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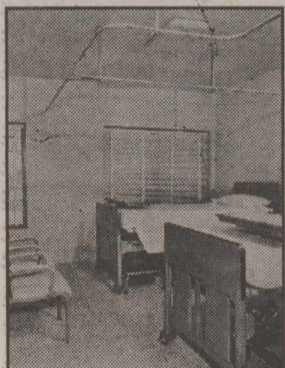


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The Devil's River State Natural Area



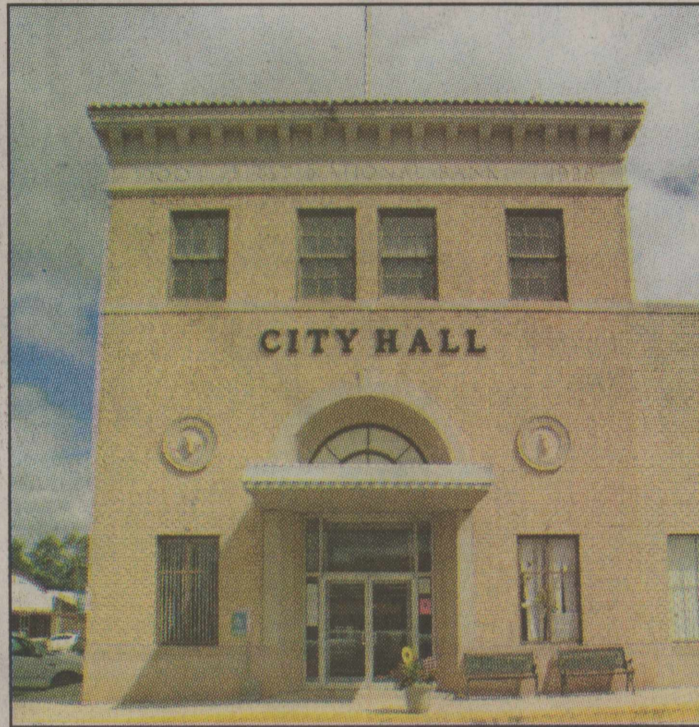
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Sonora City Council Approves Texas Forest Service Facility



By Nancy Glasscock

The Sonora City Council met Tuesday, June 15th for its regular monthly session. Mayor Virgil Polocek and Council members Jana Dover, Smith Neal and Thomas

Adkins were present. Ward 1's council seat is vacant.

After all regular and special June meeting minutes and the Sutton County Appraisal District monthly reports were approved, the council discussed

the agenda item whether to appoint or hold a Special Election to fill the vacancy for the Ward 1 council member's seat. Mr. Neal moved to appoint Pete Bradley to fill the vacancy. Mr. Adkins advised that Mr. Bradley is unsure he would be willing to serve. There was no second. Mrs. Dover discussed Lance Castro's name to fill the vacancy. Mr. Adkins moved to table the discussion until the next regular monthly meeting. Mr. Neal seconded the motion which was unanimously passed.

Mayor Polocek presented Sonora Police Officer Mike Routh with a plaque on his retirement for 20 years of service. The City of Sonora will also carry the TCLEOSE (Texas Commission on

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Photo By Ben D. Taylor

A private helicopter charter service was hired by the Texas Forest Service to combat wildfires south of Sonora this summer. They were housed in temporary quarters at the Sonora Airport.

Hunting Licenses Go On Sale August 15



AUSTIN, Texas — New hunting and fishing licenses for 2008-09 will be available beginning Friday, Aug. 15, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is encouraging hunters to buy early and avoid the rush heading into the Sept. 1 dove season opener.

"If you wait until the Labor Day Weekend, you're

probably going to be standing in line to buy a license," said Tom Newton with TPWD's licensing section. "Savvy hunters have figured it out and are buying their licenses early."

Sportsmen are reminded all current annual hunting and fishing licenses (except for the year-to-date fishing license) expire Aug. 31. Texas issues 2.1 million hunting and fish-

ing licenses annually through 28 TPWD field offices, more than 65 state parks and at over 1,500 retailers across Texas. Because dove season in the North and Central Dove Zones opens on a Monday, Newton predicts there will be a weekend rush to buy licenses. "Last year, we sold over 350,000 licenses during the

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OUTLAW PRO RODEO: Ambassadors To Perform



The team members are Maegan Hillhouse—Captain from San Angelo, TX; Jennifer Allen—Co-Captain from Ozona, TX; Tori Trowbridge from San Angelo, TX; Emily Herrera from Christoval, TX; Johnna Pullig from Big Lake, TX; Emily Teagarden from Watervalley, TX; Bryce Cox from San Angelo, TX; Lauren Weaver from San Angelo, TX; Shaylee Thomas from San Angelo, TX; Serena Lee Allison from Sonora, TX; and Haley Hernandez from Wall, TX.

The San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Association is proud to present the San Angelo Rodeo Ambassadors. This group of girls range in age from 12-18. Each member brings a unique talent and experience to the team. This talented team of young women has been invited and performed across the state of Texas, for rodeos and specialized events.

Leading this amazing group of young ladies is Ambassador Chair Leanne Weaver from San Angelo, along with Misty Preston and Donald Kothmann as her assistants.

You don't want to miss these lovely ladies and their spectacular drill team performance. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, please contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325-387-2880, or one of this year's Miss Sutton County queen candidates.

Allison Represents Sonora



Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo is happy to welcome the San Angelo Rodeo Ambassadors to this year's performances. Our very own hometown girl, Serena Lee Allison, will join her team members performing this year at the Outlaw Pro Rodeo on August 8th and 9th. Serena Lee is the 15 year old daughter of Will and Becky Allison, and is a sophomore at Sonora High School. Along with her talents in riding and rodeo, she excels in sports and academics at Sonora High. Congratulations Serena Lee on your accomplishments~ Ride on!

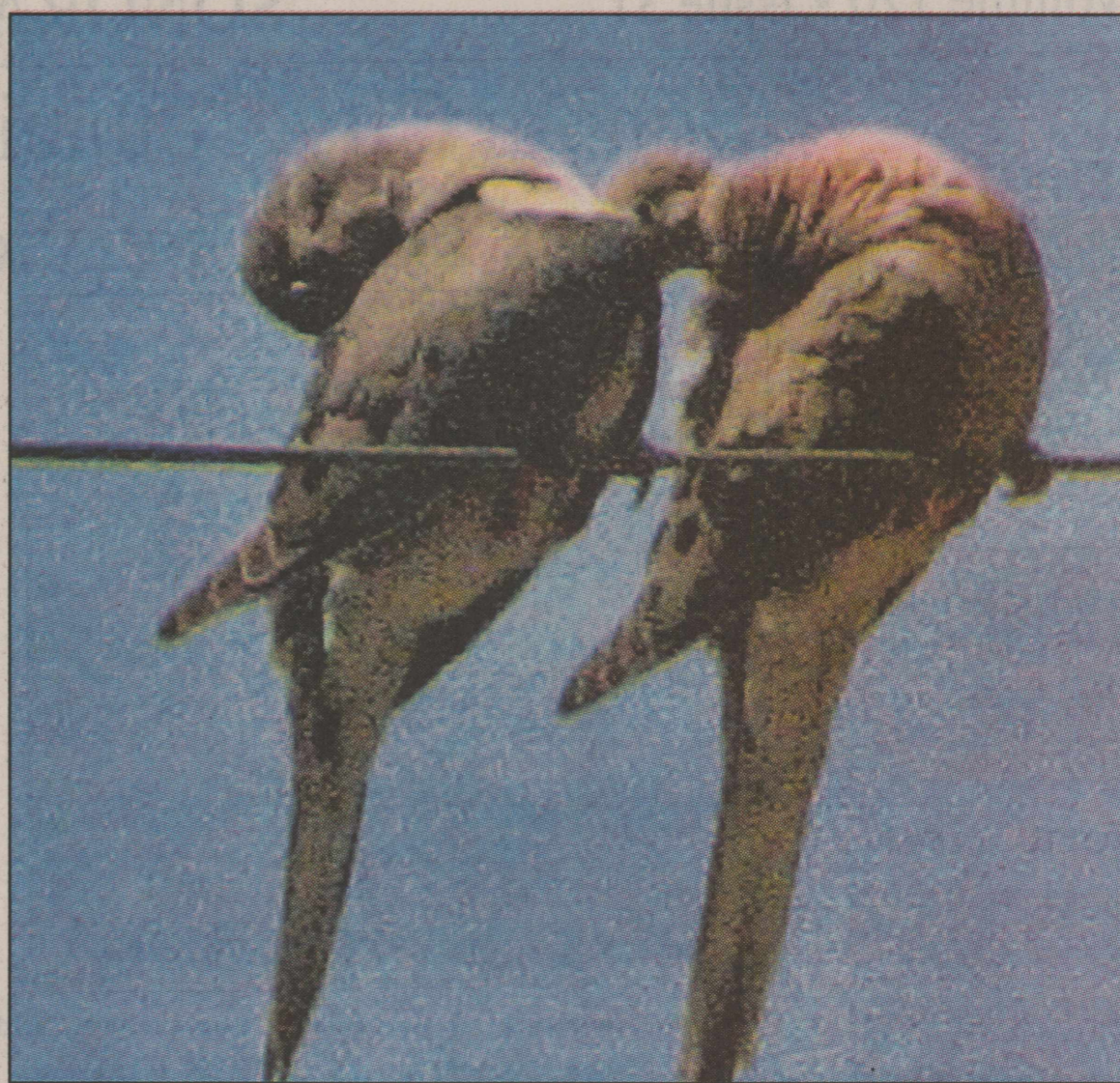
FISH TALES



Landon Castro

Landon Castro, son of Mariah and Lance Castro of Sonora, is holding a 14" Rainbow trout that he caught at Eagle Lake in Ruidoso, NM, on July 19th.

Eaton Hill Picture of the Week



Yolanda Sanchez captured these two doves in synchronized pruning. Nearby, hummingbirds chased each other off the nectar, and seedeaters gathered on and around the feeder. Watch for the brilliantly-colored orioles, gold finches and painted buntings at the water features and along the trails.

Landscape of the Month



Big C Automotive, owned by Cindy and Guy Colbath, have been selected for business "Landscape of the Month" by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Cindy has planted the flower beds, including lantana plants around the fire hydrant that faces Crockett Street. She has added huge galvanized pots in the front of the store that are decorated with a variety of plants. Congratulations and thank you for taking part to keep Sonora beautiful and improve the community environment.

FNB Popcorn Proceeds



Mariah Castro of the First National Bank of Sonora presents the popcorn proceeds to Tressa Esparza and Shelly Hughes of the Sonora City League.

Taking the Cat Out

Brenda and Terry are going out for the evening. The last thing they do is put their cat out.

The taxi arrives, and as the couple walk out of the house, the cat scoots back in.

Terry returns inside to chase it out. Brenda, not wanting it known that the house would be empty, explains to the taxi driver, 'My husband is just going upstairs to say goodbye to my mother.'

Several minutes later, an exhausted Terry arrives and climbs back into the taxi saying, 'Sorry I took so long, the stupid idiot was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her with a coat hanger several times before I could get her to come out!'

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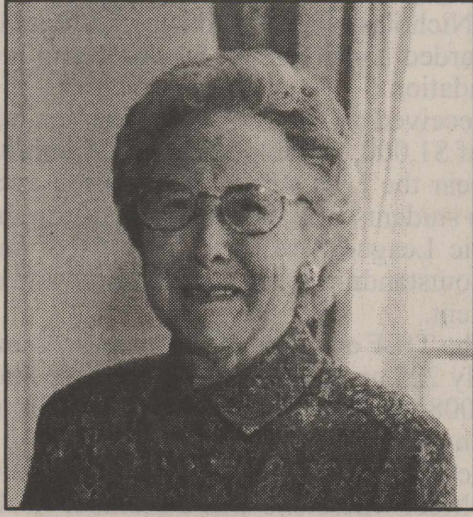
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Obituaries

Berta Celeste Tisdale Prugel



Berta Celeste Tisdale Prugel passed away on July 15, 2008, in San Angelo, Texas. She was born July 29, 1917 in Eldorado, Texas to James Elwert and May McCormick Tisdale.

Her mother taught her and her brother James "Jim" Elwert, Jr., at the Schleicher County ranch until Celeste reached the 4th grade.

Celeste's father died in 1927 and the family moved to Eldorado. She graduated from Eldorado High School in 1935 and from Texas Woman's University in 1939. She then attended Iowa State University, receiving a Hospital Dietetics Certificate.

On December 6, 1941, she married A.E. Prugel, County Extension Agent of Schleicher County. In the summer of 1942, the couple moved to Sonora where Mr. Prugel became associated with the Federal Land Bank. They lived in Sonora the rest of their lives. Celeste taught home economics at Sonora High School for 22 years. After their retirement, the Prugels enjoyed traveling and visiting their grandchildren.

Mrs. Prugel is survived by her daughters and their families. Nancy Ann is married to James Edgar of Hindsville, Arkansas. Their daughters and husbands are Ericha Emily Edgar Martinous and husband Carl of Benton, Arkansas, and Johanna Catherine Edgar Dittrich and husband Addison of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Her other daughter is Susan Jo Prugel of Menard, Texas. Her son is John August Henke of New York City, New York, and her daughter is Meredith May Henke of Austin, Texas.

Celeste is also survived by one niece, Elizabeth Pool of San Angelo, Texas, and one nephew, Vester T. Hughes, Jr., of Dallas, and other relatives, friends, and care givers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, A.E. Prugel, by her beloved brother Jim, and a sister, Mary Ellen Hughes, and her parents.

Final interment and arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home. Funeral services were held in the Lawnhaven Mausoleum, Saturday, July 19, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of Sonora at 205 N Water Ave, Sonora, TX 76950, or Hospice of San Angelo at 36 E Twohig Ave. Ste. 1100, San Angelo, Texas, 76903.

Dennis R. Dunnam

Dennis R. Dunnam died Thursday, July 17, 2008 in Fort Worth, Texas. He was 73. Funeral service was at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at the First Baptist Church in Graham with Rev. James C. Hill officiating. Graveside service was at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at the Wingate cemetery in Wingate, Texas. Family visitation was Monday, July 21, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the McMillan-Satterwhite Funeral Home.

Mr. Dunnam was born August 29, 1934 in Winters, Texas and moved to Graham in 1984 from Sonora, Texas. He retired as chief inspector with the Texas Department of Transportation and was a deacon of the First Baptist Church in Graham.

Survivors include his wife Ila Fay Dunnam of Graham; 3 sons, Dennis Dunnam II and wife Vicki of Abilene; Richard Dunnam and wife, Natalie of Newcastle, Texas; Zane Dunnam and wife, Monica of Edmond, Oklahoma; 1 daughter, Susan Werner and husband, Steve of Paint Rock, Texas; 5 brothers: Bob, Kenneth, Jerry, Jimmy and Ronnie; 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death

Marty William Acton

Marty William Acton, 42, went to be with his Lord and Savior suddenly on July 19, 2008 while participating in one of his favorite pastimes, ranch rodeo steer roping. Marty grew up in Ozona, Texas and was a graduate of Ozona High School and Sul Ross State University. He entered the family ranching business and became well known and respected throughout the West Texas ranching community. He was a dedicated supporter of multiple youth programs and Rodeo Cowboy ministries. He was also an active member of the Farm Bureau, Farm Service Agency, Soil Conservation, Sul Ross ANRS & Rodeo Exes Association and San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Foundation.

He is survived by his wife Day, mother Pam Acton, grandmother Esther Kate Jones, twin sister Bobbie Renfroe and her husband Billy Dell, niece Kelbie and nephew Aaron Renfroe, aunt Shelley Conner and husband T.C., first cousins Tommy Conner and Robin Campbell and her husband Jason. Marty was preceded in death by his father Earl Acton, grandfather Dempster Jones, grandparents Ernest and Preble Steadman Acton, and aunt Robin Jones.

Marty loved helping people. He always had a ready smile and a hearty laugh, even for the toughest jobs. He was affectionately called "Ka Ka" by his niece and nephew. His family and many friends will remember and miss the friendly, positive way Marty lived his life.

Funeral service will be at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, July 24, 2008 at the Ozona United Methodist Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the Sul Ross ANRS & Rodeo Exes Association, in care of Bill McAnally, PO Box 539, Fort Stockton, TX 79735 or San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Foundation, 200 West 43rd St., San Angelo, TX 76903.

Zoila Ibarra Gutierrez

Zoila Ibarra Gutierrez, 87, of Sonora passed on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 in Weatherford, Texas. She was born June 27, 1921 in Jimenez, Coah., Mexico. She is preceded in death by her husband, Encarnacion Gutierrez, Sr., two daughters, Esperanza Garza and Virginia Loera, one sister, Guadalupe Celdon and a brother, Lucas Ibarra.

She is survived by six daughters: Guadalupe Gutierrez of Jimenez, Coahuila; Maria Consuelo Sosa and husband Enrique of Piedras Negras, Coahuila; Valeria Gutierrez of Sonora; Isabel Aguilar and husband Jose of Jalisco, Guadalajara; Elida Escobar and husband Joe of Weatherford; and Rosalinda Galvan and husband Oscar of League City; and five sons: Encarnacion Gutierrez, Jr. and wife Maria, Juan Gutierrez and wife Rosa, both of Sonora; Jose Carlos Gutierrez and wife Bertha of Odessa; and Refugio Gutierrez and wife Luz of Weatherford; two sisters: Valeria Alcocer of Arizona and Maria Gutierrez of El Paso; and 47 grandchildren, 51 great grandchildren and 19 great great grandchildren.

Services were held Friday, July 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel of Kerbow Funeral Home with burial following in Sonora Cemetery.

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks to Hospice of San Angelo and Trinity Hospice of Ft. Worth.


Senior Center Activities

- Thur. July 24-** Happy Birthday Dorothy Baker
- Fri. July 25-** Birthday party for July Babies! Join us for cake and ice cream @ noon
- Mon. July 28-** Happy Birthday Elfidia Martinez Bingo
- Tues. July 29-** Exercise w/video. Need seniors to sign up now.
- Wed. July 30-** Happy Birthday Angelita Trevino
*Program w/Mike Avila-Concho Valley Home Health Care @ noon

Senior Center Menu

- Thur. July 24-**Oven fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, sliced beets, rolls, bread pudding w/raisins and milk
- Fri. July 25-** Beef tips w/gravy, rice, rolls, mixed veggies, tossed salad, banana pudding and milk
- Mon. July 28-** Swiss steak w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, macaroni salad, wheat bread, cantaloupe and milk
- Tues. July 29-** Chicken spaghetti, Italian green beans, garlic bread, tossed salad, cherry Jell-O w/fruit and milk
- Wed. July 30-** Breaded pork chops w/gravy, peas/carrot mix, pork & beans, coleslaw, coconut cake 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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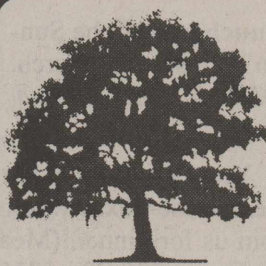
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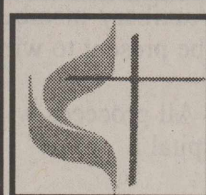
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July 30th and 31st 1:30-4:00pm

August 12
Registration for 5th and 6th grade
5th grade 9:00-12:00 noon
6th grade 1:00-3:00 p.m.

August 13
Registration for 7th and 8th grade
7th grade 9:00-12:00 noon
8th grade 1:00-3:00 p.m.

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Martin, Nicholas Awarded Scholarship

Laura Hillary Martin, a 2008 graduate of Sonora High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Martin received an Abell-Hanger Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$8000, payable \$2000 each semester for the first two years of higher education. The Abell-Hanger Foundation awarded 22 scholarships to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

This year the TILF awarded 393 new awards and will renew approximately 225 awards for a total of more than 600 scholarships for 2008-09, with value of over \$1 million. Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

Martin competed in One Act Play as part of the first place company of the 2006 UIL Academic State Meet. She also participated in UIL softball throughout her high school career. She is the daughter of David Martin and Julie Martin. Martin plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in agricultural communications.

Kari Joyce Nicholas, a 2008 graduate of Sonora High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Nicholas received a Lola Wright Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000, payable \$500 each semester of the first year. This year the Lola Wright Foundation awarded a total of 8 grants to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

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Nicholas competed in One Act Play at the 2006 UIL Academic State Meet where she was a member of the first place company. She also participated in UIL calculator applications and science throughout her high school career. She is the daughter of Susan and Ronald Nicholas.

Nicholas plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in theatre and technical design.

Kennedy Gets Master's

Jana Michelle Kennedy graduated May 17, 2008 from The Texas Tech University Health Science Center with a Master's in Occupational Therapy. She is currently pursuing clinical rotations at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, Texas and the Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. Jana received a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences in May of 2007 from Texas Tech University. She is the granddaughter of John Wesley and Avis Joy of Sonora, Texas and is the daughter of B.W. and Lesa Kennedy.

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.

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2008 Kids Mutton Bustin' Friday, August 1, 7:00 p.m. To enter, call Sonora Chamber of Commerce 325-387-2880. **Deadline** Wed. July 30, 5:00 p.m.

Sonora Outlaw Team Roping Challenge Saturday, August 2, 2008. FMI call Petie Lewis 325-650-8675 or Callaway Hall 325-206-0026.

The 2008 Sutton County Days Queen Luncheon will be Sunday, August 3 at 12:00 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church. Everyone is welcome, \$10.00 a ticket. FMI call Kim Lewis @ 450-4716.

Sonora High School Class of 1998 10 Year Reunion Saturday, August 9, 2008 @ Sutton County Steakhouse-Texas Room, 5:00 p.m. Bring family and friends and join us for dinner. (Meal not provided.) FMI call Kellie (Downing) Crain: 325-226-5856, kelliedeann@yahoo.com Please spread the word --no official invitations will be sent!

Float Parade Saturday, August 9, 2008. Begins at First National Bank (Main and Concho), ends at the fairgrounds. Line-up starts at 8:00 a.m., and parade begins at 9:00 a.m. Please call Kellie Crain for details.

The Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary is selling tickets for a 42" Flat Screen HDTV and a child's motorized John Deere Gator. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased from any Auxiliary member or at Sutton County Days. You do not need to be present to win. Drawing will be held at Sutton County Days. Prizes can be seen at Everett's Furniture Store. All proceeds will go toward a new landscaping project at the Hospital.



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Marty Gaytan

I would like to thank everyone who helped to raise money for my surgery, especially the St. Ann's Youth Group, and those who donated the items and sold and bought tickets. I really appreciate all your help. May God bless you all.

Thank You,
Marty Gaytan

Letter to the Editor

Citizens of Sonora and surrounding communities:

We bid you farewell as we begin another quest in this journey called life. We have enjoyed some great years in Sonora while enduring a few disappointments, but such is life. We will forever cherish the lifelong friendships that we developed during the last 14 years. Always remember that the race is not given to the swift, but to him that endureth to the end.

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Hospital to be Opened Sunday

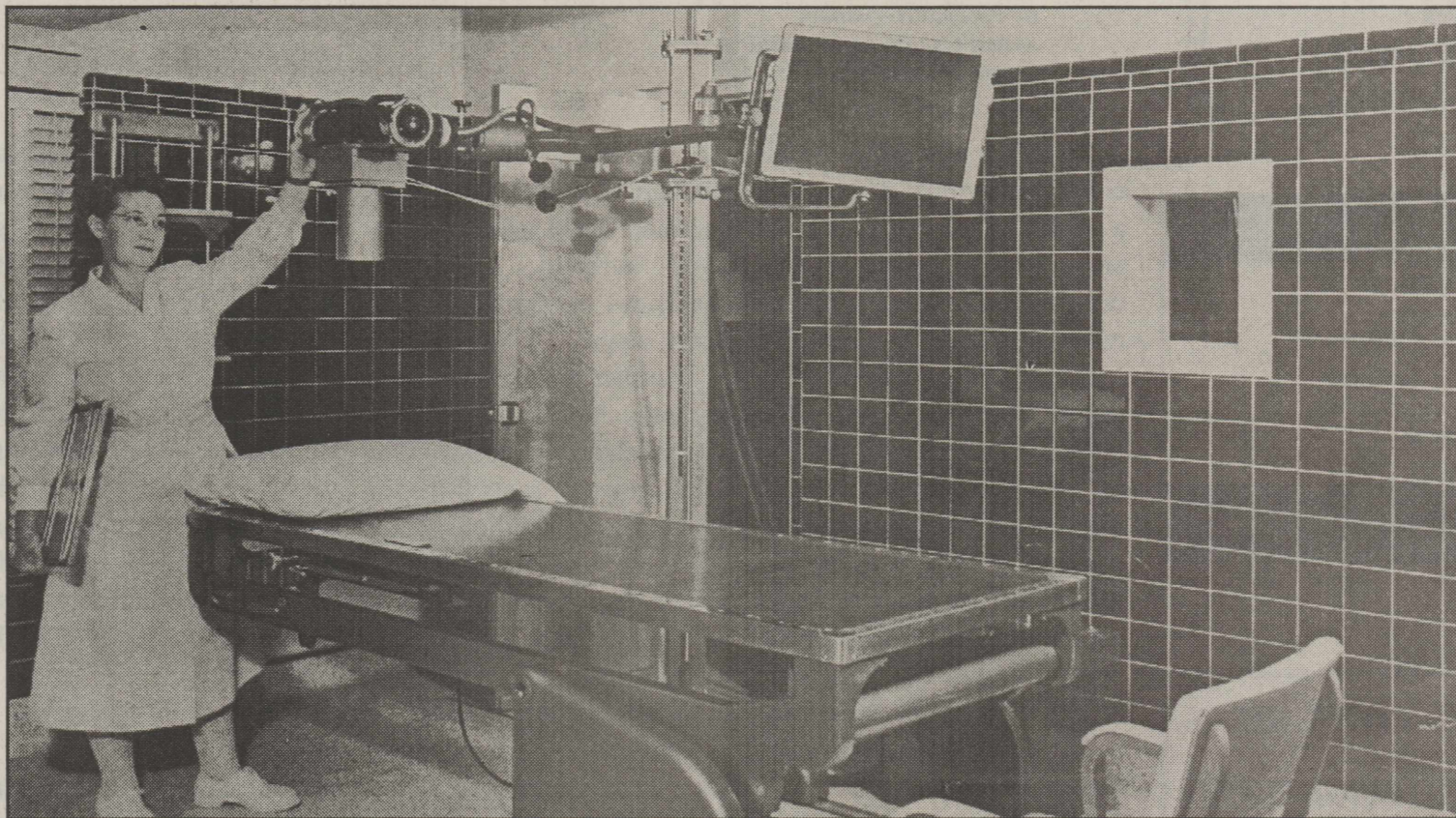
The Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, a half-million dollar project said by architects and medical men to be the "finest structure of its type in Texas," will be formally opened Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Officiating at the opening ceremonies will be R. A. Halbert, president of the hospital board. L. W. Elliott, vice-president, State Senator Dorsy Hardeman, who will be the principal speaker, and two representatives of the Texas Health Department. The Rev. J. E. Winslow, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, will give the invocation.

Following the opening ceremonies, guided tours will be conducted until 4 o'clock. Monday morning the hospital will be ready to accept patients.

The hospital is governed by a 21-member board of directors headed by Halbert, Elliott and George H. Neill, treasurer, and the following: Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell, S. H. Allison, Joe Berger, Mrs. Mack Cauthorn, Dan Cauthorn, Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary, Mrs. G. H. Davis, Fred T. Earwood, Bryan Hunt, B. W. Hutcherson, Joe F. Logan, Ed C. Mayfield, Ben F. Meckel, Clay Puckett, Joe Brown Ross, Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Joe M. Vander Stucken, and Mrs. J. A. Ward, Jr.

Actual operation of the hos-



Chavarria, attendants.

The hospital is completely air conditioned, has an auxiliary water pressure system, two large ice machines which manufacture crushed ice and ice cubes, telephone plugs in all rooms, built-in oxygen system, and elevator, central clock system, central fire alarm system and many other modern features which will be explained to visitors Sunday.

The hospital is also equipped with an electrocardiograph, for use in diagnosing heart cases.

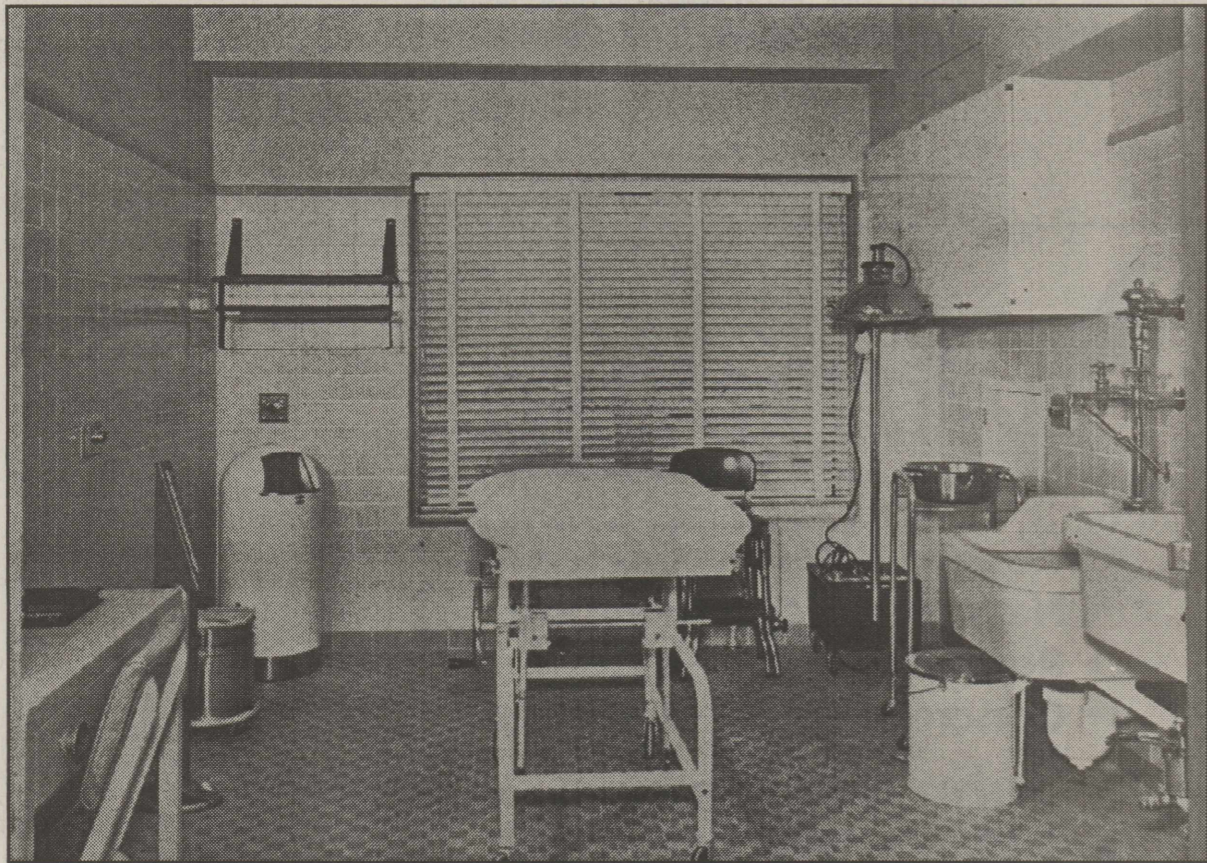
pital is the responsibility of William Burge, administrator, who will work with an annual budget of approximately \$63,000 and oversee a staff of thirteen at present. Should the need arise, the staff may be increased to 21.

There will be no resident physician at the hospital and no one doctor will be in charge of the hospital. All Sonora physicians, Dr. J. F. Howell, Dr. Charles F. Browne and Dr. W. E. Lockhart will use the hospital as may any other physician or surgeon who is accredited by the American Medical Association.

Charges at the hospital will be slightly lower than at most hospitals because it is felt

by the administrator and the board that a non-profit organization, such as the hospital, should make every effort to reduce costs to the patient. Many Sutton County people made contributions when the project was started.


Members of the staff are Miss Jo McClelland, receptionist and stenographer, Mrs. Arty Berzman, dietician, Mrs. Jewell Jennings, kitchen assistant, Gomer Minnick, maintenance, Mrs. Dan Blackwood and Mrs. Gypsy Johnson, registered nurses; Mrs. Boyd Lovelace, Mrs. Glen Dye, Mrs. Rex LeBleu, and Mrs. Virgie Blaney, practical nurses; Ernestina Gomez, maid; Jesus Martinez and Frutoso




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Ten Common Herbicide Mistakes To Avoid

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



Whether you apply herbicide to individual plants with a backpack sprayer or to large areas with an aerial application, there are some common mistakes to avoid. Dr. Allan McGinty, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Range Specialist, came up with this list of 10 suggestions to avoid common herbicide mistakes.

Number 10— Read the Label: First rule. Start by looking for the DO NOTs on the label. It might say something like "Do Not Use Near Water", or "Do Not Use Under Desirable Trees".

Number 9— Broadcast Rate vs. Individual Plant Treatment Rate: Broadcast rates and individual plant treatment rates are different. Pay attention to mixing instructions.

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TSGRA Elects New Officers

Lee Bloodworth of Sonora was elected President of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association at the 93rd Annual Convention in Kerrville July 19, 2008.

Bloodworth is a fourth generation Sutton County ranchman. The son of the late L. P. and Marilyn Rice Bloodworth, he was born and raised in Sonora and graduated from Sonora High School. He graduated from Tarleton State University in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Education. He is an Agricultural Science instructor by profession and has taught in Ballinger, Carrizo Springs and Sonora.

He married Darlette Ramsey of Carrizo Springs in 1975, and they have three sons, Graham, Thomas and Hilton. They began ranching in Duval County in 1981, where they operated the 26,000-acre Sweden Ranch for her grandparents. They also had cattle of their own on the ranch and were the first to raise Angora goats in this region since the late 1800's. After several years, they moved to the Dolores Ranch in Webb County, and in 1988, they sold their goats and began ranching in Sutton County on the B. M. Halbert Estate Ranch. His great-grandfather, B. M. Halbert, was the second president of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association. They presently run sheep, goats and cattle in Sutton, Crockett and Val Verde counties.

Active in Sonora civic affairs, he is an endowed member of the Masonic Lodge and a past Master of Laredo Lodge #547 in Laredo and the Dee Ora Lodge #715 in Sonora. He has been a member of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Assn. for 30 years and a director since 1990. He served many years on the working group of the Livestock Protection Committee and on the working group of the Natural Resources Committee.

Marvin F. Shurley of Sonora was elected First Vice President of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association at the 93rd annual convention in Kerrville July 19, 2008.

Marvin F. Shurley is a 4th generation rancher in the Edwards Plateau area of Texas where his family has been involved in ranching including goat production for over 90 years. His great-grandfather started ranching in Sutton Co. Texas in 1893, and he was raised in a commercial ranching environment. He has been a livestock owner since the age of 14, starting with a gift of Angus cattle from his grandfather, and has been involved in meat goat production as his primary ranch enterprise since 1990.

He is a TS&GRA director and American Meat Goat Assn. member, and he started raising Boer goats in 1993 in order to improve his Spanish goat herd. He has been an American Boer Goat Assn. member since 1994 and is currently president of the American Meat Goat Association, as well as sitting on numerous other industry-related committees.

He is heavily involved in ongoing efforts to develop better inter-association relationships between the various goat breed associations and registries and has worked towards guiding legislative issues affecting the U.S. goat industry. Marvin is also a pro-active supporter of cooperative efforts between all goat associations and the American Sheep Industry Assn. and its representative organizations, including the TS&GRA.

A recognized leader in the U.S. goat industry, both nationally and abroad, he is also active in community affairs, serving as vice-president of the Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Board and vice-president of Sutton County Historical Society. He is married to the former Wanda K. Paxton of Eldorado.

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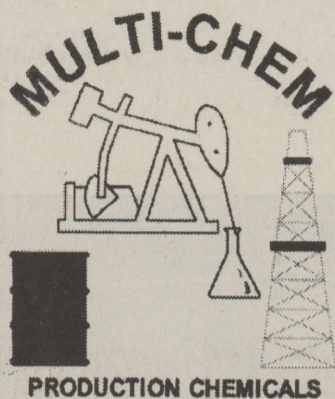
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Comanche's Outlaw Festival Goes Literary

By Tumbleweed Smith

John Wesley Hardin, the famous outlaw gunslinger, spent some time in Comanche. In fact, he killed one of his thirty or so victims there. The deceased was a deputy sheriff from Brown County named Charles Webb.

Lawmen from Texas chased Hardin all over the south, finally finding him in Florida and bringing him back to Comanche for trial in 1878. He got 25 years. But jail was good for Hardin. He got religion. Hardin was the son of a Methodist minister and apparently in prison he had time to think about things and write his memoirs. He headed up the prison Sunday School and read theological books. He also studied law and when he was pardoned in 1894, he was admitted to the Texas bar. He was in El Paso representing a relative when he was shot to death by constable John Selman.

For years, Comanche staged a "John Wesley Hardin Days" celebration. The usual small town events took place: booths on the courthouse square, musical entertainment, arts and crafts, food, even mock gunfights.

Apparently some of the citizens of Comanche grew weary of honoring one of the state's most notorious outlaws, so this year, to celebrate the founding of Comanche 150 years ago, they tried

something different. They changed the name to "Western Tales and Trails" and invited writers and storytellers to sell books and spin yarns on the Comanche courthouse square. They even invited me to be a part of the event. I was in good company.

Other writers there were Elmer Kelton, Charles Chupp and Barbra Clack. Most everybody has heard of Elmer. He has written some fifty books and got better at his craft with each one. He has won numerous literary awards. He re-wrote one of his books, *The Time It Never Rained*, three times. Charles Chupp of De Leon is one of the funniest guys you'll ever meet.

He is such a good writer he subbed for George Dolan, front-page columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram when George took a few days off. One of Chupp's latest books is about dogs he has had during his lifetime. Chupp has served as mayor of De Leon. Barbra Clack is an elementary teacher in Albany who has her students start each day by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag. She told me that one day a little girl came up to her and asked, "What is liver tea?" Barbara told the little girl that when she was reciting the pledge, instead of saying "liver tea" she should

say "liberty."

That got Barbra to thinking about the students saying the pledge by rote and not realizing what it was all about. So she wrote a book called *The Pledge of Allegiance* to help kids understand things like freedom. A lot of people bought books in Comanche, an extremely literate community. Part of the credit for the informed citizenry goes to Margaret Waring, the librarian. She runs one of the best libraries in the state.

Road Rage

A man was being tailgated by a stressed-out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up.

He took her to the police station where she was searched,

BROWNWOOD - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in Brown County will conduct a deer food plot program beginning at 6 p.m. Aug. 12 at the Brown County Fairgrounds in Brownwood.

The fairgrounds are located on U.S. Hwy. 377 South.

Interest in planting small plots to deer-friendly crops to supplement native forage is increasing throughout Central Texas, according to Scott Anderson, AgriLife Extension agent in Brown County.

"I get lots of phone calls from folks wanting to know what to plant that deer will really eat, and that grows well in our area," Anderson said. "There are many, many forage plants advertised as good for use in deer plots, but most don't grow well in our soils, climate and rainfall.

"This program will focus on what will work here," he said. "We'll be looking at a variety of forage plants that yield decent production in a deer food plot. The other part of the pro-

gram will cover pre-planting plot preparation, weed control and the importance of proper soil fertility."

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available for licensed pesticide applicators.

Individual registration, which includes a catered meal, is \$10 on or before Aug. 8, and \$15 thereafter.

For more information contact the AgriLife Extension office in Brown County at 325-646-0386.

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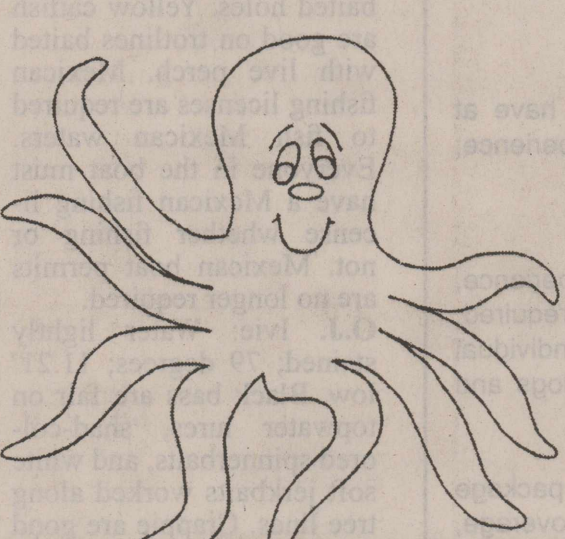
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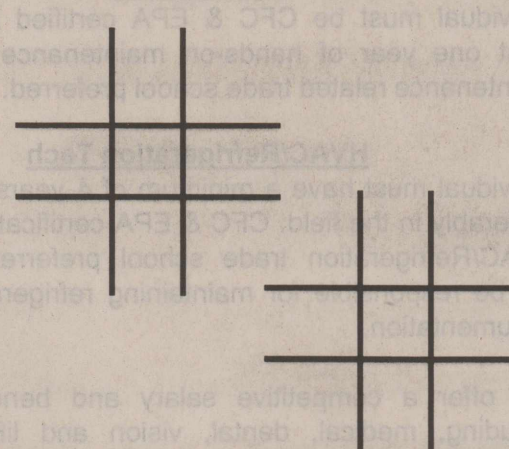
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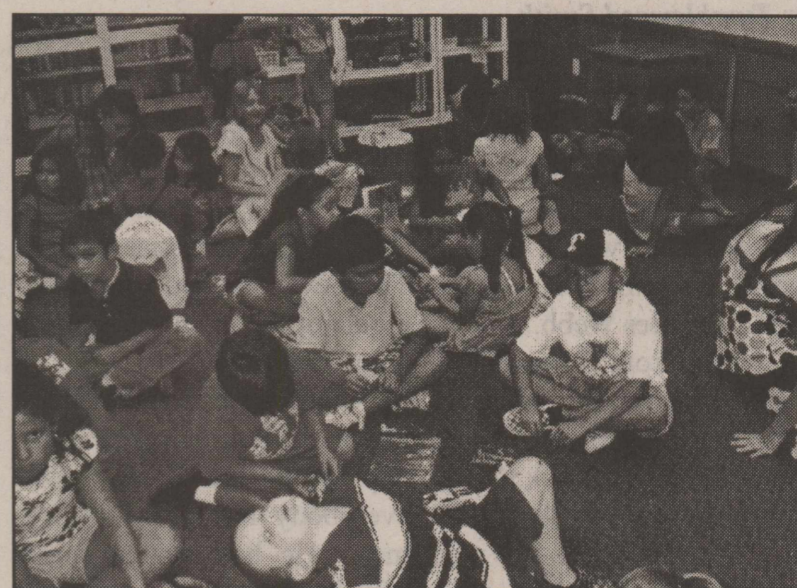
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A special program sponsored by the Sonora Woman's Club was also held for all grades and ages. Children reaching a certain goal for their age group were rewarded with a "Pizza Pool Party".

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Early Study Reveals Promising Alzheimer's Disease Treatment

HOUSTON - (July 18, 2008) - A drug once approved as an antihistamine in Russia improved thinking processes and ability to function in patients with Alzheimer's disease in a study conducted there, said an expert at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. The findings are published in the current issue of the journal *The Lancet*.

"More research is needed, but we are encouraged by the effect the drug Dimebon had on Alzheimer's patients" said Dr. Rachele Doody, professor of neurology at BCM and lead author of the study.

In the study, the authors noted that Dimebon is the first drug for Alzheimer's disease that demonstrated continued improvement in patients over a 12-month period. Other approved drugs do not have this effect.

Half of the 183 patients in the Russian study received Dimebon; the other half were given a placebo or an inactive pill. Clinicians at the study sites then monitored the patients' progress over the next year on five different outcomes. All of those in the study had mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease.

"What we saw in the clinical trial is that people on the medication continued to improve over time," Doody said. "Those on placebo continued to decline."

Researchers believe the medication works by stabilizing mitochondria, the cellular components that produce energy, and possibly by inhibiting brain cell death. Researchers evaluated patients' thinking and memory ability, overall function, psychiatric and behavioral symptoms, and ability to perform daily activities.

"Usually at this point in a drug's development, we are happy to see improvement in one of the outcome measures," Doody said. "We saw improvement in all five."

Some participants complained of occasional dry mouth, but no one opted out of the study because of the side effects.

"As we continue research, we hope to replicate these results," Doody said. "My belief is that this drug will turn out to be useful for Alzheimer's disease, regardless of the stage of the disease."

Doody said this is only the first study looking into the effects of Dimebon on Alzheimer's disease. She also noted that it involved only a relatively small population from one specific region of the world. The ongoing Phase 3 study will include several international locations including the United States.

TPWD Fishing Report

Falcon: Water clear in the south end, lightly stained in the north end; 83 degrees. Black bass are good on Brush Hogs and shallow running crankbaits. Striped bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish to 2 pounds 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; 83 degrees; 0.34' 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; 17.32' low. Black bass are good on Senkos, crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are fair on shad and watermelon topwaters. White bass are fair on chartreuse topwaters and spinnerbaits. Catfish are good on stinkbait, liver, and frozen shrimp over baited holes. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch. Mexican fishing licenses are required to fish Mexican waters. Everyone in the boat must have a Mexican fishing license whether fishing or not. Mexican boat permits are no longer required.

O.J. Ivie: Water lightly stained; 79 degrees; 11.21' low. Black bass are fair on topwater lures, shad-colored spinnerbaits, and white soft jerkbaits worked along tree lines. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live baits and crankbaits. Smallmouth bass are good on live baits and shad-colored crankbaits along points. Channel catfish are good on live baits.

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Drug-Free Workplace - EOE

Hunting License

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weeks prior to the dove season opener as opposed to five or six times that number on the days around opening weekend.

A last-minute license purchase rush is probably inevitable in some areas of the state, TPWD officials say, particularly along the I-35 corridor where many dove hunters descend. Fortunately, there are other license buying avenues available.

"Hunters who need to purchase a license at the last minute or those who don't want to stand in line have a couple of options," said Newton. "They can also purchase licenses online through the TPWD web site (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>) or by calling (800) 895-4248. There is a \$5 convenience fee for either option and a major credit card is required."

License sales call center hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday — Friday. The online transaction system is available 24/7.

"We sold about 4,500 licenses online and by phone during the peak sales weekend last year," Newton said. "We'd like to steer more of the traffic to the call center and Internet during the peak volume periods."

A license confirmation number is issued at the time

of purchase for online and phone orders, and the physical license is mailed separately. Confirmation numbers will verify that a license has been purchased, which is sufficient for dove hunting, but will not allow hunters to take fish or wildlife that requires a tag.

"Some people are using the convenience options to purchase licenses for everyone in their family or hunting group," Newton said. "It can help ensure that everybody who shows up to hunt, especially those coming in from out of state or kids coming in from college, already have a hunting license waiting for them. You can buy a license for someone else, even at the retail counter, but to avoid delays please be sure you have all their personal information."

In addition to a hunting license, all wing shooters will need to purchase a game bird stamp. To hunt doves or teal in September, a Migratory Game Bird Stamp (\$7) is required. Duck hunters also need to purchase a Federal Duck Stamp and receive HIP (Harvest Information Program) certification. HIP certification will be printed on the license at the time of sale only after the purchaser answers a few brief migratory bird questions. Lifetime license holders

must also be HIP-certified and purchase the Federal Duck Stamp to hunt migratory birds. All other state stamp endorsements are included with a lifetime license

"Remember, it's your responsibility to make sure you are properly licensed, so be sure to check your license before you leave the sales counter," Newton said. "We do get a fair number of requests for re-issuance of licenses because the hunter forgot to get HIP certified."

There are other mandatory endorsements to consider at the time of purchase, too. An Upland Game Bird Stamp (\$7) is required to hunt all non-migratory game birds, including turkey, quail, pheasant, chachalaca and lesser prairie chicken.

Of course, anyone who purchases the Super Combo license package, the best bang for the buck, automatically gets these needed stamps.

Hunter Education Certification is also required of any hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 and who is at least 17 years old. For hunters who are unable to work in a hunter education class before hunting season for whatever reason, TPWD does offer a deferral option.

The deferral option allows people 17 years of age or older a one-time only extension to complete the state's hunter education requirements. The individual must first purchase a hunting license and then may purchase the deferral option. Hunters using the deferral must be accompanied by someone 17 years old or older who is also licensed to hunt in Texas. The accompanying individual must have completed hunter education or be exempt from the requirements (born before Sept. 2, 1971). The extension is good for one license year, by which time the person with the deferred option needs to complete a hunter education course.

This option is not available to those who have ever received a conviction or deferred adjudication for lack of hunter education certification. They still must take the course before going afield.

TDA Uncovers Fuel Company Cheating Drivers at the Pump

AUSTIN — Texas Department of Agriculture's Commissioner Staples today announced results of "Operation Spotlight," a major investigation into Petroleum Wholesale, L.P.'s fuel stations. The company operates under the name Sunmart in Texas, and has stations located in several cities across the state. Findings from "Operation Spotlight" have confirmed numerous Sunmart gas stations have cheated Texas consumers by giving them less fuel than they purchased, and strongly indicate this could have been a deliberate act by the company.

"At a time when families are struggling to purchase fuel, I am sure all Texans would agree with me that despicable violations such as these are repulsive and must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," Commissioner Staples said. "Given the strong indication this company has intentionally cheated consumers, I have passed along the results of 'Operation Spotlight' to Attorney General Abbott and his office has opened an investigation into the matter."

Commissioner Staples initiated "Operation Spotlight" after becoming aware of some egregious violation patterns that pointed to the possibility of Sunmart intentionally shortchanging Texas drivers. The three-day operation ended on Sunday, July 20, with the following results:

- 990 of Sunmart's 1,704 fuel pumps cheated consumers (58 percent)
- 47 Sunmart stations cheated customers on more than half of their pumps
- 15 of those 47 stations had every single pump cheating drivers.

TDA shut down all of the non-compliant pumps.

While the investigation remains ongoing, TDA estimates the company could be fined more than \$100,000 as a result of their irresponsible actions.

Besides Texas, Petroleum Wholesale, L.P. operates Sunmart fuel stations in Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Utah and Arizona. Commissioner Staples has alerted regulatory officials in these states to inform them of this investigation.

"While this specific operation may have ended, we are far from finished," Commissioner Staples said. "We are going to shine the light on all violators who are looking to shortchange Texans. I will not stand for companies taking advantage of good citizens and I will work hard to protect

all our consumers.

"This investigation is ongoing. TDA inspectors will conduct follow-up inspections on each and every gas pump that was tagged out of order once it is recalibrated. We will also conduct re-inspections in the coming weeks on a random sample of the Sunmart stations. If we find continued violations, the penalties could rise much higher.

"This investigation has given us great insight and we will use what we have learned to strengthen the regulatory process. We are raising the bar so there is a strong incentive for ALL gas station owners to be compliant; a goal which I believe is strongly shared by the 95 percent of the retail fuel industry that operates with honest business practices," Commissioner Staples said.

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Mexico Democracy Could O.D. On Drugs

By Jerome R. Corsi

On Monday, London's Financial Times reported an interview in which the Mexican government intelligence organization's Guillermo Valdes, head of Cisen, claimed criminal drug cartels are a threat to the country's democracy.

"Drug traffickers have become the principal threat because they are trying to take over the power of the state," Valdes told the Financial Times.

Valdes claimed the drug cartels have grown so wealthy from the multibillion-dollar drug trade that they are now co-opting many members of local police forces, the judiciary and the government in their effort to create local structures to protect their drug businesses.

Meanwhile, Congress in June passed a finalized supplemental budget bill that included funding of the Merida Initiative.

In October 2007, President Bush had proposed an initial funding of \$550 million on a multi-year initiative for equipping and training the Mexican military to fight against Mexican drug cartels.

In the fourth annual meet-

ing of the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America held in New Orleans April 22, this year billed as the "North American Leaders' Summit," President Bush explicitly urged Congress to fund the Merida Initiative.

"And finally, in terms of just bilateral relations with Mexico, the Merida Project is an important project to help implement a dual strategy to deal with crime and drugs," President Bush said at the New Orleans joint press availability at the end of the meeting. "The President [Mexico's Felipe Calderon] and I have talked about this initiative in a way that benefits the people of Mexico and the United States.

"The initiative includes a commitment this year of \$550 million by the United States," President Bush continued. "And Congress needs to pass the deal, pass the bill. And they need to pass it in such a way that it conforms to the strategy that the president of Mexico thinks will best help deal with the issue."

The Senate approved \$465 million as the first stage of the Bush administration's

\$1.4 billion multi-year plan under the Merida Initiative, some \$85 million less than the administration originally requested.

Still, Mexican Interior Minister Juan Camilo Mourino expressed gratitude to Congress.

"Aside from the resources in kind made available to our country, the importance of the Merida Initiative is that finally the United States is recognizing that the problem is shared, is bilateral, that this means it has a responsibility with this fight," Mourino told a news conference, as reported by Reuters.

Mexico has committed to \$7 billion in the next three years to a crackdown against the violent drug gangs that dominate the cross-border drug trade.

The Financial Times report on Monday disclosed the Mexican government's public security cabinet now has evidence of 443 drug-related murders occurring in Mexico in June 2008 alone.

The Times noted that this number is the highest monthly tally since President Calderon first declared war against organized crime, when he took office in December 2006.

The June 2008 total brought the number of drug-related murders in Mexico to 4,699 in the past 19 months according to government figures.

As WND previously reported, the U.S. military is already actively involved in combating Mexico's drug cartels.

Joint Task Force North is organized under U.S. Northern Command, or US-NORTHCOM, to supplement U.S. law enforcement agencies in the drug war waging along our southern border with Mexico.

Nothing in the Merida Initiative calls for greater border security or building a fence along our southern border.

Keeping with the open border spirit of the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America, or SPP, the Merida Initiative assumes the drug war is a law enforcement problem that will be beaten once the U.S. and Mexican militaries collaborate and combat sophisticated cartel violence.

Congress has followed a similar path, voting to renew Plan Colombia with a 10-year, \$5 billion drug interdiction effort under which the U.S. military plans to assist the Columbian military to combat drug trafficking there.

Whether the Mexican military can contain the drug war, or will cross over surreptitiously to work with drug cartels remains to be seen.

A previous effort to train Zetas, members of Mexican law enforcement and military who received U.S. training and supplies to combat drug cartels, turned out badly.

Initially the Zetas joined the drug cartels as enforcers.

But experts such as former INS agent Michael Cutler argue Zetas have gone into business for themselves,

Gov. Perry Activates Resources in Preparation for Tropical Storm Dolly

AUSTIN – Gov. Rick Perry today activated state resources, including 1,200 National Guard troops, in preparation for Tropical Storm Dolly, which could make landfall on the Texas coastline as a hurricane by mid-week. The state is ready to provide assistance requested by local officials.

"Texans should take proper precautions now to ensure that they are prepared for possible severe weather in their communities," said Gov. Perry. "Residents should remain vigilant, heed the warnings from their local officials and continue monitoring this storm."

According to the National Weather Service, Tropical Storm Dolly is expected to strengthen before possibly making landfall on the southern coast of Texas between Corpus Christi and Brownsville. A hurricane watch has been issued for the Texas coast from Brownsville north to Port O'Connor. A hurricane watch indicates that hurricane conditions are possible in the watch area, generally within the next 36 hours.

In anticipation of the storm, Gov. Perry activated 1,200 Texas National Guard troops, Texas Task Force 1, the Lone Star Task Force and three incident management teams. The Texas Department of Transportation is using dynamic message signs to advise residents along the Texas coast to maintain a full tank of gas. If needed, 250 buses have been also activated and will be staged in San Antonio, fuel teams are ready to respond to an increased demand for fuel, and volunteer organizations are prepared to provide mass care support for residents. All state resources are ready for rapid deployment.

Individuals with special needs can let responders know who and where they are before an emergency or evacuation takes place by dialing 2-1-1. Deaf Link will be activated later today to communicate with the hearing impaired.

The State Operations Center is closely monitoring Tropical Storm Dolly and holding daily conference calls with federal, state and local officials, private industry partners, volunteer organizations, and the National Weather Service.

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

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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.

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For more information contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325-387-2880 or 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, 2nd place to receive a gift certificate for a pair of boots, 3rd 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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Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education) certification on Officer Routh.

At the last regular meeting, Ryon West, owner of Jay-Add Contract and Rental, had requested permission to acquire the vacant/adjacent land next to his property on West 1st Street. He had been instructed to bring a legal description and survey for the council to consider. Mrs. Dover moved to table any further action since Mr. West had not provided the requested documents. Mr. Adkins seconded the motion which passed.

The council voted unanimously to approve Sonora Industrial Development Corporation's (SIDC) \$30,000 4B sales tax fund grant to the Jones/Pool Partnership and EnerTech Wireline Services for the expansion of business operations in the City of Sonora. SIDC's quarterly financial report was also approved.

The members of the council then approved a motion to set a date for a Public Hearing to approve the joint effort of the City of Sonora and the SIDC in partnership with TXDOT to obtain a 50-50 grant to install a Point of Sale (POS) fuel dispensing system at the Municipal Airport. The bid for the equipment is \$13,000. The SIDC voted to grant \$6,500 in funds. The TXDOT grant would reimburse the city the remaining \$6,500. The Public Hearing notice will be advertised in The Devils River News.

The council approved Mario Solis' request to place two residences on the 100' by 200' lot at 508 E. Poplar Street. Members then approved the Main Street quarterly financial report and audit results and the Chamber of Commerce annual audit and quarterly financial report.

Charles Boo Walker of the Texas Forest Service was present to answer any questions concerning the service's request to set up an operations facility at the Municipal Airport. Mr. Neal moved to approve the agreement between the forest service and the City of Sonora. Mrs. Dover seconded the motion which unanimously passed. The council then approved, with their thanks, David Walsh's offer to construct and install swing gates at each low water crossing within the city limits at no

cost to the city.

Mr. Neal moved to contract with Local Government Services to perform an audit of Suddenlink's contract and services provided to the City of Sonora. Mr. Adkins seconded the motion with Mrs. Dover dissenting on the motion. The council unanimously approved an increase of the electrical inspection fee from \$65.00 to \$71.00.

There was then a discussion among the board members concerning the next two agenda items. These agenda items involved what hiring process to use when hiring a new City Manager and whether to designate an interim city manager or party (parties) to be responsible for certain city manager duties until the time when a permanent city manager is hired. The council voted to advertise for a new permanent City Manager through the Texas Municipal League (TML) and in newspapers/websites. Mr. Neal moved to ask Doyle Morgan if he would consider filling in, on a part time basis, as the Interim City manager until a permanent manager is hired. If Mr. Morgan does not consent, City Secretary, Patti Prather, would be designated as the legal authority to sign paperwork for the city. Mrs. Dover seconded the motion which passed with no one dissenting.

The council members then discussed computer problems and software programs on the Police Department's new laptops. Computer servers and possible license problems were also discussed. After lengthy descriptions and explanations of problems, the members voted to contract with Cal-tech of San Angelo for \$5,300 to inspect all city-owned computers for licensing, software and hardware problems and to repair any problems that the technicians discover.

The council set a date and time for the Budget Workshop and listened to public comments from Mike Mayhew and Linda Johnson. The council also approved Mike Routh's purchase of the AR-15 he used during his duties as Sonora Police Officer. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be August 19th at 4 P.M.

Sen. Hutchison Introduces \$500 Million for Border Law Enforcement Legislation

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), today filed legislation that would create a \$500 million grant funding program at the U.S. Department of Justice with a direct focus on helping border communities fight nar-

coterrorism.

"Our border law enforcement personnel are under assault and the Congress must provide the funding they need," said Sen. Hutchison. "Federal funding for combating narcotics trafficking must focus on the communities along the border that are on the frontlines."

The Border Law Enforcement Relief Act of 2008 will create and authorize \$100 million for each of the 2009-2013 fiscal years in federal grant funding, with two-thirds designated for border communities within 100 miles of the northern and southern borders. One-third of the grant funding will be designated for law enforcement agencies across the country that are affected by border-related criminal activity.

Funding from these grants could be used to obtain equipment, upgrade technology,

hire additional personnel, and cover overtime and transportation costs associated with criminal activity along the border.

In May Sen. Hutchison secured \$100 million in federal funding for domestic law enforcement in the Senate version of the Supplemental Appropriations bill, but the funding was removed during a conference with the House.

Also today, Sen. Hutchison sent a letter to the Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman and Ranking Member (and the subcommittee of jurisdiction's Chairman and Ranking Member) asking that \$100 million be added to the second Emergency Supplemental Appropriations bill (\$85 million for domestic law enforcement and \$15 million to fund Project Gun Runner).

Sonora PD Dispatch Report

Arrest(s):
July 16, 2008

- Gabriel Alvarado Jr., 34, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Public Intoxication.

July 19, 2008

- Moises Galindo Jr., 24, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Public Intoxication and Resisting Arrest.

Incidents:

July 7, 2008

- 1:37 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

July 8, 2008

- 10:16 AM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
- 11:20 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

July 9, 2008

- 8:16 AM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
- 2:31 PM: Caller reported a minor traffic accident. Officer responded.

July 10th, 2008

- 10:22 AM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.

July 11, 2008

- 8:35 AM: Caller reported a dead animal on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 11:01 AM: Caller reported a dead animal on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 1:14 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

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The Sutton County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2009 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 1, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. at the Sutton County Annex Building meeting room.

A summary of the appraisal district follows: The total amount of the proposed budget \$340,444. The total amount of increase over the current year's budget \$20,284.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget 2. The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by governing bodies of the county, school, city, water and hospital served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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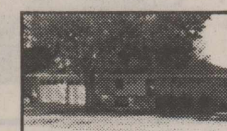
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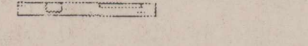
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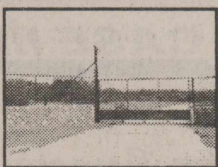
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The 2008 West Texas All Stars Tournament was hosted by the San Angelo Girls Fastpitch Association the weekend of July 11-13. Sonora's 8u softball team Starz participated in the tournament, playing a total of five games during the weekend. The 8u division included 20 teams from West Texas and New Mexico. The all-star team was sponsored by EZ Ranching and their contribution was greatly appreciated. Congratulations to the girls for a great tournament and many thanks go out to all of the parents for their support and cooperation during all of those hot practices and games!



Dustin Neff, Kevin Brown and Tyler Creek

Local Players Contribute to Shut-Out

Local Sonora High School players Dustin Neff and Tyler Creek were asked to play for the San Angelo Legends in the San Angelo Men's Baseball League. They were both selected to the All-Star team where their team shut out the opposition and they helped bring in 7 of the 9 runs. Neff went 2 for 3 with a base-on-balls and 2 RBI's. He played center field and shortstop. Creek went 2 for 4 with a home run and 5 RBI's. He completed 5 innings on the mound with 0 runs and 7K. The boys are coached by coach/player Kevin Brown from Ozona. He is a former college player and played for the San Angelo Colts. Their experience this summer will help them in the upcoming season.

Broncos Pre-Season Workouts Around the Corner

Summer is rapidly coming to an end and this can mean only one thing -- LOADS OF PAPERWORK TO BE FILLED OUT! This has to be one of parents' most favorite times of the year. Sign this, send money, return by Friday, and the list goes on for our students to be able to legally participate. This can be tiresome and down right annoying, but the truth is, it is the law. All students that have signed up for athletics should be receiving their new year's load of paperwork to fill out later this week. In their overly-stuffed envelopes you will find physical papers with a medical history on the back. The good news is that not everyone will need to make a doctor's visit for a physical. Only incoming 7th, 9th, and 11th graders have to do this. But EVERYONE has to fill out the medical history on the back of the physical and return it. Also found in the envelope will be the Acknowledgement of Rules form. This requires both a parent and student signature. The last thing that will require your signature on it will be the new form that the UIL has updated for the '08 school year -- Illegal Steroid Use Parent and Student Notification/Agreement form. This is in response to the implementation of student steroid testing statewide. This is all of the fun stuff needed before the real fun starts!

High school football practice will begin on Monday, August 4th. We will begin at 7:00 AM and will be finished by 12:30 PM. We will continue this routine until August 9th when the schedule will vary because of the beginning of teacher inservice. Coaches will give your student an advance schedule outlining practices for the next week. We will be handing out workout equipment on Thursday, July 31st from 1:00-5:30 PM, and on Friday, August 1st from 9:00 AM to noon. If it is not possible for students to pick up their equipment on these days, they will need to arrive early (by 6:30 AM) on the first day of practice.

Students will be responsible for buying their workout clothes. It will be \$15 and will be used the entire school year. Students will then be able to keep them at the end of the year.

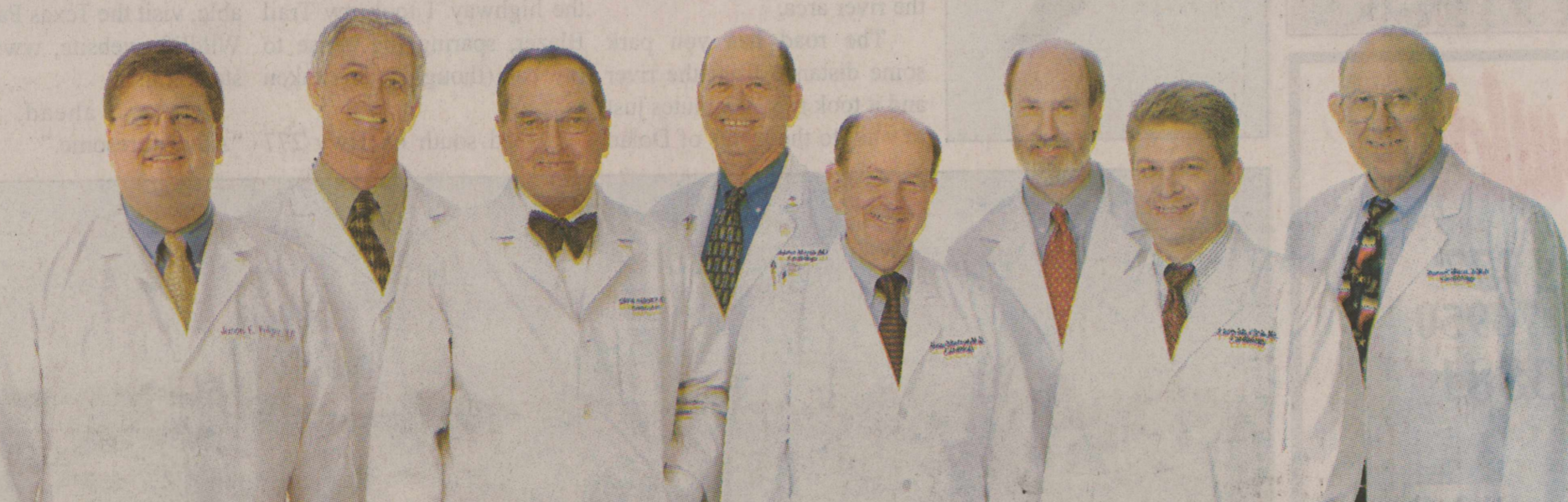
We hope that this has made things a little clearer for everyone. If not, we can easily be reached at school. Our number is 387-6940 ext. 3304, or the field house number is 387-6940 ext. 3900. We look forward to this year!

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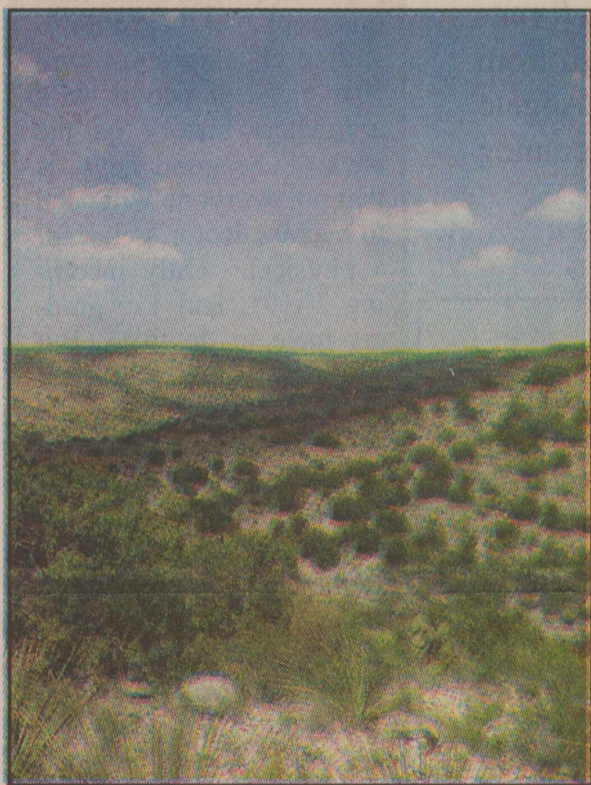
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A breeze blows across the Devil's River SNA in Val Verde County. The site possesses good biological diversity, and the scenic river corridor offers a rugged river experience.



Growing in the rough, the vegetation in the area combines elements of the Edwards Plateau to the east, the Trans-Pecos to the west, and South Texas brush to the south.



Clouds rolling by cast shadows across the cedar- and yucca-spotted hills.



A small sampling of plants found in the highlands.

Adventuresome: daring, willing, or eager to participate in exciting or risky activities (Encarta Dictionary). "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.

Devil's River State Natural Area (SNA)
Travel Time: 1hr. 20min.
Distance: 67 miles from Sonora

Story and Photos by James Ricks

I gave in to the wanderlust and ventured to the rough rugged beauty found in the Devil's River State Natural Area south of Sonora. The terrain is mostly covered in the thick brush common to West Texas with a little shade found near the riverbed and highlands.

I followed a trail that led up into the hills with stunning views of the area and found quiet, the kind of quiet that lets you hear the conversation between the wind and the trees. It appeared as if I was the only visitor in the area (I never did see any other people or vehicles). The day got warm and windy at 87 degrees as I went to explore the river area.

The road has you park some distance from the river and it took me 20 minutes just to walk to the banks of Dolan

Creek to find that it was all but dried up. The lack of water wasn't much of a surprise, though I wish I could have soaked my feet.

A dry creek holds its own kind of adventure open to exploring. The beauty of a dry creek is the beauty of promise: knowledge that once water flowed here and that someday water will flow here once again.

I explored the creek bed with its many cracks and crevices, never making it to the main river around the bend. I found catfish clinging to the shadows of the few small murky pools of water and noticed that, if I sat still long enough at the creek, the butterflies would come out fluttering between the trees.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife information suggested taking a vehicle suitable for rough surfaces for the 22-mile drive into the park from the highway. I took my Trail Blazer, sparing the abuse to my car (though it has taken worse).

Head south on Hwy 277

for 45 miles and you will see a turn-off sign on your right for DRSNA. Follow the dusty county road straight - avoiding the many turns to ranches and other properties - and you'll make it to the park. The area has enough signage to help the first-time visitor get around easily once you arrive.

The area averages between 15,000-20,000 visitors a year, according to park ranger Emmitt Brotherton, "with a lot of areas around to adventure in besides the river. It is also good for bird watching."

The state park website lists the following activities available: day hiking, primitive camping, nature study, mountain biking, and canyon tours. There is no potable water available so be sure to bring in plenty of your own drinking water.

For more information on the area and activities available, visit the Texas Parks and Wildlife website, www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Go ahead, be "Adventuresome."



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A trail leads out through semi-desert grassland vegetation for part of a 12-mile loop open to biking and hiking in the Devil's River SNA. In addition to the trail, there are 7 primitive campsites that are vehicle accessible, a group dining hall and conference room facility, and bunkhouse.