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Lozano Found Guilty of Terroristic Threat and Sentenced to 5 Years Probation



Photo By Juanita Gomez
Sonora Highschool Students waited for their parents to pick them up after the bomb threat on February 24, 2006.



Photo By Juanita Gomez
Elementary School Students waited for their parents to pick them up at the police station after the February 24th bomb threat.

By Juanita Gomez and Ben D. Taylor

Bianca Deanne Lozano was found guilty of making a terroristic threat on February 13th, 2008 (a third degree felony) and then was sentenced to five years probation by Judge Brock Jones on February 22 at the Crockett County Courthouse. Lozano was also ordered to do 300 hours of community service and to pay restitution to the Sonora Independent School District in the amount of \$5,000 (as well as \$545 in court costs). The stipulations of her probation require Lozano to take anger management counseling, a psychological evaluation, and a curfew of 10:00 p.m. on week days and midnight on the weekends. Any violation of the probation agreement can result in the state filing a motion to impose a prison sentence, or change the pro-

bation terms.

Lozano was the second person arrested and charged for a bomb threat called into the school district on February 24, 2006. Christopher Robert James was also arrested and found guilty of the same crime as Lozano, but was sentenced to serve 120 days in the county jail on top of the 6 months he had already spent in jail awaiting his trial (currently there is an arrest warrant issued to James as he is in violation of the terms of his probation). The third defendant in this case is awaiting trial, but has already spent 8 months in county jail and 2 months under house arrest.

The central piece of evidence in the case against Lozano was a letter she wrote and gave to Christopher James explaining in detail how to call

in the threat. Details of the letter included the time of day to call, where to call from, and what to say; all of which were designed to ensure that school would be called off so that Lozano could go to the carnival at the San Angelo Stock show a day early. James had thrown the letter away, but it was discovered by the third defendant's brother. The brother threatened to go to the authorities with that letter when he was assaulted, and in the course of the investigation into that assault police discovered the letter linking Lozano with the threat. Further handwriting analysis was able to pinpoint Lozano as the author of that letter.

Officer Rodney Black of the San Angelo Police Department (Narcotics Division) was called in by Officer

Bryn Humphrey to analyze the handwritten statement by Lozano. Black has been involved in over 500 cases involving forgery and handwriting, and explains that, "Handwriting analysis is a lot like fingerprint analysis; we compare handwriting samples looking at unique characteristics between the two. I usually like to have seven matches between samples as a minimum". After analyzing Lozano's handwriting he stated that, "I had no doubt in my mind that the author of the statement was the same person that wrote the bomb threat instruction note". Black's analysis primarily focused on the letters I, N, L, S, and he was able to tell the difference between Bianca and her twin sister Blanca's handwriting, "Blanca's 'I' looked like

a standard 'I' while Blanca's looked like an 'E'".

During the trial, Sonora School Superintendent Doug Bawcom testified that the bomb threat cost the school approximately \$60,000 in operating expenses for that day. The timing of the bomb threat (around noon) meant that all the food prepared for the student's lunch had to be discarded while the schools were searched room by room for 8 hours by the Bomb Search Taskforce out of Goodfellow Air force Base. Elementary school counselor Amy Davenport testified that 400 kids (3-10 years old) walked from the school to the police station in the rain.

In the end it took the 7 women and 5 men on the jury less than an hour to find Bianca guilty. Unconfirmed

sources indicated that the testimony of Sonora Police Officer Humphrey, and the signed statement by Bianca Lozano was the most compelling evidence leading the jury to return a guilty verdict. In the sentencing portion of the trial Sutton County Probation Officer Donald Gutierrez testified indicating that Lozano, "Only showed remorse when it was her and her life. She showed little remorse to her actions, she made statements that she felt bad about what she did but without feelings". While on the stand, Lozano stated, "I want to tell the community of Sonora that I am sorry. I didn't think it would go this far."

Total Lunar Eclipse February 20, 2008



Photo by Ben D. Taylor

By Ben D. Taylor

On February 20, 2008 the earth passed between the moon and the sun resulting in a total lunar eclipse that lasted 50 minutes and 58 seconds. This eclipse is part of an orbital cycle that results in an eclipse every 18 years and 11 days. This cycle (the Saros cycle) has been ongoing since 1557, and will conclude in 2819. This eclipse was the 6th of 21 total eclipses occurring in this cycle (the last Saros Cycle eclipse will occur on August 3, 2278).

People have been predicting the occurrences of lunar eclipses for thousands of years (according to the Book of History or Chou King of China, two astronomers were executed for having failed to announce the eclipse of October 22nd, in 2136 BC). It is thought that they made a miscalculation in a different epoch of the Saros Cycle (the same one that resulted in the most current eclipse). In many traditions when the moon is eclipsed entirely, that is, it is not visible at all, it may be believed that the moon has been swallowed up by some mythological creature. The Maya of central America believed it was a jaguar and that it could descend to earth to devour people. In the Chinese tradition, there is a Three-legged Toad who lives in the moon (its digits stand for the three lunar phases). During a lunar eclipse, people may say that it has swallowed the moon.

In my younger days I have spent a good amount of my time in the evenings playing cards and dominos. This introduced me to the phrase, "Shoot the Moon", which in some games refer to the ability to win every hand or catch every trick. This past Wednesday I got a new appreciation of that term as I actually tried to "Shoot the Moon" with my camera (shooting the moon with your camera is about as easy as doing it in dominos). After about an hour of trying to take at least one good picture, my brother decided he'd take the camera and do a better job than me. He took one picture and claimed that his was the best (as is a big brother's prerogative), I however disagree. You can help this dispute by deciding for us. Call, write, email, or whenever you see Sam or I let us know which one you think is best.



Photo by Sam Taylor

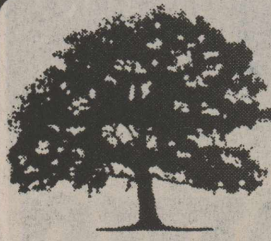
Send Us Your Fishing Stories!



Photo By Sam Taylor
Ben Taylor holds his second 9lb bass with his guide.

I can always tell that fishing season is just around the corner when my brother Sam pulls out his Tackle Box and re-organizes all of his lures (he does this daily for about three weeks) in anticipation for our trips to the Devil's River. We would like to hear your fishing stories, and pictures of your catch. If you have a story you would like to share please call us at 387-2507. Following is the type of "fish story" we will run about your catch, or even "The one that got away".

In the Summer of 2004 I took my first real vacation with my brother Sam, Tracy Love, and Chacho Cahill to Lake El Salto (located 1 hour away from Mazatlan, Mexico on the Pacific Coast), to do some Bass Fishing. Up to that point I thought that I had caught some fish in my life (spending 2 days on Amistad and catching 10 keeper bass meant a good day), but my real education in fishing was about to begin. On the first day of fishing Sam and I caught over 100 bass combined (the average weight was about 5 lbs a fish). The fish were so big that I actually let one get away because I thought I was hung up on a tree! On the second day of fishing my back was actually sore from setting the hook on over 200 fish and I sat down while slowly working a 4 inch Swim Bait off the bottom (me sitting down to fish resulted in a flurry of insults from my fishing partners), when in a 30 minute span I landed 2 bass weighing a little over 9 lbs. Ever since then when the fishing gets slow, I sit down.



SUTTON COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION

Your memorial gift helps preserve access to quality health care for generations to come. Please consider the Sutton County Health Foundation, PO Box 18, Sonora, TX 76950. All contributions 100% tax deductible.

Senior Center Activities

- Thur. Feb.28- Blood/sugar Cks. w/hospital @ noon
- Fri. Feb.29- Run errands and pay bills after lunch
- Mon. March 3 - Bingo
- Tues. March 4- exercise w/video Anyone?
- Wed. March 5- Tranx Van to San Angelo call 387-2609

Senior Center Menu

- Thur. Feb. 28- Smothered steak w/gravy, onions, whipped potatoes, green beans, rolls, orange juice, apple crisp and milk
- Fri. Feb.29- chicken salad sandwich, tomato soup, potato chips, fresh bananas and milk
- Mon. March 3- spanish meatballs w/rice, green beans, rolls, sliced pineapple rings and milk
- Tues. March 4 - beef burrito, pinto beans, corn, coleslaw, jello w/fruit and milk
- Wed. March 5- oven broiled pork chops w/gravy, noodles, tossed salad, carrots, bread, applesauce 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

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387-3190 |
| Lighthouse Community Church
1705 N. Crockett
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404 E Poplar
387-2955 |
| Pentecostal Calvary Temple United
509 Amistad
387-5266 | First United Methodist Church
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387-2466 |
| St Ann's Catholic Church
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Editor's Note

In last weeks edition I reported Sonora's population as being over 4,000, I was wrong. The county's population is over 4,000 people, while Sonora itself has a population of 2,938. We received an anonymous letter suggesting that I stick to printing the facts, not fiction. In the spirit of fairness I will state that I did not actually print fiction, rather I printed the wrong fact. James Joyce once stated that, "A man's mistakes are his portals of discovery", and through my mistake I was pleased to discover that at least people are reading the paper!

Ben D. Taylor

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
Having visited Washington D.C., seeing The Capital, Washington Monument, Vietnam Wall, The White House, D.C. Zoo and their favorite, The Lincoln Memorial, Brittany, Angel, and Hannah Covarrubiaz were awakened at 6:00 a.m. Thursday, February 21st to go to San Angelo. Their grandparents wanted them to see and hear a Historic Event. Former President Bill Clinton was to be in the San Angelo City Auditorium! They were the first in line waiting for 3 1/2 hours for the doors to open another 3 hours sitting inside for Mr. Bill Clinton to arrive. But he was awesome. They tried to understand his speech. Looked at their grandparents and asked "Is she as good as he says?" Only Grama got very near the ex-President. Please pray, for God to give us the best President, whoever he thinks should lead our nation. God Bless America and our grandparents, Ruben and Nelda Yorba for taking us to San Angelo.

Ruben Yorba

Cards of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for your calls, cards, flowers, food, and your expressions of sympathy. Your thoughtfulness made our loss easier to bear.

The Family of Sondra Strickland

Thank you Sonora and Sutton County for the wonderful experience I've had over the last thirteen years while working as secretary in the Extension Office. I surprised everyone by announcing my change of jobs during this year's county stock show, and they surprised me with the presentation of a beautiful serving tray at the conclusion of the sale.

This is my last week of service in the Extension Office, but I hope you'll stop to say "hello" whenever you are in the Courthouse.

Yours, Janalyn Jones

Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for all of your cards, letters, gifts, food, calls and visits during my recent illness. You are such a loving and caring community that we are proud to call home.

Thank you,
Gaile Cade

I would like to take an opportunity to express our gratitude from the Mitchell family to all the individuals who come to our aid during the recent fire at the Lazy 2 Ranch. During the fire things were very hectic and I am afraid that we may have overlooked someone's efforts to come along side of us to protect the ranch. A very special thank you to the men and women of the Sonora, Eldorado, and Ozona Volunteer Fire Departments, Sutton County, Crockett County Sheriff's offices, the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Department of Transportation for their efforts to keep everyone safe on the roads. Thanks to these companies for sending their equipment and employees to our aid; HighMount Oil Gas Co., Smith Brothers, Texas Energy, Meador Construction, and Location Builders. It was very humbling to have so many friends and neighbors who came to help Wylie and Austin during and the days following the fire. We are very blessed to have each of you in our lives.

Lisa Mitchell

Living in a small town has many untold advantages. How fortunate we are to have the medical family that we have here in Sonora. The instant I brought Bob into the doctor's office early Tuesday morning, we were met by the entire office staff, Dr. Pajestka, Diana, Monica, and Becky. How quickly they knew exactly what to do for us. The hospital folks couldn't have been better and more caring in any place in Texas. Bob and I are both humbled by all the care and attention we received while in the hospital down to the personally delivered milkshakes by Mary Beth.

Day to day crisis at the ranch were taken care of by Wayne, James, John Kay, and Dennis. We thank them. For all the flowers, calls, food, and cards that we were blessed by, we thank you. Ash, Land, and Mom.....even though we told you not to come, we thank you for coming anyway.

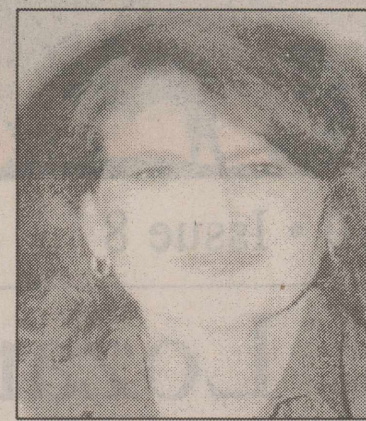
Please join us, Sonora, in celebrating our entire medical family.

Through His love,
Bob & Nancy Brockman

(P.S. Bob mentioned to me what a mess we had become to have our main conversation around yogurt and Metamucil while our family physician's number is on speed dial!!!) We are mending.

Obituary

Sondra Lou Crawford Strickland



Sondra was born January 26, 1950 in Brady, TX. She passed from her life on earth and ascended into heaven of February 14, 2008 at her residence in San Angelo, TX, after losing a courageous battle against cancer.

Sondra grew up in Sonora, TX and graduated from Sonora High School in 1968. She worked at the West Texas Medical Associates Complex in San Angelo, where she was a loyal and dedicated employee for thirty-four years.

She loved spending time with family and friends, and was known for her enthusiasm and expertise on the dance floor. Dancing was one of her favorite pastimes.

She is survived by daughters Kathlene Anelli, and husband Phillip of Belton, TX and Shellye Terrell, and husband Randy of San Angelo, TX. Her grandchildren are Jena Kay Nichols, Jesse Nichols Jr., and Nathon Nichols all of Abilene, TX; Madelyn Anelli of Belton, TX; Shaylon Currey, Caleb Terrell, Coy Terrell, and Terry Terrell, all of San Angelo, TX.

Sondra is also survived by her mother, Oda Crawford Spring of Sonora; he beloved companion and friend, Gary Williams of San Angelo; her twin sister, Rhonda Blackman and husband James of Sonora; sister Shirley West of San Angelo; sister, Francis Tackel and husband Steve of Sonora; brother, Blaine Crawford of Eldorado; brother-in-law Louis Olenick and wife "T" of Rough Canyon; and a special family friend, Bob Day of San Angelo.

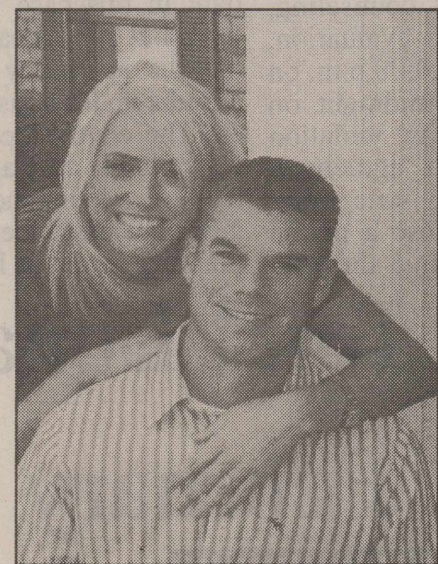
Left with many fond memories of their "Aunt Son" are eight nieces and five nephews, as well as numerous great-nieces and great-nephews. Her nieces are Maray Cearley, Darla Lipham, Michelle Lipham, Christi Lippman, and Rayonna Blackman, all of Sonora, Dara Nichlos of Abilene, Angela Ervin of Junction, and Lorna Olenick of Anchorage, Alaska.

Her nephews are Kevin West of Sonora, Keith West of Ozona, Louis Olenick of San Marcos, Jesse Crawford of Bloomington, Indiana, and Jaaron Crawford of Aiken, S. Carolina.

She was preceded in death by her father, Doyle Crawford; her sister, Nova Olenick; and step-father, Walter Spring.

A memorial service was held at Johnson's Funeral Home chapel in San Angelo on February 16th at 10:00 a.m.; then she was brought "home" to Sonora for graveside services at 3:00 p.m. Sondra was laid to rest beside her sister, Nova in the Sonora Cemetery. Sondra will be greatly missed, but will live on in our hearts forever. We know she is at peace and is free from her pain and suffering, and is now in a better place.

Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sleeth of Petrolia, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bloodworth of Sonora would like to announce the engagement of their children Laura Raylene and Graham Presler. Laura is a 2002 graduate of Petrolia High School. Laura attended McMurry University in Abilene for three years then transferred to Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls where she graduated in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene. She is currently employed by Preston Road Dental Care in Plano, Texas. Graham is a 2000 graduate of Sonora High School and a 2004 graduate of McMurry University. He graduated with a degree in Political Science. Graham is currently employed by the Midland Police Department. The wedding will be held in Henrietta, Texas on July 12, 2008.

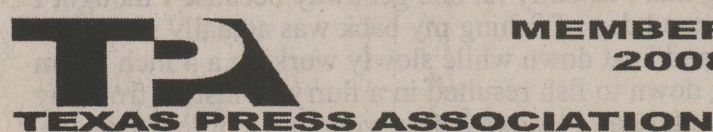
Happy Birthday

- February 28**
Rose Butler, Brianah Creek, Samantha Tidwell, Tyler, Smith, Monica DuRussel, Jose Buitron, Larry Seymour, Fernando Deluna
- February 29**
Betsy Smith
- March 1**
Dewitt E. Pope, Tot Gonzales, Stephanie Taylor
- March 2**
Richard Espinosa Sr, Dixon Duke, Hannah Maddux, Staci Espinosa, Courtney Caruthers
- March 3**
Kelsey Velez, Hanna Allison, Zeke Gamez, Zac Kerbow.
- March 4**
Carter Law, Irma DeHoyas,Turney Friess, Joe G. Flores, Matthew Glasscock, Zach Wall
- March 5**
Albert Chavez, Cindie Teasley, Eric Espinosa

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Historical Society

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Q. Do you have any mention in the papers of the death of Clara Belle Taliaferro Guest in 1934?

A. "The Devil's River News," November 2, 1934-Funeral Rites for Mrs. Guest Monday-Young Woman Came Here with Parents in 1922-Scarlet fever early Sunday morning caused the death of Mrs. Homer Guest, 22, who was buried here Monday afternoon at services, conducted by the Rev. Frank Nixon.

Mrs. Guest is survived by her husband, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Taliaferro of Sonora, three children, one of whom is a baby only a few days old, and two brothers and a sister, of Sonora. The latter are: Charlie and Clayton Roy Taliaferro and Mrs. Tom Guest.

She came to Sonora with her parents in 1922 from McCullough County, where she was born in December 1912. She was married to Mr. Guest October 1, 1928.

Records on file show that Clara Belle Taliaferro was born December 12, 1912 in Melvin, TX and died October 28, 1934 in Sonora. Her parents were William Norvel and Ella May Laymen Taliaferro.

Other items of interest include the following: La Vista Theater was showing "Treasure Island" with Wallace Beery and Jackie Cooper. At the Hotel McDonald you could get home cooked meals for 50 cents.

Sonora Wool & Mohair Co. had the following officers: Ed C. Mayfield, President; W. A. Miers, Vice-President; J. N. Ross, 2nd Vice-President; R. A. Halbert, 3rd Vice-President; Fred T. Earwood, Executive Vice-President; W. J. Fields, Jr., Manager. Directors are listed as Ed. C. Mayfield, W. A. Miers, J. N. Ross, E. F.



A view from Eaton Hill, circa 1913, includes at least three of Sonora's "firsts". The first Methodist Church, the first Masonic Lodge and, further back, the first Baptist Church in town. In the distance, the Mercantile Building anchors Main Street. Of the three buildings in the foreground, the only one still standing is the Masonic Lodge.

Vander Stucken, Sam Karnes, Roy Aldwell, Sam Allison, Dan Cauthorn, E. D. Shurley, Ben F. Meckel, R. A. Halbert, Fred Edward, Joe Vander Stucken, L. W. Elliott and C. T. Jones.

Mrs. Hix Hall was hostess at her home Monday afternoon to the Just-Us Club, with several guests enjoying her hospitality. An attractive plate of creamed chicken, salad, potato chips, olives, cake and coffee was served to these guests: Mesdames W. D. Wallace, Will Wilkinson, F. J. Wood, Sterling Baker, A.C. Elliott. Members: Mesdames W. C. Warren, Russell Long, R. A. Halbert, G. H. Davis, W. S. Evans, Libb Wallace and J. S. Glasscock. Awards were won by Mrs. Libb Wallace for high club score, Mrs. Baker for high guest and Mrs. Wilkinson for high cut.

Juanita Cartwright, Mary Louise Adams and Lillie Owens entertained the pupils of the sixth grade with a Halloween party Wednesday night at

the home of Mrs. Cartwright. After games and refreshments the party went "spooking."

(This was another one of those periods when it didn't rain, only this time animals were condemned. Their hides were used to identify the animals for the government, which "bought" each condemned animal. This was a terrible time for people in our area. Many hands had to be laid off, as there just wasn't any money to pay them. Families suffered from starvation and many mothers lost their milk, had no money to buy any, and their babies died. It wasn't uncommon to find death certificates listing starvation as the cause of death.)

Sutton County livestock producers have received or will receive a total of \$297,946 for the sheep, cattle and goats which they have sold "Uncle Sam" since the drought program started July 4th.

The work in the county has been directed by W. R. Nisbet who has also been in charge in Crockett. Mr. Nisbet is an agent in animal husbandry for

the state extension service, assistant in ranch management, Texas Experiment Station, and an agent in animal husbandry, Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture. He graduated from A&M College in 1916.

Lem Johnson, better known as "Bully" Johnson, works as foreman on Aldwell Bros. Lazy 2 Ranch, eighteen miles southwest of Sonora. He has been employed by the Aldwells about fifteen years.

Corrals and fences at the Aldwell place were literally lined with sheep pelts. Eleven hundred had been hung to dry, preparatory to turning them over to the government as evidence of condemned animals killed. In the barn were 500 more, nearly dried and bundled, ready for delivery at the end of the thirty-day period specified by the government.

The detailed office work in the stock buying program has been done under the direction of Fred Simmons, office manager, by Miss Annella Stites and Miss Nan Karnes. After purchases had been made by

Tom Bond and Louie Stuart, "sorters" or appraisers, a great deal of clerical work has been necessary before vouchers could be issued to producers.

Pelts of condemned animals have been received in Sonora by R. E. Taylor, Sutton county relief administrator. His staff is composed of Jack Pfeister, disbursing clerk, Miss Sarah Ory, and Mrs. Pearl Cottrell, case workers; and Mrs. Thelma Briscoe, committee loan clerk.

Now, imagine what it would be like to have to kill and bury so many animals, after you first skinned them to have the hides to identify them. A grown man could be reduced to tears watching herds he had raised for years, falling to starvation and being destroyed in a few days. In the 1950's we suffered another severe period of no rain and animal starvation. A man who ranches in this hard country earns every penny he makes, it just doesn't come easy! Enjoy the good times but remember to save for the bad ones.

Miss Grace Draper ran

the Hotel McDonald Beauty Shop and she could shampoo and wave-set your hair for 50 cents, a wave-set alone was 35 cents. At Piggly Wiggly you could buy 2 cans of salmon for 25 cents, a 4 lb. can of Schilling's Coffee for \$1.19, Campbell's Soups, all kinds for 9 cents, 1 lb bacon sliced for 29 cents, lettuce 5 cents a head and, under a special soap deal, you could get 5 bars of Crystal White Soap, 1 box of Super Suds, 2 boxes of Borax, 2 bars of Palmolive Soap and 1 service tray all for the low price of 99 cents. At the City Variety Store you could get men's handkerchiefs for 7 1/2 cents each, a broom for 29 cents, ladies shoes for 33 cents, children's sweaters for 79 cents, men's felt hats for \$1.69 and men's suede-cloth jackets for \$1.98.

On the front page of this issue of the paper there was a photo we couldn't copy. It showed hobos riding in a box car and stated "believing that California will be a paradise for them if Upton Sinclair is elected governor, thousands of hobos are making their way to that state as fast as they can." A lot of them were riding the rails and many were killed trying to get on and off the trains or by extreme temperatures of heat or cold. Most of these men had lost their jobs and were looking for a way to make money for their impoverished families.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net You may call our offices at 325-387-5084 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in the morning.

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Hunting and Fishing a \$14.4 Billion Industry in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas — How does a \$14.4 billion Texas-based industry go unnoticed? Easy when you consider most of its participants go about their business cloaked in camouflage or tucked in some secluded backwater hideaway.

Despite not appearing on the stock market rolls, hunters, anglers and wildlife watchers in Texas collectively are a major economic force, according to new findings by the Southwick Associates, a Florida-based research firm specializing in economic and business statistics related to fish and wildlife resources.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Wildlife Division commissioned the Southwick group to ascertain the economic effect from fish and wildlife-related recreation in Texas, based on data in the 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation. The firm recently completed its Texas-focused report.

According to the Southwick report, the economic effect from Texas hunters, anglers and wildlife watchers was estimated to be \$14.4 billion. In other words, if these outdoor enthusiasts were to stop spending money in Texas and not spend these dollars on other in-state items, the state economy would shrink by \$14.4 billion.

"These new findings demonstrate the significant roles hunting and fishing play in Texas' economy," said Gene McCarty, TPWD deputy executive director. "They also put into perspective our challenge as the state agency charged with managing the natural resources these industries rely

upon."

Expenditures made for fish and wildlife-related recreation support significant industries. Unlike traditional industries, which are often easily recognized by large factories, the hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing industries are comprised of widely scattered retailers, manufacturers, wholesalers and support services that, when considered together, become quite significant.

Original expenditures made by hunters, anglers and wildlife watchers in Texas generate rounds of additional spending throughout the economy. For example, a retailer buys more inventory and pays bills, wholesalers buy more from manufacturers, and all these pay employees who then spend their paychecks. The sum of these impacts is the total economic impact resulting from the original expenditures. According to Southwick, total Texas economic impact from sportfishing accounted for \$4.73 billion (\$2.93 billion from freshwater and \$1.79 billion from saltwater), with \$4.63 billion and \$5.12 billion from hunting and wildlife-watching, respectively.

The Southwick report also stated that, since outdoor recreation dollars are often spent in rural or lightly populated areas, the economic contributions of fish and wildlife resources can be especially important to rural and outlying suburban-exurban economies.

In many communities, such as those in Llano County, for example, deer hunting is a driving economic force. The same argument can be made for Texas' acclaimed fishing

destinations, including Lake Fork and Rockport.

In addition to how much they contribute to the economy, the report sheds demographic insight into the participants of the hunting and fishing industry.

According to the findings, participants are about 40 years old, are predominantly male, and are likely to be married. The average household income for Texas hunters is approximately \$66,316, significantly higher than the \$43,425 state average (U.S. Census Bureau). About 59 percent have at least some college experience. Non-resident hunters typically have higher income and more education.

Freshwater anglers share demographic characteristics similar to hunters in age and income, while saltwater anglers appear to be a bit older and have higher household in-

comes.

Wildlife watchers, according to the findings, tend to be older than hunters and anglers, are split fairly evenly between male and female, and are likely to be married. Other demographic traits are also similar to hunters and anglers.

In 2006, there were 1.1 million hunters (residents and nonresidents), hunting a total of 14 million days in Texas. Of the total hunters in Texas, 978,697 were state residents and 122,589 were nonresidents.

Texas whitetail deer hunting has an international reputation, so it comes as no surprise the study found that big game hunting was the most popular in terms of hunters and days, at more than double the participation in migratory bird hunting.

Ironically, despite Texas' reputation for big bass, catfish were targeted most by anglers,

according to the findings. In 2006, there were 1.8 million freshwater anglers (residents and nonresidents), fishing a total of 26.9 million days in Texas. Of the total freshwater anglers in Texas, 1.7 million were state residents and 142,821 were nonresidents.

There were 1.1 million saltwater anglers (residents and nonresidents), fishing a total of 15.1 million days in Texas, the survey indicated. Of the total saltwater anglers in Texas, 1.07 million were state residents and 76,946 were nonresidents. Most fishing effort was directed at redfish.

In 2006, there were 955,726 watchable wildlife recreationists (residents and non-residents) participating in activities in Texas. Of the total recreationists in Texas participating in activities more than one mile from home, 778,134 were state residents and 177,592 were non-residents.

Altogether, these recreationists spent 13.1 million days in watchable wildlife related activities in Texas.

The primary watchable wildlife activity, measured in terms of number of participants, was observing wildlife, with photographing wildlife the second preferred activity. In terms of days of activity, feeding wildlife ranked higher than photographing wildlife. Please note one participant may engage in two or more activities per trip as these activities are not exclusive.

The number one type of wildlife observed by residential recreationists in Texas was birds. The second most prominent category was small mammals.

Anglers, hunters and wildlife viewers spend dollars that, in turn, benefit many other industries throughout the state. According to Southwick, the resulting economic benefits reach every corner of the state and its economy.

Prescribed Burning Update

By Dr. Butch Taylor

Ranchers have spent thousands of dollars on preparing their pastures for burning only to be told "no burning" by officials in some counties. Because of the proclamation, there is major confusion by county judges, commissioner's courts, state agencies and the general public as to whether the Proclamation supersedes local Government codes in the listed counties. As a member of the Texas Prescribed Burn Board, I was present at the February 14, 2008 meeting of this board in San Antonio. At this meeting the Board was informed by the Governor's office that the proclamation was not intended to affect prescribed burning in the counties listed. The board has asked for an official written statement that prescribed burning and Certified Prescribed Burn Managers statewide are not affected by the Proclamation. If county officials need conformation of the intent of the Governor's Proclamation, they can contact Mike McMurry at the Texas Department of Agriculture or the Governor's office.

If rainfall makes ranchers happy then there was a cascade of delights falling every month the past growing season. It was a banner year for just about everything that lives and/or grows in the Edwards Plateau, including stomach worms, gnats, chiggers, horn flies, etc. However, the above average precipitation was especially good for grass production which can be used as fuel or forage. Depending on rancher's goals, and objectives, a whole lot of burnin' could be going on this winter

and coming spring.

In fact, current conditions offer the opportunity for some very effective prescribed burns. I've never experienced these kinds of fuel loads before and if it continues to remain dry, we'll have some great opportunities to put the hammer down on prickly pear and noxious woody plants. However, without careful planning and preparation it could also be a wildfire nightmare. I encourage all EPPBA members to get their burns in but make sure all the i's are dotted and t's are crossed.

Burn bans are limiting the restoration of Texas' rangelands.

Very dry conditions, coupled with unusually heavy fuel loads have caused most counties to issue burn bans and the governor to issue a proclamation in anticipation of wildfire outbreak. These bans come at a time when landowners can really make a difference with prescribed fire. Whether or not you can apply a prescribed burn is totally up to the county judge and commissioner's court. Some counties allow prescribed burning and some will not unless they fall under the exceptions in the burn ban law, using a Certified Prescribed Burn Manager.

As a land owner wishing to burn during a burn ban, you have several choices. The first is not to burn. There are other options to reduce brush and prickly pear, but be prepared to pay 2 to 20 times the cost of prescribed fire. And remember, it will probably have to be done again in 10 to 20 years. If you are lucky enough to live in a county that has officials who understand what you are trying to accomplish

and allow you to burn, then you can apply prescribed fire. If you are in the typical county, you can either hire a Certified Prescribed Burn Manager or you can get the educational component and the experience yourself to be certified. The big hold up to being certified has been the insurance requirement. A CPBM must carry or be covered by \$1 million liability insurance with a \$2 million aggregate. Check out (http://www.agr.state.tx.us/agr/program_render/0,1987,1848_5538_0_0,00.html?channelId=5538) for information on the requirements of a CPBM. What this means is that if you have the insurance coverage on your ranch for you or an employee, that insurance can be used to satisfy the insurance requirement for a CPBM. So, if your county is in a burn ban, and you are a CPBM then you can make the appropriate contacts and would have an exemption to burn during the burn ban.

The Academy for Ranch Management is holding an Advanced Prescribed Burn Workshop on March 6-8. This workshop combined with previously attending a Prescribed Burn Workshop and upon passing a written exam, would provide the educational component of the CPBM. For more information, contact Ray Hinnant 979-820-1778, or email at ranchmanagement@yahoo.com, or contact the Texas Agri-life Experiment Station at 325-387-3168. Keith Blair also teaches burn schools that meet the educational requirements for certification. Keith's web site is www.myredbuffalo.com.

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The last day to sign up for **GED classes** this spring will be Monday, February 25. Enrollment will begin again in the fall. FMI 387-3736

Keep Sonora Beautiful fundraiser weekend get away at Ruidoso NM. Stay at the Best Western in Pine Springs. A day at the races and \$80.00 fuel donated from Macks, plus a basket of goodies. Opportunities are \$5.00 each. See a board member or go to the chamber office to pick up a ticket. This will be given away at the annual chamber banquet April 24, 2008.

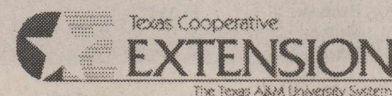
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Texas Wintergrass: A Rangeland Evaluation



By Pascual Hernandez
Sutton County Extension
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Photo By Noble Foundation Plant Image Gallery
Texas Wintergrass is a cool season perennial that has a spear like seed heads (pictured lower right).

With the dry winter we've had, vegetation is brown, dry, and dormant. The only thing trying to green up may be Texas wintergrass. This is true especially in burned areas of pastures. Though the value of this grass is questioned by some, let's take a quick look at this common plant of our area.

Texas wintergrass is a hardy, cool-season, and weakly perennial, native bunchgrass. Its leaves feel like sandpaper when pulled between your fingers from top to bottom due to numerous, short stiff hairs. This plant is a common wintertime grass in our region, but is adapted to a variety of soils. It is also known as "spear grass" because of the close resemblance the awns have to a spear (the seeds, which are very stiff, have long, bent and twisted awns). After the seeds have fallen, papery white bracts (that resemble oats) remain.

Texas wintergrass starts growth in the fall and continues to grow throughout the winter, hence the name wintergrass. This cool-season species generally goes dormant or semi-dormant by early to mid-summer depending on weather conditions. It flowers between March and June.

Texas wintergrass is an important cool-season grass for livestock. It provides palatable winter forage production, and is most productive in early spring. It can produce 1000-2000 lbs. per acre and responds to moderate disturbance such as heavy grazing. However, its palatability and quality rapidly decline with maturity.

Texas wintergrass can be a fair forage for livestock and wildlife. But, as with most things, its beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Sheep and goat raisers are wary as seed-heads in spring can injure sheep and goats as well as contaminate wool and mohair. By some accounts, puncture wounds caused by penetrating calluses of Texas wintergrass (and not wounds from marking lambs or shearing cuts) were credited as the number one cause of fly strike in Texas sheep and goats before eradication of screw-worm. However, as cattle seem not to be as affected, northern Texas cattlemen like Texas wintergrass for the winter grazing it offers.

Heavy, late winter grazing may reduce the number of seedheads produced. Otherwise the only practical management is to remove animals when "spears" are shedding.



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1 Endeavor Energy Res 13000' Hudspeth -47- #1 Dw Big Dog Drilling 20 02/01/08 22 Drlg Ahead 11802'
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New 5 Encore Operating Lp 9400' J L Henderson Jr -A- #10-20 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 02/12/08 11 Drlg Ahead
New 6 Approach Operating 9000' Cinco Terry -A- #807 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 353 02/23/08 Moving On
New 7 Approach Operating 9000' W C Hemphill #1202 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 710 02/21/08 2 Drlg Ahead
New 8 Stonegate Prod Co 8500' University -12- #2 H Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 442 02/23/08 Moving On
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New 10 Eog Resources/Mid 7500' Weatherly-Pryor -B4- #1 H Dw O'ryan Drilling Llc 4 02/21/08 2 Drlg Ahead
New 11 Fiml Natural Res 5500' Phillips -A- #15d Dw Patterson Drilling/A 721 02/20/08 3 Drlg Ahead

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New 1 Highmount E&P Tx 9250' Ward -114- #25 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 105 02/16/08 7 Drlg Ahead
New 2 Highmount E&P Tx 9250' Duke Wilson #189-21 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 120 02/21/08 2 Drlg Ahead
New 3 Highmount E&P Tx 8975' Duke Wilson -171- #17 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 303 02/20/08 3 Drlg Ahead
New 4 Highmount E&P Tx 8730' Mayer Ranch -35- #9 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 39 02/20/08 3 Drlg Ahead
New 5 Highmount E&P Tx 8650' Mayfield -45- #22 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 302 02/17/08 6 Drlg Ahead
6 Highmount E&P Tx 8600' Shurley Rr -1c- #7 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 304 02/12/08 11 Drlg Ahead
New 7 Highmount E&P Tx 8250' Simmons -71- #11 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 301 02/17/08 6 Drlg Ahead
New 8 Highmount E&P Tx 7250' Kelly -125- #33 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 40 02/22/08 1 Drlg Ahead

Terrell

1 Conocophillips/Odessa 12700' Alex Mitchell -1- #11 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 214 12/20/07 65 Drlg Ahead
2 Encore Operating Lp 12600' Banner Estate #49 H Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 641 01/13/08 41 Drlg Ahead
3 Newfield Exploration 12000' Poulter -27- #4 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 118 02/12/08 11 Drlg Ahead

Edwards

1 Newfield Exploration 11500' Davis Et Al -77- #H3 St Dw Patterson Drilling/A 471 01/24/08 30 Recomplete
New 2 Marshall & Winston 7000' Carpenter #2 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 169 02/25/08 Moving On
New 3 Highmount E&P Tx 6950' Canyon Ranch #106-9e ??? Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 305 02/21/08 2 Drlg Ahead
4 Diamondback Oper 3000' Jenkins #62-3 Ft Hope Drilling 1 02/16/08 7 Drlg Ahead

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1 Winn Exploration Co 14000' Leonard -32- #1 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 294 12/24/07 61 Drlg Ahead

TEXAS FOREST SERVICE FIRE SITUATION REPORT

Monday, Texas Forest Service responded to 20 fires for 183,601 acres in the West Zone. As predicted, low relative humidity and winds in excess of 40 mph hit much of the western half of the state. All available air and ground resources were committed yesterday and requests for assistance continued late into the evening. Due to the large amount of fire activity and the shortage of resources, detailed information on most of the fires is unavailable. Hundreds of homes were evacuated, along with several communities, but there is no information confirming the number of homes lost yesterday. The following large fires were staffed by TFS and interagency resources:

GLASS, Sterling County: The fire is southwest of Sterling City and has burned into three counties. 140,000 acres, no containment.

SILVER, Coke County: Three miles south-southwest of Silver; community of Robert Lee was evacuated. 19,000 acres, no containment.

ANDREWS COUNTY COMPLEX, Andrews County: Fourteen miles northwest of Andrews. 2900 acres, no containment.

ROWDEN, Callahan County: Twenty miles southeast of Abilene. 3500 acres, 25 percent contained.

GRAND FALLS, Ward County: 3000 acres, no containment. Two fire department personnel were taken to a local hospital and treated for smoke inhalation.

FOARD, Foard County: Seven miles north of Crowell. 1600 acres, 50 percent containment.

FIEDLER ROAD, Gillespie County: Twelve miles northwest of Kerrville. 350 acres, unknown containment.

338 Fire, Ector County: One half mile east of Odessa. 400 acres, unknown containment.

KNIPPA Fire, Uvalde County: Six miles north of Knippa. 200 acres, 50 percent containment.

650 Fire, Mason County: 650 acres, unknown containment.

LOOP, Midland County: Twenty-three miles northeast of Odessa. This is a catch out from a fire Saturday. 150 acres; unknown containment.

HOWARD CEMETERY, Eastland County: Thirteen miles south-southwest of Ranger. 300 acres, 50 percent contained.

CAGE RANCH, Hamilton County: Fifteen miles northeast of Goldthwaite. 100 acres, 50 percent containment.

WEST HACKBERRY, Edwards County: 800 acres, 25 percent contained.

EAST 190, Menard County: Eleven miles north-northeast of Menard. 200 acres, unknown containment.

Fire Behavior Forecast and Outlook: Strong post-frontal winds from the north in the 15 - 20 mph range with higher gusts will continue to impact west central, north central, the hill country, south and east Texas regions during the afternoon today. These winds will be very dry with minimum RH values. This weather on top of the critically dry 1-hour fuels across these regions has the potential to produce very active fire behavior. With the strong post-frontal winds and low RH values, expect fire starts and difficulty of control to be up again across the state, with the hill country, south central, and far south Texas regions at highest risk for large and damaging fires. The storm prediction center has issued a critical fire weather hazard area for these regions. Look for fires to start quickly there and develop rapidly, requiring a multi-resource response for effective containment.

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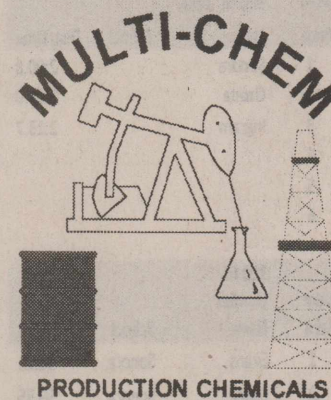
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Urban Legends: Don't Believe Everything You Read In E-mail

Kelly L. Thorp, MS County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Sciences Texas AgriLife Extension, Sutton County

What do shampoo, bottled water, plastic water bottles, artificial sweetener and sun screen have in common?

All are the subjects of urban legends.

"Urban legends are scary stories circulating through the Internet by e-mail," said Dr. Carol Rice, Texas Cooperative Extension health specialist.

Many of these stories are false, but they just keep making the rounds over and over.

"The shampoo one hit e-mails in 1998, and it's still circulating," she said. This urban legend claims that some shampoos and toothpastes contain sodium lauryl sulfate, which is reported to cause cancer in alarming numbers.

"It's totally and completely false," Rice said.

Yes, these products do contain this substance, and no, it doesn't cause cancer.

What it does cause is diarrhea if too much is swallowed. Because of that fact, as of April 1998, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration requires that fluoride toothpaste packaging carry warning labels about swallowing too much toothpaste that contains sodium lauryl sulfate, as well as sorbitol and fluoride.

"What's interesting to me is this (myth) has been circulating relatively unchanged for years," Rice said. "It wastes a phenomenal amount of time for people to look these things up. It wouldn't keep coming up if it wasn't continually for-

warded."

Another urban legend that can cause health concerns claims 75 percent of Americans are chronically dehydrated because they fail to drink eight to 10 glasses of water each day.

Not true, Rice said.

"While it's not a hazard to your health to drink eight to 10 glasses of water a day, it's not true that 75 percent of Americans are chronically dehydrated. How much water needs to be taken in depends on how much you lose."

And it doesn't have to be water. Other liquids and food can replenish fluid that is lost from daily activities.

"The body works to replenish what we lose, and most of us have a pretty good system that lets us know when we need to replenish liquid," she said.

What about those plastic water bottles? Reusing them causes them to break down into cancer-causing chemicals, right?

Wrong, Rice said.

Refilling plastic water bottles with more water won't release any cancer-causing ingredients into the water.

However, she warned, "We don't recommend reusing them because if you don't wash them and keep them clean, you could have things growing in there you don't want," such as bacteria and other impurities.

Some urban legends are guaranteed to terrify parents, including the one that claims waterproof sun screen can blind a child if it gets into his or her eyes.

This is another falsehood, Rice said. If waterproof sun screen gets into a child's eyes, rinse it out with water.

"All these things have some little bit of underlying veracity, something to make people want to latch onto them and believe," she said. "If you get sun screen in your eye it will burn, but you will not go blind."

Prevent Blindness America's Web site addresses this issue at: http://www.prevent-blindness.org/news/releases/UV_598.html.

What about artificial sweeteners? Because watching calories and carbs has become a national pastime, soft drinks and other foods and drinks sweetened artificially are big sellers. Is consumption of the artificial sweetener aspartame often marketed as NutraSweet causing an epidemic of multiple sclerosis and lupus like a persistent urban legend reports?

No, it's not, Rice said. Nor is it causing increases in brain tumors or cancer or other serious illnesses.

"This legend has never been verified, it's been refuted by a number of different sources,

including the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation," she said. "The only people who really have to avoid aspartame have a condition they are born with, called phenylketonuria, or PKU, and all babies are tested for it. They know up in e-mail, 'ask yourself, if it's this serious, why is it not also in the newspapers? Why is it not more generally known?'"

"These legends have been circulating since the late 1990s and they keep coming back almost in the same form," she said. "The time spent checking them out could be spent in a more productive way, like getting out and taking a walk."

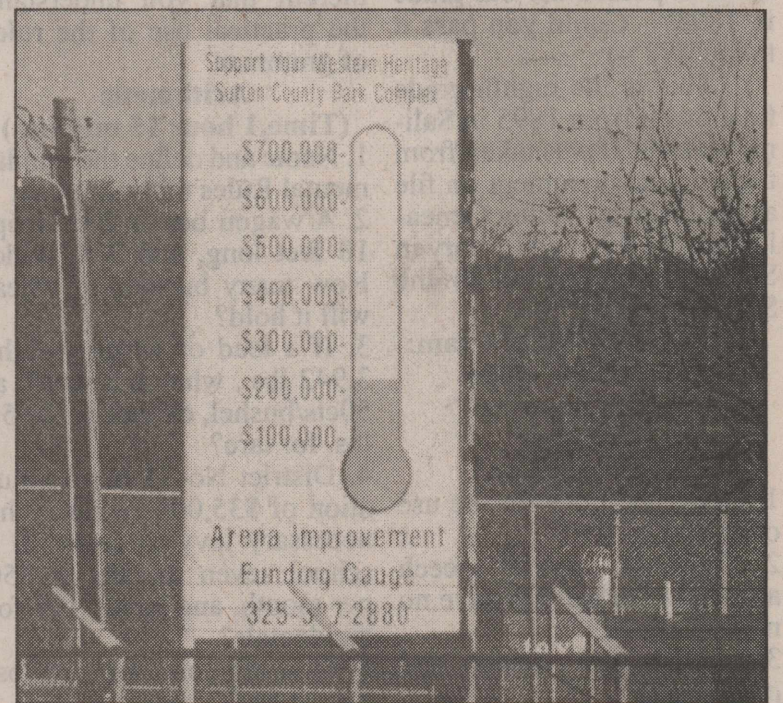
When these urban legends arrive and they are difficult to avoid visit a reputable Web site such as Snopes.com at <http://www.snopes.com/snopes.asp> to find out if they are true or false.

"This is not a scientific source, but they do take time to check things out," Rice said. And please, she added: Please don't forward anything.

For more information on health issues, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Web site at: <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to health and safety. Source: Linda Anderson & Contact: Dr. Carol Rice-

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Enertech Wireline Services Contributes To Arena Improvements



The Sutton County Arena has received a generous contribution from Enertech Wireline. The arena improvement committee would like to thank Enertech for their tremendous support for the planned upgrade of the arena facilities.

To update everyone on this improvement project, the committee has been waiting for several months for the final engineering and architectural plans for raising the existing grandstands and box seating and the restroom and concession stand. With these plans we will be able to estimate current costs and get the project out for bids.

Once again, the committee would like to thank Enertech and every one who has contributed to this tremendous community asset.

If you have any questions please contact Curry Campbell at 387-3254.

DPS Seizure Nets Millions In Cocaine Along the Border

Submitted

A Piedras Negras, Mexico resident was arraigned this morning in Del Rio on federal drug charges in connection with the seizure of 360 pounds of cocaine in Kinney County.

The cocaine, with an estimated street value of \$3 million, was discovered in 142 individual packages in a secret compartment in a flatbed trailer, after a DPS trooper noticed abnormalities in the trailer.

DPS Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement troopers stopped the flatbed tractor trailer for a routine inspection Sunday afternoon on eastbound U.S. 90 about 18 miles west of Brackettville at the Kinney/Val Verde County line. Investigators believe the truck was traveling from the Del Rio area to either Houston or Dallas.

DPS Narcotics investigators are continuing the investigation.

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Remember when grandparents and great-grandparents stated that they only had an 8th grade education? Well, check this out. Could any of us have passed the 8th grade in 1895? Could you pass it today???? :-)

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

8th Grade Final Exam: Salina, KS - 1895

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 3,942 lbs., what is it worth at 50cts/bushel, deducting 1,050 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. 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 metre?

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.

U.S. History

(Time, 45 minutes)

1. Give the epochs into which U.S. 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)

[Do we even know what this is??]

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: tri-graph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals.
4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u.' (HUH?)
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, 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 the exam took FIVE HOURS to complete. Gives the saying "he only had an 8th grade education" a whole new meaning, doesn't it?

Education has produced a vast population able to read but unable to distinguish what is worth reading.
- G. M. Trevelyan

Ram Performance Test Field Day and Sale March 14

SONORA - The annual Ram Performance Test Field Day and Sale is set for March 14 at the Texas AgriLife Research Station at Sonora.

The event will be conducted by Texas AgriLife Research and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service at the station, which is located 28 miles south of Sonora on U.S. Highway 55.

The day's events start with an informal morning inspection of Rambouillet rams. A catered lunch will be served on site at 11:45 a.m. An educational program will follow at 1:00 p.m., and the auction of eligible rams that have completed the test will start at 2:00 p.m.

Program topics will include a wool market outlook, the proper management of rams following the test, test comments, and selection objectives for sheep breeders when grain is expensive.

The afternoon program will be directed by Dr. Frank Craddock, AgriLife Extension sheep and goat specialist at San Angelo.

Burk Lattimore, secretary of the Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association, will award the certified ram certificates to the owners of the qualifying rams.

For further information, contact Drs. Dan Waldron or Frank Craddock at 325-653-4576 or call the Texas AgriLife Research Station at Sonora at 325-387-3168. Visit the test's Web site at: <http://sanangelo.tamu.edu/genetics/ramtest>.

TPWD Fishing Report

PROCTOR: Water clear; 51 degrees; 0.28' low. Black bass are fair on deep running crankbaits and worms off points. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows near the dam and over brush piles in 10 - 15 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on live shad and goldfish in 22 - 25 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

LBJ: Water stained; 60 degrees; 5.10' low. The lake has been drawn down five feet to allow homeowners to clean up damage and debris from the flood of July 2007. It will be refilled beginning 25 Feb. Most boat ramps are unusable, and the channel is dangerous.

AMISTAD: Water clear; 56 degrees; 7.04' low. Black bass are good on jerkbaits, Revenge spinnerbaits, Lucky Craft DD-100's, and Yamamoto Senkos. Striped bass are good on slabs and small crankbaits. White bass are good on slabs and small crankbaits. Catfish are fair on cheesebait, shrimp, and night-crawlers in 40 - 100 feet. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch.

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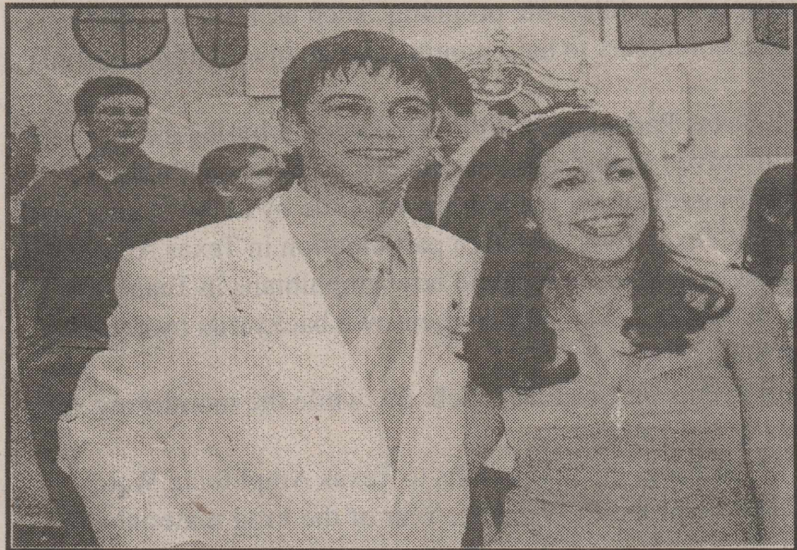
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Clayton Parks and Delilah Aguero were crowned Sweetest Hearts at the Sonora Middle School Sweetest Hearts Dance on February 7, 2008.

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Statewide Public Meeting Proposals Updated

AUSTIN, Texas — A slate of 22 public meetings across the state, set to begin Feb. 25, will include numerous proposed changes to hunting and fishing regulations for the 2008-2009 season.

Among those proposals is one to extend the use of lawful archery equipment for harvest of catfish through Aug. 31, 2011.

The change to allow the use of lawful archery equipment, including cross bows, was due to expire August 31, 2008. TWPD Inland Fisheries Division biologists are still in the process of evaluating the impact of the regulation on catfish populations.

For a complete list of other proposed regulation changes for both hunters and anglers, and a calendar of public meetings, please visit the TPWD Web site.

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Sutton County Dispatch Report

Arrest(s):

February 20, 2008

Wes Lee Smith, 23, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for three Sonora Municipal Court Warrants for Failing to Maintain Financial Responsibility, Speeding, and Failing to Maintain Financial Responsibility.

Warrants:

February 25, 2008

John Matthew Ayala, 29, from Sonora, Texas was served with a Sonora Municipal Court warrant for Disorderly Conduct. Subject paid fine to court.

Incidents:

February 19, 2008

- 9:02 AM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
- 10:54 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 11:04 AM: Caller reported a dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 4:26 PM: Caller reported a dead animal on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.

February 20, 2008

- 9:00 AM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 2:02 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Deputy notified.
- 9:00 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

February 21, 2008

- 8:13 AM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 9:14 AM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 9:31 AM: Caller reported a dog on the roadway. Animal Control Office responded.
- 2:49 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 3:17 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 4:59 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

February 22, 2008

- 11:35 AM: Caller reported a dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 1:20 PM: Caller reported a goat on roadway. Officer responded.
- 1:36 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Deputy notified.
- 4:00 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 8:40 PM: Caller reported a suspicious subject. Officer responded.
- 9:50 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

February 23, 2008

- 12:20 AM: Caller reported a suspicious subject. Officer responded.
- 8:15 PM: Caller reported a suspicious subject. Officer responded.
- 9:05 PM: Caller reported a vehicle blocking traffic. Officer responded.

February 24, 2008

- 1:20 AM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.
- 9:30 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.
- 11:30 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.



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Sonora City League Baseball, T-Ball, and Softball Season Starts

Sonora City League would like to announce the beginning of its BASE/ SOFT/T-BALL & Pony League program for 2008. Any students interested in playing must fill out an enrollment form at the following times:

5:00--7:00 (Friday) 2/22/08 @ the Junior High Little Gym
5:00--7:00 (Tuesday) 2/26/08 @ the Junior High Little Gym

Volunteer applications will be available for anyone willing to coach, assist, or umpire.

The cost will be Tee ball, Minors, & Majors=\$35 per player and \$40 for Pony. Enrollment form & money must be turned in before your child can participate. A copy of child's birth certificate must be attached to enrollment form.

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Baseball-Softball Age Groups

T-ball & Baseball Age of player on April 30, 2008, MUST BE 5 years old by 04/30/2008
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Minor League Baseball programs for boys-players with less experience. The minor league may be players ages 7-9. By local option, a player who is league age 6 for the current season and has played two years in Tee Ball may be "moved up" to minor division.

Major Division Baseball is for boys ages 10-12.

Pony Division Baseball is for boys ages 13-14.

Softball - Age of girl on January 1, 2008

Girls Minor League Softball programs may be operated within each division for younger players with less experience. The minor league may be players ages 7-10. A player who is league age 7 for the current season and has played two years in Tee Ball may be "moved up" to Girls Minor League Softball.

The Girls Major League Softball Division is a program for girls ages 11-14.

Texans Encouraged to "Leap In" for Year of the Frog Activities

AUSTIN, Texas — Do things still go croak in the night? That's the question that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the global zoological community are asking this leap year. 2008 has been designated as "The Year of the Frog," and Texas citizens are invited to get involved in activities to promote amphibian conservation.

Amphibian populations worldwide are declining. The World Conservation Union's Global Amphibian Assessment, a comprehensive assessment on the conservation status and distribution of 5,918 amphibian species, has shown that almost one-third (1,896 species) of amphibians worldwide are threatened with extinction and that 122 amphibian species may have already been lost to extinction within the last 30 years. In the Americas, the outlook is even bleaker, with 40 percent of amphibian species threatened, including over 80 percent of those in the Caribbean region.

To date, dramatic declines have not emerged in Texas, but biologists want to keep an eye on the future.

In recognition of the alarming extinction trends for amphibians, which include the frogs and toads, salamanders, and tropical caecilians (soil-dwelling worm- or snake-like animals), many conservation partners have come together to recognize 2008, a leap year, as the Year of the Frog to mark a major conservation effort to address the amphibian extinction crisis. Zoos and aquaria are inviting the public to support conservation and captive breeding efforts to prevent extinction of amphibian species, while state programs, such as TPWD's Texas Amphibian Watch, are asking citizen volunteers to help monitor trends in amphibian populations in the wild.

According to Lee Ann Linam, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist, there are many ways Texas citizens can get involved in the conservation efforts for amphibians.

"Families and individuals can learn more about the worldwide issue by attending some of the many Leap Year events planned at Texas zoos. Through participation in Texas Amphibian Watch, volunteers can gather data to help us understand how amphibians in Texas are doing," Linam said. "And, finally, people can even help in their own backyards by creating habitat for amphibians, such as ornamental ponds."

Many zoos are planning kick-off events on Leap Day, Feb. 29, while the monitoring season for Texas Amphibian Watch starts right away.

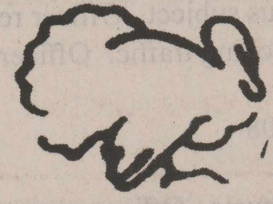
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"And why?" asked Murphy. "We both got 9 questions correct. This being Ireland and me being Irish I should get the job!"

"We have made our decision not on the correct answers, but on the question you missed."

"And just how would one incorrect answer be better than the other?"

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Public Notice

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Public Notices

The Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District has issued a Request for Proposal for an Aquifer Recharge Evaluation of Sutton County. Sealed proposals will be opened on March 24, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at 301 S. Crockett in Sonora, Texas. For specifications please contact Greta S. Ramsdell, General Manager 325-387-2369

Sutton County is requesting bids on employee health insurance for all full time employees of Sutton County. Additional information may be obtained from Bobby Zesch, Sutton County's registered agent for health insurance, who may be reached at 1-800-259-4291. Bids will be opened and considered in the regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court to be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 10, 2008, in the meeting room of the Courthouse Annex, Sonora, Texas.

Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons, that the City of Sonora will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall to discuss the annexation of 1.89 and .243 acres of Tract D, Abstract 315, Sec. 85. All citizens are invited to attend and provide the Council with written or oral comments.

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The Sonora Middle School Science Fair was held Thursday, February 21st. 50 students competed in a variety of categories. Judges were Jack Smith, Ray Wells, Paul Stephens, John Paul Friess, Judy Friess, Jim Stephen, Bridgette Wardlaw, and Mary Humphery. Students will compete in the Regional Science & Engineering Competition on Tuesday, February 26th at ASU.

Sonora Middle School Science Fair Results

Category						
Animal Science 1	2nd	Braxton Snyder				
Behavioral & Social Sci 13	1st	Zachry Leonard	2nd	Abby Creek	Ang Lesa	
	4th	Logan Smith	6th	Bradi Cade	Samaniego Selena Mesa	
Biochemistry 1	1st	Garrett Bawson				
Chemistry 9	1st	Adriana Buitron	2nd	Marci Parks	3rd	Kory Humphrey
	4th	Rebekah Infante	6th	Clarissa Hernandez	6th	Will Dutton
Earth/Space Science 2	1st	Paige Sykes	2nd	Cadesman Pope		
Engineering 1 (3)	1st	Lino Villanueva	2nd	Sterling Hall	3rd	Jason Alaman
		Bryce Smith & Chance				
Engineering 2 (8)	1st	Campbell	2nd	Stella Ingham	3rd	Emilce Hernandez
Environmental Science 1	4th	Kelsey Favila	6th	Morgan Badgett		
	1st	Macie Fness				
Medicine & Health 1	4th	Santiago Campa Christian				
Microbiology 1	1st	Kenney				
Physics 9	1st	Matthew Young	2nd	Kylie Love	3rd	Sidney Dermody
	4th	Word Hudson	5th	Cole Shitum	6th	Blake Esparza
Plants	1st	Phillip Stephens	2nd	Erik Hernandez	3rd	Robert Hernandez

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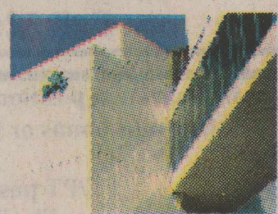
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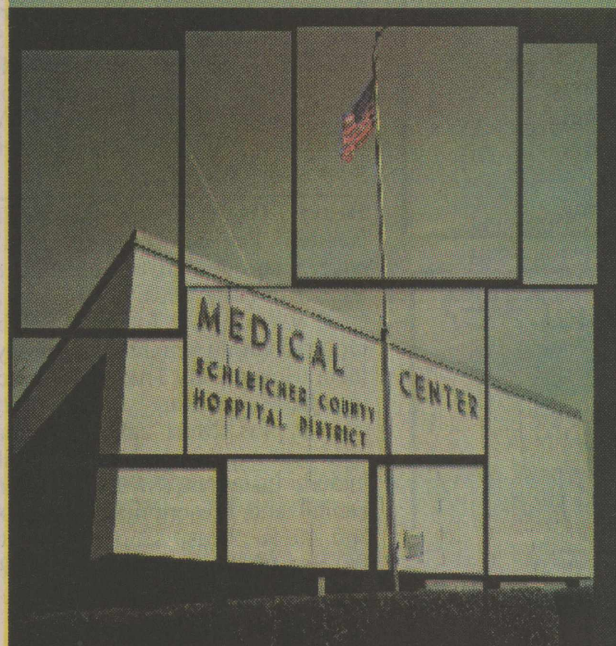
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