check, or the community voice designed to balance the public school system, "the school board's job is to set rules and policies; school administration is to carry out those policies" former ISD board member Clay Cade commented.

This May 10, Sonora is holding elections for new school board members in all four precincts. All Sutton County residents are encouraged to vote in this important election.

The early voting date is April 28 through May 6 (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) at the Sonora ISD administration building. The last day to register to vote is April 10 as well as filing a change of address.



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Drought Expected to Continue For The Edwards Plateau



COLLEGE STATION, Mar. 6, 2008 – Forget those drenching rains of last spring and summer: Texas is in the middle of a drought that has reached the severe stage in several parts of the state, says John Nielsen-Gammon, professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M University who also serves as Texas State Climatologist.

The bottom line: More than half of the state is currently experiencing unusual dryness and conditions could actually worsen over the next few months, Nielsen-Gammon says.

"Less than a year after rains finally brought an end to the 2005-2006 drought in Texas, many parts of the state are again suffering drought conditions," he confirms.

"Only the eastern third of the state and parts of the Texas Panhandle have received normal precipitation over the past few months."

The hardest-hit area: the Edwards Plateau region.

Nielsen-Gammon says that region experienced the

driest December through February on record, totaling an average of only 0.57 inches of rain, breaking the previous record of 0.67 inches set in 1966-67. He notes that broad portions of southwest Texas – within a triangle bounded from Sanderson to Leakey and Laredo – have received zero rainfall for the past 90 days.

The area around Del Rio and Eagle Pass is also experiencing extreme drought conditions, he adds, and areas of central and south Texas and the lower Rio Grande Valley are also in a severe drought.

"This drought started back in early September," says Nielsen-Gammon, who compiles data from several groups, among them the National Weather Service.

"The central third of the state has been especially hard hit and the extreme dryness has set up ideal wildfire situations."

Nielsen-Gammon says the drought conditions are partly due to La Nina, during which unusually cold sea surface

temperatures are found in the eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean. When a La Nina occurs, winters are usually drier and warmer than normal, and there are frequently strong, drying winds from the southwest and west.

Most water supplies remain at safe levels, he says, because of the previous year of wet weather. "But agriculture is suffering in many areas, and some winter wheat crops have been severely damaged," Nielsen-Gammon notes.

"If these areas don't get some decent rains in the next month, an entire spring planting season may be lost in parts of south Texas."

There may not be good news for the long-term outlook, either, he believes.

"Prospects for rainfall for the next couple of months are not good," he notes.

"La Nina is expected to remain moderately strong into April, so the general tendency for dry weather is expected to continue. Beyond that time, it's hard to say what may happen."

Chelsea Martinez Signs Her Letter Of Intent to McMurray University



Beside Chelsea (sitting in the center chair) are her proud parents Pedro and Dominga Martinez. Standing behind them are her coaches (from left to right) Jason Pearce, Sean Leamon, Eli Boxell and Roman Rodriguez.

By Lynn Wipff

Thursday February 28, 2008 Chelsea Martinez signed her letter of intent to compete in track and field for McMurry University. McMurry coaches anticipate that Chelsea will be throwing the hammer for the Indians in the fall and plans to major in Sports Medicine.

Construction Project Put On Hold As Trustees Review Contract

By Becky McAngus

The Sonora ISD Board of Trustees held a lengthy meeting Monday night in which they hammered out a "one phase only" addendum to the contract with Chapman Harvey Architects of Lubbock for the athletic facility planned at Bronco Stadium. The original contract was approved by the board at a special meeting on February 6th, with board member Scott Jacoby casting the only dissenting vote.

Following the vote, Jacoby asked Superintendent Bawcom to send the document to the district's legal counsel to review the areas of the contract with which he had concerns. "The contract should have reflected the motion of the board," Jacoby said, adding, "it should have been sent to our lawyers in the beginning." His main concern was contractual language providing for a multi-phase project, including a provision that allows for the architectural firm to be paid what they anticipate they would profit on the value of services not performed by the architect.

"This was truly not the motion of the board," stated Trustee Barbara Jennings. "We agreed that we would do Phase I only and, if we decided not to do anything else, it would end there." This contract, she said, implies that the district will continue with other phases.

The district's legal counsel has responded to Jacoby's concerns with 13 pages of amendments, which were forwarded by the district to the architectural firm. Leonora Clardy, Chapman Harvey's coordinator on the Sonora ISD project, responded to the legal issues raised by the school districts attorney. She told the board that the contract presented was a "standard architectural contract" prepared on documents their firm received from the American Institute of Architects. "We're not trying to put anything over on you," she stated. "Our goal is to get the district a contract you guys feel comfortable with.. (and) one we're comfortable with. We can change the verbiage," she said.

The board asked the architectural representative if their decision had been clearly communicated, eliciting a heated response from Superintendent Bawcom, "This (decision) was very well communicated from me. I'm not going to get thrown under the bus on this deal," Bawcom told the trustees.

Ms. Clardy responded to Bawcom's remarks by stating, "Doug did make it clear that we were only proceeding on Phase I (of the project); I just missed the mark." "I wanted to ensure we (the architects and the school district) had the flexibility, as the project proceeds, to move right into the second phase without having to come back and renegotiate the contract."

Larry Harvey, a partner in the architectural firm, told the board that he "wouldn't hire (the district's attorney) on what I've seen. She doesn't understand our business and doesn't understand our profession." He explained that the open-ended contract would allow the district to go seamlessly from one phase of the project to the other. Harvey further indicated that the district is "wasting time" by sending revisions of the contract to their attorney, and that the August 2008 completion date for the girl's locker room is now an impossibility.

The board directed the superintendent to send the revised response from the architectural firm, along with their response to the proposed amendments, to the district's attorney for her review before signing off on the addendum.

Board President Dean Dermody remarked to the board, "Until we put some trust in them (the architectural firm) we are going to have a hard time getting this done."

Prior to the meeting, incoming Precinct 2 Trustee Tryon Fields told the board that "the contract bothers me." "What you are going to discuss, and possibly approve, could saddle an incoming board with a multi-phase project that they don't agree with." He asked the board to make sure their decision doesn't saddle the new board with a project they don't agree with and the community will not support.

In other construction-related business, Superintendent Bawcom told the board that plans for the public restroom and concession area at the tennis courts has been completed and is ADA compliant. He presented a diagram to the board, indicating that the 19-foot by 23-foot cinder block structure will be located in the corner of the tennis courts. The building will have a metal roof that will coordinate with that of the new vocational building.

Bawcom said the metal building that the district has ordered is expected to arrive on March 15th. "Once the building gets here, we will start construction immediately," he said.

The board also addressed public concerns regarding the district's use of In School Suspension as a catch-all for disciplinary problems.

- The superintendent also reported as follows:
- \$15,466,072.86 in ad valorem taxes has been collected, representing 98% of the district's 1997 tax roll.
 - The district has \$26.3 million in its TexPool account, which includes \$10,496,369.79 deposited during the month of January, 2008, and
 - The board approved the state-adopted textbooks as presented.

Senior Center Activities

Thur. March 13- Work on puzzle
 Fri. March 14- Run errands and pay bills
 Mon. March 17- Happy B-Day Fina Hernandez, St. Patrick's Day play "Green" Bingo
 Tues. March 18- City Council meeting 4:00 p.m.. Happy B-Day Faye Thorp
 Wed. March 19- Van to San Angelo Medical Call 387-3841

Senior Center Menu

Thur. March 13- Roast Beef w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, carrot cake and milk
 Fri. March 14- Fried fish, hominy, broccoli, cornbread, bread pudding milk
 Mon. March 17- Chicken fried steak w/gravy, potatoes, carrots, rolls, vanilla pudding w/fruit and milk
 Tues. March 18- Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, noodles, zucchini squash, garlic bread, white cake w/caramel icing and juice
 Wed. March 19- Chicken supreme, herb new potatoes, broccoli, green salad, rolls cobbler and milk

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



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Thank you to all of our friends that sent flowers, cards and had words of encouragement during the loss of my mom Irene Beard

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The Cub Scouts of Sonora would like to thank Mr. Norm Rousselot for his financial generosity and the crew of Henry Mata Remodeling for their work. Between the two, the Boy Scouts have received much needed repair work done over the last couple of weeks. New tile flooring was put down throughout the whole scout hut, the fireplace was inspected and fixed to keep any animals from building a nest in the chimney, and once again the flag pole stands straight for the current and future Cub Scouts of Sonora to use and enjoy.

Thank you,
 Deborah Brown
 Sonora Cub Scouts, Pack 19

I would like to give a big "Thank You" to the wonderful people of Sonora. We were able to gather lots of dresses that will help us make "Just One Night" a big success for our girls. I did not anticipate that we would be able to gather so many dresses but as usual our great community stepped up to the challenge. We have also had additional donation of services from many people and business. We anticipate our night of 'shopping' will be April 16th at Team Graphics with Sutton County Steakhouse catering. The night of 'shopping' should also be a night to remember. We have planned a great time for the girls including tips on hair and make-up.

We could not have made this happen without the support of our great community. Once again "THANK YOU."

Sincerely,
 Stacy Fisher

Thank you for your votes of confidence in the March 4th Republican Primary Election. I am forever grateful for the opportunity to serve you as Sutton County Tax Assessor-Collector. ¡Muchas gracias a todos!

Sincerely,
 Deedie McIntire

We the family of Francisco "Kikio" Mendez would like to thank everyone who helped us at our time of sorrow. We greatly thank those of you who took the time to send food, flowers or just simply stopped by to ask if we were okay. Thanks to those of you who had us in your prayers. A Special thanks to all the nurses and workers from Hospice of San Angelo.

Sincerely,
 The Francisco Mendez Family

Obituary



Sonora- Francisco Gallegos Mendez, 62, passed away March 2, 2008 at his residence. Services were held Thursday March 6 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Sonora. Burial followed at the Sonora Cemetery.

Survivors include wife Dora Mendez of Sonora, sons Francisco Mendez, Jr., Ricardo Mendez and Freddy Mendez all of San Antonio, Texas, and Friend Mendez of Sonora, daughters Loree Mendez of San Antonio, Linda Mendez of Florida, Carolyn Ortega and Josie DeLaRosa, both of Sonora, brothers Roberto Mendez of Sonora, Pedro Mendez of Brownfield, Arnoldo Mendez of Sonora, Jimmy Mendez of Tyler, Texas, sisters Juanita Herrera of Sonora, Lydia Mendez of Ft. Worth, and Maria Cortez of Fredericksburg, Texas. 22 grandchildren & 2 great-grandchildren. Francisco was preceded in death by his parents Manuela & Juan Mendez, brother Alberto Mendez, sister Dora M Mendoza, step-daughter Melissa Morin & son Joe David Mendez

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

As a former Sonora resident and subscriber to The Devil's River News, I wish to say thank you to all the DRN's personnel for all the news from back home. You would be surprised at how many people make outstanding comments because of the newspaper being in color. Of six to eight different newspapers received here, the DRN stands out the most. All others are plain black and white. Thank you, keep up the excellent work and God Bless.

Sincerely,
 Tomas H. Favela
 Kyle, TX

Engagement



Noah Joseph Moore, IV and Susie Rudasill Moore are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Callie Allison Moore to Rocky Justin Riley, son of Nancy Riley of Austin and the late Rocky Riley.

Callie and Rocky are Sonora ISD graduates as well as Southwest Texas State University/Texas State University graduates. They are both employed in Austin, TX.

An outdoor wedding will be held on April 19 at the Rudasill Ranch in Rocksprings, TX where Callie's grandparents, the late James and Myra Mac Rudasill and her great-grandparents, Payne and Maude Rudasill resided.

Happy 1st Birthday Madyson



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Q. I am looking for information on M.F. Hamby and Nannie Hamby. They are supposed to be buried in the Sonora Cemetery. He died in Austin in 1937 and I think she died in 1931. Did they have any children? Nancy Hough - rockartgal2@earthlink.net

A. Marion Franklin Hamby was born on June 9, 1864 in Fayetteville, Arkansas, some say Austin, and died February 16, 1937 in Austin. He was buried in the Sonora Cemetery. His wife Nan Casey Hamby, the daughter of John Casey, was born December 5, 1858 in Alabama and died on February 14, 1931 in Sutton County.

Her obituary lists survivors as 7 children J. S. McMillon, Austin; Mrs. J. G. Baker, San Angelo; Mrs. Al Stockton, Menard; Mrs. Guy Landrum and Mrs. Gertrude Hart, California; John F. And Finis H. Hamby of Sonora.

His obituary says his survivors are two brothers, Charlie and Walter Hamby of Austin; three sisters Mrs. Lily Akard, Mrs. Mollie Leonard and Mrs. Harry Reasoner. Three daughters Mrs. J. G. Baker, San Angelo; Mrs. Guy Landrum and Mrs. Trudie Creswell of Alhambra Calif. Two sons John and Finis.

If any of our readers know the first names of these children and can help this lady out please send the information to the above e-mail and a copy to schs@sonorax.net thanks!

Q. When did Joseph Abner Glascock come to Texas and wasn't his son, W. A., one of the earliest to install wolf proof fencing in this area?

A. Joseph Abner Glascock, according to Juanita Puckitt Keen in the Menard History book, was born in Springfield, Illinois in 1835. That same year he came to Texas with his father, Joseph Milligan Glascock and his mother, Agnes Priscilla Epperson Glascock. And two sisters Lucy Ann and Catherine B. In the same party was George Glascock, brother of Joseph Milligan Glascock, and uncle of Joseph Abner Glascock. Before coming to Texas, George Glascock had been in partnership briefly with Abraham Lin-



Seated: Eliza Ruth Bowmer Glascock and Joseph Abner Glascock. Child: Olema Glascock. Standing: Mode Glascock and wife, Annie.

coln in a river barge business in Illinois.

The Party settled about 30 miles north of Austin near the present city of Georgetown in what was to become in 1848 Williamson County. At the time the county was organized, George Glascock donated 173 acres of land for a townsite and the city was named Georgetown in his honor.

After the death of his father on January 26, 1832 and the subsequent remarriage of his mother to Alfred Britton in 1853 and then to Jephtha Billingsly in 1856, Joseph Abner Glascock went to live with his uncle George Glascock in Georgetown where he was living at the time of the 1850 census. (This census shows George W. Glascock living with his wife Cynthia and children Elisabeth, Margaret, George W, Albert H. and six others, one of which is Joseph Abner, living in the household listed as blacksmith, carpenters and farmers.

Eliza Ruth Bowmer was born in Missouri in 1838. Her father, Samuel Sellers Bowmer, was born in Kentucky in 1815. In 1851 the Sellers Bowmer family came to Texas and settled at Georgetown where Sellers built and operated the first blacksmith shop. His father, Birkett D. Bowmer, carried the mail between Georgetown and

Austin for several years.

Eliza Ruth Bowmer and Joseph Abner Glascock were married in Williamson County, Texas. They lived in Travis Co. In 1860, Williamson Co. in 1870, Menard in 1880 census records. They moved from Burnet to Menard in 1874 with ox and mule wagons. Joseph Abner Glascock is shown as a teamster and operator of a freight line.

In 1877 the Joseph Glascock family moved into the dog-run log cabin on the San Saba River two miles below Menard which had previously been occupied by Company D of the Texas Rangers. The cabin had a dirt floor, a sod roof and stick-and-mud chimneys. It was near the site of the log Mission Santa Cruz de San Saba, built by Spain in 1757 and destroyed by Indians in 1758.

Joseph Glascock was a teamster and used Longhorn steers and Spanish mules to pull his freight wagons. He hauled supplies to Ft. McKavett from San Antonio, Austin, Fredericksburg, Lampasas and Bastrop. The wagons usually traveled in convoys protected from Indians by a detachment of soldiers.

To the marriage of Joseph Abner Glascock and Eliza Ruth Bowmer Glascock 11 children were born. Two of the children died in infancy and one child Lucien. B.

Glascock died in Menard at the age of 16. The following children grew to adulthood in Menard and Sonora and many of their families still live in the area:

Samuel Joseph Glascock, born 1858, married Hannah Margaret King; Moses P. called "Mode" Glascock, born 1877, married Annie E. Carruthers; William Andrew Glascock, born 1861 died 1924, married Maturia A. White; Robert E. Glascock, born 1864 died 1953, married Katie L. Trimble; Sonora (some say Senora) Agnes Glascock, born 1875 died 1949, married Irving Wilson Ellis; Priscilla Glascock born 1869, married John Allen Ellis; James B. Glascock, born 1875, married Maude Trimble; Catherine Ann, born 1873 died 1967, married Jim Bradford.

Eliza Ruth Bowmer Glascock died in Menard on March 12, 1907. Joseph Abner Glascock died in Menard on October 5, 1917 and they are both buried in the Pioneer Rest Cemetery in Menard.

William Andrew Glascock is listed as one of the earliest people in Sutton County to install wolf proof fencing. Not only did he install the wire fencing but he and his workers hauled rocks to the fence and piled it so wolves couldn't dig under the wire and get onto the property. Look at your property and figure how many rocks you would have to haul to do this and you can appreciate all the work that William Andrew Glascock went to in order to insure the safety of his stock.

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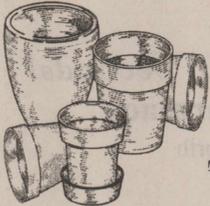
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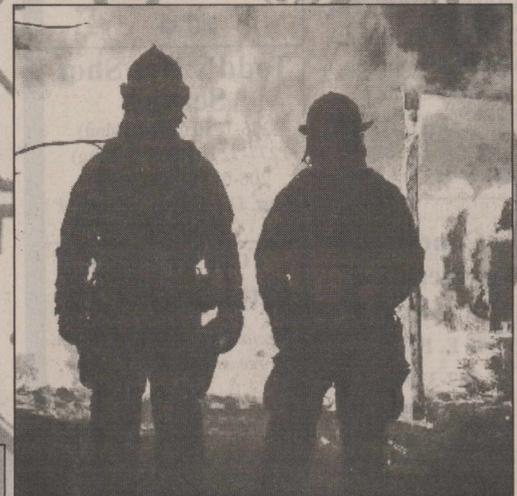
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F.Y.I.

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

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.

Los Compadres Club Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser Friday March 14, 2008 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Menu: fish, fries, cole Slaw, beans, tartar sauce, dessert \$8.00 Pick up plates at the Sutton County park.

Next **City Council Meeting** March, 18 2008

Texas Bass Couples South Region Fishing Tournament will be at Lake Amistad March 16. Registration Sat. March 15th, 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at Amistad Lake resort. Come join the fun! For more information contact Lannie or Cathy Baggett 325-226-3253 or visit our website at www.texasbasscouples.com

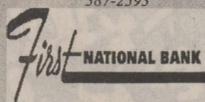
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Sonora PD Dispatch Log

Incidents:

March 3, 2008

- 12:45 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

March 4, 2008

- 7:15 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 2:10 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

March 5, 2008

- 8:15 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 12:40 PM: Caller reported a minor traffic accident. Officer responded.
- 1:35 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 1:50 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.

March 6, 2008

- 10:35 AM: Caller reported a dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 2:10 PM: Caller reported a dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 12:30 PM: Caller reported reckless drivers. Officer responded.
- 1:05 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.

March 7, 2008

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March 8, 2008

- NA

March 9, 2008

- NA

Relay For Life Spotlights Cancer Survivors

By: Katie K Haby

For the coming weeks, we will be recognizing some Sutton County Residents in our "Survivor Spotlight" to bring more awareness to cancer survivors. The term "cancer" represents more than 100 different diseases and affects people in all walks of life. Relay for Life is scheduled for May 9-10 this year at Bronco Football Stadium. All Sutton County cancer survivors are encouraged to register with Relay for Life to be recognized at the event. You can contact Juanita Gomez at 325-206-0830. In addition, any residents wishing to participate with a team, volunteer, or sponsor the event can contact Shanna Petty at 325-387-3861.

Survivor Spotlight



By: Katie K Haby

A lifelong resident of Sonora, Vicenta Lopez is one of the longest registered survivors with Relay for Life in Sutton County. It was 44 years ago - in 1964 - that she first discovered she had breast cancer. Vicenta was scheduled to go in for gall bladder surgery in Houston when she told the doctor about a lump in her left breast, and he ordered a biopsy. When the biopsy came back positive, Vicenta instead went into surgery for a complete mastectomy. Her gall bladder surgery was performed later while she was recovering from the mastectomy. Vicenta recalled how self-conscious she was after having her breast removed. But, her family helped her through it. Between laughs, she recalled that when she refused to go out to eat with her family for fear that people would notice she was "lopsided," one of them got her bra and some tissues and fixed it so know one would notice! Follow up is very important, and Vicenta has made certain that she has gone to yearly checkups every year since the surgery. Throughout the ordeal, Vicenta made Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," her motto, and continues to live by this.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Benjamin R. Epps, Deceased, were issued on March 3, 2008, in Docket No. 1339, pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, to: Virginia Curry Epps.

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Sports



Hudson Wins San Angelo Boys Classic



The Sonora golf team poses for a picture after their 4th place showing at the San Angelo Boys Classic Golf Tournament (from left to right Manny Paredes, Caleb Gonzales, John Duke Hudson, Dylan Castillo and Morgan Martinez).

By Anita Hudson

The Sonora Varsity Boy's Golf team competed March 7th and 8th in the San Angelo Boys Classic Golf Tournament against a field of 19 teams with Sonora being one of only three 2-A schools invited to compete. The boys were sitting in 7th place after the first round of competition held at Bentwood Country Club with a team total of 350. Saturday proved to be a much better day for the Broncos with the team shooting a 310 at Riverside Golf Course to move the Bronco golf team to a 4th place finish over all behind Aledo, Friendship and Randall High Schools.

John Duke Hudson, a junior, was sitting in second place after Friday's round with a 74, one stroke behind Aledo's senior Trey Sullivan, a 2008 University of Oklahoma signee. Hudson rallied back on Saturday to shoot one under par, 71, for a two day total of 145 and captured the Low Medalist Honors. This was a great win for John Duke to add to a successful golf resume as he competed against a total of 96 golfers from mostly 4-A and 3-A schools. Congratulations to the Sonora Boys Golf Team and John Duke for a great tournament.

Individual scores were as follows: John Duke Hudson 74-71-145, Manny Paredes 89-80-169, Caleb Gonzales 92-80-172, Morgan Martinez 95-79-174, and Dylan Castillo 103-86-189.

Varsity Boys Results Crane Relays

Finished 5th out of 16 teams

Pole Vault	2nd	Will Anderson
Discus	4th	JT Downing
800 Meter Run	1st	Cody Pena
400 Meter Run	2nd	Jessie Guerrero
300 Meter Hurdles	4th	Tyler Creek
1600 Meter Relay	5th	Riley Sanchez, Cody Pena, Preston Lopez, and Jessie Guerrero
Fat Man Relay	3rd	Isaac Quiroz, Alberto Tovar, Zadrian McGee, and JT Downing

Juitor Varsity Boys Results Crane Relays

Finished 4th out of 14 teams

400 Meter Relay	3rd	Jorge Gaytan, Fugi Sanchez, AJ Ozuna, and, Bailey Pennington
800 Meter Run	5th	Ricardo Rodriguez
800 Meter Relay	2nd	Ryan Gorman, Fugi Sanchez, AJ Ozuna, and, Jorge Gaytan
400 Meters	3rd	Bailey Joe Pennington
1600 Meter Relay	3rd	Bailey Joe Pennington, Ryan Garmon, Fugi Sanchez, and AJ Ozuna

Varsity Girls Results Crane Relays

Team Total 6th place

1600 Meter Run	2nd	Alyssa Favila
200 Meter Dash	5th	Amy Hernandez
	6th	Morgan Smith
Triple Jump	6th	Emily Earwood
Shot Put	3rd	Chelsea Martinez
	6th	Leandra Casteneda
Pole Vault	3rd	Chelsea Lou Campbell
3200 Meter Run	5th	Daniela Cano
400 Meter Relay	5th	Morriss, Snyder, Trevino, Lipham
800 Meter Dash	1st	Kallie Humphrey
	3rd	Chelby Ramos
100 Meter Dash	4th	Jessica Snyder
800 Meter Relay	6th	Smith, Campbell, Morriss, Lipham
400 Meter Dash	5th	J. Chavez
300 Meter Hurdles	5th	Chelsea Lou Campbell

The five S's of sports training are: Stamina, Speed, Strength, Skill and Spirit; but the greatest of these is Spirit.

--Ken Doherty

Boy's Results San Angelo Boys Classic

1st Place Individual

John Duke Hudson	74	71	145
Morgan Martinez	95	79	174
Manny Paredes	89	80	169
Dylan Castillo	103	86	189
Caleb Gonzales	92	80	172

Sonora placed 4th out of 20 teams. After the 1st day, Sonora was in 7th place with a score of 350. The boys were able to shave 40 strokes off of their score the 2nd day and turn in a score of 310. This was the 2nd best round of the tournament behind Aledo who shot a 2nd day round of 308.

Girls Results Sonora Invitational

Sonora A Team-	446	2nd Place	
Kaci Chavarria	52	50	102
Sterling Love	57	54	111
Stephanie Hulsey	57	61	118
Emily Newton	60	64	124
Christy Perez	58	57	115

Sonora B -	523		
Liz Newton	55	60	115
Kaitlyn Henderson	68	67	135
Raevon Johnson	62	55	117
Christina Robbins	79	77	156



Sonora Broncos Baseball 2008 Schedule

Date	Place	Time
March 13-15	Lubbock Tourney	TBA
March 20*	Sonora	V-5:00
March 25*	Sonora	JV-5:00 V-7:00
March 28*	Comfort	JV-4:30 V-7:00

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Sonora Lady Broncos 2008 Softball Schedule

Date	Place
Mar. 14*	Sonora
Mar. 25*	Sonora
Mar. 28*	Comfort

* indicates district games



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Sonora Broncos 2008 Track Schedule

High School	
Date	Place
Mar. 14	Iraan
Mar. 21	Sonora
Mar. 27	Mason
Mar. 28-29	Angelo
Jnior High	
Mar.13	Ingram
Mar. 25	Mason



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2008 Bronco Golf Schedule

Date	Tournament
March 13	Sonora Boy's Invitational
March 25	Comfort Girls Invitational
March 27	Comfort Boy's Invitational

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March Deer Management

By T.R. Michels, Trinity Mountain Outdoors

For both the deer and the deer manager, March is a time of transition. Winter is giving way to spring, and the deer are losing weight because many of the food sources are depleted. As a result of this they may begin moving from their winter range to their summer range during late March. To abate their hunger the deer begin looking for new green growth. For the deer manager, now is the time to prepare for spring planting; get planting equipment ready, order seed and mineral.

With the coming of spring, minerals are needed by both the bucks and does, as the bucks develop new racks and the does continue fetus growth. To adequately provide mineral for all the deer you should have one mineral lick for every forty acres of land. The licks should be placed in high use areas with adequate cover so that the animals readily find and use them. Minerals are most easily utilized by deer in granular form; they should be supplied on the ground in a sheltered area where they won't be washed away, or in a covered bin. (You can still scout and look for shed antlers.)

Before we can discuss feeding programs it's necessary to understand how deer use the habitat and how their use of the habitat changes throughout the year. There has been a lot written and said about whitetail home ranges; most

of it based on the knowledge of deer in particular areas, or in particular types of habitat. However, whitetails inhabit many different types of habitats: dense hardwood forests, mixed woodland and agricultural, prairie, southern swamp, northern tamarack bogs, open or dense coniferous forests, open agricultural, semi-open river bottoms, and various mountain types. Because of this wide range of habitats the daily habits of whitetails, their home ranges, core areas, and the use of bedding sites varies.

The type and amount of food and cover determine how many deer the habitat can hold; and the number of deer in the habitat affects the size of the home range of the deer. Deer in prime mixed habitats, with abundant food sources, generally have smaller home ranges (from 60-1000+ acres) than deer in open coniferous forests, where food sources are low and widely scattered (up to 20+ square miles).

Climate directly affects the time of year, the length of the home range, and the use of the home range by the deer. In mild mid-west or southern climates whitetails may have home ranges no longer than two miles, and they often have traditional core areas. Deer in colder northern open prairie or foothill habitat may have larger home ranges (up to 120+ miles in South Dako-

ta), and are less likely to have traditional core areas.

The climate and the number of bucks and does in the area affect the size of the home ranges of the buck, especially during the rut. Buck home ranges are generally larger than doe home ranges; often two or more times the size of local doe ranges; and the bucks use of their home ranges varies by the season. Bucks in mixed woodland/agricultural habitat in the mid-west may have home ranges of less than a thousand acres, to five or more square miles in size. During the summer adult bucks may use only a small portion of their home range. However, during the rut, adult buck home ranges often expand to include portions of several nearby doe and other buck home ranges.

If you are interested in more whitetail management tips, or more biology and behavior, click on Trinity Mountain Outdoor News and T.R.'s Hunting Tips at www.TRMichels.com. If you have questions about whitetails log on to the T.R.'s

Tips message board. To find out when the rut begins, peaks and ends in your area click on Whitetail Rut Dates Chart.

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3 Encore Operating Lp 9500' J L Henderson Jr -B- #11-20 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 03/04/08 4 Drlg Ahead
4 Approach Operating 9000' Cinco Terry -F- #2002 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 353 03/02/08 6 Drlg Ahead
New 5 Approach Operating 9000' J R Bailey -A- #821 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 710 03/02/08 6 Drlg Ahead
New 6 Stonegate Prod Co 8500' University -12- #2 H Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 442 02/29/08 8 Drlg Ahead
New 7 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 8400' Wilkins -A- #10 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 38 03/06/08 2 Drlg Ahead
8 Eog Resources/Mid 7500' Weatherly-Pryor -B4- #1 H Dw O'ryan Drilling Llc 4 02/21/08 16 Drlg Ahead 5889'
New 9 Telesis Operating 7000' Montgomery -12- #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 169 03/04/08 4 Drlg Ahead
New 10 Finley Resources Inc 6500' Graham Ranch #1 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 142 03/12/08 Assigned
New 11 Fiml Natural Res 5500' Rowland #5-73c Dw Patterson Drilling/A 721 03/05/08 3 Drlg Ahead

Sutton

New 1 Highmount E&P Tx 8900' Duke Wilson -171- #21 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 120 03/03/08 5 Drlg Ahead
New 2 Highmount E&P Tx 8300' Mayer Ranch -Ee- #29-4 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 301 03/02/08 6 Drlg Ahead
New 3 Highmount E&P Tx 8300' Edwin S Hill-Mayer Jr -X- #6 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 302 02/29/08 8 Drlg Ahead
New 4 Highmount E&P Tx 8250' Jones Ranch #310 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 304 03/01/08 7 Drlg Ahead
New 5 Highmount E&P Tx 7000' Canyon Ranch -115- #25 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 305 03/06/08 2 Drlg Ahead
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New 8 Highmount E&P Tx #??? Dw Patterson Drilling/A 39 03/08/08 Moving On

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1 Conocophillips/Odess 12700' Alex Mitchell -1- #11 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 214 12/20/07 79 Drlg Ahead
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New 3 Encore Operating Lp 12200' Bassett Goode #7 H Dw Patterson Drilling/H 19 03/08/08 Rigging Up
4 Newfield Exploration 12000' Poulter -27- #4 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 118 02/15/08 22 Drlg Ahead
5 Fasken Oil & Ranch 7500' Geaslin Nw -187- #70 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 42 02/27/08 10 Drlg Ahead
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1 Newfield Exploration 8000' Four Square Ranch #22 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 471 02/28/08 9 Drlg Ahead
2 Diamondback Oper 3000' Jenkins #62-3 Ft Hope Drilling 1 u2/16/08 21 Drlg Ahead

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TPWD Fishing Report

AMISTAD: Water clear; 56 degrees; 6.89' low. Black bass are good on Lucky Craft jerkbaits, Revenge spinnerbaits, Yamamoto Senkos, Norman crankbaits, and soft plastic worms and lizards. Striped bass are good on slabs and small crankbaits. White bass are good on slabs and small crankbaits. Crappie are good on minnows up the Devil's River under trees. Catfish are good on cheesebait, shrimp, and nightcrawler in 40 - 100 feet. Yellow catfish are slow. 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.

FALCON: Water stained; 67 degrees. Black bass are good on soft plastics and spinnerbaits in shallow areas. Striped bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on frozen shrimp and cut bait. Yellow catfish are slow. 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.

LBJ: Water stained; 57 degrees; 0.31' low. Black bass are slow. White bass are fair jigging 1/4oz. Curb's jigs and Pirk Minnows from Apple head to Horseshoe Bay. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.

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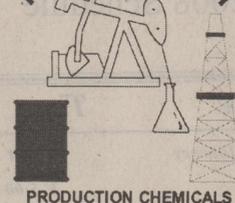
With Spring not far away, some of us begin thinking about ways to control unwanted vegetation. However, you should know that some chemicals are designated general-use pesticides and can be purchased "over-the-counter" while others are restricted-use pesticides and require a pesticide applicator license. So, if you've considered acquiring an applicator license, here are some things you should know.

Private applicator license are required in order to use or supervise the use of restricted or state-limited pesticides or regulated herbicides in the production of agricultural commodities. Applicators must obtain 15 continuing education units (C.E.U.s) every five years, including a minimum of two C.E.U.s in laws and regulations and two in integrated pest management (IPM).

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With that in mind, if you are interested in acquiring a license, please contact your local County Extension Office at 387-3101. We will be offering a training course on March 25th at the Sutton County Civic Center. We will also provide take-home study material and have a "refresher" session on April 7th. Texas Department of Agriculture personnel will be on hand to administer testing that afternoon. Call by March 14th so that study manuals can be ordered for you. Contact us if you have need for additional details.

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Chamber Chatter

By Becky Covington

ANNUAL BANQUET - SAVE THE DATE

The Chamber Board of Directors set Thursday, April 24 as the date for the Annual Banquet. The theme this year is "50 years and going strong". Plans are to have a really nice black and white banquet and honor families that initiated and organized the Chamber of Commerce in 1958. Committees have been organized for entertainment, food, decorations and awards. I will be keeping you posted as we get closer to the event and each member of the Chamber will soon be receiving a ballot in the mail to vote on "Citizen of the Year", "Business Person of the Year", "Educator of the Year", "Employee of the Year", and "Organization of the Year".

City County Maps

Texas Trails is just about to wrap up their advertising for the new and improved city/county maps for Sonora. A business listing is \$100.00 and a business card size is \$310.00. If you are interested, slots are going fast, you may contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325 387-2880. Anyone that advertises also gets a supply of maps to promote Sonora.

Sutton County Days

At the regular board meeting the Chamber Board concluded that Sutton County Days, scheduled for Saturday, August 9, will be moved back to the County Park. We're not putting last years festival location down, but the collective opinion — once we experienced it — was that it was not at the caliber we wanted. The entertainment was great on the courthouse lawn, however, the vendors and visitors complained about the extreme heat on the street. I can only hope that any discussion of the venue will be respectful of the diversity of opinions—it's a controversial subject and the main goal of the chamber is to bring a fun filled event for Sonora families and visitors.

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Live Entertainment - "Talking Turkey", Story Tellers, & Turkey Callers
Awards - Smallest and Largest Turkey

Lions Club Broom Sale
Tuesday, March 25

Vernon West Memorial Roping Classic
Friday, March 28 - Sunday, March 30
Sutton County Fairgrounds

Jake Hooker and the Outsiders
Will play at the dance after the West Roping Classic
Saturday, March 29

Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Convention
Saturday, April 5
Sutton County Civic Center

J.W. & Durwood Nevill Memorial Golf Tournament
April 5 & 6, tee time 7:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
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Submitted By:
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County Extension Agent
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Having conversations about our private parts is difficult for many of us, but it's important to have these conversations, especially with our doctors. Now is the perfect time to talk to your doctor since March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Colorectal cancer is a serious threat, with approximately 56,000 Americans dying from it yearly. But you don't have to be one of these statistics; when colon cancer is found early, it is very curable!

Colorectal cancer tends to occur in midlife, with 90 percent of colorectal cancers being diagnosed in persons aged 50 or older. No racial or ethnic group is spared from this disease, although some may be at a higher risk of developing the disease. Colorectal cancer tends to occur and kill African-Americans more often, followed by Caucasians, Asian Americans, Hispanics, and American Indians.

If you are 50 or older, you should begin having regular tests for colon cancer. However, your doctor may have you screened earlier if you have a previous history of colorectal cancer or you have a family history. There are five different types of screening tests; talk to your doctor about which type of test you should have. These tests can

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find polyps, which are growths inside the colon or rectum that are not normal. If these polyps are not removed, they can turn into cancer.

*The Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) checks for hidden blood in the stool. With this test, the doctor gives you a test kit. At home, you place a small amount of stool from three bowel movements on test cards. You then return the cards to your doctor's office or a lab where the stool samples are tested for hidden blood. This test should be performed yearly.

*The Flexible Sigmoidoscopy (Flex Sig) test is recommended to be done every five years. It examines the lining of the rectum and lower part of the colon using a thin, flexible, lighted tube called a sigmoidoscope that is inserted into the rectum and lower part of the colon.

*The third test is a combination the FOBT and Flex Sig tests. Some doctors recommend using both tests to increase the chance of finding polyps and cancers. This test is recommended every five years.

*The Colonoscopy is the most comprehensive test. It is similar to the Flex Sig, but it allows the doctor to look at the entire lining of the rectum and entire colon using a thin, flexible, lighted tube called a colonoscope, which is inserted into the rectum and colon. The doctor can also find and remove most polyps and some cancers using a colonoscope. This test is recommended every 10 years for individuals with no family or personal history of colon cancer and no symptoms.

*The Double Contrast Barium Enema test allows the doctor

to see an x-ray image of the rectum and entire colon. First, the patient is given an enema with a liquid barium that flows from a tube into the colon, followed by an air enema. The barium and air create an outline around the colon, allowing the doctor to see if anything is wrong. A double contrast barium enema is recommended every 10 years. There are some things you can do to decrease your risk for colorectal cancer: *Increase your physical activity. Exercise at least 30 minutes a day on the majority of days of the week.

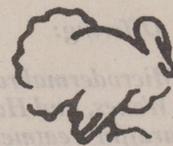
*Don't start smoking, and if you do smoke quit. In the USA, 1 in 5 colorectal cancers in men and 1 in 8 colorectal cancers in women may be due to cigarette smoking.

*Improve your diet by eating more fruits and vegetables. Limit your alcohol use. Limit

the number of high fat foods in your diet, and red, charred or processed meat.

Now, let's be honest. When was the last time you had a colorectal screening if you're over the age of 50 or have a family history of this cancer? Remember that if polyps are found, they can be removed before turning into cancer. This cancer, when caught early, is highly curable, and you have a great chance of surviving this disease if it is caught early. Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Cancer Council encourage you to take charge of your health now, which will lead to a healthier tomorrow. Source: Courtney J. Schoessow, Extension Program Specialist B Health, Texas AgriLife Extension.

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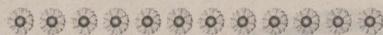
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By Mary Ann Kay

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**Global Warming Conference:
Hundreds of Experts Assert
'Alarmists' In Climate Debate
'Have Had Their Say'**

By Jerome R. Corsi

NEW YORK – Global warming is a natural process, not likely the result of human activities, argued more than 100 internationally prominent environmental scientists in papers presented at the 2008 International Conference on Climate Change, which concluded here today.

The conference, organized by the Heartland Institute, sought to refute the contention promoted by Al Gore and the U.N. that there is an "established scientific consensus" that human beings are causing the earth to warm catastrophically. The event attracted more than 500 people, including scientists, economists, policy experts and members of the public from around the world.

"The alarmists in the global warming debate have had their say – over and over again, in every newspaper in the country practically every day and in countless news reports and documentary films," a notice on the Heartland Institute website proclaims. "But they have lost the debate."

Environmental scientist S. Fred Singer kicked off the conference by releasing a report entitled, "Nature, Not Human Activity Rules the Climate," summarizing a three-year international scientific research project conducted by the Non-governmental Panel on Climate Change, or NIPCC, that Singer headed.

"There are many factors that affect the climate," Singer told WND. "What we can now exclude by scientific evidence is the argument that greenhouse gases are an important factor in causing global warming."

Singer and the NIPCC agree that global warming occurred in the 20th century, but disagree human activity is responsible. He argues instead that natural causes are likely to be the dominant cause of the scientifically observed global warming under discussion.

The NIPCC scientists contend the U.N. agenda "is largely hypothetical and not sustained by observations" driven by complex mathematical models.

The computer models, the NIPCC scientists claim, are only valid in a "virtual computer world," but fail to produce reliable real world predictions that can be empirically verified.

The newly released NIPCC report presents scientific evidence that solar-wind variability is a primary cause of climate change, a better explanation for 20th century warming than greenhouse gas effects.

Moreover, the NIPCC report argues the IPCC's estimates of future human-generated carbon dioxide emissions are too high and the higher concentrations of carbon dioxide that can be attributed to human activity have been beneficial to plant and animal life.

"Global warming is attributable to natural causes," Singer told WND, "so in that sense global warming is unstoppable, regardless what measures Al Gore or the U.N. want to impose on us with new international governmental regulations."

Examining geological and historical data, Singer and Avery claim to have established a 1,500 year-cycle that generates warming and cooling of the earth's atmosphere, regardless of the atmospheric concentration of greenhouse gases.

The NIPCC report issued at the New York City conference was written to counter the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, or IPCC, a scientific panel established in 1988 by the U.N. to evaluate the risk of climatic change.

The IPCC released a report Nov. 17 in Valencia, Spain, entitled, "Climate Change 2007," arguing "much of the observed increase in globally averaged temperatures since the mid-20th century is very likely due to the observed increase in anthropogenic GHG (greenhouse gas) concentrations."

The U.N. has utilized the IPCC to launch an aggressive agenda, largely supporting the Kyoto Protocol, calling for the establishment of a global response to climate change.

At the core of the U.N. agenda is an array of recommended governmental policies designed to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, including the creation an international carbon market that imposes economic penalties for non-compliance.

"Al Gore and the U.N. have a fixation with the argument that we cause global warming," Singer said. "Besides that, look at the billions of tax dollars going into various schemes like subsidizing biofuels. We're being charged twice by the global warming alarmists – once in new taxes the U.N. is planning to impose on us and then again as consumers who will ultimately have to bear the cost of these new global taxes."

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Residential Properties

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119 Kisselburg Rd.	\$35,000	
206 Menard	\$69,500	Sold
1109 Glasscock	\$69,500	Contract Pending
310 Glasscock Ave.	\$72,000	
415 E. 2nd St.	\$78,500	
407 E. College	\$85,000	New Listing
302 SE Water	\$85,000	
109 Draw St.	\$95,000	New Listing
101 Sawyer Ct.	\$122,500	
608 Allen Dr.	\$135,000	
410 S. Crockett	\$140,000	
126 E. Castlehill Rd.	\$154,900	
102 Oakwood	\$185,000	
112 Edgemont	\$210,000	Contract Pending

Acreage and Lots

128 Deerwood Dr.	\$7,000
50 Acres--Sutton Co.	\$3,000/Acre
Sutton Co. Estates Lot 2-20 Ac.	\$3,500/Acre
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1553 Ac. w/home Schleicher Co.	\$1,395/Acre
2235 Acres-Sutton Co.	\$1,450/Acre
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Sonora Citizens Research Animal Shelter in Junction



Shelter. The word evokes awareness of basic needs: warmth, relief, protection and provision. In Junction Texas, residents joined together to bring a state of the art facility to their community designed to meet the needs of homeless and abandoned animals. The dogs and cats that pass through the doorways of the Sam B. Coffey Animal Shelter are given a second chance of finding a caring home.

The facility is named for the late Sam Coffey, a Baptist minister who was known for his devotion in caring for the homeless pets of Junction. The facility was created primarily with the use of grant monies obtained from two Texas foundations.

Junction City Councilman Larry Maddux played a key role in the shelter project. Maddux and his wife Suzy are former Sonora residents and agreed to give a tour of the facility to a group of Sonorans who share the hope of seeing a similar operation in this community. Since opening its doors (arms) in 2004, the shelter has placed over 50 animals in new homes and has even worked an amazing out-of-state adoption. The shelter is operated by Carolyn Moore, an employee of the City of Junction and foster mom to the shelter residents.

In Sonora, an informal group is researching the possibilities for our community. The group consists of Jimmy Howorth, Judy Martin, Kathleen Freeman, Ruthie Cahill, Robin Street, Max Howorth and Delyse Jaeger. If you would like to be a part of this effort, please contact Robin Street at 387-6280.

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Louis Allen and Norm Rousselot present Jesus Capuchino with a certificate of appreciation for his help in keeping Hwy 277 clean.

In March of 2003, the Sonora Lion's Club signed up to keep Highway 277 North of town clear of trash. Every year since, we have made an attempt to clean our 2 mile stretch. Finally, this year, on Feb. 26, we completed our sign-up period by making a clean sweep of all trash, tires, plastic bags, gloves, dirty diapers and all other junk.

It was a great feeling of joy to see our roadside totally clean. We want to thank Jesus Capuchino and Norm Rousselot for finishing that stretch of road, after many hours of pickup! Well, as you know, that feeling lasted for only a few hours because trash then started re-appearing in its inexplicable way. For a while, it looked great!

We would implore you, please, before you toss stuff in the back of your pickup or you are tempted to throw trash out the window, think about the first impression people get of our town as they approach. Think about Keeping Sonora beautiful-and clean. Its our town! We should be proud of it.

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When in England at a fairly large conference, General Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if plans for Iraq were just an example of “empire building” by George Bush. He answered by saying, “Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return. It became very quiet in the room.”

Then there was a conference in France where a number of international engineers were taking part, including French and American. During a break one of the French engineers came back into the room saying “Have you heard the latest dumb stunt Bush has done? He has sent an aircraft carrier to Indonesia to help the tsunami victims. What does he intend to do, bomb them?” A Boeing engineer stood up and replied quietly: “Our carriers have three hospitals on board that can treat several hundred people; they are nuclear powered and can supply emergency electrical power to shore facilities; they have three cafeterias with the capacity to feed 3,000 people three meals a day, they can produce several thousand gallons of fresh water from sea water each day, and they carry half a dozen helicopters for use in transporting victims and injured to and from their flight deck..”

We have eleven such ships; how many does France have?”

Once again, dead silence.

A U.S. Navy Admiral was attending a naval conference that included Admirals from the U.S., English, Canadian, Australian and French Navies. At a cocktail reception, he found himself standing with a large group of Officers that included personnel from most of those countries.

Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks but a French admiral suddenly complained that, “Whereas Europeans learn many languages, Americans learn only English.” He then asked, “Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences rather than speaking French?” Without hesitating, the American Admiral replied, “Maybe it’s because the Brits, Canadians, Aussies and Americans arranged it so you wouldn’t have to speak German.” You could have heard a pin drop.