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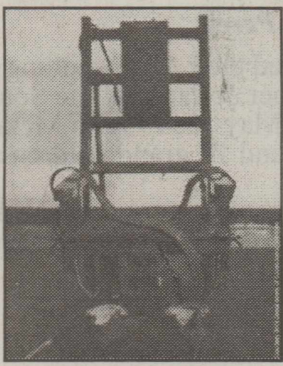
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# A Living Part of Sonora's Legacy Gretta Smith

By Ben D. Taylor

In talking to Gretta Smith, I discovered that every life is like a lake. Rivers of experience and memory flow into a person, and over time their lake grows. Every lake is a reservoir of life, in the form of children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, (and in Gretta's case) great great grandchildren. Just as in life, a lake's level can change quickly, either from the flash flood of joy, or a drought of sadness. In her 97 years of life, Gretta showed me, that the key to keep from being drowned in any great change is to remember those few perfect days on the water. I was lucky enough to sit down and talk with Gretta about her life, and discovered that her lake of memories is as deep and wide as an ocean.

Born in 1911 in Mercury Texas (located between



Gretta Smith has played many roles in her life, as a beauty queen in the 1920's (far right), young wife to Bud Smith (far left), and family matriarch at 97 years old (center).

Brownwood and Brady) from Roscoe and Francis (Fanny) Caywer, Gretta was one of three children. Her father worked at the only bank in town, and after a few years moved his family to Austwell, Texas to work as a bookkeeper at a cotton gin. Their tim-

ing was bad. It was 1918 and the first effects of the Great Flu Pandemic were being felt. Her father got sick and became one of the over 20 million victims of that illness. Gretta did not remember much of those times other than the train ride her family took back to Mer-

cury, "that was the saddest ride of my life".

Her mother, Fanny, took a job running a boarding house in Mercury called the Keystone Hotel, where she worked, to make ends meet. When she finally got her feet on solid financial ground,

Fanny ran for and won, public office in Brady as county treasurer (quite an accomplishment for a woman in the 1920's). Fanny eventually remarried, and life returned to normal for Gretta as they set roots in Brady.

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## Park Becoming Public Dumpsite

By Ben D. Taylor

Allison Park (rather the trash being left at the park) has been on the forefront of discussions of county decision makers. "The number one problem out there is trash," commented County Judge Carla Garner, "it takes 2-4 Road and Bridge people half a day to clean it up. You need to factor in the high cost of diesel, and wages for the crew."

The land for Allison park was donated to Sutton County by George Allison on October 13, 1943. The park encom-

passes approximately 10 acres of land along the South Llano River, and has served Sutton county residents for over fifty years.

Rumors abound about the future of the park being shut down, but Carla Garner assured the *Devil's River News* that, the rumor was unfounded, "no we are not discussing closing Allison Park. The most we have talked about is building a pipe fence around the park to keep vehicle traffic out".



A lack of trash cans encourage some to seek other methods to dispose of garbage, AKA littering.



Litter lines the bank and rests in the vegetation of Allison Park. The ongoing problem of littering in the park is becoming a financial burden to the county.

## School Board Tackles Repair Issues



By Nancy Glasscock

The Sonora School Board met for its regular July meeting, on Monday night. Board President, Tryon Fields called the meeting to order with all

members present. Interim Superintendent Max Gordon was also present to give his Superintendent's Report and answer questions concerning the agenda items.

99.38% of the taxes have been collected for the year for a total of \$15,697,915.64 as of June 30. The board approved the minutes for the three meetings in June and the first week of July.

Mr. Gordon reported that he and Danny Hardin, Chief of Maintenance opened the bids that the district received

for the ceiling tile and carpeting for the Middle School. Only two bids were received. One bid from Knox Floor Covering of Ozona, totaled \$25,976.95 to replace the rain damaged carpet in the school. Jay-Add Contracting, LLC submitted the only bid on the ceiling tile. That bid totaled \$69,700.

The district did not receive any bids on the windows or the roof repair. Board Member Barbara Jennings had questions about the carpet that

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## Introducing Miss Sutton County Queen Candidates for 2008



Miss Sutton County, Laura Martin, and the 2008 Miss Sutton County Queen Candidates L to R: Regina Morales, Samantha Tidwell, Stephani Morriss, Brittany Hernandez, and Jalen Falcon

The candidates are selling Pre-Sale Rodeo & Dance tickets at this time. Please contact one of these young ladies to "save" money. Candidates makeup was airbrushed by Wendi Mullican @ Stirrup Trouble Salon.

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## Lighthouse Community Church

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### Senior Center Activities

- Thur. July 17-** Need ideas and volunteers for crafts  
Call or come by the center
- Fri. July 18-** Run errands and pay bills after lunch
- Mon. July 21-** Bingo
- Tues. July 22-** Happy Birthday Tina Capuchina  
\*City Council 4:00 p.m.  
\*Blood sugar cks.  
w/Concho Valley Home Health Care
- Wed. July 23-** Van to San Angelo Medicals  
Call Lilia @ 325-387-3941

### Senior Center Menu

- Thur. July 17-** Fried chicken w/gravy, potato salad, zucchini squash, wheat rolls, lemon squares and milk
- Fri. July 18-** Cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, coleslaw, crackers, fruit salad and milk
- Mon. July 21-** BBQ beef on a bun, French fries, cooked carrots, coleslaw, peaches w/topping and milk
- Tues. July 22-** Chicken fried steak w/gravy, butter beans, spinach, rolls, sunshine fruit salad, and milk
- Wed. July 23-** Beef tacos, pinto beans, corn tossed salad, mixed fruit 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).

## Obituary

### Doris Keene Chadwick

Doris Keene Chadwick, 85, of Sonora, TX passed away peacefully at her home on the ranch located in Sutton County on July 9, 2008. Doris was born on June 18, 1923 to Claude S. and Stella Miers Keene of Sonora, TX. She attended Sonora schools and was graduated from Sonora High School in 1941. She then attended the University of Texas at Austin and on June 24, 1946 she married Glen H. Chadwick in Del Rio, TX. They ranched and lived in New Mexico, but for the last 30 years have resided on their ranch in Sutton County. Doris was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Katha Lea Hagan. She is survived by her husband, Glen H. Chadwick; her son, Bill S. Chadwick; her daughter, Glenna Chadwick Martin; her four grandchildren, Sherry, Nelson, Jason, and Starlyn; three great-grandchildren; and her beloved little dog, Chica. The family wishes to extend a very special thanks to Laura and Veronica of the Hospice of San Angelo. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Doris K. Chadwick to the Sutton County Health Foundation, Hospice of San Angelo, or the American Cancer Society.

Private graveside services were held Thursday, July 10, 2008 in the Sonora Cemetery.

## Thank You Note

To the many friends and family members from Sonora, neighboring communities and those folks that traveled from afar to attend our father's, Arturo Soto, memorial service, "Thank You".

We also wish to acknowledge the congregation and choir from St. Ann's Catholic Church. In addition, we would like to recognize the staff of B&H catering for their thoughtful and outstanding services provided for our family, friends and well-wishers.

The eulogies given by Father Mike Dinio and family members brought not only comfort, but helped us, the family, to celebrate our father's life and acceptance of his passing.

Benita and Harold Martinez, you have our sincerest gratitude. Your tireless efforts made our father's final journey home possible.

Our family truly appreciated all that was done for us before, during and after the memorial service.

Thank you,

Mrs. Dolores Soto of Houston, Texas  
and Loving Family

## Death Notice

Celeste T. Prugel passed away Tuesday, July 15, 2008. Services are pending and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo, Texas.

## Wedding Anniversary



Reynaldo & Olivia Perez

Reynaldo & Olivia Perez celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 31st, 2008 with a dinner & dance at the Sonora Civic Center. They were married on May 18, 1958 in Mexico. They are the parents of six children and 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Reynaldo & Olivia would like to thank their grandchildren for hosting the celebration. They would also like to thank everyone for their gifts, cards & well wishes.

Thank you for making it a day we will cherish forever.

Reynaldo & Olivia Perez

## Physicians Assistant Student Chooses Sonora, Sutton County to Complete Rural Clinical Training



Melissa A. Shearer

Melissa A. Shearer, a Physicians Assistant student enrolled at the University of Texas Health Science Center (UTHSC) in San Antonio will be completing 160 hours of clinical training under the guidance of a preceptor, Dr. Charles Pajestka, M.D., FAAFP at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital beginning on June 23, 2008. Dr. Pajestka is Board Certified in Family Practice and has practiced in Sonora since July 1987. In addition to the teaching support that Mrs. Shearer will be receiving from Dr. Pajestka, the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital will provide housing for Mrs. Shearer while she is completing her training in the community.

Melissa A. Shearer currently resides in San Antonio, Texas and is a third year Physician Assistant graduate student at UTHSC in San Antonio. She grew up in Kingwood, Texas and completed her undergraduate studies at Texas A&M University in College Station Texas, where she received her Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science-Motor Behavior. Her hobbies are running, dancing, cooking, and reading. Melissa stated "Sonora is a wonderful town to experience primary care medicine in a rural community setting. The opportunity to gain experience in family medicine, the emergency room, and managing inpatients all during one rotation is a privilege that can be found in very few settings. The community has been very welcoming to me as a student, and I have enjoyed meeting many residents of Sonora. Dr. Pajestka and his Physicians Assistant's Monica Kessler and Diana Arteaga have contributed greatly to my learning experience during my rotation while allowing me to see their patients and assist with procedures and treatment."



## Sonora Church Directory

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| <b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b><br>504 Santa Clara<br>387-2035                     | <b>Church of Christ</b><br>304 N. Water<br>387-3190                   |
| <b>The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian</b><br>319 E. Mulberry<br>387-2616 | <b>First Baptist Church</b><br>11 E. Oak<br>387-3190                  |
| <b>Lighthouse Community Church</b><br>1705 N. Crockett<br>387-9100                 | <b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b><br>404 E. Poplar<br>387-2955       |
| <b>Pentecostal Calvary Temple United</b><br>509 Amistad<br>387-5266                | <b>First United Methodist Church</b><br>201 N. Water<br>387-2466      |
| <b>St. Ann's Catholic Church</b><br>229 W. Plum<br>387-2278                        | <b>Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios</b><br>306 W. 4th St<br>387-5713 |
| <b>Jehovah's Witness</b><br>310 St. Ann's St<br>387-5658/387-5518                  | <b>Hope Lutheran Church</b><br>417 E. 2nd St.<br>387-5366             |

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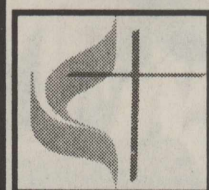
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## First United Methodist Church Ray Wells, Pastor

Tuesdays                      Sunday  
@                                      9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
Noon                                10:55 a.m. Worship  
Downtown Lions Club        6:00 p.m. Bible Study  
  
201 NW Water                      (325)387-2466

## Happy Birthday !!

July 17  
Libbye Davis, James Shaffer,  
Bo Covey, Jimmy Simms, Amanda Samaniego

July 18  
Annalisa Perez, Whitney Perez, Ann Morriss,  
Barbara Earwood, Anita Hudson, Morgan Vyvlecka

July 19  
Larry Finklea, Jason Arrendondo,  
Will Anderson, Starlyn Chadwick,  
Hector Ortiz, Jr., Ryan San Miguel, Elva Mata

July 20  
Caleb Gulley, Cody Mond, Jazmin Ramos

July 21  
Elsie Schwiening, Maura Weingart, Pam Bolt

July 22  
Roni Vela, Manuel Duran

July 23  
Blas Solis, Armer Earwood, Jason Vitela III,  
Lee Bloodworth, Shelbi Johnson, Prissy Samaniego-Lira

# Happy Campers at Sea

By Dr. Don Newberry

Musical humorist Allan Sherman, gag writer for several of America's top comedians, died too young at age 48 and was beyond clever. For a couple of decades, his name was associated with many things funny.

He's been gone for 35 years, but many of his musical spoofs remain lodged in memories of folks who've lived long enough to remember three-cent stamps, rotary phones and single-edge razor blades. One is Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah.

It just may be that his spoof heightened interest in summer camps for children. Had he hung around longer, and had cruise ships offered planned activities for kids a few years earlier, Sherman might have turned out even more musical parodies....

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Sherman's name came to mind last month as my wife and I sailed on Carnival Cruise Line's Miracle on an eight-day pilgrimage to three ports in the eastern Caribbean. Right after safety drills, we saw several sets of parents and grandparents parting company with youngsters who'd rather spend time with others their age at Camp Carnival.

Activities, projects and contests for the youngsters number into multiple dozens, and they're conducted by professional personnel. Supervised programs for kids as young as two are of-

fered. Some of the older children joke with their elders that they'll see them when the cruise is over, and they're "semi-serious." Parents try to act sad, but smiles break out as they think of a week or so without being chained to children....

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It's fun to see a growing number of children on summer cruises. Cruise ships, after all, are melting pots of nationalities, so why not ages, too?

I'm noting more family groups on cruises. This is most evident at mealtime, when some tables are reserved for 30-40 relatives. Sometimes they wear matching T-shirts with funny messages.

And several times I've heard grandparents bragging that they've got the whole family "trapped" without mentioning that they're also picking up the tab....

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But wait. My initial intent a few paragraphs ago was to focus on funny things kids say and do.

It is rarely a mistake to watch and listen.

One day, a dozen or so cruisers, maybe eight years of age, took a trivia contest seriously....

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One question was viewed as a slam dunk by all of the youngsters--except the one to whom it was directed.

Brow-furrowed and voice shaking, he responded in clas-

sic fashion.

"I'm having a junior moment," he confessed....  
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We are amused by others at times we least expect.

The same is true for moments of sheer inspiration. One day, we saw a large group of adults gathering on deck to participate in a Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure. Actually, most Carnival vessels participate in the program that has raised almost a half-million dollars in the past year. Actually, they call it On Deck for the Cure, and come November it will also be featured on the 113,300-ton Splendor, Carnival's newest ship. So far, more than 50,000 persons dedicated to raising funds for breast cancer research have signed up for the one-mile deck walks.

I learned that one of the older runners was a 77-year-old cancer survivor. And that the cruise was a present she bought for herself to mark an important milestone. Back in May, she crossed the stage to receive her college diploma. A lifelong dream has been to complete requirements for a baccalaureate degree--the pilgrimage she began as a freshman six decades ago....  
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Amazement was underscored again as we noted the efficiency of 920 crew members. They hail from 51 countries.

Theirs is a strong work ethic,

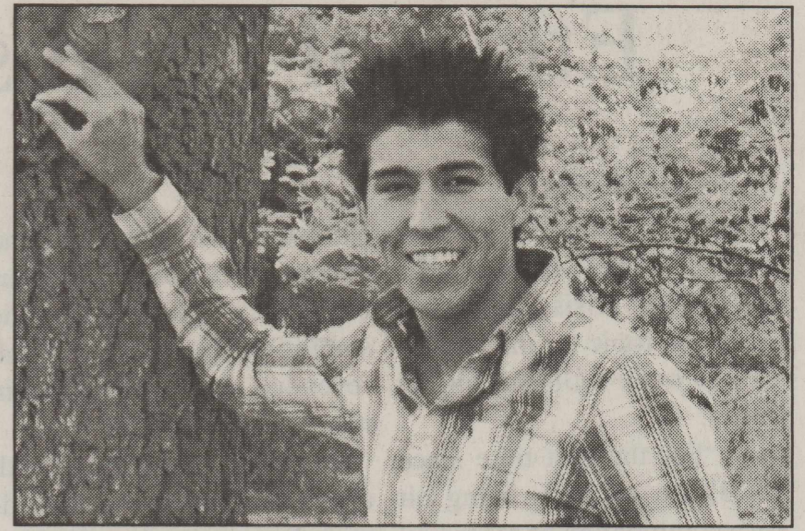
and their commitment to tasks, ready smiles and eagerness to please make it easy to deal with a multitude of accents rarely heard by this Texan's ears.

They know that their jobs on the cruise ship are their "ticket out" of poverty in their native lands, even though they are typically on assignment for six-month contracts....  
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The ship, with a capacity of 2,600 guests on board, glided back toward NYC eight days after we boarded. We disembarked feeling totally pampered. Memories of grand food (the supper club was the best ever), wonderful entertainment and a cadre of new friends remain.

We also remember children at play, families celebrating and a 77-year-old cancer survivor determined to finish college.

Finally, we had to chuckle upon hearing some esoteric quotations by graduate students engaged in spirited competition. "To do is to be," one scholar quoted Socrates. "To be is to do," a second attributed to Sartre. In the audience, a youngster piped up, "Do be do be do," crediting Sinatra. Yeah, I think it was the eight-year-old kid who had a "junior" moment. I'm guessing Sherman could have penned several funny verses about this happy camper...



Olegario "Boomer" Galindo

As a result of his scholastic performance during the spring 2008 semester, Olegario "Boomer" Galindo has earned the designation Cum Laude on the Dean's Honor List. Boomer is a 2006 graduate of Sonora High School and is in his third year at the University of Texas at Austin. Boomer is majoring in Psychology with a minor in Mexican American Studies while planning to double major in the two this coming fall.

Congratulations Boomer on your accomplishments!

## Angora Goat Performance Test Field Day and Sale Slated for July 24

SONORA - Texas AgriLife Research's annual Angora Goat Performance Test Field Day and Sale is set for July 24 at the Sonora station.

The station is located 28 miles south of Sonora on U.S. Highway 55, between Sonora and Rocksprings.

The day's activities open at 10 a.m. with an informal viewing of the test animals and their records. Educational presentations start at 10:30 a.m. and continue at 1 p.m. after lunch. The sale of performance-tested animals will immediately follow the educational program at about 2 p.m.

The program's topics and speakers include:

- "Internal Parasite Management," Dr. Frank Craddock, Texas AgriLife Extension Service sheep and goat specialist at San Angelo.

- "Animal Health Update," Dr. William Edmiston, D.V.M., Eldorado Animal Clinic, Eldorado.

- "Mohair Market Update and Outlook," Zane Willard, Mohair Council of America, San Angelo;

- "Comments on Test Results," Drs. Chris Lupton and Dan Waldron, AgriLife Research at San Angelo.

- "Presentation of Mohair Council of America Awards" and "Recognition of Certified Bucks."

The sale of performance-tested animals will conclude the day's activities.

Complete performance data and photos of the bucks in-fleece are available on the Internet at <http://sanangelo.tamu.edu/genetics/angoratest.htm>.

For further information, contact Waldron or Craddock at 325-653-4576 or the AgriLife Research station at Sonora at 325-387-3168.

### Little Miss and Little Mr. Sutton County 2008 Entry Form & Rules

1. A \$5.00 Entry Fee is required upon entry from each contestant.
2. The contestants must have turned three years of age and must not have turned six (6) prior to August 9, 2008
3. Parent or guardian must be present throughout the contest.
4. Contestants must be a resident of Sutton County or be eligible to attend Sonora Schools.
5. Completed pre-entry forms must be returned by July 25, 2008 to The Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office at 205 Hwy 277 N or mail to P.O. Box 1172, Sonora, TX 76950
6. There will be no late or last minute entries accepted, so that all contestants may be pictured in the Devil's River News the week of the contest.
7. Bring a picture of the contestant to be put in the Devil's River News or email to [sonco2@sonoratax.net](mailto:sonco2@sonoratax.net)
8. Contest begins at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, August 9, 2008 at the main entertainment stage at the Sutton County Park
9. If the contestant wishes to sing, he or she may not have recorded accompaniment, but may play an instrument themselves.
10. All contestants should dress comfortably and appropriately for children their age.
11. All contestants are very much encouraged to participate in the Sutton County Days Parade to be held on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.
12. Entry forms will not be accepted without signatures.

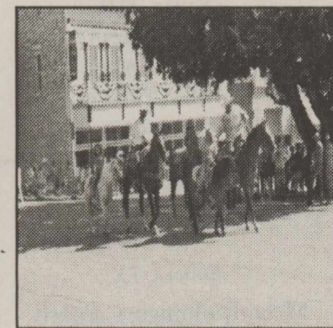
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### Little Miss and Little Mr. Sutton County Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Favorite Food: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Favorite Toy: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Interests: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Girl or Boy (Circle One) \$5.00 Entry Fee Included \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Sonora Chamber of Commerce, the Sutton County Days Association, the County of Sutton or the City of Sonora will not be held responsible for any accidents.  
 Parent or guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 To insure your child's safety, we request the parents' presence throughout the contest. (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

For further information contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325-387-2880.

## Sutton County Days "Cowboys Rock" Parade



Dear Parade Participant,

Please join us for this year's Sutton County Days Parade! It will be held Saturday, August 9, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Line-up will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the First National Bank (Main and Concho); the awards will be presented at 11:00 a.m. at the Entertainment Tent. The theme for this year's parade is "Cowboys Rock" so put on your chaps and spurs and bring out your guns and ropes and guitars and get ready for a rock and roll cowboy parade West Texas Style. Three awards will be given, the "Best Theme Entry", "Best Local Entry" and "Best Out-of-Town Entry". Sonora will host The Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo beginning on Thursday, August 7th and running through Saturday night, with dances being held both Friday and Saturday nights. Saturday will be a fun-filled day with arts & craft booths, children's games, live entertainment, and lots of delicious food at the Sutton County Park from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and complete the entry form below. Entry deadline is Friday, August 1, 2008.

Name/Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
 Float \_\_\_\_\_ Walking Group \_\_\_\_\_ Horse # \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle # \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Return signed entry to: Sonora Chamber of Commerce PO Box 1172 Sonora, Texas 76950  
[www.sonoratax-chamber.com](http://www.sonoratax-chamber.com) e-mail: [soncoc@sonoratax.net](mailto:soncoc@sonoratax.net) 325/387-2880 Fax: 325/387-5357  
 Sonora Chamber of Commerce and the City of Sonora cannot be held responsible for loss or damage of property, injury or death of the participants or any of their animals.

# Ethanol Drives Skyrocketing World Food Prices

By Jerome R. Corsi

On July 2, the World Bank produced a new report on the world food crisis, seeking to place the topic on the agenda of last week's G8 meeting in Japan.

"For the first time since 1973, the world is being hit by a combination of record oil and food prices," the World Bank report began. "As underscored by the G8 Finance

Ministers, the high food and energy prices pose a serious challenge to global economic stability and growth, and risk reversing years of progress in many poor countries."

The World Bank noted with alarm that grain prices worldwide have more than doubled since January 2006, with more than 60 percent of the rise in food prices occurring since

January 2008.

The impact is expected to be especially severe in developing countries where Gross Domestic Product growth is slowing and inflation is on the rise.

Moreover, the developing countries importing expensive food and oil are experiencing growing negative balance of trade positions which leave governments in the developing countries with dwindling foreign exchange reserve currencies.

Put in human terms, the World Bank estimated the current crisis could cause an additional 105 million people worldwide to become poor, due to rising food prices alone.

As an example, the World Bank cited Liberia, where the cost of the food basket for a typical household increased by 25 percent in January 2008 alone. As a result, the poverty rate rose from 64 percent to more than 70 percent.

In Yemen, a doubling of the cost of wheat and bread has caused a 12 percent loss in real income for the poor.

In Honduras, the rise in food prices is estimated to have raised the poverty rate from 51 percent to 54 percent, and in Sierra Leone, the food crisis has raised poverty 3 percent, to 69 percent of the population.

The World Bank report identified the push by the developed countries to develop renewable energy products such as Ethanol as a major culprit of worldwide food price increases.

Remarkably, the World Bank report called for action in the U.S. and the European Union "to ease subsidies, mandates and tariffs on bio-

fuels that are derived from maize and oilseeds."

The push by countries such as the United States to subsidize Ethanol production and push more food products into renewable energy bio-fuels is unlikely to stop, given the current politically correct conventional wisdom embraced even by President Bush that renewable bio-fuels are an "alternative fuel" needed to wean the U.S. off our "dependence on oil."

What is remarkable about the World Bank conclusion is that globalist organizations have tended to view as politically incorrect any attempt to establish a link between rising foods and the use of corn to make Ethanol.

Still, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is now openly admitting some 23 percent of U.S. corn production in 2014-2015 will be diverted to Ethanol production, up from the 12 percent level in 2004-2005.

The USDA also admits the increased demand for corn to produce Ethanol has pushed prices from less than \$2 per bushel of corn in 2005 to \$3.40 per bushel in 2007.

According to Dow Jones Market Watch, Corn futures closed at an all-time high of \$7.548 on June 27, on the Chicago Board of Trade, up 21 percent for June, 28 percent in the second quarter 2008 and 60 percent in the first half of the year.

Yet, increased Ethanol production has done nothing to stem the increase of crude oil prices, which just before the July 4 holiday spiked to more than \$146 a barrel.

Is the trade-off working? In other words, would oil be even higher if the USDA were not implementing a policy

of pushing enough corn into Ethanol to produce 2 billion gallons of Ethanol a year? Or, is the corn-to-Ethanol policy just adding inflationary prices to food, without having any noticeable slowing impact on the dramatically increasing worldwide price of oil?

The higher oil prices have created new grassroots calls for increased drilling and more nuclear power plants to power our cities, but politicians still lag behind.

Rather than getting quasi-experimental data that could answer such a fundamental economic question, public policy makers in the United States, including both Democrats and Republicans alike, are acting on blind faith that we have no alternative but to increase Ethanol production before we run out of oil or oil becomes too expensive to use.

Analysts are also predicting that flooding in the Midwest could dramatically raise corn prices if the bad weather continues into August.

Dow Jones Market Watch has reported Shawn Hackett, president of agriculture futures brokerage Hackett Financial Advisors, is now predicting corn prices could rise to as high as \$10 a bushel if bad weather in the Midwest causes flooding to continue in July and August.

Meanwhile, what is the G8's solution to the world food crisis? Italy's Corriere Della Sera reported on Monday that EU President Jose Manuel Barroso intends to propose the creation of a new \$1 billion euro fund to support agriculture in the developing countries.

This is a drop in the bucket to the \$18 billion the World Bank believes must be applied immediately to launch a Global Food Crisis Response program aimed at meeting the short and medium-term financing needs to fund safety nets and the purchase of seed and fertilizers in developing countries.

Prior to the start of the G8 meeting, Pope Benedict XVI from Castel Gondolfo called on the G8 to place "at the center of their deliberations the needs of the weakest and poorest, more vulnerable now because of speculation and financial turbulence and their perverse effects on the prices of food and energy."

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# Chair for Bingham!

Calmly chewing gum and flipping ashes from his cigarette, Leonard Lionel Bingham, 23, confessed knife-killer of Mrs. Lambert, heard a Kimble County jury Saturday assess his punishment at death in the electric chair. Bingham, who stood while the verdict was read by Judge Jim C. Landon, gave no indication he heard what was said. He said nothing, simply turned and looked briefly at his guard, Texas Ranger Jim Nance, and walked from the Junction courtroom. He gave no sign of recognition as he passed his weeping mother, who sat face in hands near the aisle.

It was the verdict Bingham told this writer he expected when he gave his confession March 5, death penalty imposed by a Kimble County jury.

Total deliberation time of the jury was two hours and forty minutes. The jury retired at 10:15 o'clock Friday night and returned at 12:24 o'clock Saturday morning. Foreman W. R. Berry told Judge Langdon the jury would like to ask a question in private and the judge told Berry this was not possible, but the court would consider a question in writing.

Berry then wrote the question asking the court if a man under life sentence would be eligible for parole. Judge Langdon wrote his answer, stating that he could not legally answer the question, but must refer the jury to the charge. Berry then advised the court that the jury was probably several hours from a decision and the judge ordered the jury to retire for the night and resume deliberations in the morning.

At 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning the jury indicated they were ready to resume deliberation and at 8:50 o'clock they entered the courtroom and were advised to retire to the jury room for further deliberation. Only 20 persons were present at this time. With dramatic suddenness, the jury reported back at 9:30 o'clock, and this time Berry told Judge Langdon a verdict was ready. Sheriff J. O. Wright of Kimble County took the papers and gave them to Judge Langdon, who studied them silently. By now there were about 70 in the courtroom.

The verdict climaxed nearly six days of day and night trial procedure. Selection of jurors began Monday morning and five jurors had been picked out of 35 veniremen by Tuesday at noon.

Representing the state were Hart Johnson, district attorney of the 112th judicial district, in charge of the state's case; John Ruskin Lee of Kermit, district attorney of the 109th judicial district; J. W. Elliott, Sutton County attorney; Dixon Mahon, Crockett County attorney. The case was being tried on a charge of venire from Sutton County. Presiding was Judge Jim C. Langdon, of McCamey, appointed to succeed Judge Garland Casebier, who resigned.

During the examination of veniremen, Bingham wore gray slacks and a white

sport shirt. He chewed gum and smoked constantly, but showed no interest in the proceedings. Entering and leaving the courtroom with his guard, Texas Ranger Jim Nance, and generally Texas Ranger Ralph Rohatch or Ranger Captain Gully Cowsert, Bingham stared straight ahead. Dark circles were visible under his eyes. At one point he smiled at his sister-in-law, Mrs. David G. Bingham, as he was going downstairs.

The state opened Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, calling Boyd Lovelace to the stand to establish the scene of the crime. Lovelace drew a map of that section of Sonora and explained it. He also showed pictures of the store. The state's second witness was Robert L. Nolan, who testified that he and Leonard Leslie Bingham met the defendant on that morning of the crime at Brushy Top, that the three went to Eldorado and then about noon arrived in Sonora and had some coffee at the Park Inn Café. Nolan stated that in his opinion the defendant was not drunk at the time he saw him.

The session continues Wednesday night when state and defense agreed to depart from normal procedure and introduce two psychiatrists who did not have time to stay in Junction for the whole trial. Following testimony from the two psychiatrists, Dr. J. B. Polka for the defense and Dr. David Koenig for the state, the prosecution continued presenting evidence, calling Donald Ray Behrens, Mrs. Jack Kerbow, Mrs. Tommy Smith, Mrs. Lester McDonald, and Bill Gorman, all of whose testimony appeared in last week's story.

Next state witness was Highway Patrolman F. E. Boyd, who said he took Bingham's oral statement that he killed Mrs. Lambert with a knife and threw the knife in the draw below the Devil's River Bridge west of Sonora. Boyd was followed to the stand by Highway Patrol Sergeant J. D. Jowers who identified the knife as being the one he picked up in the draw the morning after the crime. S. Jowers pointed out a mark he had made on the knife.

Dr. J. F. Howell testified that Mrs. Lambert died on March 4, 1954, and that he had treated her for knife wounds at Lambert's Store on that date and later that date at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. "When I entered the store," Dr. Howell said, "I found Mrs. Lambert lying on her back bleeding from several wounds. She had no pulse but was breathing. I called the ambulance and took her to the hospital."

Dr. Howell said his examination revealed five wounds in the torso, any one of which was sufficient to cause death. In addition to this, there was a wound on one hand and two on the legs. Dr. Howell said the knife the state introduced could have caused the wounds, since one wound was straight and the rest were half-moon shaped. The knife blade was bent and Dr. Howell stated his could have been caused by the

force with which the straight wound was made.

The defense had indicated from the beginning that it would plead "not guilty because of insanity," and therefore strenuously objected to the admission of the statement. Judge Langdon ruled the statement admissible and John R. Lee read it to the jury.

The state then called Dr. R. C. Koeniger, director of classifications at the state prison at Huntsville. Dr. Koeniger, a criminologist, explained that his job is to give prisoners mental examinations and aptitude tests, to classify them and then to assign them to a job. Dr. Koeniger said he had tested over 10,000 inmates. He said he first met Bingham in 1950. Bingham had been in Gatesville Reformatory for forgery and was classed as a second offender and sent to Darrington Farm, where he worked as a bookkeeper and became a trusty and earned good time. Dr. Koeniger said Bingham's mental tests showed him to be in the high school graduate class or better as far as reading and mental processes are concerned.

"He was in the upper 6% of the inmates in intelligence," Dr. Koeniger told the jury, "and we felt he was sane." Bingham was discharged the first time from Huntsville March 17, 1951.

"He came back to us March 19, 1952," Dr. Koeniger related, "and was sent to Eastam Farm and placed in the No. 4 hoe squad to do farm work. He refused to work on two occasions, but changed his mind later and came back to work." Dr. Koeniger said Bingham's tests showed him to be an unpredictable individual with marked criminal tendencies, a person who is emotionally color blind and is completely insensitive to group values. When Dr. Koeniger was asked, "Does the defendant, in your opinion, know right from wrong?" he replied that Bingham is unstable but not insane, that he does know right from wrong.

Edward Kring next took the stand for the state, saying that he picked Bingham up in his truck the afternoon of the crime about 20 miles east of Ozona, and they arrived in Ozona about 3:30 o'clock the afternoon of March 4, 1954.

Sgt. Jowers was recalled and identified a pair of khaki trousers and some wrapped coins as being those Bingham pointed out to him in the Sol Mayer pasture. Sgt. Jowers also said Bingham showed him where Bingham's Kaiser sedan was hidden.

Clay Puckett verified Dr. Howell's statement that Bingham gave his statement voluntarily, that he read it before he signed it and that he was warned repeatedly by Web Elliott that the statement to the jury stating the defense would prove Bingham not guilty by reason of insanity.

Blackburn also attacked the confession given by Bingham, stating, "Sentiment in Sonora was running wild. A person in the condition of Bingham would sign anything shoved at

him under those conditions."

Blackburn then told the jury that if they did find Bingham sane they must set the penalty. He spoke against capital punishment and likened assessment of the death penalty to vengeance. He concluded his 90 minute talk with a quotation from the Bible. "Vengeance is Mine, thus saith the Lord."

Hart Johnson presented the closing arguments, bringing out that this was one of the rare cases which warrant the death penalty. The defendant, Johnson said, has had every legal break, and has been treated fairly and impartially, which was more of a break than Mrs. Lambert had. Johnson refuted Blackburn's contention that Bingham's actions after the trial were those of an insane man.

Each side was allowed two and one-half hours to present its case and Lee summed up the state's case. He went over the state's witnesses, pointing out that the burden of proof of murder with malice rested on the state while the burden of proving insanity rested on the defendant. Lee stated that none of the defense witnesses contradicted any of the state charges. Instead, Lee pointed out, the defense witnesses testified to the sanity of Bingham.

"Mrs. Kerbow told you what she knew," Lee said, "and looked you in the eye when she said it, which is more than this defendant has been able to do through this whole trial."

Lee digressed at one point to compliment Blackburn and Willey for the work they did as court-appointed attorneys for the defense.

Lee worked carefully through state's evidence, pointing up

the facts that the Lambert Store was robbed, that Bingham gave a voluntary statement and that the only interest previously shown in Bingham's insanity by his family was when he was in trouble.

During Lee's speech, Jeff Lambert, husband of the murdered woman, sat on a front row, his face drawn and tight.

Lee told the jury that Bingham knew the consequences of his act or he wouldn't have burned out the engine of his car, he wouldn't have changed clothes, hidden the car and the loot. Lee laid great stress on prison records introduced by Dr. Koeniger, and on the doctor's testimony as an expert witness. Lee finally resolved his case to three points, that Bingham committed the crime; that he knew it was wrong when he did it; that the fact Bingham is criminally inclined does not mean he is criminally insane.

"The doctor for the defense told you Bingham will repeat and there is little you can do for him," Lee continues, "but there is something you can do for society, for the people of Texas you can remove him from society from now until eternity so he won't, as his own witness, Dr. Polka of San Antonio, says, 'let the chips fall where they may' and drop in and snuff out their life. He's got a conscience and a willpower to control himself, but he just won't do it. He'll kill again and again and again."

Marvin Blackburn, Jr., made the chief defense address to the jury, stating the defense was under a handicap in not having the facilities the state had in gathering evidence. He questioned the ability of the state's non-expert witnesses to judge Bingham's sanity.

In reference to the defen-

dant's sanity, Blackburn said that no sane person would stand in a public business in full view, using no masquerade, and plan to do a crime like that.

"And then what did the defendant do after the crime?" Blackburn asked. "He caught a ride on a truck going straight through to Iraan, but got off in Ozona, only 36 miles from Sonora; he visited his relatives, bought clothes, got a shave and a haircut, drank coffee, inquired about the bus schedules and in general, stayed out in the open for several hours. Is that normal? Would a sane person do that. Wouldn't a person of sound mind try to hide?"

"These actions were very sane," Johnson said. "He changed his appearance as soon as possible by getting new clothes; he hid the change which might be identified, and he did his best to melt into society and appear to be the average citizen."

"The statement that there will be blood on your hands if you send the defendant to the chair is not true," Johnson continued, "because you, as duly chosen jurymen, are acting according to the law and you are chosen instruments of justice."

"There is nothing abnormal about the defendant," Johnson concluded, "instead he is normal - a normal criminal."

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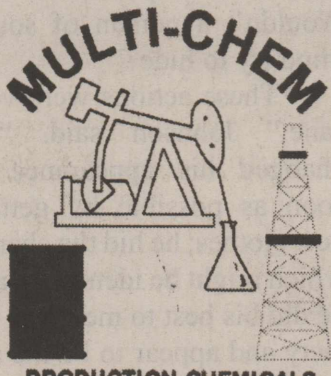
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## Diagnosing Plant Problems

By Pascual Hernandez,  
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So your plant is in bad shape and you want to know what the deal is? You can begin to determine the cause of the problem by playing Sherlock Holmes – be a keen observer and ask many questions. Diagnosing plant problems is often a difficult task. There can be many different causes for a given symptom, not all of them related to insects or diseases. The health of a plant may be affected by soil nutrition and texture, weather conditions, quantity of light, other environmental and cultural conditions, and animals, including humans. Complicating this scenario is the fact that any two of the above factors can interact to give rise to a problem. For example, a prolonged period of drought may weaken plants so that they are more susceptible to pests.

The most effective approach is to know what ques-

tions to ask to narrow down the possibilities. For example, you need to consider recent rainfall and the fertilization schedule if you notice brown, dry edges on the leaves of your plants since both dry weather and excess fertilizer can cause such damage. As another example, either excessively dry soil or waterlogged soil can cause the same plant reaction: wilt. Even insect damage can sometimes be confused with plant diseases caused by microorganisms.

These questions will help you narrow down the cause of the problem: How long has the plant been in its current location? What has been done to the plant or near the plant? What are or were the prevailing weather conditions?

Factors causing plant damage can be grouped into two major categories, living and nonliving factors. Living factors include pests (e.g., insects, mites, rodents, rabbits, deer, humans) and pathogens (e.g., disease-causing microorganisms, including fungi, bacteria, viruses, nematodes). Nonliving factors include mechanical factors (e.g., breakage, abrasions), environmental factors (e.g., temperature, light, moisture, oxygen, lightning, wind), and chemical factors (e.g., fertilizer or pesticide excess, nutritional disorders).

The key is to be able to recognize symptoms and patterns (preferably) BEFORE the plant dies.

For example, note which plant part is affected (leaves, roots, branches, overall decline). You might also be able to detect whether symptoms are localized or systemic. We spend a lot of money on our landscape and can benefit by knowing how to treat plant problems. To help develop

skill, Texas AgriLife Extension Service is offering a Plant Disease Seminar planned for July 21 at the Sutton County Civic Center. Uvalde Extension Plant Pathologist, Dr. Mark Black, will provide ways to help diagnose landscape problems. He will also offer ways to treat these problems. Participants are encouraged to bring samples of their plant problems for diagnosis.

The hour-long seminar will begin at 5:30. One CEU will be offered. While there is no cost to attend, registration is required so that adequate facility preparation can be made. Call the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101 if you'd like to attend.

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Through an application process, hunters can select from among 29 different hunt categories, including eight specifically for youth only, and choose a preferred hunt date and location from hunt areas stretching across the state. There's even a provision for hunting buddies to apply as a group — in some cases up to four hunters can apply together on one application.

"Hunters interested in applying for drawn hunts this season should pay close attention to the application deadlines," said Kelly Edmiston Program Specialist with TPWD's public hunting program. "We have added two more hunt areas in the Private Lands Pronghorn category on two separate ranches in Presidio County. Overall, we are up over 200 hunt positions from last season."

Schreiner Park in Kerr County has been added as an archery only hunt in the Private Lands Antlerless/Spike category this year. Bowhunter Education Certification will be required to hunt if selected.

Eight free youth-only hunt categories are available to hunters who are between the ages of 8-16 at the time of application. All hunt positions are randomly selected in a computer drawing from all correctly completed entries received by the specified deadline.

There are also some unique guided hunt opportunities on Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area, including hunts for white-tailed deer, scimitar-horned oryx and gemsbok.

The application fee for adult applicants in most of the public hunt drawings is \$3 per adult person on the application. Successfully drawn hunters pay an additional Special Permit fee (\$75-125 in most cases) for a one-to-four-day hunt.

Last year TPWD received 44,928 applications for the 5,583 positions offered in special drawn hunt categories.

Information and applications for Special Permit hunts are available on the Public Hunting Web site. Application booklets are currently being mailed to hunters who applied for special permit drawn hunts last year. The booklets are also available at TPWD law enforcement offices. Information about Special Permit drawn hunts can be found on-line or by calling toll free (800) 792-1112.

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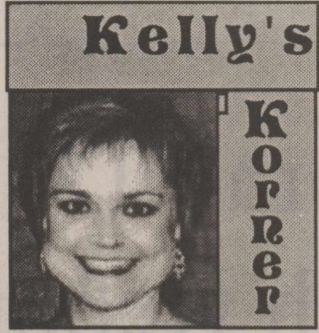
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# Food Safety for Summer Outings



Submitted By:  
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When the weather turns warm, Americans head outdoors to picnic. But what makes an ideal time for picnics and barbecues is the same environment that caters to bacteria in food causing it to grow and multiply rapidly.

The end result can be foodborne illness.

More confirmed infections caused by *E. coli*157:H7, *Campylobacter* and *Salmonella* show up during the summer months than any other time of year. Why? Because microorganisms grow faster in the warm summer months multiplying to large numbers in and on food. Also more people are cooking outside at picnics, barbecues and on camping trips where refrigeration and washing facilities often are less available.

With a few simple practices, however, you can reduce the risk of foodborne illness this summer.

\* Keep foods cold - Holding food at an unsafe temperature (between 40° F and 140° F) is a prime cause of foodborne illness. Cold refrigerated perishable foods, such as luncheon meats, cooked meats, chicken,

potato or pasta salads, should be kept in an insulated cooler packed with several inches of ice, ice packs or containers of frozen water.

Pack beverages in one cooler and perishable foods in another because the beverage cooler probably will be opened frequently.

Take the cooler out of the trunk and place it in the shade or shelter, out of the sun, whenever possible. If the ice starts to melt, add more.

\* Plan ahead. If you are purchasing take-out foods that you won't be eating within two hours, buy them before you leave on your outing and chill them in your refrigerator. Remember food left out of refrigeration for more than 2 hours may not be safe to eat. At 90° F or above, food should not be left out for longer than 1 hour.

\* Wash hands and food preparation surfaces often - Unwashed hands are a prime cause of foodborne illness. Whenever possible, wash your hands with hot, soapy water before handling food and after using the bathroom,

changing diapers and handling pets. Pack clean, wet disposable washcloths, towelettes or water, soap and paper towels. Use them for cleaning hands and surfaces.

\* Cook thoroughly - Bacteria that cause foodborne illness are destroyed when foods are cooked long enough at high enough temperatures. When grilling foods, preheat the coals for 20 to 30 minutes or until the coals are lightly coated with ash.

Meat and poultry cooked on a grill often brown fast on the outside, so be sure that meats are cooked thoroughly on the inside. Check the inside temperature with a thermometer. Ground meats, for example, must reach 160° F and the juices must run clear.

\* Don't cross-contaminate - When packing the cooler for an outing, wrap raw meats securely to avoid meat juices from coming in contact with ready-to-eat foods. When taking foods off the grill, do not put cooked food items back on the same plate that previously held raw food.

# Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association Meeting to Focus on Energy and Conservation

KERRVILLE -- Utilizing wind and petroleum to conserve energy while practicing conservation of the land is the theme for the 93rd annual Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association Convention July 17-19 at the Inn of the Hills here.

Keynote speakers are Bill Malone, president of British Petroleum, and Sonora attorney David Wallace. They will address surface property issues, wind agreements and oil and gas issues, said TS&GRA President Lynn Glass of Big Spring.

Registration for the annual meeting will open at 3:00 p.m. Thursday in the Conference Center Atrium at the Inn of the Hills, 1001 Junction Highway, in Kerrville.

A breakfast meeting of the Texas Wildlife Damage Management Association will be at 7 a.m. Friday in the Gazebo Room at the Alpine Lodge Restaurant, located in the Inn of the Hills. The convention business sessions and committee reports begin at 8:15 a.m. Friday in the Grand Ballroom at the Inn's Conference Center and will conclude following the election of officers and a noon luncheon on Saturday.

Also speaking at the meeting will be State Rep. Drew Darby of San Angelo; Bill Clay, director of USDA/Wildlife Services in Washington, D.C.; Dr. Tammy Beckham, director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab in College Station; Dr. Monty Dozier, with Texas Sustainable Agricultural Research & Education Programs; Dr. Tim R. Turner, DVM, American Sheep & Goat Center; and Steve Hartmann, University

of Texas Lands.

Other speakers during the various committee meeting will include: former State Rep. Bob Turner of Voss; Charles Drain, with Austin-based Texas State Statistical Services; Glen Fisher of Sonora, vice president of Denver-based American Sheep Industry Association; A.H. (Chico) Dennis, III of Vancourt, American Lamb Board chairman; Philip Glass, North American Hair Sheep Association; Dr. Ronald Pope, with Produc-

ers Marketing Cooperative; Dr. Frank Craddock, Texas AgriLife sheep and goat specialist; Benny Cox, with Producers Livestock Auction, and Dr. Brian May with Angelo State University, all from San Angelo.

Phil George, Angelo State University's former athletics director and basketball coach emeritus from San Angelo, will be guest speaker at the membership and awards banquet Friday evening.

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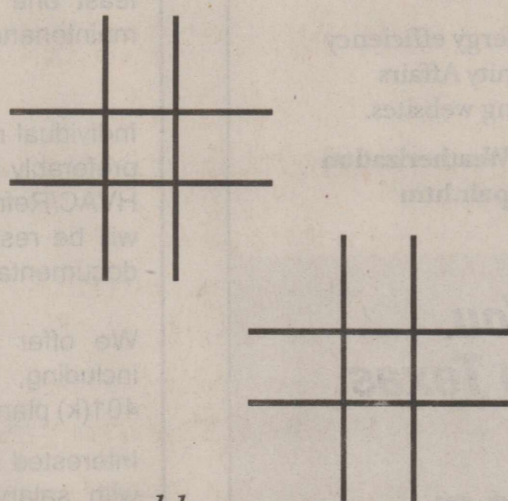
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# Common Sense:

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## Rest in Peace

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, life isn't always fair, and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not children are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer Aspirin, sun lotion or a sticky plaster to a student, but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar can sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. He is survived by three stepbrothers; I Know my Rights, Someone Else is to Blame, and I'm a Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

# Chili Chronicals

Ronnie and Lynn Wipff (Totally Wacked Cooking Team) competed in the "Smoking on the Basin" cook-off in Odessa, Texas this past weekend. The team very well placing 1st in Show, 1st in Beans, 4th in Ribs and 6th in Brisket.

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District named Don Gibson as the lone finalist for Superintendent of Schools. This action was taken at a duly called meeting on Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

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# Sonora PD Dispatch Report

### Arrest(s):

July 5, 2008

- Gabriel James Flores, 36, from Ozona, Texas was arrested for a Sutton County Warrant for Assault.

### Incidents:

June 30, 2008

- 8:15 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.

July 1, 2008

- 8:37 AM: Caller reported a dead animal on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 11:25 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 1:35 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
- 3:47 PM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.
- 5:25 PM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
- 9:20 PM: Caller reported two dogs on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.

July 2, 2008

- 3:33 pm: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.

July 3, 2008

- 7:10 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.

July 4, 2008

- 6:25 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.
- 10:30 PM: Caller reported a suspicious subject. Officer responded.

July 5, 2008

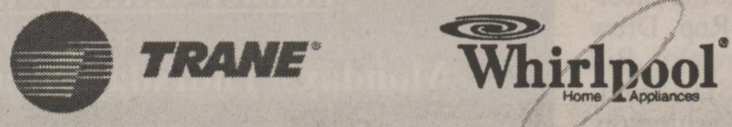
- 1:00 AM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.
- 1:15 AM: Caller reported fireworks being popped. Officer responded.
- 1:35 AM: Caller reported fireworks being popped. Officer responded.
- 10:05 AM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.
- 2:30 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.
- 3:15 PM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
- 9:00 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

July 6, 2008

- 10:30 AM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
- 1:55 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
- 3:00 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 4:00 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

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One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.

- 1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at [www.powertochoose.org](http://www.powertochoose.org). If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

### Need some help?

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at [info@tdhca.state.tx.us](mailto:info@tdhca.state.tx.us) or visiting one of the following websites.

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**Gretta Smith Continued from Front Page**

After high school graduation Gretta attended Tarleton College with the help of Clayton and Delma Puckett (relatives in Sonora), and graduated with a teaching certificate. Gretta moved to Sonora to take a teaching appointment at the Elliot School. It was on the bus ride there (or more correctly directly after the bus ride), that her life changed forever, "I came to Sonora on the bus. He (Bud Smith) was sitting in a café with his girlfriend. He saw me get off the bus and told his girlfriend that he was going to marry that girl stepping off of the

bus". Bud Smith was Sonora's City Manager, and while he had plans to marry Gretta, he first had to meet her. Their opportunity came in the form of a school play, "Annie Duncan was promoting a play for the school. She asked me to perform in the play along side Bud. I was a little Indian Maid, and he was a Cowboy", Gretta recalled with a broad smile on her face. They married shortly after that, and Gretta didn't go back to teaching.

Bud stayed on as city manager and eventually bought the Sonora Grocery Store. Gretta spent her time with her chil-

dren working behind the store and attributes the community for the success of the store, "we had local customers supporting us. It was credit and cash only. After some years we had to close the doors, I don't think anyone would buy it." Bud and Gretta continued their entrepreneurial adventure when they built the Twin Oaks Motel in the 60's. Bud built the motel with the help of John L. Barlow, who worked for Bud at the Grocery store.

Gretta lost Bud to cancer in 1973, "when we got him to Temple they took out a malignant gland; it was very quick and aggressive cancer. We took him home to the hospital. He died on December 30, 1973, and we buried him January 2, 1974 (they buried him on Gretta's birthday). That was the coldest day I can remember."

Gretta ran the hotel for 10 more years after Bud's passing, finally retiring to her house on the hill where she now spends her days watching her 5 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and 3 great great grandchildren grow up. When I asked her how she felt about being 97 she told me that, "its wonderful; everyone is so good to me and my family. I have a few more years to go." Gretta recently had a pacemaker replaced and commented to me (with a knowing smile on her face) that the battery life on the pacemaker is

expected to last 8 to 9 years. Asking for a single memory from someone that has been collecting them for 97 years is similar to asking the ocean to pick out an individual fish. Gretta showed me that individual memories do not make a life even though she could recall without a moments pause that she had been married for 41 years, that she got married when she was 21, and that she taught Francis Sanchez during her short stint as a teacher. In a tour of her home I saw that she surrounds herself with pictures of her family, and reminders of her faith in God. "Gods got ahold of me, I don't know if it's by a rope or a string. But He's got me."

**Selective Listening**

A string walked into a bar, hopped on the barstool, and said, "Bartender, gimme a beer." The bartender said, "I'm sorry, sir, we don't serve strings here."

Disappointed, the string hopped down from the stool and went to the next bar. He hopped on the barstool and said, again, "Bartender, gimme a beer." The bartender said, "I'm sorry sir, we don't serve strings here."

The string continued down the row of bars in this fashion. At every bar, he hopped on the barstool and said, "Bartender, gimme a beer." The bartender at every bar in turn said, "I'm sorry sir, we don't serve strings here."

Finally he got to the last bar in the area. He was tired, he was sweaty, all he wanted was a beer. He trudged inside, climbed on the barstool, and said, "Bartender, gimme a beer." This bartender, too, said, "I'm sorry, sir, we don't serve strings here."

Tired and angry, the string walked outside to think. He was a hard-working string. He deserved a beer. Finally, he came up with an idea. He had a passerby tie him up into a bow and frazzle his ends. Then he went back into the bar, and climbed up on the barstool. "Bartender, gimme a beer!" he said loudly.

The bartender looked him over critically, and finally yelled, "Hey, aren't you that string that was in here a few minutes ago?"

The string replied coolly, "Nope, I'm a frayed knot."

**School Board Continued from Front Page**

had been installed in the recent past and whether that would also be replaced. Mr. Gordon responded that Danny Hardin assured him, that any carpet "not in need of replacement, would not be ripped out when the new carpeting is installed." Knox Flooring has previously satisfactorily completed carpeting and flooring work for the school district with quality results, according to Mr. Gordon.

Jay-Add Contracting, owned locally by Ryon West, requested a 35% deposit. Mr. Gordon also reported that Danny Hardin stated this is a new company and its bonded status was a possible factor. Companies performing work for school district require bonding in case of accidents or injuries. When asked if he thought if letting the bids out again would result in more bids, Mr. Gordon stated he felt the district would not receive any additional bids.

Mr. Gordon said he is looking at companies that install seamless roofs over existing roofs. He stated he had previous experience with roofs of that type. Board Member Mallory Rousselot stated she felt the roof and windows should be replaced/repared prior to installation of the new ceiling tiles and carpeting. Board Member Tammy Favila moved to accept both the Knox and Jay-Add bids with the inclusion of bonding requirements. Mrs. Rousselot seconded the motion. The vote was 6-1, with Board Member Tommy Van Winkle dissenting.

The members then approved Texas Kids First to provide the district's Student and Football Insurance for 2008-2009. This was the lone bidder at \$48,764. The 2008-2009 Budget workshop will be after the August 11th meeting. The Public Hearing on the budget and tax rate was set for August 28th at 5:00 PM. After the hearing closes on that day, the budget and tax rate would be voted on for adoption.

The members discussed the school housing rental agreement and deposit requirement. Mr. Fields stated the agreement was last updated in 2000. He feels it should be revamped and that deposits should also be revised. There

is currently no pet deposit, no requirement on yard upkeep, nothing in the lease agreement concerning short notice personnel departures. Mr. Gordon feels the district's attorney review the present agreement and provide the board members revised sample leases for their consideration. He recommends the changes become effective when future leases are signed. Mr. Fields instructed Mr. Gordon to report back on this issue during the August meeting.

The board then approved the Teacher Appraisal Calendar and the Student Code of Conduct for the upcoming school year. The members then discussed what kind of vehicle to purchase for the new Superintendent. Mr. Bustamente moved to let bids for a four door sedan. Mrs. Favila seconded the motion and all members voted affirmatively. The members discussed the professional pay scale. Mrs. Rousselot stated that Sonora needs to be competitive with other districts in order to hire qualified professionals. Mr. Fields stated this item represents 80% of the total district budget. Mr. Gordon stated he recommends "all district employees be considered and not just the professional staff." Mr. Fields instructed Mr. Gordon to report back at the regular August meeting and present options for the members to consider.

During the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Gordon stated the construction projects were moving along and there will be an August 14th breakfast for all employees. This is also the first In-Service day. He then gave the board his schedule. Mr. Gibson and his wife will move to Sonora August 1st.

The board adjourned into closed session. When it reconvened, the board hired six new teachers. Two new hires are SISD graduates, Shalayne Mayfield and Brittany Longoria. The next regularly scheduled Sonora Independent School District board meeting is August 12th at 5:30 p.m.

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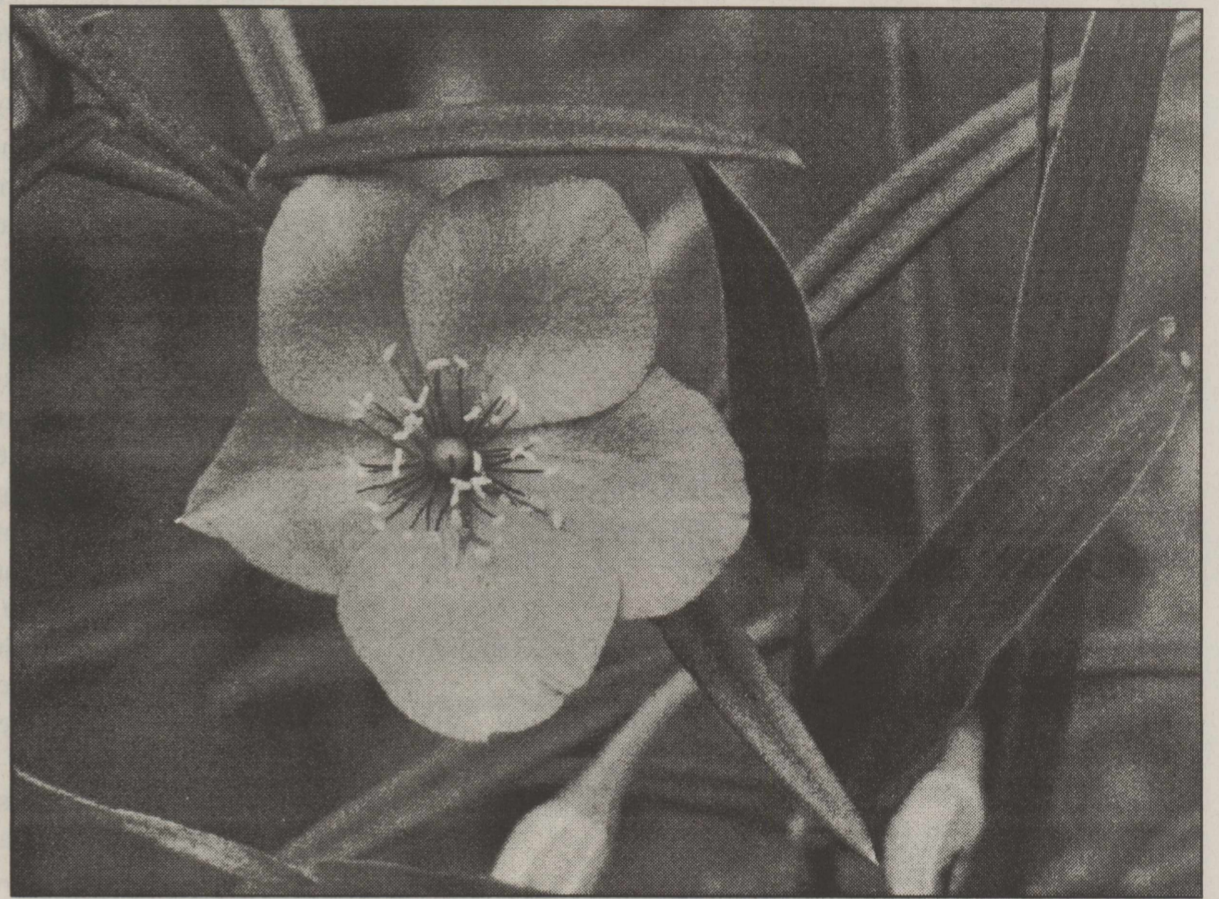
## TPWD Fishing Report

Falcon: Water lightly stained; 85 degrees. Black bass are good on Carolina rigged large soft plastic worms and crankbaits. Striped bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on stinkbait. 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; 82 degrees; 0.18' low. Black bass are fair on black/blue, oil Berkley Power worms, watermelon topwaters, and watermelon red Whacky Sticks in 5 - 12 feet. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and watermelon jigs over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on minnows and stinkbait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch.

Amistad: Water stained; 85 degrees; 17.21' low. Black bass are good on spinnerbaits, swimbaits, and topwaters along the edges of trees in 6 - 12 feet, and on Carolina rigged soft plastic worms and watermelon flukes and Senkos in 18 - 24 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are good on cheesebait and punchbait in 18 - 24 feet, and in Castle Canyon in 80 - 85 feet. Yellow catfish are good on juglines baited with perch in 20 feet. 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.

## Pictures From Eaton Hill



July showers have coaxed a renewed floral parade along the trails of Eaton Hill. Pictured is the exquisite and aptly named orange flameflower. This beauty can be seen in the cooler parts of the day. The plant has narrow succulent type leaves and the cooked root was once a food source for Native Americans. Found only in Southwestern Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. Hit the trails!

### Mother's Day Away!!!



Thursday, July 24th  
at  
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All ages welcome.  
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## 2008 Kids Mutton Bustin'



Friday, August 1, 2008

7:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Arena

Entries now open @

Sonora Chamber of Commerce

Contestants must be entered no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wed. July 30th

\*\* Parent/guardian must sign release for entry to be accepted. No late entries!

\*\*\* Contestants will be weighed\*\*\*

Top 6 contestants will qualify to compete during the  
Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo on Friday, August 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

**Buckles and prizes will be awarded to the top 3 places**

All contestants will receive a Mutton Bustin' T-shirt.

**\$10 Entry Fee**  
Ages 4 to 7  
Weight limit  
55 lbs.

For more information  
contact the Sonora  
Chamber of Commerce  
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Bridget at 325-387-5220

### 2008 Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Kid's Mutton Bustin' Entry Form

The preliminary Kid's Mutton Bustin' will be held Friday August 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The top 6 contestants will return for finals in the Friday, August 8, 2008 Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. It is open to any child between the ages of 4 and 7, weighing 55 pounds or less. Entry fee is \$10 per child. Each Mutton Bustin' finalist receives free entry into the Friday night performance of the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. The overall Mutton Bustin' winner will receive a buckle, 2<sup>nd</sup> place to receive a gill certificate for a pair of boots, 3<sup>rd</sup> place will receive a pair of spurs. All top 6 places to receive a youth rope!

Notes:

1. A helmet is required and will be provided.
2. Each child may have ONE helper/parent in the arena.
3. SCDA reserves the right to refuse any entry.

Name of Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies/Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

T Shirt Size (XS 2-4, Sm 6-8, Med 10-12 Lrg 14-16) \_\_\_\_\_

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**Must weigh in at registration.**

Name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Arena Helper: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Only 1 helper/parent allowed in the arena during performance)

Telephone Number: (home) \_\_\_\_\_

(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

All Entries must include the hold harmless release below. It must be signed by the parent/guardian of the entrant. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

**Release**

The undersigned does hereby voluntarily assume all risks arising out of and/or connected with his or her participation in the below named event and does hereby release the Sonora Outlaw Rodeo and Sutton County Days Association, the employees, agents, and/or officers, and all other persons associated with the organizations, from any and all claims and causes of action that may result from an injury to the undersigned which has been sustained or may be sustained, and from any and all damages to property belonging to the undersigned that may be a result of his or her participation in the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Mutton Bustin'. If the undersigned is a minor, the parent or guardian of said minor shall sign this release and hereby agrees to hold each of the above said persons harmless from any liability whatsoever to say minor arising out of his or her participation in the above named event.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Printed name and address of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness

Date

Deadline for entry is Wednesday July 30, 2008 by 5:00 p.m. in order to receive a t-shirt. Turn in entry form to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 205 Hwy 277 N. FMI Call 325-387-2880 or 325-387-5220 (Bridget Wardlaw) Fax: 325-387-5357 or 325-387-3813

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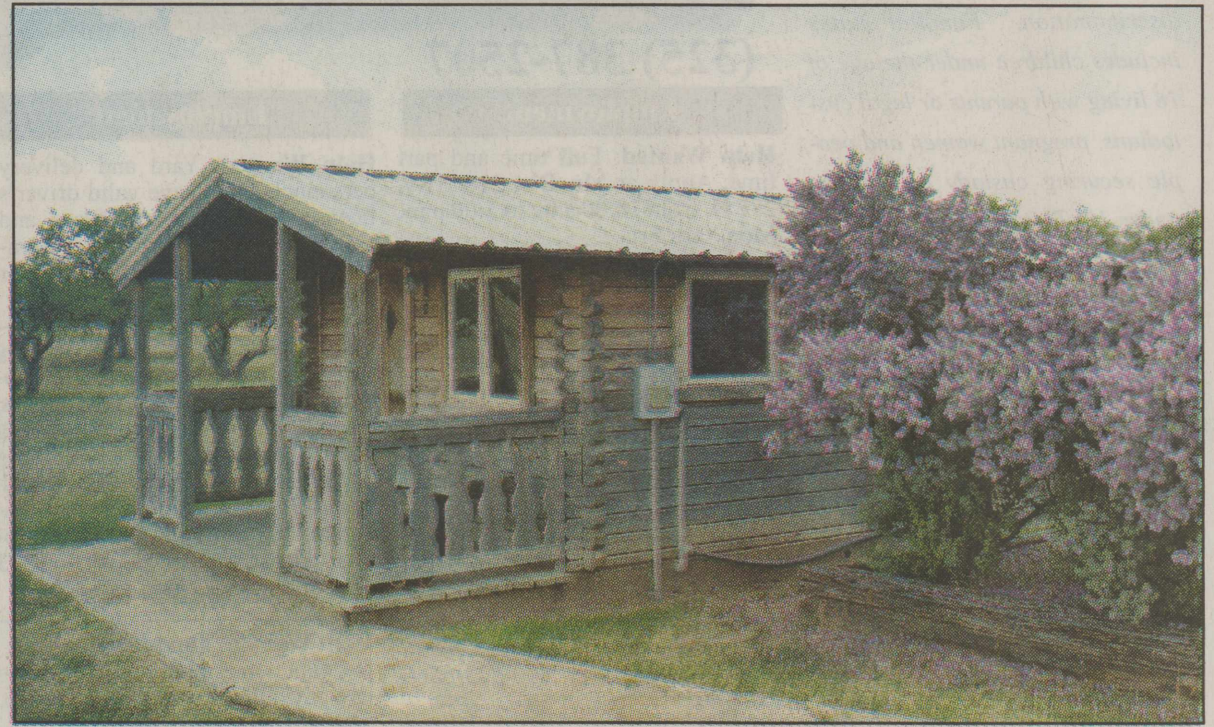
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# ADVENTURESOME



From the North Entrance of San Angelo State Park a creek runs beside a small trail that follows its banks leading into the heart of the park. Many trails cover the park that are excellent for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding.



A small cabin sits near the waterfront at San Angelo State Park. The park has 6 enclosed air-conditioned and heated mini-cabins that accommodate 6 each. Other facilities include campsites with water and electricity, horse pens, picnic tables, and pavilions.

**Adventuresome:** daring-willing or eager to participate in exciting or risky activities (Encarta Dictionary). The "Adventuresome" is a new section we are adding to the Devil's River News for the summer. We hope you will use it as a guide to help you get out and explore the treasures of West Texas. Each issue will explore a different state park or nature area and highlight the attractions and adventure to be found.

**San Angelo State Park**  
**Travel Time: 1hr. 14min.**  
**Distance: 69 miles from Sonora**

**Story and Photos**  
**by James Ricks**

I headed out to San Angelo State Park unsure of what I was to find. I generally make the drive for groceries and to get a better variety in cuisine options and a movie. What I found was a hidden gem of a treasure I will be sure to visit again.

I drove through most of the park roads and was able to access the main areas and sites with little physical effort needed; a great aspect for those that like nature but not sweating. Things are well spaced out and a nice fragrance fills the air from the local flora.

I dared to adventure on some of the trails with my mountain bike and found that even my novice skills at trail riding were sufficient to enjoy the area and travel the trails through the park.

The multi-use trails offers something for everyone, from cleared open dirt ranger road trails to the encroaching cactus lined paths. I never did find the dinosaur foot prints that I heard about from a park ranger, my travels still left much unseen, and I hope to explore more the next time I go racing lizards on those dusty trails.

The park holds a variety of activities for anybody, from the day picnicker to the outdoor enthusiast to playgrounds for the little ones. The sheer size of the park was a surprise with its numerous activity possibilities.

"It's like a hidden spot of San Angelo, its all green and you can just camp out. I come out here to get away," said Jonathan Runion, a park visitor and local of San Angelo. "Not a lot of people come out here, but I think the trails here are unbelievable, they're real pretty, and nice for mountain biking."

The state park website lists the following activities

available; camping, picnicking, hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding on multi-use trails, lake swimming and wading, fishing, boating, a three level orienteering course, and bird and wildlife observation.

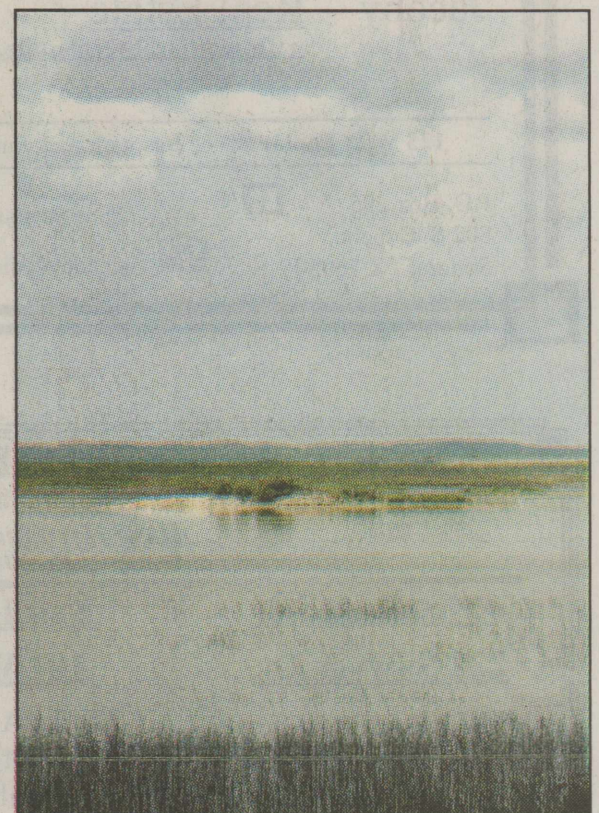
The lake level appeared too low for any good safe swimming or boating, but the numerous boat ramps hold possibilities for when the water level comes back up.

The park has two main entrances, the South and North. The South Entrance is located closest to the city and holds the majority of the camping, RV and picnic sites. The North Entrance has less developed amenities but seemed to be greener and more picturesque.

The park is worth a visit and should be on everyone's must see for the summer. For more information on the park and activities available, visit the Texas Parks and Wildlife website.



A rustic bridge spans a low creek at San Angelo State Park which is home to some 350 species of birds and about 50 species of mammals.



San Angelo State Park is located on the shores of the O.C. Fisher Reservoir as an oasis of outdoor recreation.



## Sports

### West Texas All-Stars Tournament



**1st Row L-R: Brianna Jarratt, Kylie Phillips, Alison Murphy, Sky Jennings**  
**2nd Row L-R: Darby Ramsdell, McKenzie Murphy, Janell Vasquez, Madison Wolfe, Sydney Burnham**  
**3rd Row L-R: Cip Tobias, Emmy Phillips, Jillian Buitron, Sonda Samaniego, Mia Smith**  
**Back Row: Manuel Tobias, Chelsea Martinez, Nelda Tobias**

The 2008 West Texas All-Stars Tournament was hosted by the San Angelo Girls Fastpitch Association the weekend of July 11-13. Sonora's 10u Softball Attitudz team won the Consolation Trophy by defeating Odessa Blue 3-0 on Sunday, after playing a total of 8 games during the weekend. The 10u division had a field of 23 teams from West Texas & New Mexico. Congratulations to the girls and their parents on a great season and tournament. A Special thanks to our sponsors for tournament play in Sonora, Sweetwater and San Angelo—Enertech Wireline Services and Burnham & Burnham Trucking.

### Leonard Invited to Junior Nationals

After an outstanding performance in the USA Junior Nationals All-State high school basketball competition at Southwestern University at Georgetown, TX, Savannah Leonard, daughter of Carol and Gary Leonard who is currently a senior at Sonora High School, has been invited, based upon her performance, to participate in the prestigious USA Junior Nationals International Sports Festival in Columbus, Ohio from July 21-27, 2008.

Based in Madison, WI, the USA Junior Nationals provides one of the top amateur competitions in the United States and offers its program to all athletes who have a high talent level in basketball and want to develop their skills and techniques through statewide, national and international competition. This is a unique opportunity for all athletes to improve their basketball talent through highly organized competition. Information about our participating athletes is provided to educational institutions throughout the U.S. and Canada for possible scholarship opportunities.

The USA Junior Nationals offers competitions at approximately 42 sites in the spring with competitions scheduled throughout the South, Midwest, East and West coasts. Athletes who demonstrate advanced skills, team leadership, competitive spirit, and good sportsmanship go on to the next level of play which is the USA Junior Nationals "International Sports Festival" in Columbus, Ohio.

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