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## SONORA, TEXAS

Thursday, July 4, 2002

Drought And Wildfires

Continue, TDA Urges Caution

#### **Texans Are Enthusiastic Celebrants**

of the U.S. armed forces engage

the enemy oversees, your state government is taking an active

role in protecting Texan's lives.

A Task Force on Homeland

Security was organized to help identify threats before they are

carried out and to respond effectively if an attack occurs.

Suggestions for the task force

may be e-mailed by logging onto the Internet at www.gover-

are on a state of alert to ensure

that our food supplies are pro-

tected. Information about the

safety of agriculture products is

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make some personal sacrifices.

The attacks on the World Trade

Center and the Pentagon dealt a

severe blow to a sluggish econ-

lion shortfall in the 2003-2005

budget that may dictate cuts in

state programs or a redirection

of funds. To ensure that our chil-

dren receive the education they

deserve, that our seniors have

the services that will allow them

to live in dignity, that our veter-

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Texas farmers and ranchers

nor.state.tx.us.

by Jeff Wentworth

When America observes its birthday on July 4th, Texans will be among the nation's most enthusiastic celebrants.

Even before the tragic events of September 11 revived the nation's patriotic fervor, Texans rarely missed an opportunity to wave the flag, pledge our allegiance to the flag and/or sing the National Anthem.

This year's celebrations will be tempered by the knowledge that our nation's ideals of freedom and justice are being attacked by an enemy who does not differentiate between a military combatant and an innocent available at www.agr.state.tx.us. child. We are all soldiers in the war on terror.

As the American pamphleteer and patriot Thomas Paine wrote, "These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country..."

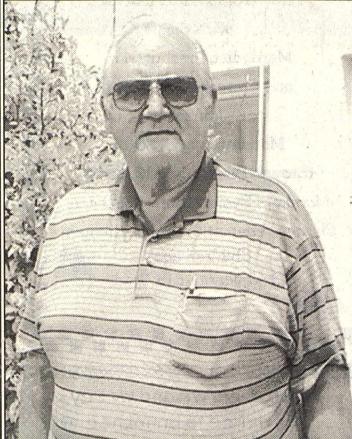
Texans are not summer soldiers or sunshine patriots. Whenever the call to arms has sounded, Texans have answered. More than one-and-a-half million Texans have served in America's armed forces, and more than 240,000 of them live in Senate District 25 counties.

The majority of those who highways and in our homes, we responded were not career military men and women. They were choices ordinary citizens whose extraordinary service ensured the sur- and sunshine patriot, I am confivival of this nation.

Unlike previous conflicts in from making the sacrifices necwhich citizen soldiers marched off to war, the war on terror shall not, as Abraham Lincoln came to us. It is being fought on said, "perish from the earth." two fronts.

While the men and women

# Sonora Welcomes New Mayor



by Storie Sharp

Jim Stephen, better known to some as "Brother Jim" has taken the reigns of our town and is Sonora's new mayor. Stephen was appointed to the Sonora City Council a little over two years ago when he filled a position left by Kyle Donaldson. Jim then ran for the position and was elected. He has now been appointed Mayor of Sonora after running unopposed in the last election. The position of Mayor is a two year term.

As Mayor, Jim is helping to implement several new projects, the main of which is upgrading our water system and the building of new tanks on Eaton Hill. He is also working on the plans with the City Council to renovate the old water tower. They are also continuing the street re-surfacing project, that will be complete over a period of 5 years. Another project that Jim will be looking at as Mayor and working with the city on is the possibility of enforcing a "Drug Free" Zone in the City of Sonora.

Prior to his position with the City Council, Stephen was the Pastor at the First Baptist Church of Sonora for 15 years. After graduating from Hardin-Simmons University, Jim worked for the Boy Scouts before he joined the Seminary. After leaving the Seminary he again worked with the Boy Scouts before moving to Fort Davis. He was Pastor of the Fort Davis First Baptist Church for 17 years before he and his wife, Betty, came to Sonora. Jim and Betty have two children, John, 36 who lives in Bryan and Rachel, 34 who resides in Slovakia. Betty recently retired from teaching 6th grade at Sonora Middle School. Jim is retired and enjoys spending time working on improvements around his home, working on Muzzle Loaders and woodworking.

With Fireworks AUSTIN July 1, 2002 — Commissioner Agriculture Susan Combs today urged Independence Day revelers to use extreme caution with fireworks this holiday, as many

drought and are fire prone. With wildfires raging across parts of the United States, we don't want to see that happen in Texas," Combs said.
"Many parts of the state are experiencing their sixth drought in seven years, and mixing fireworks and carelessness with drought is the perfect formula for disaster. One spark could ignite a scorched field.

parts of Texas are suffering

"Patriotism is of course alive and well these days, but safety must come first when it comes to celebrating the American spirit," Combs said.

Safety measures include using only legal fireworks outdoors in a closely controlled environment. Bottle rockets and missiles with fins and rudders are particularly dangerous and are banned in many areas. Children should be supervised, and a garden hose, wet towels and a bucket of water should be readily available. Fireworks should not be used in dry, grassy

"Fourth of July is a day for celebrating our country's independence," Combs said. "We must not put our families, our producers and our land at risk by playing with fire."

Nearly 70 Texas counties have received drought disaster designations for 2002, and more than 40 counties have established burn bans. Rainfall needed to improve conditions ranges from 1.53 inches in the Low Rolling Plains to almost 10 inches in the Rio Grande Valley.

In recent months drought has spread north and east along the Gulf Coast, and evaporation rates are reducing the positive impact of rainfall. The lack of water in South Texas has been worsened by Mexico's mounting water debt to the United States. Under a 1944 treaty, Mexico owes us 1.5 million acre-feet of water.

From 1996 to 2001, Texas producers lost more than \$6.5 billion due to drought. This growing season, drought has already taken its toll on the state's wheat crop and on much of South Texas' crop production acreage, resulting in losses estimated at \$316 million, according to Texas Cooperative

## **Senate Remembers Roy Cooper**

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Cooper of Sonora recently received a letter from Senator Jeff Wentworth informing them that Phillip's brother, Roy Cooper was to be honored with a Senate Proclamation in his memory. With this proclamation, the Texas Senate officially recognized Mr. Roy Cooper's civic and professional leadership. As a devoted husband, father and friend, Roy will be remembered as an exemplary citizen whose contributions to his community positively affected the lives of many people. This proclamation will remain in the permanent records of the Texas Senate in his honor.

Many Sonora residents will remember Roy, who was born in Sonora and attended Sonora High School and from his time with the Devil's River News for 16 years. Roy then went on to purchase and become editor and publisher of the Junction Eagle. Roy's family would like to share this proclamation with everyone in memory of their loving brother.

## Celebrate Freedom



by Henry Bonilla

This July Fourth we will commemorate the birthday of our great nation. The Fourth of July is a day of celebration. It is a red-white-and-blue day of barbecues and fireworks. It is also a day of family reunions and loving tributes to the men and women who have created and defended our liberties.

On this July Fourth, as we stand on Main Street USA and watch the parades pass by, reflect on the hard earned freedom we cherish. Celebrate the Fourth of July not only as a family holiday but a community holiday. This day commemorates the American family and our bonding as a free nation.

In towns dotted all over Texas people know what it means to be free. We celebrate the fact that we live in strong and united communities. We recognize how blessed we are to enjoy unparalleled freedom freedom that has been earned and protected at a high price.

Let us not forget to give 1776, our founding fathers set July.

up the greatest nation on the face of the planet. They knew that a truly free nation would not be defined in terms of its borders, but in its philosophy. For years courageous Americans have risked their lives to adopt and maintain the true meaning of the Declaration of Independence: "...that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happi-

As you celebrate this day, draw close to your neighbors and like one grateful family remember the sacrifices of the men and women throughout history who gave their lives for the freedom we enjoy and celebrate.

Pass the brisket, slice a watermelon and draw your hand close to your heart when you see the banner of red, white and blue. I hope you and your family truly enjoy the birthday of our nation. Have a safe weekend and to all of my fellow thanks on this day. On July 4, Americans, Happy Fourth of

## **Rogers Selected For TSHL**

Brigitte R. Rogers of Sonora is one of three new legislators for the 9th Legislative Session of the Texas Silver Haired Legislature (TSHL). Brigitte will represent the southern counties of the Concho Valley, including Sutton, Schleicher, Crockett, Irion, Reagan and Kimble.

Six Area Agencies on Aging hosted an Advocacy Training in Abilene, Texas at the West Central Texas Council of Governments on June 19, 2002. Brigitte attended this meeting and made many connections and new friends. The session allowed for them to make plans for the 9th Session of the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature. In July, Brigitte will be attending

the TSHL orientation in Austin. The Texas Silver-Haired Legislature was born when the 69th Texas Legislature adopted legislation supportive (S.C.R.37) in April 1985. It is a unicameral body whose members serve two-year terms. The purpose of having a volunteer, non-partisan body composed of Texans, sixty years of age and over, elected by their peers, is to provide an avenue within the community to assist in establishing priorities for considera-

tion by the Texas Legislature. The Texas Silver-Haired Legislature Goals are:

\* To motivate older citizens realize that legislative involvement is a primary responsibility of effective citizenship.

\* To help older Texans

know that if they are to become a viable political force, they must become informed and knowledgeable about the issues facing our community, state and nation.

\* To develop a forum for older persons to discuss and debate issues concerning, not only their own welfare, but that of others.

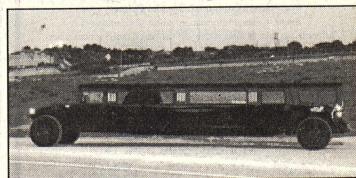
\* To educate the Silver-Haired Legislators in their advocacy role in order that they may continue their involvement in legislative matters in their local community.

\* To provide a Legislative body in which the Silver-Haired Legislators will have the opportunity to introduce, discuss and pass resolutions dealing with major concerns of our state.

\* To work for the passage in the regular Texas Legislature of those resolutions prioritized by the TSHL.

In last week's issue of the Devil's River News, the City Council Minutes were titled "Council Approves 'Drug Free' Zone". We would like to retract that statement, for the Council has not yet approved the zone, but are looking into it.

#### Just Hummin' Along The Highway



This "toy" called "ZBest Exotic Limo" passed through Sonora last week and was seen parked in front of the Sutton County Steakhouse. The Hummer Limousine was recently purchased in California and was being taken back to Ft. Myers, Florida. The driver said the owner of the vehicle, Jonathan Leonard, just planned to use if for fun!

#### The Senate of The State of Texas

#### Senate Proclamation No. 757

# In Memory

Roy Cooper

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Sonora and Junction in mourning the loss of Roy Cooper who died

March 30, 2002, at the age of 78; and WHEREAS, Born February 11, 1924, in Sonora, Roy graduated from Sonora High School, where he was an outstanding football player; he served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II and married Ruth Wittemore on February 23, 1945; and

WHEREAS, After his military service, he served on the San Diego Police Force; he also earned a degree from Kansas State Teacher' College in Pittsburgh, where he learned the newspaper business WHEREAS, Roy returned to Sonora, where he was employed a

The Devil's River News for 16 years and taught classes at the G.I Forum; he bought The Junction Eagle in 1968 and worked as the paper's editor and publisher until 1996; and WHEREAS, An exemplary and distinguished gentleman, Roy

Cooper was respected for his many accomplishments and his leadership in the community; he was an honorary member of the Rotary International and the Junction Lions Club and was a director of the Coke R. Stevenson Center Foundation; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, he was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, and he was a Master Mason of Junction City Lodge No. 548 and 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason; and

WHEREAS, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, he gave unselfishly of his time to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and WHEREAS, Roy Cooper lived his life to the fullest and was a

devoted father and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that

will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it PROCLAIMED, That the Senate of the State of Texas hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Roy Cooper: his daughter and son-in-law, Debbie Cooper Kistler and Jimmy Kistler; his grandson and his wife, Dr. Bo Whitehead and Wendy;

his great-granddaughter, Emma Whitehead; his brothers, Phillip Cooper and Raymond Cooper; and his sisters, Roy Lesa Butts and Donna Livensparger; and, be it further PROCLAIMED, That a copy of this Proclamation be prepared for those held dear by Roy Cooper as an expression of sympathy from

Jeff Wentworth, Member, Texas Senate

A special program at the Sutton County Library on Tuesday,

Several years ago I had to be away from home on the Fourth of

July and I couldn't be with my family. I usually like to spend that

day with friends and family and I especially like to see fireworks.

Every time I would go through a different town I would slow down

to see what people were doing. I noticed that people seemed to be

having a good time. You could see the barbeque pits or smokers

putting off their smoke. Some people were making homemade ice

cream while others were eating watermelon. Children were running

around and playing while parents and grandparents were sitting

around visiting. Our nation was celebrating its Day of

Independence. As I remembered my childhood and the many times

my father could not be with us because he was away protecting our

country. Many others over the years (because of their love of free-

dom, this country and their love for us) have given their lives so we

Brother J

June 25, 2002 was given by Joe Libby, a ventriloquist and his friend

benefits of reading.

Michael Sanchez and Nathan Villa assisted Joe with part of the

Sagebrush". The duo entertained the children while teaching the



# Sonora Church

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#### Card of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone that was involved with helping to make my sweet 15 come true. Also, thank you for all the gifts I received. I especially want to thank my parents for always being there for me and making this day very special. Thank you,

Casey Arredondo

## Catch the Buzz. Make a Bee Line for Vacation Bible School

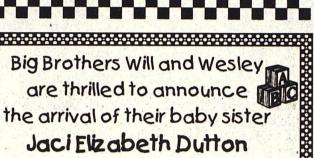
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Monday, July 8, 2002 through Friday, July 12, 2002

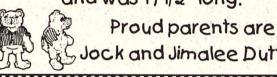
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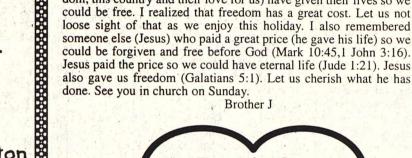


born June 5, 2002 at 7.43 a.m. She weighed 8 lbs. 7 ozs. and was 19 1/2" long.



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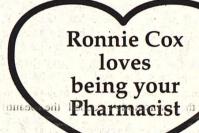
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July 8 - Bingo!

July 9 - 10:45 a.m. Caregiver Information at Center with

AAA Carol Rigby. July 10 - Girling Health Care, Inc. Blood Pressure checks!

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. July 11 - Crafts anyone? After lunch.

July 12 - Volunteer to deliver meals - we need you!!! Call 387-5657 or 387-3941.

#### Senior Menu

July 8 - BBQ beef on bun, baked French fries, carrots,

coleslaw, peaches with topping. Swiss steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli,

macaroni salad, cantaloupe cubes. July 10 - Baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, beets, rolls,

strawberry/banana mix, bread pudding.

July 11 - Beef, noodles, peas, tossed salad, roll, banana July 12 - Chicken fajitas with onion, pepper, refried beans

with cheese, rice, lettuce, tomato, jello with fruit.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon. \$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

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July 8 **Commissioners Meeting** 9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg. July 8-12 **Tri-Vacation Bible School** F.U.M.C. • 8:30 Registration • Classes 9:00 a.m.

The Community Calendar



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Calendar

July 15 S.I.S.D. School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Administration Bldg. **July 16 City Council Meeting** City Hall • 2:00 p.m. July 22

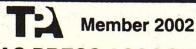
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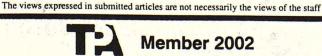
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#### Ask the Historical Society

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

Al Haley - Ed Looney -Two Friends Part II

A continuation of quotes from "Mama" Turney - "After supper they filed out to the Maud S. Saloon. Old Man Haley, Al, went out to sit on the front porch with Henry Decker and others. Then he told Decker he had better go look after his boys and left for the Maud S."

"I do not remember any of the details but some time after he left shots were heard and everyone ran down the street to the sidewalk opposite the Maud S. to see what happened. Haley came out and walked across the street towards us with his gun still in his hand. He may have feared that some of the Winkler boys would take up the fight. Stepping up on the sidewalk, he blew smoke out of his gun and replaced it in the scabbard under his coat. He told Mr. Decker that he hated to do what he had done; that he had shot the wrong man. Maybe he realized then Jim was responsible for the whole thing." He had shot Ed Looney.

'It looked like everybody in the country was at the funeral. The service was held at the Winkler home. The procession was led by a carriage with the body of Looney. Behind it was Looney's black horse with empty saddle, following his master to the grave. Next in line was E. F. Vander Stucken driving his one horse buggy. By his side was Bessie Wyatt. The service took place the day after the shooting, and none of Looney's folks had time to get there. There was no way to keep bodies for a long time; there was not even an undertaker. Friends took care of the body, dug the grave, and shoveled in the dirt at the end. A carpenter would make a simple box coffin of one inch lumber, using leather for the hinges and hasp. When material was available, the coffin might be lined inside. Dying, in those days, was simple and a

For Ed Looney there would be no big cattle ranch, no happy marriage, no more days and nights. For him there was nother coeded the beautiful bride and

ing left but a long rest. The stone over his grave reads: "Rest Ed, rest in quiet sleep, While friends in sorrow, o'er thee weep."

Al Haley spent many years and much money in court before getting an acquittal. Lawyers were not "a lot cheaper in those days." For him, the stillness of peaceful rest may have been limited. The "impractical" joker, Jim, haunted by the outcome of his prank, found no ease in quiet sleep for many lonely nights. An old cowpuncher says he spent much time in a thicket near the ranch house, and, "You could hear him bawling like a baby all night long.

Records indicate that on September 22, 1897 there was a change of venue in the Al Haley case from Sutton County to Kimble County. On April 7, 1899 Al Haley was found not guilty of murdering Ed Looney. In 1900 the Sonora Sun had the following article about the wedding of E. F. Vander Stucken and Bessie Wyatt:

Vander Stucken - Wyatt There is nothing but death, Our affections can sever, And till Life's long last breath, Love

shall bind us forever. The marriage of Miss Bessie Wyatt to Mr. E. F. Vander Stucken took place in the Methodist Church Wednesday evening, January 24, 1900 at eight o'clock. The little church had been prettily decorated by the friends of the happy contracting parties, and presented a beautiful scene to the large congregation that crowded the edifice to the doors and standing room was at a premium. Promptly at the hours set for the ceremony Mrs. George B. Black, organist, accompanied by Mrs. Ira Word, violinist, struck up Mendelssohn's beautiful wedding march, the ushers, Messers, Alex and Frank McGonagill, walked up the aisle, followed by Miss Sophie Vander Stucken and Mr. S. P. Woodward, Miss Mona Rountree and Mr. James Brumley, bridesmaids and groomsmen; then came the best man, Mr. H. D. Burroughs, followed by the maid of honor, Miss Maggie B. Word, who pre-



Some of the good old boys belly-up to the bar at the Maud S. Saloon

groom to their place before the chancel rail. Rev. A. R. Watson, pastor of the Sonora Baptist Church, awaited the bride and groom at the altar and made them man and wife with the beautiful service of the Baptist Church.

The bride wore a handsome dress of cream satin, entrain, trimmings of cream mousiline de sole, lace and orange blossoms, veil and orange blossoms and carried in her hand a beautiful bouquet of white carnations and ferns. Her veil and orange blossoms set off to sweet advantage her dark hair and eyes, and as she passed down the aisle on her husband's arm, carrying her bouquet of roses she made a lovely picture. Miss Maggie Word, maid of honor, wore a handsome dress made of yellow taffeta silk; lace, applique and pearl trimmings. Miss Sophia Vander Stucken, bridesmaid, wore a beautiful light blue taffeta silk; trimmings, fringe mousiline and velvet. Miss Mona Rountree, bridesmaid, wore a pretty dress made of pink taffeta silk, trimmings were dew drop chiffon and pearl ornaments. The maid of honor and bridesmaids carried beautiful bouquets of pink carnations. The groomsmen, and ushers, were dressed in conventional black.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Vander Stucken, and the entire bridal party, accompanied by the immediate relatives of the family repaired to the resi-Winkler, where they partook of a sumptuous marriage supper. After supper the entire party attended the ball at the courthouse given in honor of the newly wedded pair. The SUN wishes for Mr. and Mrs. Vander Stucken a happy and prosperous

June 26, 2002

campaign literature.

re-elect Mr. Bonilla by a wide margin.

Representative Bob Turner

first! Mr. Cuellar's tactics are very misleading.

Dear Editor:

voyage through life.

Records show that E. F. Vander Stucken and his wife celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary in 1954. He died on January 28, 1954 and his beloved Bessie would follow him to the grave on February 18, 1959. They had both been very active in community life. Mr. Vander Stucken had done very well in the cattle and sheep business as well as general mercantile business. He had also helped organize the First National Bank of Sonora in 1900 and had served as president and chairman of the board for many years. So we know that at least two of the "young crowd," of 1894, lived long and

happy lives. If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net.You may call me at 915-387-2855. The new Sutton County Historical Society office/research center/archival storage area, is coming along fine. Every time I go down, more and more has been done on the interior of the building. We have work to be completed, ie: moldings, tile, carpet, plumbing fixtures and light fixtures, an ADA inspection to pass, lots of moving in to be done, before the building can be opened to the public. We are a non-profit organization, sup-

dence of Mr. Gand Mrs. 24 Jag porting four buildings by dues and donations. Our staff are unpaid volunteers who spend many hours trying to preserve the history of Sutton County. If you would like to tour our buildings please give me a call at the above number.

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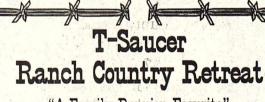
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The children attending Dinney's Childcare recently went on a field trip to visit a garden to learn where vegetables really come from (since they all thought that they came "from a store"). The children picked and tasted corn, tomatoes, blackeyed peas, green beans, squash, and cucumbers. While picking onions they learned that some grow under the ground and they discussed how tomatoes grow

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Letter to the Editor

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district. ALL agriculture groups including the Texas Farm Bureau,

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Raisers and Texas Cotton Farmers have always strongly supported

Mr. Bonilla. Members of these groups will also be working hard to

the names of several Democratic elected officials in his campaign

literature without their permission. This is unfortunate. There is an

understanding among elected officials about using their names in

campaign literature for their candidates. You always ask permission

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#### Valliant Plays B-Ball With Bobby Knight

Tom Valliant, a junior at Sonora High School, participated in Bobby Knight's three day position camp at Texas Tech in Lubbock. The camp, which began on Friday, June 21st continued through Sunday, June 23rd, Coach Knight's camp focused on the skills required by the individual positions of the players. Other than a slight language problem, something about "mad handles" (fast hands) and "stroke" (a good shooter), Valliant was able to hold his own with players from all over the state of Texas, other states and even a couple of foreign countries. When asked if he had "mad handles" or "stroke", Trapper responded "not really." When quizzed as to what he does do, he responded that he gets under the basket and puts the ball in or blocks shots and rebounds.

Valliant became aware of the camp through his former basketball coach, Brian Lowe. Lowe, who is currently coaching basketball in the Dallas area, was sending a couple of his players to Knight's camp and recommended that Trapper attend as well. "I need to develop moves that will help me in the post position" stated Valliant. "I also need to be a little more aggressive on the court. Coach Lowe felt that Coach Knight would be able to help me in both areas."

'Coach Knight was very clear about his rules and his expectations," stated Valliant. "When we first began discussing the possibility of attending camp, my mom had some reservations. Knight, who has

had tremendous success with his Indiana and at Tech, is probably best known for his tough discipline and colorful language. players attending Texas Tech, and agreed that I could learn a lot from him."

'When you are that comwell, it's not surprising that he's outburst. I'm not making excuses for him and he didn't offer be anything else. He is a very strong personality, you either

He even offered some valuable advice about girlfriends. Coach Knight suggested that the first thing that we should look for at our age, is a girl who will go to the gym, rebound the ball and throw it back to us while we're working out. Sounds like my kind of girl!

#### **EMS Calls For June**

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6/2/02 - Accident - SCR 2002 to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100 6/4/02 - Accident - County Park to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100 6/7/02 - Medical - Enriquez Street to Hudspeth Hospital -Unit 100

6/7/02 - Accident - IH-10 388 MM to Hudspeth Hospital, 2 patients - Unit 100 6/7/02 - Accident - IH-10 388

MM No transport - Unit 101 6/7/02 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101 6/8/02 - Medical - Rock Avenue to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100 6/9/02 - Accident - East First Street to Hudspeth Hospital -

Unit 100 6/11/02 - Medical - Hwy 277 North to Hudspeth Hospital -

6/11/02 - Accident - West Second Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100 6/12/02 - Medical - Enriquez

6/13/02 - Medical - Wilson Street to Hudspeth Hospital -Unit 100

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basketball programs both in After visiting with parents of who unanimously recommended Coach Knight, she felt reassured

mitted to the game and playing it had the occasional emotional any excuses either." He is what he is and he doesn't pretend to like him or you don't.

Community Medical Center -Unit 101 6/14/02 - Accident - IH-10 432

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Unit 101 6/23/02 - Accident - IH-10 400 MM to Hudspeth Hospital -

Unit 100 6/23/02 - Medical - Manor Street - No transport - Unit 100 6/24/02 - Medical - West Main Street to Hudspeth Hospital -

Unit 100 6/24/02 - Transport - Hudspeth Hospital to West Main Street -

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**Unit 100** 

Retired Highway Employees will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, July 8, at Zentner's Daughter's Restaurant, 1901 Knickerbocker Road in San Angelo. The purpose of the luncheon is for retirees of the Texas Highway Department, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, and Department Transportation to get together to visit and renew friendships. Spouses are invited to the luncheon.

Bereaved parents Support Group will meet July 9, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at The Bank and Trust Community Room. If you have experienced the death of a child you are urged to attend. Your child is very important. Bring a picture of your child to share with everyone.

Senior Seminar on Medicare changes & Prescription Drug Help - A short question and answer seminar will be held at the Sutton County Senior Center in Sonora on Thursday July 18th at 11:30 a.m. Bring a

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#### **Bonilla Calls On Court To Reverse Pledge Of Allegiance Ruling**

- Calls Decision Outrageous -

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Moments after a California court ruled the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional, Henry Bonilla rounded up colleagues and headed to the steps of the U.S. Capitol. Standing close to House Speaker Dennis Hastert, Henry and his colleagues joined together and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

"Gathering at the Capitol steps was a sign of solidarity. It was an opportunity for every member of Congress to say before God and our country that we adamantly disagree with this ruling. In fact, we find it outrageous. We will not step aside and allow this injustice to take place," said Mr. Bonilla.

In the hours that followed the court ruling, Bonilla became an original co-sponsor of legislation that urges the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to rehear the case and reverse their ruling. The legislation calls the ruling inconsistent with the first amendment and advises that the phrase "One Nation, Under God" remain in the

"I cannot imagine what the court was thinking. We all recognize the separation of church and state, but this takes litigation to an inconceivable level. The court's decision tells students and teachers across America that they cannot display their patriotism. Now, more than ever, our country needs outlets and opportunities to honor our nation's traditions and history," said Bonilla.

The California court case was brought by an atheist, who objected that the school district in which his second-grade daughter was enrolled encouraged students to recite the pledge. If the ruling is allowed to stand, schoolchildren will be prohibited from reciting

This decision lacks common sense. A simple two-word reference to God does not eliminate the separation of church and state. Students are not required or forced to recite the words 'under God' or for that matter the entire pledge," said Bonilla. "It is the duty of the court system to rehear this case. I strongly urge the court to reverse their earlier decision. One way or another, we will fix this damage.'

Bonilla authored legislation in 1999 to allow students and supporters to pray before sporting events. His resolution was overwhelmingly approved by the House of Representatives.

#### A Department of Homeland **Defense**

by David Dewhurst, Texas Land Commissioner

After nine months of studying the vulnerability of Texas to terrorist attacks, I can say that President Bush's proposal for a Department of Homeland Defense is right for America and right for Texas. Our existing security structure was designed for another time and another enemy; it no longer meets our needs.

Make no mistake: Texas is target rich. We're the President's home state, and possess the nation's only nuclear weapons assembly plant and the world's largest petrochemical production complex. We're also vulnerable, with a long international border and international ports that receive over a million cargo containers every year.

Everything I've seen and heard as Chairman of the Governor's Task Force on Homeland Security has convinced me that this is no time for halfway measures. The situation demands bold strokes that bring our national security into the 21st century.

At present, homeland defense responsibilities are scattered among more than 100 federal agencies. And those agencies don't always do a great job of talking with each other. Shortly after September 11, it was revealed that the Federal Aviation Administration was not allowed access to the CIA's database of suspected terrorists. Tragedy might have been avoid-

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standard bureaucratic behavior. We encountered it frequently in our hearings across Texas. In many towns, fire departments routinely do not share intelligence with police and sheriff departments and vice versa. Even within government agencies, the proliferation of security clearances restricts the flow of information. This must change. Intelligence fusion is not negotiable. As a Wall Street Journal editorial observed recently, "homeland security can't coexist with bureaucratic security.

The states and communities will play a major role in the war on terrorism. But trying to coordinate their needs with the bewildering array of federal agencies is like trying to put socks on an octopus. The proposed Department of Homeland Security will have a special office to coordinate and simplify relationships between the states and the federal government on security issues.

Shortly after the end of World War II, President Truman called for a dramatic unification of the armed forces into a Department of Defense, and the creation of the Central Intelligence Agency and National Security Council. Those measures proved invaluable in waging the Cold War.

Today, we face a new and different kind of enemy. Nothing less than a thorough reorganization and refocusing of our homeland defense capabilities on this new enemy will suf-

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## Be Aware Of Ticks While **Outdoors**

by: Danielle Supercinski

COLLEGE STATION Summer is here and the great outdoors beckons. However, this is the time of the year when people need to be especially careful about ticks, said Dr. Michael Merchant, Extension urban entomologist in Dallas.

Ticks are a major problem in summer. If bitten by a tick, don't panic, he said, but be aware that it's possible for them to carry diseases.

"If you find a tick feeding on you, be sure to make a note of that somewhere," Merchant said. "Diseases carried by ticks sometimes show up as a rash, or with flu-like symptoms.

"If you get any unusual symptoms after the bite, be sure to let your doctor know. It may be completely unrelated, but at least it will help him or her know what to look for."

Ticks can carry the pathogens that cause Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever, among others, he said.

"The difficult thing about tick-borne diseases is they are very difficult to diagnose initially," Merchant said. "A dog or animal or person's health can be affected severely before they realize what it is and can get the proper treatment."

Ticks are not that difficult to recognize, according to Merchant. They are flattened on the bottom and top, brown in color and well-designed to feel at home slipping into the fur coat of a dog or cat.

'Areas with cattle and other livestock are more likely to have ticks," Merchant said. "But any kind of natural, wild area with lots of borders between woodland and the grassy areas is especially good tick country."

In order to keep ticks off, wear repellent, he said.

"Currently, the most effective tick repellent is permethrin," Merchant said. "It's sold under several trade names, including one that's called Permanone Tick Repellent. Treated clothing repels ticks for days to weeks.

Ticks normally hide on foliage, grass, leaves and shrubs, on the edge or end of a plant. Animals or humans walking by brush on the leaf and the tick grabs hold - and that's how ticks get on and in people's clothing.

"In heavy tick areas, you may want to tuck your pants legs into your socks or seal your cuffs with duct tape to make it harder for ticks to climb inside your pant legs," Merchant said. "Make sure you wear long pants and tuck in your shirts to further discourage ticks."

People should check themselves daily for ticks. When working in tick-infested areas, check nightly for ticks.

To remove a tick, entomologists recommend grabbing the tick on the head as close to the skin as possible and pulling straight out with a gentle, steady pull. Old fashioned remedies, such as hot match heads and Vaseline, don't work well and may slightly increase your chance of getting infected, Merchant said.

"Ticks are more likely to carry disease because of their feeding habits," Merchant said. "Many ticks feed on three different hosts in their lifetime.

"Ticks are primarily outdoor critters, and the ones that would get indoors are not going to bite people, they're just there because of the animal being on the outside."

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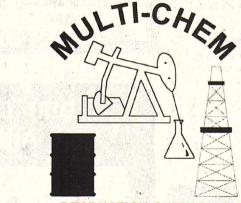
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ther information contact Brent

Gesch, City Manager at (915)

387-2558.

Water Avenue. Specifications may be obtained from the City Secretary's Office, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950. All bids must be sealed and addressed to the City Secretary. The proposal envelope must be clearly marked "BID - "Police Fence" and returned to the City Secretary's office prior to Thursday, July 11, 2002 at 10:00 a.m., at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. The City of Sonora reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For further information contact Brent Gesch,

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