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Amazingly, driver Shawn McGee escaped with minor injuries! - Photo by Kristin Johnson

Driver Walks Away from Early Morning Truck Crash

An early morning truck crash sent emergency teams scrambling Wednesday, November 22, 2006 as Shawn McGee, 35, lost control of his rig while attempting to exit from I-10 at exit 399. The forty-five foot flat bed trailer, loaded with twenty-four bundles of brick began to fish-tail, catching the roadside embankment, causing the entire rig to overturn.

McGee's trip began in El Paso Tuesday night, en-route to Houston with the load, driving for A-Tex Trucking of Austin. McGee was forced to kick out the windshield in order to exit the overturned truck, a 1994 Volvo.

McGee suffered minor injuries in the accident and was cited for failure to maintain control of a vehicle.

TxDot crews remained on the scene for several hours Wednesday repairing the damage caused by the wreck.

City Council Meets Into the Night

By Ruthie Bounds

Tuesday November 14, 2006 at 4:00 p.m., the City Council of Sonora met at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting to tackle a total of 34 agenda items. With so many items of business to take care of, there was a large crowd in the City Council Chamber. Every seat in the gallery area was filled with people interested in the business the Council was about to discuss and take action on.

After the usual business of approving the minutes of the regularly scheduled October meeting and a special meeting, the council went on to approve the Sutton County Tax Appraisal Report and to certify the 2006 Tax Roll for Sonora. The next order of business was to consider special use zoning permits for Walsh Welding and Victor Virgin. Both of the zoning permit requests were approved.

At 4:07 p.m., Mayor Lopez announced that the public hearing regarding a \$25,000.00 Sonora Industrial Development Corporation grant to Adkins Septic Services would begin. Representing the SIDC, Max Howorth gave a report on the business and offered to answer any questions the City Council might have. After the report, there were no questions, and the public hearing was closed by Mayor Lopez at 4:15 p.m. At that time, the City Council voted to close Main Street & Water Street in the downtown area from 2:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on December 13th for the downtown Christmas celebration that will involve most of Sonora's churches, the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, and other community organizations.

City Manager Jim Polonis then reported on information gathered concerning the relocation of the sewer line and grease trap at B&H Catering. Mr. Polonis introduced Scott Hay with the engineering company of Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, and he described several options to help remedy the current untenable situation. After a lengthy discussion involving engineering reports and estimates of cost, the City Council decided to reroute the sewer lines to a new connection in Chestnut Street.

Financial trends were reported and discussed at length by accountant Phil Sagebiel of Ravenburg, CPA. Mr. Sagebiel reported a 21% increase in motel tax revenues, and that the sales tax for Sonora was holding steady for 2006 after increases in 2004 and 2005. Resolutions were passed by the City Council to allow the City to

proceed with requesting financing options through the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to begin replacing a deteriorating water and sewer infrastructure. The intended use plan put in place by the council a year ago makes Sonora eligible to receive an invitation to apply through the TWDB for funds. Both Phil Sagebiel and Scott Hay gave reports regarding the financial options available and the engineering needs to accomplish such a large undertaking. Other resolutions regarding the Texas Community Development Program were discussed later in the meeting and a Public Hearing regarding the Performance Statement amendment for the grant through the TCDP Office of Rural Community Affairs. The City Council approved payments to Phoenix Tank Service and to Texas Soil & Water, Inc.

The City Council then discussed and acted on several other items of business including suspending a request from AEP for a rate increase and ratifying the purchase of a street sweeper. The Council tabled the approval of the lease of a postage meter for City Hall and approval of the salary schedule for the employees of the City. Again, the subject of mosquito spraying came up during the first reading of an ordinance to discontinue the service. Councilman Smith Neal stated, "I know I am in the minority on this one, but I still think it is a mistake to discontinue the spraying for mosquitoes." Mr. Neal went on to say, "Not only is it a mistake to pass an ordinance to stop spraying for these mosquitoes, but by passing an ordinance, we are possibly tying the hands of future City Councils to be able to resume spraying." A discussion ensued regarding the possible alternatives to spraying, and the cost of manpower and equipment to continue the spraying. No action was taken since this was the first reading of the ordinance.

Other items were addressed and eventually passed by the City Council concerning the Sutton County Senior Citizens Center, including a budget amendment to replace table cloths, consideration of the bids for a grease trap interceptor, and a request to advertise for bids for a copier for the Senior Center.

The council went into executive session twice to consider sale of real property, and then reconvened into open session to approve the sales under terms that were not discussed in open session. By this time, there were only a couple of people left in gallery in the Council Chamber, and the meeting was finally adjourned late in the evening.

Serve Your Community and Save a Life

The Sutton County EMS will sponsor an Emergency Medical Technician - Basic Program and an Emergency Medical Technician - Completer Program beginning January 8th.

The program will be held on Monday's and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will include one Saturday session each month until April 18th. Participants will learn all aspects of emergency care from CPR to Childbirth. The program includes classroom instruction, skills practice and

both ambulance and hospital clinical internships.

Students certified at the Emergency Care Attendant level may take the Emergency Medical Technician - Completer program in order to certify at the EMT-B level.

Cost of the program is \$125.00 which includes tuition and books.

For more information or registration, please contact the Sutton County EMS at 387-5132.

McKinney Named Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System

COLLEGE STATION - Dr. Michael D. McKinney, 55, was named chancellor of The Texas A&M University System today by unanimous vote during a special telephonic meeting of the A&M System Board of Regents.

"I am tremendously honored the Board of Regents has entrusted me to provide leadership to the Texas A&M System. I am dedicated to serving the entire A&M family to the very best of my ability," McKinney said upon confirmation of his appointment.

"The visionary leaders of the A&M System, its universities and agencies, have long served the people of our great state by providing world-class educational, research and service programs. The phenomenal work they do for Texas and Texans provides a firm foundation upon which we will build the future together," McKinney said. "My priorities include helping organize a planning process through which we can prepare to meet our state's future challenges. Especially important beginning in January, will be collaborating with members of the Legislature, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the State's Executive Staff and other members of the higher education community to improve educational opportunity for Texans."

John D. White, chairman of the Board of Regents, said, "Dr. Mike McKinney has many years of experience as an outstanding leader and manager of academic organizations as well as governmental and business institutions. Additionally, Dr. McKinney is well-respected for his service as a legislator and longtime public servant. We believe these qualifications make him uniquely suited to effectively serve the A&M System. We are extremely pleased to bring Dr. McKinney into the A&M family, and we are optimistic that his leadership will enhance our efforts in working for the betterment of our state, nation and world."

McKinney, who will begin work today following his confirmation, succeeds Robert D. McTeer, who in August announced his retirement from the A&M System and has been named a Distinguished Fellow by the National Center for Policy Analysis.

McKinney was most recently senior executive vice president and chief operating officer at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, having served in leadership positions at the UT System since 2002. He is a former chief of staff to Governor Rick Perry, and served as commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission during former Governor George W. Bush's first term and as a member of the Texas House of Representatives for eight years. He practiced medicine as a family practitioner for 16

years in Centerville, Texas.

McKinney's leadership in the medical arena includes service on the Memorial Hermann Hospital System Board of Directors and as vice chair of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Formula Advisory Committee for Health-Related

Institutions. His areas of focus in health care have included organizational planning and development; financial management of complex organizations; and public and health policy.

McKinney's numerous honors include the Physician's Recognition Award from the American Medical Association and the Presidential Award of Merit for Exemplary Service from the Texas Academy of Family Practice. Both Texas Monthly magazine and The Dallas Morning News recognized McKinney as one of the state's top 10 best legislators.

McKinney earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and an M.D. from the U.T. Medical Branch in Galveston. He and his wife, Lou Ann, have two grown sons, Steve and Seth, who play professional football for the Houston Texans and Miami Dolphins, respectively, and a teenaged son who plays football at Centerville High School.

The Board of Regents named McKinney the sole finalist for the position of chancellor of the A&M System on Nov. 1. The Board considered his appointment today after the 21 days required by state law for public notice of the appointment with the Texas Secretary of State.

About The Texas A&M University System

The A&M System is one of the largest systems of higher education in the nation, with a budget of \$2.6 billion. Through a statewide network of nine universities, seven state agencies and a comprehensive health science center, the A&M System educates more than 103,000 students and makes more than 15 million additional educational contacts through service and outreach programs each year. Externally funded research brings in \$600 million every year and helps drive the state's economy.

Pecos Trail Board Meets among Bones and Books

Submitted

Old bones, new books, old maps and new community events in the Pecos Trail 22 county region were the setting for the November 9th meeting of the Texas Pecos Trail Region Board of Directors at the Midland County Public Library.

The TPTR Board began their bi-monthly meeting, open to the public, with a welcome to the Midland Library by Nancy McKinley of the Midland Historical Society, who also invited the over 30 people in attendance to stay after the meeting for a tour of the Midland County Museum, where the replica of bones of the oldest skeleton found in North America - "Midland Man" lies. The Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau provided Welcome Bags for the board members and an update of happenings in the community for the public to enjoy. This "traveling" Board meeting visits a different historical or culturally significant site in the region every other month, hosted by partners in the large central and southwest region of Texas.

The educational part of the meeting continued with presentations on the General Land Office's efforts to preserve old Texas maps and an introduction of the historical Site Evaluation program to be conducted in the Pecos Trail Region by the Texas Historical Commission. This evaluation is a free service offered by THC to help communities, museums and historical societies learn how to preserve, protect, and promote their valuable articles, sites, or buildings.

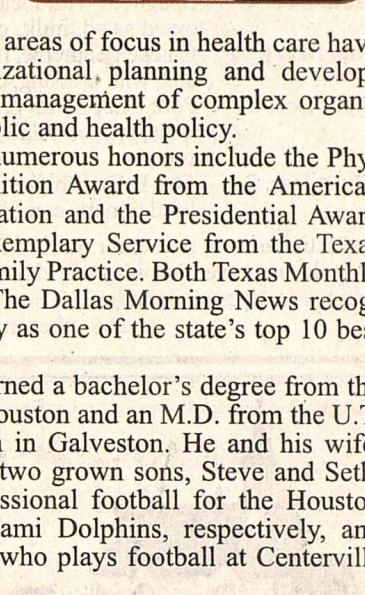
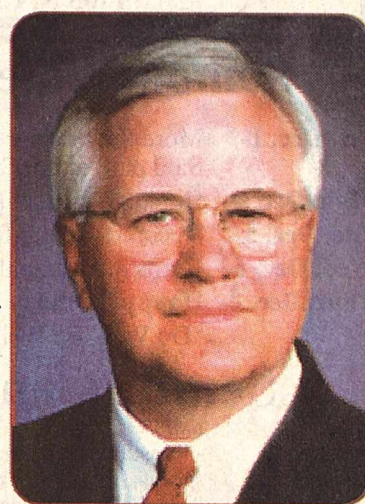
The business segment of the meeting included an outline of educational, promotional, and fund raising efforts the Board has outlined for 2007, the new Regional Coordinator - Keith Godwin, was introduced, and the Nominating Committee discussed their plans to finalize the outline for continuing Board Member participation for the new terms in 2007.

Readers may learn more about the Texas Pecos Trail Region by visiting the regional website: www.texaspecostrail.com. This user-friendly site provides regional and contact information and also permits communities to enter tourism-related information (e.g., local attractions and events) on the website at no charge. In addition, it encourages visitors to develop customized travel itineraries throughout the region - directly onto the site. THC and the Board urge Chambers of Commerce, Visitor and Tourism bureaus, Main Street programs, and city and county governments to make full use of this free marketing tool.

Keith Godwin - Texas Pecos Trails Regional Coordinator

By Ray Glasscock

With over 30 years in the hospitality and tourism industry, Keith Godwin was recently appointed the Regional Coordinator for the Texas Pecos Trails Region of the Texas Heritage Trails Program. "The Pecos Trails Region position was a natural choice for me. The Heritage of Texas is our single largest reason people within the state and from outside of Texas visit our communities, parks and countryside. I have avidly studied rural, cultural and environmental tourism in this state for the last ten years and was searching for just the right destination to live and work in west Texas, while promoting heritage tourism." The Pecos Trails Region program will work with destinations and communities in a 22 county area of south west Texas, to promote heritage tourism to the traveling public. Though she was raised in southern Georgia, Keith has lived in Texas since she was 15, and said she feels like "a native". Went to High school and college in El Paso, where she began her career in hotel sales and marketing and hospitality management. Being an avid birder and hiker however, she took extra interest in Nature and rural tourism studies and now serves on the Texas Nature Tourism Council, and the Texas Heritage Tourism Council as a board member. Most recently Keith managed the Washington County Convention Visitors Bureau and will be relocating to Sonora in December. Being single, Keith is passionate about her work, and says she can either be found on the job, or out roaming the highways and byways of the beautiful Trans Pecos area.



Keith Godwin

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Father Miguel Dinio, Pastor

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NEW MASS SCHEDULE!

Sunday - 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Monday - NO MASS
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Thursday - 7:00 a.m.
Friday - 7:00 a.m.
Saturday - 6:00 p.m.

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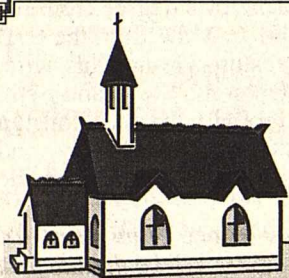
Senior Center Activities

- Fri. Dec. 1-** More the Merrier Christmas Bazaar 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Civic Center
Mon. Dec. 4- Bingo after lunch!
Tue. Dec. 5 - Decorate Center for Christmas! Come help us!
Wed. Dec. 6- Crafts after lunch!
Thur. Dec. 7- Happy Birthday Nena Favila!
"Do Well, Be Well" diabetes @ 11:00 a.m.

Senior Center Menu

- Fri. Dec. 1** - Roast Beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, wheat roll, milk and carrot cake.
Mon. Dec. 4 - Spaghetti with meat & tomatoes, seasoned spinach, tossed salad, milk, garlic bread and banana pudding.
Tue. Dec. 5 - Chicken Supreme, herb new potatoes, broccoli, green salad with dressing, cherry cobbler and milk.
Wed. Dec. 6 - Pork Chops with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, coleslaw, milk, fruit cocktail and sugar cookie.
Thur. Dec. 7 - Bar-B-Que chicken, baked beans, mustard greens, sliced tomato, cornbread, peaches and 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)



Sonora Church Directory

Primera Iglesia Bautista
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

Church of Christ
304 N. Water
387-3190

The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

First Baptist Church
111 E. Oak
387-2951

Lighthouse Community Church
1705 N. Crockett
387-9100

St. John's Episcopal Church
404 E Poplar
387-2955

Pentecostal Calvary Temple United
509 Amistad
387-5266

First United Methodist Church
201 N. Water
387-2466

St. Ann's Catholic Church
229 W. Plum
387-2278

Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios
306 W. 4th St.
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387-5658/387-5518

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Up On Eaton Hill

By Delyse Jaeger

Acquiring Autumn Attire

Autumn colors are one of those special gifts we might not always take time to appreciate, but they are truly worth a pause for consideration. While visiting with a friend outside her home recently, I was dumbstruck (no comments please) by the splendid golden yellow leaves and contrasting dark branches of a pecan tree splashed across the backdrop of a crispy clean blue sky. While West Texas ain't no West Virginia, we do have a phenomenal display to enjoy. One just has to look a little closer and perhaps a little harder to catch the sensation of walking amidst an ever changing pallet of brilliant color.

Should one hit the trails up on Eaton Hill, the colors pop out at every turn and emerge under careful inspection to the delight of the observer. Berries, gourds, bushes and beans - all with their individual flair, recreate the landscape of our surroundings.

Just how do trees acquire their autumn attire?

It's a complex process, but like all nature's intricate details, provides a glimpse into the grand design.

Leaves contain the chemical chlorophyll, used in converting sunlight, water and carbon dioxide into glucose or energy. The process is the textbook photosynthesis. Chlorophyll also gives leaves their green color. Because winter conditions do not provide enough moisture

and sunlight for food production, plants rely on stored food during the winter season and begin shutting down the production process in advance. As the days shorten and temperatures begin to fall, another process called abscission is triggered. During this time the tubes, called petioles, which carry water to the leaves and food back to the tree, (kind of like our veins) begin to close off. The leaves stop producing chlorophyll and in turn lose their green color. Many of the colors we see in the fall are due to pigments that were present all along, but masked by the dominant green. Carotene, the same pigment in carrots, is found in trees as xanthophylls, which produces the brilliant yellows. Red is created by pigments known as anthocyanins. Varying colors are a result of combinations of these pigments. New research suggests that the colors may serve as sunscreens for the trees, protecting them from the elements as the tree reabsorbs nutrients before losing the leaf. Scientists believe this may explain why fall colors are most vibrant when conditions are cold, dry and sunny. It would also explain why outer leaves are often more intense than the inner more shaded leaves of a tree. Interestingly, the U.S. seems to have a corner on the fall foliage market. European species do not produce the same magnificent vibrancy as U.S. varieties, a fact that is attributed to the warmer, less sunny European season.

Autumn is a busy time of year, but take time to notice the changing world around us. It's been bathed in a golden glow from floor to ceiling.

Wedding Announcement



Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Arguello

Cpl. Ethan D. Arguello and Valerie Rae Villanueva exchanged wedding vows on November 8, 2006 in Midland, TX.

Valerie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Villanueva of Midland, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gomez of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Villanueva Sr. of Sonora, TX. She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Elena Tambunga of Ozona and Mrs. Esperanza Arredondo of Sonora.

Cpl. Ethan D. Arguello is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Howard of Port Lavaca, TX and Mr.

Tommy Arguello of Big Spring, TX. He is the grandson of Linda Kerr of Ardmore, OK and Larry Kerr of Big Spring.

Cpl. Arguello is stationed with the United States Marine Corps in Twenty Nine Palms, California. He returned from Iraq from his second tour of duty in October.

The couple will reside in Twenty Nine Palms, California and God willing, they plan to renew their wedding vows in the summer of 2007 with all their family and friends present.

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Happy Birthday

November 30

Benny Frasier, Jr., Justin Cano, Garrett Jaeger, Patsy Bryant,
Kristen Shurley

December 1

Lelo Morales, Jake Percifull, Joe Percifull, Linda Wallace,
Sue Moore, Manuel Tobias, Patsy Johnson,
John Martin Hidalgo

December 2

Cassie Krieg, Olivia Longoria, Bobby Lou Mayer,
Glen Richardson, Kali Alyssis Mendez, Sophie Tijerina,
Jessica Esquivel, April Flores, Whitney Keller, Elizabeth Elliott,
Kenzie Herring, Tanya Luna, Shakira McKensie Villanueva

December 3

Jacob Adams, Adrianna Gamez, Sam Perez, Noah San Miguel,
Angelo Vitela, Gus Ward, Frank Lopez, Marshall Heap,
Lacey Bonner, Pete Trujillo

December 4

Joe Schaeffer, Elsa Banda, Joe Fincher, Joell McGuffin,
Darla Lipham, Cora Seymour

December 5

Roy Luna, Gary Leonard, Dylan Smith, Erika Campbell,
Sabrina Surber, Becki Harris

December 6

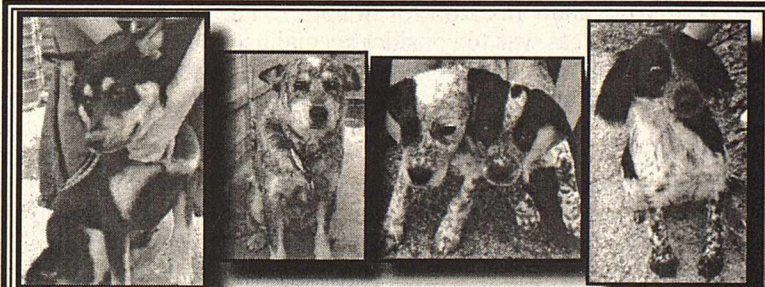
Logan Luttrell, Kaija Valkonen, Graciela Alvizo,
Jesse Burnham, Wayne Tyler

People Helping People

On Thursday, November 16, three lovely ladies performed a not so glamorous, but definitely needed task. Cyndy Allen, Pamela Armke, and Shirley Badgett delivered deer for the Sonora Ministerial Alliance. Shirley and Cyndy drove 16 miles out to the Wardlaw Ranch and picked up the deer and with the help of their faithful sidekick, Pamela Armke and of Entertech employee Freddie Romo; they delivered the deer to the families that had made known to the Ministerial Alliance their need for meat. These fine people and the hunters donating the deer are filling a need in our community.

*Do not wrong or hate your
neighbor for it is not he that you
wrong, but yourself.*

Native American Proverb (Pima)



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Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events

December 1

The More-the-Merrier Christmas Bazaar
9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sutton County Civic Center

December 3 and 6

"A Hillbilly Christmas Carol"
3:00 p.m.
High School Auditorium

December 13

Christmas Dinner - Compliments of Sutton County Steakhouse
6:30 p.m.

Downtown - Main Street

Downtown Community Christmas Program
7:00 p.m.

Downtown - Main Street

December 12

Special Run-off Election

December 18 - January 3
SISD Christmas Holidays

Letter to the Editor

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The Day I Almost Killed Robert Brown

By Ray Glasscock

I wonder if Robert Brown would have accepted my invitation to go flying with me if he had known that he would never in the rest of life come closer to dying than he did on November 30, 1976. I was stationed at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock, Texas where I was an instructor pilot in the T-38. I loved flying so much that flying the T-38 was not enough. So, I joined the Civil Air Patrol and got checked out in their Beechcraft T-34 Mentor. The Air Force had used the T-34 as a primary trainer in the early 1950's. After they were retired from the Air Force inventory, they were given to the Civil Air Patrol.

I had flown home for the weekend. I ran into Robert at his convenience store and asked if he wanted to go flying with me. Robert and I took off from the Sonora Airport and flew west to put on an airshow for my mother. I buzzed the house until Mother came out to watch. Since the T-34 is very underpowered, I climbed to altitude before I started a series of acrobatic maneuvers such as a loop, Cuban eight, and hammerhead turns. My last planned (and almost last ever) maneuver was a split S. A split S is performed by raising the nose of the aircraft to about 20 to 30 degrees nose high. When the airspeed bleeds off, the aircraft is rolled 180 degrees to the inverted position. As the aircraft goes straight down, the airspeeds builds up and the airplane is pulled back to level flight. In the T-38, one would lose about 10,000 feet of altitude and finish the split S at 500 knots of airspeed. The T-34 would lose about 2,000 feet of altitude and finish the maneuver near 140 knots. I went over the house at about 800 feet above ground level doing about 140 knots indicated airspeed which was easily enough airspeed to do an aileron roll. For some reason, I decided to do a victory aileron roll on my way back to Sonora. Fighter pilots almost always do aileron rolls to the left, but, luckily for me, I started the roll to the right. I made two critical mistakes during the first part of the roll. I should have raised the nose of the T-34 to at least 20 degrees nose high before starting the aileron roll. Since I had only raised it to about 10 degrees nose high, I should have applied full forward stick as I passed ninety degrees of bank to keep the nose of the airplane about the horizon. As a result, the T-34 rolled very slowly and the aircraft's nose fell straight down with the wings perpendicular to the eastern heading at the start of the roll.

As all I could see was Mother Earth out of the cockpit, my first thought was "We are dead." Most people have heard the old saying that "my life flashed before my eyes," but I didn't have time to think of that much. My next thought was that my mother would see me die. As the T-34 built up airspeed on its way to the ground, I went back to flying. The T-34 had a constant speed propeller. There are two controls on a constant speed prop: the pitch control lever and the throttle. The pitch control lever sets the revolutions per minute (RPM) at a constant value no matter what the airspeed of the plane is. This is like a good cruise control that keeps the speed of a car constant as the car goes up and down hills. The throttle controls the manifold pressure of the oil inside of the prop. The oil inside the prop adjusts the angle of attack of the prop which determines how much "bite" it takes out of the air. Full throttle produced the most power available for the selected and constant RPM. For aerobatics, the flight manual recommended that the RPM of the prop be set at 2,600 RPM with a manifold pressure of 25 inches. According to the manual, it was critical in the T-34 for the manifold pressure to always be less than the RPM. If the manifold pressure was pushed higher than the RPM, the oil seals on the prop could fail, and the prop would no longer produce any power at all. As the airplane got closer to hitting the ground, I needed more power. I thought about the flight manual warning and decided over-boosting the engine and not hitting the ground was a better idea than hitting the ground with the recommended power setting. I slammed the throttle forward and saw the manifold pressure peak at 34 inches.

As the airspeed increased and the ground got closer, I applied back pressure to the control stick trying to get the nose up. As I pulled, I could feel the light buffet on the wings caused by exceeding the stall angle of attack. When I felt the buffet, I would release back pressure slightly until the buffet stopped which allowed the airplane to gain airspeed. Once the buffet stopped, I would pull it again into the buffet. This produced the best possible rate of turn necessary to keep from hitting the ground. My next thought was "I can't believe that I am going to crash this beautiful airplane." Then I wondered how far the wreckage would be scattered across the pasture. Right before ground impact, I debated about closing my eyes or watching the impact. My mind returned to flying. At the last possible instance before impact, I pulled on the control stick as hard as I could. The stall buffet increased and then miraculously stopped. The nose of the aircraft was once again about the horizon, the T-34 zoomed away from the ground and into the beautiful sky, and Robert Brown's life continued. I had hit what is known as ground effect. When an aircraft gets within three feet of the ground, the air under the aircraft is compressed between the wing and the ground. When I felt the buffet stop was when the aircraft literally bounced off of the compressed air and back into the sky.

When I had rolled to the right, the aircraft ended up on a northerly heading. At the time I hit ground effect and survived, the aircraft had actually flown into a small canyon north of my mother's house. So the aircraft bottomed out in a canyon that was approximately 90 feet lower in elevation from where the maneuver was started. If I had rolled to the left, we would have surely died as the elevation of the ground to the south was the same as where the roll started.

Neither of us spoke on the way back to Sonora. After we landed, we didn't talk about it and acted like nothing out of the ordinary had happened. I ran into to Robert about 20 years later, and I asked him if he knew how close to dying he had come. He said that he did, but like me, it happened too fast for him to be scared. As I walked away from the T-34, there seemed to be a smirk on its cowlings, and I thought I could hear it say "You owe one, pilot."



Current Policy Fails to End School Harassment & Bullying

"But No One Said a Word" is a story about a student who was harassed and bullied. The district's code of conduct is in compliance with changes to Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code mandated in the 2005 legislative session.

According to Arturo Guajardo, Superintendent of Schools for the PSJA district, there are strict procedures for dealing with bullies. "They go through hearings and we expel or suspend, and we send them to alternative settings; and we have done that," said Guajardo.

"Had the previous instances of harassment and bullying been reported, perhaps the outcome here would have been different," said Chuck Smith, Deputy Director of Equality Texas. "Violence, in any form, cannot be condoned. Fortunately, the rampage described in the essay was fictional. Hopefully, the student will receive necessary counseling."

"However," Smith added, "we must ask ourselves some difficult questions:

• Why are there no previous reports of this student being bullied?

• Why did the student not feel empowered to report being harassed?

• Why did teachers, administrators, cafeteria monitors, security personnel, and other students fail to witness and/or report the harassment and bullying in the school cafeteria?

• Why was a student's violent essay,

and cry for help, the first indicator of a problem?

• WHY DID NO ONE SAY A WORD?"

"Until we can answer these questions with effective solutions, school policies on harassment and bullying will remain just words on a piece of paper," said Smith.

Equality Texas believes that students must be safe to learn regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, ability, or physical appearance. Equality Texas supports funding for a statewide study to determine the incident rates and causes of bullying and harassment. Equality Texas supports training for teachers and administrators to give them the resources necessary to recognize, address and stop acts of harassment and bullying.

The Equality Texas Foundation's "Our Stories" program enables students and parents to share their experiences of school harassment and bullying. "Our Stories" seeks to educate the public about: (i) the frequency of harassment and bullying in Texas schools, (ii) the lack of uniform codes of conduct in school districts across the state, and (iii) the lack of training for teachers and administrators to effectively address and stop harassment and bullying. The program is available online at www.EqualityTexas.org

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The honorable Brock Jones, 112th Judicial District Judge is retiring after 22 years in office. The Courtroom in the newly restored Sutton County Courthouse in Sonora will be the site for a party honoring Judge Jones to be held on December 8th, 2006, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Judge Jones is a graduate of Ozona High School, the University of Texas and the University of Texas School of Law. He was licensed to practice law before the Supreme Court of Texas in 1967. He has served as the Presiding Judge of the 112th State Judicial District court since his appointment in 1984. He previously served as Assistant Attorney General of Texas, Staff Attorney for the Travis County Juvenile Court and Judge of Travis County Court at Law #1. He was also a partner in the Travis County Law Firm of Harrington, Levbar, Weeks and Jones.

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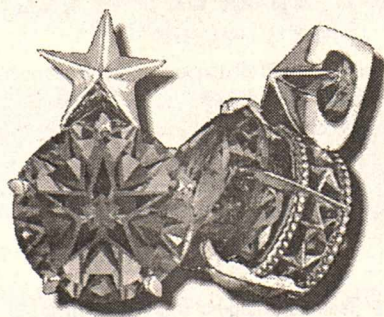
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Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Meeting

Submitted

The meeting was held in the multi-purpose room at LMH Memorial Hospital Nov. 20, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. The following members were present: Mickey Schaefer, Claire Jones, Keith Butler, Lenora Pool, Vallree Draper, Carla Garner, Rita Hale, Doris Morriss, Linda Jackson, Joy Hunnington, Jean Redman, Rosie Butler, Beverly Smith, Barbara Newkirk, Linda Jackson, Elizabeth Schenkel, Mary Lou Gilly and Teresa Harris.

A meal designed by Keith Butler and prepared by the LMH staff included: Pear glazed pork loin with apple bourbon gravy; wild rice with pecans, green beans with bacon and mushrooms, almond and mandarin orange salad. The dessert was pumpkin cake. Keith gave thanks for the meal and all attending asked for the recipes.

The meeting began with an introduction of guests; Rita Hale, Martha Alacarez and Noemi Samaniego.

Doris Morriss moved and Elizabeth Schenkel seconded the approval of the April, 11, 2006 meeting minutes.

The treasurers report was given by Mickey Schaefer showing \$4753.89 as of 10/31/06.

Elizabeth Schenkel moved to participate in the "More the Merrier" Christmas Bazaar on December 1, 2006. All members were asked to bring two items, or donate \$20. Linda Jackson seconded the motion, with all voting in favor. Elizabeth Schenkel offered to call the members not present about the bake sale.

Keith Butler presented the following project ideas for the auxiliary. A blanket warmer and IV pump. Lenora Pool moved, Doris Morriss seconded a motion to donate \$4000 toward the purchase of the blanket warmer.

The nominating committee asked the existing officers to continue their positions for another year and all agreed. Elizabeth Schenkel moved, Carla Garner seconded to re-elect the following officers: Claire Jones, President; Linda Johnson, Vice-President and Mickey Schaefer, Secretary/Treasurer.

The nominating committee for 2007 includes Vallree Draper, Linda Jackson and Barbara

Newkirk. Rosie Butler and Carla Garner were elected to serve on the auditing committee.

Keith Butler announced the coming of Dr. William "Billy" Wilson. Dr. Wilson is a family physician scheduled to begin practice on January 2, 2007. Butler also informed everyone of the new Electronic Medical Records program that began in September and will continue into 2007. This program will allow access to patient records, regardless of where treatment is sought. Butler also reminded everyone to check out the new exercise classes offered at the LMH Wellness Center.

Discussion was held regarding having meetings quarterly, as well as the possibility of having a plant sale for Easter. All members were asked to bring fundraising ideas to the spring meeting.

The winners of the centerpieces were: Rita Hale, Doris Morriss, Barbara Newkirk and Beverly Smith.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Chamber Chatter

Submitted by:

Becky Covington

Do you have Friday, December 1 circled on your calendar? Make plans to do your Christmas shopping at "The More-the-Merrier" Christmas Bazaar. Doors will open at the Sutton County Civic Center at 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The event features an eclectic selection of unique art, distinctive gift items, homemade goodies from predominately local artists and craftspeople in approximately 40 personalized booths. The West Side Lions Club will be serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Bring the kids for a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Also, featured at 5:30 p.m. the Civic Center will come alive with 75 Junior High Choir members singing Christmas carols.

The following are some of the booths that will be there: St. Ann's Catholic Church - Chris-

tian Jewelry, Maggie Mesa - Sweets & Hot Chocolate, Bill & Joan Hartung - Carved Woodens, Engraving, Painted Wreaths, Stick Horses, Delyse Jaeger - Art & Jewelry, Florie Gonzales - Crochet, Pillows, Wood Crafts, Cindy Gonzales - Jewelry, Amis Gift Shop - Jewelry, Gifts & Crosses, Kathys Jewelry - Jewelry, Wooden Crosses & Framed Pictures, Bronco Booster Club - Booster Information, Claburn Stewart - Crafts, Hospital Auxiliary - Bake Sale, Geneva Parks - Arbonne Products, Ol' Sonora Trading Company - Unique Gifts, West Texas Trading Post - Jewelry, Western Dishes & Purses, Diane Jacoby - Leather & Wire Merchandise, Ruth Bounds - Crafts, Margie Butler - Hand Crafted Beaded Jewelry, Annette Castro - Gift Wrapping, Rosemary Dunn - Jewelry, Carol Pelzel - T-shirts & Bathrobes, Betty Stephen - Christmas Eggs & Crocheted Items, Representative Cells - Cell phones

& Accessories, Linda Mungia - Crafts & Gifts, Linda Rodriguez - Crafts & Gifts, Kaci Langford - Crafts, Anita Smith - Home Interiors & Gift Baskets, Church of the Good Shepherd - Bake Sale, Patti Lynn - Bath & Body Products, Katherine Carrasco - Toys, Games, Woodcrafts & Figurines, Lucy McGuffin - Sauces, and Hanna Espie - Throw Pillows, Candle sticks & Faux Stone Faces.

This promises to be THE Christmas Bazaar of the season. Admission is free, door prizes will be given away throughout the day and there is always someone new with something new. Don't miss it! See you there.

Come congratulate Nancy Pope on the opening of her new hair salon, Nan's Place, at 206 E. Main Street. A grand opening and ribbon cutting will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.

For more information call the Chamber at 387-2880.

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Avoiding Holiday Body Clutter

By The Dinner Diva, Leanne Ely

How do I love the holidays? Let me count the ways. First there is the decorating...tinsel, ribbons, wreaths and beautiful ornaments. Then there is the crackling fireplace, festooned in evergreens with traditional stockings "hung with care". And my favorite part? The cooking, of course! Christmas cookies and candies, cinnamon buns, eggnog and spiced cider...the tastes, the smells, it really doesn't get much better!

That is until about January 3. The merriment of the holiday season can be dimmed big time by the reality check of the bathroom scale. Weight gain from holiday gorging varies, and is as variable as there are body types—some people can go up a full

dress size while others notice their jeans are a little tighter. Either way, there are tactics to spare yourself the after the holidays regret!

Here are a few ways this Dinner Diva plans on spending the holidays to avoid the traditional holiday body clutter I've been known to put on:

1—Burn More. You might want to consider adding a few more minutes to your cardio workout. Your body is smart and will step your metabolism up as a thank you, helping you become more efficient using calories.

2—Eat Less. No, I'm not talking radical diets here. Just being mindful to the fact that there will be more food everywhere I go and chances are, I will be trying some of it. Taking a little less food at mealtimes will help me out in the long run.

3—Just One. Let's face it: saying no to all the goodies out there is next to impossible. So I am giving myself permission to say yes to ONE (a small one, too). That doesn't mean one of

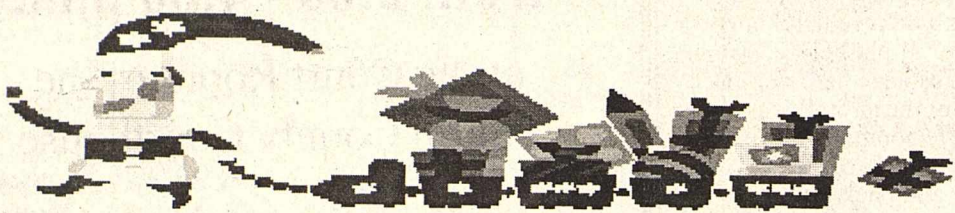
each if there is a gi-normous spread in front of me! It means carefully choosing which goodie I am going to indulge in and then going for it, guilt-free.

4—Drink up. With water that is! When so much holiday cheer comes in a drinkable form, body clutter can creep on even if your eating habits haven't changed. Keeping in mind that almost everything that goes in your mouth counts, drinking lots of water instead of hot cocoa, spiced cider and mulled wine makes sense.

5—Don't Starve. That's right! A lot of people "save up" for a big holiday party, starving themselves so they can pig out at the buffet line. This is a big mistake and will undo all good intentions. Keeping your metabolism stoked (by eating several times a day) will help keep the body clutter at bay...even during holiday time!

Of course, there is always more. But for this Dinner Diva, this list of Five is very doable and something I know I can do. I hope to report back in January after our newest book, Body Clutter (Fireside) comes out that I was successful! Stay tuned and let me know how you do, too!

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7th Grade Boys Basketball

Submitted by Anita Hudson

The 7th grade boys' basketball started their season on November 20th with a loss to the Junction Eagles. The final score was 33-16. Scoring for the colts were Word Hudson -6, Milton Black-2, Mathew Young-2, Ryan San Miguel-2, Bryce Smith-2, and Kyle Patlan-2. The boys were a little rusty coming off of a great football season, but look forward to a fun basketball season as well.

The 7th grade boys traveled to Mason on November 27th for the 2nd game of the season. They came away with a close win over Mason with a score of 19-17. Scoring for the colts were Word Hudson-6, Mathew Young-5, Bryce Smith-2, Braxton Snyder-2, Cadesman Pope-2, and Clayton Parks-2.

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Catching these hungry fish can be easy, making the experience ideal for both novice anglers and kids. The fish will bite almost immediately after stocking and typically will take a variety of baits, from whole kernel canned corn or commercial soft bait to artificial flies and even small spinner baits.

Fishing gear can be as basic as an inexpensive spincast-rod and reel combo, a small plastic bobber, a fishing weight and a hook. It's also a good idea to carry along a pair of needle-nosed pliers to help remove hooks, and

a five gallon bucket, small ice chest or a fish stringer to keep your catch. Be sure to keep freshly caught trout cold on ice or refrigerated.

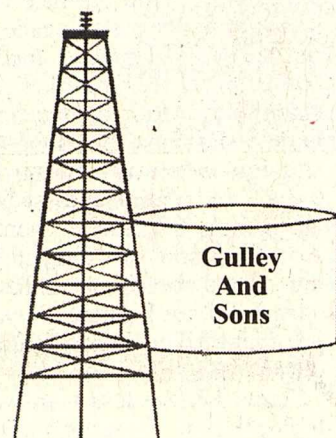
"The water is low and clear right now, so the wade fishing opportunities should be good as long as we don't get torrential rains," said Stephan Magnelia, TPWD fisheries biologist in San Marcos. "If we got any over-summer trout survival, it was in the area close to Canyon Dam, so we're starting with a clean slate in the lower end. The fish ought to be congregated and once you find them you should be able to catch them fairly easily."

There are several public access points along the Guadalupe River that have been leased by TPWD specifically for trout fishing. Maps and directions to these sites are available on the TPWD Web site.

A valid Texas freshwater fishing package is required to fish for trout. Youth ages 16 and younger and all anglers fishing from the bank in state parks are exempt from the fishing package requirement.

Sonora Broncos Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	JV	Var
Nov 30 - Dec 2	Robert Lee JV Tournament	Robert Lee	TBA	
Nov 30 - Dec 2	Ballinger Varsity Tournament	Ballinger		TBA
Dec 5	TBA			
Dec 7-9	Ozona Varsity Tournament	Ozona		TBA
Dec 12	TBA			
Dec 14,16	Eldorado JV Tournament	Eldorado	TBA	
Dec 18	Christoval	Away	5:00	8:00
Dec 28-30	Big Lake Varsity Tournament	Big Lake		TBA
Jan 2	Ozona	Away	5:00	8:00
Jan 5	Reagan County	Home	6:00	7:30
Jan 9	TBA			
Jan 12	TBA			
Jan 16	Mason*	Away	5:00	8:00
Jan 19	Brady*	Home	5:00	8:00
Jan 23	Blanco*	Home	5:00	8:00
Jan 26	Comfort*	Away	5:00	8:00
Jan 30	Junction*	Away	5:00	8:00
Feb 2	Mason*	Home	5:00	8:00
Feb 6	Brady*	Away	5:00	8:00
Feb 9	Blanco*	Away	5:00	8:00
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Sonora Bronco Basketball Schedule

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8-2A

All - District Team

By Ray Glasscock

Eight Broncos earned first team honors on the 8-2A All District team. Four year starter, Caleb Ramos earned his first team honors as quarterback. During his career, Ramos played in 42 varsity games as a quarterback. During his freshman and sophomore years, he shared the quarterback duties with Clint Cearley. As the starting quarterback as a junior, he led the team to a Bi-District championship and won 10 games. This year he had eight more wins. This year he completed 134 of 200 passes for 1,751 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Justin Northcott received the nod as first team running back. Northcott carried the ball 151 times for 952 yards and 15 touchdowns. He gained an average of 6.3 yards per carry. Justin also scored two defensive touchdowns on interception returns.

First team honors as a wide receiver went to Lito Trevino. Trevino caught 28 passes for 430 yards. Travis Valliant earned first team honors at two positions: first team offensive line and first team defensive tackle. Valliant made 65 tackles for the season. Dustin Duhon won the first team honor as inside linebacker as he logged 66 tackles. Evan Gulley earned his first team honors at safety with 71 tackles. First team cornerback honors went to Craig Leonard as he made 35 tackles. Jordan Isenhour finished out the first team list as the first team utility player with 58 tackles.

Five Broncos received second team honors. Evan Gulley made second team all district as a wide receiver and as kicker. Gulley caught 43 passes for 593 yards. Gulley had the two longest plays this year. He had 92 yard touchdown catch and an interception return of 80 yards. As a kicker, he sailed several kickoffs through the end zone for a touchback. Gulley kicked the PAT that won the overtime game against Mason. Edward Garcia and Aaron Gaytan were honored as second team offensive linemen. Michael Jenkins was selected as second team defensive end as he led the team in tackles with 72. Riley Sanchez picked up second team honors as an outside linebacker logging 64 tackles.

Honorable mention honors went to Evan Rousselot as wide receiver, Agustine Vaquera as a defensive lineman, and Victor Vaquera as wide receiver. Rousselot had 21 receptions for 225 yards and one touchdown. Agustine made 53 tackles and his brother Victor had 125 receiving yards and 125 rushing yards.

7th and 8th Grade Girl's Basketball

The 7th grade team defeated Mason 39-26. Led by Sarah Castillo with 14 points. Hunter Jennings and Evelyn Solis poured in 8 each, Emily Gonzales had 5 points and Liz Chavarria knocked down 4.

The 8th grade A-team defeated Mason 34-18. Gabi Ibanez had 11, while Maci Zuniga had 10, Morgan Smith with 5, Kash McGee with 5, and Chelby Ramos with 2 points.

The B-team also won over Mason 8-6. Leandra Casteneda provided 4 points while Daniela Cano and Alba Gloria had 2 each.

Help with College Financial Aid

Sonora High School will host a college financial aid orientation on December 6, 2006 at 5:45 p.m. in the library lecture room at Sonora High school. The program should last less than an hour and will cover the steps in completing the general application form (FAFSA), stress the importance of grants and scholarships, and explain the nature

of student and parent loans.

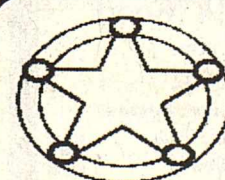
Although the presentation will focus on seniors, all students and parents are welcome and would benefit from the session.

A drawing will be held for a \$100 scholarship for attending seniors or those represented by a parent.

For more information, call Kay Friess at 387-6940 ext. 3303.

Lady Broncos Basketball Schedule

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Dec 12	Ingram	Home	5:00	6:30
Dec 14,16	Eldorado JV Tournament	Eldorado	TBA	
Dec 28-30	Big Lake Varsity Tournament	Big Lake		TBA
Jan 2	TBA			
Jan 5	Blanco*	Away	5:00	6:30
Jan 6	Comfort*	Home	5:00	6:30
Jan 12	Junction*	Home	5:00	6:30
Jan 16	Mason*	Away	5:00	6:30
Jan 19	Brady*	Home	5:00	6:30
Jan 23	Blanco*	Home	5:00	6:30
Jan 26	Comfort*	Away	5:00	6:30
Jan 30	Junction*	Away	5:00	6:30
Feb 2	Mason*	Home	5:00	6:30
Feb 6	Brady*	Away	5:00	6:30



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Sonora Colts Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Girls	Boys
12/4	Brady	Away	Home
12/11	Blanco	Away	Home
01/04	Junction	Home	Away
01/11	Comfort	Home	Away
01/11,12,13	Wall Tournament		
01/18	Mason	Away	Home
01/20	Llano Tournament		
01/25	Brady	Home	Away
02/01	Blanco	Home	Away
02/08	Comfort		Home

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Dr. Robert Gates – A Call To Duty

By

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

American military personnel are bound by core values of duty, honor, and country. General Douglas MacArthur eloquently articulated this during his famous address to cadets at West Point in 1962, and the next civilian leader of our armed forces certainly understands the meaning of these values.

The nomination of Dr. Robert Gates to become U.S. Secretary of Defense is an inspired choice by President Bush. Dr. Gates, the current president of Texas A&M University, stands ready to answer our nation's call. Dr. Gates had not anticipated returning to government service. He said he had never enjoyed any position more than being president of Texas A&M University. However, in wartime, he said he could not refuse the president's request.

Over the last 40 years, Dr. Gates has gained experience that makes him uniquely qualified to serve as our 22nd Secretary of Defense and to provide leadership that America needs to achieve victory in the War on Terror. He has been a commissioned officer in the Air Force, serving in the Strategic Air Command, and has held numerous positions within the intelligence community, including Director of Central Intelligence and Deputy National Security Adviser. Most recently, he was a member of the independent Iraq Study Group currently assessing our mission in Iraq.

Dr. Gates has worked for six presidents representing both political parties, and his nomination has received bipartisan support from members of the Senate. His ability to build consensus among those with different political viewpoints, as well as his experience working with military and civilian military leaders, will be extremely valuable attributes in his new post. As President Ronald Reagan's Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, he was instrumen-

tal to our victory in the Cold War. As Deputy National Security Adviser to President George H.W. Bush, he played a key role in pushing Saddam Hussein's armies out of Kuwait in Operation Desert Storm.

President Bush recruited Dr. Gates in January 2005 to become Director of National Intelligence, but Dr. Gates could not leave Texas A&M until he had accomplished more of the goals he set when he became president in 2002. Last year, Texas A&M launched a \$275 million construction campaign, and the university has hired more than 350 new faculty members under Dr. Gates, expanding the size of the faculty by 25 percent. During his tenure at Texas A&M, the sixth-largest university in America, African-American student enrollment increased by 86 percent and Hispanic student enrollment increased by 48 percent.

When he was introduced by President Bush on November 8, Dr. Gates explained his decision to return to government service. He said, "The United States is at war, in Iraq and Afghanistan. We're fighting against terrorism worldwide. And we face other serious challenges to peace and our security. I believe the outcome of these conflicts will shape our world for decades to come. Because our long-term strategic interests and our national and homeland security are at risk, because so many of America's sons and daughters in our armed forces are in harm's way, I did not hesitate when the president asked me to return to duty."

Texas A&M's loss is truly our nation's gain. I strongly support Dr. Robert Gates' nomination as Secretary of Defense, and I look forward to working with him to win the War on Terror. We must continue pursuing terrorists abroad and modernizing our forces to address the threats of the 21st century.

City Police Dispatcher Report

Arrest(s):

November 24, 2006

• 10:50 AM: Antonieta Quiroz, 34, from San Angelo, Texas was arrested for an out of jurisdiction warrant from Tom Green County for Theft over \$1,500 under \$20,000.

Incidents:

November 20, 2006

• 8:50 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 8:58 AM: Caller reported a dog on the street. Animal Control Officer responded.
• 11:50 AM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
• 11:58 AM: Caller reported an injured deer. Animal Control Officer responded.
• 4:15 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 5:00 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

November 21, 2006

• 8:10 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 11:50 AM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
• 1:20 PM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
• 3:30 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 6:10 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.
• 7:40 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

November 22, 2006

• 8:20 AM: Caller requested close patrol at residences. Officer responded.
• 8:35 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

• 9:22 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 9:40 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 10:58 AM: Caller reported a lost wallet. Officer notified.
• 11:15 AM: Caller reported a minor accident at the Post Office. Officer responded.
• 1:16 PM: Caller reported a car blocking drive way. Officer responded.
• 1:27 PM: Caller reported a minor accident at the First National Bank. Officer responded.
• 8:05 PM: Caller reported a subject driving on the sidewalk. Officer responded.
• 11:20 PM: Caller reported a possible drunk driver. Officer responded.

November 23, 2006

• 10:45 AM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.
• 10:35 PM: Caller reported a fight. Officer responded.

November 24, 2006

• 9:00 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 1:15 PM: Caller reported a possible family disturbance. Officer responded.
• 11:50 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.

November 25, 2006

• 11:50 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 5:40 PM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.

November 26, 2006

• 4:15 PM: Ambulance Escort. Officer responded.
• 5:35 PM: Caller reported subjects racing go carts on roadway. Officer responded.
• 6:00 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

State School Board Hikes High School Graduation Requirements

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - The requirements for high school students entering two upgraded graduation programs next fall just got a little bit harder. The State Board of Education increased the number of math and science credits and the total number of course credits students must earn under the recommended high school program and the distinguished achievement program. Students now will need 26 credits, up from the current 24.

The new stricter requirements were spelled out in HB 1. Under the plan, students must earn at least three credits in math and two in science.

Lawmakers Seek Coal Plant Delay

A bipartisan group of lawmakers is asking state officials to halt the fast-track approval of seven of 18 proposed coal-fired power plants across the state.

The group wants more research done on the plants' impact on local communities and air quality.

The letter was circulated by Rep. Donna Howard, D-Austin, and signed by 25 other legislators.

Former SA Leg- islator Dies In Fire

Former Sen. Frank Madla died in a fire at his San Antonio home Nov. 24. Madla, 69, served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1973-92 and in the Texas Senate from 1993 until May when he resigned after being defeated in the March Democratic primary for his District 13 seat. Madla's mother-in-law Mary Cruz also died in the fire and his 5-year-old granddaughter, Aleena Jimenez, later died at a local hospital, according to the San Antonio Express-News. His wife, Helen, was still hospitalized in stable condition as of Monday.

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Your vote will determine your future. Henry Bonilla and
Ciro Rodriguez have opposite records on the issues that
matter most to you. Vote in this upcoming special election
and make your voice heard.

On Taxes

Henry Bonilla voted **against the Death Tax** and for **cutting income taxes**
and the **marriage penalty tax**.
Ciro Rodriguez voted the exact opposite
on every issue, and even voted eight times against lowering the
marriage penalty tax.

On Terrorism

Henry Bonilla voted to **create the Department of Homeland Security** and
to **fully fund those agencies fighting terrorism**.
Ciro Rodriguez voted
against strengthening our borders two weeks after 9/11.

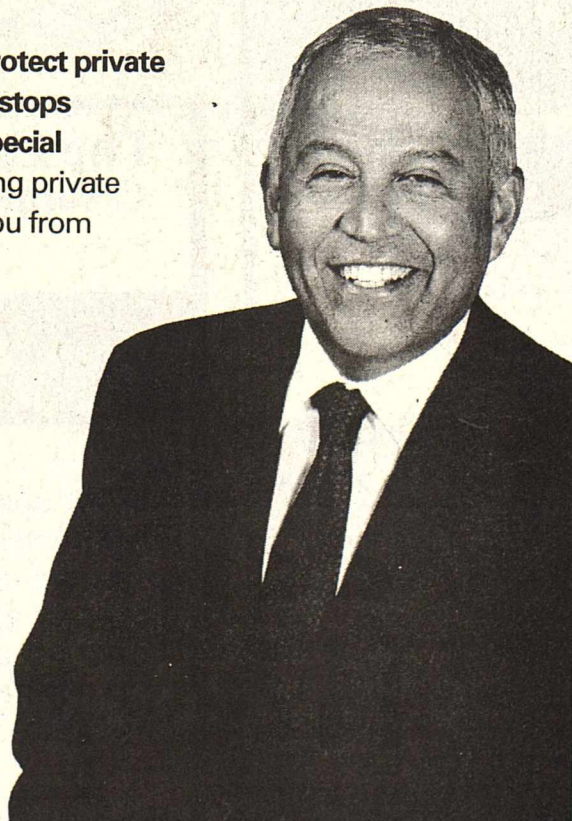
On Private Property

Henry Bonilla has consistently voted to **protect private
property rights** and is **pushing a law that stops
government from seizing your land for special
interests**.
Ciro Rodriguez supported seizing private
lands in West Texas, and voted to keep you from
stopping government land seizures.

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Early Vote: Dec. 4 to 8
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What Causes Fruit To Ripen?



By Pascual Hernandez

Does one bad apple spoil the whole bunch? Does it require direct contact? In general, plant tissues communicate using classes of compounds called hormones. In plants, germination, growth, development, reproduction, and environmental response are all coordinated through hormones. Although most of the main plant hormones are transported in the vascular system of the plant, one class of hormones is transferred in gaseous phase. This class includes the plant hormone ethylene.

Ethylene is manufactured and released by rapidly growing tissues in roots, senescing flowers,

and ripening fruit. For example, the darkened spots on a ripe banana release great amounts of ethylene. Ethylene has many effects on plants. One promotes fruit ripening. Ripening is a process in fruit that causes it to become more edible by converting stored starch into sugar. In general, fruits become sweeter, less acidic, less green, and softer as they ripen.

Like many hormones, ethylene works at very low concentrations. Apple growers take advantage of this by picking fruit when it is not ripe, holding it in enclosed conditions without ethylene, and exposing it to ethylene right before taking it to market. This process is why we have newly ripened apples grown in temperate North America even in the spring and summer

(apples ripen in the fall). Also, many fruits are picked prior to full ripening because ripened fruits do not ship well. Bananas, for example, are picked when green and artificially ripened after shipment by gassing them with ethylene.

So, if you've picked all your tomatoes and peppers now that we've had frost, you may be wondering how to keep them from spoiling. Well, you can store tomatoes and peppers in boxes, 1 to 2 layers deep, or in

plastic bags with a few holes for air circulation. If you have a cool, moderately humid room, simply place them on a shelf. Keep fruit out of direct sunlight. They may be stored in the dark. To slow ripening, sort out ripened fruits from green tomatoes each week. To speed up ripening, place green or partially ripe fruits in a bag or box with a ripe tomato.

Ripe tomatoes keep in a refrigerator for about 1 week but will lose their flavor. Green peppers

keep for 2 weeks. Green, mature tomatoes and peppers stored at 65-70 degrees, will ripen in about 2 weeks. Cooler temperatures slow the ripening process. At 55 degrees, they will ripen in 3-4 weeks. Storage temperatures below 50 degrees will slow ripening, but results in inferior quality.

If tomatoes and green peppers

are stored where the humidity is too high, the fruit molds and rots. If humidity is too low, the fruit shrivels and dries out. Tomatoes and green peppers ripened indoors are not as flavorful as vine ripened fruits. However, compared to store bought, you will be delighted with your own home ripened tomatoes.

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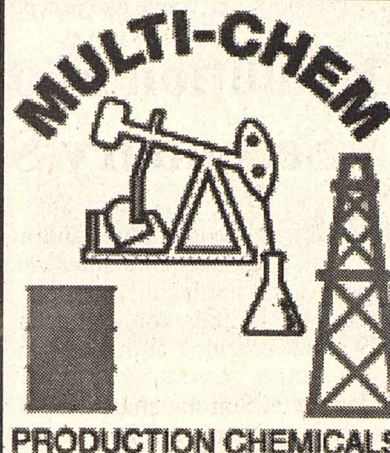
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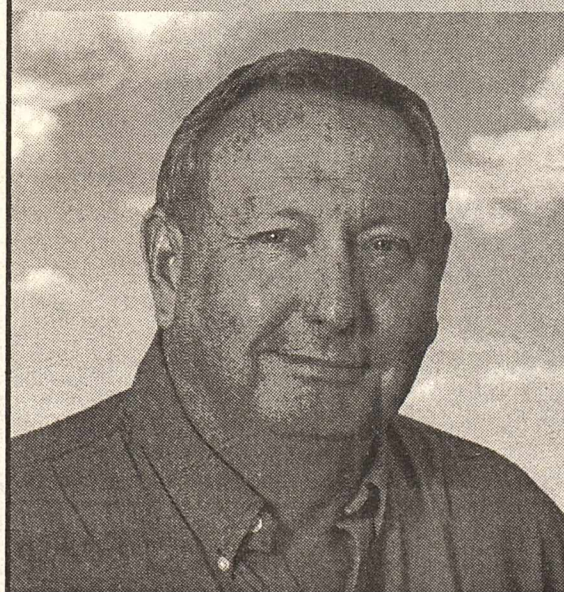
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1 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 9600' Morriss -83- #7d Dw Patterson Drilling/a 120 11/23/06 2 Drlg Ahead
2 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8950' Joe M Vanderstucken #14 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 39 12/01/06 Assigned
3 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8600' Mayer #55 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 108 11/18/06 7 Drlg Ahead
4 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8400' Simmons Ranch #84 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 122 11/20/06 5 Drlg Ahead
New 5 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8350' Simmons Ranch #85 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 122 11/26/06 Assigned
New 6 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8300' Parmer #1sf Dw Patterson Drilling/a 108 11/27/06 Assigned
7 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8250' Joe M Vanderstucken #13 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 39 11/17/06 8 Drlg Ahead
8 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7250' Duke Wilson State -152- #3 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 704 11/16/06 9 Drlg Ahead
9 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7150' Canyon Ranch #106-3x Dw Patterson Drilling/a 161 11/15/06 10 Drlg Ahead
10 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7025' Duke Wilson #34-15 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 704 11/26/06 Assigned
New 11 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 6950' Kelly -126- #21 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 107 11/27/06 Assigned
New 12 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 6850' Kelly -115- #21 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 40 11/27/06 Assigned
13 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 6750' Kelly #126c Dw Patterson Drilling/a 40 11/19/06 6 Drlg Ahead
14 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 6500' Shurley -94- #19 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 107 11/19/06 6 Drlg Ahead
15 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 6350' Meckel #92 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 105 11/18/06 7 Drlg Ahead
New 16 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 6200' Cusenbary -58- #7 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 115 11/22/06 3 Drlg Ahead
17 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 5500' Canyon Ranch #17s Dw Patterson Drilling/a 161 11/26/06 Assigned

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New 1 Fiml Natural Res 13000' Kenley #3183 Dw Grey Wolf Drilling/m 627 11/29/06 Assigned
2 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 10000' Meybin -4- #23 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 109 11/16/06 9 Drlg Ahead
3 Unit Petroleum/tulsa 9300' University-11- #1 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 347 10/27/06 29 Drlg Ahead
4 Encore Operating Lp 9250' J L Henderson Jr -a- #4-20 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 11/14/06 11 Drlg Ahead
5 Approach Operating 9000' Cinco Terry -a- #801 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 710 11/17/06 8 Drlg Ahead
6 Trek Resources 6500' Shannon Estate #4 Dw Patterson Uti/midlan 487 10/30/06 26 Drlg Ahead 5947'
New 7 Fiml Natural Res 5500' Maggie Moore #7a Dw Patterson Drilling/a 721 11/20/06 5 Drlg Ahead
8 Orbit Crude, Inc. 4000' Childress #2103u Ft Heart Land Drilling 8 11/16/06 9 Drlg Ahead 2400'
9 Sigma Energy&exp Co 2000' Sigma Meadows #5 Hope Drilling 1 10/20/06 36 Drlg Ahead

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1 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8750' Powell -23- #5 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 742 11/20/06 5 Drlg Ahead
New 2 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8750' Jeffers -18a- #4 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 742 11/26/06 Assigned

Edwards

1 Newfield 15500' Whitehead #8501 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 471 11/14/06 11 Drlg Ahead
2 Newfield 10000' Four Square Ranch #17 H Dw Patterson Drilling/a 118 10/24/06 32 Drlg Ahead

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1 Cimarex Energy Of Co 15550' Phillip Arledge #15 Dw Cactus Drilling 122 11/12/06 13 Drlg Ahead 5449'
2 Willo Oil & Gas Exp 15200' Mills -36- #2 Dw Patterson Uti/midlan 79 11/09/06 16 Drlg Ahead 8510'

Terrell

1 Energico Production 13900' Slaughter -63- #1 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 420 11/19/06 6 Drlg Ahead
2 Conocophillips/odes 13100' Creek Ranch -12- #7 Dw Patterson Uti/lv 481 10/07/06 49 Drlg Ahead 10910'
3 Encore Operating Lp 12300' Bassett Goode #6 H Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 641 10/19/06 37 Drlg Ahead
4 Bp America Prod/mid 12000' Banner Estate #44 H Dw Helmerich & Payne(A) 214 11/12/06 13 Drlg Ahead
5 Fasken Oil & Ranch 7500' Brown Se -213- #50 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 102 11/17/06 8 Drlg Ahead
6 Wtg Exploration 7000' Aunt Josie #4 Dw Lariat Services/ode 15 10/31/06 25 Run Casing 5751'
7 Encore Operating Lp 6500' Banner Estate #71 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 11/28/06 Assigned

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11/27/06

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Sheep:

#1 Spring Lambs 50-70 lbs

1.10-1.16

#1 Spring Lambs 70-90 lbs.

.95-1.10

#1 Old Crop Lambs 50-70 lbs.

.95-1.00

#1 Old Crop Lambs 70-90 lbs.

.65-.80

Fat Ewes -.40-.50

Thin Ewes -.25-.35

Bucks -.30-.50

Goats:

Baby Tooth Angora- no test

Solid Mouth Angora

Stocker Nannies -.40-.50

Stocker Angora Muttons -.55-.65

Angora Kids -.1.15-1.25

Angora Kids Shorn

1.00-1.15

Weighing Angoras-Shorn

(Thin) .15-.25

Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Fat)

Nannies -.30-.40

Stocker Spanish Nannies

.65-.75

Fat Spanish Nannies

.45-.60

Fat Spanish Muttons & Billies

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8th Grade Final Exam circa 1895

Submitted

This will make you stop and think, and have a lot more respect for your great grandparents if you didn't already. It also shows how much our classes have been "dumb'd down" so that every one will have a "level playing field". I don't think we have done anyone any favors.

Perhaps you remember when great-grandparents stated that they only had an 8th grade education...

Well, check this out. This is the eighth-grade final exam from 1895 in Salina, Kansas, USA. It was taken from the original document on file at the Smokey Valley Genealogical Society and Library in Salina, KS, and reprinted by the Salina Journal.

Grammar (Time - one hour)

1. Give nine rules for the use of capital letters.
2. Name the parts of speech and define those that have no modifications.
3. Define verse, stanza and paragraph
4. What are the principal parts of a verb? Give principal parts of "lie," "play," and "run."
5. Define case; Illustrate each case.
6. What is punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of punctuation.
- 7 - 10. Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

Arithmetic (Time - 1 hour, 15 minutes)

1. Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic.
2. A wagon box is 2 ft. deep, 10 feet long, and 3 ft. wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?
3. If a load of wheat weighs 3942 lbs., what is it worth at 50cts/bushel, deducting 1050 lbs. for tare?
4. District No 33 has a valuation of \$35,000. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school

seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?

5. Find the cost of 6,720 lbs. of coal at \$6.00 per ton.
6. Find the interest of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 percent.
7. What is the cost of 40 boards 12 inches wide and 16 ft. long at \$20 per meter?
8. Find bank discount on \$300 for 90 days (no grace) at 10 percent.
9. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15 per acre, the distance of which is 640 rods?
10. Write a Bank Check, a Promissory Note, and a Receipt

US History (Time - 45 minutes)

1. Give the epochs into which US History is divided
2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus.
3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.
4. Show the territorial growth of the United States.
5. Tell what you can of the history of Kansas.
6. Describe three of the most prominent battles of the Rebellion.
7. Who were the following: Morse, Whitney, Fulton, Bell, Lincoln, Penn, and Howe?
8. Name events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, 1865.

Orthography (Time - one hour)

1. What is meant by the following: Alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, syllabication
2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?
3. What are the following, and give examples of each: Trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals
4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u.'
5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e.' Name two exceptions under each rule.

6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.

7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: bi, dis, mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, sup.

8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.

9. Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.

10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

Geography (Time - one hour)

1. What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?
 2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas?
 3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?
 4. Describe the mountains of North America.
 5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia, Odessa, Denver, Manitoba, Hecla, Yukon, St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco.
 6. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the U. S.
 7. Name all the republics of Europe and give the capital of each.
 8. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitude?
 9. Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns to the sources of rivers.
 10. Describe the movements of the earth. Give the inclination of the earth.
- Notice that they allowed only FIVE HOURS to complete the exam.
- Gives "he only had an 8th grade education" a whole new meaning, doesn't it?

Evolution of our Primary and Secondary School Systems

By Ray Glasscock

I plan on writing a series of articles about education and attempts to improve the system. The above test seems to show that finishing the eight grade in 1895 was much harder than today. I think that I might be able to pass it, but I definitely wouldn't ace it. I wonder how many students in 1895 took one look at this test and immediately left school and got a job.

When I reached the eighth grade here at Sonora, students were divided into three groups based on their academic abilities as perceived by their teachers. There were three tracks: college bound, high school graduates, and the "let's keep them quiet until they quit." There were Anglos and Hispanics in each of the different tracks, but I feel that many Hispanics were placed in the lower classifications undeservedly. Of course, there is no way for me to prove this.

The Vietnam war changed America. I think this is when the "feel good about yourself" era started. Psychologists determined, and rightly so, that the three tracks often turned into a self fulfill-

ing prophecy. The idea to fix this problem created another: social promotion. Since the system no longer wanted to label anyone as a failure, the students were passed on to the next grade regardless of their progress. Anyone who came to school for twelve years became a high school graduate.

When the high school diploma lost its value, the business world demanded a solution. Ross Perot came up with the idea of a standardized test that a student must pass in order to graduate from Texas schools. While this solution probably fixed the problem of restoring meaning to the high school diploma, it also opened the can of worms of rating the performance of schools and teachers. With school funding and teacher job security tied to students' test scores, the problem of "teaching the test" was created.

In future articles, I plan on interviewing Sonora teachers and students from each of the three eras. I want to get their opinion of their era and what they think of the current one.



Kelly's K O R P
Managing Diabetes With Exercise
Submitted by: Kelly L Thorp, MS
County Extension Agent-FCS
Texas Cooperative Extension-Sutton County

Exercise might be important in anybody's health plan, but for people with diabetes, regular exercise can be a life-saver. For them, exercise:

- Helps insulin work better;
- Reduces body fat and increases muscle tone and strength;
- Strengthens heart and lungs, which lessens the risk of hardening of the arteries, high blood pressure and other heart problems;
- Lowers bad cholesterol and raises good cholesterol;
- Provides more energy by helping glucose get from the blood to the cells;
- Lowers the need for diabetes medicines in some people. (But remember: Don't change your medicine without medical approval.)

- Reduces the effects of heart disease, high blood pressure and high cholesterol;

- Lowers stress; and

- Reduces depression and provides a sense of well-being.

Before starting on any exercise program, people with diabetes should consult with their doctors. Heart disease or nerve damage might limit your exercise choices, but options are almost always available.

One of the best forms of exercise is also one of the simplest - walking. But if a program of sustained walking doesn't fit into your busy schedule, other options might help you reach your exercise goal each day. For example, 10 minutes of walking, gardening or housework done at different times during the day could add up to the recommended 30 minutes - or more! - of daily activity. This type of exercise makes your heart beat faster, gets your muscles moving and makes you perspire. Another type of exercise, weight lifting or building strength, is seldom recommended for people with diabetes, however. After checking with your doctor and getting the go-ahead to start an exercise program, start slowly, only five or 10 minutes at a time at first. Don't overexert yourself; you should be able to talk easily as you work out. Walking, swimming, riding a bicycle and doing chair exercises are all beneficial activities. Gradually increase your time to 30 minutes. In spite of what you've heard in the past, exercise should not be painful. If it is, you may be doing the exercise the wrong way or not warming up properly or doing too much. For the greatest benefit, get at least 30 minutes or more of moderate exercise every day - if not every day, at least three or four times a week. Light exercise is any activity that does not make you breathe heavily; moderate exercise causes you to breathe more heavily; and strenuous exercise causes rapid breathing. People with type 2 diabetes who don't use medication to control their condition rarely have a problem with hypoglycemia, or low blood sugar; however, people who need pills or insulin injections to control their diabetes need to be aware of the link between hypoglycemia and exercise.

To avoid low blood sugar, don't exercise when insulin is at its peak. If you start to feel anxious, shaky, dizzy or confused during your workout, stop immediately! Other signs of low blood sugar are: changes in walking pattern, decreased coordination and decreased ability to think or see. Some people also become very irritable when blood sugar levels are too low.

To bring your blood glucose up to a safe level, eat or drink something that is pure sugar, such as three or four glucose tablets, five to seven pieces of hard candy, a small box of raisins, one-half cup of fruit juice, one-half can of regular (not sugar-free) soda or one cup of skim milk. If you don't feel better in 15 minutes, eat the same amount of foods again. You might experience low blood sugar as long as 12 hours or more after exercising. If that happens, take care of it immediately - low blood glucose can quickly become a serious health hazard.

Check blood glucose levels about 30 minutes before exercising, and then again immediately before you start your workout. This will give you an indication of the stability of your blood sugar levels. If it registers below 80 mg/dL, eat a large snack, wait 15 mi it again. When your blood sugar level is back up to 120 or above, it's OK to exercise. When blood glucose levels are between 120 and 250 mg/dL, exercising is usually safe; however if the level is above 250 mg/dL, do NOT exercise! If you need medication or injections to help control your diabetes, try these exercise tips:

- Take a glucose source with you when you work out. Glucose tablets are available at pharmacies, or take eight to 10 hard candies, a non-diet soft drink or raisins.

- Wear a diabetes ID bracelet and always carry money for a public phone or a cell phone.

- Exercise with friend. Not only will that add a measure of safety to your workout, it might keep you motivated! Whether you need medication or not, you do need liquids. Drink plenty of fluids whenever you work out, including at least 17 ounces (two large glasses) of fluid about two hours prior to exercising. Then drink water whenever you need it during your workout. Sports drinks are OK too, especially if your workout will be longer than an hour. Don't exercise outdoors on very hot, humid days or very cold ones. Start each exercise session with a light warmup, such as walking for five to 10 minutes. Follow this with five to 10 minutes of stretching (but don't bounce). Once you've warmed up, start your exercise routine. Try to keep your heart rate higher than normal for 20 to 30 minutes. End your workout with a cool-down and more stretching. Slow down gradually until your breathing becomes more normal. Wear clothing that is comfortable but not too restrictive and which doesn't make you sweat. In summer, wear light-weight, light-colored clothing when you exercise, and in winter, dress in layers. Use a sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher and wear a hat. And don't forget the importance of proper footwear. Exercise shoes should feel good and fit well. Try these shoe-shopping hints:

- Shop later in the day when your feet are slightly swollen. That way your shoes won't be too small.

- Measure both feet. Often one foot is slightly larger than the other; buy the shoes that fit the larger foot.

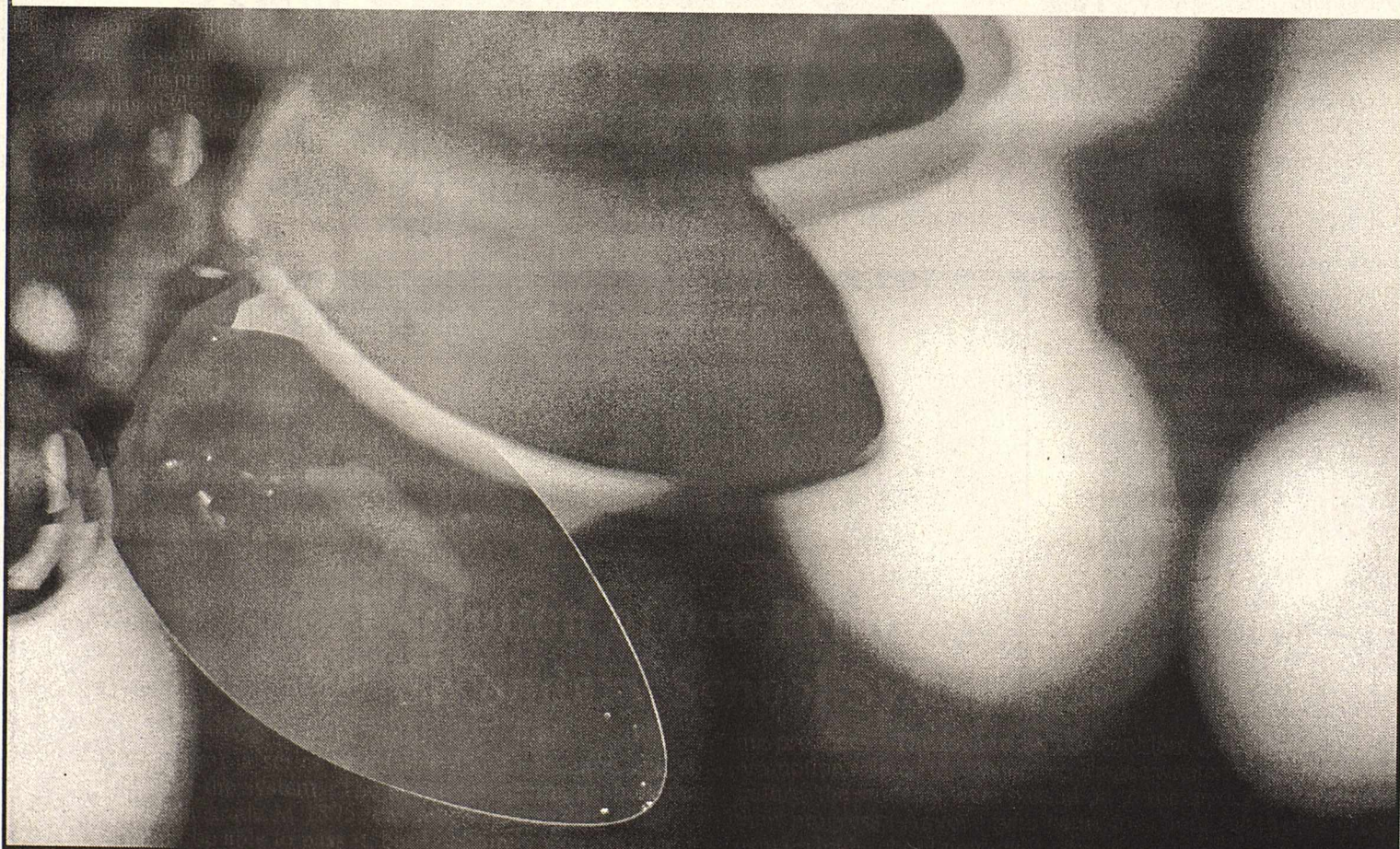
- If the shoes have a rounded toe, make sure there's about a half-inch extra space in the toe area.

- Look for shoes with a firm heel that does not rub against your foot.

- Don't buy shoes that are too tight.

Replace the shoes when they begin to wear out. Wear clean, seamless socks and check your feet after you exercise. Look for blisters, warm areas, redness, cracks, cuts, bruises and any other injuries. If you see any of these, call your doctor immediately. For more information on living with diabetes, plan to attend the Do Well, Be Well With Diabetes program on Thursdays from 11:00 AM-12:00PM, at the Sutton County Senior Center. For more information contact Kelly Thorp at 387-3604 or Juanita Mesa at 387-5657.

5:35 p.m. Thursday



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Public Notice

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Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463/6792).

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Main Street Traffic

By Mary Ann Kay

Lost & Found

On Main Street a wind breaker and pink sweat shirt was found on one of the Main Street benches.

If you have lost these items please call the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office at 325-387-2248.

Best Christmas Decorating Homes & Best Christmas Decorating Businesses Contest

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, KHOS Radio, and Devil's River News would like to invite you to decorate your business or home and be recognized as the Best Decorated Home or Business. We will have judges driving around judging the homes and businesses on Sunday nights.

Christmas is a time to share and thank God for all the many blessings we have received this year. A wreath and sign will be placed on your business if you are the winner for that week and your business' photo will be placed in the Devil's River News and your business' name will be announced on the news at KHOS Radio. If you are the Best Decorated Christmas Home you will receive a Christmas ornament and we will announce you on KHOS Radio and a photo of your home will be placed in the Devil's River News. There will be 4 homes awarded and 2 businesses each week until Christmas. Hope you will be a winner and we will be placing a sign in your window or your yard. Good Luck!

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to express our appreciation to KHOS Radio and the Devil's River News for Sponsoring this Best Christmas Decorate Home & Business Contest.

Thank You Note!

The Knights of Columbus and the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to express our appreciation to Schlumberger, Town & Country Food Stores, Sutton County, the youth of our community, City of Sonora Citizens & Staff, Juanita Mesa, KHOS Radio, Devil's River News, and all of the ladies of the St. Ann's Catholic Church for all they did to make the Annual Community Thanksgiving Lunch a great success. It is always nice to recognize the Senior Citizens at this time of the year because they are the golden assets of our community. Thank you!

Answer the Mockingbird's Call

New Keep Texas Beautiful Ornament Features State Bird

(AUSTIN, TEXAS) — Listen to the mockingbird; it's calling out for your help to keep Texas a pristine and beautiful place! Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc. (KTB) is proud to announce the sale of its third edition ornament, highlighting the mockingbird, with proceeds funding KTB's statewide network of more than 340 affiliates who focus on litter prevention, waste reduction, and community beautification programs.

"The ornaments make wonderful gifts and can be displayed anytime of year, not just during the holidays," KTB Board President Debbie Johnston says. "When you purchase an ornament you feel the pride from knowing you are helping support programs to improve communities and educate Texans on how to make Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state."

Orders for the first, second, and third edition ornament can be made through a downloadable order form on KTB's website (www.ktb.org) or over the phone at 1-800-CLEAN-TX.

F.Y.I.

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

Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes is an educational program for people with type 2 diabetes sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and the Sutton County Senior Center. Classes began October 19 and will be held on Thursdays at the Senior Center from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM. To register call Kelly Thorp at 387-3604 or Juanita Mesa at 387-5657. Transportation is available for senior citizens who qualify. The cost of the class is free.

USDA-NRCS offices in Sutton, Crockett and Schleicher counties are accepting applications now through December 15, 2006 to be considered for 2007 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP). If you wish to apply, please check with your Farm Services Agency (FSA) to make sure your farm records are current, then go by the NRCS office in the county where your property lies.

"The More the Merrier"

Friday December 1, 2006 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center.

Take your picture with Santa and Mrs. Clause 3:00-4:30 p.m. Sonora Middle School Choir will perform at 5:30. Buy your Christmas trees from Keep Sonora Beautiful. Door prizes given away hourly. The West Side Lions Club will serve breakfast lunch and dinner. FMI call the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880.

4-H Lamb and Goat Clinic: We will be having a Lamb and Goat Clinic at the 4-H Barn. It will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 30th entitled Quality Counts with speaker Pascual Hernandez. It will be a fun interactive clinic where you can learn and win prizes based on your knowledge and participation in the program. Come join the fun! There will be more to come in December.

The Sutton County EMS will sponsor an Emergency Medical Technician - Basic Program and an Emergency Medical Technician - Competitor Program beginning January 8th.

The program will be held on Monday's and Wednesday's from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will include one Saturday session each month until April 18th. Cost of the program is \$125.00 which includes tuition and books.

For more information or registration, please contact the Sutton County EMS at 387-5132.

Sonora High School Theater presents "A Hillbilly Christmas Carol". Sunday, December 3 at 2:00 p.m. at the high school auditorium. Tickets are for donation only.

Downtown Christmas Program. The Sutton County Steakhouse has offered to feed the community a Turkey and Dressing dinner with all the trimmings prior to the Downtown Community Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. on Main Street. In order to get a head count it will be necessary for you to come by the Chamber of Commerce office or Friends of Historic Sonora office to get a ticket to be presented at the dinner. The dinner ticket is free and should be picked up by Friday, December 8. Donations will be accepted and be given to the Ministerial Alliance.

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