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28TH ANNUAL SUTTON COUNTY DAYS

Little Mr. & Little **Miss Sutton County Contest**

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Little Mr. & Little Miss Sutton County Contest entry forms are now being accepted at the Chamber of Commerce office. Please come by the Chamber of Commerce office new location at 103 Hwy 277 N. to pick up and drop off your registration forms. Entry forms will be accepted until 9:15 a.m. on Saturday August 18, and Judging will begin at 10:15 a.m. Contestants may check in that morning at the Chamber of Commerce Information tent at the county park. Pictures of each contestant will be taken the morning of the contest. A \$5 entry fee is required per contestant. Contestants entered in the contest must have turned 3 years of age and must not have turned 6 years of age prior to August 18, 2001. Contestants must be a resident of Sutton County.

5K – Run

The run will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 18. Check in and registration for the run will be in front of the Sutton County Courthouse beginning at 7:30 a.m. Race T-shirts will be available for purchase the morning of the race. The race divisions will be broken down as follows:

Division I Grades Kinder, 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Division II Grades 4th, 5th, 6th Division III Grades 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th

Division IV Grades 11th, 12th to 25 years

Division V Ages 26 and Wiser Cost for the run will be \$2.00 for division I & II and \$5.00 for division III through V. For more information or advanced registration contact Coach Eddie Favila at 387-3661 or the Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880

Sutton County Days Parade

The Sutton County Days parade will be Saturday, August 18 at 9:00 a.m. The parade route will begin at the intersection of Main and Crockett Streets and will proceed down Crockett Street to the County Park. Spectators are encouraged to find their places along Crockett Street prior to 8:30 a.m. Crockett Street will be closed to through traffic from 8:30 a.m. until the parade is completed. For more information, or a parade entry form please contact the First National Bank at 387-3861.

7th Annual "Ye Ole Bed Race"

Get your bed racing gear ready for the 7th Annual "Ye Ole Bed Race. The bed racing begins at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. This years event organizers will be the Sonora High School Cheerleaders. The cost for the bed race will be \$5 per team member with the proceeds benefiting the Cheerleading program. If you have any questions or would like to register for the bed race, contact any High School cheerleader or the Sonora High School at 387-6533.

2000 Talent Show Winner Slated for Return



The 2000 Sutton County Days Talent Show winner will be returning to the Sutton County Days stage to "wow" the crowd one more time. As has become tradition, the Sutton County Days talent show winner from the previous year will be featured entertainment on the main stage. This year's returning winner is a familiar face in Sonora. Sonora's own Manual Campos will be performing on the main stage at 1:15 p.m. Campos will be accompanied by his band "Thunderstruck" which includes Duece Wanier on Guitar, Chris Ponce on percussion, Brandi Miller percussion and back up vocals, as well as Campos on vocals and keyboard. The Band is influenced by a variety of artists including Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix and Nirvana.

DPS Reminds Motorists: Watch For Those Kiddos!

As the school year starts, the Department of Public Safety reminds motorists to slow down around schools and to watch for children who may be exiting school buses. Drivers also should be aware that children may cross streets without watching where they're going.

"The first few days of school, it's easy to be distracted," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "Make sure you're paying attention when you're driving, especially in and around school zones or near school buses. You don't want to become part of a tragedy."

More than 1.3 million Texas children a day ride school buses, which continue to be the safest form of highway transportation--fewer than 1 percent of traffic crashes in the state involve them.

The most common time for collisions is when school buses are loading or unloading students. According to the National School Bus Loading and Unloading Survey, most children injured or killed while getting on or off buses are under the age of 10. All students should be taught to follow safety rules and to watch for traffic before crossing streets.

Texas law forbids vehicles from passing a school bus while its alternately flashing red warning lights are activated. Motorists can be fined up to \$1,000 for passing a school bus while the warning lights are activated.

Subsequent violations can lead to suspension of a drivers license for up to six months.

"Stopping for school buses is

the law. DPS has zero tolerance for vehicles that pass stopped school buses; if you pass a stopped school bus, you will receive a ticket," Davis said.

In 1999--the latest year for which statistics are available--two children were killed in separate incidents when they exited school buses in Travis and Rusk counties.

In other incidents across the state, 1,348 bus drivers or occupants were injured in school bus crashes and 18 were injured while loading or unloading school buses.

For more information on school bus safety, please contact DPS School Bus Safety Program Administrator Charley Kennington at 254-867-4611 or the Public Information Office at 512-424-2080

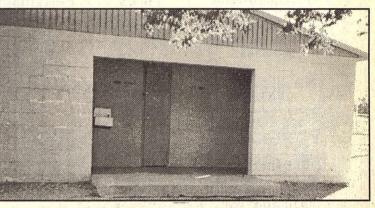
S.I.D.C. Projects in Review

by Rick Taylor

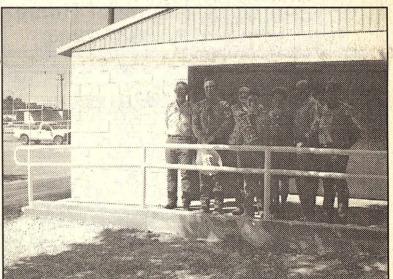
First I would like to thank the City and the County for their assistance to Sonora Industrial Development Corp. (SIDC) in making the last year productive for the community. With their help we have applied for an Enterprise Zone for the entire city and different area's of the county.

The Enterprise Zone is a state economic development tool that is used to attract new and expanding business to our community. The Enterprise Zone can also be used to assist local business. The EPZ will open up opportunities for many state and federal grants and low interest loan programs.

By utilizing the EPZ we were able to put different entities togeth-



Baseball Complex restrooms - before



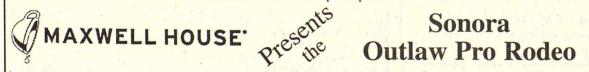
5th Annual Sutton County Days Talent Show

It's time to get your act together for the 5th Annual Sutton County Days Talent Show. Over the last four years the Sutton County Days Talent show has become a very popular and entertaining part of the Sutton County Days festivities. Each year the contest attracts acts from all over the state. From Del Rio to Lubbock and points in between, the Talent Show always features unique entertainment with something for everyone. The Sutton County Days Talent show has played host to singers, dancers, and guitar pickers of all kinds and this year's contest should be no exception.

But a talent show isn't a talent show without willing participants. So if you have a talent and you think you have what it takes to be a star, then we want you. The contest is open to any type of family entertainment whether it's singing, dancing, magic, or comedy; you are invited to give it a try.

The contest will be divided into three divisions. Division Three will include everyone ages 6 and under who do not want to compete for a cash prize. All participants in this division will receive a participation

ribbon. (This division is set aside for the young ones who would like to do their best rendition of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" etc.) Division Two will include everyone ages 12 and under with first place receiving \$100 and second place receiving \$50. Division One will include everyone ages 13 and up with first place receiving \$250 and second place receiving \$150. If you have a talent and would like to showcase it during the talent contest, please call or come by the Chamber of Commerce office for an entry form.



Are you ready for some odeo? The Sutton County Arena is the place to be starting Wednesday, August 15 and continuing through Saturday, August 18.

The 28th Annual Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo joins up with Bad Company Rodeo and kicks off Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. with a special "slack" performance of Barrel Racing, Breakaway Roping and Steer Roping.

Then, Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. the fun starts again with a special performance of Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling and Team Roping. Thursday night at 5:30 p.m. Bad Company presents the "Jailbreak" special performance, with two WILD section of Bull Riding, Barrel Racing, Breakaway Roping, Steer Roping, Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling and Team Roping. The first round of the County Team Roping Challenge finals will also start Thursday night

Friday night at 7:30 p.m., the finalists of the Kids Mutton Bustin' will get the dust flying for the evening. The top 14 riders will be performing, including Gunter Pennington, Daniel Newbury, Owen Luke Friess, James Freeman, Shea Holmes, Bethani Trevino, Chance Campbell, Kylie Love, Hunter Hughes, Victoria 'Alex" Reyna, J.D. Garcia, Will

Dutton, Julia Pope and Garrett Sharp. The 2000 Miss Sutton County, the Sutton County Princess, Little Miss and Mr. Sutton County and the 2001 Miss Sutton County Queen Candidates will also be introudced as part of the Pre-Rodeo activities. Bad Company's "Staying Alive" tour then takes over the arena for a night of ropin', ridin' and rockin' with some of rodeo's top cowboys and Bad cowgirls. Company Bullfighters, Michael "Smurf" Horton, Mark Callihan, Chad Beavers, Rodney Gaston and

Ashley "Stretch" McClellan will entertain the crowds and keep the cowboys safe.

The crowning of the new Miss Sutton County will start things off on Saturday at 7:30 p.m., followed by another full performance of the Sonora Outlaw Rodeo.

Title sponsors for this year's Outlaw Pro Rodeo include, Coors, MillerLite, Creek Swabbing and Roustabout, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Lynn Alexander Dodge, Metco Supply and Nibblett's Oilfield Services

See Rodeo page 7



Determined to Bust this Mutton !!!

er for new construction in the Sonora Industrial Park. We can now apply for a Capital Fund grant for the future infrastructure in the industrial park.

The Ports to Plains Coalition has worked hard to make Hwy 277 a divided 4-lane highway from the Canadian Border to the Mexican Border. Many companies that thought about Sonora in the past are now looking at our area for relocation or expansion. Even though it may be a few years before we see asphalt put into place in Sonora, companies think in the future.

Some 28 proposals to new industry have been mailed out this year. They have been mailed to foreign countries, and 9 states not including Texas. We have had site visits and inquiries from organizations looking at truck stops, trucking sales & service, plastic injection and molding, processing plants, distribution facilities and fast food outlets. The SIDC has assisted with job fairs for two different organizations in the Sonora area.

Programs that are being looked at for the future are medium income housing subdivisions, of family housing from the \$45,000.00 to \$65,000.00 range.

Eco & Nature Tourism, Bed & Breakfast, Ranch Retreats have grown to over a \$40 billion dollars industry in the State of Texas.

Many business opportunities can and will be linked with the incubation of regional partnerships. With a collective effort on the part of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Sonora Main Street, City of Sonora, and County Commissioners, many of the businesses and programs will become a reality.

I was asked by one of our visiting prospects "What kind of a community was Sonora when it came to new growth." The first thing that came to mind was that the people "Respect their history and heritage but, they also have a focus on the future and the younger generations."

Thank for your support.

Baseball Complex restrooms - New and improved Solis Completes Eagle Scout Project

Eagle Scout, Roland Solis recently finished his improvement project at the Sonora Baseball Complex. Solis presented his request to the Sutton County Commissioners and was approved to build an ADA accessible ramp at the restrooms. Larry Lynch advised Solis on all the ADA regulations.

STR Contractors donated all the building materials and Arturo Sanchez Construction Co. donated all the concrete. Oscar Jimenez, with the Road and Bridge Department, furnished the pipe and assisted with the welding.

Roland wants to extend a special thanks to Israel Arevalo, Larry Lynch, and his father, Johnny Solis for all their help in completing the project.

This ramp will be very helpful and is a great improvement for the Baseball Complex.

Water Common Questions About Testing.

by Cindy Cawley, Sutton Co. UWCD

Do I need my water tested? The City of Sonora maintains a water quality testing program for all wells which service the City. However, rural wells are the responsibilty of the landowner. Generally, problems can be detected and solved before an irreversible situation occurs.

What could be contaminating my well? Many sources are likely. Septic tanks, improperly constructed and/or maintained is a major concern. Oilfield construction, particularly wells closed years ago, are cropping up and showing signs of age with leakage into the aquifer. Improper waste disposal of oil and gas products, paint products, etc. are another problem. Cesspools, which are illegal, can cause water well contamination. Abandoned holes or wells with no caps or plugs provide another avenue to our water source. Remember, what we put in or on the ground can eventually find its way to the water source.

I've never had trouble before, should I worry? Hopefully, you will never have trouble with your water well. However, as the old saying goes, "an ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure." Play it safe instead of sorry.

How do I get my water tested? Easy, just pick up the phone and call the Water District office at 387-2369.

What's involved in testing my water? Answer a few questions and direct the Water District personnel to the location of your water well.

Will I be able to find out the results of the water test? Yes, you receive a copy of the test results, comments of the quality of your water and any action that is required.

How much does a water test cost? The Water District provides water testing as a service free of charge to well owners within the District.

How can I protect my water source? You can protect your water source, the Edwards-Trinity Aquifer, by proper water testing on a regular basis and wise use of water in your household and business. Consider how you can save water each time you turn on the faucet. Simple conservation techniques can save thousands of gallons of water over time.

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Sonora Church

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> **NEW HOPE Don Seigler** 511 Cornell

SONORA FAMILY FAITH CENTER Sonora Stock Pens

Clifton Bee Lowry, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, 72, passed away Sunday, Aug, 12, 2001, at his res-idence on the family ranch near Del Rio.

He was born April 4, 1929, in Del Rio to Clifton Lee and Beatrice Newman Lowry. He married Norma McDonald. daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J.A. McDonald of Del Rio, May 24, 1948. Clifton and Norma lived and ranched in the Del Rio are for more than 53 years. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Norma M. Lowry; daughters, Susan Bee Newsome and her husband Dan and Kay Alice Lowe, all of Del Rio; grandchildren, Emily S. Cooper and her husband, Andy, of College Station; Adam L. Lowe of Lubbock, Staci R. Lowe and Katy E. Lowe, both of Austin; Aunt Elvie Turney of Sonora; Uncle E.A. Davis of Smiley; numerous cousins and a host of friends.

Pedro Tambunga Sr.

Obituaries

Clifton Bee Lowry

Pedro "Pete" Tambunga, Sr., 75, of San Angelo died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2001, at his residence.

A rosary was held at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel and Mass will be on Thurs., Aug. 16, 2001 at Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart with the Rev. Maurice Voity officiating. Military graveside services will follow in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Paul Ynostrosa, Jr., Jimmy and Carlos Ynostrosa, Guadalupe Sanchez Jr., Antonio and Omero Sanchez. Honorary Pallbearers will be Carlos Hernandez, Chainio Gonzalez, Manuel Perez, Neal Becknell, Paul Torrez, and Fred Morales.

Mr. Tambunga was born Sept. 9, 1925, in Eola to Merced and Rafaela Martinez Tambunga. Pete worked in agriculture most of his life and was a veteran of World War II. Pete was a lifetime member of VFW and DAV. Mr.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Velma Lee Simonsen. Funeral services were held

Tuesday at The First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Judith Sellers Burial followed at officiating. Westlawn Cemétery. Funeral arrangements are with G.W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home at 114 Fletcher Dr. (915) 775-2000.

Pallbearers were Bill Cooper, Andy Laughlin, Adam Lowe, Paul Turney, Olie Smith and Gary Leonard. Honorary pallbearers were James Lee Leonard, Bud Smith, E.A. Davis, Toots Hutto, Ray Hutto, Harvey Smart, Billy London, David Bolner, Tuffy Whitehead, James Hardin, Bill Cauthorn, Tooter Shanklin, Clay Evans and Jack Moore.

Tambunga married Juanita Lopez in 1945 in Sonora. They were members of Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Tambunga of San Angelo; four sons, Jose Manuel Tambunga and his wife, Diann, of La Place, LA., Willie Tambunga and his wife, Rita, and Pete Tambunga and his wife, Liz, all of San Angelo, and Henry Tambunga of Fort Worth; a daughter, Mary Camarillo and her husband, David, of San Angelo; a brother Saragosa Besarra of Sonora, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

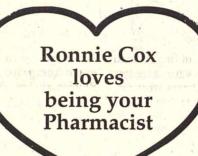
Mr. Tambunga was preceded in death by two sisters, Elida Galindo, and Petra Rodriguez.

The family requests memorials be made to Hospice of San Angelo, 36 E. Twohig, Suite 1100, San Angelo, Texas 76903

Cards of Thanks

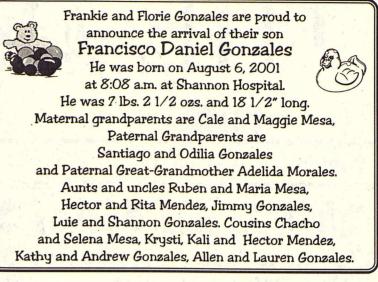
The Sonora Main Street Program and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like to express our appreciation to Tedford Jewelry, La Mexicana Restaurant, SCAT (Sonora Community Arts & Theater), First National Bank, and The Bank and Trust for their support in bringing back Mingo Saldivar. We would also like to express our appreciation to Border Trash Band and Souls A Fire Band for being a part of the entertainment. We invite you to a day of fun, music, shopping, dancing and food at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center Area. Come join us at Sutton County Days 2001.

The Sonora ISD Faculty would like to thank the Sonora Downtown lion's Club for the hamburger supper on Thursday, August 9, 2001. The burgers were great and we look forward to next year!

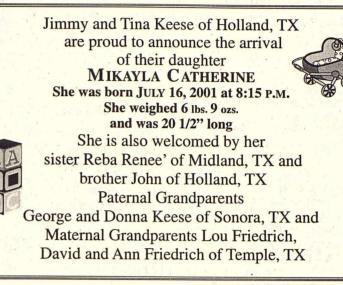


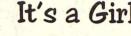
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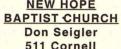
It's a Girl!

Dacey Maye Roubison was born July 28, 2001 at 8:24 p.m. She weighed 8 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 19 1/2" long Proud parents are Dawn and Skeeter Roubison of Ft. Davis, TX. Maternal Grandparents are George and Donna Keese of Sonora, TX Paternal Grandparents are Marvin and Pooty Roubison of Eldorado, TX.

Lighthouse Baptist Church Family Life Center 305 S. Crockett Listen to our Radio program on KHOS 92.1 every Sunday Morning at 8:00 a.m.

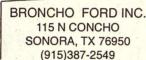
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m La Mexicana Worship 11:00 a.m. 240 N. Hwy 277 387-3401 **Senior Center News** Pizza Hut Aug. 20 - Bingo! School Lunch Menu • Aug. 20 - Aug. 24 Aug. 21 - Birthday Party for August babies...after lunch! 401 Hwy. 277 N. Breakfast Aug. 23 - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Education. Noon. 387-3540 Mon. - Breakfast pizza, juice, fruit. Tues. - Pancake pups, syrup, fruit, juice. Sutton County Steakhouse Senior Menu Wed.- Sweet rolls, fruit, juice. Thurs. - Breakfast burrito, fruit, juice. 1306 N. Service Rd Aug. 20 - Frito pie with chili/cheese, chips, salad with croutons, Fri. - Scrambled eggs, toast/jelly, juice. dressing, spinach, wheat bread, applesauce. 387-3833 Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts. Aug. 21 - BBQ chicken, pinto beans, potato salad, cornbread, Lunch Stagecoach Grill & Cantina apricot & banana medley. Mon. - Chicken nuggets, mixed vegetables, orange sections, roll, 407 South Crockett Aug. 22 - Roast beef with gravy, roll, mashed potatoes, green beans, mashed potatoes. Tues. - Corn dog, baked beans, applesauce. sliced strawberries with angel food cake. 387-0623 Wed. - Green beans, fruit salad, roll, chicken spaghetti. Aug. 23 - Liver with onion, scallops, potatoes, green beans, roll, Thurs. - Bean and cheese burrito, tossed salad, pear slices, Taco Grill fresh fruit cup. Spanish rice. 232 Hwy. 277 N. Fri. - Cheeseburger, French fries, lettuce, tomato slices, pickles, Aug. 24 - Ham with pineapple, corn, roll, macaroni, peaches, chocolate chip cookie. 387-9127 lemon bar. Snack Bar Menu Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon. Cost per plates: Aonday & Thursday: Chicken Strip Plate with gravy Town & Country Subway Students \$1.75 Tuesday: Steakfinger Plate with gravy \$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others. Adults: \$2.25 610 S. Crockett Wednesday: Fish Plate *Menu is subject to change.* Friday: Burger Day - Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Chicken burger. 387-6181 Offered everyday: Burrito plate, corndog plate, burgers, chef salads on flour shell, pizza pockets, nachos, chicken & cheese crispitos, mozzarella cheese sticks. (all Town & Country - Country Kitchen lates include French fries, tator tots, salad & milk, all plates will be a 903 N. Crockett Ave. reimbursable meal. (a la carte can not use tickets) SPONSORED BY: Sonora Hardware 387-2169 Calendar Community THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS USPS (155-920) every Thursday at 228 East Main Street Sonora, Texas 76950 August 15 Phone: (915) 387-2507 FAX (915) 387-5691 Outlaw Pro Rodeo Special Slack Performance 5:30 p.m. • Sutton County Arena August 27 Second class postage paid at Sonora, Texas Storie Sharp, Publishing Editor FMI call 387-5645 or 387-6577 County Commissioners Meeting 9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg. August 21 Erica Morriss, Advertising **City Council Meeting** Guest Columnist: Jo-Ann Palmer 2:00 p.m. • City Hall Email: General Information: drn@sonoratx.net, Accounting: billing@sonoratx.net, Advertising: sales@sonoratx.net, editor @sonoratx.net Owner: Cam Longley Campbell. \$20 per year in county • Seniors \$18.00 per year (in & out of county) is made possible by : \$25 per year out of county The Community Calendar Attn. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Devil's River News, 228 East Main St., Sonora, TX 76950 BANK&TRUST Copy and Ad deadline -Member FDIC Monday, 5:00 p.m. Member FDIC 207 N Hwy 277 N • 387-2593 Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm, or corporation which appears in the columns of this paper will be corrected upon due Letters To The Editor Policy notice given to the Editor of this publication. The Devil's River News encourages letters from its readers. Letters should be to the point, typed if at all possible and signed. Name, address and The views expressed in submitted articles are not necessarily the views of the staff . telephone number should be included for verification purposes. Letters will be printed on a space available basis. Letters should stick with issues, and not simply be personal attacks. Letters endorsing a particular position on issues of local interest will be accepted, however letters endorsing a candidate Member 2001 for political office will not be accepted. We reserve the right to edit for length, content, and potentially libelous statements. Letters to the Editor published in this newspaper do not necessarily reflect the position of this publication on any subject. Correspondence should be mailed to : The Devil's River News-Letters to the Editor, 228 East Main, Sonora TX. 76950. **TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION** Email us at editor@sonoratx.net

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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Q. Do you have an obituary on a Leon Barfield that died about 1900?

A. Devil's River News, October 4, 1902 - Died at his father's home in West Sonora on Wednesday, October 1, 1902, Leon, eldest son of T. Colman Barfield in his 20th year. Deceased was an industrious steady young man and his services much appreciated by his employers. His death was caused by being thrown by his horse while working on the Whitehead ranch ten days ago. He never regained consciousness after the accident. All that medical skill and careful attention could do availed not. His funeral to the Sonora cemetery Thursday evening was largely attended. Rev. Nath Thompson conducted the services at the grave. The News extends its sympathy to the parents and relatives in their sorrow. Note: We have not been able to locate this grave in the Sonora Cemetery. If any of my readers know where it is please give me a call.

We found an interesting story in the Devil's River News of January 17, 1936 that we wanted to share with you this week. Headline: Into Sonora Atop Stage in 1902; Into Sonora in Sedan, Year 1936: This week D. F. Patterson and Mrs. Patterson of Blue Mound, Kas., came into Sonora in an attractive, shiny sedan with a motor of quite a few cylinders.

In 1902 when the Pattersons first came here, Mr. Patterson recalled Tuesday, he rode on top of the hack from San Angelo "just for the fun of it." Tom Savell, brother of Theo Savell, Sutton County ranchman, was the driver.

The Pattersons are visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halbert and other friends here and in Ozona while on their way to Southern California

"year of bumming around," as Mr. Patterson expressed it. The store in Blue Mound, Kansas, burned several months ago and Mr. Patterson has not engaged in business since that time

Mr. Patterson, who worked here from 1902 to 1908, was in a reminiscent mood as he sat in his car in front of the NEWS office Tuesday afternoon. "Yes things are a lot different now, in fact, they've changed in the two and a half years since I was here.'

"My 'deal' to come here in 1902 was made on a Pullman between Fort Scott and Parsons, Kansas. A friend in a wholesale house in Kansas City recommended me to Max Mayer and I came to Sonora Mercantile Co. with the title of 'dry goods manager.' The store was up there on the corner across from the courthouse where the car agency is

"I worked with George Trainer. Max Mayer was manager first then E. S. Briant. Judge Burroughs was bookkeeper. I remember how pleased I was when I saw the store. The fixtures pleased-you know, they hadn't even opened up. It really looked like a lot-and it was-to the young fellow from Kansas.

"I'll never forget that when I went to buy our tickets to Sonora the station agent couldn't find the town. Finally he discovered a 'San Angelo," seventy-two miles away, and that's where we headed. We stayed there, a week-end, at the old Landon Hotel. We were told we'd hear a bugle in the morning and that meant the stage would be lumbering down the street. Sure enough, that's the way it was. Tom Savell was driver, as I said a minute ago, and Jeff Carter was bugler.

There were fourteen passengers, I remember. We changed teams at Christoval and several other places along the road-after the horswhere they will visit a while in their es were 'tamed down.' About five

we got in here and took rooms at the old Decker Hotel.

The Pattersons have spent two weeks in Wichita Falls with her sister and have also stopped for a time in Denison and San Angelo. They have visited Mrs. Joe North and her son, Joe North, Jr., former Sonorans, in Ozona this week. Unable to attend the fortieth wedding anniversary party of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halbert intimate friends here, last year they will leave Sonora Saturday and cannot enjoy the anniversary date, next Monday, with them this year.

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approximately 1896?

Just imagine what it would be like to get up in the morning and take all day to travel in double wagons, packed in with 14 other passengers and their luggage, over bumpy dirt roads to get to San Angelo. You could ride your horse up there but we think you would find your body would be much sorer on horseback than sitting on the wagon seat. Women in their many layered clothing must have suffered terribly in the heat. Picture them riding along being stabbed by the whalebones in their corsets and forbidden by propriety to even open a button or two on their blouses to catch a cooling breeze. Of course the men had to be gentlemen and keep their jackets on in the presence of the ladies and it just wasn't mannerly to undo your tie and heavily starched collar. So there they would sit, 14 people with sweat running in streams down their dust covered faces. Of course there



Ben Cusenbary driving a stagecoach from San Angelo to Sonora, 1905

Why You Should Quit Smoking

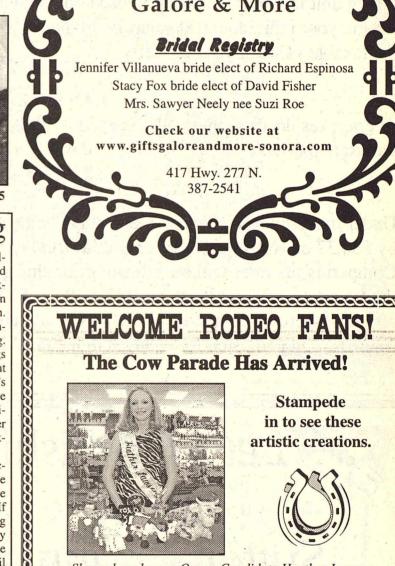
by Jessie Johnson

Quitting smoking is the most important thing that you can do for your health. Smoking causes nearly one in five deaths and is the leading preventable killer in the United States, causing over 420,000 deaths each year. Do you know what diseases smoking causes, most of us know about heart disease, lung disease, lung cancer, and emphysema because these diseases cause the most deaths from smoking.

However, did you know that smoking also causes larynx, mouth, esophagus, pancreas, and bladder cancers. Other diseases more frequent in smokers include wrinkles, softening of the bones (osteoporosis), loss of sight (macular degeneration), bleeding stomach ulcers, stroke, inflammation of colon (Croons disease) and foot ulcers. Second-hand cigarette smoke kills an estimated 53,000 nonsmokers each year in the US. Exposure of pregnant women to second-hand smoke causes low birth weight in infants, pre-term delivery, miscarriages, and sudden infant death syn-

knows that taxes have made smok-





Is Your Tax Rebate Check In The Mail? Not If You've Defaulted On A **Student Loan**

Contact: Kristin Boyer, Texas cated that the consequences of stu-Guaranteed, 512-219-4990 or 800-252-9743, ext. 4990

defaulters won't have a difficult ratings, impacting their ability to

Although the first batches of tax rebate checks from the 2001 federal tax cut legislation have hit the mail, those who have defaulted on their student loans will be receiving a letter from the U.S. Treasury Department rather than a check.

dent loan default can be severe. According to Caldwell, student loan Austin, TX - Student loan default can affect borrowers' credit time deciding how to spend their qualify for a car or home loan, and rebate money. The federal govern- can even result in wage garnish-ment has decided for them. ment.

"We've had hundreds of calls from defaulted borrowers since the tax rebate letters started going out," said Caldwell. "In most cases, defaulted borrowers perceive the government's action as unfair, although we try to point out that they do benefit from having their loan balance reduced. If they continue to make consistent payments, they can rehabilitate their loans and get out of default - a big step in the right direction." For more than 665,000 Texans who have remained current in paying back student loans, TG encourages them to consider applying some or all of the refund to get ahead on their payments. Borrowers with questions about the status of their student loans can contact TG at 800-222-6297 or collections@tgslc.org. Information about student loan default prevention may be found on Terry Caldwell, TG's assistant TG's web site, www.tgslc.org <http://www.tgslc.org>.

drome. Asthma, especially in children, is made worse by second-hand cigarette smoking. Careless smoking can also cause severe burn injuries that could result in death. There are also a number of nonhealth reasons for quitting smoking. Ruining clothes, furniture and rugs with cigarette burns is a frequent occurrence. The smell on a smoker's breath, clothes, car, and home makes hiding a smoking habit difficult. Almost every heavy smoker

ing expensive. For any information on tobac

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According to the federal government's Tax Offset Program, the Treasury Department has the authority to apply any federal tax refunds or rebates to the outstanding balance for anyone who is in default on a student loan. Refunds from the current tax cut legislation are anticipated to be \$300 for single filers and \$600 for married couples who file jointly.

Texas Guaranteed (TG), which guarantees student loans for 83 percent of the borrowers in Texas receiving Stafford or PLUS loans, indicates that there are more than 130.000 Texans who are currently in default on their student loans.

manager for default recovery, indi-

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co, alcohol, or drug abuse, please contact the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley. If you or someone you know is having problem with tobacco or any a chemical dependency issue, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley can be of assistance. All calls, consultations, and screenings are confidential. All services are provided at no charge. Please contact Jessie Johnson at 1-800-880-9641 to make an appointment.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

The Sutton County Commissioner's Court will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 8.0 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the changes in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 27, 2001, at 9:00 a.m.

FOR the proposal:

Carla Garner, County Judge John Wade, Comm. Pct. 2 Belia Castaneda, Comm. Pct. 4 Miguel Villanueva, Comm. Pct. 1 Milton Cavaness, Comm. Pct. 3

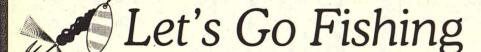
AGAINST the proposal: **PRESENT** and not voting: **ABSENT:**

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

LAST YEAR THIS YEAR Average residence homestead value: \$41,520.00 \$41,770.00 6798

Tax Rate (per \$100)	0.45222	0.376
Tax	\$187.76	\$157.

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would decrease by \$30.37 or 16.174 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would decrease by \$0.75422 per \$100 of taxable value or 16.678 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.



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Let There Be Light!

Sonora City League meeting -Tuesday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the FNB Annex. Will elect new officers and board members

F.Y.I.

Howard College in San Angelo will hold its 1st day of open regis tration for the fall 2001 semester or Monday, August 20, 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Open registration contin ues at the following dates and times Aug. 21 -- 23 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Aug. 24 from 8:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.

The Band Boosters will hold their first meeting of the new school year on Tuesday, August 21, 2001 at the commons area of the high school at 7:30 p.m. We encourage ALL parents of band members, 6th grade, Jr High and High School, to attend this meeting.

Watch the mail for your ballot supporting extended area service between San Angelo and Sonora Ballots will be mailed the week of August 15, 2001 and must be returned by August 29, 2001. Please vote Yes in support of these two cities efforts to bring extended area calling to your community. Vote YES for EAS!

The Texas Chapte LST/Amphibious Association i Chapter looking for all amphibious person nell for reunions. The next reunion will be held in Kerrville, Texas October 18 - 20, 2001 at the Bes Western Sunday House Inn. Contact Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill, TX 75948.

Santa Rita Days will be August 25, 2001 at the Reagan County Park & Gazebo in Big Lake, Texas, featur ing Johnny Rodriquez for a concern & dance in the park. FMI call 884-2980 or 650-0960.

The Big Lake Bluegrass Festival, a Bluegrass Reunion will be held September 7-9, 2001 at the Big Lake Community Center. Entertainment will be provided by the Gore Brothers, Star Canyon, Conche Grass, Big Sandy, Hickory Hill, and Texas Country. Admission Friday at 6:00 p.m. - \$6, Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. - \$10, Weekend Pass - \$15, Sunday Gospel Show - FREE. FMI call 915/884-3650 or 884-3396.

Police Reports

August 5, 2001 - Delinquent Conduct - A complainant, whom wished to turn over a juvenile female, which he picked up South of Eldorado, Texas near BJ Services, contacted officer. The juvenile female had run away from home and was enroute to Sonora, TX. The juvenile was turned over to them.

August 6, 2001 - Theft - Officer



The Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Committee, with the help of Billy Green Water Services, changed light bulbs at the Sutton County Arena Thursday night. The volunteers are getting everything ready for the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo, August 15-18. The new lights will help to ensure that everyone sees a great show! All materials and labor were donated by committee members.

Catching Up With the Senior Center

July - It's been a while, but it's budget time and vacation. We've been very busy at our center!

Let me start by thanking some of the people who have been at the Center to do programs, all of whom have volunteered their time.

Carole Thorp was here on July 11th. She works for the Texas Legal Services. She told us about access to the Legal Hotline for Older Texans and fee services that are available. She also told about Direct Deposits, Electronic Fund Transfers and how to determine if you qualify for a medicare savings program. She left us some "free" materials and booklets. Come by the Center and pick them up. We had fun, refreshments, door prizes and some very good information. There was a great turn out for the program. Thanks Carole! The Center is still looking for

Craft ideas and volunteers for the holidays. Crafts are on Thursdays Hernandez, Jacinto Garza, Bernardo Solis, Sr., Juanita Chavez, Bennie King, and Mela San Miguel! Join us for cake and ice cream, donated by JoAnna Wuest at Dairy Queen and AZE with Sysco. Thanks for the donations that make such a difference in the lives of our Senior Citizens!

We would like to thank Maria Carrasco with TDHS for doing Blood Pressure and sugar checks. Check our newsletter every month for dates and times or call us at the Center.

"Where there is a will there is a way" - but if you have no will, the State has a way. It will make one for you. They will do it their way. We are familiar with an estate being divided among 250 relatives because the person left no will. He probably did not even know some of those relatives. For more information on how to write a will that works for you and your family come to our Senior Center on Thursday, the 16th, starting at 1:00 p.m. Beth Wallace will be helping the Seniors that attend the program. So make plans now to come by and visit with her or call the Center for more information at 387-5657 or 387-3941. It's Sutton County week in Sonora. We were visited by the Miss Sutton County Queen Contestants and we enjoyed visiting with them. Good Luck girls! On Thursday, the Rodeo clowns will be at the Center to entertain our Seniors. Everyone always looks forward to seeing these guys! Thanks Mark, Chad, Rodney, Smurf and Stretch. Join us on Friday, August 31st for an Ice Cream Social. We'll have cake and ice cream as we close out the summer before Labor Day. Remember we will be closed on Monday, September 3rd. Sign up for holiday meals with the staff. We will be open again on Tuesday, September 4th. The Senior Center is planning a fund raiser for September. The Senior Center Support Group will have a Mexican Dinner to help raise money for things needed at our Center. Pots, pans, large serving spoons, tea glasses, small dessert/salad bowls, extra tables and at least 15 new chairs are needed. We could also us a sprayer in the sink where we wash dishes. Watch the newspaper and listen to the radio so you won't miss out on this special fundraiser. We need all the help we can get. For more information call the center. I would like to say a special "Thank You" to all of the people that have had my mother, Ofilia Torres, in their prayers and thoughts. Your phone calls, gifts, visit and flowers were greatly appreciated. She is doing much better and we hope that she will be walking, driving, and helping people again very soon. She also hopes to be back helping with her kids at Head Start again very soon. She works for the Foster Grandparents Program and takes pride in telling you how much she loves her job, her kids and her family. We love you mom! That's all for now, I will try to do more writing soon. I know that many readers enjoy hearing news from the Senior Center, because I always hear about it when it isn't there! Sorry! I'll try to have something every month. Thanks.

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Purchase Live Fish from the tank for \$2.00 per fish. If you would like to purchase Live Fish please bring your own cooler for transportation.

vas dispatched to the 1600 block of Tayloe in reference to a theft. Complainant advised that someone unknown to him had taken some items off his 1998 Dodge pickup. Investigation continues.

August 7, 2001 -Theft/Shoplift - Officer was dispatched to the Village Market Store in reference to a theft. Complainant advised that a subject was caught taking out a 30 pack of Budweiser and did not pay for it. Eginio Reyes Castro of Ozona, TX was arrested for theft

August 10, 2001 - Incident -Officer received a call from Oakwood Mobile Homes in reference to a lost mobile home. Investigation led to the location of the reported mobile home.

Happy Birthday

August 16 Hobbs, Morgan Morgan Badgett, Jaquina Castro, Dukes, Clyde JuanJ. Hernandez, Jr., Wayne Munn, Uriel Santana August 17

Arnoldo Gutierrez, Wheless Baker, Chesly Herd, Missy Anderson, Becki Chatwell August 18

Roy Stevens, Raymond Rainer, Quirina Perez, Harley Sadler, Sandi Ainsworth

August 19 Lauri Smith, E.M. Hobbs, Tom Jacoby, Freddie Chavez, Sr., Alisha Covey, David T. Sanchez, Jr., Martha Wallace, Diana Virgen, Justin McGeath August 20

Danielle Rvan Fox, Hardgrave, Steven Gandar, Maritzza Villanueva, Ben Maritzza Epps, Fay Price

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after lunch!

A big thanks goes to Darla McKissack and her helper (her daughter, Thia) for doing facials and bringing her Mary Kay products for our seniors. They all had a great time and are now ready to have their nails done - get ready Darla!

The Birthday party for July was on the 27th. Those celebrating were: Maria Ortega, Maria Carrasco. Amelia Ramos, Marie Curtis, Doris Grantland, Jean Humphreys, Lodessa Pope, Jimmy Harris, Dorothy Baker, Angelita Trevino, Josie Santos and Josephia Garza. They all enjoyed cake and punch. If we don't have your Birthday on our list, please come by the Center and register or call us at 387-5657.

AUGUST

The Trax van is going to San Angelo more than on the first Wednesday of each month. They are now doing Medicaid trips for those who need to see the Dr., go to the hospital, or to the Dentist. Call for more information - 387-2509. You can visit with Sonia or Glenda. You can also call toll free at 1-877-633-8747

We had an AARP 55 Alive, driving course on Tuesday, August 7th and Wednesday, August 8th. The turn out was very good, even with a few cancellations. The following Seniors took the course and said it was very educational and they learned a lot: Jean Redman, Mary Gilly, Victoria Ramero, Lucy Ramos, Beto Duran, Marie Aldwell, Vicenta Lopez, Juanita Chavez. To those who couldn't make it this time, they'll be back in 3 years. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bill John from San Angelo for doing the 55 Alive course!

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for donations for the Bar-B-Que Chicken for our Seniors. Everyone sure did enjoy it and it was very good.

Victoria Romero with the Green Thumb workers will leave us to go back to work at Head Start. Thanks for helping us out this summer and come back to see us soon.

We still need Seniors for our video exercise program on Tuesdays. Sign up now with one of the staff or call for more informa-

The Birthday party for August will be on the 21st. Those who will celebrate are: Marie Aldwell, Mrs. Lupe Jimenez, Jesus Noriega, Lura Sawyer, Lidia Reina, Lala

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Southwestern **University** Experts Offer Advice To New College Parents

Contact: Eric Van Danen Georgetown, Texas - It's that time again. Daughters and sons across the country are preparing to leave home for college. Parents from California to Connecticut are thinking, "Free at last!" Or, more likely, "How can I possibly let her go?"

Relax. Several experts at Southwestern University have pooled their pearls of wisdom about how parents can survive their teenager's first year away from home, what they can do to help and when they need to take a backseat.

James Hunt, acting provost and Dean of the faculty, and Sherra Babcock, Vice-President and Dean of students offer some down-toearth advice of first-year college a students:

1. If you did your job as a parent, your teenager is ready to leave. 2. Realize that things have changed enormously since you were

seventeen. You may like it, you may hate it, but it's true. 3. Allow your student to expe-

rience making decisions on his or her own. Freedom is one thing being able to set limits has to be learned.

4. For a student trying to settle upon the choice of a course of study, the best advice is and always has been, "Do what you enjoy the most." Students pursuing areas of real interest always do the best, and doing well always opens the most doors in the long run.

5. Don't insist on a career choice that fits your values and interests

6. Don't be shocked when your son or daughter questions values that you cherish. It's a natural part of developing his or her own values.

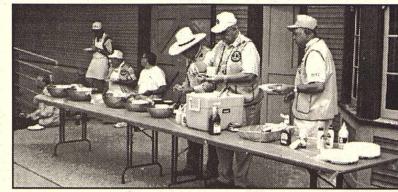
7. Parents need to find ways to take care of themselves - it is vital to the health of a son or daughter that parents don't continue to make the student the center of their lives. 8. Ask your daughter or son

about something other than grades. 9. Encourage a balanced

lifestyle, paying attention to studying, relationships with new friends, work, spiritual health and physical



Above: Sonora I.S.D. faculty and families enjoyed a hamburger supper, provided by the Sonora Downtown Lions Club. Below: Lion's Club members serve up burgers hot off the grill at the annual "Welcome Back" supper.



Changes in Legislature Help Keep Texas School Children Safe

Austin - Rep. Tracy O. King (D Center is a program with a very Uvalde) reminded Texans that with the start of the new school year, it's time to slow down while driving and watch for children exiting school buses and crossing streets. Rep. King said that Texas lawmakers worked to improve public school safety and student behavior during the 77th Legislative session in Austin.

"We must recognize that we have an important role to play in keeping our kids safe. Educators, parents, children and the entire community must unite together in the name of safety - collectively we can keep our streets and schools safe," added Rep. King.

Rep. King reported that legislators established the Texas School safety center as the permanent central location for safety information, research, and training. The centerwill conduct safety training programs for local, school districts, host a statewide school safety summit, and develop a model safety and security audit procedure for schools, explained Rep. King. Parents, schoolteachers, administrators, law enforcement and leaders of state agencies will serve on the board of tion issues, Rep. King encourages directors for the center, which will provide its services free of charge, said Rep. King. Texas "The Texas School Safety www.capitol.state.tx.us

important message concerning the safety of our children and I encourage all communities to get involved," said King. "Through this program we are building a broad network of communities dedicated to keeping kids safe."

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The Legislature also acted to reduce the number of false alarms disrupting schools by strengthening the penalties against students involved in fake bomb threats, fire alarms or other terroristic threats, said Rep. King. False alarms and false reports are a common problem that interrupts numerous school days each year, said Rep. King.

Rep. King went on to say that lawmakers also enacted changes to modernize Texas' truancy laws and more effectively deal with children who do not attend school. Included in the changes are requirements for school districts to send warning notices to parents and file truancy complaints with courts before it gets too late for students to be able to make up missed work and receive credit toward graduation, explained Rep. King.

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activity

10. Realize that their first big experience with independence will make it extremely hard to follow schedules and curfews on visits home.

11. Your student should establish his or her own checking account. It provides a sense of money management.

12. Regarding finances, provide your student with what is needed and a little more without allowing irresponsibility. Make surprises treats rather than bail-outs.

13. Send a bag of groceries back to school with a friend or surprise your student with something he or she wants or needs that isn't part of the support you promised. Most importantly, send mail.

14. The hardest thing for parents to do is let go. Don't meddle. Be willing to leave your student alone.

15. Encourage your child to stay on campus until Thanksgiving. This will give him or her time to develop relationships, plan weekend activities and create a new community. If Thanksgiving is a little too far off, at least don't encourage your child to come home the first weekend. Or the second.

16. Expect to see some changes in your daughter or son. College is - and should be - a time of growth, exploration, and questioning for a young person. It is part of growing up into an educated and self-confident adult.

17. There is no way to prepare yourself for the mood swings you'll feel as a parent, except to recognize that you'll have them.

18. Don't foster guilt for how much you are spending on education.

19. Don't change your student's room into a sewing room until at least the sophomore or junior year. Make sure there is a place at home that is familiar.

20. You've raised a child who can go out into the world and make new friends, new mistakes and new discoveries. The most positive thing parents can do is convey to their student that they trust them, love them, are there for them, believe in their education and are proud of them.

21. Listen.

those interested to call his office at 1-800-884-2776 or visit the State of website

New Law Will Have Elementary School Students Up and Running

by Jeff Wentworth, State Senator, that could occur in public schools District 25

When Texas public schools open this month, a new law will have elementary students up and running on a daily basis.

Concerned that a lack of physical activity is contributing to the significant increase in childhood obesity that often results in serious health problems, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 19, which I co-authored.

SB 19 requires school districts to implement a physical education program that includes up to 30 minutes of daily physical activity for students in grades kindergarten through six. Current law requires physical education classes for grades 9-12, but until we passed SB 19 the law did not address physical activity for elementary school students.

As a result of less physical activity and bad eating habits, the number of overweight children has almost doubled in the past 20 years. Overweight children are at a higher risk for cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and other health problems.

Tuition-based pre-kindergarten classes are another change that may occur in some school districts this year as a result of legislation we passed. SB 596 allows school districts, on a voluntary basis, to offer tuition-based or district-financed pre-kindergarten classes to children who speak English, who are not homeless and whose family incomes exceed federal poverty guidelines.

Constituents in Senate District 25 indicated they supported tuitionbased pre-kindergarten classes, but opposed SB 526 which would have changed the cut-off birth date for school enrollment from September 1 to May 31. Most of you will be glad to know SB 526 failed to pass. Another curriculum change

this fall is the voluntary implementation of nonsectarian charactereducation programs. House Bill 946 offers guidelines for the character-education programs.

Because I believe in local control for school districts, I had not supported bills in past legislative sessions that would have mandated a school-start date. I changed my mind after receiving a large volume of constituents' calls and seeing Texas students sweltering in 100plus degree heat during football and marching-band practice in early August. I co-authored the bill that prohibits schools from starting fall classes before the week that includes August 21. This bill does not become effective until the 2002-03 school year.

In addition to informing you about education-related legislation that may impact your lives, I also want to remind high school graduates about two \$1,000 career-college scholarships that are available. The two scholarships will be awarded to high school graduates from the Class of 2001 who live in Senate District 25.

The scholarships may be used at any of the 73 participating Texas career colleges and schools, such as San Antonio's ITT Technical Institute and San Antonio College of Medical and Dental Assistants. A complete listing of participating career colleges may be found on the Internet at www.collegesschools.org .

Application letters should be mailed to Senator Jeff Wentworth, Texas Senate, P.O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711. To determine if you live in my senate district, please call my office toll-free at 1-888-824-6984 or on the Internet at www.capitol.state.tx.us/fyi/fyi.htm.

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Texas A&M and the American Sheep Industry for more than a year on the development of a program that would bring stability back to the industry and would function similar to programs that exist for other commodities. After developing a propos-

ssociation has been working with

pleted. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest (R-TX) said he hopes to bring the bill before the full House of Representatives some time in September. The Senate has started holding hearings on their version but has yet to introduce a bill.

The hill is far from being com

USDA/APHIS Publishes Uniform Rules For Scrapie Eradication

USDA/APHIS has published Proposed Uniform Methods and Rules for Scrapie Eradication in the Federal Register which, if adopted as published, will have a very negative impact on the sheep and goat industry.

The Scrapie Rule was published last fall in the Federal Register, and producers and industry organizations commented. The comments were supposed to be incorporated and the Final Rule published, but this has not happened. It is our understanding that the final signing took place August 8, 2001, and then and only then should the Uniform Methods and Rules for implementation of the Rule be published for comment.

However, the UMR was published before the Rule was finalized. The proposed UMR can be accessed

www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/scrapie. htm The UMR was published April 19, 2001 for comment until June 19, 2001. Apparently the comment period was extended until August 20, 2001, due to lack of response.

During the comment period for the Scrapie Rule last winter, one area of agreement among industry personnel was that sheep and goats over 18 months of age should be identified before sale to allow traceback to premise of origin, to facilitate eradication by identifying the source



flocks. We commented that this could be accomplished most efficiently by premise ID tags applied before sale.

The way Scrapie UMR is written, what we will get is ID on STE-RIODS. Areas of concern are given on Pages, 15, 16, 17, especially 16 which has to do with record-keeping. Pages 24-28 address identification and record-keeping to accompany these tags which shifts a great record-keeping burden to both producers and dealers (buyers, auctions)

Pages 31 and following address "Program Stages for Consistent States..." These regulations call for Codon testing (genetic mapping) to determine resistance to Scrapie on all breeding sheep before movement interstate. This test costs \$17.50 Per Head and takes at least a week to get results. Then, susceptibles cannot move and must be removed. This apparently applies to sheep sold and also sheep moving interstate between grazing sites. This would be very costly and unnecessary.

With the Scrapie Rule being signed now, USDA has indicated the comment period for comment on the UMR will be extended for 30 days. Sheep and goat producers are urged to go to the internet site to read these rules and make comments as quickly as possible.

extract new gas, regulators found themselves buried in more requests for price increases than they could handle. They then tried several other methods of setting prices for groups of producers, but regulated prices never rose high enough to provide adequate incentives for new supplies. Artificially low prices didn't just reduce the supply of natural gas. They also encouraged people to use more gas. As consumption expanded and reserves dwindled, shortages were the inevitable result. Even though federal regulators

eventually abandoned price controls on natural gas, the regulators are still supposed to insist that prices be "just and reasonable." And as long as that's the case, the temptation to issue price controls will continue to persist.

Today, as power generators and farmers worry about the high cost of natural gas, lawmakers must ensure that there will be enough gas for all that need it. That means setting policies that encourage more production and expand existing pipeline capacity. This is one reason why I recently voted for the Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE) Act. This legislation will help build new natural gas pipelines. It's also going to repair and upgrade entire transmission grids and build new ones, in order to meet the energy demand we face.

America's energy problem did not happen overnight and it can't be fixed overnight. But by enacting the SAFE Act, Congress can put in place a balanced energy plan to increase production and promote conservation while protecting our environmental priorities. It's the only way to guarantee a secure, reliable energy supply to fuel the U.S. economy in the 21st century.

this to mean that they should establish cost-based prices for hundreds of different gas producers around the country. Producers could no longer charge prices that exceeded their historical costs. This meant that when the cost of production increased, producers would suffer a corresponding decrease in profits unless regulators increased the controlled price.

Since it cost more to find and

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Boyd Polhamus will keep rodeo fans informed of all the action both nights, with the help of the

and Saturday nights, Nashville recording artist, Chris Chitsey will perform on the Sutton County Dance Slab, starting at 9:00 p.m. This is a repeat performance for Chitsey, who kept dance crowds on

tickets are available from any of the 2001 Miss Sutton County Queen Contestants and their sponsors. Advance rodeo tickets are \$7 for under). Gate prices are \$10 for

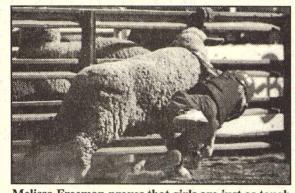
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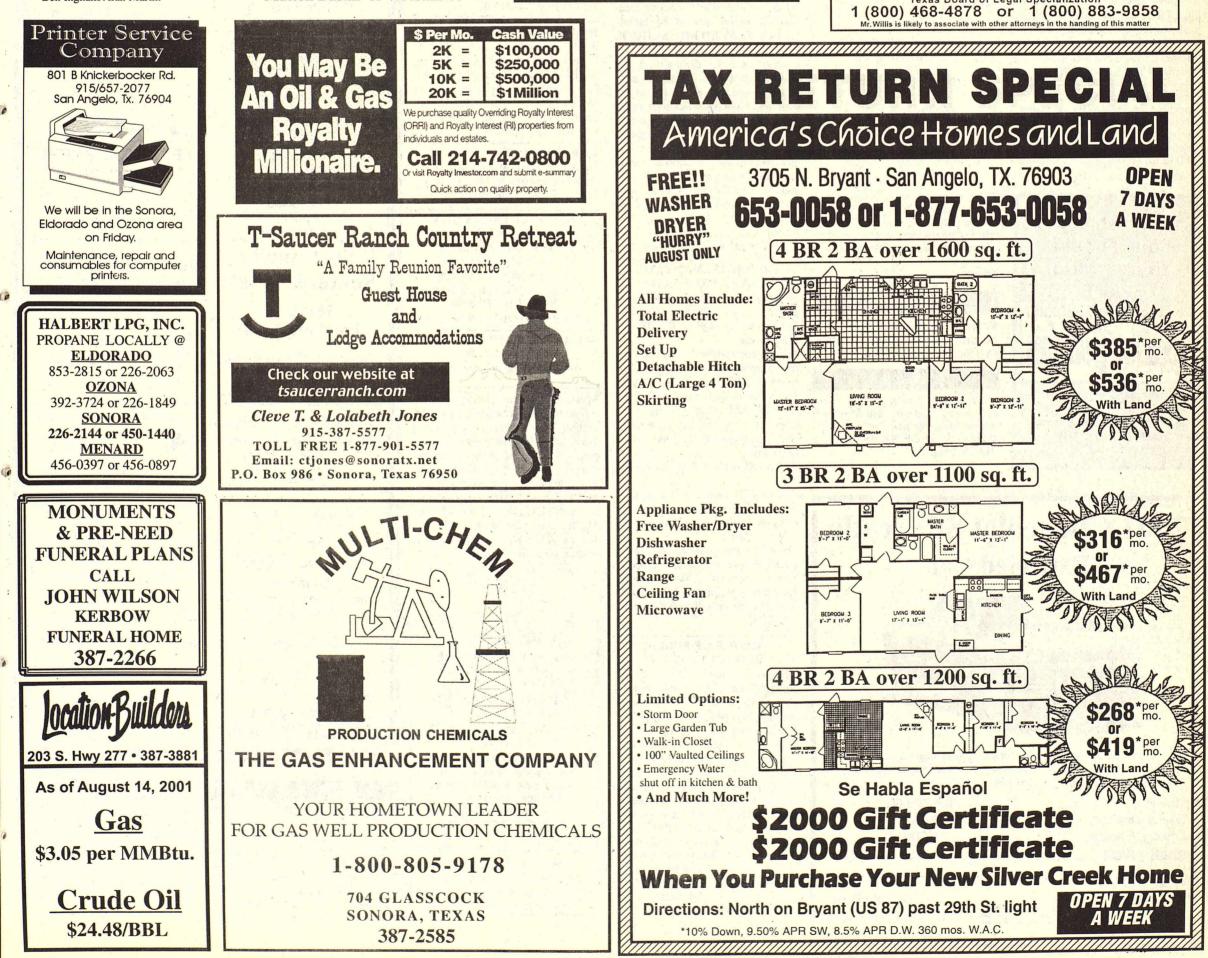
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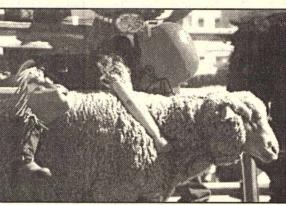












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District: San Angelo Contract 0907-00-051 for UPGRADE PERMANENT SIGN-ING in TOM GREEN County, etc. will be opened on September 06, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. st the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 4288

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will be opened and presented to the Board of Trustees at the next meet- ing of the Board at the above loca- tion. Envelopes should be clearly	hiring waitstaff. Positions open immediately. Please apply in person. 308-A Hwy. 277 North.	Open M-F 8:30-5: 112 North Conch 387-6127
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