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Sonora ISD to be commended for response to bomb threat

by Storie Sharp

"I hope that we never have to put this plan into effect again but in case that we do, we will be ready," stated Sonora High School Principal Raul Chavarra, after schools were evacuated on Thursday, February 9, 2006 because of a telephoned bomb threat.

Sonora High School office assistant, Betty Garcia answered the phone around 8:50 a.m. on Thursday, hearing what is reported to have been an adult male ask if he could be heard. Upon verifying that the call could be heard, the caller warned that there was a bomb in the Sonora ISD school buildings. Garcia immediately followed the district's emergency procedure, wasting no time in notify Chavarra so that the administration could proceed with evacuation and notify the proper authorities.

Superintendent Doug Bawcom was reached and immediate clearing of the school building began. All campuses have designated locations to move to in case of emergency situations and all staff and students made the transition calmly and quickly.

Local emergency crews, including the Sonora Police Department, Sutton County Sheriff's Office, Sonora Volunteer Fire Department, local Drug Task Force Agents and Texas State Troopers immediately responded to the call, making sure the buildings were cleared of all people and watching for any suspicious activity around the buildings. An initial sweep was made of the buildings, but a more thorough examination was not made until the Goodfellow Air Force Bomb Squad arrived to assist.

Meanwhile, all students were transferred via buses to the Sutton County Civic Center. Small town news spreads like wildfire, and anxious parents began arriving on the scenes trying to get to their children. The teachers, aides, coaches and all Sonora ISD staff are to be highly commended for how they handled the situation, staying calm even when scared and/or agitated parents didn't always act in the best interest for all involved. The teach-



Above: A bomb squad from San Angelo's Goodfellow Air Force Base assist local law enforcement and school administrators with the search of all Sonora ISD schools.

Left: Sonora Elementary School students load onto buses to be taken to the Civic Center after a bomb threat caused the schools to be evacuated.

DRN staff photos



Chamber of Commerce date night offers Dads and their darling daughters an evening of floating around the dance floor like butterflies.

For more Daddy/Daughter Date Night Delights, see page 10.

Manhunt ends in suicide



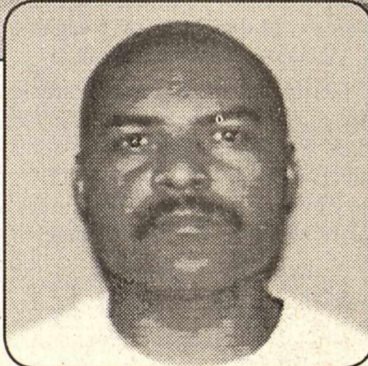
This motor home parked at Holiday Host was believed to be driven by man sought in statewide manhunt.

Carl Wilder (right) ended a week long search by taking his own life on Sunday.

by Storie Sharp

A former Travis County sheriff's deputy sought by police on a felony warrant for aggravated assault killed himself Sunday as deputies surrounded his home in Pflugerville, Texas, reported the Austin-American Statesman on Monday, February 13, 2006.

The report came after the man was last seen in Sonora on Thursday, February 8. Allegedly, a tip to local law enforcement reported that Carl Wilder, 48, may be in the Sutton county area. Wilder was wanted for aggravated assault on

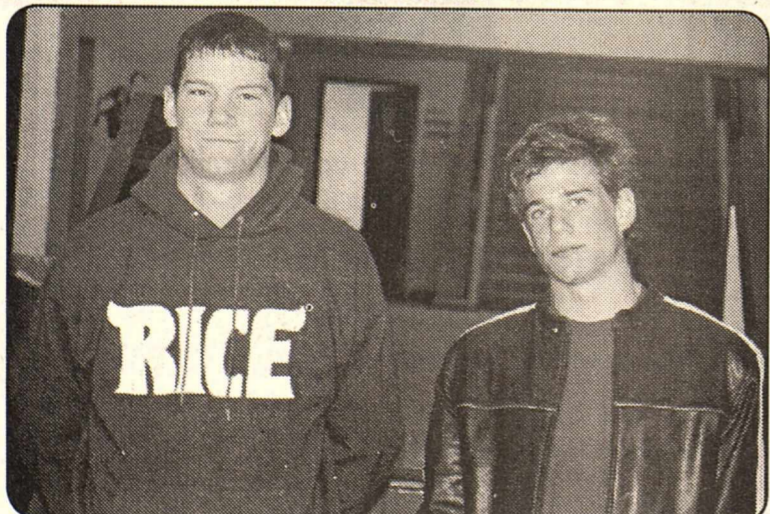


his estranged wife and was to be considered armed and dangerous. It was reported that the Pflugerville Police Department had a warrant for Wilder's arrest in connection with the assault and had been seeking him for about a week.

A local investigation led to the location, and observation of, an older model motor home with a

See Manhunt page 4

Broncos excel in grades and sports, two named to Academic All-State



Embre Smith and Hilton Bloodworth were both named to the Academic All-State Football Team. This honor is chosen by the Texas High School Coaches Association. The teams are selected by a point system that awards points for GPA, class rank and SAT or ACT score. The student/athletes are then placed on teams according to the number of points they have earned.

Embre is the son of Jack and Laurie Smith and Hilton is the son of Lee and Darlette Bloodworth.

Congratulations to both of these young men on their achievements.

Primary elections speak for parties; reform changes ballot process

Sutton County voters can expect some changes this year as they head to the polls to cast their vote. Back in 2002, President George W. Bush signed HR 3295, the Help America Vote Act or HAVA. This is federal legislation that created several new mandates as of January 1, 2006, for state and local government.

One of the requirements of HAVA that voters will notice is the new voting system in each polling place. Federal funding assistance allowed Sutton County to purchase the voter assist terminals and precinct ballot counters. (Looking for upcoming stories in the DRN about these voting systems.)

Primary elections play an important role in the voting process. These elections determine who will represent the party in the general election. The names that will appear on the general election ballot on November 7, 2006, are the candidates that will be chosen during the primary election.

Early voting for the joint primary begins February 21, 2006, and goes through March 3rd.

Early voting by personal appearance for the Democratic and Republican March Primaries will be held at the Sutton County Clerk's office at the Annex Building Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

February 28, 2006

Last day to receive application for ballots by mail. All applications should be sent to Veronica E. Hernandez, Early Voting Clerk, 300 E. Oak, Suite 3, Sonora, Texas 76950.

March 7, 2006 Election Day Hours 7:00 a.m. - to 7:00 p.m.

Precinct 101 - Civic Center Hwy 290 West
Precinct 201 - A & B Hospital, 308 Hudspeth
Precinct 301 - A & B Annex Building, 300 E. Oak
Precinct 401 - Fire Station, 508 S. Concho

Febrero 21 - Marzo 3

Dias para votar adelantado en persona para las primarias Democratico y Republicano en el edificio Anexo Del Condado De Sutton de Las 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Febrero 28, 2006

El ultimo dia para recibir una solicitud de una boleta para votar por correo. Todas las solicitudes deben de ir a Veronica E. Hernandez, Encargada de la Votacion Temprana, 300 E. Oak, Suite 3, Sonora, Texas 76950

Marzo 7, 2006 Dia de Eleccion Horas 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Lugares de votacion:

Precincto 101 - Civic Center Hwy 290 West
Precincto 201 A & B - Hospital, 308 Hudspeth
Precincto 301 A & B - Annex Building, 300 E. Oak
Precincto 401 - Fire Station, 508 S. Concho

Neria Galindo announces Commissioner candidacy



Citizens of Sutton County Precinct 4, this is your opportunity to elect a new County Commissioner.

My name is Neria Galindo.

I want to take this opportunity to let the citizens of Sutton County know that I am a candidate for the position of Commissioner Precinct 4. I was born and raised in Sonora. My parents are Oscar and Elodia Galindo. My children are Eric and Wendy Galindo, and Joe and Christie Galindo. I have been nursing for 37 years and currently I am employed at Hudspeth Hospital.

I feel that it is time for new and innovated ideas,

and that's what impels me to be a part of our growing community's future.

I come with a very open mind, willing to be your voice so that I can better represent all the citizens equally and fairly. Focusing on concerns and issues that each and every one as an individual might have, together we will grow in a more organized environment.

So citizens of Sutton County Precinct 4, be sure and cast your vote, starting February 21, and ending March 3.

oroughly search the building."

"I just want everyone to know that Sonora ISD has a plan in place for such emergencies and that plan was carried out thoroughly and successfully, with the safety of our kids and employees being the main focus," Bawcom stressed.

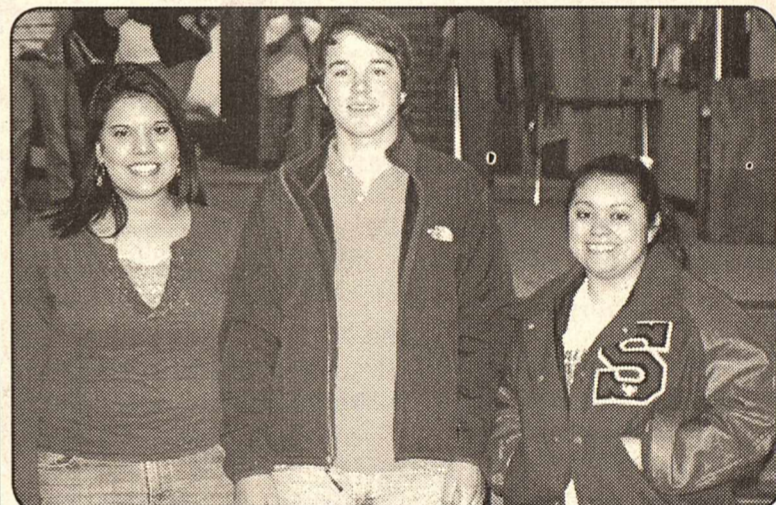
Searches of all the campuses and buildings resulted in no bomb, or any weapons, being found. An alert by a bomb dog on a trash can on the Elementary School playground proved to be nothing. It was stated later that it is possible construction crews used some type of ammunition during the recent construction, causing the dog to alert on the receptacle.

Everyone involved agreed that the evacuation and coordination between the schools and law enforcement went very smooth.

"Fire Chief Rick Cearley,

Chief of Police Mike House, Sheriff Joe Fincher, and our local DPS Earlie Williams and Sgt. Mayfield did a fantastic job of coordinating services and ensuring that our students and staff were safe and sound. Superintendent Bawcom did a fantastic job of keeping the principals informed and coordinated throughout the day. I was very proud of the parents that trusted us with their kids, were patient, and understood that there is a necessary process that needs to be followed in situations like this," stated Chavarria.

Sonora Police Chief Mike House reported that an initial suspect has been cleared and what they believed to be a strong lead did not follow through. Making a false bomb threat to a public school is a state-jail felony, punishable by as much as two years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.



Mackenzie Perez, Warren Wallace, Stacy Sanchez and Desirae Boldt (not pictured), will travel to Austin to compete at UIL Cross-Examination Debate competition in March.

Staff photo

Debate team to sound off at State

submitted

Sonora High School has qualified two students for the 2005-06 University Interscholastic League State Cross-Examination Meet to be held March 14-19 at The University of Texas in Austin. The students qualifying are Warren Wallace and Stacy Sanchez who placed first at the District Meet in Wall on February 8.

Mackenzie Perez and Desirae Boldt placed third at the meet which makes them the alternate team.

"UIL debate competition develops skills in our students that directly prepares them for real world situations by challenging their problem-solving and critical thinking abilities," said Jana Riggins, UIL Debate Director. "This years cross-examination debate topic required students to research extensively the United Nations peacekeeping operations.

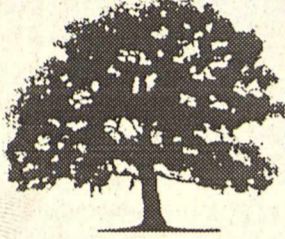
UIL academic contests range from social studies to accounting, and from computer science to poetry interpretation. Of the 2.2 million students who participated in UIL activities last year, 414,000 competed in one or more of the 23 general academic contests.

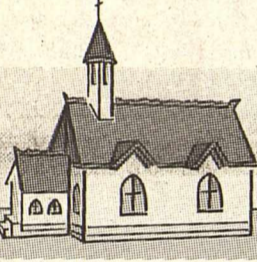
Through participation at the State Meet, students qualify for Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships. Since its inception in 1954, the TILF has provided \$19 million to over 14,500 students. This year, TILF expects to award an estimated 520 new and renewed grants, valued over \$1,000,000. Grants and donations from foundations and individuals have funded these academic scholarships. Each dollar that the TILF receives goes directly for scholarships and no administrative or other overhead expenses are deducted.

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 Becca Clawson, bride-elect of Riley Crain
 107 N Concho, Downtown Sonora 387-3839

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 Mgr. Jen Jones

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 Worship 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
 Having received such a positive response over my last letter, I felt I must respond to Mrs. Dovers letter for the enlightenment of all future customers. Mrs. Dover-not having a Texas license DOES NOT mean that I do not have on. Your research was correct up to a point. Had you dug a little deeper you would have known that all hinges on the population of any given county. If they have a population of 5,000 or less, allow homeowners to pull a permit and the correct permits is pulled and said work passes inspection then whomever is doing the work DOES NOT have to hold a license. Also if county is under 5,000 you do not have to be licensed to advertise as I do! That's in the code book. Mrs. Dover, I thank you for your concern, but I can assure you that I do have all the proper training and Knowledge to protect my customers and myself! All work I perform either meets or exceeds the Universal Plumbing Code. We have these codes for a reason and they must be followed. Those considering hiring me who want to save \$ or cut corners by not following these codes must find another plumber to do their work. I will also report to the proper authorities any code violations I find that are not remedied. My previous letter involved a customer who has been a commercial account for several years. They know my capabilities and WANT ME as their plumber. Plain and simple-those who use me agree, my work speaks for itself, not to mention that those out of Angel charge 2-3 times more than I. We do not appreciate Chief House abusing his power and telling us what we can or cannot do. He will never have that power...unless we break the law. Then we have no one to blame but ourselves. Only then does he have any jurisdiction. Do ONLY you and Chief House have the right to research and hire any contractor you choose, I think not! Ma'am, I can assure you this has nothing to do with my qualifications.....just Chief House overstepping his bounds. Why he was ever appointed to this office is beyond me. Having grown up here I know first hand he has always been this way! My suggestion to you is to mind your own business and stay out of mine. Next time you decide to run me down and make it seem to appear as if I'm hiding something and deceiving my loyal customers, I then will be forced to take legal action against you! With that said, I will tell you that only you have stated dissatisfaction with my letter. All others have approved and hope others will soon start standing up with me for our rights. Are you so dissatisfied with your life that you have to be a busy body and go around making others unhappy? Know that is our paths ever cross I will not allow it! Should I decide that transferring my license is to costly, not needing it here, but keeping it renewed there. That's my decision not yours. And since it is mine and not yours I will tell you in advance, when the time comes and it always does, that you need a plumber and can find no one else to come today but SOONER PLUMBING, know that I will not service someone who talks out of their a** having no idea what they are talking about.

Until that day,
 Sincerely,
 Sooner Plumbing

Dear Editor,
 I am a victim of Mr. Freeman's plumbing handiwork. I had asked Mr. Freeman of Sooner Plumbing to hook up the water line on my refrigerator and to install a dishwasher. Unfortunately for me he installed both of them wrong, causing an extensive amount of damage to my home. He hooked up the water line to my refrigerator and every time that I would turn on my kitchen faucet, water would spray the wall behind my refrigerator. Water also continued to trickle and seep behind my refrigerator through my brand new kitchen floor, and it eventually warped the hardwood floor in the adjoining dining room. The kitchen floor had to be replaced and the hardwood floor had to be repaired and refinished. When I opened my dishwasher to use it for the first time, it fell out on the floor because Mr. Freeman failed to secure it properly. He also wired it in a way that could have eventually burned my house down. We all know now that Mr. Freeman does not have a license, however, he does not have insurance either. My insurance had to pay for Mr. Freeman's mistakes.
 I only wish that I had talked to Chief House before I solicited the workmanship of Sooner Plumbing. Chief House is serving and protecting the community by warning us of the dangers of using Sooner Plumbing. Mr. Freeman's work does speak for itself. It shows that he definitely lacks the skills to be a licensed plumber.
 Jimalee Dutton

Thank You Notes

Sonora High School would like to thank everyone who helped to make the 60th Annual Speech and Academic Tournament on February 10 and 11 a huge success. Without the community's continued support, this tournament would not be the longest running speech meet in the state of Texas. We would like to extend a special thank you to Smith Neil, Storie Sharp, Lewis Allen and The Downtown Lion's Club.
 Sonora High School

We the family of Felipe Lopez Jr., like to express our most sincere thanks to everyone that has supported us through this very difficult time. We would first and foremost like to thank all of the EMT team and all of the hospital staff that helped Felipe. You all are greatly appreciated.

We would also like to give a great big thanks to each and everyone that donated money toward his funeral expense, especially Johnny and David Creek. You all will never know how much all your help was appreciated.

We don't even know what words to say that could truly express our deepest gratitude. Thank you to everyone for all the phone calls, flowers, food, prayers, and especially for just being there for us. It's times like these that you stop and realize how lucky we are to live in a town such as Sonora. Thanks again.

Tony and Patsy Lopez and family

Senior Center Activities

- Fri. February 17** - Run errands and pay bills after lunch
- Sun. February 19** - Happy B-day Hensel Matthews
- Mon. February 20** - President's Day-Center will be closed
- Tues. February 21** - Exercise anyone? City Council 2 p.m.
- Wed. February 22** - Washington's B-day
- Thurs. February 23** - B-day party for February babies @ noon

Senior Center Menu

- Fri. February 17** - beef steak w/gravy, macaroni & cheese, rolls, green beans, carrot salad, mixed fruit, milk
 - Mon. February 20** - President's Day-Center closed-Sign up for holiday meals, milk
 - Tues. February 21** - Chicken fried steak w/gravy, oven french fries, rolls, mixed veggies, vanilla pudding w/fruit, milk
 - Wed. February 22** - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, noodles, zucchini squash, juice, garlic bread, white cake w/ caramel icing, milk
 - Thurs. February 23** - Ground beef w/vermicelli, pinto beans, flour tortilla, tossed salad, mixed fruit cup, milk
- Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.
 Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.
 Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50;
 \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go)

Juice - too much of a good thing

submitted by Kelly L. Thorp, MS
 CEA-FCS Sutton County Texas Cooperative Extension



Preschoolers who drink too much juice are more likely to be too short, and too heavy, for their age according to research. As a result, nutrition experts are advising parents and child care givers to limit juice to 3/4 cup per day. "Unfortunately, when it comes to juice - there's such a thing as too much" says Dr. Sharon Robinson, Nutrition Specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension.

While fruit and juice are part of a healthful eating plan, they should not be substituted for milk and other healthful foods. As always, a healthy eating plan is based on variety, balance and moderation.

When shopping for fruit juice, look for '100% juice' on the packaging. Powdered fruit-ades and fruit flavored sodas are no substitute for the nutrition that is in 100% fruit juice. "In fact," says Dr. Robinson, "sweet drinks not only add calories to the diet but they can spoil children's appetite for the foods they need to grow, develop, and stay healthy." Children who consume more calories than needed are more apt to be heavy for their age.

How much fruit and juice should you offer your preschooler? Most young children need about 1 to 2 cups from the MyPyramid Fruit Group each day. To determine how much food you should serve your child based on your child's age, gender and physical activity level visit <http://www.mypyramid.gov>.

The next time you take your child to the doctor, ask if your child's height and weight is right for his or her age. Remember, never place a child on a weight loss diet unless instructed by a doctor. Instead, serve foods based on MyPyramid during family mealtimes and enjoy regular family activity.

Texas Cooperative Extension offers nutrition education events in your area. To learn more, contact your local Family and Consumer Science County Extension Agent at 387-3604 or k-

Main Street Traffic

Sutton County Courthouse honored in 2006 Preservation Texas calendar

by Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager

Wow! I have just returned from Austin and the steps of the Capital. I was so surprised and happy to see that we (Sutton County) were honored as one of the outstanding courthouses in the Preservation Texas 2006 Calendar. The Sutton County Courthouse photo is the month of November. The calendar is the fund raiser for the Preservation Texas Program and are available for \$8.00 each. If you would like one of these outstanding calendars call or come by the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office at 232 Main Street, suite 102 (Mercantile Building) or call 325-387-2248.

(Preservation Texas is the only private, nonprofit membership organization in Texas that is dedicated to being a full-service statewide preservation organization. Preservation Texas was founded in 1985 by a group of volunteers concerned with the preservation of the "built" environment in Texas.)

On February 22, we are hosting some special guests from the Texas Historical Commission, represented Heritage Tourism Texas Pecos Trail. A few months ago we applied for the home location of the Texas Pecos Trail Region Office to be in Sonora. Sonora has been chosen as one of the four finalists for sites to be visited by the Texas Heritage Trails Program. The other finalists for the Texas Pecos Trail Region home office are Ozona, Fort Stockton, and the City of Pecos. The Sonora Industrial Development Corporation, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, City of Sonora, Sutton County, and the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program partnered to offer a top notch package that includes providing the office space for the Texas Pecos Trails Region Office.

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) designated two new heritage trail regions, the Texas Hill Country Region and the Texas Pecos Trail Region, as the ninth and tenth areas to participate in the agency's award-winning regional tourism initiative, the Texas Heritage Trails Program (THTP).

The Texas Pecos Trail Region includes 22 counties: Andrews, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Edwards, Glasscock, Kimble, Kinney, Loving, Martin, Maverick, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward and Winkler.

Heritage tourism is travel directed toward experiencing the heritage of a city, region, state or country. This travel enables the tourist to learn about, and be surrounded by, local customs, traditions, history and culture. The Texas Historical Commission (THC) protects, preserves and promotes the state's historic and cultural resources, providing tourists with opportunities to learn about Texas' rich heritage.

A decision will be made at the next Texas Pecos Trail Meeting in March at Ft. Clark, Texas.

Diana Green & Eddie Arteaga



invite you to join them as they celebrate their marriage with a dance.

Saturday, February 18
8:00 p.m.

Sutton County Civic Center

Music provided by DJ Jason Fernandez
 Live music provided by Pete Skains & family
 BYOB

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Historical Society

JoAnn is feeling under the weather this week, but had the following article from the past delivered. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The December 25, 1969 Devil's River News reported of the Solemn Dedication of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

"The solemn dedication of the new St. Ann's Catholic Church will be held at 4:00 p.m. December 28 (1969). The most Rev. Stephen Leven, bishop of the diocese of San Angelo will officially bless the church.

The bishop has given the members of St. Ann's special dispensation to hold midnight high mass in the new church at 11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve. Officially, the church is not to be used before it is blessed, but with special dispensation granted, low mass will be held Christmas Day at 10 a.m.

The church orchestra, or part of it, will perform at high mass and all of the orchestra will take part in the solemn dedication. Members of the orchestra are Rudy Garza, organist; Armando Domingo, drummer; Frank Gallegos, electric guitar; Junior Dominguez, trumpet and Richard Gonzales and Eloy Carranza, saxophones.

After St. Ann's parishioners reached a decision to build a new sanctuary, a building committee composed of Mrs. Louis Davis, Polo Cervantes, Cesario Martinez, Pete Gomez, Louis Olenick and the late Mr. Louis Davis, was selected. The committee set about planning for the new building.

Alvin Julian, San Antonio architect, drew the plans for the new sanctuary. St. Ann's Church is capable of seating 400 people and was estimated to cost \$130,000.

The building committee set a debt ceiling of \$55,000 and this amount remains to be paid. Actual building costs totaled around \$80,000 instead of the higher estimate. The cost was cut down because so little of the work was actually contracted.

Father Michael Fernandez worked as contractor and parishioners and the whole town donated time and effort which cut the cost of the building almost in half. The main builders of the church were Norberto Ortiz of Brady and Frank

Morales. Three Guadarrama brothers from Brady and assistants, did most of the rock work on the church. The church is built from native rock donated by Stella Miers Keene from her ranch. The rock was hauled to the building site by parishioners.

The old church built in 1929 was moved to another location to make room for the new church to be constructed of native rock for most of the walls, wood beams from Arkansas for the ceiling and marble and granite from Mexico for the back wall and altar.

Ground breaking ceremonies were held January 19, 1969 with the bishop Tschoepe turning the first spade of dirt. The new sanctuary and parish hall now stand as monuments of the efforts of the Sonora Catholics.

The external shape of the church is that of a Roman cross. The altar and tabernacle (the main parts of the sacrifice) are in the center of the church, with pews set in a semi-circle so that the faithful will be close to the altar and priest. A large crucifix on the back wall can be seen from all entrances to the church. Light fixtures, including the big chandelier, are from Mexico.

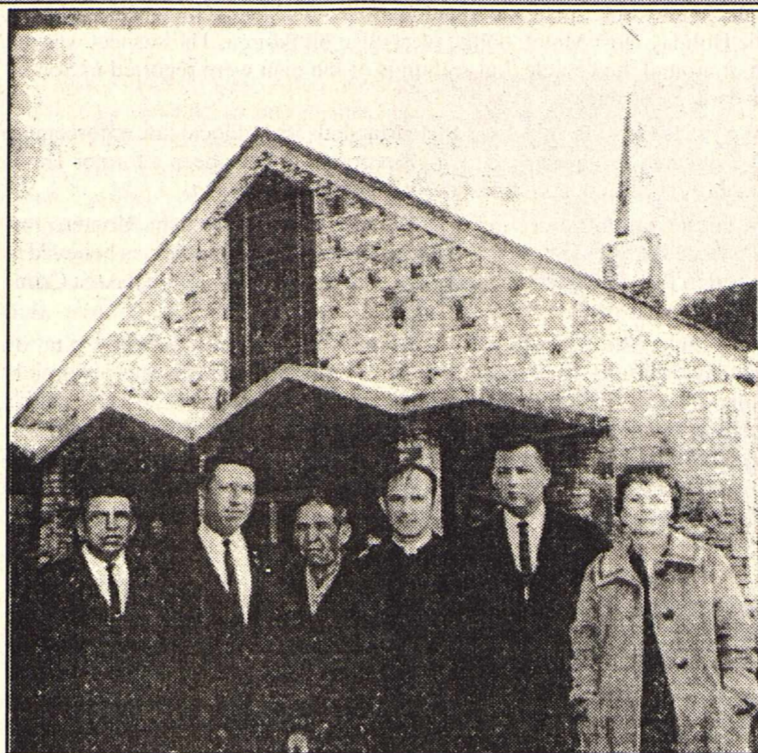
The altar is of granite, as is the back wall on which is mounted a redwood carving of the stations of the cross, a project that took Charlotte Wright of Midland, one and one half years to complete.

The cross in the church is made from a live oak tree Father Fernandez cut down. He made the cross, leaving the bark on the tree, in keeping with the simplicity and nativeness of the church.

The planners wanted the church to be simple and natural. This is evident for all to see because of the extensive use of natural products such as wood, rock and iron used in the construction. The steeple reaches 36 feet in the sky with a cross on top it made from an auger.

There is little history recorded of Catholic activities before the first request was made in 1918 to establish a church here. It is presumed that the religious needs of the Catholics in this area were met by traveling priests or visitors in the area around the time of Sonora's founding in 1890.

Earliest records indicate that



Standing in front of St. Ann's Catholic Church are members of the building committee. The are (from l-r) Pete Gomez, Polo Cervantes, Cesario Martinez, Father Michael Fernandez, Louis Olenick and Mrs. Louis Davis. The ground breaking took place January 19, 1969. The Most Rev. Stephen Leven dedicated the church at 4:00 p.m. on December 28, 1969.

Father Peter Baque, originally from Catalonia, Spain, traveled from San Angelo to Sonora regularly to hold services and say mass in a tiny wooden building. At that time Sonora was a mission taken care of from the San Angelo district.

Church records show that in 1927 contributions were given for completion of a church and in 1929 contributions were received for the priest's rectory, both built in November of that year.

The first baptismal and other church records date back to 1929. At that time pastors of St. Ann's Church stayed in Sonora and from here took care of the church needs in Eldorado, Ozona, Mertzon and Van Horn.

It was in 1955 that Sonora was made a parish, with Fr. Godfrey Blanck, O.F.M., as pastor. In a letter dated August 15, 1955, the Very Rev. Msgr. A. M. Bottoms, J.C.C. Chancellor, informed the Rev. Godfrey, "His excellency, the Most Reverend Laurence J. FitzSimmons directs me to inform you that on August 15, 1955 he canonically erected St. Ann's as a parish with its missions of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Eldorado and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ozona. You are hereby appointed pastor of St. Ann's Parish, Sonora effective August 15."

The parish was under the care of the Francisca Order, which took care of the Southwest Texas

churches, until September 7, 1967, when the Sonora parish was annexed to the diocese of San Angelo and governed by a diocesan priest, Father Michael Fernandez.

The first diocesan priest to follow after the Franciscans, Father Michael provided the leadership under which the new church was built and is the present pastor of St. Ann's.

Some thirty Fathers have served St. Ann's since 1929 when the Rev. Pablo Sekol came here. Of these thirty at least five of these men have been here for more than one term of service. One of the priests was from Canada and most of the others from the northern states. Father Michael is from Spain.

Helping to cut down on the indebtedness of the new church were the many memorials given toward the baptismal fountain, altar, stations of the cross, chandelier, doors, light fixtures and windows. The pews are the ones used in the old church but will be replaced later by new ones.

Many area businesses, local churches and individuals joined together in congratulating St. Ann's by making possible a book of dedication for the opening service.

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Comptroller finds \$800 million extra in state budget

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn let everyone know she now certifies Texas has \$4.3 billion of extra revenue in the state budget, an amount \$800 million plumper than her November 2005 estimate. Most dollar watchers hailed the revised amount, but Gov. Rick Perry, the man with the highest-profile office under the Capitol dome, did not. Strayhorn and Perry, the two top fund-raising candidates in the race for governor, managed to put a campaign-style edge on official press releases in response to the revised revenue announcement.

The governor's press office scoffed at Strayhorn's rosier-looking revenue estimate, asking (1) why the comptroller found more money after having closed the books on fiscal year 2004-05 back in November, and (2) why she hadn't done a better job of collecting unpaid taxes. Strayhorn snapped at Perry for playing politics and revealed through Deputy Comptroller Billy Hamilton the extra \$800 million was attributable to greater income and lower expenses at state agencies. The extra money could be used for property tax cuts and education, Strayhorn said.

But the money, if applied to education, would only be a temporary salve. The Texas Tax Reform Commission, a 24-member panel created by Perry in the fall, is meeting at sites across the state, gathering input in hopes of finding fair and long-term ways to respread the tax burden.

Former state comptroller John Sharp, who chairs the Tax Reform Commission, talked about this in a speech to 150 Texas newspaper publishers Jan. 20 in Dallas. Sharp said it makes sense to solve the tax issue first, and to let the solution serve as a platform for the Legislature to operate from when it tackles the school-funding issue. Perry, who Feb. 8 echoed what Sharp said, is expected to call the Legislature into a 30-day special session to solve the tax issue in time to meet a June 1 deadline set by the Texas Supreme Court. It is the governor's unique privilege to

set the agenda and veto bills that don't suit him.

However, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, by virtue of his role as president of the Senate, is in command of the gate valve on all legislation. He and a handful of legislators have said they want to lower property taxes and devise a more effective school funding plan in the special session.

Lottery chips in to fund schools

Texas created its own lottery in 1992, and back then, taxpayers thought it would become a cornucopia of revenue for public education. According to the Texas Lottery Commission, our lottery has put \$13 billion in the state coffers since it was launched 14 years ago, and since 1997, when all lottery proceeds were earmarked for the Foundation School Fund, the lottery has contributed \$8 billion to funding of schools.

Under the present funding setup, it takes \$16 billion-plus per year to fund education in Texas. So, it has taken the lottery eight years to chip in about half a year's budget for education.

Long spell for signature counting

Secretary of State Roger Williams, Texas' chief election officer, said it may take a couple of months to verify all the signatures on petitions that will be needed to put independent candidates for governor on the November ballot.

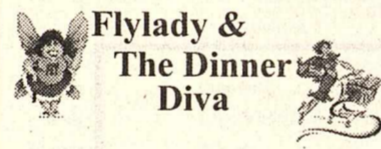
Carole Keeton Strayhorn and singer-writer-humorist Kinky Friedman will need 45,540 signatures each to earn a spot on the ballot. Signatures may only be collected during a period immediately following the March 7 GOP and Democratic primaries until May 11.

Funding suggested for AG effort

The Texas Criminal Justice Advisory Council said \$9.2 million is needed to expand Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's successful sex offender enforcement efforts statewide.

Abbott lauded the panel's recommendation for new funds that would pay for 56 more employees to be added to his seven-member Fugitive Unit force, which recently logged its 258th arrest. The money also would establish six regional offices across Texas to support the unit in its efforts to track down sex

Juggling Act



by Marla Cilley

We all have a scared little kid living inside of us. We like to think of ourselves as being all grown up; after all our age and our bodies are matured. Somewhere along the way we have felt like we were losing control and we have worked hard at taking control of every area of our lives; only to feel even more out of control.

That scared little kid inside of us is trying so hard to not mess up. We want to show the world that we are good at what we do. We don't want anyone to not like us, this is why we say "YES" to anyone who asks us to do something. We don't want to disappoint anyone and most of all we don't want anyone to know our dirty little secret. That secret is that we are not really in control; we are faking it!

Is this beginning to sound like a juggling act to you? We can keep a few pins in the air for a minute or two and then someone throws us one more thing to juggle. Eventually one after another pin starts to hit the floor. I guess there is always a straw that breaks the camel's back.

If you will think back in your life; you will see when those pins started coming at you too fast. Maybe your children came close together or a loved one died. You could have started a new job or moved. Eventually something had to fall by the wayside. Most of the time it was you and your home! You didn't even realize you were neglecting yourself. You just thought you didn't have time!

That little child in you wants to do it all by herself. She doesn't want to ask for help! The lack of control she is feeling has her pushing everyone away that could and would help her. Why can't we do it by ourselves? I think this is the question we have all wanted to know for a long time.

I don't think it is that we can't; it is just that it does not come naturally to us. We need to be taught. Since that little child in us does not want to let anyone know she is faking it and doesn't really know how to do handle everything; she silently

beats herself up for not knowing it all! Does that sound like anyone you know?

When you look at the FlyLady cartoon character, you can identify with the different faces that she has. One minute you need a cheerleader, the next minute you may need a fairy Godmother. Then there are times that you need a loving mother figure to lift you up or gently remind you of something you have not done. She is always dressed to shoes with a bright smile on her loving face. You see her wings and know that she can FLY!

You too have many different faces and they are all merged into the real you. The real you wants to be loved and to love! You want to be appreciated and respected! You don't like being angry and feeling bad. You want to feel happy and enjoy life not just go through the motions keeping all the pins juggling in the air. What you really want is peace! In order to find this peace; you are going to have to make peace with all the different faces you have. The scared little child needs to know that it is going to be fine. You don't have to be perfect to be loved. The rebellious little child needs to know that she is being heard and that housework, exercise and food is not punishment. The happy-go-lucky little child needs to know that she can go out and play. Our lives have many different faces.

None of us can go back in time and change our parents, but we can re-parent ourselves with the love that we extend to our children and our grandchildren. Let's use a kinder voice and help this part of us grow up and quit fighting the adult part of us. When we can embrace with love the parts of us that are scared, looking for love, respect and kindness; we can let go of our need to always be in control or look like we are in control and finally merge our adult and hurt little child into a happy person who is FLYing! Finally Loving Yourself, all parts of you, is the key to making peace with all those faces.

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, Sink Reflections published by Bantam. Copyright 2006 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

Happy Birthday

February 16

- Jack Turney, Laura MacArthur, Elaine Roberson, Daniel Ward,
- Megan Barker, Karen Fincher, Juan Jiminez, Genaro Perez, Jerry Wallace, Jacquelynn Castillo, Johnny Arispe, Meghan Baker,
- Shea Holmes, Michael McReynolds

February 17

- Sara Daubney, Linda Patlan, John Clayton Childress, Lisa Seaton,
- Emily Gonzales, Doug Hudleston, Toni M. Vela, George Wallace,
- Debbie Buitron, April Castro

February 18

- Amanda Martin, Idalia Perez, Michael Creek, Sammy Mata,
- Taylor Lopez, Kent McAnally, Chance Dillard, Zadrion McGee,
- Edward Virgen, Annette Gamez, Belinda Perez

February 19

- Michael I. Solis, Antonil Luna, John Valdez, Paul Ramsdell,
- Curtis E. Lipham, Corbin Geske, Madison McGavock, Brianna Reyna

February 20

- Tyler Paganucci, Dustin Crittendon, Wilma Villanueva

February 21

- Jimmy Crowder, Nevada Payne, Melissa Duhon, Owen Freiss,
- Hector Michael Garrilo, Melissa Duhon

February 22

- Ben Ingham, Emilce Hernandez, Terri Slaugh, Kate Jennings,
- Lewis Baker, Jacque Baker

Shape Up Sonora Weight Loss Challenge

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WEEK 4 RESULTS

Team Name	Pounds Lost	Avg lbs lost
1 Heavy Weights	-20	-10
2 Blubber Butts	-59.5	-9.92
3 Tadpoles	-57	-9.5
4 Ladies in Weighting	-39	-7.8
5 Money Crunchers	-40.5	-6.75
6 Waist-Aways	-39.5	-6.58
7 Jolly Ranchers	-38	-6.33
8 Purple People Eaters	-37.2	-6.2
9 Bodacious Bankers	-30	-5
10 Buff Daddy and the Under Toned	-29.5	-4.92
11 Leftovers	-24	-4
12 SMS Rollie Pollies	-22	-3.67
13 Disappearing Acts	NO REPORT	NO REPORT
14 Don's Angels	NO REPORT	NO REPORT
15 Team Hope	NO REPORT	NO REPORT

Two Broncos chosen for FCA All-Star Classic game

Embre Smith, Cameron Cox to join chosen few in Abilene

Almost 90 players from 55 Big Country schools were announced Saturday to fill the rosters for the Seventh Annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrtle Greathouse All-Star Classic football game. Among those named were two Sonora Broncos, Embre Smith and Cameron Cox.

The 2006 game is scheduled for June 3 in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium with all proceeds benefiting the Big Country Chapter of the FCA.

Players and cheerleaders were introduced to the media and then attended informational meetings with organizers and coaches last Saturday at Beltway Park Baptist Church.

The all-stars will gather again March 26 for the FCA Victory Banquet at Abilene Civic Center, featuring guest speaker Art Briles, head football coach at the University of Houston.

Teams, cheerleaders and coaches report for two-a-day practices on May 31.

Announced earlier this year were the coaching staffs for the 2006 game. For the North, head coach Stan Howard from Breckenridge and assistants Keith Oldham, also of Breckenridge, Buddy Hardin of Hawley, Bryan Webb of Baird, Gary Roan of Stamford and Russell Lucas of Rotan; and for the South, head coach Brent Brevard of Ballinger and assistants Karl McCormick of Ballinger, Charlie McMath of Miles, Tim Reid of San Angelo Lake View, Ron Young of San Angelo Grape Creek and Sean Leamon of Junction.

Other players named of interest to play include Weston Neiman of Junction, Drew Clayton of Ozona, Joey Garcia of Reagan County, Jordan Nevins and Jay Moore of Wall.

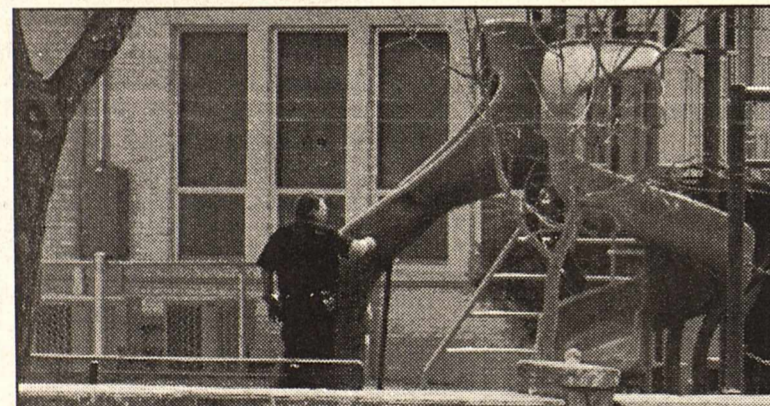
SHS Student Council fills the air with love while raising funds for Cystic Fibrosis



The Sonora High School Student Council held a Valentine's Day fundraiser on Tuesday, with all proceeds made going to benefit Cystic Fibrosis. The students raised over \$700 by selling Balloon-o-grams with candy to fellow students on Cupid's big day. The generosity of donations made by Teaff Oil, Circle Bar Truck Stop and H.E.B. allowed for all money earned to be a profit for the chosen cause.

2006 Student Council members are: Desirae Boldt-President, Nathan Mungia-Vice-President, Kristina Hernandez-Treasurer, Tissie Wagoner, Secretary, Boomer Galindo and Julie Villanueva-Senior Representatives, Caleb Ramos and Craig Leonard-Junior Representatives, Kaci Chavarria and Victor Vaquera-Sophomore Representatives, Stevie Pacheco and James Artunez-Freshman Representatives. The group is sponsored by Coach Duncan.

Emergency crews and SISD administration work to keep students safe after threat



Above: Sonora Chief of Police works with the bomb team after the dog alerted on something in a trash can on the Elementary School playground. No explosives or weapons were found in any of the Sonora ISD buildings.

Below: Superintendent Doug Bawcom gives directions at the Sutton County Civic Center, working to keep order and make sure that all students and school personnel were safely evacuated.



S.H.S. Students of the Week

Jose Casillas

Jose Casillas was voted by the faculty and staff as one of this week's student of the week. He is the 11th grade son of Joe and Irene Casillas. Jose is a member of the National Honor Society, and has been involved with One Act, PALS, Bronco Baseball and Football, and is currently the Junior class vice president. Jose has lived and attended schools in Sonora all of his life. His favorite thing about Sonora is sports. After graduation Jose plans to attend college and major in engineering and minor in music.



Kayla McBride

Kayla McBride is the daughter of Mike and Juanita McBride. Kayla is currently a senior at Sonora High School, having attended school here all of her life. Kayla's favorite thing about Sonora High is her many friends and her teachers. After graduation Kayla will attend UTSA and play golf for the Lady Roadrunners golf team. Earlier this year Kayla signed a letter of intent with UTSA. Good Luck to Kayla!



Kathy Pacheco

Kathy Pacheco is the senior daughter of Emilio and Edna Pacheco. Kathy is involved in many organizations including National Honor Society, One Act Play, Poetry and Interpretation and is the manager for the Sonora Bronco Baseball Team. She has attended schools here all of her life and says that her favorite thing about Sonora High School is the friends and teachers as well as the memories. After graduation Kathy plans to attend college with hopes of becoming a pediatric physical therapist.



Juan A. Dominguez

Juan A. Dominguez is a sophomore this year at SHS. He is the son of Juan and Monica Dominguez. Juan is involved in football, tennis, and track. Juan moved to Sonora when he was in the second grade from Oklahoma. His favorite thing about Sonora High is the football team and the teachers. He likes being close to all of his best friends and all of his family that live here in Sonora. Juan would like to go to college and open his own workshop.



2006 SONORA BRONCO

BASEBALL schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
February 23-25	Dry Devils River Tournament	SONORA	T.B.A
February 28	Fort Stockton	Fort Stockton	7:00 p.m.
March 3	Anson	San Angelo (Lakeview)	4:00 p.m.
March 7	Comfort	Comfort	5:30 p.m.
March 10	Lago Vista/D.H.	Lago Vista	4:00 p.m.
March 14	*Ozona	Ozona	6:00 p.m.
March 17	*Grape Creek	SONORA	5:00 p.m.
March 21	*Reagan County	Big Lake	5:00 p.m.
March 24	*Junction	SONORA	5:00 p.m.
March 28	*Eldorado	Eldorado	4:00 p.m.
March 31	*Mason	SONORA	7:30 p.m.
April 4	*Ozona	SONORA	6:00 p.m.
April 7	*Wall	SONORA	5:00 p.m.
April 11	*Reagan County	SONORA	5:00 p.m.
April 14	*Grape Creek	Grape Creek	5:00 p.m.
April 18	*Junction	Junction	5:00 p.m.
April 21	*Mason	Mason	5:00 p.m.
April 22 Sat.	*Eldorado	SONORA	7:00 p.m.
April 25	*Wall	Wall	5:00 p.m.

*DISTRICT 2-AA GAMES

JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
February 28	Fort Stockton	Fort Stockton	4:30 p.m.
March 6	Eldorado	Eldorado	4:00 p.m.
March 13	Ozona*	SONORA	5:00 p.m.
March 17	Grape Creek*	SONORA	After Varsity
March 20	Reagan County*	SONORA	5:00 p.m.
March 24	Junction*	SONORA	After Varsity
March 27	Eldorado*	SONORA	5:00 p.m.
April 3	Ozona*	Ozona	5:00 p.m.
April 7	Wall*	SONORA	After Varsity
April 10	Reagan County*	Big Lake	5:00 p.m.
April 17	Junction*	SONORA	5:00 p.m.
April 22	Eldorado*	SONORA	4:00 p.m.
April 24	Wall*	SONORA	5:00 p.m.

*DISTRICT GAMES

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Wed.- Breakfast burrito, asst. juice
Thurs.-Eggs & toast, asst. juice
Fri.- French toast sticks, syrup, juice

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon.- Hot dog w/chili, pork 'n beans, apple & orange wedges, fruit icee
Tues.- Spaghetti w/meat, green beans, mixed fruit, wheat roll
Wed.- Chicken fajitas, pinto beans, tossed salad, flour tortilla, fruit
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Fri. -Cheeseburgers, lettuce/tomatoes/pickles, French fries, fruit (fresh or canned)

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◆ WHEN A STRANGER CALLS	(11:50)	2:10	4:40 7:15 9:40	(PG-13)
◆ BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN	1:05	4:05	7:05 10:15	(R)
◆ BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2	(12:15)	2:45	5:15 7:50 10:25	(PG-13)
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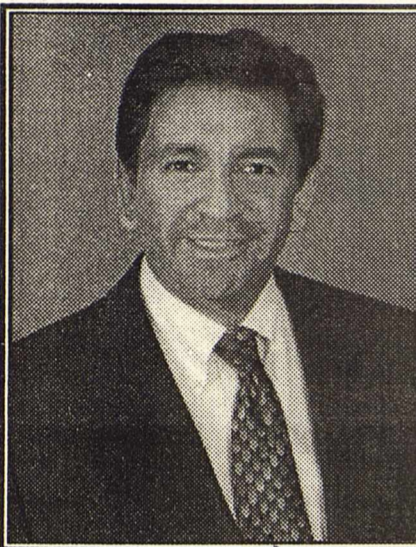
Results were as follows:

- Open Angora Show:**
Buck kid: Meredith Earwood 4th
Yearling Buck: Emily Earwood 1st & 4th, Laura Martin 2nd, Meredith Earwood 3rd
Aged Buck: Meredith Earwood 1st, Emily Earwood 2nd
Champion Buck: Emily Earwood
Doe kid: Laura Martin 1st, Meredith Earwood 2nd, Emily Earwood 4th
Aged Doe: Emily Earwood 1st, Meredith Earwood 3rd
Champion Doe: Emily Earwood
Reserve Champion Doe: Laura Martin



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- Junior Show:**
Yearling Buck: Laura Martin 2nd, Emily Earwood 3rd
Aged Buck: Meredith Earwood 2nd, Emily Earwood 5th
Reserve Champion Buck: Laura Martin
Doe Kid: Mark Holman 3rd, Emily Earwood 9th
Yearling Doe: Meredith Earwood 4th
Aged Doe: Meredith Earwood 5th, Laura Martin 6th, Emily Earwood 7th
Other Exhibitors: Kelsey Watkins, Cash & Hunter Jennings and Keelli Taylor



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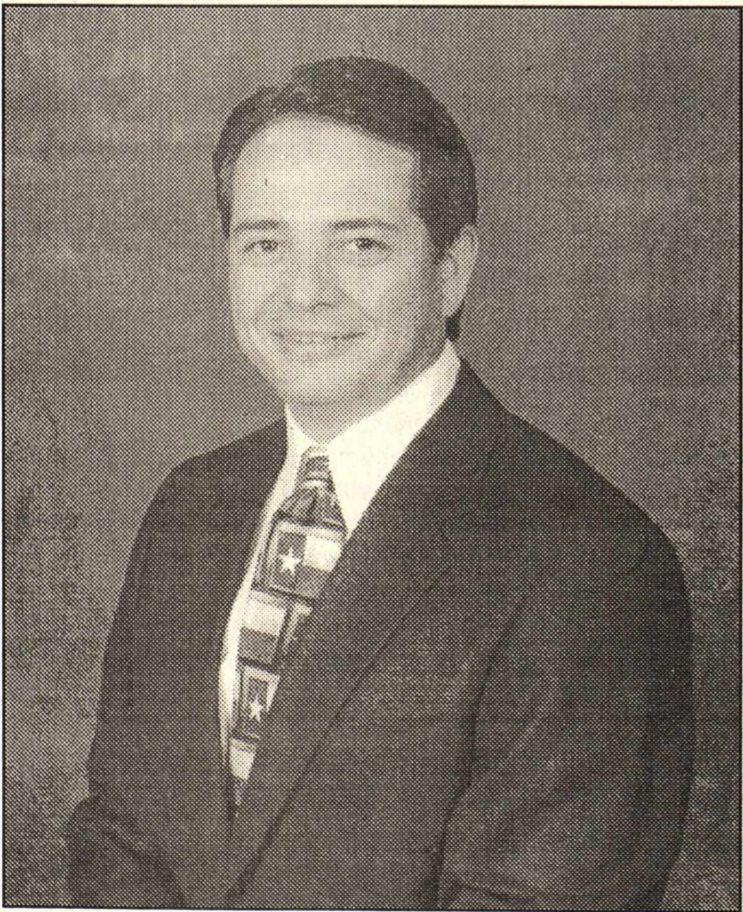
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Dominion; 9150' Sawyer-Jones #190-5, Patterson Drilling.
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Dominion; 8900' Whitehead - 8 - #4, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 8900' Mayer - 17 - #9, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 8850' Mayfield - 34 - #23, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 8850' Mayfield - 32 - #10, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 8710' Mayfield - 33 - #11, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 8650' Mayfield - 46 - #24, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 8650' Duke Wilson #176-8, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 8400' Edwin S Hill-Mayer Jr - K - #9, Patterson Drilling.
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New Dominion; 6775' Kelly - 126 - #18, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 6700' Shurley - 123 - #22, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 6550' Davis - E - #17, Patterson Drilling.
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New Dominion; 5750' Canyon Ranch #3-3S, Patterson Drilling.
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Approach Operating; 9000' Addie Clayton #808, Nabors Drilling.
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February Gardening Tips

submitted by Pascual Hernandez
Sutton County Extension Agent-Agriculture

Though it's been cold now and then, it's not too early to be thinking about the garden. Here are some things to be considering. If you plan now, you can enjoy your garden this summer.

Plant:
Plant cool season vegetables, in relation to average last freeze dates: onions (6-8 weeks prior), broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, brussel spouts (4 weeks prior) spinach, lettuce, radishes, turnips. (2-4 weeks prior). Finish planting pecan trees and fruit trees.

Prune:
Prune trees and evergreen shrubs before new growth begins. DO NOT TOP shade trees. Fruit trees should be pruned. Peach, apricot, and plum trees should be pruned to a bowl shape. Pears and figs should be pruned little if at all.

Fertilize:
Fescue and ryegrass should be fertilized with a 3-1-2- or 3-1-1 fertilizer at mid-month. Don't fertilize newly transplanted trees or shrubs until after they have started to grow, and then only very lightly the first year.

Be on the lookout:
Look for scale insects on leaves, stems of hollies, euonymus, and shade trees and treat with horticultural oil. Watch for blackspot and powdery mildew on roses.

Miscellaneous Chores:
Apply broadleaf weedkiller to control non-grassy plants such as clover, henbit dandelions and chickweed. Apply on dry, calm days when temperatures exceed 65 degrees. Apply pre-emergent weedkiller granules late in the month to prevent germination of crabgrass, and grassburs. Repeat application 90 days later.

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Maverick County Sheriff Tomas Herrera and Congressman Henry Bonilla celebrate the confiscation of 100 lbs of marijuana from a recent bust.

Crisis on the Border

Congressman Henry Bonilla

Lately, our Texas border communities have been facing escalating violence and an resurgence of smuggling efforts. On January 23rd in Hudspeth County, an armed standoff took place between Texas authorities and apparent drug smugglers wearing uniforms that appeared to be Mexican military. Although the Mexican government denies the smugglers had any connection to the Mexican military, the brazen attack signifies the drastic steps these criminals are willing to take to cross the border into the United States.

Days prior to this fierce stand-out, I was in Del Rio and Eagle Pass to meet with our United States Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) and Border Sheriff's personnel and observe their efforts to protect our border and prevent incursions. While in Del Rio, I witnessed two separate drug busts. In Eagle Pass, I saw 100 pounds of marijuana they confiscated the week before in a successful bust. While these busts are major accomplishments, violence along our border continues to be a major problem for our communities, not just along the Rio Grande, but throughout our state and nation. Our border security personnel are putting their lives on the lines every day to stem the tide of illegal immigration and drug smuggling, but they need help.

This last week, I organized a listening session for Members of the Texas Delegation to hear the concerns and ideas presented by members of the Texas Border Sheriffs' Coalition. As Co-chair of the Congressional Border Caucus and Vice-Chair of the U.S./Mexico Caucus, I believe stronger communication between our Texas representatives in Washington will help raise awareness to the issue of increased security along the Texas/Mexico border. My district alone boasts more than 700 miles of Texas/Mexico border. I regularly tour the border and to meet with the local leaders who are working to protect the border, but many in Congress do not have that opportunity. I was able to bring together ten county sheriffs and twelve Members of Congress from across Texas to discuss this issue. The meeting ended up taking three times the originally allotted time frame due to the high interest in resolving this urgent crisis.

In the meeting we discussed the

passage of the Border Security, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act last December, including the Border Law Enforcement Act of 2005. This provision provides funding for Operation Linebacker, a highly successful program conceived to integrate law enforcement resources along the border to increase both public safety and national security between points of entry. It will provide 29 counties along the southern border with \$100 million in grant reimbursement funding to hire, train, and equip deputies, and build detention space to house illegal aliens for deportation.

We also discussed the recent successes of "Operation Streamline II," a multi-agency law enforcement initiative started last December by the U.S. CBP Del Rio Border Patrol Sector. This program brings together the CBP Border Patrol, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detention and Removal, Federal Pre-trial Services, U.S. Attorney's Office, and the U.S. Marshals Service to target aliens who enter illegally through a high-traffic area within the Del Rio Border Patrol Sector. As a result of Operation Streamline II, those illegal aliens who are not released due to humanitarian reasons will now face immediate detention, prosecution, and finally, deportation. Prior to Operation Streamline II, illegal immigrants did not face the assurance of detention or prosecution.

While these programs have been very successful, they will not solve the crisis on the border. In Congress, we must fight for increased funding for more agents on the border, superior technology to detect criminals before they cross the Rio Grande River, more detention beds to house illegal immigrants pending deportation, and an end to the current "catch and release" policy. The efforts of our Border Sheriffs to catch, detain, and deport those who enter illegally are deterring potential violators. By giving our CBP and Border Sheriffs the resources they need, they will be better equipped to catch those criminals smuggling drugs, explosives, or human victims across the border and then throw them into jail where they cannot harm innocent citizens. Working together, we can accomplish our goals of securing our border.

Conaway to speak at TSGRA semi-annual meeting

submitted

U.S. Congressman Mike Conaway will be the keynote speaker at the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association's semi-annual meeting to be held at the Fairfield Inn in San Angelo on Saturday, February 18.

The meeting will begin with registration in the Fairfield lobby at 8:30 a.m. Call to order is set for 9:00 a.m., and committee reports will continue throughout the morning. Congressman Conaway will speak at noon. The lamb for the meal is being provided by the North American Hair Sheep Association.

Topics to be covered include lamb marketing, animal identification, livestock protection, meat goats, natural resources, legislative matters, wool and mohair marketing, hair sheep and membership.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association will also meet at the Fairfield at 10:00 a.m.

For those coming in early, there will be a reception at the TSGRA headquarters, 233 W. Twohig, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 17. Dress is casual.

TSGRA members and directors and other interested people in the San Angelo area are urged to attend this meeting and get an update on matters that are important to sheep and goat producers. Registration fee is \$20.00.

Gov. Perry Launches State-Led Border Security Operation

State Operations Center to Coordinate SWAT Teams, Investigators, Air Assets

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry today launched "Operation Rio Grande," a state-led initiative to address escalating violence, increase border security and ensure Texans' safety. The operation brings together a variety of state resources to better secure the Texas-Mexico border from Brownsville to El Paso.

"There is not only great concern that the drug trade is becoming more aggressive, but that terrorist organizations are seeking to exploit our porous border," Perry said. "Last year alone, 135,000 people who are not of Mexican descent were apprehended entering Texas illegally. The threat is real, and it grows each day."

Recent events along the border indicate that violence and criminal activity have escalated, including the apprehension of four Iraqis headed to U.S. soil by Mexican officials, the discovery of a criminal organization's weapons stockpile in Laredo that included improvised explosive devices and fragmentation hand grenades, and the recent chase of narco-terrorists involving local deputies and Department of Public Safety (DPS) officers in Hudspeth County.

"With 'Operation Rio Grande,' the state will take the lead role in coordinating state and local efforts to detect, track and deter criminal activity along the border," Perry said. "I am taking these actions to make Texas safer and more secure. Using intelligence, available state assets, and a new command and control structure, we are going to take back our border from those who exploit it."

This morning, Perry activated the Governor's Emergency Management Council and placed the Texas Fusion Center on the highest alert level under the supervision of Texas Homeland Security Director Steve McCraw. The State Operations Center will serve as a central point of coordination for state, local and federal officials, as well as a single hub for incident reporting and intelligence support for law enforcement agencies up to 100 miles away from the Rio Grande River.

Perry's action represents the first time the State Operations Center has been activated to coordinate a law enforcement operation.

As part of "Operation Rio Grande," Perry has also ordered deployment of:

- A DPS rapid response team of state troopers dispatched to troubled areas;

- DPS narcotics, motor vehicle theft and criminal intelligence investigators to conduct covert patrols and surveillance activities;

- DPS fixed and rotary aviation assets to support Operation Linebacker patrols;

- A DPS SWAT Team and the development of regionalized, enhanced SWAT teams with rapid response capabilities;

- A border-wide investigation of alleged incursions by the Mexican military, conducted by the Texas Rangers; and
- Other state assets, including Texas Department of Criminal Justice canine search teams, Texas Parks and Wildlife game wardens, and Texas Department of Transportation road barriers.

"While enforcing our border remains the responsibility of the federal government, the consequences of an action are felt right here at home in Texas," Perry said. "The state will not wait for Washington to take all the necessary actions."

Although Perry emphasized that border threats are best addressed by law enforcement, Texas Army National Guard planners and analysts will also provide support to operation.

"Operation Rio Grande" builds upon Operation Linebacker, an initiative developed by the 16-member Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition to deter border-related criminal activities through increased manpower and equipment. Perry has provided nearly \$10 million to Operation Linebacker since December.

Perry was joined at the news conference by Zapata County Sheriff Sigi Gonzales, who heads the Texas Border Sheriffs' Coalition, as well as representatives of the Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas, the Texas Municipal Police Association and the Department of Public Safety Officer Association.

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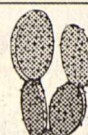
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Some Night Sky Coincidences

Stargazer

by Paul Derrick

To those who take time to notice--and since you're reading this column, that probably includes you--nature abounds with wondrous and beautiful sights like flowers, sunsets, mountains, and the night sky. But not only is the night sky awesome and beautiful, it has some interesting coincidences--things with no explanation other than occurring by chance. Here's three.

The first is Polaris, a moderately bright star located nearly straight up from Earth's north pole, also called the North Star. There is no such star above Earth's south pole, and thus no South Star. But most of the time there's no North Star either.

We're aware of Earth's daily rotation (spin) on its axis, making our days and nights. But Earth also wobbles, like a toy top as its spin slows down, and as it wobbles its north pole points to different parts of the sky. Since one wobble takes 25,800 years, we hardly notice it. For only a few hundred of these years does a star as bright as Polaris come within 1 degree of Earth's north pole, and by coincidence we happen to be living during that time.

Second is the Sun and Moon. We've all learned the Sun is vastly larger than the Moon, yet they look the same size in our sky. The diameter of the Sun is 400 times greater than that of the Moon, but--coincidence number two--it also happens to be 400 times further away, making them appear the same size.

The third coincidence is less obvious, yet accounts for some interesting night sky alignments. As Earth makes its annual revolution around the Sun, the Sun seems to go through twelve constellations known as the zodiac. Astronomers call the Sun's path the ecliptic, and since the planets orbit the Sun (and Moon circles Earth) on nearly the same plane, the planets and Moon travel close to the ecliptic in what is called the ecliptic band.

But that's not the coincidence. What's unusual is the number of other night sky objects within the ecliptic band. While the band occupies only 1/7 of the sky, nearly 1/4 of the 21 brightest stars (Aldebaran, Antares, Pollux, Regulus and Spica) are within it. And two of the three brightest star clusters (Hyades and Pleiades) are within the band. Thus the planets and Moon often pass near, and occasionally pass in front of these objects, making for some interesting stargazing.

• **Naked-eye Planets:** Evening Mercury, very low in west southwest at dusk, is highest above the setting Sun Feb. 24. Red Mars is high in the southwest with creamy Saturn high in the east. Morning Venus is the "morning star" low in the east southeast. Jupiter is the brightest object high in the south.

Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Contact him at 918 N. 30th, Waco, 76707, (254) 753-6920 or paulderrickwaco@aol.com. See the Stargazer Web site at stargazerpaul.com.

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Lease/Unit Acres: 581.64
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FIELD: SAWYER (CANYON)
Lease/Unit Name: SHURLEY 141
Lease/Unit Well No.: 21
Lease/Unit Acres: 581.64
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 900.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 845.0
Lease Lines: 1400.0 FEL, 1540.0 FSL
Survey Lines: 1400.0 FEL, 1540.0 FS' LY SL

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) FAWCETT (WOLFCAMP). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

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GAS Special Rules 500/1000, 320.0 acres.
GAS Optional Rules 500/1000, 40.0 acres
FAWCETT (WOLFCAMP):
GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 7125 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant at (713) 7566000.

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FIELD: FAWCETT (WOLFCAMP)
Lease/Unit Name: SHURLEY 141
Lease/Unit Well No.: 22
Lease/Unit Acres: 581.64
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1250.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 792.0
Lease Lines: 1250.0 FWL, 2010.0 FNL
Survey Lines: 1250.0 FWL, 2010.0 FNL

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GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres
SAWYER (CANYON):
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GAS Optional Rules 500/1000, 40.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 7350 feet.

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Rule 37/38 Case No. 0245457

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FIELD: SAWYER (CANYON)
Lease/Unit Name: SHURLEY 141
Lease/Unit Well No.: 24
Lease/Unit Acres: 581.64
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 550.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 837.0
Lease Lines: 550.0 FSL, 1705.0 FWL
Survey Lines: 550.0 FN'LYSL, 1705.0 FN'LYWL

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Lease/Unit Well No.: 23
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Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1410.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 1156.0
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Public Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTORS
Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: San Angelo
Contract 6135-79-001 for METAL BEAM GUARD FENCE UPGRADE in CROCKETT County, etc will be received on February 28, 2006 until 1:00 pm and opened on February 28, 2006 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$189,120.00.

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

NPO: 19122

State Office
Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
Dist/Div Office(s)
San Angelo District
District Engineer
4502 Knickerbocker Rd
San Angelo, Texas 76904
Phone: 325-944-1501

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

For Sale

Motorcycle for sale: 2000 Valkyrie V-6, 33,000 miles. Can see at <http://web.sccn2.net/bike>. Asking \$7,500.00. Call 650-9553.

For sale: '93 Kawasaki Vilcan Limited Edition 750. Low mileage, windshield, leather saddle bags, helmet in excellent condition. \$2000. Call 387-6046 or 206-1355.

Eldorado - very nice 3 BR, 2 Bath on 5 city lots. 3 shops, pool, large yard, loads of improvements. \$143,000. Bring all offers. Toni @ JVL Real Estate, 325-656-0019

Weekend Retreat

X Bar Ranch Lodge & Nature Retreat. Parties, Retreats, Family Reunions & Weddings. 325-853-2688 www.XBarRanch.com

Public Notice

Bids for Sutton County Medical Insurance

Sutton County is requesting bids for their group medical insurance program. The effective date of the program will be April 1, 2006. Bids will be opened on March 13, 2006, at the Sutton County Courthouse Annex, Sonora, Texas. Bids should be marked "SEALED BIDS" and should be mailed or delivered to Bobby Zesch, Agent of Record, 430 W. Beauregard, San Angelo, Texas 76903, by March 6, 2006. For further information, please call or write to Carla Garner, Sutton County Judge, Post Office Box 1212, Sonora, Texas 76950 325/387-2711, or Maura Weingart, Sutton County Auditor at Post Office Box 16, Sonora, Texas 76950, 325/387-5380.

Public Notice

Frontier Mini Storages located on Hwy 277, in Sonora, Texas, Sutton County will be holding a public sale on February 24 at 10:00 a.m. (NO EARLY BIRDS) to satisfy a landlord's lien, weather permitting. This is the tenant's official notice of "Intent To Sale" concerning their property. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale at any time. The following tenants as of January 24, 2006 will be: Unit C, Unit K, Chris Gutierrez, Unit #2, Gracie Lopez, Unit #6, Lingo Sanford, Lisa Ottwell, Jr. Dominguez, Elva Hulsey, Theresa James, Melissa Valadez, Unit 54, Chuck Vaughn. If you feel there might be an error regarding this notice contact Jana Dover @ 325-387-2104 or Landmark Apartments (office A-4). To assist in making payments or payment arrangements, you may contact me during regular business hours.

St. Ann's Catholic Church is taking bids on a building that is for sale.

Bidding will begin at \$500.00 dollars and sealed bids will be accepted until 2/17/06 at 3:00 pm. Please drop off bids at 311 W. Plum between 9 am - 12 pm & 1-4 pm. Monday and 9-12 & 1-5 on Fridays. For more information please call 387-2278.

Wanted

Wanted: Ranch Property
Individual looking for active, existing or former, ranching operations. Interested in keeping large property intact. No "recreational" properties. Please contact 800-340-1425, M-F 8-5 p.m. or ranchingproperties@hotmail.com.

Responsible middle-aged couple, husband is retired military, wife is university professor, looking for a ranch to live on or a small place to lease. Couple has ranching experience and will oversee stock and do light work. 325-387-5651.

Businesses For Sale

Remodeled **Restaurant** in Eldorado, Texas for Sale, Priced Right. FMI call 817-614-5896.

Business for Sale: **Established Local Oil & Lub Business.** Turn key sale. Be in business for yourself. Call 387-5040 or come by 405 S. Crockett for details. Serious Inquires only Please.

Employment

Local area Ag Operation is seeking an experienced **ranch hand** with extensive agricultural knowledge and experience. Must have reliable transportation. Salary negotiable. Fax resume to: 325-387-3682.

The **Standard Times** is seeking a **mature individual to deliver newspapers in Sonora.** Make approximately \$1400.00/month working early morning hours. Plus \$400.00/month gas allowance. Call 1-800-588-1884 X 8291

Help Wanted: Full time and part time. Apply at **Mr. D's**, 216 Hwy 277 N. from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Hiring Commercial Drivers: Current Class ACDL w/Haz Mat/Tanker. Want great pay and cash incentives? No 24-hour call. Established Company looking to hire drivers. All applicants must pass drug/alcohol test. Please call Justin (432) 339-0540 or 800-523-5566 ext. 140.

Seeking **water witch or water witch information.** Please call 830-683-5107. Leave phone number and detailed message.

EXPERIENCED DRIVERS NEEDED!

Must have current Class A CDL and a good driving record. Experience driving transports, vacuum trucks, operation pump trucks & winch truck. Monthly performance & safety bonuses. Health insurance, annual profit sharing, driver's days off schedule. Please apply in person at **Niblett's Oilfield Service, Inc.** Hwy 277 South, Eldorado. No phone calls please.

Lariat Services, Inc. is seeking an experienced **Air Driller.** Wage ranges between \$20.00 to \$24.00 an hour depending on experience. Will pay \$30.00 per diem and mileage reimbursement. Benefits include 401K Plan and Dental Plan and company paid Medical Insurance. Fax resume to 432-336-9339 or contact the Fort Stockton Office at 432-336-7821.

Chartwell Home Care

Hiring Attendants. Part time positions for people to work in the homes of elderly and disabled in Sonora. Flexible schedules. Must be 18 and have dependable transportation. Call 1-800-825-4499. Ask for Judy.

Help wanted part time, 20-30 hours per week, light duty. Prefer mature or retired male. Knowledge of oil field leases helpful. Call 277-3389 or 206-0833.

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Like new cream and peach sofa, beautiful wine & cream couch and loveseat, chest, wicker bar stools, like new blue/cream/wine floral couch with built-in recliners, 2 baby strollers, 2 mahogany tables and 6 chairs, 3 baby beds, lots more. Spring clothing arriving daily.

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2006 Yearbooks are on sale for \$35.00 plus an additional \$5.00 per book if you want it mailed. March 1 is the deadline to order the books and no additional books will be ordered after that time. Checks should be delivered to the Superintendent's Office at 807 S. Concho or mailed to: Sonora ISD, Attn: Erik Craig, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, Texas 76950. Please include your name and address with the check.

Employment

CNAs NEEDED

Crockett County Care Center is presently looking for CNAs to work in our long term care facility. Great staffing-to-resident ratio with great pay. We are a "no lift" facility with CPR certifications offered. Mileage and employee insurance are added benefits. "Personal Time Off" begins accruing upon day of hire. Top dollar for top quality. Call Vicki, Valerie or Donna for application/interview - 325-392-2671. CCCC is an EOE.

HUNTING GUIDES & INTERNS needed part time. Must be knowledgeable, dependable, willing to work hard, occasionally travel as a team member. Non-smoker, non-drinker preferred. Send resume complete with current references to: M.G.S., 707 Hwy 277, Eldorado, TX 76936.

Local area business needs **receptionist/secretary.** Computer background with internet, word processing, and bookkeeping experience necessary. College degree desirable but not necessary. Must have reliable transportation. Salary commensurate with experience. Fax resume to attn: employment 325-387-3682.

Sonora ISD is accepting applications for the position of **Discovery Zone Aide.** This is a part time position, school days only, from 2:15 until 5:30 PM. Experience working with children is preferred. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and may be obtained by contacting the Superintendent's Office at 807 S. Concho. EOE

NOW HIRING Best Western Sonora Inn Front Desk Sales Associates and Housekeeping staff

Experience is not necessary. Full training is provided. If you are flexible, have a winning personality, and would like to be part of the Best Western team, stop by and fill out an application! Full time and part-time positions available. You may also fax your resume to 325-387-9221 Attn: Starla. No phone calls please.

Rural Development Assistant, Ozona, TX. Permanent, full-time, \$28,349 pa, announcement TX-RD-06-10, closes 02-28-06. Benefits include health/life insurance, vacation and sick leave, retirement, and thrift savings plan. View announcement on the internet at - www.usajobs.opm.gov - download application forms from the internet at - www.opm.gov/forms/index.htm - For information call (254) 742-9750, TDD (254) 742-9712. USDA Rural Development is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Devil's River News 387-2507

Real Estate

Lynn Meador Real Estate

5 N. Divide St. ♦ Eldorado, Texas 76936
Lynn Meador, Broker 325-650-6324
Jo Ward, Agent 325-853-2339

ALL PROPERTIES FOR SALE IN ELDORADO, TX NO RENTAL LISTING AVAILABLE

1. **603 North Street:** 3 BR - 2 Bath, large corner lot, covered front porch, fireplace, 28' x 37' metal shop, fenced yard, large storage unit. \$85,000.
2. **307 Depot Street:** 3 BR - 2 Bath frame home on approx. 1.65 acres. City utilities, 1998 sq. ft., CH/CA, water well, carport, various out-buildings and other improvements, large trees, privacy. \$105,000.
3. **Old Mertzson Road:** 4 BR - 2 Bath home on large lot. 2186 sq. ft. Attractive hardwood floors, CH/CA, privacy fence, metal storage building. Excellent condition. \$96,000.
4. **809 N. Divide:** 2 BR - 1 1/2 Bath, 1393 sq. ft., frame, new appliances, new carpet, new CH/CA system, covered carport, fenced yard. \$55,000. 10% DOWN OWNER FINANCE to qualified borrower.
5. **708 Lee Ave:** 4 BR - 2 Bath home with steel siding, 1592 sq. ft., carpet, large lot w/fenced yard. \$50,000.

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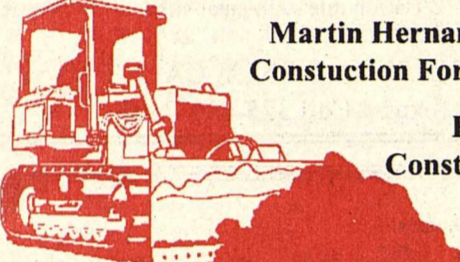
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Days Inn/Steakhouse/Comfort Inn Relay for Life Team is selling purple ribbon car magnets to raise money for Cancer Awareness/Relay. Large = \$5 and Small \$3. Come by any of the locations to pick one up and show your support!

AARP Tax Aide Free Tax Help for taxpayers with middle and low income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. Saturday, February 18, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Memorial Building, 1 N. Cottonwood, ELDORADO ONLY. Call 853-2574 FMI.

February 21 - 3rd grade reading TAKS Test/ 4th grade Writing TAKS Test

February 22 - Report Cards
 Sonora City Council - 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 21; City Hall

Sonora ISD Board of Trustees meeting - Monday, February 20, 5:30 p.m.; Sonora Administration Building.

The Girl Scouts are selling an assortment of cookies. Your support will be greatly appreciated! The Cookie sell ends on February 10 and delivered on February 14. If you would like to make a purchase, please feel free to contact our leaders as follows: Rita Mendez 226-2011; Sandra Gonzales 387-3622; or Nelda Tobias 387-5390

Benefit lunch planned for Jessica Noriega Zapata, a Dialysis and Kidney Transplant patient in need of our help. - Sunday, February 19, 12:00 p.m. - Sutton County Park - Donations accepted, brisket plate will be served.

The USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas announced that farmer and ranchers wishing to be considered for 2006 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) have until the close of business Friday, February 17, 2006, to sign applications. If you wish to apply, come by the NRCS office at 301 Crockett in Sonora, or call 325-387-2730 ext. 3.

The ASU Small Business Development Center is presenting a FREE seminar that examines effective methods of marketing and advertising your retail store and its products, presented by Mr. Dave Erickson, Director of the ASU - SBDC, Thursday, February 23 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. It will be held in the Rassman Building (2222 Dena Drive) on the ASU Campus, Room 100 (Conference Room). Please call (325) 942-2098 to register. In our highly competitive economy, every business must not only attract but keep customers. Your products or services are only as good as the number of people who buy them. Learn the basics of marketing: identifying your target market, methods of reaching that target market, and how to identify marketing resources and tools.

Al-Anon Meetings - 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays - L.M. Hudspeth (old part) cafeteria.

Sonora Elementary School Fundraiser - cheesecakes made to order, February 21 - March 7,

If you have a son or daughter and would like to tie up a yellow ribbon for them on the old oak tree you can contact the Friends of Historic Main Street Program at 325-387-2248, the organization that honors local soldiers during their time away from home. If there are any questions please contact manager Ann Kay or Jennifer Esparza.

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Butterfly kisses shared by all at Daddy/Daughter Dance



by Greta Ramsdell, COC Executive Director

Butterflies seemed to be everywhere last week as we prepared for the Daddy Daughter Date Night on Friday. The office was busy with moms (and a few dads) buying their tickets early when we received word that the schools were being evacuated. Needless to say, with three moms in this office the tension was just a little high...thank goodness the schools did such a great job protecting our children and getting them to a safe location!

Our local businesses were obviously very accommodating as I saw several children "helping" their parents since they had no babysitter on the spur of the moment. Phones were buzzing as everybody seemed to be looking out after their neighbor and I was so thankful to be in such a wonderful, friendly town.

With lots of help from our board of directors we were able to hold our dance and the Civic Center looked like a beautiful spring day in the park.

Butterflies and balloons abounded, and kisses (Hershey's that is) were enjoyed by all.

The girls were beautiful with gorgeous dresses and coiffed hair, and the dads were dressed in their finest too (with pink apparently being "the" color of the season for many dads).

The DJ kept the girls and their dates, be they dad, uncle, brother or a really great male role model, dancing the night away and "YMCA" and the chicken dance seemed to be the favorites. Watching the adora-

tion between the couples was heartwarming and those memories will be remembered forever when the photographs are delivered.

We will announce the availability of the photographs in the newspaper and on the radio as soon as they are delivered. We look forward to next year's dance and hope it occurs during a week that is a little less hectic!

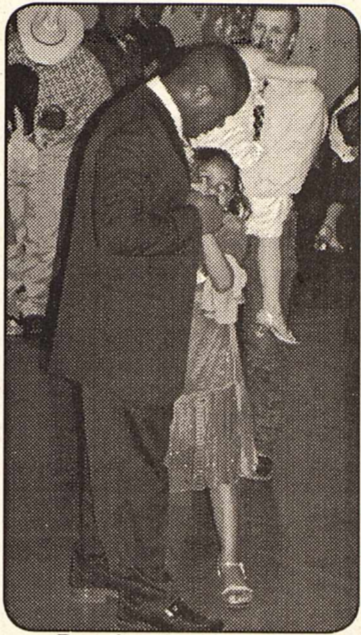
CHAMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, March 9: Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting, noon, Chamber office.

Monday, March 13: Keep Sonora Beautiful Monthly Meeting, noon, Chamber office.



The Hokey Pokey - That's what it's all about...



Dancing the night away.

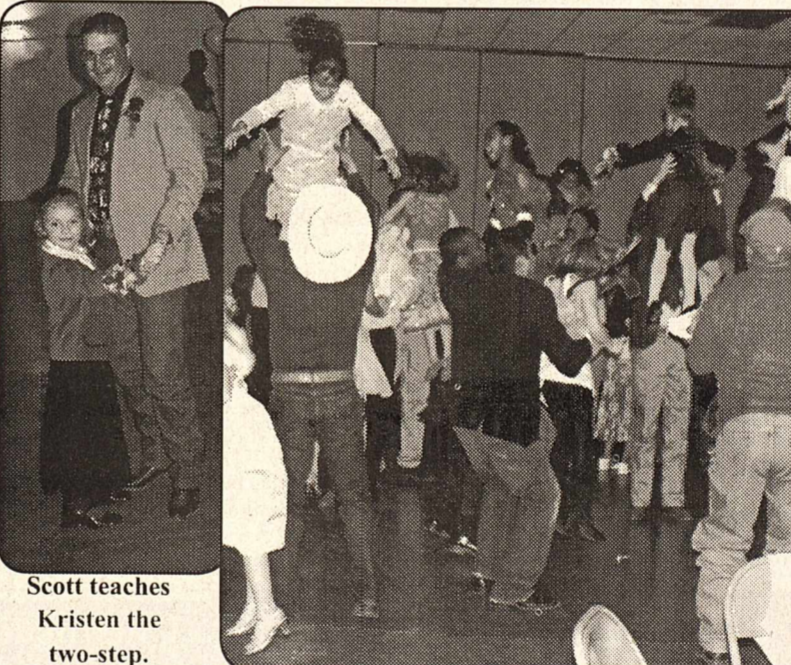


You walk on the bottom, I'll dance on the top!



Coach Herring might know football, but Kenzie was doing the coaching on how to do the Macarena!

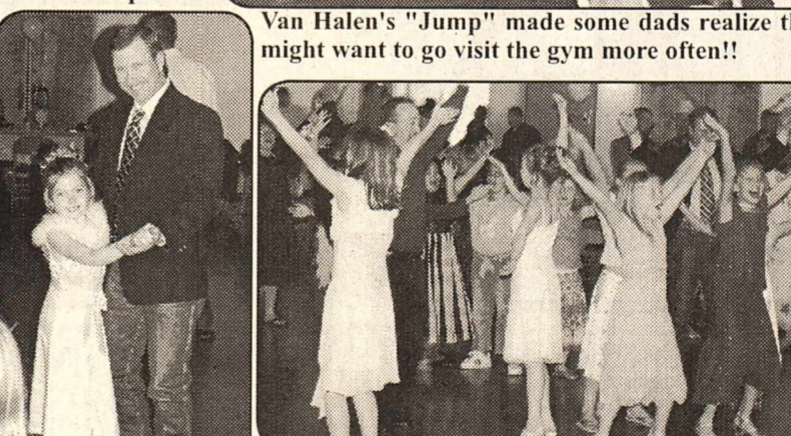
Most dad's couldn't quite keep up with the "Little Train that Screamed," (have you ever been in a room full of little girls?), but Stoney was trying!!



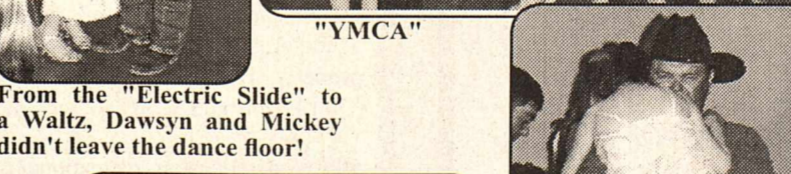
Scott teaches Kristen the two-step.



Some dads had to split their time between two (like Paul Ramsdell dancing here with Darby, while Delaney rests)



Van Halen's "Jump" made some dads realize they might want to go visit the gym more often!!



"YMCA"

From the "Electric Slide" to a Waltz, Dawsyn and Mickey didn't leave the dance floor!



Pokey Samanigo might have been the only "date" young enough to actually know how to move to the hip-hop beat!



...and some daddies just doubled up for the special songs!

Tired little girls ended the night in their daddy's arms, dancing to one last song...

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