

Danielle Castro, who is the daughter of John and Annette Castro, visited home with her boyfriend, Ryan Moreno, from San Diego, CA. Both are stationed at Little Creek in

### January 2010 Is School Board Recognition Month



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By Rachel Aguero

ing with their animals is the awards were sponsored by the could to encourage youth extrue showcase of their dedica- First National Bank.

feeding, caring for and work- 4-H & FFA youth. Their show committee did all it

Sutton County Extension them for that. spent in the ring only tells a Agent Pascual Hernandez fraction of the whole story. If commented that, "You can't folks involved in the show. you look deeper you will find beat the response we got from That includes ring stewards, that the exhibitors are show- all of our sponsors. The only announcers, auctioneer, tabing themselves just as much word I can use is amazing. At ulators, awards committee, as they are the animals. By the auction every exhibitor got sales committee, concessions, that measure alone, the Sutton at least \$1,000 for their ani- and of course, the many spon-County Livestock Show of mal-the average was \$1,200, sors." 2010 was an astounding suc- and the high selling animal

hibitors and we are proud of

We certainly thank all the

Virginia Beach, VA. Danielle is serving on the USS Oak Hill, LSD 51, which is an amphibious ship. She has been in training to become a petty officer. Ryan is a mechanic and works on all the naval equipment on base. They both have just returned from deployment in South America and both have orders to deploy to Afghanistan next year.

Ryan enjoyed his visit home with Danielle and was really impressed with the way our community pulls together to honor and support our troops, past and present.



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On Dec. 26, 2009, more than 900 cheerleaders and dancers from around the country headed to London, England to march in the London New Year's Day Parade. In order to be eligible to perform in the parade, cheerleaders and dancers had to attend a UCA or UDA camp and try out for the title of All-American. Being selected as an All-American earn them an invitation to travel to London.

Sonora High School JV Cheerleader, Delilah Aguero, a sophomore, was selected All-American at cheer camp held in July. Delilah knew that with this title, she would get the chance to travel to London! What an awesome opportunity for a 15-year-old girl from a small Texas town!! Once she and her parents got all the paperwork and small details in order (like the cost), they got down to business and started fundraising.

After 5 months of intense fundraising, it was time for DD to board the airplane in Dallas for a 9 hour flight to London. This was a nerve wracking day for her parents, especially since the day before, some man had tried to blow up an international plane.

While in London, DD and the





other cheerleaders were able to tour some really exciting places. A few of the places were: The Buckingham Palace, Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum, St. Paul's Cathedral, Big Ben, The Tower of London, The British Museum, and The Windsor Castle – which is one of the official residents of Her Majesty the Queen!!! Her favorite place was St. Paul's Cathedral - the church where Princess Diana and Prince Charles were married. She was disappointed that they were not allowed to take pictures inside the cathedral.

On the second night there, the girls were treated like queens at a "Disco Cruise" aboard the ship "The Dixie Queen." They danced the night away under the stars as the "Dixie Queen" cruised down the Thames River.

On Jan 1, 2010, it was time to march in the parade!! What an awesome experience! The weather was beautiful, not a cloud in sight! The cheerleaders welcomed the sunny day and were in awe of the thousands and thousands of spectators.

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end. On Jan 2, 2010, after ringing in the New Year in London, it was time for the cheerleaders to return to the USA. Delilah made it home safe and has been on cloud nine ever since.

Delilah is the daughter of Richard and Rachel Aguero of Sonora, Texas.

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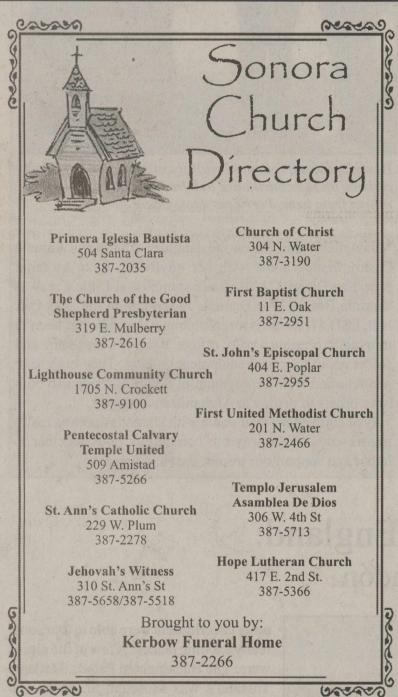
### **Senior Center Activities**

Thur. Jan. 14- Need craft ideas and volunteers Fri. Jan. 15- Run errands and pay bills Mon. Jan. 18- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Center Closed Tues. Jan. 19 - Crafts anyone? Wed. Jan. 20- Van San Angelo call 387-5657

### **Senior Center Menu**

Thur. Jan. 14 - Meatloaf w/sauce, blackeyed peas, fried okra, combread, fruit cocktail and milk Fri. Jan. 15- Chicken supreme, broccoli, green salad, cherry cobbler, and milk Mon. Jan. 18- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Center Closed Tues. Jan. 19- Beef stew, sweet peas, cornbread, citrus fruit cup and milk Wed. Jan. 20- BBQ chicken, beans, beets, milk pears w/pineapple, choc. chip cookies

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 \$2.00; \$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).



# Uncle Mort and First Things First...

### By Dr. Don Newbury

With a new calendar still thick with pages, it is tempting to extend more patience to my Uncle Mort, stopping just short of taking as gospel whatever falls from his lips. He is famous down in the thicket for yapping away in his shadow-box sparring with silence and even long pauses. Only his appointments with sleep make possible snippets of silence for which the region is otherwise known.

Now he's claiming to be "full of fix-up analysis" concerning the turmoil in the Texas Tech football program, and the "tragic death of the University of Arkansas hog mascot."

these issues to the top of my list," Mort sputtered. "To give both of them due consideration, I've put aside plans to organize a torch-light march on Washington. Me and a few other East Texas toughies have a single demand: That all members of Congress take a page from the Nascar handbook, the one requiring drivers to wear decals of sponsoring corporations. If they'd do that, we'd at least know who our D.C. leaders are driving for."...

He expressed sadness about the brouhaha at Tech. Mort thinks there are few winners, with all parties significantly diminished.

"We're suffering from information overload, hearing way too much stuff from every direction," he moaned, "and some of it is probably true." He contends that the ugly scenario in Lubbock could be the springboard for "national reconsideration of higher education priorities by 'big-school, backboned presidents'." Mort, with one more brand to burn, made another strong statement: "When I hear the words 'coach' and 'agent' linked together, I wince." Continuing his ramble, he said that "all the 'coach hiring/firing news' these days reminds him of the musty line about how people who enjoy obeying laws and eating sausage had best not watch either of them being made. He thinks big-time coaches' contract sagas should be added to the list....

The phone cracked; maybe a swarm of mosquitoes buzzed through the signal.

Talking faster than ever, he lamented the "untimely death of Tusk II," Arkansas Razorbacks' 500-pound Russian boar mascot. The porcine seemingly "gave his all" for the team in its 20-17 conquest of East Carolina in the Memphis, TN, Liberty Bowl.

The remainder of his conversation came through in bits and pieces, but here is what I deduced, subject to possible correc- Guadalupanas for the delicious meal and kind words of suption later....

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## **Thank You Notes**

There are many, many people that helped make my trip to London possible. I would never have been able to accomplish this goal without the help of the wonderful people of Sonora! Thank you to all of you that baked cakes for my bake sales and those who bought them. Thank you to everyone who ordered Krispy Kreme donuts or Mudhouse candles, also to all of the students of Sonora Middle School who kept coming back for popsicles and glow necklaces!! Thank you Bronco Nation who donated money at the Dec. 18th Lady Broncos game! Thank you to all who donated money just because you wanted to help me out! Thank you to the following businesses that helped sponsor me: Sutton County Steakhouse, Taco Grill, Rockhouse Gift Boutique, JMC, Ol' Sonora Trading Company, One Stop Gift Shop, Tidwell Production Company and Uvalco Supply of Uvalde, TX. Thank you to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for letting me set up a table at Sutton County Days. I would especially like to thank my mother for fundraising like a mad woman and reaching our goal and my dad for getting me to and from the airport. Last, but not least, I would like If his intent was to pique my interest, it worked. "I've moved to thank my cheer sponsor, Mrs. Jennings, for making me try out for All American!!!! I would've never done it, without her encouragement.

> Sincerely, Delilah Aguero

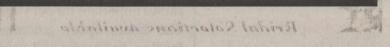
### Citizens of Sonora and Sutton County

My sincere thanks to each of you who attended the reception held for me last Wednesday at The Bank and Trust. I was honored and feel very blessed to have been chosen by the Mayor and City Council as the new city manager for the wonderful City of Sonora. This is a great community and with your help, we will make it even greater. It was a priviledge to meet everyone. Please come by City Hall anytime-my door is always open. A special thanks to Ann Kay and the Friends of Historic Sonora, KHOS Radio and The Devil's River News for sponsoring the reception and additionally to The Bank and Trust for hosting the reception in their beautiful bank.

> Happy Trails, Judy Miller

We would like to thank all those who participated in our local Salvation Army drive to make our first year a success. Thanks to all your generous donations, we were able to help several local families in need during the holidays. A special thank you goes to Dairy Queen, Alco, Sonic, The Mercantile on Main & Food Center for allowing us to set up at their locations. We would also like to thank all the young men & ladies who stood out in the cold for us and rang the bell. They did a fantastic job. Hope to see you again in December of this year.

Thanks Again Terry N Duckworth, Chairman & Juanita Estrada, Treasurer



A special thank you to Father Fernando for the wonderful service, St. Ann's Choir for the beautiful music, and the

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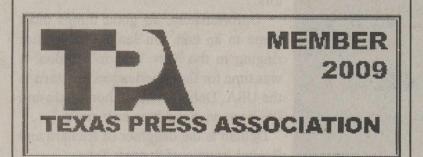
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Mort thinks that the Pirates' ace field goal kicker, Ben Hartscorer, he kicked game-winning field goals in six previous Barrera, and Johnny Rodriguez. games, including four as time expired. Against the Hogs, however, he missed on four, including three of 39 yards or less in the late going. He had booted a school record 77 straight extra points, and in the 2008 season was voted "best under pressure" by opponents in Conference USA. Hecklers may have chanted "shanks a lot" to this nationally-recognized kicker who'll have nightmarish memories of his final collegiate game.

Mort mentioned the word "tuckered" as he re-thought his "hog-hexing" theory. "Why he probably over-worked his heart," my uncle analyzed. (Tusk II was pronounced, hmmmmm, "un-alive" just two days after the game. Though there was no autopsy, swine flu has been ruled out. Some Arkansas hecklers noted that the mascot had served four years, so technically, his eligibility expired at the same time he did.)

Razorback rooters are heartened that his little brother, Tusk III, is ready to assume the mascot role. (Detailed info at wholehog.com.) A final thought on the subject is that maybe we've been using the "old South" expression wrong for decades. Should it be "root hog AND die?"...

Let him who would enjoy a good future waste none of his present. Roger Babson



Sr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House

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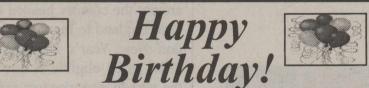
port during Marie's funeral. Thank you Lizzie Chavez for the beautiful songs at the cemetery and to Amanda and Mage for leading the Rosary at the funeral home.

We would also like to thank the pallbearers; Juan Carlos man, was victim of a "hog hex." The team's all-time leading Gonzales, Lemuel Lopez, Juan Jimenez, John Lopez, Jr., Tony

Sandi, thanks for making all this happen.

Mil gracias, Ernesto, Jose Gerardo, y Diego Barrera

> Pre-need funeral insurance and monument sales Contact: Glen Love Kerbow Fyneral Home -2266



**January** 14 Japha Routh, Christian Kesinger, Jody Trainer, Olivia Banda

**January 15** Trey Wardlaw, Gary Hardgrave, Danette Maddux, Bill Savell, Baby D. Davila, Kirby Traylor, Monica Lujan

### **January 16**

Nancy McAngus, Austin Herd, Dana Young, Edward Mata, Jr., Joe Longoria, Bill Stewart, Jo Davis, Jacquelynn Castillo, Anthony Mata, Juanita Mesa, Monica Lujan, Spurr Farley

**January 17** David Wallace, Felipe Estrada, Tina Watkins, Ruben Garza, Lisa Slaton, Antonio Lopez

#### **January 18**

Alexis Aguirre, Allanna Aguirre, Richard Ridgeway, Jed Leal, Rose Karnes, Rene Vasquez, Colby Savell, Kent McAnally, Michael Creek, Jim Polonis

**January 19** Thomas Hanson, Abb Smith, Keith Wallace, John Lopez, Sr., Mario Hernandez, Randy Knight, Alexis Guerra, Heather Lock, Kristy C. Sanchez, Rogelio Cardona,

**January 20** Erin Payton, Cindy Feagin, Jesse Burris, Rusty Garner, Joshua Frank Esquivel, Weedy Zorn



Don Surridge, Tom Blazé, and Tony Lane

### Submitted by Frank Wamble

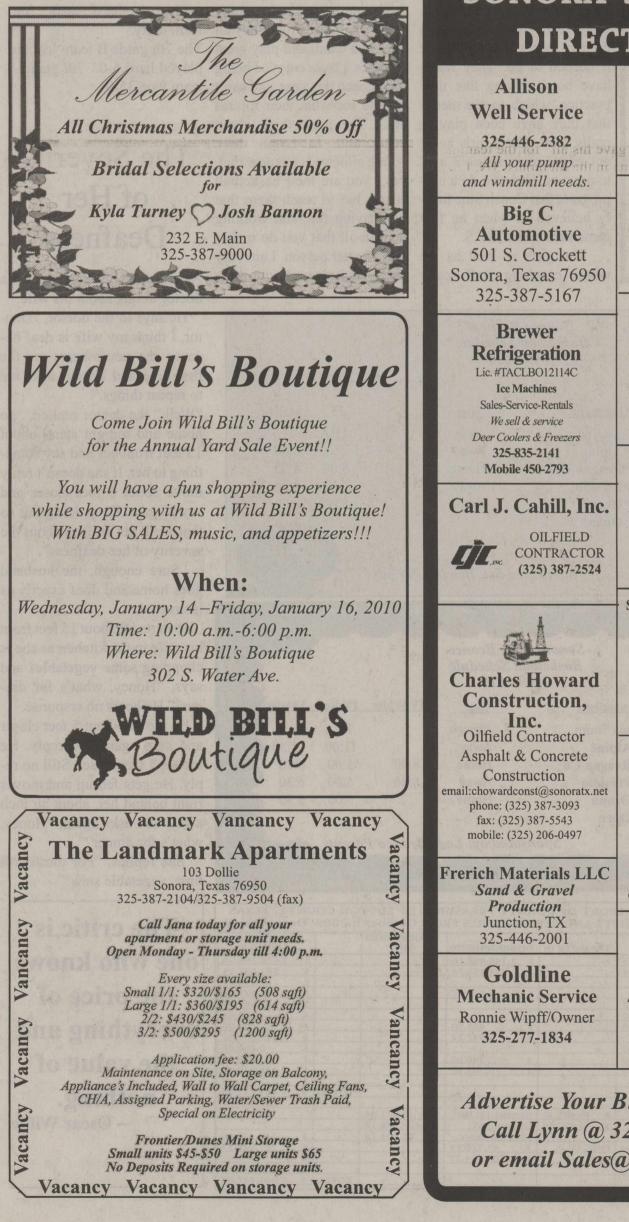
The Lions Club hopes all will have a Happy New Year. Our first meeting of the new year was almost flawless. Tradition has it, that the first meeting of each month we have a little birthday for the membership. The party went as planned recognizing the birthdays of Mr. Bill Stewart, Mr. Archie Crenwelge and Col. Pete Bradley. The only flaw was NO ICE CREAM. This will be fixed for future parties.

The club welcomed Ms. Judy Miller, the Sonora City Manager, and we hope she will accept our invitation for membership. We assured her that women are members and we would love to have more of them.

Our program focused on Vision Care with a program provided by Mr. Tom Blazé of the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center. Tom provided a first class Lions Vision overview which was extremely beneficial to our club and will benefit children in our community. He talked about all the programs the Lions are involved with, but the new Childrens Eyeglass Program supported by the Lens laboratory located in Midland will be the main focus.

The bottom line is lowering the cost of children's eyewear. The Lions can help. After an eye exam we can provide frames and armed with the prescription can have the lens lab make the lens inexpensively. Thanks, Tom, for a first class program and support of the Lions for over 37 years. You are always welcome in Sonora.

The Eye Glass points of contact for Sonora Lions Club are Mr. Tony Lane 325-387-5235 and Mr. Don Surridge 325-387-2883.



# **GMA-7** Water Conference for the General Public

### Submitted by Jim Polonis

Submitted by Jim Polonis The Groundwater Management Area – 7 (GMA-7) com-posed of 32 counties, including Sutton county, is hosting a wa-ter conference for the general public on Saturday, April 17, 2010 in San Angelo, TX from 8:30am till 5:30pm. This con-ference will have presentations from eleven speakers knowl-edgeable with water issue policy, law; legislation, geology, quality, weather, riparian, and brush control. More details will be announced and published in the weeks to come. Place this date on your calendar, very important information about our water will be discussed at this conference. For more infor-mation contact the Sutton County Underground Water District (325) 387-2369.

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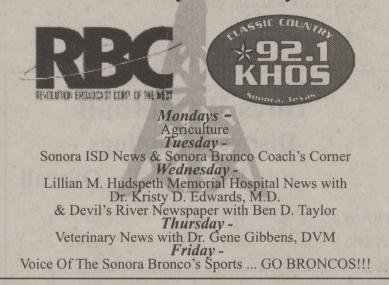
Students of the Week for Sonora Elementary School for the week of December 18, 2009



PK – Mario Guerrero, Not pictured: K – Romeo Torres, 1 – Juan Ruiz, 2 – Allison Murphy, 3 – Avery Leamon, 4 – Kaytlyn Noriega

The Voice of the Sonora Broncos

### 8:30 Morning Show with Eddy and Cindy



Census Jobs Apply Now- 1-866-861-2010. There will be a local application process and testing weekly. Please call for more information.

VIVA SONORA-Registration for Viva Sonora 2010 Miss Cinco de Mayo is underway. A chance to win a \$1000.00 scholorship. Please register with Michelle Faz at The Bank

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Classes are beginning for anyone interested in Foster Care or Adoptive Parenting through Child Protective Services of

The meetings will be held at Lighthouse Community Church starting on Jan. 9, 2010, and will continue on every Saturday for six weeks from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. For more information, please contact Yvonne Martinez at (325) 657-8833.

Viva Sonora Cinco de Mayo - May 1, 2010 Featuring: United Freestyle Stunt Team-3 performances, www.unitedfreestyle.com

Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is having a Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 1, 2010 at the Fire Hall. Your donations for clothing, household items and etc. are tax deductible and most welcome. Please contact Sandee Reese at 325-387-5368 or Christy Lippman at 325-206-1342 to arrange a donation drop-off today.

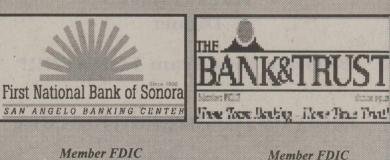
Need a Dunking Booth for a party or fundraiser? Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary has a dunking booth for rent. Call Tommie Sanchez at 226-8271 for availability and rates.

The 144th Narcotics Anonymous Group meets every Saturday at 5:00 p.m. in the Reception Hall of The Church of the Good Shepherd, 319 N.E. Mulberry. FMI, call 387-4941

Rent the Depot or Icehouse Ranch Museum for your special party or event. Call 325-387-5084 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

Sonora High School Alumni - Register at www.sonorahighalumni.com. For more information log on to sonoraalum@aol.

The First National Bank of Sonora has established a fund through the "Sutton County Community Trust" for Shanna Petty. If you would like to make a donation, you can take it by the bank at 102 E. Main or mail to First National Bank, P.O. Box 798, Sonora, TX 76950, attention Jo Ann Jones



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## January 2010 Is School Board **Recognition Month**



Standing L to R: Don Gibson, Tommy Van Winkle, Jesse Bustamante, Jerry Jimenez, Tryon Fields, President; Vice-President; Barbara Jennings, Secretary; Dawn Cahill, and **Carol Pope** 

### Submitted

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month to help highlight the contributions of dedicated men and women who take the time to care about our local schools.

Sonora ISD will join dis-

districts.

children, school board mem- education. Help us show bers face difficult challeng-

### es. These local citizens, our neighbors, are elected by the community to make critical decisions that directly affect the future of our youth. They work tirelessly, devoting countless hours to help ensure a quality education that will lead our students to success, " said Don Gibson, Sonora ISD Superintendent.

"Our school board members are a vital link between the community and the classroom. They bear responsibility for an annual budget of \$27,000,000, over 925 students, 175 employees, and tricts across the state to thank three campuses. Their job is board members for volun- not an easy one, but they have tarily tackling the enormous a commitment to serve their job of governing local school community and ensure that all students are given every "As advocates for our opportunity to excel through appreciation to these board members for giving of themselves and caring so much about every child enrolled in our schools," Gibson said.

> The men and women serving Sonora ISD as board members are: Tryon Fields, President; Tommy Van Winkle, Vice-President; Barbara Jennings, Secretary; and Jesse Bustamante, Dawn Cahill,

> > Victory belongs to the most persevering. -- Napoleon

# Lady Broncos Defeat Presidio: **Remain Undefeated in District**

Score by quarter	1	2	3	4	Final
Presidio	6	11	9	8	34
Sonora Lady Broncos	19	13	13	16	61

Team stats	Sonora Lady Broncos
Points	61
Field goals	23-57 (40.4%)
3 point field goals	3-11 (27.3%)
Free throws	12-23 (52.2%)
Rebounds (Total-Off.)	41-15
Assists	21
Turnovers	34
Steals	23
Total fouls	17
Points in the paint	36
Bench points	12

## Lady Colts Basketball: **Battle The Ozona Lions**

### By Coach Kirkland

They really worked hard on and with 37 girls total they all team unity. have been playing like they their coach this year, and can't team won 35-9 practice, which to me means wait to see what their futures that they have been playing are. The great thing about really hard. These girls come being able to coach these out every morning at 7 a.m. young athletes is to know that, to practice, and also do a new yes, you are their basketball program that Coach Sine firm- coach, but to teach them that ly believed in when he first just having fun, and working

The Lady Colts did a great believe in this program, and girls, and the teaching staff as Jerry Jimenez, and Carol job against the Ozona Lady believe that it starts from we all work together to make Lions. The girls played the a young age to install hard sure that these athletes learn best they have all year, as they work in these girls. Both 7th the value of student/athlete, have learned to play as a team. grade teams are playing great, teamwork, hard work, and

> offense to get the ball where play as a team, and play great The 7th grade B team lost but it needed to be. They really together. I have enjoyed being played hard 6-0. 7th grade A

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Presidio	2	1		?	?	
Kermit	1	2		9	9	
Reagan County	1	2		7	2	
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**Girls Basketball** 

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### Deafness

concerned husband went to a octor to talk about his wife.

He says to the doctor, "Docor, I think my wife is deaf beause she never hears me the rst time and always asks me repeat things."

Well," the doctor replied, "go ome and tonight stand about 5 feet from her and say somening to her. If she doesn't reply nove about 5 feet closer and ay it again. Keep doing this so nat we'll get an idea about the everity of her deafness".

Sure enough, the husband oes home and does exactly as structed.

He starts off about 15 feet from is wife in the kitchen as she is hopping some vegetables and ays, "Honey, what's for diner?" He hears no response.

He moves about 5 feet closer nd asks again. No reply. He noves 5 feet closer. Still no rely. He gets fed up and moves ght behind her, about an inch way, and asks again, "Honey, hat's for dinner?"

She replies, "For the fourth me, vegetable stew!"

The critic is one who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing. -- Oscar Wilde

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### **Oil & Agribusiness**

# **Commissioner Staples Chairs New Council** Aimed at Focusing the State's Renewable Energy Policies

missioner Todd Staples called capital of the world. to order the new Texas Bio-81st Texas Legislature to table and defensible," Comand industry experts.

tunity to put together a stra- from the policy." tegic roadmap for attracting The council heard its first tesrenewable energy."

Commissioner Staples set to power the planet. to meet its goal of making to be the cradle for advanced

AUSTIN - Agriculture Com- Texas the renewable energy biofuels of the United States," The study will evaluate the

"For bioenergy policy to be energy Policy Council. The successful in Texas, we must council was created by the ensure it is sustainable, equimake the state a leader in bio- missioner Staples said. "The latest effort to make sure we affect the Texas bioenergy infuel and biomass production. bioenergy industry in Texas Commissioner Staples chairs must be able to stand on its the 18-member board, which own two feet; the governis comprised of policy makers ment should not set mandates and choose winners and los-"The Legislature has given ers; and taxpayers must have this council a powerful oppor- confidence in and see benefit great state."

sustainable bioenegy to Tex- timony from attorney and fedas," Commissioner Staples eral policy analyst Curt Rich. said. "Texas is a leader in both Rich is an expert on issues energy and agriculture. By in- related to energy, the environtersecting two of our state's ment and tax policy. He belargest industries, Texas can lieves the Lone Star State has position itself as a global lead- the resources to lead the world er in the future production of into a new century, where renewable fuels join fossil fuels

forth the criteria that will "Texas is in a very good poguide the council as it works sition and has the opportunity Texas bioenergy industry. and projects.

Rich said.

panel - Sen. Craig Estes and production capacity, research Rep. Rick Hardcastle.

are in a position to one day dustry. have energy independence," 2.) Utilize the bioenergy Sen. Estes said. "This coun- study to develop a strategy to cil needs to work together to establish a stable bioenergy better Texas and to assist in industry in Texas and encourdeveloping new fuels for our age financial investment in re-

meet over the next year to opment and adequate energy develop a comprehensive ac- resources in the state. tion plan that will offer rec- 3.) Develop a process to enommendations for the 82nd sure the pursuit of scientifi-Texas Legislature to use as a cally and economically viable guide to foster the responsible bioenergy projects in the state. growth of bioenergy in Texas. Identify the elements a bioen-

energy Policy Council

charges to the council:

1.) Study the status of the ating proposed technologies

current state of feedstock de-Two legislators sit on the velopment, infrastructure and initiatives and policy/funding

"This is the Legislature's structures as they relate to and

newable energy infrastructure

The bioenergy council will to promote economic devel-

More about the Texas Bio- ergy project must have to be successful and provide as-Commissioner Staples' sistance to entrepreneurs and other stakeholders in evalu-

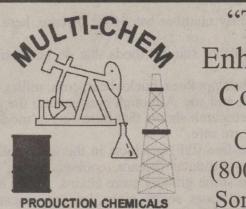


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## Texas QU chapters withdraw from Quail Unlimited, Form Quail Coalition.

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Quail Unlimited Chapters largest region for QU and has ing financial and leadership Cities Quail; the Dallas based from across the state of Tex- been responsible for as much turmoil and reduction in ser- nonprofit who withdrew from as announced that they have as 30% of QU's national fundunilaterally resigned from raising. For several years the Quail Unlimited following Texas Chapters have been man of the Texas Council of and has applied for 501(c)3 prolonged issues with the na- critical of administrative overtional organization based in head and fund allocation by Edgefield, SC. The Texas Re- National QU. The alienation his resignation from the Quail in mid-January and will be gion has historically been the was compounded by continu-

vices at QU.

Unlimited Board of Directors. governed by a statewide group Connolly a non-paid director of volunteer directors.

QU in June '09. The group On November 18, the Chair- formed a Texas corporation Quail Unlimited, Tim Connol- status. Quail Coalition, Inc. ly of Wichita Falls announced anticipates 501(c)3 approval

has been involved with quail "We are excited to be a part conservation in the state for of Quail Coalition" said Joe

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## New AgriLife Extension Associate for Cancer **Prevention Hired**

SAN ANGELO - Fighting cancer through education and early detection are the cornerstones of Marcie Owen's new job.

Owen, a veteran health educator, fills the new Texas AgriLife Extension Service position headquartered in the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center located just north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87.

Owen's job is one of four statewide positions funded by a grant from the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. She will serve as the regional program support for AgriLife Extension agents to implement projects relating to cancer prevention, risk reduction and early detection. She also will coordinate and assist with AgriLife Extension's many ongoing health-related initiatives.

Owen earned a bachelor's degree in therapeutic recreation and a master's degree in occupational and adult education from Oklahoma State University. She also holds teaching certifications in ele-

mentary education grades one through eight, and pre-kindergarten through high school certification in special education, math and English as a second language.

tension, Owen was employed by Shannon Medical Center holding national events over difference" "This is a much in San Angelo where she was the past four to five years and better model. Our members involved with initiating, developing and implementing school health programs for 12 schools in six school districts. In that role, she provided train- the leadership of each chapter ing and technical assistance to program staff, community organizations and academic professionals. She also developed school health tool kits and coordinated workshops and conferences.

Prior to her work with Shannon Medical Center, Owen taught in the Grape Creek and San Angelo Independent School Districts, and served as the executive director of the Children's Advocacy Center of the Concho Valley and as San Angelo's former Saint John's Hospital director of education.

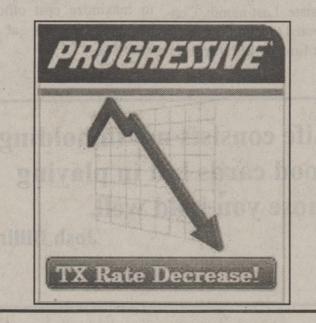
over 20 years and a vocal ad- Crafton, Chairman of Park vocate for reform at OU.

cial issues and I wouldn't at- quail hunters across Texas and tribute all of their problems leadership that has proven to to the economy. A series of be the most committed and acbad decisions has lead to the complished among all sportssituation they are in today." Connolly said "Financial bur- "The money we have raised dens weighing on QU include has been used here in Texas commitments to employee for non profits such as the Until she joined AgriLife Ex- retirement plans, loans on the Rolling Plains Quail Research headquarters building from Ranch. It has already made a continuing to pay a staff of 24 employees."

Concurrent with the dissolu- administrative overhead." tion of the Texas QU Chapters, voted unanimously to create Quail Coalition, Inc.

The process of incorporation was well underway by Park

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Cities Quail. "We will start "QU has some major finan- with over 3,000 committed man conservation groups" have been very clear, more for quail conservation, less for





## Living with Celiac Disease Wheat-Free



Submitted By: Kelly L. Thorp, MS **County Extension Agent- FCS** Texas AgriLife Extension-**Sutton County** 

In 2008, it is estimated that some three million Americans have celiac disease. Those with celiac disease cannot tolerate the protein gluten that is found in wheat, rye, and barley. Gluten can also be found in oats if they are processed in the same plants that process wheat. Although it is sometimes called gluten intolerance, celiac disease is an intestinal disorder, so in reality, it cannot be a food intolerance.

For people with celiac disease, gluten damages the lining of the small intestine. The damaged intestine cannot absorb nutrients very well, which can lead to malnutrition. The symptoms of celiac disease include a painful rash, abdominal cramps, appetite loss, bloating, chronic diarrhea, joint pain, muscle cramps, weakness, and weight loss.

Because those with this lifelong disease cannot tolerate the gluten in wheat, they require a gluten-free eating plan. Once gluten is gone from meals, the small intestine can heal, which may take months or years. Once the intestine heals, nutrient absorption improves, symptoms disappear, and those with celiac disease can live a long, healthy life.

Those who have celiac disease must read food labels. Look for ingredients that contain gluten, such as: barley, rye, triticale; wheat (including durum, graham, semolina, kamut, spelt, emmer, faro); malt or malt flavoring (can be made from barley); malt vinegar (made from barley); and oats and oat products, which can be cross-contaminated with gluten-containing grains

If you or a family member has celiac disease, here are some guidelines:

Eat grains and other starchy foods that do not contain gluten.

These foods include potatoes, buckwheat, corn, millet, nut flowers, quinoa, rice, and soy. Although oats contain the gluten protein, avenin, research shows that pure oats in moderation (1 cup, cooked) are safe.

Shop for gluten-free (GF) products in the marketplace. Dedicated GF bakery products (breads, cookies, cakes, and pies) are available in some grocery store chains. Major food brands offer GF lines (flours, soups, pizza, lasagna, macaroni and cheese, crackers, and pretzels).

Many restaurants have GF menus available on request, so do not be afraid to ask your server if they have such a menu.

Carefully read the ingredient listings on food labels.

Pack gluten-free foods to take with you when eating away from home.

Consult a registered dietitian who can help you develop a gluten-free eating plan. To locate a registered dietitian in your through the passage of an and Texas lawmakers asking area, for a referral to a registered dietitian, or for additional amendment to the U.S. Con- for their support in calling on food and nutrition information, check out the American Di- stitution requiring Congress Congress to pass an amend-

# Genes for Drought-Tolerance, Aflatoxin May Mingle to Boost Corn Production

### **By Kathleen Phillips**

COLLEGE STATION - Scientists plan to put two and will likely yield improved U.S. corn quality and yields. Two traits that impact corn will be examined by two researchers hoping to use basic scientific discoveries to improve products at the farm said. level.

who have been awarded a of Agriculture.

The idea is to use basic development. science which identified the lated genes in the lab of Dr. Michael Kolomiets and ap- in this case, we were able to maladies. ply them in corn breeding shut down each gene in the lab

the project's lead investigator, to environmental stresses." two together in a study that is a corn genetics researcher.

Drought tolerance and af- stems from discoveries Kolo- drought stress. latoxin resistance are the tar- miets has made in researching

# Gov. Perry: **Washington Must Exercise Restraint** with Taxpayer Dollars

creased fiscal restraint at the than \$39,000 per person. federal level and the strengthening of taxpayer protection letters to fellow governors

SAN ANTONIO - Gov. Rick As it stands, the national debt Perry today called for in- equates to a burden of more

The governor today also sent

"We plan to use basic LOX genes is "hijacked" years, is a serious issue beknowledge we learned from when droughty conditions are cause it renders corn inedprevious studies and translate ripe for the Aspergillus fungi ible for humans as well as for that through breeding corn for to ride into the plant with its many livestock, depending drought tolerance and afla- toxins. Yet another member on the content level. Both of toxin resistance," Kolomiets of the gene family is the rea- these concerns cause a blow The "basic knowledge" once the plant is under severe supply is cut by lower yields

Lipids – the fats and oils ers pointed out. gets of the study by Texas a 13-member family of genes in plants like corn, soybeans, AgriLife Research scientists called LOX, or lipoxygenase. peanuts, tree nuts and cotton cotoxins (mostly aflatoxin) He said one LOX fam- - are sought out, it seems, was \$13 million in 2008 - the \$500,000 grant for the proj- ily member is connected to a by pathogens like fungi. So, highest in the nation," accordect by the U.S. Department plant's drought response while Kolomiets reasons, prevent- ing to the researchers. another is linked to aflatoxin ing the gene hijacking – via a

through the expertise of Dr. to decipher what its function lem for corn producers - es- project. Seth Murray. Kolomiets is a is for the plant biology and pecially in the southern U.S.

plant pathologist and Murray, the plant's ability to respond and throughout other parts of the world. Aflatoxin, which It seems that one of the becomes prevalent in drought son for plant aging and death to the economy when the corn or poor quality, the research-

"Loss in Texas from my-

Murray and Kolomiets will mutation of the gene that has begin the four-year project in "A geneticist basically has been shut down - will help January. They will be assistdrought- and aflatoxin-re- to break something to see how corn plants avoid problems ed by Dr. Tom Isakiet, Texas it works," Kolomiets said. "So with these weather-related AgriLife Extension Service plant pathologist, who will Drought is a recurring prob- train graduate students for the

## Texas Takes No. 1 Destination Spot in U.S. For Fifth Year in a Row

heart of Texas than anywhere tal shipments. in the United States in 2009, "Texas remains the best place Report released today.

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etetic Associations website: www.eatright.org.

Visit the Celiac Campaign website at: http://celiac.nih.gov/ and the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive, and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health website at: http://www.digestive.niddk.nih.gov/ddiseases/pubs/celiac/index.htm.

Contact Kelly L Thorp, MS, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Sutton County agent at 325-387-3604 or k-thorp@tamu. edu, for more information.

Resource: Mary Kinney Bielamowicz, Ph.D., R.D., L.D., work that Texas and states Regents Fellow, Professor & Extension Nutrition Specialist, Nutrition & Food Science Department, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M System, College Station, Texas. June 2008 Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, ton's growing avalanche of responsible and difficult decolor, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Ag-

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109 Water St. 325-387-3125 to balance the federal budget. ment to the U.S. Constitution

stitutional limit on Washington's spending sprees and irresponsible borrowing is the only boundary they will understand and heed," Gov. Perry said. "Otherwise, the hard like ours have done to make prudent fiscal decisions will be washed away by Washingexcess."

The governor noted that while Texas has demonstrated a strong commitment to fiscal accountability by setting budget priorities that have helped keep the state's tax burden low and economy strong, the federal government continues to burden future generations with an unprecedented and unmanageable national debt. This irresponsible spending has accelerated in recent years, with Congress pressing for massive expansions of Medicaid, imposing cap-and-tax restrictions, and forcing other policy mandates that threaten the economic prosperity of a statewide inspector general every state. Last month, Con- to maximize cost efficiency gress voted to raise the nation- and effectiveness at state al debt limit to \$12.4 trillion. agencies.

"I am convinced that a con- requiring a balanced federal budget.

> "We are responsible to the taxpayers of our states to budget and lead in a fiscally responsible manner in an effort to keep our states economically competitive and our businesses and citizens prosperous," Gov. Perry wrote to fellow governors. "Yet all the cisions we make will be for nothing if the federal government is allowed to continue to spend our nation into an inescapable pit of debt."

Gov. Perry is committed to protecting Texas taxpayers from runaway spending. This week, the governor also proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution requiring a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to increase taxes, and requiring the Legislature to limit growth in the state budget to no more than growth in population and inflation combined. The governor has also called for the establishment of

Life consists not in holding good cards but in playing those you hold well. **Josh Billings** 

which tracks U.S. migration panies like Allied Van Lines, patterns.

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which help relocate families Texas realized the high- to our great state, are essential

Opinions of Texas have Van Lines, one of the world's changed in recent years, aclargest moving companies) of cording to Bill Jones, chairalmost 2,000 in 2009, slightly man of the Texas Association

"Texas seems to be the cheap second with a net reloca- seats but with a great view," tion gain of 566, followed Jones said. "Just 20 years ago, closely by North Carolina in our wonderful state wasn't the third place with a gain of 564. first choice for many people. Colorado and Florida placed But now people from all over fourth and fifth respectively are noticing we have everyfor states with the largest net thing you could possibly want - from reasonably priced "We moved a wide variety housing, to plenty of land for of people here this year - from business and housing develsingles to families to retirees opment, to a wide variety of and all from various back- fine arts and recreational op-

#### **Outbound States**

Michigan experienced the cultural and ethnic groups," highest net relocation losses said Ben Hurwitz, president of (more outbound than inbound Westheimer Transfer & Stor- shipments), followed by Illiage, Houston, Texas, and one nois, Pennsylvania, New Jerof the longest-standing domes- sey and California. A troubled tic and international agents of auto industry and housing Allied Van Lines, a leading market most likely continued moving company worldwide. to negatively affect reloca-"We also did a lot of corporate tions to Michigan, as Allied relocations this year for some Van Lines' outbound shipvery large companies based in ments of 2,210 were about Texas. And that's not surpris- double its inbound shipments ing since we're such a busi- of 1,019 for the state. Illinois experienced the second largest The Lone Star State racked net relocation loss with 942 up almost 8,800 total ship- more outbound than inbound ments and ranked second be- moves, closely followed by hind California which had Pennsylvania with a net reloalmost 11,000 total shipments cation loss of 854, and Cali-

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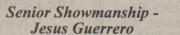
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