

Downtown Lions Club Prepares for "Mane" Event

Let the good times ROAR! It's time for the Annual Downtown Lions Club Auction to be held on September 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. A scrumptious chicken and fish dinner will be served before the auction, starting at 6:00 p.m. This main fund raiser of the year for the Lions Club helps to raise money for boy scouts and girl scouts, eyeglasses for children that can't afford them, the Crippled Children Camp at Kerrville, emergency needs of community members and more.

The auction provides an early Christmas shopping opportunity while helping out many in need.

Donations are now being accepted at The Bank & Trust to be auctioned. Any items from a haircut to food to the "Mystery Gift" can be donated. Please be sure your name is on the item donated.

For more information contact any Lions Club member.

New Traffic Laws Take Effect

The laws are changing. Below are driving-related legislation that is taking effect as of September 1, 2003:

* SB 45 makes it a state jail felony to drive while intoxicated with a passenger younger than 15.

* SB 193 requires drivers nearing a stopped emergency vehicle that has lights activated, unless otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer, to:

- Vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle, if the highway has two or more lanes traveling the direction of the emergency vehicle; or
- Slow to a speed not more than 20 miles per hour (mph) less than the posted speed limit when the posted speed limit is 25 mph or more; or
- slow to a speed not more than five mph when the posted speed limit is less than 25 mph.

A violation is a punishable by a maximum fine of \$200. If the violation results in property damage, the maximum fine increases to \$500.

If the violation results in bodily injury, the offense is enhanced to a Class B misdemeanor.

- Having a video display that is visible from the driver's seat is illegal.

SB 209 expands the definition of video receiving equipment to include digital videodisc players, videocassette players or similar equipment. This equipment may be used only if it is located so that the video display is not visible from the operator's seat.

* HB 1326 automatically suspends for one year the driver's license of anyone convicted of illegally racing on a public roadway. Before the license can be reinstated, the driver would have to complete 10 hours of community service. The law increases the punishment for drivers who are racing drunk, who have open containers of alcohol in the vehicle when racing, who seriously injure someone during the race or who have been convicted multiple times of illegal racing. The offenses range from a state jail felony to a second-degree felony. The penalty for racing while intoxicated or having an open container of alcohol in the vehicle while racing is a Class A misdemeanor.

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Dove Hunting Season Outlook Bright



OTPWD, PHOTO BY GLEN MILLS WHITE-WINGED DOVE

AUSTIN, Texas — Cross your fingers! This could be the year when everything comes together for an ideal dove-hunting season. Timely rains this summer should help to produce plenty of seed at the right time and leave stock tanks in good shape. Add in good bird production and the stage is set.

Hunting prospects for both mourning dove and white-winged dove should be good to excellent this fall, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. While the mourning dove breeding population index in May, 2003, showed no change from the previous year, Jay Roberson, dove program leader for TPWD, says large concentrations have already been noted in South Texas. "This may indicate earlier or larger production of young this year," he noted. "We expect at least a 10 percent improvement in hunter success this year."

As most ardent dove hunters know, success depends largely upon habitat conditions and weather. Heading into the season, conditions are starting to look ripe. Soil moisture conditions improved in June or July throughout most of the state, especially in the mid-Gulf Coast and West Texas, as a result of hurricane Claudette. Wild grass

and forb seed production has been good throughout most of the state but may decline in August in northern Texas unless additional precipitation falls soon.

Biologists indicate an abundance of wild dove feed available including pigweed, Croton, and sunflower in most of the best dove hunting areas of the state. Surface water and feed conditions for doves, of course, can vary considerably over just a few miles depending upon frequency and intensity of local thunderstorms. "Stock tanks may be the best locations for hunting if August is dryer than normal," said Roberson. "However, weather fronts during the last week of August can move doves out of localized areas so we recommend scouting as late as possible."

Dove season in the North Zone will run Sept. 1-Oct. 30 with a 15-bird daily bag limit.
In the Central Zone, the season will run Sept. 1-Oct. 30 and Dec. 26-Jan. 4 with a 12-bird daily bag limit. The South Zone is set for Sept. 20-Nov. 5 and Dec. 20-Jan. 11 with a 12-bird daily bag limit.

"The same rainfall and range conditions that produced

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Fiddler's Contest Brings Western History To Sutton County Days

submitted by Patti Strauch

From about 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 16, 2003, sounds of Breakdowns, Waltzes, Polkas, and Jigs filled the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. Fiddle players warmed up and chose partners for the Twin Contest. In some cases, contestants had never played music together before the day of the contest.

The results of the Twin Contest were:

1st place trophies:

George Smith of San Antonio

Patti Strauch of Sonora

2nd place:

Wilford Wagner of Junction

Harvey Weaver of Junction

3rd place:

A.J. Wells of San Antonio

Bill Tuckness of Llano

4th place:

Orville Blalock of San Antonio

Jim Barton of Hondo

Fiddles have been around for thousands of years. The most sought after instruments were in 17th century Italy in the town of Cremona. A couple of these highly sought after makers' products are the Stradivarius and Guarneri violins. Since instruments like this cost up to three million dollars, you won't see them at the average fiddling contest. More likely, the fiddlers will use instruments valued from \$500 to \$10,000. In the Pioneers' travels west, there was said to be a fiddler in every wagon train. If any wagon had mechanical problems, the fiddler would jump off and start playing a lively tune. It is not known if

they were trying to entertain everyone at a bad time or if they were just trying to get out of repair work! At any rate, fast tunes became known as "Breakdowns". In fact, one still played often today is named "Wagoner". From the settlers heading up the Oregon Trail to the band performing for the rodeo dance, fiddling is a part of our West Texas history and our culture.

The results of the general fiddling contest were as follows:

30-65 Age Group:

1st - A.J. Wells of San Antonio

2nd - Bill Tuckness of Llano

3rd - Patti Strauch of Sonora

66 - 84 Age Group

1st - George Smith of San Antonio

2nd - Wilford Wagner of Junction

3rd - Orville Blalock of San Antonio

85 and Over

1st - Armon Taylor of Kerrville (90 years old!)

2nd - Clyde Jones of Kerrville

3rd - Jim Barton of Hondo

Many thanks to the Chamber of Commerce and The First National Bank for sponsoring this contest. We appreciate Pam Decker and Alesha Claunch, a San Angelo writer and photographer, for featuring fiddling in the San Angelo paper. Thanks to Reggie Williams of Top Notch Trophies, who graciously donated trophies for the contest.

Commissioners Set Tax Rate For County

by Storie Sharp

After many budget discussions, the Sutton County Commissioners Court voted to accept the final proposed budget at the Monday, August 25, 2003 meeting.

Sutton County Judge, Carla Garner opened the budget hearing, explaining that the outside auditor had been here last week and will give a final report soon. She said that specific receipt books were going to have to be purchased that correspond with auditor usage, and this cost had been added to the budget. Garner went on to explain a few more changes that had taken place with the budget since the last meeting, including an addition of \$1500 for the possibility of assisting with a new entry way at the cemetery that may be built, primarily by donations, and replacing \$7000 for a student worker from the school program that may or may not be used. This sparked a discussion regarding the possible use of such student to work in the cemetery also. After much deliberation it was decided that this would not be a good idea because of mandated regulations that must be followed when working with students in the school program. It was agreed to add funding for temporary help in the cemetery when needed.

Commissioners present, Milton Cavness, John Wade and Belia Castaneda (Mike Villanueva was not present) fielded questions regarding several areas, including costs for oil and gas in the EMS and Sheriff's Departments, the library, and courthouse renovations. After the questions were answered, the Commissioners

voted to take the 3% raise allowed at this time, setting the effective tax rate at .303820 for the General Fund and .064755 for the Road and Bridge Department, for a total of .368575. This is 36¢ per \$100 valuation of property.

Judge Garner reported that this is still considered a low rate compared to surrounding counties.

In other business, the commissioners approved the accounts payable and approved the appointment of Abby Gesch to be the correspondent with the Concho Valley of Governments for 9-1-1 updates.

The commissioners were given a blueprint drawing of the proposed fencing project from the Sutton County Game Dinner Association. Road and Bridge Department Manager, Oscar Jimenez explained that three gates would be placed along the fence that will be put up where the existing bar is at the park area. A fence will also be built from the Civic Center to the road, with a gate that will open except during major functions. The Game Dinner Association will also be repairing the existing fences around the back of the Civic Center. After further discussion regarding the placement of gates and accessibility to clear parking, the commissioners approved the fence.

Judge Garner reported that Jimmy Cahill had recently visited with her regarding the Eaton Hill project and the attempt to save the old Eaton House. An architect had been here to look at the house and advised on possible renovation as a visitors center. Judge Garner said that there are lots of grants available and some of these may include

the old electric plant on the hill. This is just a possibility, but Cahill wanted to know if the county might be interested in selling a portion of land behind the Road and Bridge Department. This is just a preliminary idea, and has not been pursued yet. Garner just wanted the commissioners to be aware that the question may come up at a later date.

Judge Garner also wanted the commissioners to know that there had been a meeting two weeks ago between the Highway Department, Mayor Stephen and herself regarding the beautification program. A representative from the Highway Department advised those at the meeting that she had "built a case" against the junk yard located on 277 S. The yard is currently in violation of ordinances and she has been working with the owners to try and rectify the problem. Because of a failure to cooperate, the Highway Department is looking to push forward with their case. More information regarding this issue will be available at a later date.

A discussion was held regarding the cleaning of the Sutton County Park after the Sutton County Days activities. Jimenez reported that there had been no clean up after the final day and that the Road and Bridge department had used their equipment and man power to clean up the park. It was agreed to bill the Sutton County Days Association \$1000 for the clean up and to make sure that future arrangements are discussed prior to the event.

The commissioners' court ended by going into executive

School Board Approves Budget and Sets Tax Rate

by Storie Sharp

There was no community input at the public hearings regarding the proposed 2003-2004 budget and tax rate, that were held in conjunction with the Special meeting of the Sonora I.S.D. Board of Trustees on Monday, August 25, 2003. After listening to Superintendent Brant Myers explain how the budget was figured in the first hearing and how he projected Sonora I.S.D. to be a Chapter 41 school for two years, thus affecting the tax rate, the hearings were closed.

The school board, Superintendent and administrators have been conducting budget workshops for some time, making cuts where possible, trying to have a balanced budget proposal.

Board members present for the special meeting were Scott Jacoby - President, Tammy Favila, Barbara Jennings and Tryon Fields. Jesse Bustamante, Sam David Hernandez and Tom Payton were not present.

After the hearings were closed, the 2003-2004 budget was approved as presented, with all members present voting in favor.

The approval of the 2003-2004 tax rate was not as quickly approved. Jennings expressed concern in raising the tax rate to the proposed level, but said that she knows the budget has been worked and re-worked in order to find a balance. With the Chapter 41 status and the values where they are at this year, she said she knows this is all that can be done at this time.

Favila and Fields also expressed deep concern on setting this rate, but realized that it had to be done. President Scott Jacoby expressed that if the tax rate was not set at this meeting they would have only five days to adjust and re-submit a budget to approve. If the proposed budget was not approved the only other options would be to cut programs and personnel.

It was with much apprehension that the Board then voted to

approve the 2003-2004 tax rate at \$1.65 by ordinance, with .151703 going toward paying off the bond debt.

In other business, the Board approved a Loan Star Energy Retrofit Program Loan and Workers Compensation Insurance for 2003-2004 as presented.

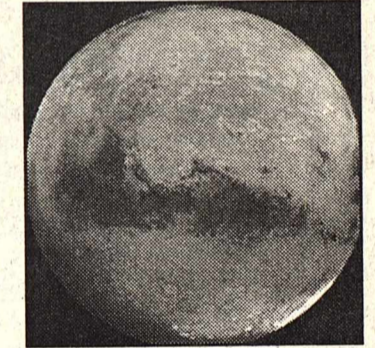
An interlocal agreement with the City of Sonora regarding security at football games was discussed. This is the same agreement as in past years, which allows for off-duty police officers to work as security when requested. Superintendent Myers said that this allowed for proper measures to be taken in circumstances with unruly or violent students. He also said that he did not want to put any of the administrators or staff in an unsafe position, therefore he felt the agreement was necessary. The Board approved the agreement.

Chief of Police Mike House was present, requesting assistance with a tuition payment for an Elite Juvenile Officer Academy. Chief House proposed that the school would allow for an officer to be specially trained in all aspects of working better with juveniles. After much discussion on the subject it was the consensus of the Board that the money could not be given at this time.

Two transfer students for the 2003-2004 school year were approved, as was an interlocal participation agreement for Unemployment Compensation by TASBY.

It was then approved to hire Wheless Miller as a Kindergarten teacher, due to a large amount of Kindergarten students. The ratio is to be 22-1 and with 64 students and with the growing progression of students, another teacher was necessary.

After reading a thank-you note from the Davis family for the flowers celebrating the birth of their new baby, the Board went into executive session.



Mars will be closer to Earth this week than in 60 millennia!

A Martian Encounter

No, it won't be little green men with antennas on their heads that we will see. It is a large red planet, and it will pass closer to Earth this week than it has in over 60 thousand years. Mars won't actually appear bright red to the human eye, it is more of a brilliant orange-yellow ball that is shining in the southeast after 10 p.m. in the evenings. Mars continues in a slow westward trek high across the southern sky until dawn.

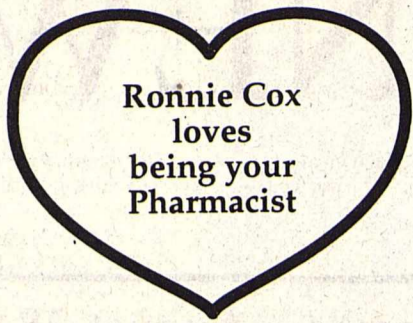
Although the closest pass of Mars on the 27th will have passed by press time, it will remain bright through mid-September and will gradually fade as the year ends.

Mars has gotten so big in recent weeks that even a backyard telescope will show details on the planet's surface: dust clouds, volcanic terrains, impact basins. Best of all is the south polar cap. Made of frozen CO₂ or "dry ice," it reflects more sunlight than any other part of the planet. The southern hemisphere of Mars is tipped toward Earth and the bright cap is remarkably easy to see.

Don't wait too long to look, though, because the ice will soon be gone.

Like Earth, Mars has seasons that cause its polar caps to wax and wane. As the cap shrinks it develops rifts, dark spots, and a ragged border. Lately, amateur astronomers using 8-inch and larger telescopes have been watching a frosty mountain range emerge from the ice. These are the "Mountains of Mitchel"—named after the Ohio astronomer who

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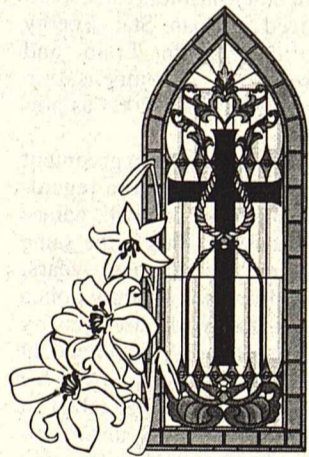
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**Obituaries
Willie Abalos**

Willie Abalos passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, August 19, 2003. He was born June 25, 1930, in Rankin, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Margarita Abalos; one son, Michael Ray Abalos; and three sisters, Manuela Rodriguez, Juanita Robles and Emilia Gonzalez.

Willie is survived by his wife, Mickey Abalos of Robert Lee; two daughters, Susie Ramirez of Sonora and Mariann Bagley of Odessa; eight sons, Willie Abalos, Jr. and wife, Wendy, of Midland, Tony Abalos and wife, Wuanice, of Amarillo, Rudy Abalos of Houston, Poly Abalos and wife, Gloria, of Midland, Jorge Abalos and wife, Delvia, of Artesia, N.M., Danny Abalos of Sonora, Ernest Abalos of Robert Lee and Gilbert Abalos and wife, Tawny, of Bristol; two very special sons-in-law, Fidencio Ramirez of Sonora and Jimmy Bagley of Odessa; 23 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. Willie is also survived by three brothers, John Abalos of Sweetwater, Joe Abalos of Winnie, Texas, and Selso Abalos of Winnie; five

sisters, Maggie Jacobo of San Angelo, Lita Gonzalez of Robert Lee, Maria Gonzalez of El Paso, Ann Purcell of Lancaster, Ohio, and Aurora Stephens of Odessa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

His children and grandchildren will always cherish all the wonderful memories left behind. His grandchildren will especially cherish how much their grandfather loved them and life.

Services were at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Robert Lee, Texas. Burial followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery. A rosary was held at Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Willie was laid to rest by his sons acting as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were his grandsons, Juan Ramirez, Michael Ramirez, WR Abalos, Jorge Abalos, Tyler Abalos, Andres Abalos, Justin Bagley, Michael Abalos, Ricky Abalos and Poly Abalos, Jr.

The family wishes to give a very special thank you to the staff of VistaCare and the wonderful staff at Hospice of San Angelo.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to VistaCare or Hospice of San Angelo.

Labor Day - A Working Man's Holiday

IN 1882, A MAN NAMED Peter J. McGuire decided that there should be a holiday to honor the workingman and workingwoman. There were holidays, he said, to remember important patriotic, religious, and military persons. But what about the important people who work hard every day of the year? They, too, should be honored.

Peter McGuire suggested setting aside the first Monday in September each year as a holiday for the working people. He named it Labor Day. The first Monday in September was chosen because it was a pleasant time of year. Also, there was no holiday between July 4th and Thanksgiving. Most people agreed with him and thought it was a fine idea. So the first Labor Day was celebrated in 1882 in New York City. The idea of honoring men for the work they did all year long spread quickly.

In 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law to make the first Monday in September a national holiday.

Life was not always easy for the workingman, even in the United States. In the early 1800's men worked 12 to 15 hours a day. Women and children, too, worked long hours in factories and mines. Jobs were often dangerous. Pay was very little, barely enough for a family

to live on. If a man got sick and could not work, he was not paid. Some men had to work seven days a week.

After the Civil War, laborers began to organize. They wanted better working conditions and better wages. Men thought they would have a better chance as a group to face their employers. That was the beginning of labor unions.

The first labor union was the Knights of Labor, founded by Uriah S. Stephens in 1869. In 1886, Samuel Gompers started the American Federation of Labor (AFL). It became very large and powerful. The AFL gained higher wages and better working conditions for its members. In 1935, the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) was established. In 1955, the AFL and CIO joined together.

Today, there are no longer 12-hour working days. There are good wages.

Workers can also get insurance, pensions, and pay when they are sick. But more important, workers have gained respect. After all, the United States grew into a great nation by the hard work of many men and women, who work at their jobs every day of the year. That is why we, as Americans, celebrate Labor Day.

School Lunch Menu • September 1 - 5, 2003

Breakfast

Mon. - School holiday!
Tues. - Cheese toast, assorted juice, milk.
Wed. - Pigs in a blanket, sliced peaches, milk.
Thurs. - Egg & ham burrito, assorted juice, milk.
Fri. - Cinnamon roll, assorted juice, milk.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - School holiday!
Tues. - Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, dressing, garlic breadsticks, fresh fruit cup.
Wed. - Beef taco, cheese, pinto beans, Spanish rice, green grapes.
Thurs. - Baked ham, macaroni & cheese, seasoned green beans, hot roll, jello with fruit.
Fri. - Chicken patty on bun, salad cup, French fries, chocolate chip cookie. Early release - Homecoming.

**TEXAS TALES TOLD BY
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The First Woman in Wrangler Jeans

Tumbleweed Smith
I had a great visit with Berva Dawn Taylor in Doole, Texas the other day. Her husband Dan was sitting on the tailgate of his pickup when I drove up to their place. Their young grandkids were buzzing around on go-carts.

Dan and Berva Dawn are rodeo royalty. They've both done just about everything there is to do in the sport. Dan works Cheyenne every year. Berva Dawn grew up being called Bummy, a name her father gave her because she was always bumming around with her brothers and sisters, who were older. "I didn't know I had a name until I went to the first grade," says Berva Dawn. "I was going to get a belt with my name on it and I thought it would be Bummy. But my mother told me I had a pretty name." Berva Dawn is an Indian name meaning a beautiful flower unfolding in the morning light. "My mother had an Indian woman working on the place when I was born and she helped name me."

She grew up on a ranch in Idaho. It was about 90 thousand acres. Every once in a while our horses would get out and head for the Tetons. We had a real job getting them back. We had plenty of wells. Water was just seventeen feet deep and came out freezing cold because it came from ice caves underground. We used to skip school and go to those ice caves and have a picnic.

Berva Dawn became an excellent horse rider. She rode her horse Dobber bareback with no bridle. She'd climb on that horse and would ride full speed to her friend's house two miles away.

Her father J. C. (Doc) Sorensen had the Flying U Rodeo Company and produced rodeos all over the western United States.

In Salt Lake City, Berva Dawn rode in her first grand entry when she was four years old.

In 1949, Berva Dawn was chosen as a Sponsor Girl for the Madison Square Garden rodeo in New York City. The team consisted of girls from western states and notables like Gene Autry and Roy Rogers. They appeared at events and were interviewed on radio and television to promote rodeo.

One of Berva Dawn's jobs as a sponsor girl was to ride a thoroughbred horse in a race at Rockingham Park in New Jersey. She rode a jockey saddle and wore silks. Her riding skills impressed everyone in the stands. Another job she had was to model at style shows. She dragged a mink coat down the runway of Saks Fifth Avenue.

Berva Dawn spent a lot of time at the ice skating rink at the garden. She became an excellent skater and grew to love the sport of hockey.

A master tailor named Rodeo Ben made clothing for many rodeo stars. When Wrangler decided to make a line of jeans for women, the company chose Rodeo Ben to make them. He took Berva Dawn's measurements and created the first pair for her. She appeared in ads all over the country.

Card of Thanks

The Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Hospitality Committee would like to extend a big "thanks" to everyone who donated money, supplies, and their time to help make this year's Cowboy Camp a huge success. A special thank you to B & H Catering for cooking!

Sincerely,
Tina Watkins
Tibba Edmondson
& Tammie Tidwell

We would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time working in the Coke trailers during the Outlaw Pro Rodeo and the dance. There would have been a lot of thirsty outlaws without your help!

Sincerely,
Storie Sharp & Erica Morriss

Senior Center News

Sept. 1 - Center closed for Labor Day! Sign up for holiday meals!
Sept. 2 - AAA reports due!
Sept. 5 - Homecoming. Honor Seniors Grandparents at Noon! Pep Rally with Tammy's Daycare Bunch.

Senior Menu

Sept. 1 - Center closed for Labor Day! Sign up for holiday meals.
Sept. 2 - Hot dogs with chili, cheese, pork & beans, pineapple, Waldorf salad, brownie with nuts, milk.
Sept. 3 - Chicken strip with gravy, baked potato, broccoli with cheese, roll, peach cobbler.
Sept. 4 - Tacos with meat & cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, corn with pepper, fruit with cantaloupe.
Sept. 5 - Oven fried chicken breast with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed greens, cornbread, fruit parfait.

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

Menu is subject to change.

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Sept. 1
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Sept. 5
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Game • Sonora vs. Ingram
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The Community Calendar

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Sept. 16
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Ask the Historical Society

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

If you don't mind I am starting this column by welcoming Ronald E. Daniels home from the hospital. He is my #1 fan, daddies are like that where their little girls are concerned. He lives in Massachusetts and has been quite ill but was determined to "beat it and live to be 100." Besides he "can't stand hospital food," another good reason to get better and home. He lives in an old New England farm house, built around the 1680's, on 3 acres of land and grows himself roses larger than a plate and monster tomatoes. I mean huge tomatoes that you can use one large cool slice of to make a sandwich on a hot day. Skip the meat, the tomato is so moist and meaty you don't need anything else on the bread. Have a nice big tomato sandwich for me, Dad, and keep getting better.

Now on to local history. I hope you read Tumbleweed Smith's column last week. What he doesn't mention is that the garage that repaired the plane belonged to Ben Wall and that Henry Wall, his old friend from mechanics school, also worked on the plane. Henry even rode down the main road of town with "Lucky Lindy" as he taxied the plane back out from the repair shop. The street was so narrow there was only a couple of inches clearance from each wing tip and it took two men with sharp eyes to avoid another collision.

The wing that was damaged was repaired by wrapping strong bed sheets around it and sealing them in place. Ben and Henry did make alterations to the prop that was sent in error. I sincerely hope that one of Henry's family still has the picture of him and Lindy with the rest of their class of graduating mechanics back in 1922. We sure would like to make a copy of it and put it up in the museum and run it one week for our readers to see. Not many people can claim they personally knew "Lucky Lindy," the man who made the first solo flight across the Atlantic to France, before he became a big hero to the world.

Q. We had a request from Gina Rose Hogan of Hico for information on the Isaac Miers family. Gina is a descendant of Guida Miers Rose Brown and didn't know much about her family's history. She wanted the names of all the children of Isaac, his wife's name and who the children married. She also wanted information on the Birtrong family. We have sent a



June 28, 1916, Band warming up at head of Main St.

large package full of family information to her and will print her address in case any of her "cousins" might want to write her. Gina Rose Hogan, 20611 S. U.S. Hwy. 281, Hico, TX 76457. We know she would love to hear from some of you.

A. Isaac Miers was born on April 13, 1835 in Carroll Co., Mississippi. He married, according to papers filed at the time, Victoria E. A. Morton on January 11, 1866. Victoria had always stated that she was born on December 11, 1841 in Ohio. Isaac was shot on July 29, 1891 on the Courthouse Square in Sonora. Some say in a dispute over water use for his stock. Some say because he knew too much about some crooked dealings, and threatened to tell all when he became angry over once again being denied his watering day. Either way it still wasn't a good enough excuse for a man to draw his gun and shoot a man, with a crippled arm, whose only weapon was a small carving knife he was carrying in his pocket.

Isaac and Victoria Miers had the following children: Eula, 1874-1966, married Charles Sowell and then Charly Markwood. She and Charly Markwood are buried in the Westlawn Cemetery in Del Rio. Addie (dates unknown) married George Jackson and they moved to Oklahoma. Alma, Nancy Carrie, 1879-1950, married Theodore Savell in 1897 and they are both buried in the Sutton County Burial Park. William Andrew "Bill," 1870-1965, married Belle Birtrong in 1897, they are also buried in the Sutton County Burial Park. Robert E. Lee, "Bob," was born in 1872 and died in 1972. He married Dora Lou Patton who died in 1913 and then Cora

Patton, and they are all buried in the Westlawn Cemetery in Del Rio. Wilbourn E., 1877-1915, married Ethel Gallaway and they are buried in Westlawn Cemetery in Del Rio. George D., 1883-1978, married a woman named Betty and they are both buried in the Westlawn Cemetery in Del Rio. The grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc. are too numerous to list here. We did send all the names we could find off to Gina. Since she was a descendant of William Andrew "Bill" Miers, we will list his children's names: William Lee, 1900-1986, married Martha Robinson in 1943. They are buried in the Sutton County Burial Park. "Dixie" Gladys, 1905-1965 married Sam Houston Allison in 1927 and they are buried in the Sutton County Burial Park. Stella M., 1898-1992 married Claude S. Keene in 1917 and they are buried in the Sutton County Burial Park. Jo Nell Johnson, 1920-1999, married Lem Eriel Johnson in 1941 and Fred Adkins. She is buried in the Sutton County Burial Park. Guida 1903-1981 married a Mr. Rose then a Mr. Brown and is buried in West Lawn Cemetery in Del Rio. Myrtis, 1899-1922, married Finis Hamby in 1920 and is buried in the Sutton Co. Burial Park. There was also an unnamed infant of William A. and Belle Birtrong Miers that was born and died on March 27, 1914.

We don't have verification of the names of the parents of Victoria Morton Miers but we do know that Isaac Miers is listed on the September 14, 1850 Census of Carroll Co., Mississippi, in the household of Edward Miers (1808-1883) and Nancy Taylor Miers. He is listed as being born in Georgia and

she is listed as birth in Tennessee. Isaac is listed as age 15. Also living in the household are a sister, Savilla, age 18 (1831-1913). A brother Carroll age 12, and brothers Nathan, age 9, and brother Allen, age 7 are also listed. Then we find Caroline age 2. Not listed is a child, Pierce, born in 1852. We know that Savilla married Isaac Ford and Allen married Louisa Melvina Bryant Early. This is all we have in the files on the parents of Isaac and Victoria Miers.

Since Rick has a new job and his hours have changed we are adjusting the hours the society will be open. New hours are: Monday 8-5, Tuesday 8-Lunch and Friday 8-5. This means the office is open one hour extra on Monday and Friday. But please, any time one of the volunteers is doing unscheduled work in the office you are welcome to stop by. We are here to help visitors, so don't pay any attention to the posted hours, if we are here, just come on in.

If you have any questions, concerning Sutton County history, please send them to "Ask the Historical Society, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonor-rat.net. You may call us at 387-5084 any time we are open if you would like to rent the John & Mildred Cauthorn Building (Old Depot) and grounds, or just to ask a question. If you would like to tour the Miers Home Museum and Miers Complex, which includes the Old Depot building, we will be happy to assist you any time we are open. If you would like to walk around the grounds when we aren't open, your are welcome to anytime the area isn't rented. The Miers Home Complex was created for the people of Sutton County and visitors to this area to enjoy. If you want to bring a large group to tour the grounds it is best to call ahead and make sure the grounds aren't rented for a private party.

Dear Friends, Family, and Supporters,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported me and made it possible for me to become Miss Sutton County in 2003!

I appreciate each and everyone who purchased rodeo tickets, made donations, and gave me encouragement all along the way.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to my wonderful sponsors: Creek Swabbing, The Corner Drug Store & Gifts, Galore & More, La Mexicana, and The First National Bank of Sonora. Thanks for promoting me in your places of business. Without your help, I would not have been so successful.

Also, I want to thank my special employers, SONORA CHEMICAL & SUPPLY, and the SHS CHEERLEADERS for their patience in my absence at work and practice, as I ran for Miss Sutton County. Your support meant more than you will ever know.

My sincere thanks goes to Kim Lewis, our dedicated sponsor, for all of her time and patience for the past few months. I am looking forward to working side by side with you this year for our community.

I would also, like to send a warm thanks to Megan, Tara, and Thia for the fun times we had through the competition, and for the spirit of their friendship, after it was all over Saturday night.

Finally, I would like the community to know how proud I am to be your representative for the next year. I will do my best to serve you in an honorable way. Thanks for the faith and confidence you have placed in me. I love you, Sonora!

Sincerely,
Kelly Kearney
2003 Miss Sutton County

I'd like to thank everyone who encouraged and supported me during my running for Miss Sutton County. Kim, thanks so much for your support and understanding while I was away. To my sponsors, thanks for your hard work. I really appreciate it. Sam, you were great! Thanks so much for your support! To my parents, I really appreciate all of your hard work and support while I was gone. Meme, thanks for the words of encouragement. It meant a lot. I love you. And finally, to the community of



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Best-selling Author Uses 'Smart-Church' Technology to Attract Women to the THRIVE! Simulcast

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The second annual THRIVE! Simulcast, hosted by international speaker and best selling author Dr. John C. Maxwell, will take place November 15th. Guest speakers Kay Arthur, Stormie Omartian, Michelle McKinney Hammond, Jill Briscoe, Florence Littauer, Dellilah, and Gary Smalley will join him as they reach an estimated 50,000 women in a live training and equipping seminar - the THRIVE Simulcast. The simulcast will be broadcasted via satellite and down linked simultaneously to hundreds of churches across North America

on November 15, 2003. Lighthouse Community Church, 1705 N. Crockett, is participating as a local host for the simulcast.

"The business sector has been using the power of live satellite training for years," says Kevin Small, President of the Atlanta-based Injoy. "We feel privileged to be the first to tap into its effectiveness in the Christian community to train more than 100,000 church leaders through the local church each year." INJOY provides two annual simulcasts specifically geared toward developing and equipping Christian men and

women with local churches nationwide.

Seminar leader, John C. Maxwell, is the author of such best-selling books as The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership and The 17 Laws of Teamwork. He is also the founder of INJOY, an organization dedicated to providing resources and training for personal and professional growth. He is an authority on personal and organizational leadership development and has addressed such groups as Sam's Club, Chick-fil-A, Wal-Mart, Primerica, Mary Kay, NCAA Coaches and Indianapolis 500 Drivers.

Happy Birthday

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Santos Israel Ramirez.

He was born to Betty and Jato Ramirez on August 17, 2003 at 4:29 a.m. in Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, Texas. He weighed 3 lbs. 3.8 ozs. and was 15" long.

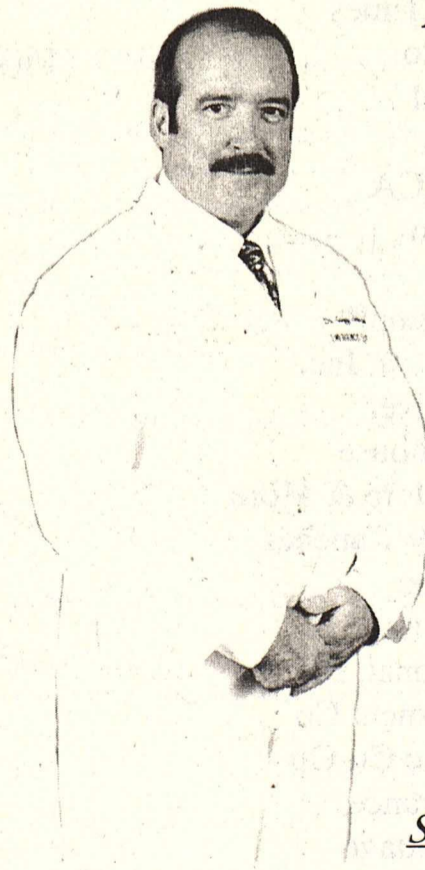


Paternal grandparents are Francisco and Lupe Ramirez.

Also welcomed by his cousins Julian Gallardo and Alexis Gaytan, uncle Mark Samaniego and aunts Angie, Nicky and Amanda Samaniego.

We would like for you to keep him in your prayers.

Gregory P. Johnson, M.D. is open for business.



Ladies First Tuesday

Dr. Greg Johnson announces the start of a special day for Sonora/Sutton County Ladies.

Dr. Jacqueline Jeffrey, M.D. has agreed to come to Sonora Medical Clinic on the first Tuesday of each month to help with pelvic exams and "Pap" smears.

Appointments are being taken now.

Dr. Johnson's Office is located at the Sonora Medical Clinic, Suite B.

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Operations Orphans Offers Youth Hunting Opportunities

The Board of Directors of Operation Orphans, Inc. has selected four dates for doe hunts during the forthcoming whitetail deer season. They are the following Saturdays: October 25, November 15, November 22, and December 6. The second, third and fourth dates will be all-boys' hunts, while the first date will be an all-girls' hunt. A combination exotic game and whitetail doe hunt for boys will be held January 10, 2004.

This is the 44th year of the "Take a Child Hunting" program. To date, Operation Orphans, Inc. has hosted 15,417 youngsters with a total game harvest of 15,100. During this program, landowners from the surrounding Hill Country allow children form child care facilities to harvest does from their property. Ranchers use the "Take a Child Hunting" program as a means to reduce the over population of does and to get buck to doe ratios in order. Landowners and hunters also participate in this program to help educate youngsters about the outdoors and provide a worthwhile outdoor adventure field trip.

Operation Orphans, Inc. provides the children, guides and food for the activity. The guides which Operation Orphans, Inc. provide have successfully completed the Hunter Safety Course. Some landowners wish to provide their own guides. One guide is assigned to each child. During the girls' hunt, a woman or a man/woman team serve as guides. The meat which the child care facilities receive from these hunts helps to relieve some of the burden of their rising food costs for the year.

It all began when the late Gene Ashby, a State Game Warden, realized that the Hill Country, primarily Mason and Llano Counties, had an excess-

sive deer population and saw the necessity for removing a large number of antlerless deer. He approached some local ranchers with the idea of allowing orphans to harvest antlerless deer. They liked the idea, and Operation Orphans, Inc. came into being. Housing the young hunters was a problem, so another idea was realized. With backing from sportsmen's clubs throughout Texas, and other concerned individuals, a 320 acre tract of land on the North bank of the Llano River in Mason County was purchased from a generous land owner at a fraction of its market values. Through donations, a kitchen/dining hall, three dormitories, a showering facility, and a basketball court were built. In 1994, an orientation and recreational building was constructed. It includes a clothing room which allows the kids to obtain boots, coats, jeans, and other clothing items that are donated by concerned individuals. The camp is managed by a supervisor who resides at the camp. Camp Gene Ashby, named in honor of the founder of Operation Orphans, is today a beautiful facility capable of housing and feeding 250 visitors.

During the first 20 years of the program only boys were allowed to hunt; however a girls' hunt was added to the program in 1980, and an "Exotic Hunt" in 1982. The "Exotic Hunt" has added a totally new dimension to an already successful program and is looked forward to by many youngsters as the "icing on the cake".

Many volunteer organizations assist with the program. Several different organizations and individuals prepare the Friday evening meal. Mason girl scout troops, 4-H groups, church groups, RSVP members, and others prepare the sack lunches which the chil-

dren and guides enjoy Saturday during the hunt.

The Directors hope to make participation in the forthcoming hunts the best ever; however, this is dependent upon the number of ranchers who participate. Individuals who lease property for hunting may also participate by hosting a child and thus give up one day and one deer for the benefit of allowing more children to partake in the outdoor activity. The children will be brought to Camp Gene Ashby from home throughout Texas on Friday preceding the Saturday hunt.

The youngsters will attend an orientation and safety meeting and will be given an opportunity to visit the "Boot Room" where they can obtain boots and other clothing which will be theirs to keep. They will be housed, fed and transported to the host ranches before daylight the following morning by guides from various Texas Sporting Clubs and other interested individuals.

Beginning in 1994, in an effort to maintain the highest safety standards, all individuals who wish to serve as guides with Operation Orphans, Inc. must show verification of successfully completing the Hunter Safety Course.

Operation Orphans, Inc. is a non-profit organization made up of a board of directors whose sole purpose is to serve less fortunate youngsters by offering them a positive outdoor experience. Any persons who are interested in assisting with the "Take a Child Hunting" program, please contact camp supervisors, Jerry or Lyla Crouch, at (325)347-6745, or write Operation Orphans, Inc., P.O. Box 535, Mason, Texas 76856. Persons interested in guiding, please contact director George Mann, (325)942-0253.

Chamber Chatter

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 Chamber of Commerce

by Ruthie Bounds, Manager

This past Thursday and Friday we had visitors in Sonora. The Ports-to-Plains Board of Directors met here on Friday August 22nd. Thursday afternoon we treated the Ports-to-Plains board to a tour of the Caverns of Sonora and Eaton Hill. The Sonora Industrial Development Corp. treated our guests to a Barbeque Supper at the Depot. Milton Cavness, J.C. Surber, Oscar Galindo and Lee Roy Valliant played some beautiful music for our entertainment and the Devil's River Dancers, Carolyn McMeans, Roy Jean Johnson, Beverly Arnwine, Debbie Thompson, and Patti Rainer, also entertained everyone during supper that evening. I think a great time was enjoyed by all in attendance. I want to thank Becky Allison, Marla Percifull, Lisa Seaton, Hanna Allison, Will Allison, Carl & Melissa Teaff, and Sue Moore for setting up the tables and staying around to clean up after the gathering. Again it is obvious that Sonora people are very generous with their time, talent and muscles.

From all the information I have been able to gather, so far, it looks like the local motels, restaurants, convenience stores, and retail stores all benefited from the large number of rodeo contestants, fans and vendors visiting our community during the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo & Sutton County Days. That is one of the main reasons so many people work so hard to have a top-quality event. If you are one of those people, and no one has come up to you to tell you how much your efforts are appreciated, I am here to tell you now that your efforts are genuinely appreciated.

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If we have inadvertently left your name off, please accept our "Thanks". As usual the citizens of Sonora & Sutton County gave generously of their time & talents to help with another successful Sutton County Days!!

THANKS SONORA!!!

Sonora Broncos Wear Down Blanco Panthers

By Chris Martin and Cameron Cox

The Sonora Broncos traveled to Junction to scrimmage the Blanco Panthers on Thursday, August 21. The Broncos started out with the ball on offense for the first 20 plays of the scrimmage, driving the ball steadily with passes from Clint Cearly to varied receivers and runs by Brett McDaniel.

The Bronco defense then took over, picking up the intensity for their 20 plays and holding the Panthers to a minimum number of yards.

In the second series of 15 plays, the second team went in on offense and scored on an option play by McDaniel. This turned out to be Sonora's only score of the scrimmage.

The Panthers took over on offense and scored on a pass

play for one of the two Blanco touchdowns.

Sonora and Blanco then played one live 15-minute quarter. The Broncos kicked the ball to the Blanco Panthers first and Blanco lined up, taking the ball on the first play to score a touchdown.

Sonora settled down on offense and completed a few passes, but ended up having to punt the ball back to Blanco.

Sonora's defense did not give up many more yards as they buckled down on Blanco's last series.

The Broncos ran out of time and the final score in the live quarter was Blanco 1, Sonora 0.

The Broncos will go to Alpine Friday, August 30, for their season opener against the Alpine Bucks.

Sonora J.V. Broncos Battle With Blanco

by Mason Martinez, Boomer Galindo and Chris Perez

Both J.V. Bronco teams, Red and White, scrimmaged the Blanco Panthers in Junction on Thursday, August 21, 2003.

The J.V. White team started things off. Bronco Quarterback, Craig Leonard, ran the option well against the Panthers. A stone-cold Bronco defense helped shut down the Blanco team.

The J.V. Red team was next to take the field against the Panthers, and also executed well.

On the second play of the scrimmage, Embre Smith connected deep with Nash Traylor for a Bronco touchdown. The boys in red had some other good plays on the offense, moving the ball down the field, but were

unable to score another touchdown.

On the Bronco Red's last play of the first drive, they failed to reach the 30 yard line to keep the drive alive.

The defense did an excellent job of holding the Panthers to one score, at the end of the drive.

The Bronco Red defense, led by Miguel Vaquera, Chris Perez and Traylor, helped in stopping the Panthers on their first offensive possession. The second offense scored twice on passes to Lito Trevino and Jesse Garza.

Watch the J.V. Broncos at home on Thursday, August 28th against the Alpine Bucks. Game times are scheduled for 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The first Pep Rally for the Broncos will be Friday, August 29, 2003 at 10:40 a.m. in the High School Gym.

**Sonora J.V. Bronco Football
August 28 - Alpine - Home
J.V. White - 5:00 p.m. / J.V. Red - 7:00 p.m.**

**Sonora Varsity Bronco Football
August 29 - Alpine - There
7:30 p.m.**

**Sonora Colt Football
Sept 4 - Ingram - Home
7th Grade - 5:00 p.m. / 8th Grade - 6:30 p.m.**

College Savings Plans Have Changed

by Linda Anderson

A lot of changes have come out of this year's session of the Texas Legislature, and that includes possible changes as to how Texans save for their children's higher educations.

In Texas, "we have two plans," said Nancy Granovsky, Texas Cooperative Extension family economics specialist.

The first - and the one most often called the Texas Tomorrow Fund - is really the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan. In this plan, parents or grandparents or other adults can establish a prepaid college tuition fund for the children in their lives.

"The plan began in 1996 and in that time 140,000 contracts have been purchased statewide," Granovsky said. That means 140,000 young Texans will have enough funds to attend college (or other institution of higher learning) when the time comes.

"There's no problem for these contracts; the plans are still guaranteed," Granovsky said.

But because of state budget changes, a temporary suspension of enrollment has been mandated for this plan. Right now, the only children eligible for enrollment are those who were born between Sept. 1, 2002, and Aug. 31, 2003.

"The reason for that was to insure the actuarial soundness of the plan," Granovsky said.

Changing tuition costs in state universities and colleges contributed to this decision, she added. "The (prepaid) tuition plan was affected when the legislature gave the governing boards of public higher education institutions the flexibility of setting and changing their own tuition rates," Granovsky said.

"The legislature authorized the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Board to have this temporary suspension of new enrollment. (Texas Comptroller) Carole Keeton Strayhorn and

the board will revisit this decision annually to determine (the feasibility of allowing) the sale of new contracts. "It's easier to have a prepaid tuition plan when you know what tuition is going to be."

For more information and updates on the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan, visit the Web at www.texastomorrowfunds.org

The second type of college savings plan is commonly referred to as a 529 plan because it's based on Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code. Granovsky said.

"In our state, it's called Tomorrow's College Investment Plan." This plan allows investors to save money, tax-free, for qualifying expenses.

"What this means is, you're making an investment," she said. "It's not a guaranteed tuition plan, but it allows (placement) of money into different types of investment plans to meet different needs." The money deposited into this plan is not guaranteed in the same way funds in the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan are, Granovsky pointed out, but some investors may choose a 529 plan "because of the very generous amount of money that can be saved tax-free."

"The Texas plan accepts contributions until all Texas account balances for the same beneficiary reach \$257,460," she said.

Investors who are considering this plan should keep several factors in mind, she advised, including how much money they wish to invest, what kind of investment mix they want and the possible financial gains and/or losses that are possible with this kind of investment.

"Almost every state offers this (kind of) plan, but not all plans are identical. And just because you live in Texas doesn't mean you have to buy the Texas plan.

TAAS Out of School Registration

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and who have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections on all sections of the exit level TAAS test, may retake the necessary section(s) any time that the tests are offered. The next scheduled test dates for the exit level TAAS test will be October 21, 2003 (Writing), October 22, 2003 (Mathematics) and October 23, 2003 (Reading).

If you are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and wish to register to retake the exit level TAAS test, pick up a registration packet from the Sonora High School counselor. The test registration form must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and must be received in Austin, Texas, no later than 5:00 p.m. Sept. 19, 2003.

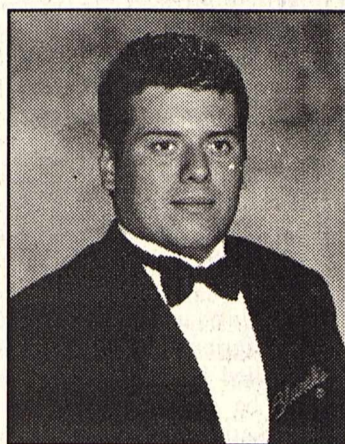
The National Society of Collegiate Scholars Inducts Christopher Matthew Weingart

Texas A&M University - Christopher Matthew Weingart of Sonora accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Texas A&M University.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) is a highly selective, national, non-profit honors organization. Founded in 1994, NSCS recognizes first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically.

The Society was established on the principle that with scholarship comes a responsibility to develop leadership and a duty to perform service.

"NSCS provides the opportunity for students, like Christopher, to be recognized for their outstanding academic



accomplishments early in their college experience", said Steve Loflin, NSCS Executive Director.

"Christopher will also have the opportunity to join other high achieving college students in developing leadership skills and a sense of civic responsibility."

Registration Deadline Set For October ACT Test

College-bound high school students who want to take the ACT Assessment on the October 25 national test date should register by the postmark deadline of September 19, 2003. The late registration deadline is October 3 (an additional fee is required for late registration). Students can get registration materials from their school counselor or register online at www.act.org. ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$26 (\$29 in Florida). A student's ACT scores are considered by colleges for admissions and course placement, along with several other important factors

including high school GPA, college prep courses taken in high school, extracurricular activities, personal background and other information.

The ACT is an achievement test that includes four parts: English, reading, mathematics and science. The ACT is not an aptitude test, but is based on the curriculum taught in high school and what colleges expect students to know when they begin their first year at college.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Sutton, Texas: (a los votantes registrados del Condado de Sutton, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on September 13, 2003, for voting in a special election to "adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas".

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que as casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el septiembre 13, de 2003 para votar en la Eleccion Especial para adoptar o rechazar la enmiendas propuestas constitucional asi como fueron sometidas por la 78a Legislatura Sesion Regular, de la Estado de Texas.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCIONES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

PRECINCT NO. 1: Located at Sutton County Community Center and serves all of Precinct 1.
PRECINCT NO. 2: Located at Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital Annex and serves all of Precinct 2.
PRECINCT NO. 3: Located at the Sutton County Courthouse and serves all voters in Precinct 3.
PRECINCT NO. 4: Located at the Sutton County Volunteer Fire Department and serves all of Precinct 4.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

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(Location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. beginning on August 28, 2003 (entre las 8:30 de la mañana y las 4:30 de la tarde empezando el 28 de agosto 2003), and ending on September 9, 2003. (y terminando el 9 de septiembre 2003),

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
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September 5, 2003 5 de septiembre 2003.
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 7th day of August, 2003 (Emitada este día 7 de agosto, 2003.)

Carole Keeton Strayhorn
Signature of County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)

Texas Agriculture Today Session Success for Agriculture

By Ramona Nye
"Dude, You're Getting a Dell!"

This trademark tagline became amazingly popular as part of an ongoing Dell computer company advertising campaign. And thanks to the passage of House Bill 1858 by Rep. Miguel Wise, Weslaco, the slogan "Dude, You're Getting a GO TEXAN Dell!" could become a reality. The bill permits non-agricultural products produced, made or developed in Texas to enroll in the Texas Department of Agriculture's GO TEXAN marketing program.

GO TEXAN has received national recognition for the promotion and marketing of Texas agricultural products, and now the state's other industries including automobiles and computer software and hardware may take advantage of GO TEXAN's far-reaching appeal. However, non-agricultural companies enrolled in GO TEXAN will not be eligible for matching marketing grants available from the GO TEXAN Partner Program. HB 1858 also includes a Shrimp Marketing Assistance Program that will be patterned after TDA's Oyster Program to promote Texas farm-raised and wild-caught shrimp.

The passage of HB 1858 is just one of many actions that benefit Texas agriculture approved by the 78th Legislature.

"TDA has done its share this session to help cover the state's budget deficit without impacting our core services," said Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs.

A new National Organics Program made it necessary for the Texas organics law to be changed to conform with federal law. Changes include increasing maximum civil penalties under TDA's Organics Program from \$500 to \$10,000. House Bill 2012 by Rep. Rick Hardcastle, Vernon, also allows TDA inspectors to stop sales on products found in violation of TDA's organic rules. The state legislation

allows TDA to remain as an organic certification agent and to continue certifying Texas organic farmers, ranchers and businesses as organic.

A joint interim committee will study nutrition and health in public schools to combat a rising trend of obesity and related diseases in Texas schoolchildren. Originally, Senate Bill 474 by Sen. Eddie Lucio, Brownsville, would have limited access to vending machines in schools, but the bill was changed to create a committee to study school nutrition. The committee will include the agriculture commissioner, the education commissioner, the health commissioner, three senate members, three house members, a physician, a parent of a school-aged child, a superintendent or school principal, an expert in nutrition and a representative of a statewide voluntary organization representing school district boards.

The committee will determine nutritional content and quality of foods served to public schoolchildren through food service, a la carte and competitive foods. The committee will evaluate the financial, psychological and physiological impact of obesity in public school students and assess the value of a universal free breakfast and lunch program. The committee also will evaluate school contracts relating to food products and vending machines and the extent to which competitive food impacts a school district's food service programs.

"TDA has done its share this session to help cover the state's budget deficit without impacting our core services," said Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. "We worked with state lawmakers on innovative budget-saving ideas, and we lowered our general revenue appropriation by nearly 18 percent. We'll continue to look for ways to operate our programs more efficiently and effectively and to deliver quality service to our customers."

Don't forget the Town Meeting with Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs visiting with agricultural producers and rural communities to discuss issues impacting the agricultural industry as well as rural Texas. Tuesday, September 9, Edwards County, 12:45 p.m., Rocksprings Park Building, Highway 377 North at the Fairgrounds, Rocksprings.

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* SB 439 makes it illegal to add reflective material, lights, emblems or anything else that changes the color of the license plate or makes it difficult to read the letters on the license plate. The name of the state where the vehicle is registered must be visible.

* SB 613 suspends the drivers license of anyone under the age of 21 who is convicted of the manufacture, delivery, possession, transportation or use of an abusable volatile chemical.

* HB 2096 makes human trafficking a second-degree felony; if the person trafficked is younger than 14 years of age or the commission of the offense results in death, the offense is a first-degree felony. The bill also makes it a Class B misdemeanor to transport a person in a trailer or semi-trailer.

* HB 292 strengthens an existing law and allows a police officer to have a blood or breath alcohol sample taken from a driver involved in an alcohol-related crash that kills or seriously injures another person, either in a motor vehicle or a boat.

* SB 895 requires that a parent or family member participating in the Parent-Taught Driver Education Program have a valid license for the previous three years. The license cannot have been suspended, revoked or forfeited during the past three years for traffic-related violations.

* SB 1445 amends the current law to allow limited use of electronic information from the magnetic strip on the back of drivers licenses by banks and Texas Parks and Wildlife and its vendors.

* HB 148 makes it a Class A misdemeanor to manufacture, sell or possess a placard that is deceptively similar to a disabled parking placard without proper authorization. A person also commits a Class B misdemeanor if they knowingly park in a space designated for persons with disabilities using a counterfeit placard.

* HB 1784 makes it an offense for a person to park their vehicle where it blocks a disabled access aisle that is designed to aid persons with disabilities.

* HB 1330 allows an applicant to voluntarily list on their driver license or identification card any health condition that might impede communication with peace officers. The applicant must supply DPS with a written statement from a licensed physician. (NOTE: This law takes effect Jan. 1, 2004.)

* HB 3588 increases the penalty for seriously injuring someone when illegally passing a school bus that is loading or unloading students to Class A misdemeanor.

NOTE: An erroneous email has been circulating the Internet, claiming that HB 281, which outlawed talking on a cell phone while driving or without using a hands-free device had passed and will take effect September 1. The bill did not pass and will not take effect. The texts of these bills can be found at www.capitol.state.tx.us. Select the enrolled version.

DO YOU WANT TO BE SAVED?

Only one time, in the entire Bible, is the question asked. "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). In the next verse (Acts 16:31) the question is answered, **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."**

Remember:
Hell's Hot
Life's Short
Death's Sure
Eternity's Long
and, "There Ain't No Exits In Hell."
NO MAN KNOWS, HOW SOON IT IS TOO LATE

"Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain." Exodus 20:7

Any way that you use God's Name, the Lord's Name, Jesus' Name, other than in a Holy manner, is taking His Name in vain.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Acts 2:21 and Romans 10:13 indicate that, "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." In the next verse, Romans 10:14 it says, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?" Believing precedes calling upon The name of the Lord. Jesus Himself said in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**" God reaffirms this truth in 1 Timothy 2:5 saying "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." When someone says "repeat this prayer after me to be saved" it is making people feel like they have to "do" something to be saved, other than **believing**. If someone is asked to say a prayer to be saved, the person who says the prayer is still on his way to hell, after repeating the prayer, if he hasn't believed in his heart. Nowhere in the Bible is it found that a person has to pray a prayer to be saved. God does not hear a prayer unless you go to God in the name of Jesus Christ, **The Only Mediator between God and man.** Jesus Christ is not your Mediator unless he is your Lord and Savior. So according to God, the steps are, first, you **believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.** By **believing** as Acts 16:31 indicates, you are saved! Acts 16:31 is the only time in the Bible where the question is asked, "what must I do to be saved?" God answering through Paul said, **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."** By being saved, Jesus Christ is your Lord, Savior, and Mediator between God and yourself. Now you can pray to God, because you have the Mediator, Jesus Christ.

I believe that when a person "prays" to God, without being saved, his prayer goes no higher than the ceiling, and God probably says, "Who do you think you are, to think that you can come to Me, without coming to Me in the only possible way that I have set out in My Word? For you come to Me, through My Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the One and Only Mediator between you and Me." You don't just pull Jesus Christ out of the air, and say today I want you to get me to God, be my go-between for God! It doesn't work that way, Jesus Christ is either your Lord and Savior, making Him your Mediator, or, if Jesus Christ is not your Lord and Savior, He is not your Mediator. I believe it is very important to stress that you are saved by **believing only.** John 3:16, probably the most quoted verse in the Bible, says that, "whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Again, this passage clearly prescribes believing, not repeating a prayer. In John 3:4, Nicodemus asks Jesus, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" He was asking this in regard to Jesus' statement in John 3:3, that a man needs to be born again. Jesus' answer in John 3:5 and following is "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Nowhere does Jesus say, pray to be saved, it is **always believe.**

Years ago, I heard Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse say "I'm deeply offended when I hear a prayer that does not end with the idea that God must be approached only through the Name and the Being of the Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 1:13 says "In whom (Christ) ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye **believed**, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." Romans 10:9 tells us "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe** in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." For with the heart man **believeth** (first) unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession (next) is made unto salvation." How many people have gone to hell or are going to hell by putting their trust in the ungodly "pray the sinners prayer" or "repeat this prayer after me", instead of **believing.** John 3:36: "He that **believeth** on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Luke 23:39-43 tells us "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. " But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? "And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. "And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise. " In these verses in Luke, we see that a man was saved by believing only. The malefactor did not, and was not instructed by Jesus, to pray, to receive salvation. He said unto Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. " And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise. " **You don't fool Jesus.** Jesus **knew** that this man **believed** in Him; that this man **believed** that this Jesus that he was talking with was the Lord, The Messiah, the Only Begotten Son of God, the Savior, and in believing, the man was saved. Now if you think that you have to pray first, repeat first, or **anything** first, before believing, why did Jesus tell him "today thou shalt be with Me in paradise?" OR if there is a need to do for anything to go along with **believing**, why didn't Jesus tell him what that was? Jesus doesn't make mistakes! God's Word is true. You don't (really you can't), add to or take away from God's Word, and it be true. Just leave His Word alone, and do what God said, **believe.** Psalm 119:89 "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." Revelations 22:18,19 "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Take your Bible and check the references that we contained herein— nothing added to and nothing taken away; and when you hear "the plan of salvation" from anyone, get your Bible out and see if it is God speaking or "someone's" idea. I can't see "ten steps" to salvation, I can see only one step: **believe.** The malefactor on the cross had but one step, and he took it. You, I, we all have "one step," **believe.** Please take it, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation.

¹ All Scripture references are from The King James Version, (Cambridge: Cambridge)1769.

F.Y.I.

Clogging lessons for beginners will be available from the Devil's River Dancers beginning Thursday, Sept. 11, at 6:00 pm, at Hudspeth Hospital Annex. FMI call Carolyn McMeans 387-9315.

The ASU Small Business Development Center will be conducting a **FREE** workshop entitled, **"Understanding Financial Statements"** on September 2nd from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Rasmann Building on the ASU Campus. Attendees will learn about basic financial statement formats (balance sheets, income statements, and cash flow statements) in addition to analysis tools (breakeven point and ratio analysis). Please call the SBDC at (325)942-2098 to register.

Do you or do you have a loved one who has type II diabetes? Please join others like you in the Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes classes. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning September 9-October 14 from 5:30-7:30PM at the Civic Center. Light snack will be provided. Please call the Extension Office at 387-3101 to register.

The Sonora City League Board of Directors would like to encourage all interested parents, guardians, coaches, volunteers, etc...to attend a meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2003. This meeting will take place at the Devon Energy Office, (in the Mercantile Building on Main Street) at 6:30 PM. We will be voting in new officers and new board members for the upcoming year. If you have a child between the ages of 5 - 16, that plays Little Dribblers Basketball, Girls Softball, or Boys' Baseball, then come be a part of a group that organizes these events for our children. New faces, and new ideas are always welcome. We hope to see you there! For more information call Shelly Hughes at 387-5008 after 5:00 PM, or Danni Price at 387-2507, or Julie Martin at 387-5136 after 5:00 PM.

Early Voting for the Constitutional Amendment Election will be held on August 28, 2003, through September 9, 2003, at the County Clerk's Office from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Election Day will be Saturday, September 13, 2003.

Sonora Ladies' Golf Auxiliary Couples Tournament will be September 20 & 21. One man and one woman per team/select shot. \$160 per team (mulligans and carts extra). \$50 hole-in-one pot, Mulligans \$5 per person per day. Pre-flighted, cash pay each day and hole prizes. FMI call Sonora Golf Club at (325)387-3680. Entry fees must be paid by Tuesday, September 16, 2003. No refunds after this date for cancellations.

The Sutton County Game Dinner Association is looking for "Hunter of the Year" nominations. If you, or someone you know, has hunted in Sutton County for at least 20 years and should be voted the "Hunter of the Year" call Carl Teaff at 287-2452 by September 1, 2003 to make your nomination.


Lighthouse Community Church presents: "Breaking Free" by Christian Author and Leader, Beth Moore. Do you struggle with issues that seem to repeat themselves over and over? Well, maybe this study of God's word is for you! Everyone is welcome for classes beginning Wednesday, September 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, with childcare provided. FMI call Jane Rushing at 387-3625.

When you need Transportation, think about Thunderbird Transit in Sonora. Whether it is for Summer School, Vacation Bible School, Summer Reading Program at the public library, swimming lessons, whatever the reason, give us a call! 387-2509. Rate: Student - 50¢ one way/\$1.00 round-trip; In-town - 75¢ one way/\$1.50 round-trip; Senior Citizen (60+) - contribution only.

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New Great Western Drlg.; 9000' Aldwell Brothers - 15 - #3, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 8700' Tom Mitchell - 1 - #5, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 8800' Mayfield - 33 - #7X, Key Energy.
New Dominion; 8550' Tom Mitchell - 3 - #3, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 8400' Simmons Ranch #48, Patterson Drilling.
Falcon Bay Energy; 8500' FBE 13-11 #13-11, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 8400' Mayer - 36 - #7, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 8350' Mayer - 36 - #6, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 8250' Mayer - 37 - #9, Patterson Drilling.
New Par Minerals Corp; 7000' Allison Ranch #1, Key Energy.
New Dominion; 6400' Meckel - A - #64, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 6350' Collier Shurley #16, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 6300' Shurley #99, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 5700' Martin #26, Patterson Drilling.

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Concho Oil & Gas; 10500' Johnson #803, Patterson Drilling.
New Pioneer Natural; 9550' John Lee Henderson Jr. #13, Patterson Drilling.
WTG Exploration; 8999' University 29-27 #1, Patterson Drilling.
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Oxy Permian; 5600' South Cross Unit #218, Key Energy.
New Patina O&G; 5200' Adams #221, Capstar Drilling.

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New Exxonmobile Dev.; 16000' Banner Estate #32, Patterson UTI/LV.
Nuevo Texas Inc.; 19000' Mitchell - 7 - #5, Nabors Drilling.
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Fasken Oil & Ranch; 7500' Brown NW - 212 - #18, Patterson Drilling.

Edwards
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Schleicher
Dominion; 8900' Edwin S Mayer Jr - P - #8, Patterson Drilling.
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good quail and turkey hatches provided an abundance of seed producing plants (i.e. sunflower, ragweed, croton, etc.) beneficial to both mourning and white-winged doves," said Joe Herrera, TPWD wildlife biologist in Pleasanton. "If weather conditions hold, hunters should expect exceptional dove hunting this fall."

In the Special White-winged Dove Area in the south zone, the season will run Sept. 6, 7, 13, 14 then Sept. 20-Nov. 5 and Dec. 20-Jan. 7. During the first two weekends of the season in the special white-winged dove area, the bag limit would be 10 in the aggregate, no more than 5 mourning doves or 2 white-tipped doves. The bag limit for the remainder of this season would be the same as the rest of the South Zone.

"In the Lower Rio Grande Valley, we have had good production during the summer with minimal weather-related events to disrupt nesting," offered Steve Benn, Las Palomas Wildlife Management Area manager. "It continues to be very dry and hot, but food is available in the form of irrigated sorghum, non-irrigated sorghum that received rain, Croton in irrigated cotton and other agricultural crops, and native food resources. As I tell hunters, there are a lot of birds around, it's a matter of scouting to know where they are, how they are flying, where they are feeding, where they are watering, and how they are flying back to roost...that will make a successful hunt."

White-winged doves have distributed themselves throughout most of the western three-quarters of the state. More than a million white-wings have been taken by hunters across the state each of the last two years. White-wings are so named because of the obvious white stripe or epilate on the wings. They are slightly larger than mourning doves and have a blunt tail instead of a pointed tail. They are most prevalent near urban areas. Hunters are cautioned that a hunting license, HIP certification and a white-winged dove stamp are required to hunt white-winged doves in Texas. The stamps may be purchased anywhere hunting licenses are sold and cost \$7 if purchased separately from the resident hunting license. Funds generated from the stamp are used exclusively for white-winged dove habitat acquisition, development, management and research.

Eurasian collared doves are also expanding their range in Texas. They are so named from origin in Asia and Europe and the black or charcoal half-cres-

cent on the backside of their necks. Eurasian collared doves are larger than white-winged doves but without the white wing stripes. They are an invasive exotic, like the rock dove or domestic pigeon, and are not protected by state or federal law. There are no restrictions on when, how many, or means and methods for taking them except a hunting license is required if you are hunting them with firearms. Hunters are encouraged to retain a fully-feathered wing on all the doves in their bag if they take some of these birds.

If hunters want to get in on the dove hunting action this year but don't have a place to hunt, TPWD's public hunting program may be the answer.

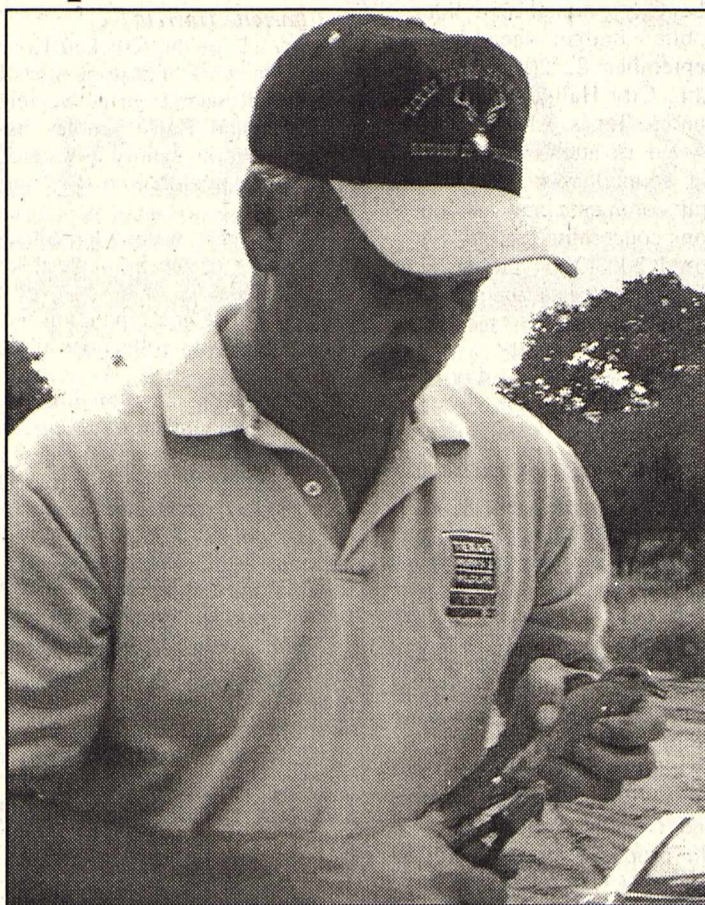
For a \$48 Annual Public Hunting Permit, hunters can access more than a million acres of public hunting lands, including 164 units covering more than 61,000 acres leased primarily for hunting dove and other small game.

Annual Public Hunting permits may be purchased wherever hunting licenses are sold. A map booklet and supplement of dove lease maps will be mailed within 10 days of purchase of the permit at retail outlets; however, the map booklet and supplement can be obtained immediately by purchasing the permit at a TPWD law enforcement office. The map booklet and supplement may also be viewed on the Internet at (http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/hunting/public_hunting).

Finally, TPWD hunter education officials remind hunters to be sure to only shoot at doves within range and a "safe zone of fire," communicate safe zones with others in the hunting group, and transport plugged, single shot or double-barrel shotguns unloaded, in cases and separate from the ammunition. And finally, Terry Erwin, hunter education coordinator at TPWD, said, "We encourage hunters to be role models for conservation, act ethically and to take a youngster or someone new to hunt, along with them."

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Dove Hunters Requested to Report Bands



Dovebanding- TPWD Wildlife Technician Dale Schmidt banding a mourning dove in Llano County.

submitted by Mary Humphrey, Game Biologist

Mourning doves are one of the most widely distributed and abundant birds in North America. They are also a popular game bird with hunting seasons established in 36 of the lower 48 states. There are more mourning doves harvested than all other migratory game bird species combined. In Texas, an estimated 375,000 hunters take more than 4.5 million each year - more than any other state.

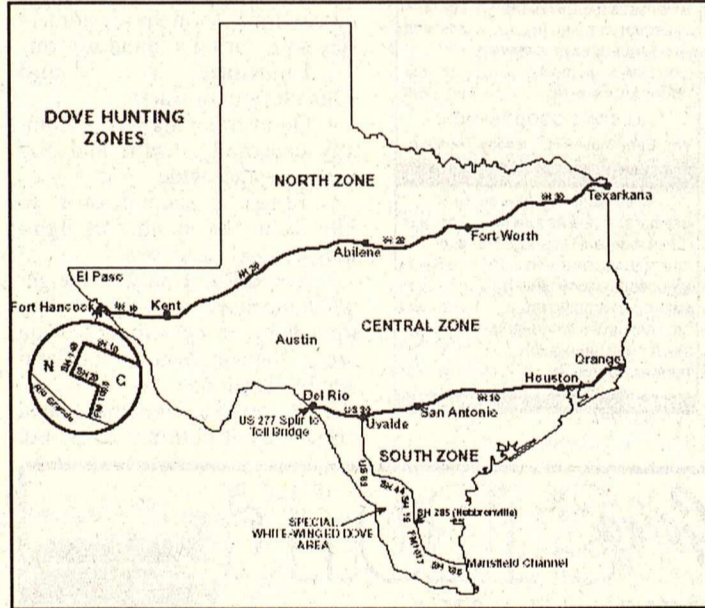
Because mourning doves are an important migratory game bird, wildlife managers require information to set hunting regulations. Information on survival and harvest rates are keys to understanding the effects of hunting on long-term breeding populations. Banding is the primary tool used to obtain this information.

But banding does no good if hunters don't see or report the bands on birds they shoot. Previous banding studies 30 years ago indicated two-thirds of banded doves taken by hunters were never reported. Hunters either never saw the small bands or saw them, and chose not to report them. Band reporting rates need to be high in order to maximize the return on hunting license dollars spent on banding studies and to insure that hunters

can take no more than the safe harvestable surplus.

This summer, Texas along with 25 other states, will be participating in a nationwide mourning dove banding study. More than 85,000 doves will be trapped and banded during the next 3 years. The objectives are to determine harvest rates, annual survival rates and geographical distribution of the recoveries. In other words, what proportion of doves banded in Texas are taken by hunters and where.

In Texas, mourning and white-wing doves have been banded in at least 11 different sites across the state, including the Llano area. Doves will be marked with metal leg bands containing a unique number and a toll free telephone number (1-800-327-BAND or 2263) that hunters can call to report the band. Bands may also be reported on the Internet at www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl. Because dove bands are very small, hunters can easily overlook them. Any bands found should be reported. Hunters are encouraged to carefully check all doves they take for bands. It only takes a minute and doesn't cost a cent. In return, hunters can keep the band. They also receive a certificate of appreciation that identifies when and where it was banded.



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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING
 The City council will hold a public budget hearing on September 2, 2003, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas. All citizens are invited to attend and provide the council with written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the city's proposed 2003-2004 budget. The public can inspect the proposed budget in the city's secretary's office, City Hall, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT
 Dominion Oklahoma, Texas E & P, Inc. is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas. The Applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Strawn, Ned Dunbar, Well number 5. The proposed injection well is located +/- 9 miles south of Sonora, TX in the (Espy) Sawyer (Canyon), in Sutton County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 6500' to 7000' feet.
LEGAL AUTHORITY:
 Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
 Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. (Telephone 512/463-6792).

News from the Neighbors

Sonora Artists To Show In Ozona

by *Charlotte Harrell*
 Friends of the Crockett County Public Library is pleased to feature the work of Sonora artists Barbara Earwood, Ron Nicholas, and Ken Rowland during September and October. Both Barbara Earwood and Ron Nicholas have exhibited here in the past. Earwood works mainly in watercolor, and Nicholas works in both oil and watercolor. Ken Rowland will join them for this present exhibit.
 Working in watercolor, oil and pastels, Ken portrays the delicate beauty of the Southwest, a weary cowboy or, perhaps, the rugged landscape of his beloved Big Bend. Ken's creative works have gained a fine reputation for accuracy and beauty. His work hangs in private collections throughout the United States, Japan and Germany.
 Ken is a signature member of the American Plains Artists, and a founding member of Watercolor Horizons (Odessa, TX). He holds memberships in the Odessa Artists Association, the Angelo Artist Society, the San Angelo Art Club, the Andrews Art Guild, the West Texas Watercolor Society, and the Southwest Watercolor Society. He has won numerous awards throughout Texas and New Mexico. Ken's watercolors, oils, and pastels can be viewed in Rivers Edge Gallery, Kerrville; J Walker, San Angelo; Gallery One, Brownwood and Gifts Galore and More, Sonora.
 Ken would like each person viewing one of his paintings to make a personal connection, some reminder of the past, a moment of seeing into the vision he had in mind when painting, or maybe a warm happy memory.
 Friends of the Library will receive 15 percent of any art sales.

More Traffic Equals More Troopers This Labor Day Weekend

The Texas Department of Public Safety will have all available troopers on the roadways during the upcoming Labor Day weekend targeting speeders, seat belt violators and drunk drivers.
 DPS - along with law enforcement agencies throughout the state - will increase patrols from Friday, Aug. 29, through Monday, Sept. 1, in an effort to cut down on highway deaths and injuries.
 Last year, DPS issued 26,577 citations during the Labor Day Holiday, which is more than three and a half times the number of a non-holiday weekend. This includes 1,297 alcohol-related citations or arrests.
 "Labor Day tends to be a holiday with a large number of DWI fatalities," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr. "Because Labor Day is traditionally the last weekend of the summer, more people are out celebrating-creating potentially dangerous situations on our roadways."
 A new state law, effective Sept. 1, makes driving while intoxicated with a passenger younger than 15 a state jail felony, punishable by a maximum of two years in jail and a \$10,000 fine. If an offender is convicted of driving while intoxicated, another new law will result in the offender having to pay a surcharge of \$3000 (paid over three years).
 "Our job is to make sure the highways are safe for everyone, so drivers who insist on endangering others run a much higher risk of getting a ticket or going to jail this holiday weekend," said Davis.
 DPS is a participant in Operation CARE-Combined Accident Reduction Effort-a nationwide effort by police agencies to reduce fatalities during holidays.

Let's Go To Luckenbach For Labor Day

Cross Canadian Ragweed (CCR) will headline Luckenbach's Labor Day Weekend Celebration with an outdoor concert on Sunday, August 31. Other performers featured throughout the music-filled weekend include the McKay Brothers, Scott Rotge, Mark David Manders, Kevin Deal, Bleu Edmondson and Wade Bowen.
 The weekend's activities also include a Saturday afternoon admission-free rally of Mini Coopers (those cute little cars imported from England). About 75 Mini Coopers on a Hill Country tour will be making a pit stop under the oaks at Luckenbach. The cars will be on display from 3:30 until 6 p.m.
 Tickets for CCR's concert are \$15 in advance and \$18 the day of the show. Advance tickets are available at the Luckenbach General Store or on the internet from luckenbach-texas.com or crosscanadianragweed.com. The gates open at 6 p.m. Wade Bowen will open the show at 7 p.m. followed by the McKay Brothers. CCR will take the stage after a set by Bleu Edmondson.
 The weekend's activities kick off Friday with free music performances throughout the day. The Friday evening Fandango in the Dancehall will feature Scott Rotge. Admission to the dance is \$5. All day Saturday and Sunday visitors can enjoy free music, horse-shoes, washer pitching, dominoes, armadillo races, the Mini Cooper rally, and good food from the Feedlot. Saturday evening Mark David Manders and Kevin Deal will perform in the Dancehall. Admission is \$10.
 For safety reasons, Brown asks that visitors not bring coolers, umbrellas, video cameras, pets, glass items or lounge-type chairs. Also, he reminds everyone that no beverage container sare allowed into or out of Luckenbach.
 For more information about the Labor Day Weekend activities or other upcoming events at Luckenbach, call 888/311-8990 or 830/997-3224 ext. 26 or visit luckenbach-texas.com on the web.

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Be Safe: Thunderstorm Safety Precautions

With the most severe thunderstorm activity typically impacting Texas August through October, WTU Retail Energy L.P. offers the following information and electricity-related precautions to help customers stay safe during a thunderstorm.

Lightning and Thunderstorm Facts:
 On average, lightning annually causes 93 deaths and 300 injuries nationwide.
 Texas is second only to Florida in the number of lightning-caused casualties.
 You are not only in danger when the storm is overhead. Any time you can hear thunder, you are in danger of injury or damage by lightning.
 A person who has been struck by lightning does not carry an electrical charge that can shock other people. Provide assistance immediately and call 9-1-1.
 Thunderstorms always include lightning and can also bring heavy rains, flash floods, strong winds, hail and tornadoes.

Safety Tips
 Install surge protectors on all major appliances - If lightning strikes your home, the charge can destroy appliances that are plugged into wall outlets, including TVs and computers. Proper surge protectors are inexpensive, easy to install and stop the charge before it reaches valuable equipment.
 Check for hazards on your property. Remove dead or rotting trees and branches that could fall and injure someone or damage your home or power lines during a severe thunderstorm.
 Do not handle any electrical equipment and do not use the telephone except for an emergency. An electric charge from lightning could be transmitted through the wires. Television sets are particularly dangerous during a lightning storm.
 Do not take a bath or shower and avoid water faucets. Water and metal pipes can conduct electricity.
 Stay away from damaged or downed power lines. Report power outages and downed or damaged power lines by calling 1-866-223-8508.
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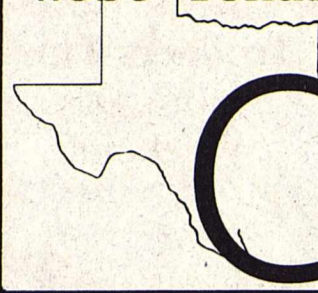
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To the Registered voters of Sonora Independent School District, Sutton County, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on September 13, 2003, as specified in Texas Education Code § 41.012 for a special election to vote for or against the provision to achieve the equalization of wealth pursuant to Option 4 of Texas Education Code § 41.003.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES: Precinct 1 Sutton County 4H Civic Center 1700 N. Crockett Sonora, Texas Precinct 2 Hudspeth Hospital Annex 310 Hudspeth Sonora, Texas Precinct 3 Sutton County Courthouse Sonora, Texas Precinct 4 Sonora Fire Station 506 S. Concho Sonora, Texas

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Sonora Independent School District, Administration Building, 807 South Concho, Sonora, Texas 76950 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on August 28, 2003 and ending September 9, 2003.

Application for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Valltree Draper c/o Sonora Independent School District 807 South Concho Sonora, Texas 76950 Application for ballots by mail must be received no later than close of business on September 5, 2003. Issued this 30th day of July, 2003. Scott Jacoby Board President

SONORA NOTA INDEPENDIENTE de DISTRITO de ESCUELA DE LA ELECCION ESPECIAL PARA el IGUALAMIENTO DE la OPCION de la RIQUEZA BAJO la SECCION de CODIGO de EDUCACION de TEJAS 41.003 A los votantes Registrados de Sonora el Distrito Independiente de Escuela, Condado de Sutton, Tejas:

La nota por la presente se da que los centros electorales listaron estará abajo abierto de 7:00 de la mañana a 7:00 de la tarde en el 13 de septiembre de 2003, cuando especificado en el Código de la Educación de Tejas § 41.012 para una elección especial votar para o contra la provisión para lograr el igualamiento de la riqueza según Opción 4 de Código de Educación de Tejas § 41.003.

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La aplicacion para la votacion por el correo sera enviada a: Valltree Draper c/o Sonora Independent School District 807 South Concho Sonora, Texas 76950 La aplicacion para votaciones por el correo se debe recibir no luego que cerrar del negocio en el 5 de septiembre de 2003. Publicado este el dia decimocuatrua 30 de julio, 2003. Scott Jacoby Presidente de Tabla

The Sutton County Undergound Water Conservation District will hold a budget hearing at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 2003 at the District Office, 301 S. Crockett Ave., Sonora.

Immediately following the budget hearing, the District will hold a management plan hearing.

Immediately following the management plan hearing, the District will hold a District Rules hearing.

Immediately following the District Rules hearing, the Sutton County Undergound Water Conservation District will hold a meeting to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2003-2004. The proposed tax rate is \$0.02746 per \$100 of value. The previous tax rate was \$0.023 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the Sutton County Undergound Water Conservation District by 16.85%. All interested persons are invited to attend.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

District 7C Rule 37/38 Case No. 0235993 Date of Issuance: August 22, 2003

NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE SAMSON LONE STAR LTD PARTNERSHIP, TWO WEST SECOND ST., TULSA, OK 74103 has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of the Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line and distance between wells and density of the subject field(s) requirement for the drill permit for Well No. 8, Nobles Lease, 654.5 acres, Sec. 6, Bk. CC, EL & Railway Co./J.A. Schwalbe Survey A-1532, Denison (Strawn) Field(s), Sutton County, being 14 miles from southwest of Sonora, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

516' from the south line and 1,997' from the west line of lease. 516' from the south line and 1,997' from the west line of survey.

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permits authority in the Wildcat field(s). No rule 37(38) is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field(s).

Field rules for the Denison (Strawn) field are 933/1867, 320/160 acres. Field rules for the Wildcat field are 467/1200, 40 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10,000 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Rule 37 (h) (2) (A), and 38, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, James M. Clark, Agent, at 512-480-8800. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6899.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY October 2, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

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first spotted them 150 years ago. A bold dark rift called Rimas Australis cuts through the polar ice just south of those mountains. Something else to look for is the "Cryptic region"—a dark zone hundreds of km wide. Even after the ice above it recedes, the Cryptic region remains remarkably cold according to infra-red cameras onboard NASA's Mars

Global Surveyor spacecraft. No one is sure what the Cryptic region is. Some fun facts about Mars: Mars was the Roman god of war and agriculture. It may not seem like these two things go together, but they do. Mars protected those who fought for their communities, and stayed home to raise crops for food.

If you weighed 70 pounds on the Earth, you would weigh about 27 pounds on Mars. Mars has two moons, their names are Deimos and Phobos. Mars won't be this close to Earth again until 2287. It is not likely that any of us will be around to see it then, so don't miss it this week.

Eaton Hill Rock Art Takes a New Twist

by Delyse Jaeger

We put men on the moon decades ago but archaeologists remain uncertain about the origin and meaning of the prehistoric artwork found on the cave walls of the Lower Pecos River region. A grand mystery, it seems, exists just beyond Sonora's back door. The most current research I could locate is by Dr. Carolyn Boyd of Texas A&M University. Dr. Boyd completed her dissertation in 1998 on the interpretation of the Pecos River Rock Art. She convincingly connects the paintings to actual known stories or rituals, and her research has received international attention. I followed her trail to the Cambridge University website during my own odyssey — an effort to avoid misinformation concerning Eaton Hill's latest installment to the Native American feature. We now boast an authentic reproduction of an ancient pictograph depicting a bird shaman. Located on the quarry wall, opposite the highly authentic wikipup (dwelling), the shaman is a reproduction of the bird shaman of Panther Cave near Del Rio.



Humans first arrived in Texas 10,000 to 12,000 years ago, and the rock art of the Lower Pecos dates back approximately 5,000 years. The unusually well preserved paintings and artifacts of this region have provided scientists from numerous disciplines, the opportunity to learn about these ancient people, whose culture has been lost to modern man. The bird shaman of Eaton Hill is an example of the earliest of four types of rock art and is referred to as the Pecos River style. These pictographs are usually in reds, blacks, oranges and yellows and most commonly depict shaman in a state of transformation, during the departure of the soul from the body. The shaman was an important figure in the hunter-gatherer communities of the earliest Texans. They were healers of the mind and body, protectors of the spirit as well as teachers and religious leaders.

The Bird Shaman on the quarry wall of Eaton Hill was reproduced from the original at Panther Cave near Del Rio. Pictographs in Texas date back 5,000 years.

Ancient peoples believed all things, plants, animals, rocks, etc., possessed a spirit and all were connected. The shaman was capable of transforming himself into a part-animal, part-human spirit and visiting the other world, where the spirit received revelations. Research points to the use of peyote to induce the trance state necessary for the journey. Do not try this, it could kill you. Shaman we are not! Cave artists used powdered minerals such as iron oxide to create pigments for their images. The dusty color was sometimes mixed with urine or animal fat to bind it and seashells functioned as pallets.

Paintbrushes were formed from the fibers of native plants like sotol and yucca. A yellow crayon was even discovered in one of the caves! The Lower Pecos archeological region "contains a uniquely vital cultural legacy of worldwide importance". (Wow, and it's just down the road from Sonora.) So, tapping into this important cultural legacy seemed like a good idea. We hope everyone will enjoy learning more about the history of Texas. Explore the many worlds on Eaton Hill! Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation

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