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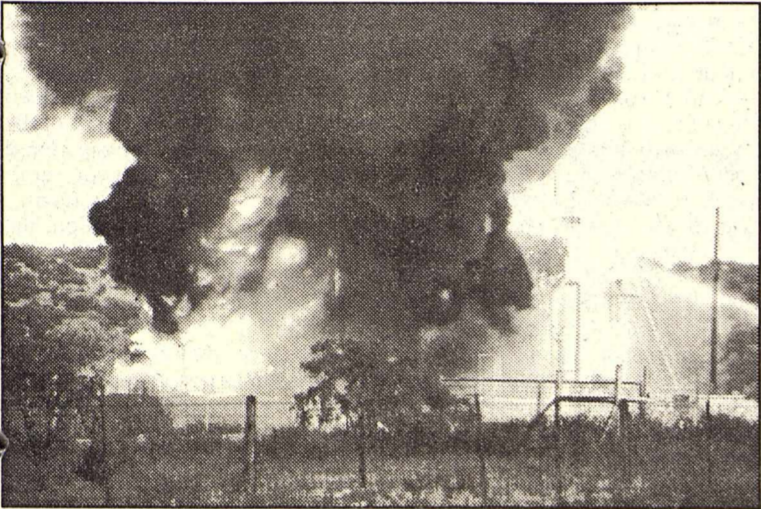
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SONORA, TEXAS

Thursday, May 10, 2001

Flames Engulf Disposal Station



Fires all over Sutton and Schleicher county kept the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department running on Friday. Lightning appears to be the cause of the fire at the Fields Disposal Station (above), located approximately 5 miles out Bond Road. At the same time there was a pipeline explosion on the other side of town, which turned out to be in Schleicher County and a small house fire, caused by a water bed. No injuries were reported in any of these incidences.

Regional Track Meet Tough For Broncos, One Advances to State

In Abilene last week the Sonora tracksters competed hard and were able to manage a sixth place finish overall. The team ran into some bad luck and also had some great performances. The team ended a great season with a hard fought battle.

Cody Ainsworth started the show with a great run in the 3200 meter run. Cody ran one of his best performances, but finished in 10th place with a time of 10:54.01. He also ran the 1600 meter run, with a personal best time of 4:51 to finish in 8th place. Cody is a senior who has represented Sonora the last four years. He will be greatly missed!

Stetson Hall, a junior, threw a great throw of 156'0 to add four points to the team's total. Stetson competed hard and missed receiving a medal by 6 inches. Hall missed going to state by four feet. Stetson had a great season by breaking the school record. He gained some valuable experience and will hopefully compete at the State Meet next year. Great job, Stetson!

The relay team of Bill Renfro, James Elliott, Thomas Bloodworth, and Chance Armke had some bad luck at this meet. Thomas pulled up with a pulled muscle and the relay team did not finish the race. This

was a very unfortunate thing to happen, but Thomas will bounce back and have a great season next year.

Chance Armke showed some of his best stuff this year. He showed how much speed he has and has helped keep the team in the lead. Sometimes he even gained the lead after he got the baton.

Bill Renfro has been the steady of the group. He ran great all year, always getting a good start and getting the team into the lead.

James Elliott is the sole male qualifier to state this year, and had a great season. James also broke a school record in the 400 meters. James ran a blazing time of 48.5 at the regional meet. He also qualified to state in the 200 meter, with a time of 22.1. James was defeated one time this year in the first meet, and has kept an undefeated season since. James will run the 400 meters in Austin at 7:45 p.m. and the 200 meters at 8:45 p.m.

The team had some up and downs this year, but it has been a successful one. The Broncos won two seasonal meets and the District meet.

Congratulations to all these young men and good luck to James.

ACS Relay Reigns..... Against All Odds

by Storie Sharp

When Sonora sets its mind to something, it takes more than a lightning storm and a threat of tornadoes to stop us. This was proved at the 2001 Relay for Life.

Thunderstorms caused the location to have to be moved from the Bronco stadium to inside the Civic Center. Adjustments had to be made to accommodate the 12 teams, the survivors and the luminary ceremony. But adjust is just what was done. Everyone moved their campsites inside the building and the event went on as planned.

Over 30 cancer survivors were honored in the opening ceremony (they just had a shorter lap this year.) After they made their round around the Center everyone joined them outside to release their balloons into the cloudy black sky. Everyone then went back inside to begin the night of fun and entertainment.

The luminaria ceremony was moved to the center of the floor, where over 400 bags were placed in honor of or in memory of someone with cancer. Participants made the small circle in the dark to view the beautiful tribute.

The Arnwines, Souls a Fire, Border Trash, and Mondo kept everyone entertained with a vast array of music. Some of Sonora's local young talent added their voices also, all to the tune of "Goodbye

Lady Broncos Are State Bound

Shalayne Hobbs and Elizabeth Elliott will be participating in the State Track and Field Meet in Austin on Friday, May 11, 2001. Shalayne will run at 8:45 a.m. and Elizabeth will high jump starting at 12:10 p.m. Morgan Hobbs also qualified as an alternate. Shalayne qualified by winning the 1600 m run in 5:32 and Elizabeth by winning the high jump with a leap of 5'4" at the regional track meet in Abilene. Morgan placed third in the high jump with a leap of 5'2", which qualified her as an alternate. Morgan also placed fifth in the 100 m

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Participants of the 2001 Relay for Life took part in a "condensed" version of the luminaria ceremony.

Earl!"

The twelve teams worked very hard to get everyone involved with games and good food. Together, over \$21,000 was raised for research, patient services and education.

The St. John's Episcopal Church raised over \$3,000, winning the "Most Money Raised" award

for the second time in a row. They were followed closely by The First National Bank and the T&C Village Market, who each raised over \$2,000. The Samaniego Family won "Best Campsite" with their old west hotel. The Louis Dreyfus/BB Chemical combination won the "Chuckwagon Award" with their choice of burgers, sausage, fudge

and more. The Beebe Family logged the "Most laps", walking around the parking lot of the Civic Center and the T&C Village Market took "Most Spirited" by being a part of all the games and partying all night!

Everyone is encouraged to be there next year, no matter where we are, to try once again to "Shoot out Cancer".

Relay For Life Chairs Express Appreciation

Dear Sonora, Storie and I are so proud of you.....Once again Sutton County pulled together and let Cancer know it wasn't welcome here. For many of us Relay for Life has become very personal, as we have lost loved ones to Cancer, or have loved ones fighting the disease. This makes Relay for Life even more special every year.

Relay for Life/American Cancer Society received "Organization of the Year 2000". After receiving this honor we thought we would burst with pride and excitement. I carried those feelings to Friday night's Relay, then as we stood there

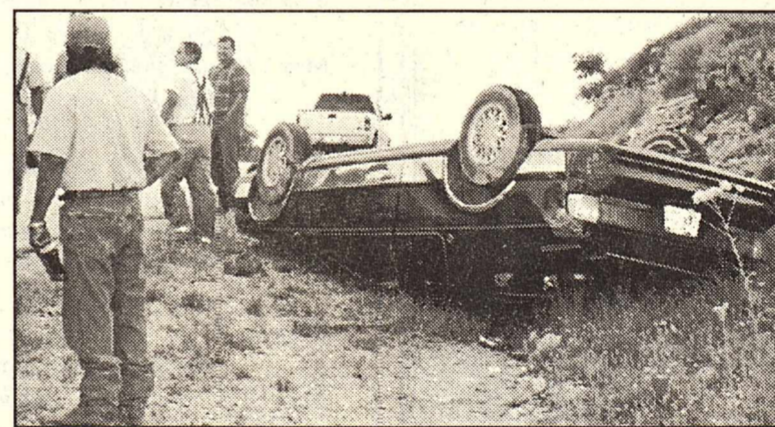
watching the activities going on we realized that it wasn't just The American Cancer Society's award, it was everyone's who ever had anything to do with Sutton County's Relay for Life (donations, workers, teams, etc.....). We couldn't do it without a community like Sonora that is adaptive to change.

Friday morning the phone rang at 7:30 a.m. with the question "what is plan B?" We looked outside and realized it was still raining and letting up did not look promising. We, as in Storie, Chris, Noemi, Kim, and Shanna pulled together and began to plan where Relay would be relocated. With a lot of determination and

use of Cellular telephones, Relay for Life, was moved within minutes. Thanks goes to Janalyn Jones for pointing us in the right direction on obtaining the use of the Civic Center. Carla Garner was extremely helpful, and it was reassuring to know that she was on our side. Thank you to the County Commissioners who didn't come to the Civic Center and throw us out on our ears, and to Sam Mata who cleaned up our mess so we could go home and "crash". I don't know how to thank those who made private donations for Sam. We were dead on our feet at the end of the Relay and the Civic

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Rollover Sends One to Hospital



A one vehicle rollover, 5 miles North on CR 202 sent Ozona resident, Daniel Hernandez to Hudspeth Memorial Hospital with minor injuries. An oncoming red extended cab pickup traveling on the wrong side of the road caused Hernandez to have to swerve hard. He over-corrected to the left and the vehicle rolled at least once, landing on it's roof. A passenger in the vehicle was uninjured. Trooper Cody Cory reported that they are still looking for the other vehicle involved.

Hudspeth Hosts Safe Kids Car Seat Checks

The San Angelo SAFE KIDS Coalition and the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council held a Free Car Seat Check Up at Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital on April 28th.

Hospital Personnel, Sutton County EMS, the Hospital Auxiliary and the 4-H Citizenship Program were all on hand to assist in the checks. Car seat technicians spent time with each individual, checking their car seats for recalls and proper installation. Over 60 seats were inspected, with 23 being disposed of because they were recalled or outdated.

The group gave away 41 car seats, more than any other Buckle Up event in the Concho Valley.



Recalled and outdated car seats were disposed of at the Buckle Up event.

Bronco Baseball Ends Season

The Sonora Broncos took on Tornillo in Bi-District competition over the weekend. The Broncos won game 1 on a hit by Byron Williams that brought in Fields and Brockman in the top of the seventh inning.

Jerrad Solis was the winning pitcher, giving up 4 runs on 5 hits. Solis struck out 5 and walked 5. The final score was Sonora 5, Tornillo 4.

Torres, Gaytan, Byron and Brockman each added 1 to the score. The Broncos were defeated by 1 point in the second game, with Tornillo winning 6 to 5. The game went in to 11 innings. The Broncos used 3 pitchers, Justin Sims, Chang Hernandez and Scottie Moore. Fields was 3 for 5, scoring one run. Crispin Lira was 3 for 5, with 1 RBI. Chang Hernandez scored 3 points and Matt Torres brought in 1.

The third game found the Broncos never giving up, they just came up short. The game went 8 innings with the Broncos falling short by 1; Tornillo 12, Sonora 11. The Broncos used 5 pitchers, Jason Moore, Bryce Williams, Manuel Lopez, Landon Brockman and Jerrad Solis.

Torres, Gaytan, Williams and Lopez each scored 2 points and Lira and Solis each had 1. Gaytan was 1 for 2, with 2 walks and was hit by a pitch. Brockman had 2 RBI's and 2 sacrifices. Lopez was 3 for 4 with 2 RBI's. Fields was 2 for 4.

The Broncos lost the series 1-2 to Tornillo, with a valiant effort. The team is to be commended for a great season. Seniors Chang Hernandez, Matt Torres, Crispin Lira, Bryce Williams, Jerrad Solis, Cameron Sims and Javier Gaytan will be greatly missed and were a great asset to the Bronco Baseball team.

Middle School Scientists Travel To San Angelo



Sonora Middle School students traveled to San Angelo on May 7, 2001 to compete in the San Angelo Science Fair.

Sweepstakes Finalists were Benny Fraiser and Allison Higdon.

Ty Love, Kristina Hernandez and Roland Solis received awards in Excellence in Scientific Research. Ty Love also received the Air Force Award.

Diego Cardona received the Texas Parks & Wildlife Award.

The Sunset Mall Award went to Kayla McBride.

Brian Payton received the Water Environment Award.

Placings were as follows:
Earth & Space Science: 1st - Courtney Caruthers, 2nd - Kaleena Samaniego

Engineering: 5th - Shane Love, 6th - Kathy Pacheco, 8th - David Luna

Environmental Science: 2nd - Dustin Creek, 3rd - Hilton Bloodworth, 4th - Brian Payton, 7th - Cameron Cox

Medicine and Health: 5th - Desirae Boldt, 6th - Chelsea Seaton, 7th - Boomer Galindo

Microbiology: 6th - Danielle Fox

Behavioral and Social: 1st - Benny Fraiser, 2nd - Allison Higdon, 4th - Stacey Sanchez

Biochemistry: 3rd - Karla Dominguez, 4th - Alexie Ortiz, 5th - Justin Northcott, 6th - Steven Lozano

Botany: 4th - Lauren Smith, 4th - Alisha Covey, 6th - Amanda Samaniego

Chemistry: 2nd - Dee McGee, 6th - Megan Maxwell, 7th - Amanda Berry, 8th - Starlyn Chadwick, 8th - Jason Chadwick

Physics: 3rd - Swade Draper, 4th - Tara Green, 5th - Ty Love, 6th - Nash Traylor, 6th - Steven Barthelmy, 8th - Will Crittendon

Zoology: 3rd - Diego Cardona, 4th - Kayla Fields, 8th - Jack Turney



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Cards of Thanks

A special thank you to everyone who visited, called, sent cards, flowers or food and kept us in their prayers during our time of sorrow. Your love and support means a great deal to us.
The Family of Scott Shurley

To all who helped with National Day of Prayer. Prayer is the key to our country's greatness. It was wonderful to have so many denominations all come together to pray.

Thanks again,
Jane Rushing
Coordinator

As the Cancer Survivor Committee Chairman, I would like to thank everyone who donated food, decorations, flowers, supplies or helped with the cancer survivor reception. For me it will always be the highlight of Relay for Life and I know it could not be done without all of your generous donations and countless volunteer hours.

I especially would like to thank all of the survivors who participated - you all are my inspiration. And to those who were unable to join us - you were in my heart and prayers. Until next year, may God bless you all.
Noemi Samaniego

The Samaniego Family would like to thank everyone who helped their Relay for Life Team not only with donations, baked goods and other fundraisers, but most importantly with moral support. Special thanks to Manuel Paredes and his family for being part of our team. Also, thanks to Lalo Gonzalez for helping with our campsite.

My family and I wish to thank the Sonora Volunteer Firemen for responding to the call on Thursday the 3rd of May at our home. We also wish to thank the Police Department and the dispatcher for responding so quickly. The firemen were able to locate the source of the smoke and put it out before more damage or worse could occur. Because of you all, our family and our home are safe and sound. God bless you all.
The Castillo Family.

The 4th Annual High School Scholarship Tournament was held at the Sonora Golf Club. It was a great success with eleven teams participating, and over \$2,600.00 raised. About 75 people came and enjoyed the hamburger supper afterward.

A big thank you to all of this years sponsors: Creek Swabbing and Roustabout, Baker Petrolite, The Bank and Trust, Oasis Pipeline, Schlumberger, Quick Bonds, RLO Salt Water Systems, Reliable Equipment Co., Balch Ranch Co., Becky York, Jane Archer, James Barton, Clyde Dukes, Allan and Patti Prather, Savell and Shelly Shannon, Bobby Taylor, Jodie Finklea, Brad Hull, Dickie Wood, Joe David West and Hoot Hearn.

Also thanks to Gayle, Brian and the Golf Club, Board of Directors for their help and making the course available for the tournament.

We really appreciate the cooking and cleaning help from Keith and Anita Hudson, Jane Archer, and Rick Cearley.

A very special thank you to Becky York for baking, serving, typing, cleaning and all the extra things you do every year for this tournament.

We also sincerely appreciate the help from Sonic and the Sutton County Steakhouse for the meal.

This year's winning team was sponsored by Creek. They shot a 15 under Par 57. Team members included Gary Hardgrave, Ryan Hardgrave, Chad Russell, Stetson Perez, and Chris Martin. They will have their names engraved on our plaque at the Golf Club.

The second place team was sponsored by the Bank and Trust, they shot a 58. Team members included Luke Healy, John Healy, Larry Finklea, Steve Thorp and Dickie Woods.

The third place team with a 59 was sponsored by Oasis Pipeline. They were the 2000 Champions but fell two strokes short this year. Team members were Virgil Burge, Jason and Beth Donaldson, Sam Taylor, and Jim Covington.

I would like to thank all my team members for participating in the Relay for Life this year. There were a few changes made this year because of our wonderful rain (which we needed), but everyone worked together to make it another great "Relay"! I would like to thank Shanna and Storie for all their hard work and all the help they gave everyone and especially me when I needed it! We are lucky to have them and their "CREW" to make this work each year. I know they spend a lot of hours preparing for this event and it was another success. We should be so happy to live in a community that believes in helping one another and cares for each other. I would also like to thank Mr. Wonderful for his help in setting up and taking down our "Ole Bank". Thanks again to all my coworkers!
Roy Jean Johnson

Obituary for Common Sense

Today we mourn the passing of an old friend by the name of "Common Sense". Common Sense lived a long life but died from heart failure at the brink of the millennium.

No one really knows how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He selflessly devoted his life to service in schools, hospitals, homes, factories and offices, helping folks get jobs done without fanfare and foolishness. For decades, petty rules, silly laws and frivolous lawsuits held no power over Common Sense. He was credited with cultivating such valued lessons as to know when to come in out of the rain, the early bird gets the worm, and life isn't always fair. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn), reliable parenting strategies (the adults are in charge, not the kids), (and it's okay to come in second. A veteran of the Industrial Revolution, the Great Depression, and the Technological Revolution, Common Sense survived cultural and educational trends including body piercing, whole language and "new math.") But his health declined when he became infected with the "If-it-only-helps-one-person-it's-worth-it" virus.

In recent decades his waning strength proved no match for the ravages of overbearing federal regulation. He watched in pain as good people became ruled by self-seeking lawyers and enlightened auditors. His health rapidly deteriorated when schools endlessly implemented zero tolerance policies, reports of six year old boys charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, a teen suspended for taking a swig of mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student. It declined even further when schools had to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student but cannot inform the parent when the female student is pregnant or wants an abortion.

Finally, Common Sense lost his will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses, criminals received better treatment than victims, and federal judges stuck their noses in everything from Boy Scouts to professional sports. As the end neared, Common Sense drifted in and out of logic but was kept informed of developments, regarding questionable regulations for asbestos, low flow toilets, "smart" guns, the nurturing of Prohibition Laws and mandatory air bags. Finally, when told that the homeowners association restricted exterior furniture only to that which enhanced property values, he breathed his last. Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. He is survived by three step-brothers: Rights, Tolerance and Whiner.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

Military Moments

Navy Airman Apprentice Raymond C. Rainer, son of Patti A. and Lester A. Rainer of Sonora, recently reported for duty at Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach, VA. Rainer is a 1997 graduate of Sonora High School and joined the Navy in May 2000.

Army Pvt. Mason L. Beaver has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the training, the soldier received instruction and practice in drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions. Beaver is the son of Mary A. Black of Sonora.

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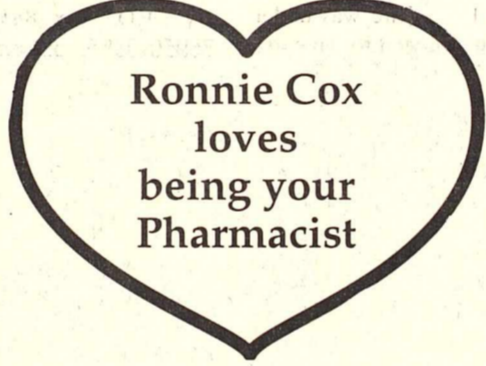
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407 South Crockett
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387-9127

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- May 14 - Bingo!
- May 15 - City Council. 2:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- May 16 - Spring Fling at San Angelo - will take both Vans. Sign up now. Fun. Fun. Fun.
- May 17 - Open house at Center. 7:00 p.m. In honor of our Senior Citizens & Volunteers.

Senior Menu

- May 14 - Chicken nuggets with gravy, zucchini squash with tomatoes, potato wedges, roll, peaches.
- May 15 - Swiss steak with gravy, peas, carrots, cornbread muffins, tossed salad, orange sections.
- May 16 - Oven baked BBQ chicken, baked beans, California mix vegetables, cornbread, macaroni salad, jello with fruit.
- May 17 - Chopped steak with gravy, parsley potatoes, carrots, cucumber tomato salad, wheat bread, tapioca pudding.
- May 18 - Taco salad with beef, cheese, lettuce, and tomato, roll, pinto beans, peach cobbler.

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

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Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m
Worship 11:00 a.m.

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School Lunch Menu
May 7 - May 11

Breakfast
Mon. - French toast sticks, fruit, assorted juice.
Tues. - Biscuit with gravy, sausage patty, juice.
Wed. - Scrambled egg, toast/jelly, juice.
Thurs. - Breakfast pizza, fruit, assorted juice.
Fri. - Breakfast burrito, fruit, assorted juice.
Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch
Mon. - Pizza, tossed salad, corn, peach halves.
Tues. - Corn dog, baked beans, celery and carrot sticks, fresh fruit.
Wed. - Beef and cheese taco, Spanish rice, salad, fruit cobbler.
Thurs. - Chicken fried steak, 1/2 baked potato, mixed vegetables, spiced apples, roll.
Fri. - Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, pudding with topping.

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- May 9
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- May 10
Powder Puff Football Game
6:30 p.m. • Bronco Stadium
- May 11
St. John's Annual Country Store and Bake Sale • 9:00 a.m.
- May 16
School Holiday

The Community Calendar
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Calendar

- May 18
Senior Center Open House • 7:00 p.m.
- May 20
Baccalaureate • 8:00 p.m.
- May 25
Sonora High School Graduation • 8:30 p.m.
- Al-Anon Meeting
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Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Q. Do you have anything on the death of A. R. Driskell?

A. Devil's River News, Friday, January 6, 1928: A. R. Driskell, whose body was found in waters of a stream near a bridge at Pasadena, California, and whom it is believed was murdered by Edward Hickman and his 16 year-old accomplice, was the uncle of T. R. Driskell, proprietor of the Sonora Laundry, and a brother of Mr. Driskell's aged father who resides in Sonora with his son.

A note, found on the body of the drowned man, stated that he had committed suicide in order to escape the responsibilities of financial stringency. The killing or suicide happened last May. A. R. Driskell, who moved to California from Missouri, was not however in financial straits according to a friend who talked with the dead man's brother shortly after the incident.

That the note found on the man's body to the effect that he had committed suicide was a hoax to throw investigators off the track, is easily possible, according to newspaper accounts and to the dead man's relatives here.

In the same issue we found that a half million pounds of Sonora Co. wool sold for between 40 and 42 cents a pound.

A marriage of unusual interest to Sonorans was that on December 20th of Miss Aurie Mittel to Mr. Charles Hull. The marriage took place in San Angelo, and was performed by Rev. Ridgeway at the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of that city.

The bride, a popular and charming young lady with a host of friends, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mittel, prominent ranch family of this country. Young Mr. Hull is also a home boy and is one of the partners in the Sonora Motor Company of this city.

The City of Sonora sold \$45,000 sewer bonds to carry a rate of interest of 5 1/2 percent per annum. Actual work on the system to start around February if the weather permits.

Mrs. Doc Friend held the lucky number which entitled her to the handsome living room suite given away by Gilmore Hardware Co. and D. D. Green won the E. F. Vander Stucken Company's store drawing for a 5-tube Atwater-Kent radio set.

Q. You said there was a fire on



This photo shows the Jackson Block. The "Mercantile Building" is clearly labeled with the name Jackson on the peak. All the buildings from Water St. to the old First National Bank were built by Jackson after the 1902 fire and referred to as "The Jackson Block".

Main St. in 1928. What buildings burned then?

A fire caused from the explosion of a stove in the rear of the Rutledge Café, Monday night, April 30, 1928 at 11:30, did \$35,000 damage to five business houses in the heart of the business section. The Rutledge Café was completely burned with the loss to the owner of approximately \$3,000 with \$2,000 insurance.

Mr. Rutledge had fixtures valued at \$3,000 while he had \$1,800 insurance. Mr. Mayfield has not decided whether he will build or sell the lot. Should he decide to build he will erect a fire proof building.

Gilmore Hardware, next door to the café stood a loss of \$3,000 in the burning of their tin shop in the rear of the hardware store. A rock wall saved their stock and building from the flames.

The City Market building owned jointly by H. P. Cooper and Theo. Savell was not insured, losing approximately \$15,000. Mr. Cooper who operated the market, carried insurance in the sum of \$2,000. He estimates his loss at \$5,000. \$1,000

worth of meat was put in refrigerators the day of the fire.

The J. W. Trainer store, known as the Friendly Store, was the biggest loss. He estimates his loss at \$15,000 with only \$3,000 insurance. This building was owned by Theo. Savell. Mr. Savell has not announced whether or not he will rebuild, but it is believed that he will erect a modern fire proof building.

E. S. Long, proprietor of the Long Barber Shop, lost and was damaged to the extent of \$500. The fire was checked before heavy damage was done.

Stites Motor Company was well protected from the blaze by the A & W Drug Store new building of tile and brick. The A & W Store owned by Misses Allison & Wardlaw was slightly damaged by smoke but not enough to hurt.

The alarm was given by night watchman J. K. Lancaster at about 11:30 and at 12 the fire was under control. Had it not been for an extra still night with no wind, Sonora would have suffered a \$100,000 loss, it is believed. Everyone complimented the fire boys in their hard

fight to check the flames, and they did exceedingly well. The fire truck from Ozona started to the rescue but a burned bearing three miles from town halted it.

Other news of interest: The Sonora Drug Store was sold to the Orange Cross Chain Store Association for \$22,000. They now operate stores in San Angelo, Big Lake, Best, McCamey, Rankin and Iraan. The store was owned by Lee Aldwell and Carl Morrow.

Bell Hollow, thirty six miles east of here on the Old Spanish Trail, will stage its biennial free barbecue on the 14th of June according to Alfred Schwiening, who is in charge of the affair. A big dance will be held on the night of the 13th with one of the best orchestras in San Antonio furnishing the music.

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 email them to schs@sonorax.net. You may call me, any day but Wednesdays and weekends, at 915-387-2855.

Saving The Family Farm And Ranch Part I of a III part series

by Glen Webb

As I drive to work every day from my home in the suburbs to my big city office I am constantly amazed at the vast amount of people with whom I share my daily commute. Thousands of vehicles line up every morning to join me in our pursuit of the American dream we believe will be found in our state's large urban areas. I wonder when my fellow commuters came to Texas, or when their families came to Texas. I wonder if their grandparents were farmers and ranchers like mine, who lived in communities with names like Muleshoe, El Campo, or Sunset. My conservative instincts quickly argue that what I am seeing is progress, whereby urban society has created more jobs and more homes for more people. However, I know that this progress has come at a cost. The cost? The small family farm and ranch.

From Rural to Urban

Today, 82% of Texas' popula-

tion resides in the urban areas such as Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and Austin. This, however, is not the Texas tradition. Texas is a state whose heritage was built on farming and ranching communities. Years ago my grandparents and great-grandparents, as well as those of many of my fellow commuters, firmly planted their roots in the small towns throughout this great state. These men and women built strong families, strong ranches, and strong communities. However, the sons and daughters of small town Texas have made a vast exodus from their former homes into the cities. In 1999, 35% of all rural land sold in this state was the result of retirement, health, or age of rural landowners who did not intend to pass their land onto children or other family members. There is a direct correlation between the loss of a family farm or ranch and the loss of our state's small towns. When we

See *Saving the Family* page 8

Painting The Town Red



Mr. Nicholas' 4th Period Art Class is working on the mural going up at the T&C Village Market. Members of this class include: Pedro Capuchin, Diego DeLuna, Heather Felts, Jessie Fuentes, Denevra Gloria, Juan Gutierrez, Perla Perez, Japha Word, Oscar Sanchez and Jesus Torres.



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May 13
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Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Announces Exercise Program

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital will begin two adult exercise programs in May. Instructor Nora Weaver will provide Tae Bo and Tai Chi on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Tae Bo is an all over body workout blending your own hidden strength with the ancient arts of self-defense, dance, and kickboxing. You will discover an explosive energy and see consistent and amazing results.

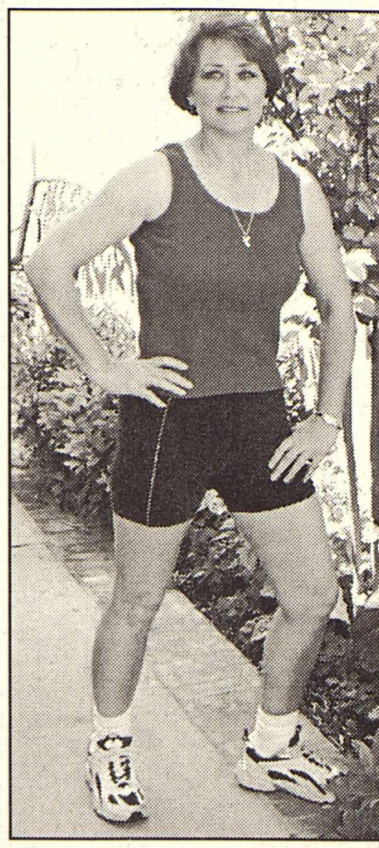
Tai Chi is a gentle ancient Chinese exercise that combines slow movement with meditation. It enhances balance control, flexibility, and cardio respiratory fitness. Tai Chi helps otherwise sedentary adults become more active.

Nora Weaver has been practicing Tae Bo for the past two years. She had searched for a workout that would benefit the entire body. Shortly after beginning Tae Bo, she began to feel so energized after each workout, that she knew she would stay committed. She has realized tremendous results including greatly increased strength and endurance while enjoying a wonderful sense of well-being. She has also become interested in Tai Chi to help those looking for a more gentle form of exercise. Nora is looking forward to sharing fitness experiences through these programs.

Programs will begin Tuesday May 22, 2001 and will be held at the Hospital Annex (nursing home lobby). A flexible schedule of Tuesday and Thursday classes should fit most needs.

Day	Time	Class	Level
Tuesday	6:15-7:00 a.m.	Tae Bo	Instruction/Basic
Thursday	6:15-7:00 a.m.	Tae Bo	Instruction/Basic
Tuesday	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	For Rehab/Seniors
Thursday	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	For Rehab/Seniors
Tuesday	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Tae Bo	Instructional/Seniors
Thursday	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Tae Bo	Instructional/Seniors

Fee for the program will be \$25.00 per month with May being prorated. To register, please stop by the hospital to complete a consent agreement and pay fees. If you would like additional information, please feel free to contact Mr. Keith L. Butler, Administrator at 387-2521.



Nora Weaver will be teaching the Tae Bo and Tai Chi classes at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital.

F.Y.I.

The Women of St. John's Episcopal Church will be hosting their annual Country Store Bake Sale on Friday, May 11th at 9:00 a.m. New location this year will be Carolyn Earwood's Dance Studio in historical downtown Sonora.

Bake Sale - Help support the Lighthouse youth to go to Camp 2001. The sale will be on Saturday, May 12, 2001 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the T & C Village Market and at the Town & Country Subway.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the Powder Puff Football game or the Culture Fair, please call Kristin Keel at the High School at 387-6533 ext. 315. Each tape is only \$6. All proceeds benefit the S.H.S. Radio and T.V. Class. The Class is also selling highlight tapes of the 2001 Spring Sports and Student Life for only \$15. The highlight tapes are edited to the latest music and have the best plays of the season and best classroom scenes.

Please send in the Health Survey's you agreed to complete for Texas A&M University's Concho Valley Health Partnership Project. Thank you.

The All-Sports Banquet will be held on May 17, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Commons Area. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$6.00.

A Festival and Event Workshop is planned for May 17, 2001 at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. For more information contact Justin McGeath or Ladonna Wardlaw at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, 915-387-2280.

Attention Bronco Fans: There will be a drawing for 2 State Championship Footballs autographed by the Broncos to be given away at the Sports Banquet on May 17th. A \$1 donation will be accepted for a chance and you need not be present to win. Contact Kathy Lewellen at 387-6533 if you are interested. Tickets will also be sold at the Sports Banquet.

The concession stand at the Powder Puff Football game on May 10th at 6:30 will be serving sausage on a stick, sausage fajitas, corn on the cob and home-baked goods. Come join us! All proceeds benefit the Sonora Bronco Cheerleaders.

The Sonora Band Boosters are selling raffle tickets to raise money for summer camps. Prizes include a Grand Prize of 2 tickets to Schlitterbahn plus 1 night hotel room (donated by KHOS), a \$25.00 gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse, a gift certificate for Fajitas for 2 at La Mexicana. The Drawing will be held at the Band Concert on May 20, 2001. Tickets are \$1.00 and can be purchased from any band member or at The Bank & Trust.

The second shipment of Bronco Customized Woven Blankets have arrived just in time for Graduation gifts. Call or go by the high school office to reserve your blanket. The cost for each blanket is \$55.00. Only a limited number of blankets have been ordered so call early at 387-6533.

San Angelo Quilt Show, June 15 and 16, 2001 presented by the Concho Valley Quilters Guild at the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo, Tx. Entry deadline is May 31, 2001. For information contact Willetta Bumpas at 915-659-2371.

Sutton County Family Plaques (located in front of the Sutton Co. Courthouse). If you didn't order a plaque for your family before and want to order one now, please call 387-2793 or 387-2261.

The Sutton County Public Library is getting ready for their Booksale. Donations of books, etc. are being accepted now. The sale will go from April 16 - May 11 at the Public Library from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information contact the library at 387-2111.

Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary will meet the first Monday of each month at the Sutton County Steakhouse at 12:00 noon. Anyone interested in supporting our local hospital, please come join us.

Amistad Closes Blackbrush Boat Ramp

Amistad National Recreation Area closed the Blackbrush boat ramp Monday, April 16, due to lowering lake levels. Lake Amistad stands at 1080.02 feet above sea level, about 36 feet below normal pool elevation. The lake level has remained fairly steady the last three months, but increased releases are now slowly lowering the level. Three ramps remain open - Diablo East, Rough Canyon, and Box Canyon.

Amistad National Recreation Area headquarters is located on US Highway 90W and is open daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. except for major holidays. For more information, visitors may call 830-775-7491, tune in to AM 1540 near the lake, or visit the park's web site at www.nps.gov/amis.

Amistad National Recreation Area reopened Panther Cave on Saturday, April 21. Access to the cave was closed in February after a rock fall destroyed part of the stairway leading into the cave. Park maintenance crews replaced the stairway, again allowing public access.

Panther Cave is located approximately 25 miles up the rio Grande arm of Lake Amistad. The cave contains spectacular examples of 4,000 year-old Lower Pecos style pictographs, or Native American rock art. Boaters are cautioned that slowly lowering lake levels expose hidden hazards such as rocks and mud.

Middle School Gifted and Talented Program Taking Nominations

Nominations are currently being taken for the Gifted and Talented Program at the Sonora Middle School. Some of the characteristics exhibited by gifted and talented students, often at an early age, include:

- Exceptional memory
- Well-developed questioning skills
- Highly developed level of curiosity
- Advanced vocabulary for age
- Ability to think abstractly
- High energy level and commitment to projects
- Creativity in language, music, and drawing
- Keen sense of humor
- Interest in current events or issues
- Unusual sensitivity
- Good problem solving skills

While these are not all of the characteristics that may be present in all gifted children, a combination of any of these may indicate exceptional ability in a child.

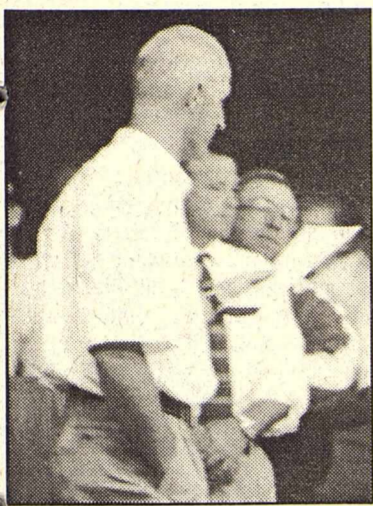
All children are eligible for nomination for this program. Students may be nominated by parents/guardians, teachers, themselves, or other school personnel. Nominations from parents must be received by May 15, 2001 and are to be submitted to the campus principal. These forms are available in the principal's office.

Boy Scouts Clean Up Camp Sol Mayer

On Friday, April 27, 2001, a group of Boy Scouts set out for a weekend of work and fun at Camp Sol Mayer in Fort McKavett. These Scouts were Mark Holman, Juan Dominguez, Jacob Cooper, Colton Moore, Ty Love, Roland Solis, Frank Gallegos and Steven Barthelemy, along with Scoutmaster Lewis Allen, Johnny Solis and Carlos Gallegos. Also, Sharon Holman helped out by driving a group to camp and helping set up for the weekend.

During the weekend, the boys were busy mowing, weedeating and clearing Camp Sol Mayer. The camp is being prepared for upcoming Cub Scout campouts and summer camps. After their hard work, the boys relaxed by fishing in the river and playing Capture the Flag. The boys also worked on their outdoor cooking skills, each cooking their own meal over a fire that they made.

Broncos Receive State Rings



At a special ring ceremony held on May 2, 2001, the Sonora Broncos received their State Champion Class Rings. Head Coach, Jason Herring made everyone anxiously wait to open their little boxes until all the rings were delivered. Herring read the following poem, written by he and his wife, conjuring up the emotions and memories of a hard fought victory and bringing tears to many eyes.

Poem by Jason and Lisa Herring
I want you to remember back
To what seems to me a dream.
To the start of the 2000 season-
The start of a champion team.

Remember all the hours of work-
With muscles sore and tight?
New plays to learn, adjustments to
make
To be ready for Friday night.

10 games down and a common
goal
We wanted more than ANY-
THING.
To bring home a state title-
To wear a CHAMPIONSHIP
RING.

Remember back to OLNEY
And how that train whistle blew
all night.
But they didn't know that at 14-0
We'd put up such a fight.

As doubt started sneaking in on
Fans - right where they sat
We reached into our bag of tricks
and pulled out 'ole Pole cat.

Remember the crucial intercep-
tion
That set Olney's fate in stone?
We pulled ahead--getting over the
hump
And Victorious--headed for home.

NOW--think back to the Blanco
game-
I know you remember well...
Broncos down 24-12...9 minutes
'Till the bell.

Remember how we stood together
Focused on the prize?
Working together unselfishly
It happened before our eyes.

Remember the emotion--
As NOTHING felt before...
Overwhelming joy and relief--
To see 27-24.

And now we stand together again-
With a little gray box in hand.
Inside it holds blood, sweat, and
tears
That few can understand.

And as you place it on your finger
Let it stand for it ALL--
With Heart, Commitment, hard-
work - TOGETHER
We put the Red paint on the
wall!!!

Crain Chosen To Play In All-Star Game

Riley Crain has been invited to play in the 2001 Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star Football Game. This is one of the greatest honors a high school player can receive. He is one of only six AA players in the state that have been invited to play for the North All-Star Team.

Riley recently finished a "standout" career for Sonora H.S. lettering in three sports. Riley received the following honors for his efforts in football this past season: 1st Team All-District TE, 2nd Team All-District DE, All-West Texas TE, 1st Team TSWA All-State TE.

The All-Star Game will be played on Tuesday night, July 31, at TCU stadium in Ft. Worth. We would like to thank the following people for helping sponsor Riley in the game: Sonora Wool and Mohair Company, The First National Bank of Sonora, Sutton County Bank and Trust, and Southwest Texas Federal



Riley Crain

Land Bank Association, FLCA. Congratulations Riley!!! We are so proud of you!!! Thanks for the Memories!!!

Lady Broncos from page 1

hurdles with a time of 15.5 and Shalayne placed sixth in the 3200 m run with a time of 12:21. Also competing were the 400 m relay team of Megan Berry, Amy Gann, Kasey Miller and Morgan Hobbs, the 800 m Relay team of Berry, Gann, Miller and Elliott, Gann in the triple jump, Berry in the 100 m Dash and Miller in the 200 m Dash. The team finished in tenth place with 29 points.



Shalayne Hobbs secured a spot at the State Track Meet in Abilene.

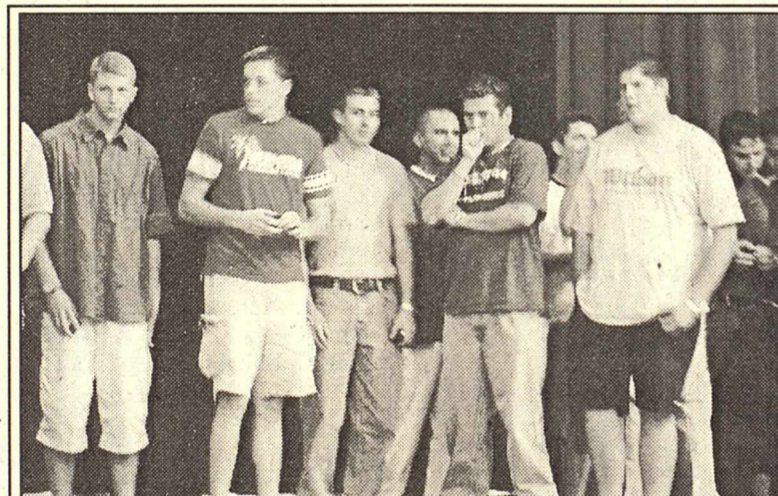
Top Texas Tech Agricultural Students Honored

Lubbock-The Student Agricultural Council of Texas Tech University recognized outstanding students and announced the distinguished teachers of the fall and spring semesters at the annual Agriculture Honors Banquet, which took place April 27 at the Merket Alumni Center.

The banquet recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves and Texas Tech during the school year. Students in each department and each discipline are recognized for their achievements. The event also honors the outstanding student overall for the college.

The outstanding teacher honor for the spring semester was presented to Emmett Elam, Ph.D., a professor in agricultural and applied economics. Dan Thomson, Ph.D., an adjunct professor in animal science and food technology, received the award for the fall semester.

An individual discipline honor was awarded to David Fisher who is a senior horticulture major from Sonora. David is the son of Glen and Linda Fisher.



Sonora Broncos wait to open the boxes holding their 2000 State Champion Rings. The group was honored in a special ceremony on Wednesday, May 2.

Comptroller Rylander Reminds Parents To Enroll Kids In Texas Tomorrow Fund By May 25

Austin-Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander today reminded Texas families that the current Texas Tomorrow Fund enrollment period ends May 25, and they must enroll their children in the program by the deadline to take advantage of current contract prices.

Comptroller Rylander said the most convenient way to meet the May 25 Texas Tomorrow Fund enrollment deadline is to take advantage of the new online enrollment option. About 25 percent of the enrollment applications received so far during the current enrollment period have been submitted online.

"Parents and grandparents can go to the Texas Tomorrow Fund Web site and get answers to their questions about the program, and now they can also fill out an online application and use their Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express card to pay the \$50 applica-

tion fee," Comptroller Rylander said.

"Parents traditionally wait until the final days of Texas Tomorrow Fund enrollment periods to send in their applications, and this enrollment period is no exception," Comptroller Rylander said. "The Texas Tomorrow Fund will be flooded with applications during the next two weeks. Enrolling online will help ensure that your application arrives on time."

The Texas Tomorrow Fund is the state's prepaid college tuition program.

"For just a little bit of money each month, the Texas Tomorrow Fund locks down your child's college tuition and fees at today's prices, and the State of Texas guarantees those expenses will be paid when your child is ready for college, no matter how much costs soar in the future," Comptroller Rylander

said. "Main Street Texans don't have to worry about Wall Street volatility."

"Tuition and required fees at Texas colleges and universities are rising about eight percent per year," Comptroller Rylander said. "Texas Tomorrow Fund contract prices must also increase to keep pace. There will never be a better time than now to enroll your child in the Texas Tomorrow Fund, lock down tuition and fees, and get peace of mind from knowing those expenses are guaranteed to be covered when your child is ready for college."

For details about the Texas Tomorrow Fund, including contract prices and payment options, or to enroll online, visit the Texas Tomorrow Fund Web site at www.texastomorrowfund.org. Information is also available by calling 1-800-445-GRAD (4723).

Teens and Employers Spring into Safety

Austin - Some jobs are too dangerous for workers under the age of 18. Therefore, they are restricted or prohibited by state and federal law. To help employers and workers comply with the laws, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) are offering easy-to-read materials on child labor "bookmarks" to public libraries and high schools statewide to inform young workers about their rights and protections under state and federal child labor laws.

This year's campaign focuses on child labor requirements, coupled with farm safety for those children who can legally work in the agricultural field.

Some 67 young people, age 17 and under, are killed on the job in the United States each year, according to DOL's Bureau of Labor Statistics and more than 210,000 14-17 year olds are injured, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

In Texas, more than 450 employer violations were cited last year, according to TWC statistics.

"Giving teens the opportunity to work, learn responsibility and gain a work ethic as an extremely important element of our society," said TWC Chair Diane Rath. "But it's even more important to be sure this is done safely. I encourage teens, employers and parents to become familiar with workplace laws applicable to teens so that our youth are as safe as possible in the workplace."

"Find out where your teens are working and what their jobs are," said T.P. O'Mahoney, Commissioner Representing Labor. "Let them know it's okay to say no to dangerous work."

Parents also need to know which jobs are prohibited.

"Teens contribute to the workforce, which is an enriching experience for both employers and teens," said Ron Lehman, Commissioner Representing Employers. "Teens are an important segment of our labor force, and employers can best utilize this growing pool of talent by providing a safe work envi-

ronment."

Following is a list of jobs prohibited to teens and sources to contact for further details.

Prohibited Jobs

Seventeen hazardous non-farm jobs, as determined by the secretary of labor, are prohibited to teens under 18 years old.

Generally, teens may not work at jobs that involve:

- Driving a motor vehicle and being an outside helper on a motor vehicle

(Absolutely prohibited for youth under 17; subject to certain conditions for youth age 17)

- Roofing operations*
- Excavating operations*
- Power-driven wood-working machines*
- Power-driven bakery machines*
- Power-driven paper-products machines*
- Power-driven hoisting equipment*
- Power-driven metal-forming, punching and shearing machines*
- Power-driven circular saws, band saws and guillotine shears*
- Meat-packing or processing machines (including power-driven meat slicing)
- Manufacturing brick, tile and related products
- Wrecking, demolition and ship-breaking operations
- Logging and saw-milling

- Exposure to radioactive substances and ionizing radiation
- Manufacturing or storing explosives

*Limited exemptions are provided for apprentices and trainees under specified standards.

Hourly Limitations

• Teens 18 or older may perform any job, whether hazardous or not for unlimited hours, in accordance with minimum wage and overtime requirements.

• Teens 16 and 17 years old may perform any job that's not hazardous, for an unlimited number of hours.

• Teens 14 and 15 years old may work outside of school hours in jobs that are not hazardous or in mining or manufacturing:
-three hours on a school day
-18 hours in a school week
-eight hours on a non-school day
-40 hours on a non-school week

Teens may work between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., except from June 1 through Labor Day, when their work hours may be extended to 9 p.m.

To find out which jobs are restricted or prohibited, or to get other details on child labor laws:

- Call DOL at (800) 959-3652.
- Call TWC's Labor Law division at (800) 832-9243 or (512) 837-9559, or www.texasworkforce.org (employer or worker services)

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Back Talk

Chiropractic Care Questions & Answers

My child slouches in her chair and I was told that this would cause poor posture and back problems later in life. Is this true?

Posture is one of the most important habits we develop as a child. The natural shape of the spine is a "S" curve. Urge your daughter to maintain that "S" by sitting up properly at all times. Parental vigilance is required to ensure a young person's posture is correct but your child will thank you for your concern later in life. At the same time, slouching in young children can be a sign of scoliosis or other problems and a thorough exam of your child could be indicated here.

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White House Asks Rep. Bonilla To Announce President's First Spanish-Language Radio Address



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Officials at the White House this week asked Representative Henry Bonilla (R-TX) to record a radio statement announcing President George W. Bush's first Spanish-language radio address. Mr. Bonilla's Public Service Announcement (PSA) began running nation-wide on Friday and will continue running up until President Bush's radio address.

"I was proud and honored that the White House chose me to record this history-making public service announcement," said Mr. Bonilla. "The fact that President Bush is recording his radio address in Spanish sends a strong signal to our country that he is willing to embrace others and seeking to include all. This is an important moment for the presidency."

Mr. Bonilla's Script for the PSA follows in Spanish and in its English translation:

Spanish Version: "Hola, les habla Henry Bonilla para decirles que este sabado 5 de mayo el Presidente George Bush hara historia ofreciendo el primer discurso presidencial en espanol por radio. Vea los horarios de programacio locales para mas detalles. Muchas gracias." English Translation (not liter-

al): "Hi, Henry Bonilla here to tell you that this Saturday, the fifth of May, President George Bush will make history by giving the first presidential address in Spanish on the radio. See local programing schedules for more information. Thank you very much."

Mr. Bonilla was one of only four people selected by the White House to record the radio statements. Housing Secretary Mel Martinez, Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM) and Representative Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-FL) were also chosen to make recordings.

"President Bush and his administration have made amazing strides for Latinos. It's been only 100 days since his inauguration, but he has already been to Mexico for his first foreign trip, met with hundreds of Latino business leaders, and now he has recorded the first Spanish-language Radio Address in presidential history. Now that's what I call progress," said Mr. Bonilla.

President Bush's first Spanish-language radio address aired nationwide on Saturday, May 5, 2001. The Spanish radio address was provided to the following Spanish-language radio networks for distribution to their affiliates: Radio Unica, Hispanic Broadcasting Corporation, Spanish Broadcasting System and Latino Broadcasting Company.

News From the Neighbors

Artists Harvest

Calling all Texas Artists-All artists who are residents of Texas are invited to apply to the Artists Harvest 34th Annual Exhibit & Sale which will be held on November 3 & 4, 2001 at the Crockett Center, 6301 Hwy 290 East in Austin, Texas.

This event is Austin's Fall Fine Arts Tradition! Exhibitors are chosen by a jury of three arts professionals to ensure an exhibit of exceptional quality. All media is allowed - fine crafts as well as fine art. Slides showing the quality of the artist's work are required. Applications may be obtained by calling (512) 473-3866 and leaving your name and address or email to artlive@texas.net. You may also download applications from the Artists Harvest web site: <http://artlive.home.texas.net/>.

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Center looked even larger when we started to clean up. The Lions Club served their wonderful pancakes which gave us the needed energy to finish the Relay. Many thanks to those who did stay and pick up trash and move tables and chairs.

Ronda and LaDonna, thank you for coming out there Saturday morning, after a long nights sleep, and helping us wrap up Relay. All the bands that entertained us, you were all Great! Mando, once again, thanks for keeping us "rocking" all night.

Tammie, Tibba, Erica, and Kim you are fun and a great team to work with. Chris, thanks to you we had the logistics taken care of, although you got off light this year at the Civic Center, and Noemi I always enjoy working with you on everything we do together. Thanks to everyone for their devotion to making Relay for Life the event of Sutton County.

Now, that all of that is said, we cannot forget the "TEAMS", ya'll are just awesome. Together you raised \$21,000. Please pat yourselves on the back. We had a blast with all of you this year and look forward to beating cancer together again next year. Of course every year we have to say "Thanks" to the husbands of Relay for Life: Brian, Mickey, Petie, Danny, James, and Steve. All of you men are lucky to have us hard working women in your lives (ha ha).....Storie and I really want to thank our "friends" who listened to us plan Relay for Life 24-7, I know it was colorful at times. We also want to thank Kendra and Joann in San Angelo, and the Sutton County American Cancer Society Board members.

Lou Faulks, you are a special one. We will go ahead and thank Lou for helping us write Thank you notes in the next couple of weeks. Lou, you're the best!

With appreciation,
 Shanna Petty and Storie Sharp

Senior Center Celebration

May is Older American Month in Texas. Everyone is encouraged to make time to visit the Senior Center any time, but especially during Sr. Center Week, May 13th - 18th. There will be an open house on Thursday, May 17at 7:00 p.m. in honor of our Seniors and all who have supported as volunteers, businesses, vendors and more. There will be snacks, punch, entertainment and door prizes. Make plans now to attend. For more information call 387-5657 or 387-3941.

Thanks to Mrs. Stephen for inviting the Sutton County Senior Citizens to be the guests of honor at the Sonora Middle School Culture Fair on May 1st. Those that attended included Maria Leija, Lucy Ramos, Candi Guerra, Rosa Galindo, Aurora Cardenas, Elida Castro, Eloida Galindo, and Rosalba Chavez. Thank you also to Lesa and Lilia for taking them to the Civic Center. I would also like to thank these two ladies for taking care of things while I was gone in April. I traveled to New Mexico for my granddaughter Nicole's first communion, then to Midland for my other granddaughter Ariel's communion. On April 29th I traveled to Lubbock to the Annual Texas Joint Conference on Aging. There were some great workshops, speakers and lots of information. While there, I had a good visit with Carol Thorp who now works for Texas Legal Services. She told me to say hi to everyone in Sonora. Olivia Longoria also attended the conference, along with center directors from Ozona, Eldorado, Junction, Brady, Mason and the Area Agency on Aging group from San Angelo. Everyone had a great time. Next year's conference will be in Kerrville, Texas.

Attention High School Students - we need volunteers to deliver meals or help at the Center at least once a week. Help make a difference in a Senior's life - sign up now! Call or come by the Center.

There was a great turn out for the Mother/Daughter outing on Sunday, May 6, 2001. Thanks to the new Senior Center Support Group everyone had a great time. Charlotte Wilson entertained everyone on the piano and snacks were served to about 41 guests. Those attending were: Eloida Galindo, Carmen Sanchez, Barbara Urbanski, Dorothy Baker, Mecca Glasscock, Dorothy Jungk, Billie Gulden, Rosa Galindo, Juanita Chavez, Candi Guerra, Marguerite Barker, Charlotte Wilson, Rosalba Chavez, Elida Castro, Odilia Paredes, Maria Leija, Maria Carrasco, Beatrice Artiaga, Ofilia Torres, Lucy Ramos, Guadalupe Mendez, Maggie Bernal, Juanita Herrera, Aurora Cardenas, Jeanette Cooper, Elia & Adrian Gomez, Eulojia Flores, Victoria

Romero, Doris Grantland, Gloria Kerbow, Jean Redman, Gretta Smith, Beverly Howard, Mary Gilly, Marie Aldwell, Lura Sawyer, Gaile Cade, Vicenta Lopez, Luan King, Olivia Longoria and Juanita Mesa.

The oldest mother, grandmother, most children, grandchildren, great grandchildren AND shortest mom award went to Eulojia Flores (and she's only 99 years old!). The youngest mother was Carmen Sanchez. The mother married the longest was Eloida Galindo. The mother who came the farthest was Carmen Sanchez. The tallest mom went to Billie Gulden (Dorothy Jungk's mom). The "mother in law to be" award went to Rosalba Chavez.

Extra prizes went to Beverly Howard and Gretta Smith who last went to Hawaii, a "mom who had a pocket comb with broken teeth" went to Beverly Howard, "mother who lived six months in another state or country" went to Barbara Urbanski.

Everyone enjoyed the outing and the committee is already making plans for another fun event.

Everyone is encouraged to sign up for the Spring Fling in San Angelo on Wed., May 16th. Both vans will be going. You can eat there and enjoy all the Free things offered. Fun, Fun, and lots of goodies. Call Lilia now! We also have some nominees for the Fifth Annual Concho Valley Senior Hall of Fame.

The Birthday party at the Center this month will be on May 24th. A cake has been donated by Lala Hernandez. May babies are: Odell Flores, Beto Duran, Santos Hernandez, Maggie Bernal, Mary Swithart, Telis Solis, Samuel Sanchez, Gloria Kerbow, Jean Redman, Elvira Garcia, Juanita Contreras, Bettye Hardegree, Alex and Maggie Noriega, Yolanda Samaniego and our Kooking with Kelly - Kelly Thorp. Join us for cake and punch.

There is still Bingo every Monday. We are having a special "Pepcid" bingo, presented by the Senior Network, Inc. on Wed. the 23rd, after lunch. There will be free samples and prizes for everyone.

I will say good-bye for now and a final thanks to Mrs. Betty Garza for helping out at the Center while the cook was out. Amelia Ramos is back and slowly, but surely is recovering from her knee surgery. Welcome back Amelia, we missed you and are glad to have you back.

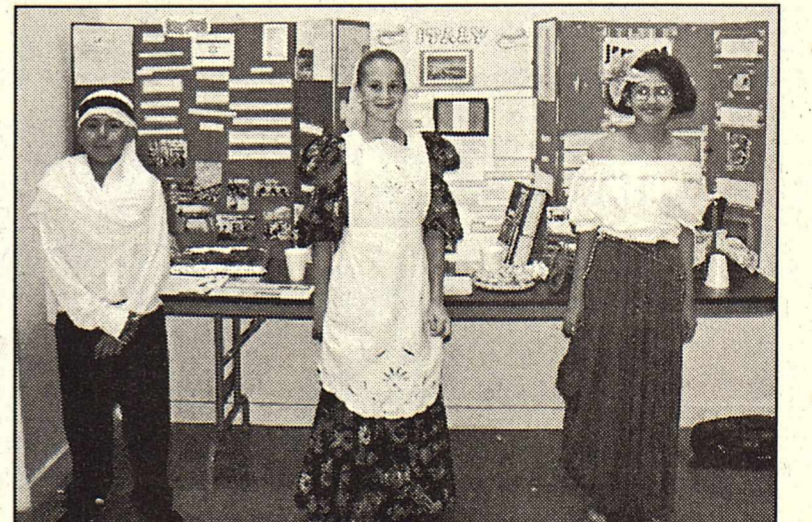
Remember we will be closed on Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day, but sign up now for a holiday meal.

Thanks 'till next time,
 Juanita Mesa

6th Graders Celebrate Cultures



Students perform a traditional "May Pole" and "Hora" dance for visitors at the 6th grade Culture Fair.

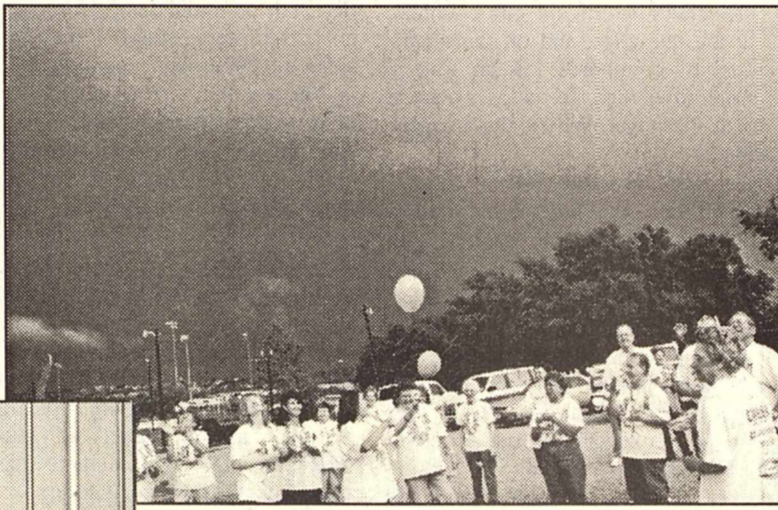
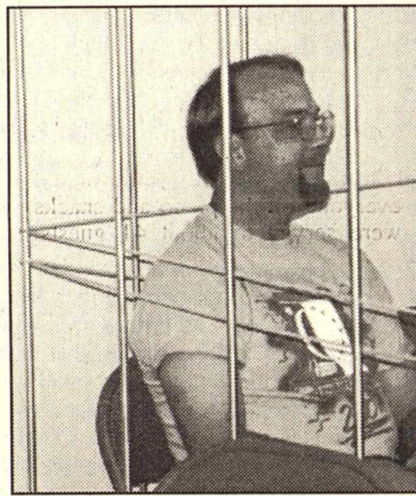
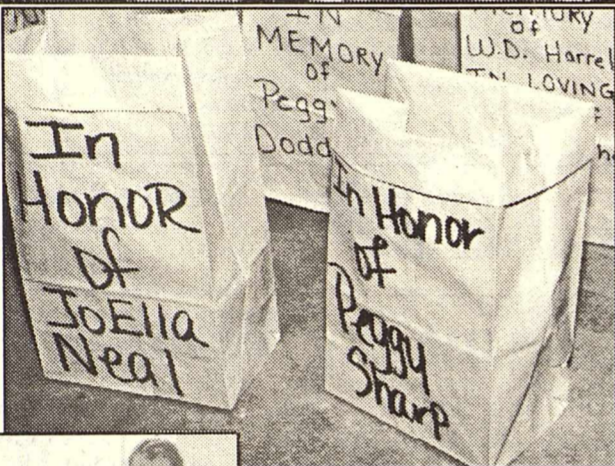
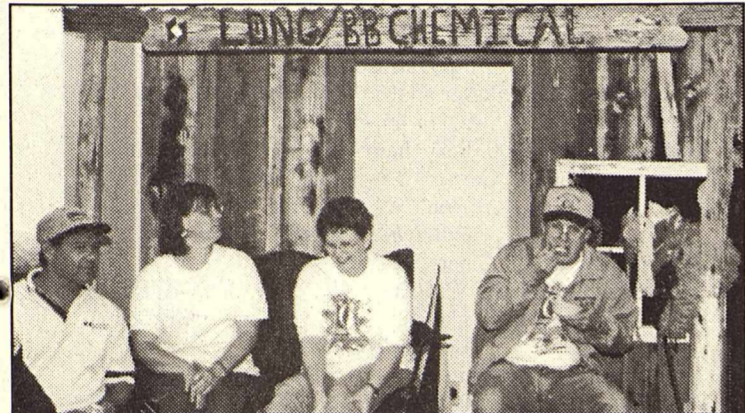


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Landscape Horticulture & Water Conservation Gardening Clinic Announced

Preston Faris, County Extension Agent-AG, has announced that the Sutton County Extension Program Council in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will host its second Landscape Clinic at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center beginning at 7:00 P.M. and lasting until 9:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 22, 2001. The instructor for the event will be Mr. John Begnaud, County Extension Horticulturist for Tom Green County. Begnaud will target water conservation by discussing proper water techniques, fertilizer types and rates, best plant varieties, landscape renovations, and other topics of interest. Interest in a fall tour to San Angelo will be explored. The cost for the clinic will be \$5.00 per person and the first 35 to register by calling the Sutton County Extension office at 387-3101 will be accepted. Our neighbors from Crockett and Schleicher Counties are also invited to attend. If there are special accommodations required for anyone planning to attend, that person is asked to please notify the county extension office no later than 5:00 P.M. on May 15, 2001, so that every effort can be made to meet those special needs. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

Saving the Family from page 3

lose a family farm or ranch, we lose a family. The loss of these families has led to a vacuum of leadership within small communities, which of course has meant fewer leaders on the school boards, the city councils, in the churches, and on the chambers of commerce. Each time a small town dies, Texas loses a piece of its heritage. Why is this happening?

Federal Estate Tax

Today, the federal tax rate is 37% to 55% for all estates with assets over \$675,000, the unified credit. For those of us who are fortunate to have studied tax law we know that the unified credit represents the amount of assets not subject to the federal estate tax. This credit is expected to rise to cover \$1,000,000 in assets by 2006. However, it takes very little land and very few minerals to reach a fair market value of \$675,000 or \$1,000,000 for that matter. Furthermore, for ranches with an estimated value over \$10,000,000 there is no unified credit, which means these larger ranches and farms are taxed at an effective rate of 60% upon the death of a patriarch or matriarch. The consequence is that families are forced to sell large tracts of their land in order to satisfy their federal estate tax burden. Proud men and women work their whole lives to build their farms and ranches only to find their life's work diminished at their death. Large and vibrant family farms and ranches become smaller and smaller as each new generation faces the federal estate tax hurdle. As the size of these farms and ranches diminish so does the amount of revenue that can be earned through farming, ranching, and hunting. Therefore, the incentive to stay on the family farm or ranch becomes less attractive with each passing generation.

The most punitive aspect of the estate tax is that it discourages family farmers and ranchers from acquiring more land. What is the point of growing your family farm or ranch if it is just going to be sold upon your death in order to pay your taxes? For example, a young Texan who inherits a 2,500-acre ranch in the year 2001 with a fair market value of \$500 per acre must pay a federal estate tax of \$227,800. What is most striking about this example is that there are no other assets in the estate: no cash, no certificates of deposit, no securities, no other assets at all. Therefore, the amount of tax owed to the United States' government in the above example would be substantially higher in a real life situation. Regardless, the only choice for the young Texan in our example is to sell part of his land to pay the federal estate tax.

Many farmers and ranchers may be under a false impression that a \$1,300,000 exclusion from the estate tax exists for family-owned businesses (including farms and ranches). But, in reality, the exclusion is much smaller if it exists at all. The Taxpayers Relief Act of 1997 created the exclusion for qualified family owned business. Today, the exclusion is \$625,000 - not \$1.3 million. Furthermore, this amount will decrease to \$300,000 by 2006. Moreover, many family farms and ranches do not even qualify for the exclusion because of its unusually complex requirements. Tax experts overwhelmingly agree that the legislation creating the exclusion is so badly flawed it will need to be amended before it

becomes effective for all family farms and ranches. Another area of concern for rural landowners is that the exclusion does not apply to assets that produce rents and royalties. The potential danger for ranchers and farmers is the IRS may consider revenue from hunting rents and/or royalties and disqualify any land used for that purpose. Therefore, the only certain relief from the estate tax for family farms and ranches is the unified credit.

The good news for Texas' farmers and ranchers is that the present occupant of the White House vows to get rid of the so-called "death" tax, which is the combined federal estate and gift tax payable at death. Furthermore, legislation repealing the estate tax has passed the House of Representatives. This legislation would phase out the estate tax over the next ten years. The bad news for farmers and ranchers is that this legislation has a difficult path to travel before becoming law. On the Senate side, any repeal of the estate tax must originate in the Finance Committee. The repeal of the estate tax is very likely to overcome that obstacle, but it will face its largest challenge on the floor of the evenly divided United States Senate. If the federal estate tax repeal makes its way out of the Senate it must be reconciled with its counterpart in the House of Representatives. At that point, a Conference of selected Senators and Congressmen have to work compromises from their competing bills. If the bill makes its way out of Conference, it must go back to the House and Senate for their respected approval and only then will it make it to President Bush's desk for his signature. Furthermore, future administrations may reintroduce the estate tax in future tax bills. Therefore, even if the estate tax is abolished this year future presidents and congresses could bring it back to life!

According to the Wall Street Journal, one likely compromise on estate tax relief is to raise the unified credit over a period of years from \$675,000 to \$2,000,000 which would help but not cure the problem for small family farms and ranches due to appreciation of real property. With the spread of hunting in the State of Texas, land values are appreciating faster than ever. For example, land in Shackelford County that was valued at \$400 an acre a few years ago is now worth close to \$700 an acre depending on the amount of wildlife and the location. The same is true in counties all over the state, which are witnessing a new revenue source through hunting. So, in effect tomorrow's heirs may be in the same situation as the young Texan in the above example, if not worse off, due to rapid appreciation in land value. The bottom line? The fact that the current President of the United States supports a repeal of the estate tax does not necessarily mean that tomorrow's Texas family farmers and ranchers will ever see complete relief from the tax.

Glen Webb is the Chief Executive Officer of 2 Diamond W, L.L.C., the corporate general partner of his family's limited partnership, which owns a family ranch in Throckmorton, Texas. Glen is also an attorney with the firm Looper, Reed, & McGraw located in Dallas and Houston, Texas.

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The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) works hand in hand with producers to implement practices and programs to protect and preserve water quality and more importantly the environment. NRCS has a wide variety of programs and production techniques that protect the environment and enhance productivity. "Farmers and ranchers care about the communities where they live, and work hard to do their part to protect and preserve the environment in which they raise their families. Our requests for technical assistance and program applications continue to grow as producers strive

to do even more to protect the environment and improve their production." John Burt, NRCS State Conservationist said.

Since 1990, more than 43,000 acres of wetlands in Texas have been restored under the Wetlands Reserve Program. Wetlands filter and collect sediment from runoff water, helping prevent mud from clogging lakes and reservoirs farther downstream.

In the past year, NRCS has worked with producers to develop nutrient management plans for more than one million acres. These plans help producers manage the organic and inorganic nutrients so they are used by the crops and not allowed to escape to bodies of water.

More than 100,000 acres of buffer strips have been installed in the past six months. Buffer strips are small strips of land planted to permanent vegetation, along rivers, lakes and streams to filter pollutants before they reach the water.

"We are proud of the producers in Texas and their tremendous commitment to conservation," Burt said. "These are only a few examples of their strong commitment."

For more information on NRCS programs and activities please contact your local NRCS office.

Entrepreneurship Workshop For New And Potential Rural Business Owners

AUSTIN May 7, 2001 — For many, starting or operating a business is challenging and sometimes confusing. To help agriculture-related business owners develop their markets, the Texas Department of Agriculture is hosting a two-part entrepreneurship workshop on June 1-2 in San Angelo and June 22-23 in Dallas.

The first part of the workshop will be June 1-2 at the San Angelo Research and Extension Center, 7887 U.S. Hwy. 87 North, in San Angelo. On Friday, the session will be 10 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Individuals will receive expert practical advice on such topics as product planning, developing and testing; understanding the consumer and retailer; costing; promotion and marketing; and finances and budget management.

The second part of the workshop will be June 22-23 at the TDA North Texas Regional Office, 1720 Regal Row Suite 118, in Dallas. On Friday, the session will be 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. It will include tours of the Dallas International Gift and Gourmet Market during market time as well as presentations by industry leaders on addressing competitors, competition strategies and marketing avenues through a direct contact approach.

"This is a great opportunity for business owners to network one-on-one with buyers to learn what they

are looking for as well as to possibly close some deals," Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said.

For more information or to register for the free workshop, contact Sheri L. Drago, director of marketing and economic development for the North Texas Region at (214) 951-9655.

"All of Texas cannot prosper unless rural Texas prospers," Combs said. "Through these workshops we want to be able to provide the knowledge, resources and contacts necessary for rural business owners to get started, thrive and grow."

Other event sponsors include the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Mohair Council of America, Texas Food and Fiber Commission and Texas Woman's University.

These workshops are a result of TDA's Sheep and Goat Economic Adjustment Strategy Study. The Economic Development Administration funded the study to assist the sheep and goat industries and communities dependent on those industries. The study and workshops are a cooperative effort among TDA, EDA, A&M, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association and community leaders to improve economic development in rural Texas.

TDH Reminds Consumers to Stop Using Recalled Items

The bread slides out of the under-the-counter toaster at just the right shade and texture. But along with turning the wheat slices a golden brown, this particular brand of toaster is scorching cabinets and - all too often - causing fires.

Black & Decker Toaster Model T1000 TY1 was recalled in 1997 because of a potential fire hazard. Although approximately 234,000 toasters were sold, only about 19,000 consumers responded in the first six months after the recall, a fact that illustrates the problem of getting consumer attention.

"Removing recalled products from major retail outlets before they are sold usually is not difficult," said Annabelle Dillard of the Product Safety Division at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "But getting consumers to give them up later can be a challenge."

Despite recall notices and public warnings, many old hazardous products are still found in homes, flea markets, resale shops and garage sales. Even years later, recalled items such as toys, household appliances, heaters, lamps or children's furniture can be dangerous if they are still in circulation.

"People, especially children, have been injured or killed by unknowingly using items that have been recalled. These products just keep resurfacing," Dillard said. "There is no such thing as an old recall. If it is still being used, it's still a danger."

One week each spring, TDH product safety inspectors visit resale shops to remind owners and managers about potential hazards associated with recalled products. Many small resale shops do not get in-

mation on recalled products directly from the manufacturer, so TDH product safety inspectors work year round with shop owners and managers to keep them up to date.

"We try to remind consumers that recalled items could still be in circulation and still be dangerous to use," Dillard said. "Recalled items are hard to track once they are in use because they may be resold or given away by unsuspecting consumers," she said.

TDH works with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to handle about 300 recalls of defective or dangerous products annually.

When a recall is first issued, retail outlets are notified to remove the item from store shelves. Consumers are asked to stop using the product immediately and return it to the store where it was purchased for repair or replacement.

Consumers can learn about a recall from the retailer who originally sold the item, notices in the media or directly from the manufacturer by mail.

"It's important for consumers to fill out and return the registration card that comes with a new product," Dillard said. "These cards help manufacturers keep track of buyers and let them know about any recall."

Both TDH and CPSC have complete information on recalled items including specific problems and suggested remedies. For help identifying recalled products or to report an unsafe consumer product or product-related injury, contact the TDH Product Safety Division at 512-834-6773 or check the TDH Web site at www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/ps/index.htm.

Information also is available from CPSC's toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-2772, on the CPSC Web site at www.spcc.gov or by fax 24 hours a day by subscription. Fax-on-Demand Service may be ordered by calling 301-504-0051. Information for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-638-8720. Consumers also can report product hazards to info@cpcc.gov. For a list of major recalls, send a postcard to Recall List, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

But even without specific recall information, Dillard urges consumers to check toys, furniture, appliances and equipment for safety hazards. "You may just suspect that an item is not working correctly or may be causing problems," she said. "At that point, just stop using the item."

Legislature Produces Ag Policy To Ensure Food And Fiber Production's Future

by Jeff Wentworth
State Senate, District 25

Although the number of Texans engaged in day-to-day farming and ranching has decreased significantly over the last 50 years, agriculture annually contributes at least \$50 billion to the state's economy.

The Texas Legislature recently focused its attention on this small but vitally important sector of the economy with the passage of Senate Bill 331 by Senator Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls. SB 331 is the result of the Legislature's continuing effort to reestablish a statewide agricultural policy that will ensure that the state's agricultural industry would remain intact and viable for future generations.

Legislative efforts began when the 76th Legislature passed the Agriculture and Rural Development Act of 1999, which required the Legislature to conduct a comprehensive study of the condition of agriculture. Former Lieutenant Governor Rick Perry and Speaker of the House Pete Laney established the Joint Agriculture Policy Committee which met between legislative sessions in 2000.

The committee recommended expanding Texas' agriculture policy in 16 areas including water, property rights, transportation, availability of capital, product promotion, research and education, rural economic and infrastructure development, and tax policies. SB 331 incorporates these and other recommendations into the Agricultural Code. The bill was passed by the Legislature, signed by Governor Rick Perry, and takes effect on September 1, 2001.

Because Texas' recurring droughts can decimate crops and force ranchers to sell their herds, SB 331 assigns a high priority to the agricultural use of water. If Texas agriculture is to thrive, it must have a reliable water supply. A rapidly increasing population and periodic droughts are draining water resources.

Ensuring a future water supply

for rural and urban Texans is a daunting task which the 75th Legislature addressed when it passed a comprehensive water bill in 1997. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) are working with regional water planning groups to implement the bill's provisions which includes assistance to groundwater districts for rain-enhancement or cloud-seeding operations.

Although previous Legislatures took the first steps to protect the state's water supply, I asked this Legislature to take another step when I filed SB 1627. That bill would require the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to establish an atmosphere modification research program that would increase the understanding of precipitation and the ability to control precipitation to decrease the effects of drought, hail and flooding on the environment and man-made structures.


I also filed SB 1175 which would transfer the administration of the state's weather modification program from TNRCC to TDA. The Senate approved SB 1175 and sent the bill to the House of Representatives.

Another bill, SB 571 by Senator Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, would allow the Go Texan and Go Texan Partner Program to aggressively market Texas agricultural products.

These and other bills will help ensure a bright future for farming and ranching Texans, for Texans whose jobs are dependent on agriculture and for the millions of Texans who eat the food and wear the fibers produced on Texas farms and ranches every day.

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CONSTRUCTION / MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: San Angelo
Contract 6069-54-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in CONCHO County, etc will be received on May 30, 2001 until 11:00 am and opened on May 30, 2001 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$101,808.00.

Contract 6069-59-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in REAGAN County, etc will be received on May 30, 2001 until 11:00 am and opened on May 30, 2001 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$68,361.20.

Contract 6069-61-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in SUTTON County, etc will be received on May 31, 2001 until 11:00 am and opened on May 31, 2001 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$78,396.35.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below.

Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 3515

State Office

Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office (s)

San Angelo District
District Engineer
4502 Knickerbocker Rd.
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Phone: 915-944-1501

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

Junction Pro Rodeo Starts This Friday

Make plans to attend the Fourth Annual PRCA Twist-Off 2001 Pro Rodeo this week-end, May 11, 12 and 13 in Junction. The event, sponsored by the Hill Country Fair Association, promises fun and entertainment for the whole family.

This year's rodeo, produced by the Terry Walls Rodeo Company, is gearing up to be the best ever. The competition will feature team roping, barrel racing, saddle bronc riding, calf roping, bareback riding, steer wrestling and bull riding. Added money for this year's rodeo is \$10,800. Performances will start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Hill Country Fairgrounds.

In addition to action packed rodeo performances, bull fighting clowns will provide laughs and entertainment while watching out for contestants' safety. There will also be a bicycle giveaway each day.

Everyone is invited to celebrate Mother's Day by bringing moms to the Sunday performance. Mothers will be admitted free with a ticket from the previous nights' rodeo. There will also be a drawing for a Mother's Day prize.

Dancing under the stars begins at 9 p.m. Friday night after the rodeo. Jeff Weber and the Usual Suspects, will provide the dance music until midnight at the HCFA outdoor pavilion. Saturday's after-the-rodeo dance features the music of West Texas band R.U. Redy until 1 a.m.

For more information, contact the Kimble County Chamber of Commerce at 915-446-3190.

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