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Ag Week Is Here

Combs Urges Texans to Salute Agricultural Heroes

Austin- Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that March 20 to 26 is National Agriculture Week in Texas - a time to celebrate the state's farmers and ranchers and acknowledge this far-reaching industry that adds some \$73 billion to the Texas economy.

"Agriculture's roots reach back hundreds of years, and the people who persevered are true pioneers who should be celebrated," Combs said. "This tremendous industry has a giant impact on our everyday lives. From nutritious foods to high-quality fiber to fresh plants, agriculture provides us with the necessities of life while boosting the state's economy."

"Agriculture can be a challenging way of life. Major advances have taken us miles away from the days of horse-drawn plows, but we still endure challenges in weather, water availability and commodity prices," Combs said. "Rural economic development, nutrition and marketing have become important components of modern agriculture as well, and Texas producers have evolved to stay ahead of changes in the industry and respond to the needs of consumers."

From the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle, Texas is the most agriculturally diverse state. Agriculture is the state's second-largest industry and is an economic powerhouse, producing food, horticulture and fiber for consumers across the world. Texas agriculture employs about one out of every seven working Texans, and 80 percent of the state's land is in some form of agricultural production.

"No matter how large the industry, its heart remains with the farmers and ranchers who contribute to it," Combs said. "National Agriculture Week gives us a chance to recognize the people who consistently enrich our lives in many ways. Let's take the time this month to be thankful to our agricultural pioneers for their vision and to the modern-day producers who dutifully carry out the monumental role of being a Texas farmer or rancher."



The hot pink, Zebra striped cargo trailer made by the FFA Ag Mechanics team of Ty Love, Allyse Edmondson, Courtney Caruthers, Amanda Word, Jason Chadwick, Jack Turney and Blaine Goley proved that Agriculture could look good at Stock Shows.

Ag Mechanics team finishes show season

The Sonora FFA Ag Mechanics team finished their show season with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Courtney Caruthers, Amanda Word, Allyse Edmondson, Jason Chadwick, Ty Love, Jack Turney and Blaine Goley participated this year by completely fabricating an all-steel 12-foot cargo trailer.

The team competed at the San Antonio Livestock Expo, The San Angelo Stock Show and The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The shows consisted of approximately 300, 100, and 350 projects respectively.

FFA and 4-H members from around the state must present their projects, processes and documentation to a group of judges, while competing against similar projects. The Sonora team earned blue ribbon quality ratings at all three shows, plus a purple ribbon at Houston. After the quality ribbons were presented, the team placed first in its class at San Angelo and Houston. The team is led by Sonora Ag Teacher, Michael Kissire.

Congratulations to the Sonora FFA Ag Mechanics Team!

Devon Energy wins National award for Corporate Citizenship

Devon Energy Corporation's (NYSE: DVN) strong record of community outreach, safety and environmental stewardship has resulted in national recognition for citizenship within the energy industry. *Oil and Gas Investor* named Devon the year's "Best Corporate Citizen" as part of the publication's annual Excellence Awards announced in the magazine's March 2005 issue.

"The *Oil and Gas Investor* Excellence Awards honor commitment to quality and innovation in the most important areas of the oil and gas industry," said Bob Jarvis, publisher for the Houston-based magazine. "Exemplary corporate citizenship is one of those areas."

The magazine called Oklahoma City-based Devon an ambassador of the industry, especially in the highly populated areas around the Barnett Shale adjacent to Fort Worth, Texas. The company holds more than a half million acres of land in the Barnett Shale, and it produces from more than 1,900 wells. Because of Devon's size in the region, community involvement is a high priority.

"With so many land and mineral owners, local governments and agencies affected, the company has perfected an ambitious community outreach and education program," said Leslie Haines, editor-in-chief. "The citizenship award recognizes Devon's role as a goodwill ambassador and for its environmental, health and safety record across all of its operations in North America."

"The program has become a model that other companies are emulating," said Devon President John Richels. "It reflects the core values long established in Devon's corporate culture."

Devon has an office in Midland, Texas and operations in Sutton County, as well as a host of other sites in Texas. Lynn Hinsley of Sonora is one of Devon's Ambassadors.

Devon Energy Corporation is an Oklahoma City-based independent energy company engaged in oil and gas exploration, production and property acquisitions. Devon is the largest U.S.-based independent oil and gas producer and is included in the S&P 500 Index. For additional information, visit www.devonenergy.com.

Haircuts by Janis opens for business



The Sonora Chamber of Commerce welcomed a new business to town on Friday, March 11, 2005, as friends, family and potential clients gathered in the Old Sonora village to help Janis Wiggins celebrate her new location. Janis has been cutting hair in Roosevelt for a long time, but decided it was time to branch out. Janis offers, cuts, perms, styles and more and welcomes walk-ins from men and women. The festive occasion allowed for appointments to be made and two lucky winners, Gretta Ramsdell and Delores Adams went home with free haircuts after a drawing was held for all the visitors. Stop by and visit Janis at 234 Hwy 277 N. or call 387-3700 to make an appointment for your spring hair cut!

City preparing for mosquito treatment, educating public

submitted by the City of Sonora

With warmer weather approaching it's a good time to start thinking about mosquitoes. Below is a list of mosquitoes reported as occurring in the State of Texas. These are then divided into four groups: Permanent pool - ponds and lakes; Transient water - canals, ground pools, irrigated land; Floodwater group - damp soil flooded by fresh water or salt water marshes; Artificial containers and tree holes - tires, flower pots, roof gutters, tin cans, etc.

Each of these groups of mosquitoes have many differences, such as flight ranges, biting habits, day or night and preference to the host they bite, such as birds, people and animals.

For mosquito control, the Texas Department of Health issues licenses for non-commercial pesticide applicators. This license is issued under the category of Vector Control. A vector is a living transmitter of a disease. There are many important steps involved in vector control. One of these is finding the location of mosquito breeding places and eliminating these sources. By dumping out all stagnant water on your property, getting rid of tires, tin cans, etc., and cleaning gutters you can help eliminate the breeding places of certain mosquitoes.

Did you know that a mosquito lays from 80 to 150 eggs? If the source cannot be eliminated, then biological tactics can be used. These would include such things as Bti, a mosquito larvicide, or certain fish. Another step is environmental modification, such as removing their resting places; most prefer to rest in moist, shaded areas. This would entail removing dense shrubbery and thick stands of tall grass and weeds so that sunlight and air can filter in.

Next week, look for information describing the serious diseases that mosquitoes carry and how the diseases are transmitted from one host to another. We will also share the state and local laws that are in place to protect people from these diseases.

ProtectTexas, a program of the Texas Department of Health provided the following list of Mosquitoes reported as occurring in the State of Texas:

Aedes aegypti, *Aedes albopictus*, *Aedes vexans*; *Anopheles albimanus*, *Anopheles atopus*, *Anopheles barberi*, *Anopheles bradleyi*, *Anopheles crucians*, *Anopheles franciscanus*, *Anopheles freeborni*, *Anopheles judithae*, *Anopheles pseudopunctipennis*, *Anopheles punctipennis*, *Anopheles quadrimaculatus*, *Anopheles smaragdinus*, *Anopheles walkeri*, *Coquillettia perturbans*, *Culex abominator*, *Culex apicalis*, *Culex arizonensis*, *Culex chidesteri*, *Culex coronator*, *Culex declarator*, *Culex erraticus*, *Culex erythrothorax*, *Culex interrogator*, *Culex nigripalpus*, *Culex peccator*, *Culex pilosus*, *Culex quinquefasciatus*, *Culex restuans*, *Culex salinarius*, *Culex stigmatosoma*, *Culex tarsalis*, *Culex territans*, *Culex thriambus*, *Culiseta incidens*, *Culiseta inornata*, *Culiseta melanura*, *Deinocerites mathesoni*, *Deinocerites pseudus*, *Haemagogus equinus*, *Mansonia titillans*, *Ochlerotatus atlanticus*, *Ochlerotatus bimaculatus*, *Ochlerotatus brelandi*, *Ochlerotatus campestris*, *Ochlerotatus canadensis canadensis*, *Ochlerotatus dorsalis*, *Ochlerotatus dupreei*, *Ochlerotatus eapactius*, *Ochlerotatus fulvus pallens*, *Ochlerotatus grossbecki*, *Ochlerotatus hendersoni*, *Ochlerotatus infirmatus*, *Ochlerotatus mitchellae*, *Ochlerotatus muelleri*, *Ochlerotatus nigromaculis*, *Ochlerotatus scapularis*, *Ochlerotatus sollicitans*, *Ochlerotatus sticticus*, *Ochlerotatus taeniorhynchus*, *Ochlerotatus thelcter*, *Ochlerotatus thibaulti*, *Ochlerotatus tormentor*, *Ochlerotatus triseriatus*, *Ochlerotatus trivittatus*, *Ochlerotatus zoosophs*, *Orthopodomyia alba*, *Orthopodomyia kummi*, *Orthopodomyia signifera*, *Psorophora ciliata*, *Psorophora columbiae*, *Psorophora cyanescens*, *Psorophora discolor*, *Psorophora ferox*, *Psorophora horrida*, *Psorophora howardii*, *Psorophora longipalpus*, *Psorophora mathesoni*, *Psorophora mexicana*, *Psorophora signipennis*, *Psorophora varipes*, *Toxorhynchites rutilus septentrionalis*, *Uranotaenia lowii*, *Uranotaenia sapphirina*, *Uranotaenia syntheta*. This list was compiled by Roy G. Butron, State Entomologist, Bureau of Environmental Health

Business Person of the Year!

That is just one of the honors that will be awarded at the 2005 Chamber of Commerce Awards banquet on April 14. If you are a chamber member and haven't returned your ballots voting on Business Person of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Organization of the Year, and Educator of the Year, you need to do so soon. Your vote counts. Then enjoy some "Fun at the Beach" at the 2005 Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet and see who the lucky winners are.

Sonora welcomes home Scott Garrett



Proud friends and family welcomed home Scott Garrett on Friday, March 11, 2005. Garrett has been serving in Iraq for the last year and returned to Texas two weeks ago. After visiting family and a trip to Las Vegas with wife, Donna, Scott was treated to a red, white and blue welcome home as he entered Sonora on Hwy 277. Sonora is happy to have Scott home safe and is proud of all that he has done.

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, Sutton County, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, The Devil's River News, KHOS Radio and the City of Sonora, invite you to the removal of the Yellow Ribbon from the Old Oak Tree, for Scott Garrett, on the Sutton County Courthouse lawn, March 17, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. Come celebrate with Scott and his family at the Old Oak Tree.

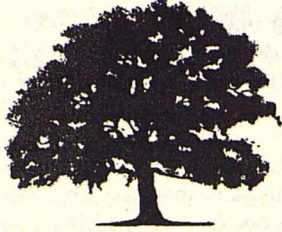


Above: Friends and family line the street to welcome home Scott Garrett. Below: Scott's dad, Jim Garrett, greets his son with a big hug.

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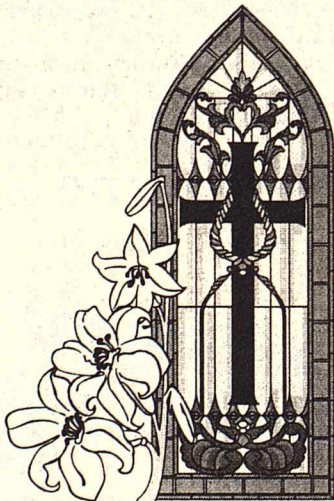
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Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Eaton Hill Treasure Hunt 2005

by Ann Kay

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to thank the Community of Sonora for making the Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Eaton Hill Treasure Hunt a great success each year. We would like to thank all the merchants for their help and supporters in making this year's hunt another great success.

Please mark your calendar Saturday, March 26, 2005, at the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the hunt will begin at 10:00 a.m. You must register for door prizes which will be given out at the end of the hunt. First National Bank of Sonora and The Bank & Trust donated a total of \$150.00 which will be hidden on Eaton Hill and Sutton County Courthouse lawn. We will be hiding 3000 prize eggs on Eaton Hill and the Sutton County Courthouse lawn.

If you would like to see what prizes have been donated visit the Bank & Trust, First National Bank of Sonora, window of Main Street Realty, Sam Dillard State Farm Insurance, Tedford Jewelry/Radio Shack, window at the building next door to the Sonora City Hall. We appreciate every thing that was donated for the success of the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Treasure Hunt 2005.

If you are hungry for some home baked goods, the Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital Aux. will be having a West Texas Bake Sale for your Easter Weekend guests.

Senior Center News

March 21 - Bingo
March 23 - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Education - noon
March 24 - Easter Party - noon - Sign up for holiday meals
March 25 - Good Friday - Center closed

Senior Center Menu

March 21 - Hamburger on bun, lettuce, onion, tomatoes, pickles, baked French fries, sliced pears, oatmeal cookie, milk
March 22 - Chicken fried steak w/ gravy, baked potato, carrots, rolls, vanilla pudding w/ fruit, milk
March 23 - Salmon croquettes, macaroni & cheese, turnip greens, coleslaw, peach half, milk
March 24 - Cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, rice, tossed salad, crackers, fruit cup, milk
March 25 - Closed for Good Friday

NEW HOURS: Mon. - Fri 7:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
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.

Texas Tales Told By Tumbleweed Smith

Dallas develops the Trinity

Tumbleweed Smith

Dallas is in the beginning stages of its largest public works project since the construction of the DFW airport. This time the city is looking at the Trinity River. The \$1.2 billion dollar investment by the citizens of Dallas along with

state and federal governments will create one of the world's largest urban parks. It will contain downtown lakes with a whitewater run and the country's largest urban hardwood forest. The project will be ten times the size of Central Park in New York City.

Private individuals and city, state and federal governments are funding two futuristic

bridges, designed by Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava. Work on one of the bridges starts in November of this year.

The Trinity project, due for completion in 2011, encompasses seven miles of river and six thousand acres of forest. The river will be able to accommodate small sailboats and paddle boats. A reverse-flow lake is planned with a seventeen-foot drop, creating rapids. In August,

Fort Worth opened its whitewater course on the Trinity and it is already a big hit. The Fort Worth Park's popularity sets an example of how Dallas citizens will respond to recreational opportunities on the river.

The Trinity gives companies and people a reason to stop moving north. Eventually, residential and commercial development will fill the space between downtown and the river. The most visible benefit will be Oak Cliff, which will have easy access to downtown, great views and direct entry into the country's largest urban park, home to more than 1,300 species of plants and animals.

In May of 1998, the largest bond package in Dallas history passed and the Trinity River proposition won by a bare margin: 51.6 percent to 48.4 percent. It was in August of last year that the first work on the project began. It consisted of removing sheet metal from a long-abandoned shed.

The great Trinity Forest is mostly ash, oaks, elms and cottonwoods. The ten square mile tract was largely neglected and grew up over the past 45 years. It is home to raccoons and bobcats. Poachers sneak in to hunt deer.

An interpretive and equestrian center is planned in an area of southeast Dallas that used to be a trash dump. Antoine Predock, known for his "green" buildings, is designing it. Tourists from around the country and the world will go there to hike, watch birds and enjoy the outdoors.

For years the river was ignored in Dallas unless it threatened residents. That's not the case now.

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Come & Go

March 16, 2005 • 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Sonora Medical Clinic Suite B

Join us in showcasing the new addition and renovation to Dr. Gregory Johnson's Clinic.

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Community Calendar

March 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day. Are you wearing green?

March 21

Major Baseball Try-outs - 5:00 p.m. - Sutton County Park Center Field

March 22

Sonora Lions Club Annual Broom and Mop Sale
Minor Baseball Tryouts - 5:00 p.m. - Sutton County Park Center Field

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March 24

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March 25-28

Easter Break - No School

March 28

Sutton County Commissioners Court - 9:00 a.m.
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Hog Legg Ellis to Perform at "THE LIBRARY" with Charlie Robison

Local boy Jeremy Yager returns for a big night in San Angelo

Waco, TX, March 10, 2005: Beck in the Saddle Management is proud to announce the return of a native son to the Sonora/San Angelo area, and founding member of Hog Legg Ellis, in what is to be a seminal show at "THE LIBRARY" in San Angelo on Tuesday, March 29th, 2005.

Hog Legg Ellis, a fast-rising band in the TEXAS MUSIC genre will take the stage in support of Charlie Robison, who gained prominence through such hit songs as Bar Lights, El Cerrito Place, My Home Town, Sunset Blvd. and Right Man for the Job. Charlie Robison is a respected, talented and successful figure in the Texas music scene and both he and his wife Emily (Dixie Chicks) have made lasting contributions to Texas music.

"I am really excited about this upcoming show. Coming back to my roots - on stage with someone who is well on his way to becoming a Texas Music icon is a great feeling," says Yager, adding "Even though this show is on a Tuesday night, I want Sonora to come out and show their support. At only \$5, how can you pass up such a great show?"



Charlie Robison

Hog Legg Ellis is well on its way to being a major presence as well. To date, Hog Legg Ellis has sold albums in nine countries, 18 states, and is being aired in 17 radio markets.

Sonora, show your support and come to the show!

For more on the music visit www.hogleggellis.com or www.beckmusicgroup.com

Hog Legg Ellis will be performing in Sonora for the West Texas Championship Cook-off on June 4, 2005.

Sonora graduate named President of Latino Superintendent's Association



Dr. Tino Noriega, Superintendent of Schools in Whittier, California was installed as President of the California Latino Superintendent's Association. Dr. Noriega graduated from Sonora High School in 1964. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University, a Master of Arts degree from Stanford University and Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Iowa. Tino has been a mathematics teacher at the high school and university level and has held a number of administrative positions in K-12 districts. He has been at the superintendent level since 1990.

Dr. Noriega is the son of Victor and Ramona Noriega of Sonora, Texas.

Chamber Chatter

Time to vote on new directors for Chamber of Commerce

by Ruthie Bounds, Executive Director

Sonora Chamber of Commerce members need to be watching the mail for the ballot to elect four new directors. The nominating committee submitted these 5 names and they were accepted by the board of directors. Each year 4 directors rotate off the board. This year we will be losing Doug Huddleston of Consuelo Ranch, Mike Samuels of Alco, Ben Solis from Sonora ISD and Lisa Seaton of Lisa's Flowers & Gifts. Of these four wonderful people three of them have served a full 3 year term serving our community, so they will not be able to submit their name for re-election to the board. Doug Huddleston was elected to fill out the term of a board member that had to resign, so his name has been submitted for a full three year term. The other names submitted are: Lance Castro, Jim Phillips, Debra Hobbs and Gretta Ramsdell.

These ballots will be mailed this week; please do not forget to return these along with your nominations for the awards. The awards nominations were mailed out two weeks ago. If you have not received either of these ballots by mail, please stop by the Sonora Chamber of

Commerce Office & Welcome Center at 205 Hwy 277 North to pick up a ballot. All regular Sonora Chamber of Commerce members in good standing are eligible to vote. Please take this opportunity to have your voice heard, take the time to vote on directors and award recipients. The Chamber of Commerce annual banquet will be held at the Sutton County Civic Center on April 14th. Come to the banquet prepared for "Fun on the Beach".

I wanted to remind everyone of the Grand Opening of the expansion of Dr. Gregory Johnson's office this Wednesday March 16th from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Dr. Johnson's office located in the Sonora Medical Clinic, suite B, has recently undergone renovations and an expansion. The Chamber will be having a ribbon cutting at 3:15 p.m. This is another exciting innovation for the Health Care services in our community.

Also a reminder that the pictures from the Daddy Daughter Date Night are here and ready to pick up at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center at 205 Hwy 277 North, Next door to The Bank & Trust.

Friends of Historic Sonora sends shoeboxes of support

by Ann Kay, F.H.S.M.S Manager

The Friends of Historic Sonora have filled Yellow Ribbon Shoe Boxes with Girl Scout Cookies and are ready to mail them to troops overseas. The Yellow Ribbon Shoe Boxes were also filled with candy, shirts, Sonic catsup and Bar-B-Que sauce, Pizza Hut packaged crushed red pepper, parmesan, romano and hard grating cheese blend packages, beef jerky, bottled soap, wipes, and cold cream. These items were donated by this community and the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program. We appreciate all those that donated items to this cause.

The Girl Scout cookies were donated by E.M. Hobbs, Inc., Gulley & Son, Inc., Location Builders, Schlumberger Oilfield Services, Schlumberger Wireline Services, and Sonora Contractors, Inc.

We would like to express our appreciation to the Brownies: Adrianna Gamez, Becky Levario, Hallie Samaniego, Jazmin Ramos, Jesi Telles, Julissa Esquivel, Kali Mendez, Kamrie Martinez, Krystianna Mendez, Leslie Levario, Lillian Kent, Rita Mendez, Stormi Schwertner, and Valencia Ballard. A note of appreciation is also extended to the San Angelo Lions for the AT&T Phone Cards for our troops that were also sent.

If you haven't purchased your Girl Scout Cookies, you may call any of the brownies listed above or any of our Sonora Girl Scouts.

American Cancer Society Camp Discovery Needs Volunteers

Austin, TX—You'll be amazed at what kids with cancer can do! Every summer approximately 135 kids and 100 adult volunteers spend a week at Camp Discovery having fun, learning new things and growing and developing as people. Would you like to join in on the fun?

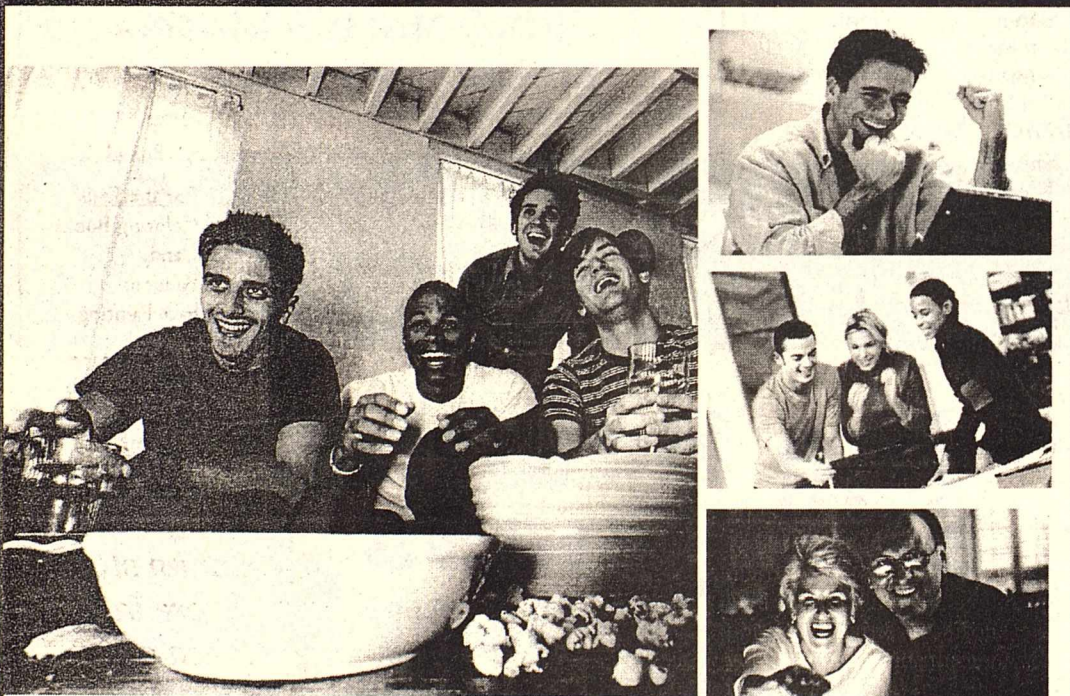
The American Cancer Society is looking for 100 volunteers to serve as counselors and medical staff for its summer camp to be held July 17-23. The camp is held at the beautiful Lions Camp located in the heart of the Texas hill country in Kerrville, approximately fifty miles northwest of San Antonio. Camp Discovery is a

patient services program of the American Cancer Society. Through fundraising events, and support from corporations and individuals, the camp is provided at no cost to campers. Camp Discovery offers children who have been diagnosed with cancer a genuine camping experience with activities that include: swimming, horseback riding, archery, tennis, softball, dance, arts and crafts, and much more. The purpose of the camp is to provide children with cancer a fun, relaxed natural environment where they can learn new things, grow, develop and share experiences with other children who have cancer.

Volunteers must be at least age 19 or older with prior experience preferred. For more information or to request a volunteer application, please call Phyllis Caron at 512-919-1910 or email Phyllis.caron@can-cer.org. The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. For more information anytime, call toll free 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

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