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Memorial Team Roping This Weekend



Chantz Greene (header) from Rocksprings, and Scott Snedecor (heeler) from Uvalde compete during last year's Memorial Roping. Snedecor was the 2005 World Champion steer roper. Photo courtesy of Bonnie Lou Campbell

By Megan Aho

On Friday, March 30th-Sunday, April 1st, the Vernon West Memorial Team Roping will take place at Sutton County Arena Complex in Sonora, TX. The ropin' will begin Friday night at 6:00 p.m., Saturday at 12:00 noon, and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Admission is free of charge.

This highly publicized event will bring thousands of people from all walks of life to Sonora in memory of Vernon West.

The Vernon West Memorial Team Roping is a charitable competition, highlighting over 500 ropers from across the nation. All of the proceeds go to the Vernon West Scholarship Fund. Barbeque, refreshments, and more will be available on a donation basis. This is a BYOB event.

This event is in honor of Vernon West, who passed away in 2003. He has been

nominated for the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame, and was a founding member of the Val Verde Rodeo Association, which began the PRCA rodeo and George Paul Memorial Bull Riding in Del Rio. He was also an active 4-H adult leader, and served as a Director for West Texas Boys Ranch.

"Vernon will always be remembered as a man that gave much of his time to the youth that were interested in the sport of rodeo, either teaching them to rope or building arenas for them," said former Judge of Refugio County, Roger Fagan. "His actions truly came from the heart, and he embodied the true spirit of what it means to be a cowboy."

The well-known country music band, *Jake Hooker and the Outsiders*, will be featured at the dance slab on Saturday, March 31st from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Tickets for the dance are \$12 at the door or \$10 in advance and can be purchased beforehand at Blair's Western Wear in San Angelo or in Sonora at the Chamber of Commerce. Bring your own beer, but no glass containers please.

This is a family friendly event that is expected to raise thousands of dollars for children's college education.

Come on down to the Sutton County Fairgrounds on Friday for the Preliminary Ropin', Saturday for the Invitational (plus *Jake Hooker and the Outsiders*), and on Sunday for Open Ropin' and Jr. Bull Riding. Hope to see you there! For more information, call Ryon West (325-277-2156) or Sonora's Chamber of Commerce (325-387-2880).

Things are looking BRIGHTER at Sutton County Arena Complex



By Curry Campbell

If you have driven by the Sutton county park in the last few days you have noticed the new lighting around the arena. This is the first phase of a complete renovation of the arena lighting, restroom, concession, and seating facilities.

This new lighting was made possible by the tremendous contributions of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation, the John and Mildred Cauthorn Trust, Town and Country Food Stores, Lawrence and Jody Finklea, Multi Chem Group LLC, Sutton County Days Association and other individual contributors.

The arena improvement committee has set up an arena improvement funding gauge next to the park complex to monitor

grants and contributions for the estimated \$700,000 needed to complete the project. As of right now, the improvement committee has raised \$227,000 the next phase in the improvements will be the restroom and concession facilities which has an estimated cost of \$200,000. Please help support this worth while project which will create an arena complex that we can all be proud of. This project will benefit the youth of our community and remind us of the greatness of our western heritage.

For more information please contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325-387-2880. Tax deductible contributions can be made through the Sutton County Community Trust and earmarked for the Arena Improvement Project.

Cook-off Proceeds Benefit Three Local Organizations

Submitted

The West Texas Championship Cook-off Association, in accordance with its mission to support the local community, donated proceeds from last year's cook-off to three local organizations.

Receiving \$1000 each were programs from Sonora High School: the Industrial Technology program, National Honor

Society (NHS), and the FFA.

"The Cook-off Association has always been supportive of our organization and the school," said Michael Kissire.

Industrial Technology teacher and advisor Cliff McMullan seconded his opinion, "We'll use the money to good use in our shows and projects."

NHS advisor Clayton Taylor

added his appreciation, thanking the Cook-off for donating to the student organizations, and noting that the Association has helped other local groups in the past.

Sonora ISD would like to thank The West Texas Championship Cook-off Association for their continued support of all student activities.



Left to right: Michael Kissire, FFA advisor; Clayton Taylor, NHS advisor; Kirk Joy, President—West Texas Championship Cook-off Association; Raul Chavarria, Principal—Sonora High School; not pictured: Cliff McMullan, Industrial Technology advisor

Texas Legislature Votes National Rifle Assn. Backed "Castle Doctrine" into Law

Fairfax, VA. The Texas State Legislature recently gave final approval to the National Rifle Association (NRA)-backed "Castle Doctrine" bill (SB 378), bringing common sense self-defense protections to law-abiding Texas citizens.

Texas is the first state to pass "Castle Doctrine" legislation this year, making it the sixteenth state to recognize the importance of victim's rights.

"I want to thank the Texas Legislature for working together to pass this vital legislation and take further steps in protecting

the people of this great state," said Chris W. Cox, NRA's chief lobbyist. "Law-abiding citizens now have the choice to defend themselves and their families in the face of attack knowing their decision will not be second-guessed by the State of Texas."

SB 378, sponsored by Sen. Jeff Wentworth (TX-25) with 27 co-authors and the House version of the bill, sponsored by Rep. Joe Driver (TX-113) with 106 co-authors, states that if a criminal breaks into your occupied home, your vehicle or your place of business, the victim may

use any manner of force against that person and does not have a "duty to retreat". The bill also provides protection for persons using force authorized by law from liability for injuring their criminal attackers.

"On behalf of all NRA members in Texas, I want to thank Senator Wentworth and Representative Driver for their diligence in passing this important bill into law," concluded Cox. "The Castle Doctrine bill is about putting the law back on the side of the victim, the way it's supposed to be."

Sonora Hosts Bronco Relays



Kelsey Watkins displays perfect pole vault technique at the Bronco Relays. For complete results see page 5.

Welcomed Rains Soak Area



Much needed and much welcomed rain has fallen over the Sonora and Sutton County regions. Rainfall totals have been reported in the 3-4 inch range in Sonora and to over 4 inches in the county. Most of the rain fell early Monday morning, beginning just before 3:00 a.m. and lasting to around 7:30 a.m. The area had received anywhere from a half to three quarters of an inch of rain over the week-end to bring totals up to near 5 inches in some areas.

St. Ann Catholic Church
 Father Miguel Dinio, Pastor
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

<i>Holy Thursday</i> 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Confessions 7:00 p.m. - Mass Good Friday 2:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Confessions 7:00 p.m. Reading of the Passion and Communion	<i>Holy Saturday</i> 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Confessions 8:00 p.m. - Mass Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Mass in Spanish 10:30 a.m. - Mass in English
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311 W. Plum ~
325-387-2278

Lighthouse Community Church
 A FAITH & FAMILY CONFERENCE

Friday, March 30 - 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday, March 31 - 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday, April 1 - 11:00 a.m.

1705 N. Crockett

Senior Center Activities

Fri. Mar. 30 - Happy Birthday Juan Guerra
 Mon. April 2 - Happy Birthday Pedro Chavez! Bingo!
 Tues. April 3 - SCP Training Angelo! AAA Reports due...
 Wed. April 4 - TRAX Van to Angelo! Call 387-2509!
 Thur. April 5 - "Good Friday" Center Closed!
 Happy Birthday Charoletté Wilson!

Senior Center Menu

Fri. Mar. 30	-Cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, tossed salad, crackers, fruit salad and milk.
Mon. April 2	-Chicken salad sandwich, tomato soup, salad, potato chips, banana and milk.
Tues. April 3	-Fried catfish, spinach, coleslaw, bread, fruited gelatin and milk.
Wed. April 4	- Chicken fried steak with gravy, potatoes, roll, carrots, milk, veggie salad and white cake with caramel icing.
Thur. April 5	-BBQ brisket, baked potato, green beans, coleslaw, wheat bread, fresh fruit cup and milk.

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m. Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go)

Sonora Church Directory

Primera Iglesia Bautista 504 Santa Clara 387-2035	Church of Christ 304 N. Water 387-3190
The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616	First Baptist Church 111 E. Oak 387-2951
Lighthouse Community Church 1705 N. Crockett 387-9100	St. John's Episcopal Church 404 E Poplar 387-2955
Pentecostal Calvary Temple United 509 Amistad 387-5266	First United Methodist Church 201 N. Water 387-2466
St. Ann's Catholic Church 229 W. Plum 387-2278	Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios 306 W. 4th St. 387-5713
Jehovah's Witness 310 St. Ann's St. 387-5658/387-5518	Hope Lutheran Church 417 E. 2nd St. 387-5366

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Death Notice

Alyssa Collins

Alyssa Collins, age 5, passed away Tuesday, March 27, 2007 after a long illness. She was the daughter of Lindsey Collins and Evan Collins.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 31, 2007 at St. John's Episcopal Church at 2:00 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

My husband and I just left Sonora at 4 p.m. We had stopped for a late lunch about 2 p.m. and were looking for a restaurant where we could park our 37' RV and the car we were towing on a dolly. After driving south on 277 we saw a couple of restaurants we thought were candidates and decided to turn around in a closed gas station lot. Unfortunately, my husband didn't gauge the incline correctly and it was too steep. The rear of the RV ended up bottoming out which drove the trailer hitch into the asphalt. We were stuck...and we were blocking both eastbound lanes of traffic.

Immediately, the good citizens of Sonora sprang into action. A gentleman in a truck with blue and yellow lights on top, stopped, turned the lights on, donned a hard hat and orange vest, and started directing traffic. A police officer named Mike then arrived and coordinated traffic direction. Three other men came to our assistance with tools and comforting stories of other RVers who had suffered our fate. After some discussion of possible solutions, we managed to get the trailer detached from the RV, get the car off the dolly, and then use our levels to raise the rear wheels of the RV. One of the good Samaritans then produced 2 x 4 pieces of wood to put under the tires so we could back the RV out of its predicament. After the purchase of some replacement parts for our trailer hitch from the nice lady at the CarQuest, we were ready to get back on the road.

While my husband repaired the trailer hitch, I took the car to the Dairy Queen for a small "lunch" to hold us until dinner. There, a table full of wonderful Sonora ladies offered their concern for our troubles and invited me to join them for their regular Thursday afternoon coffee klatsch, if I had the time.

Sonora is a great little town of loving, gracious people. We will never forget any of you and hope to visit again someday. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts...and our RV.

God bless you,
Lenny and Kathy Burns

Engagement Announcement



Shalayne Hobbs and Ed Mayfield

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Michael and Debra Hobbs of Sonora, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shalayne Danielle Hobbs to Ed Crandford Mayfield, son of Stanley Mayfield II and Kammi Lawson of Sonora, Texas.

The wedding ceremony will be held July 21, 2007 at Lighthouse Community Church in Sonora, Texas.

Shalayne is a 2002 graduate of Sonora High School and will graduate from Texas Tech University in December with a degree in Exercise Sports Medicine.

Ed is a 2001 graduate from Sonora High School and a 2006 graduate from Texas Tech University with a degree in Business Marketing and Management. He currently ranches in Edwards County and assists with the family business, the Caverns of Sonora.

Congratulations

Airman Barthelemy Completes Basic Training

Air Force Airman Steven K. Barthelemy has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Emmett and Julie Barthelemy of Sonora, Texas. Barthelemy is a 2006 graduate of Sonora High School.

Don't Be Fooled

By Megan Aho

What is the real meaning behind Easter? When asked this question many people think about Easter baskets filled with colored eggs, chocolate bunnies, and Peeps. Easter Sunday, like many other religious celebrations, has become secularized. This year, many Christians will wake up on Easter morning hunting for eggs instead of celebrating Easter's purpose.

On April 1st "Don't Be Fooled," a city wide youth event for all ages, presents the Easter story. Through powerful music and drama, the day of resurrection of Jesus Christ will be revealed in San Angelo. This event will be unlike any before as it features creative and uplifting live music from Verbs, DJ Promote, and Nameless Faceless. Giveaways will be available.

There will also be an edited showing of "The Passion of the Christ." This presentation will be remixed on two turntables, and may not be appropriate for young children.

We are breaking the mold of the conventional way of communicating the true meaning of Easter," said Jimmy Hill, Street Minister from House of Faith.

When-5:30-8:00pm
 Where-Paul Ann Baptist Church, San Angelo, TX
 Cost- \$3.00 at the door
 For more information on this event go to www.dontbefooled.us and call Jimmy or Carlos at 325-486-8637, ext 110.

Eldorado Nursing Home Chit Chat

Once a week the residents and I sit around and reminisce about the good old days. Jim Martin, board member said, "maybe they are called the good old days because they are in the past, now." As we were talking about outhouses, a resident remembered when he was eleven years old, "our family lived in a very small two bedroom house. Because there were so many of us, there was no way to be alone if you felt angry, like screaming, pouting, or saying those few swear words you never wanted your folks to hear. So, when we felt the urgent need to be alone, we went to the outhouse. If you were lucky, the outhouse was available, you could get inside quickly, slam and lock the door with the hook. Finally, you could be alone to sit, think, cry or curse. Sometimes, something in the Sear and Roebuck catalogue would catch your eye and help you forget why you came in there in the first place." Stay tuned for more tales from the good old days stories told by our residents.

SUTTON COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION

Your memorial gift helps preserve access to quality health care for generations to come.

Please consider the Sutton County Health Foundation,
 PO Box 18, Sonora, TX 76950.
 All contributions 100% tax deductible.

Happy Birthday

March 29
 Oscar Trevino, Latricia Parker, Weldon Champion, Rigoberto Hernandez

March 30
 Tracy Klein, Matthew Perez, Carole Ann Hardee, Roy Luna, Andrew Heap, Lisa Galindo, Lizette Lira

March 31
 Patricia Johnson, Kelsey Favila, Micheal Sanchez, Shelly Hughes, Ramiro Acosta, Darian Lopez, Anna Garza, Simon Murillo, Weston Fisher, Ryan Hill, Simon Murillo

April 1
 Menzi Spiller, Daisy Lira, Sheylene Webb, Tracey Hart, Michael Stephens, John Stergon, Tommy Arnwine,

April 2
 Janalyn Jones, Bianca Aboud, Daniel Galindo, Janell Sparks, Arrin Valadez

April 3
 David Fisher, Fabian Guzman, Janie Mabry, Yvette Gamez, Jack David Johnson, Matt Glasscock, Mauro Santana, Sr., Jenny Espinosa, Sonia Castro

April 4
 Will Dutton, Isaiah Lira, Brooke Wood, Isidora Ramirez, Sam Mata

Letter to the Editor

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Historical Society

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Q. Is Emelie Appelt, mother of Oscar Appelt, buried in Sonora?

A. The Devil's River News, January 4, 1913 - Hallettsville, Texas, December 25 - Mrs. Emelie Schott, wife of William Schott, died at her home here last night. She was stricken about a week ago with paralysis, from which she never recovered. Prior to that, she was a strong, hearty woman. She was the widow of William Appelt who died several years ago. About a year ago she was married to William Schott. She leaves a large family of children by her marriage with William Appelt. Frank Appelt and Mrs. Robert Ragsdale and Mrs. W. J. Miller (Bertha 1875-1957) of this place; Oscar Appelt of Sonora, Mrs. J. B. (? Family tree says Steven) Albinger (Annie Antonia 1869-1952) and Mrs. Charles Eistner (Helene 1872-1958) of near here. Mrs. Schott was nearly seventy years of age at her death. Note: we did find that her maiden name was Pagel and she was the daughter of Gottfried Pagel and Frederike Kidow Pagel.

She also had a son Julius H. Appelt not mentioned born in 1870 died 1939.

Our records indicate that Frank Appelt, 57, died at San Antonio in 1940 he had been a regular visitor to his brother Oscar's ranch 25 miles southeast of Sonora. Oscar also had a home at 324 W. Harris Ave. in San Angelo, which he had purchased in 1919.

In Men of Texas, it was stated that Oscar Appelt was a stockman in Sutton, Lavaca, Jackson and Edwards Counties, and was widely known rancher who lived in San Angelo. He was the sole owner of the Appelt Ranch located 30 miles southeast of Sonora, comprised of 30 sections of fine grazing land. On this ranch he runs cattle, sheep and goats, keeping an average of seventeen hundred head of cattle and seven thousand sheep and thirty-five hundred head of Angora goats. He has six men

tending the stock. Mr. Appelt has been close to the livestock industry since he was a child, his father having pioneered in Gulf Coast Counties as a rancher, banker and merchant. Mr. Appelt had at that time resided in San Angelo for eighteen years and was on the executive committee of the Texas sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. He devoted most of his time to his ranching interests and made many trips to the ranch from his home in San Angelo. The ranch was located near the headwaters of the Llano River and was one of the choice grazing sections of the west. It was well improved and looked upon by other stockmen as a model ranch of the west. Mr. Appelt was one of the pioneers in putting up wolf proof fences in the cattle and sheep industry and accomplished this in a time when less optimistic ranchers had no faith in fences as a means of obliterating pestiferous wild animals.



Oscar Appelt

Oscar Appelt was born April 27, 1881, at Hallettsville in Lavaca Co., Texas. He was a son of William Appelt (deceased), whose family came to Texas in the 30's. William Appelt became engaged in ranching, banking, farming and in the mercantile business in Lavaca Co. He operated the first mercantile store established in that County, which was a little old log cabin, made of Post Oak logs. Oscar Appelt was educated in the public schools of Hallettsville and took a business course at massie Business College, Houston. He later attended St. Louis College

of San Antonio. While still a young man, Mr. Appelt engaged in ranching with his father in Jackson Co. And remained with his father until he was twenty-seven years old. He then had an interest in the home ranch. After looking over the ranch lands in Sutton and Edwards Counties he bought the first parcel of land which formed the nucleus of the large ranch he would later own. He soon bought sixteen sections of land and during the years he engaged in ranching in these counties. When this book was written he owned over thirty sections of land.

Oscar Appelt married Miss Josie Hunt of Victoria, Texas on December 23, 1903. Her father was John Hunt (deceased), a pioneer settler of Victoria County who steeled there 75 years ago and engaged in the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Appelt had two children Audrey, who married Joe Moyer, a rancher; and Oscar, Jr., a graduate of Southern Methodist University, the San Antonio Military Academy and who attended the University of Texas for one year. He is now on the home ranch.

Oscar Appelt was a member of the San Angelo Country Club and the Elks Club and a Presbyterian and very active in pushing politicians to allow Mexican workers to be brought into the country temporarily to work land. He also had invested \$2,500 in the hotel that was supposed to be built on the corner of Main and Water Streets that never was built. We know from newspaper articles that the whole family used to spend a lot of time at the ranch when the children were not in school.

We were unable to locate any members of the Appelt family buried in Sutton County or in Fairmount Cemetery in San Angelo. They are not listed in the Junction Cemetery book which includes Ft. McKavett obituaries. Finally going on line we found that Oscar Appelt died in Colorado in 1952 and that his wife Josephine died in Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1971.

Work on the museum is coming along well. Jimmy Eason deserves a big attorney for the job he is doing for us on that building. He makes difficult

work look so easy; but that is a sure sign of a master craftsman and we are lucky to have him working for us.

We need many small items, like the precious mustache cup that belonged to Sam Luckie and was the surviving part of the set given to him and his wife when they got married, to display in the cases we have purchased from the Tedford going out of business sale. We need old jewelry, 1920's 30's style, junk jewelry is fine for this, to display in the jewelry case Rosie Jones found for us. When you dig through your closets, drawers, old jewelry and house and are thinking of throwing things out give us a call first. You might have things we can use in the museum. We are looking for a lot of different pieces to set up displays over the years.

Next we must replace the front doors on the Depot/John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building. They have wood rot and are sagging badly, nearly 4 inches. French doors cannot take the wear and tear that the north side of a building and constant use in West Texas winds gives them. We will replace them as soon as we can get a donation of about \$2500 to cover the cost, with a door that looks more like what was on the Depot years ago, no glass on the bottom to constantly accidentally get broken, just glass in the top. The other repairs needed on the building at this time are cost prohibitive to the society without much assistance from the public.

So start digging out goodies for us to display in the museum, like the old typewriter and adding machine Charlotte Wilson just gave us or the cash register Dr. Johnson got us before he left.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratax.net. Our offices are open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. Stop by at 307 Oak St. and use our archives or visit the Miers Home Museum.

Angel Food Box Order Day Set

Following March sales of \$1702.00, orders for Angel Food Boxes will be taken April 10 and 11, 2007 at the Senior Center from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. From 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. orders will be taken at Pedal Pushers Flower Shop located at 107 E. Main St. in Sonora.

Basic boxes are \$25.00 and specials of #1 chicken combo box, #2 T-Bone steaks and #3 grill box of steak, chicken, pork chops and sausage are \$18.00 each. You may order as many basic boxes as you want and every order must be paid for at the time you order, in cash. No checks will be accepted as payment.

For more information, contact the Senior Center, Petal Pushers or Jenny Sue Trainer at 387-2298.

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~ Great-grandparents ~
Doris & Rayford Hull and Beverly & Lee Roy Valliant, all of Sonora.

Senior Center Raffle Winners

Senior Center Fund Raiser February 11, 2007-Raffle Tickets Winners

- Mr D's Certificate- Gay Monroe
- Baby Blanket made by Linda Kingston-Jonathan Paredes
- La Mexicana Certificate- Anna Couder
- The Cutting Edge-(Shampoo & Set)-Michael Castilleja
- Blanket donated by Maria Galindo-Savanna Virgin
- Heart Candy Box donated by Olivia Longoria-Lesa Galindo
- The Hair Studio-(hair cut)Deyanira Alvizo
- Sutton Co. St. House Certificate-Irene Casillas
- One Stop Gift Shop-Wall Cowboy/hooks Sign-Frank (Paco) Ramirez
- Crochet Dollies maded-by Maria Lujan-Julian Felan
- Hair Cut by Volia Solis-Hazel Guerra

- Potpourri Baskets by Lole Galindo-Dorothy Maldonado
- Elvis Blanket made by Sr. Center Staff-Frank Gallegos
- Red Scarf by Olivia Longoria-Scott Gonzales
- Ronda's Beauty Shop Certificate-Nilda Hernandez
- TC Barber Shop Hair Cut-Marcos Perez
- Rosie's Café Certificate-Pricilla Flores
- Stirrup Trouble Salon by Kim Lewis-Luther Creek
- Stirrup Trouble Salon-Tanning Pkg. By Lynn Wipff-Cindy Paredes
- Amis Gift Shop Gift Basket-Monica Lira
- Taqueria El Torito's-two buffets(Thursdays)Lunch-Crispin Lira
- Avon Basket by Jennifer Espinosa-Martha Perez
- Home-made Pralines by Linda Kingston-Pepe Cervantes
- Ceramic Cross made by

- Smith Neal-Willie Gutierrez
- Baby Blanket made by Linda Kingston-Fern Whipff
 - Wal-Mart Cart(\$50.00)-donated by Support Group-Juan Montalvo
 - Portable DVD Player donated by Sue Moore-Victoria Romero
 - Painting by Mary Lou Gilly-Jose Lujan
- Thanks to all who donated prizes, money, those who sold tickets for raffle and for Diners, those who help at Center by waiting on tables, cleaning and esp. Senior Center Staff-Hilda, Lisa Marie, Lilia, Angie, and Juanita-we couldn't have done this without you guys! We had a very successful Fundraiser and a big turn out! If your name is a winner please come by Senior Center & get your prize-I called some people but still have a lot of prizes that have not been picked up-Thanks again!

Dwell not upon thy weariness, thy strength shall be according to the measure of thy desire.
-Arab proverb

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Rancher

Lee Roy Valliant

Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events

Vernon West Memorial Invitational Team Roping
Sutton County Arena
March 30-April 1, 2007, FM- 387-2880

Jake Hooker and the Outsiders
Sutton County Park
Saturday, March 31, 2007 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Purchase Tickets at Sonora Chamber of Commerce
\$10.00 Advance, \$12.00 At Door

J.W. & Durwood Neville Memorial Golf Tournament
March 31 - April 1
Friday, March 30 - Shoot-out 5:00 p.m.
Sonora Golf Course, FMI - 325 387-3680

Easter Egg Hunt & Eaton Hill Treasure Hunt
Sutton County Courthouse
Saturday, April 7, 2007
8:30 a.m. Registration
Keep Sonora Beautiful

Don' Mess with Texas - TRASH OFF
April 14, 2007
Meet at Methodist Church Parking Lot - Volunteers Welcome

Sonora Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet
"Fueling the Future"
Sutton County Civic Center
Thursday, April 19, 2007
6:30 p.m.
\$15.00 per person/\$120,000 table of eight

4th Annual Relay for Life Benefit Team Roping
Saturday, April 21, 2007
Consuelo Ranch, 325 387-3244 or 325 387-2272

Pecos Trail Announces Success of Program

Submitted by Keith Godwin

The Terrell County Community Center in Sanderson March 8 was the destination for another successful meeting of the Texas Pecos Trail Region's board of directors. The day began with an informative tour of the Terrell County Museum and moved a block away to the Community Center for networking, lunch and business meeting.

The networking luncheon, attended by over 25 people from around the 22 county region, enjoyed a celebratory "fiesta" meal prepared by the local Historical Society. Ms. Henry Beth Hogg and other members of the Terrell County Historical Society, provided a warm and gracious welcome to the board and visitors. Seen networking were Ruth Engledorf and Dana Davis of the Sanderson Chamber of Commerce, promoting the community's new "Hiking trail" and, Candace Chandra of Ironwood Coffeehouse sharing information on new "live" entertainment planned for Friday evenings. TPT board members Ann Schneemann, Shanon Biggerstaff, Jed Elrod, James Murr, Bill Ogelsby and Paula Walker were seen visiting with a variety of civic leaders from Sanderson, including representatives from the new Pecos County Bank and the Sanderson State Bank - a member celebrating one hundred years of business in the community. Just before the board meeting began - a special history presentation was given by students Jonathon Calzada and L.A. Galvan from the Sanderson Junior High School's award winning "the Sanderson Flood" display.

Among agenda items discussed during the board meeting were the Pecos Trail Region's successes, as outlined by the

Region Coordinator, Keith Godwin. The Trails website interest is up by over 60% in the last two months, the first workshop to promote preservation and directed to small museums in the region, had over 20 attendees, and press about the Pecos Trail program's efforts for preservation, economic development support, and tourism marketing is being seen all around the 22 county Region and west Texas. Membership and sponsorship interest is up with several new pledges sent in by historical societies and Chambers of Commerce. Strong lobbying efforts by the Pecos Region Coordinator during Heritage Day February 21 in Austin - resulted in visits at over 20 legislative offices on Capitol Hill - promoting the positive economic impact of Heritage Tourism to rural communities as created by the Heritage Trail Program.

New marketing and education programs for the future - tourism & customer service training workshops, and state-wide promotions of Pecos Trail Region events - like those that coincide with "Cowboy Day" in July, are some of the projects on the table for 2007-2008. The board also approved the details for the planning of the first Annual Texas Pecos Trail Membership Meeting. It was voted that it a social event and fund raiser in order to encourage attendance and to share the success story of the program. Look to the TPT web site for more details on that event to be held in July.

The next board meeting is scheduled for May 10 in Junction, Kimble County. Contact: Keith Godwin at 325-387-2927 for more information, or visit the website at www.texaspecostrail.com.

Two Local Rodeo Competitors Advance to State

Stella Ingham and Word Hudson are members of the Wrangler Division Jr. High School Rodeo Association.

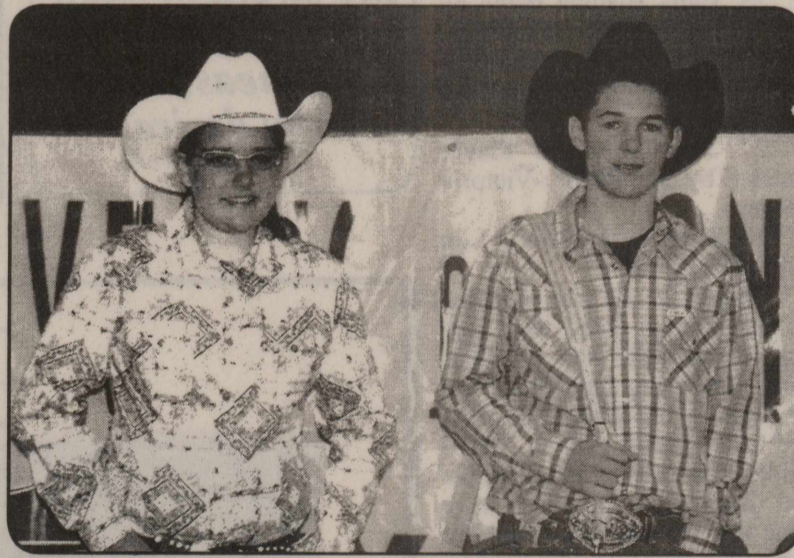
After having competed in 4 WDJHS rodeos and the Region II finals, both will advance to the State Finals May 28-June 3 in Gonzales, Texas.

Word finished the year 2nd

in the tie-down calf roping and 2nd in ribbon roping.

Stella finished the year 5th in pole bending and split 6th and 7th in barrel racing.

Stella and Word will compete in these events at the finals. Congratulations and Good Luck!



Stella Ingham (left) and Word Hudson (right) are headed to the State Finals in Gonzales, TX.

Chamber Chatter

Fiscal Year Comes To An End

By Becky Covington

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce will end their fiscal year on March 31, 2007 with an Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet to be held on, Thursday, April 19 at the Sutton County Civic Center. Jody Luttrell will also be turning over his chairmanship to Susan Hall. As his term comes to an end, the Chamber feels honored and privileged to have had Jody serve as chairman this past year. Also, the Chamber will miss Joann Jones, John Jones, and Becky Allison as their three year term is ending. Our fiscal year for 2006/2007 was very busy for the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Directors have been kept very active during the year and I would like to thank them all for their participation, dedication, and input into the Chamber. It is a time consuming and often thankless task to be a director on an organization such as the Chamber of Commerce but also a fun and exciting time to be able to give back so much to the community; and so I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of them for their time, energy, and contribution. There were many important issues they had to deal with this year, but Jody and the Board of Directors came forward when called upon and the business community owes them a big thank you. Listed and discussed below are some of the issues and activities of the Sonora Chamber during 2006/2007:

• Again, this year the Chamber worked with Keep Sonora Beautiful in helping to beautify the city. Businesses were selected each month for "Landscape of the Month" and a sign was put in front of their business. Also, KSB participated in the "Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off", City wide cleanup, recycling/refuse roundup, local street and highway cleanups, Arbor Day and selling trees/shrubs in the Spring and at Christmas.

• The Chamber actively participated in the Transportation Committee task force; identifying local concerns such as traffic congestion, safety, economic opportunity, air quality, and transportation assets with a strong focus on the reliever route. Also, the transportation committee is involved with TXDOT in the Ports to Plains Trade Corridor and Trans Texas Corridor projects concerning transportation issues and infrastructure development.

• Supported the City of Sonora concerning the sales tax for street maintenance and repair.

• Worked with the City of Sonora, Sonora Industrial Development Corporation, Howard College and Angelo State University to provide higher education programs in Sonora.

• Worked with the Angelo State University Small Business Development Center to provide small business owners with a convenient method of learning to enhance management skills such as foundations of marketing, managing finances and starting a business.

• Widespread advertising for Sonora in major magazines such as Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas Highways, Texas Events Magazine, Ranch, and Rural Living, Festivals of Texas, KGKL Radio, Kick'in Country Radio, Hill Country Radio Network, Devil's River News, San Angelo Standard Times, and other miscellaneous advertising that reaches travelers and visitors to the city. More Local retail advertising.

• The Chamber sponsored and/or organized the following events: (1) Daddy/Daughter Date Nite, (2) Vernon West Memorial Roping, (3) Sonora Classic Boer Goat Show, (4) American Junior Rodeo Association Rodeo, (5) Cinco De Mayo Celebration, (6) West Texas Championship Cook-Off, (7) Sutton County Days, (8) Game Dinner, (9) The More the Merrier Christmas Bazaar and (10) Downtown Christmas.

• An increase in attendance to the Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary and promotion of the park.

• Strong emphasis on membership, increasing from 198 to 221.

• The office at the Sonora Chamber responded to many phone calls and questions about Sonora and made many referrals to local businesses.

The Chamber of Commerce is here to help you, we exist to represent business interests in the city and so we need your input. Let us know what is important to you and we will do everything we can to help. I wish you all continued success and future prosperity and growth.

Thank you, again, to the Chamber of Commerce Directors, to our valued members, and to all those who have volunteered their time during the past year.

Have a great 2007- 2008!

The Chamber welcomes new members. Please help us welcome these new members and remember to shop Chamber members for services and products. The Chamber appreciates the support and confidence of our members in their local Chamber of Commerce.

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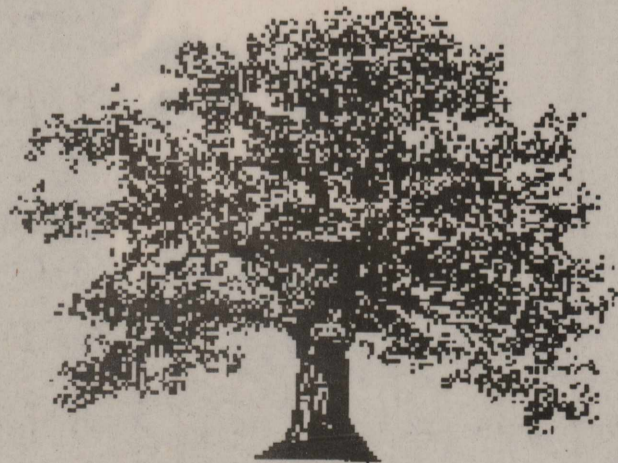
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Bronco and Colt Relay Results

Varsity and 8th Grade Girls Reign Supreme in the well run and efficient meet.



Chasady Garcia takes the baton from Stephani Morriss in the last 200 meters of the 800 meter relay for a 3rd place finish.

Varsity Girls

Discus:
5th Valdez 82-4 1/2
Triple Jump:
5th Savannah Leonard 28-9 3/4
6th Meredith Earwood 28-5
High Jump:
1st Leonard 4-8
2nd Dunn 4-8
Long Jump:
2nd Jessica Snyder 15-10 1/2
3rd Chasady Garcia 15-4 3/4
Pole Vault:
1st Kelsie Watkins 9-0
3rd K. Henderson 7-0
Shot Put:
5th Martinez, C 29-3
3200 M. Run:
1st Alexie Ortiz 12:55.70
4th Keeli Taylor 13:45.90
400 M. Relay:
3rd Sonora 52:53
800 M. Dash:
4th C. Chandler 2:39.63
6th A. Favila 2:49.07
110 M. Hurdles:
1st Maraya Dunn 16:99
2nd K. Henderson 17:78

3rd M. Earwood 18:29
100 M. Dash:
2nd Snyder 13:07
3rd Turney 13:30
800 M. Relay:
3rd Sonora 1:52.81
400 M. Dash:
2nd Leonard 68.83
4th Chavez 69.53
300 M. Hurdles:
1st Dunn 49.80
2nd Earwood 54.14
3rd Henderson 55.35
200 M. Dash:
2nd Garcia 28.38
4th Turney 28.62
5th Hernandez 29.05
1600 M. Run:
1st Ortiz 5:59.08
6th Taylor 6:23.23
1600 M. Relay:
3rd Sonora 4:32.89
Team totals:
1 Sonora 215
2 Junction 170
3 Crane 116.5
4 Grape Creek 69.5
5 Ozona 49

Varsity Boys

Discus:
5th Downing 113-8 1/2
Triple Jump:
1st Ricardo Rodriguez 39-5 3/4
6th Domingo Reynosa 35-2
High Jump:
3rd A.K. Williams 5-6
Long Jump:
2nd Ricardo Rodriguez 18-5 1/2
3rd Domingo Reynosa 18-4 1/2
Pole Vault:
1st Justin Northcott 13'
3rd Colton Moore 10'
4th Will Anderson 9'
Shot Put:
3rd Morgan Martinez 43-8 1/4
6th Zadrion McGee 36-7
400 M. Relay:
1st Sonora 45:44
800 M. Dash:
4th C. Moore 2:16.94
5th A.K. Williams 2:18.68

6th T. Torres 2:20.89
100 M. Dash:
6th Anderson 11:89
800 M. Relay:
2nd Sonora 1:37.07
400 M. Dash:
1st Sanchez 53.51
5th Reynosa 55.03
300 M. Hurdles:
5th Creek 49.72
200 M. Dash:
2nd Rodriguez 23.72
6th Reynosa 24.96
1600 M. Run:
5th Moore 5:24.72
1600 M. Relay:
5th Sonora 3:50.54
Team Totals:
1 Ozona 146
2 Crane 137
3 Sonora 133
4 G. Creek 124
5 Junction 51

JV Boys

Discus:
3rd Charo 99-5
Triple Jump:
3rd Paul Faz 33-5
High Jump:
1st Jennings 5-0
Long Jump:
2nd Angel Aguayo 17-7
6th Paul Faz 16-3 1/4
Pole Vault:
2nd Dustin Neff 9-0
3rd Zac Rodriguez 9-0
Shot Put:
4th Rudy Charo 34-2 1/4
3200 M. Run:
3rd Cody Pena 13:37.45
400 M. Relay:
4th Sonora 51:23

800 M. Dash:
3rd A. Aguayo 2:22.34
800 M. Relay:
4 Sonora 1:47.91
300 M. Hurdles:
3th Faz 50.50
200 M. Dash:
6th Neff 28.40
1600 M. Run:
4th Pena 6:05
1600 M. Relay:
3rd Sonora 4:02.85
Team scores:
1 Ozona 200
2 Grape Creek 163
3 Sonora 102
4 Junction 91
5 Crane 36

Sonora 8th grade girls shined for a home crowd Friday earning their season high, 240 points, at their fourth track meet of the season. We only have two more meets - this Thursday in Grape Creek and the district meet in Brady April 5th.

Pole Vault:
Campbell 1st 9'
Humphrey 3rd 7'
Karnes 5th 6'
Long Jump:
Smith 1st 16 3/4"
Zuniga 5th 13' 8 1/2"
Triple Jump:
Smith 1st 31' 2 3/4"
Campbell 4th 30' 4 1/2"
High Jump:
Zuniga 2nd 4' 6"
Johnson 6th 4' 2"
Shot Put:
Castaneda 1st 28' 2 1/2"
McGee 2nd 26' 7 1/4"
Discus:
Castaneda 1st 81' 2"
McGee 4th 66' 1"
2400:
Acosta 1st 11:03.62
Cano 2nd 11:30.78
Prieto 3rd 12:42.04
800:
Buitron 2nd 2:46.51
100 Hurdles:

Campbell 2nd 17.14
Allison 6th 19.53
100:
Smith 2nd 12.91
Lipham 3rd 13.31
Trevino 5th 13.93
400:
Buitron 4th 1:13.57
Humphrey 5th 1:15.54
300 Hurdles:
Campbell 1st 52.66
Cano 4th 59.24
200:
Trevino 2nd 30.38
Zuniga 3rd 30.75
Acosta 4th 31.23
1600:
Cano 1st 7:06.59
Robbins 5th 8:11.45
Sprint Relay:
Campbell, Smith, Lipham, Zuniga 2nd 56.44
800 Relay:
Smith, McGee, Trevino, Zuniga 1st 2:04.64
Mile Relay:
Acosta, Lipham, Humphrey, Buitron 3rd 4:55.95
Team Totals:
Sonora 240
Ozona 172
Crane 120
Junction 60



Macie Zuniga eyes the bar in the high jump competition for a 2nd place finish.

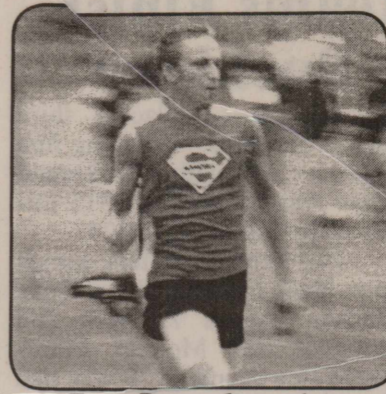


Serena Lee Allison shows perfect form in the high jump at the Colt Relays

7th Grade Lady Colts

Discus:
Sandra Hernandez- 1st place (65' 8 1/4")
Delilah Aguero- 2nd place (61' 2 3/4")
High Jump:
Hunter Jennings- 1st place (4' 2")
Ana Lesa Samaniego- 4th place (3' 10")
Triple Jump:
Hunter Jennings- 1st place (30' 3.5")
Long Jump:
Evelyn Solis- 3rd place (13')
Shot Put:
Sarah Carrillo- 1st place (23' 1.5")
Alba Gloria- 4th place (20' 9")
2400m Run:
Evelyn Solis- 1st place (10:51.37)
400m Relay:
S. Carrillo, M. Deluna, A. Samaniego, L. Chavarria 2nd place (1:02.74)
800m Dash:
Sandra Hernandez- 3rd place (3:03.97)
Soyla Rivera- 5th place (3:17.53)
Emily Gonzales- 6th place (3:23.74)
100m Dash:

Sarah Carrillo- 1st place (14.16)
Alba Gloria- 5th place (14.78)
400m Dash:
Delilah Aguero- 2nd place (1:12.70)
Evelyn Solis- 3rd place (1:14.09)
Sierra Williams- 5th place (1:15.15)
200m Dash:
Hunter Jennings- 2nd place (30.10)
Ana Lesa Samaniego- 4th place (31.45)
800m Relay:
A. Samaniego, S. Williams, D. Aguero, H. Jennings 1st place (2:06.26)
1600m Run:
Sandra Hernandez- 2nd place (7:05.40)
Liz Chavarria- 4th place (7:14.42)
Emily Gonzales- 6th place (8:13.23)
1600m Relay:
E. Solis, S. Williams, D. Aguero, H. Jennings 1st place (4:57.81)
Team Results:
1- Crane 245
2- Sonora 191
3- Ozona 80
4- Junction 63



Evan Rousselot sprints to the finish.

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Varsity Golf Teams Finish Strong at the Buckhorn

Submitted by Anita Hudson
The Girl's Golf Team competed in Comfort at the beautiful Buckhorn Golf Club on Tuesday, March 20, 2007.

Under rainy conditions, the team scored 419 to finish 7th overall out of 16 teams. Individual scores were: Kaci Chavarria - 98, Sterling Love - 98, Christy Perez - 107, Kaija Valkonen - 116 and Elle Newton - 120.

The Varsity Boy's tournament was held Thursday, March 22, also at the Buckhorn.

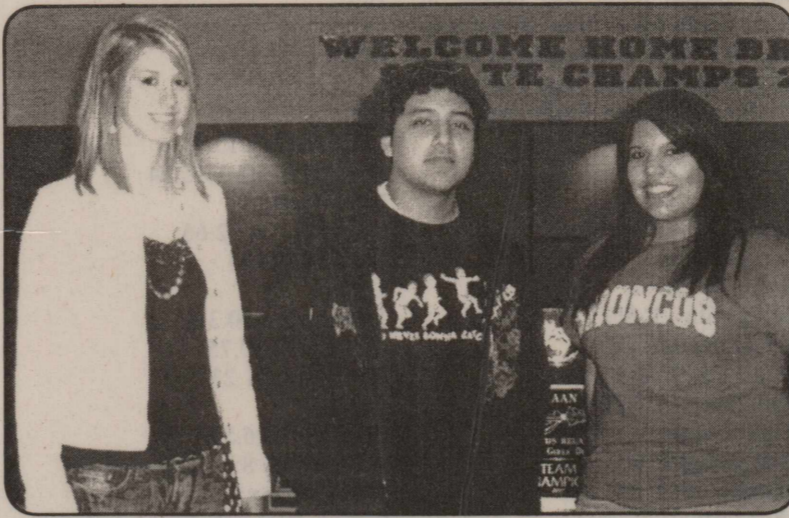
Playing under adverse conditions of wind and rain, the boys

finished strong placing third out of 20 teams. Finishing first was LaVernia with 310. Second place was Salado with 315 followed by Sonora with 325.

Two Sonora golfers earned individual medals. John Duke Hudson with a 72, won 2nd medalist and Morgan Martinez with a round of 79 was tied for 6th medalist. Other Sonora scores were: Dylan Castillo - 87, Caleb Gonzales - 87 and Manny Paredes - 91.

Good luck to the golf teams as they begin district play!

SHS Students Advance to Regional UIL Academic Competition



L to R: Savannah Leonard, Marc Hernandez and Stacy Sanchez

Three Sonora High School Students have advanced to Regional UIL Academic Competition. Students traveled to Blanco on Saturday, March 24, to compete at the District level. Students placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at the District level advanced to the Regional level. These students will compete at Abilene Christian University on Saturday, April 7.

Students advancing to Regionals are:

Stacy Sanchez - 2nd place - Current Issues & Events. She also placed 5th in Persuasive Speaking

Marc Hernandez - 2nd place - Informative Speaking

Savannah Leonard - 3rd

- Calculator Applications

Other Students placing at the District Meet are as follows:

Chelsea Daniels - 4th - Accounting

Marcus Perez & Elbe Samaniego: Tying for 6th - Accounting

Accounting Team won 2nd place overall

Chacho Mesa - Calculator Applications - 6th

Rosario Moreno - Feature Writing - 5th

Emily Butler - Headline Writing - 5th

Travis Valliant - Persuasive Speaking - 6th

Chelsea Martinez - Social Studies - 5th

Farm Bureau Steps up Opposition to the Trans Texas Corridor

WACO - Texas' largest farm organization is once again describing the Trans Texas Corridor (TTC) as a disaster for farming and ranching operations that lie in the potential path of the TTC and a major mistake for Texas itself.

The Texas Farm Bureau is also discovering that there are many allies in opposing the massive highway project, some of them members of the Texas Legislature.

"Our members are overwhelmingly opposed to the Trans Texas Corridor," says TFB President Kenneth Dierschke, a grain and cotton farmer from San Angelo. Dierschke says Texas Farm Bureau agrees with that sentiment, citing the lack of transparency in developing the TTC, non-compete clauses in the contract with the Spanish company that proposes to build the roads and potential lost revenues for the state.

Several bills in the Legislature are aimed at addressing the growing concerns of legislators concerning the TTC, which seems at least slightly less inevitable than during previous sessions.

Brenham State Representative Lois W. Kolkhorst has filed several bills, two of which are getting some attention. HB1881 is written to kill the TTC by re-

moving it from the statutes.

The second bill, HB2772, seems to have more momentum. It would establish a two-year moratorium on the use of private equity comprehensive development agreements. This means outside entities would be prohibited from buying the rights to build and operate toll roads in Texas and keep the resulting revenues. Jacksonville Senator Robert Nichols is carrying an identical bill in the Senate, with 27 of 31 state senators currently listed as co-sponsors.

"It's a prohibition, for a 24-month period, for any governmental entity in the state of Texas to enter into a tolling agreement with a private entity," Nichols said. "It prohibits them from selling an existing toll road to a private entity in that same period of time."

Nichols, a former member of the Texas Transportation Commission, is also concerned that Cintra-Zachry, the Spanish company slated to build the TTC, has inserted "non-compete" clauses in the contracts, meaning that competing toll roads could not be built in Texas for decades. Kolkhorst, Nichols and State Senator John Carona have filed bills to address that concern.

Many members of the Legislature are agreeing with farmers and rural landowners that the TTC is not in the best interests of Texas.

State Senator John Carona of Dallas, chairman of the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee, sees the TTC at the center of a gathering storm of public opposition. He believes that the Corridor as originally conceived will never be built, with the exception of major projects along and near I-35.

"Pieces of the Corridor will be built over the years ahead," Carona said. "They are the pieces that would have been built anyway, such as State Highway 130 in Austin, but not four football fields across."

Main Street Traffic

By Mary Ann Kay

It is the time of the year when flowers blossom and the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Eaton Hill Treasure Hunt 2007 is in the making. The Easter Bunny is loading the special eggs with silver dollars and prizes.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn on Saturday, April 7, 2007. The hunt will start at 10:00 a.m.

On Eaton Hill for the older folks, we are planning a wonderful treasure hunt with the help of the Bank & Trust and First National Bank of Sonora, there will be special money eggs and prizes for all to find on the hill. The treasure hunt starts at 10:00 a.m.

We will have registration at the bottom of the steps of the Sutton County Courthouse lawn. You can win baskets of goodies, toys, and sporting prizes. You may donate a \$1.00 for a chance to win a bicycle. The donations

benefits the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program and you may also buy a hot dog for \$1.00 for lunch or mid-morning snack. So Mom, lunch for the small folks will be on hand to add to the best old fashion Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Eaton Hill Treasure Hunt.

If you need more information call 325-387-2248 at the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office in historical downtown Sonora. Sponsored by Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, KHOS Radio, Devil's River News, First National Bank of Sonora, The Bank & Trust, Sonora Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce, La Mexicana, Adkins Septic, Sonic Drive-In, Sutton County Steakhouse, Sonora Abstract, City of Sonora, Sutton County, Sonora Answering Service, Carl J. Cahill, Dairy Queen of Sonora, and Alco.

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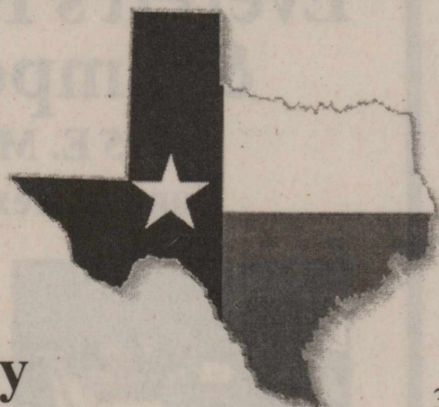
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Lady Broncos Remain District Leader



Heather Hughes stretches at first for the out.

By Tryon Fields

Sometimes a ball club plays a game where you win - but it is not a satisfying win. However, the mark of a champion is when you can find a way to continue to battle and pull out a victory.

The Lady Broncos found themselves in this type of game last Friday. A long road trip to Blanco, two previous lop-sided wins, and a rainy day may have been the culprit. Whatever the reason, Sonora found themselves battling for 7 innings to get the win.

The Lady Broncos loaded the bases three different times with either no outs or 1 out and could not break the game open. Sonora stranded 12 base runners and accumulated 10 hits and 3 base on balls in the seven inning win.

Sonora's Meghan Krieg picked up her fifteenth win of the season against Blanco. Krieg gave up a run off of 3 hits, 2 walks, and striking out 11 of the 28 batters that she faced.

Blanco would score their only run of the game in the bottom of the first inning. The Lady Panthers lead off batter battled Krieg for a walk, move to second on a sacrifice bunt, and score on a bloop single to right field.

In the top of the second, Sonora loaded the bases with two Blanco throwing errors and a single. Azeneth Villanueva reached on the first error and score from third on an RBI walk issued to Jessica Snyder. The bases remained loaded as the Lady Panther defense would stymie the next three batters. In the next two innings, both pitchers sat the next 6 batters down in order.

Sonora threatened again in the top of the fourth. Once again, the Lady Broncos loaded the bases with one out this time; however, the only run would come on a walk to Meghan Krieg and

back to back singles by Heather Hughes and Cassie Krieg. The single by Cassie Krieg would drive in her sister for the Lady Bronco lead. In the bottom of the fourth, Blanco left a runner in scoring position to make the score Sonora 2 - Blanco 1.

Neither team could generate any offense in the fifth inning.

In the top of the sixth Sonora would go in order. Blanco, in the bottom of the sixth, got their best opportunity of the game. Two singles and a Lady Bronco error loaded the bases with no outs.

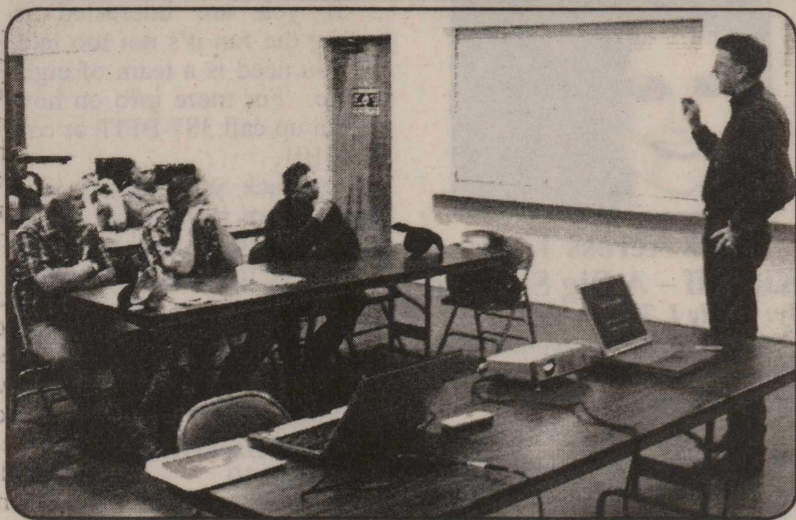
Blanco attempted to steal home on a passed ball. Sonora catcher, Kimble Luna, quickly got to the ball and flip it to Meghan Krieg covering the plate for the first out. For the next out, Luna caught the runner off the base at third and fired a strike to Brandy Neff who would run the base runner down for the second out. Krieg would get the third out with a strike out. Sonora once again loaded the bases in the top of the seventh on a walk and two singles. With two outs Jessica Snyder drove in the Stephani Morriss (pinch running for Heather Hughes) and Cassie Krieg for two more insurance runs. Meghan Krieg struck out the side in the bottom of the seventh to preserve the victory. Final score: Sonora 4 - Blanco 1.

With the win, the Lady Broncos are in sole possession of first place in District 8-2A with one game left to play in the first half. That game was played last Tuesday, as Sonora entertained Comfort.

The Lady Broncos will on the road this Friday and next Tuesday. Their next home game is against Blanco on April 10 at 6:00 p.m.

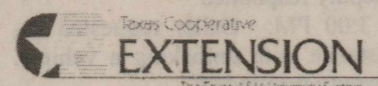
Good Luck And Think District Championship !!

Oil & Agribusiness



Dr. Rick Machen, Extension Livestock Specialist, discusses considerations and strategies for ranch managers during drought. Photo courtesy of Pascual Hernandez

Ranch Disaster Preparedness Workshop Offered in Sonora



By Pascual Hernandez

Texas Cooperative Extension offered the first of a two-part series on ranch emergency preparedness on March 21, at the Sutton County Civic Center. The program was sponsored by the Sutton County Extension Ag Committee.

Extension Livestock Specialist, Dr. Rick Machen, presented a talk on "Managing For Drought" and opened the morning with this thought, "Discussing drought management during a drought, is like packing a parachute after jumping from the plane." He then proceeded to discuss livestock and pasture management strategies for facing drought. Livestock inventory reduction rules, a prioritized approach to supplementation, and alternative feed options were offered. Machen also gave details about the drought insurance program, livestock assistance program, and livestock gross margin insurance. A transcript of his presentation is available.

Barry Wall, Texas Rainwater Systems representative, provided the second topic "Remote Watering Systems". Wall told of the use of cisterns throughout history and identified the benefits of rainwater harvesting. He then listed considerations for designing, building and installing rain harvesting systems. He presented options for potable systems such as in hunting cabins, and non-potable systems as in remote watering systems for livestock and wildlife.

Sonora Experiment Station Researcher, Dr. Butch Taylor, followed with his presentation titled, "Wildfire on Texas

Rangelands". Dr. Taylor recounted Texas fires from late 2005/early 2006 as well as the associated damage and economic losses. Taylor then explained the "anatomy" of fire and how to protect homes, barns, and facilities from wildfire. He also articulated the benefits of prescribed fire as well as its use as a preventive tool. An introduction to the Edward's Plateau Prescribed Burn Association concluded his presentation. A transcript is also available.

The final topic for the morning was "Livestock Theft Awareness" by Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Ranger, Allen Thompson. Thompson recalled that last year, the TSCRA recovered about 5,200 cattle along with ranch machinery worth nearly \$ 4 million in Texas and Oklahoma. Thompson explained that law enforcement officers are aided in their efforts by 70 TSCRA market inspectors who identify 5 million to 6 million cattle each year at more than 115 Texas livestock markets. They report their findings to TSCRA's Fort Worth headquarters, where the information is entered into the largest centralized and computerized brand recording and retrieval system in the nation. Headquarters support staff distribute information on missing/stolen livestock to more than 700 law enforcement agencies nationwide. He ended by giving theft prevention tips.

The second workshop will be on April 19th and will focus on foreign animal disease control, agro-terrorism, and wildlife diseases. Feral swine control will also be addressed. Contact the Sutton County Extension Office for more details.

Texas Cooperative Extension Sets Multi-County Range and Wildlife Program

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JUNCTION – Texas Cooperative Extension offices in four Central Texas counties are collaborating to present the 2007 Hill Country Range and Wildlife Program. The program is set for 9 a.m. April 11 in Junction's Coke R. Stevenson Center.

"Interest in wildlife continues to grow as does the interest in wildlife education," said Russell Kott, Extension agent in Kimble County. "To meet that need, organizers have put together a slate of speakers who know this area and its unique requirements. We feel this program will be the wildlife landmark educational event of the year for Central Texas landowners, managers and hunters."

Registration starts at 9 a.m. The program, which includes lunch, is scheduled to end at 1 p.m.

Topics and presenters will include: "Role of Fire in Range Management," Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, Sonora Experiment Station superintendent; "Range Management Following

a Burn" and "Information on the Cactus Moth," Dr. Allan McGinty, Extension range specialist at San Angelo; "Marketing Deer and Turkey," Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo, and "Deer vs. Fire," Dr. Jim Gallagher, Extension wildlife specialist at Uvalde.

The program will end with a prescribed burn range tour conducted by Billy Kniffen, Extension agent in Menard County.

Extension offices in Mason, Menard, Kimble and Gillespie counties are hosting the event.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered: three general and two integrated pest management.

Individual registration is \$15. Attendees are asked to RSVP to any of the sponsoring Extension offices by April 5 so an accurate lunch count can be made.

For more information or to register, call one of the following agents: Kott, 325-446-2620; Bill Botard, Gillespie County, 830-997-3452; Brent Drennan, Mason County, 325-347-6459 or Kniffen, 325-396-4787.

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Washington, D.C. (March 27) – Efforts in the Congress to repeal part of last year's bipartisan energy bill will end up slapping consumers with hidden energy tax, according to an influential coalition of Western Business leaders.

Several pending bills in the

Congress propose to repeal elements of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and further restrict access to American energy resources on public lands," according to Darrell Henry, Senior Vice President of the Western Business Roundtable.

Junction Stockyards

Market Report 3/26/07

Sheep & Goats Market Report Sold 1640 head of sheep and goats. Kids were steady.

- Sheep:**
- #1 Spring Lambs 50-70 lbs 1.10-1.26
 - #1 Spring Lambs 70-90 lbs. 1.00-1.21
 - #1 Old Crop Lambs 50-70 lbs. .90-.98
 - #1 Old Crop Lambs 70-90 lbs. .80-.90
 - Fat Ewes -.45-.52
 - Thin Ewes -.25-.35
 - Bucks -.30-.50

- Goats:**
- Baby Tooth Angora-no test
 - Solid Mouth Angora
 - Stocker Nannies -.35-.40
 - Stocker Angora Muttons -.50-.60
 - Angora Kids - 1.10-1.18
 - Angora Kids Shorn .80-1.10
 - Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Thin) -.10-.20
 - Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Fat) Nannies -.30-.42
 - Stocker Spanish Nannies .60-.87
 - Fat Spanish Nannies .55-.70
 - Fat Spanish Muttons & Billies .75-.85 mutt. .90-1.10
 - Fat Yearlings - 1.00-1.10
 - Fat Spanish Kids -1.30-1.48
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March 21, 2007
 • Donciano Rocha, 59, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Public Intoxication.
March 25, 2007
 • Raymundo Deleon Morales, 34, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for a Sutton County Warrant for Assault Causes Bodily Injury.

Incidents:
March 19, 2007
 • 8:49 AM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
 • 1:22 PM: Caller reported suspicious persons. Officer responded.
 • 2:38 PM: Caller requested a welfare check. Officer responded.
 • 6:30 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.
 • 11:15 PM: Caller reported a family disturbance. Officer responded.
March 20, 2007
 • 4:50 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.
 • 6:30 PM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.
March 21, 2007
 • 5:15 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
 • 9:10 PM: Caller reported a family disturbance. Officer responded.
March 22, 2007
 • 10:46 AM: Caller reported a possum in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
 • 2:00 PM: Caller reported a minor traffic accident at Town & Country #4. Officer and Deputy responded.
 • 4:05 PM: Caller reported a cat in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
 • 6:00 PM: Caller reported a dog bite. Officer, Deputy, and Animal Control Officer responded.
 • 7:30 PM: Caller reported a fight in progress. Officer responded.
 • 7:55 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.
 • 11:30 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
March 23, 2007
 • 8:15 AM: Caller reported a suspicious person. Officer responded.

• 12:34 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 • 12:35 PM: Caller reported a loose goat on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
 • 2:04 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Deputy responded.
 • 3:00 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Deputy responded.
 • 6:00 PM: Caller reported a vehicle blocking driveway. Officer responded.
 • 6:35 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.
 • 10:10 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.
March 24, 2007
 • 1:25 AM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.
 • 1:40 AM: Caller reported a family disturbance. Officer responded.
 • 8:30 AM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
 • 11:30 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 • 1:35 PM: Caller requested an officer at business. Officer responded.
 • 12:30 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 • 1:10 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 • 6:00 PM: Caller reported reckless drivers. Officer responded.
 • 7:55 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.
 • 9:10 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 • 9:15 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 • 10:40 PM: Caller reported a family disturbance. Officer responded.
 • 11:15 PM: Caller reported subject popping fireworks. Officer responded. Located subjects and issued subjects citations.
March 25, 2007
 • 11:00 AM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
 • 11:35 AM: Caller reported a family disturbance. Officer responded.
 • 1:00 PM: Caller reported a family disturbance. Officer responded.



Walk Across Texas Kickoff - A Big Success

**By: Kelly L Thorp, MS
 County Extension Agent-FCS
 Texas Cooperative Extension-Sutton County**

The Wellness Center at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and Texas Cooperative Extension teamed up and kicked off our 2007 Walk Across Texas program on March 12th. Some 28 teams signed up for this friendly competition which encourages incorporating physical activity in to one's everyday routine.

The evening began with teams being challenged to walk from Beaumont to El Paso during the 8 week walking program. Participants were then treated to a pep talk by Sonora's own Iron "woman" Carol Pope. Pope gave listeners tips on how to stay motivated and setting realistic goals for physical activity.

As an incentive item The Wellness Center donated and distributed some 250 pedometers to teams and their members. Door prizes and a free month of membership to the Wellness Center were also given away.

At the conclusion of the program, teams join together for a

group walk in which everyone logged their first mile of the competition.

If you are interested in joining the fun it's not too late. All you need is a team of eight people. For more info on how to sign up call 387-BFIT or call 387-3101.

To track your team's success or learn more about incorporating healthy habits into your lifestyle go to <http://walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu>.

Week One Walk Across Texas Results:

Team	Total Team Miles
2 Motivated	218
Bodacious Bankers	158.5
BSA Troop 19	165.27
D.T.Bs	139.05
Eight	189
Eldorado Eight	334
Goat Busters	234
Honey Buns	277
Hotties and Hunks	190.68
Hullabaloo Hikers	270.25
Incredible Shrinking Women	161.6
Jet Fuel	157.5
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LMH Road Runners	325.85
Maddi & The Misfits	117
Money Chasers	232.1
Oil Patch High Stepper	247
Pavement Pounders	161.04
Pickle Capers	91
Quick Steppers	150.5
Road Lizards	N/A
Scrubs	137.55
Sonora GSA Troop 215	180.83
Steakhouse Babes	146.5
Street Patrol	138.67
TC Girls	154
The STX Crew	65.81
Water Babes	121
County total =	4833.2 miles

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 FIRST DEGREE FELONY
 IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 The 112th Judicial District Grand Jury for the County of Sutton, State of Texas, duly selected, impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such by the 112th Judicial District Court for said County at the September 2006 Term of the said Court, upon their oaths present in and to said Court that in Sutton County Texas, GUILLERMO GUERRERO COTA, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about September 13, 2006, COUNT ONE-did then and there knowingly conceal the proceeds of criminal activity to-wit: possession or use of a criminal instrument, and the value of said funds was \$200,000.00 or more; COUNT TWO-did then and there knowingly conceal the proceeds of criminal activity, to-wit: delivery of a controlled substance, and the value of said funds was \$200,000.00 or more;

THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. DAMIAN JASON MOODYMAN
 DEFENDANT: DAMIAN JASON MOODYMAN
 DATE OF BIRTH: NOVEMBER 29, 1979
 FELONY CHARGE: POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
 THSC 481.115
 THRID DEGREE FELONY
 IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 The 112th Judicial District Grand Jury for the County of Sutton, State of Texas, duly selected, impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such by the 112th Judicial District Court for said County at the September 2006 Term of the said Court, upon their oaths present in and to said Court that in the aforesaid offense, on August 29, 1994, in cause number 540,628 in the County Court at Law No. 4 of Bexar County, Texas, the defendant was convicted of an offense relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated; and on April 15, 2002, in cause number 795,412 in the County Court at Law No. 6 of Bexar County, Texas, the defendant was convicted of an offense relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated;

THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. TRINA JO GALVAN
 Defendant: TRINA JO GALVAN
 Date of Birth: JULY 11, 1978
 Felony Charge: FRAUDULENT USE OR POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION
 TEXAS PENAL CODE 32.51
 STATE JAIL FELONY
 IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. DAMIAN JASON MOODYMAN, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about JUNE 26, 2006, did then and there knowingly possess a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine, in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams;

THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. RICHARD ALLEN BIESENBACH
 Defendant: RICHARD ALLEN BIESENBACH
 Date of Birth: July 12, 1967
 Felony Charge: FELONY DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED
 TEXAS PENAL CODE 49.04/49.09
 THRID DEGREE FELONY
 IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 The 112th Judicial District Grand Jury for the County of Sutton, State of Texas, duly selected, impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such by the 112th Judicial District Court for said County at the September 2006 Term of the said Court, upon their oaths present in and to said Court that in Sutton County Texas, RICHARD ALLEN BIESENBACH, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about NOVEMBER 4, 2006, did then and there operate a motor vehicle in a public place while the said defendant was intoxicated by not having the normal use of mental or physical faculties by reason of the introduction of alcohol into the body; And it is further presented in and to said Court that, prior to the commission of the aforesaid offense, on August 29, 1994, in cause number 540,628 in the County Court at Law No. 4 of Bexar County, Texas, the defendant was convicted of an offense relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated; and on April 15, 2002, in cause number 795,412 in the County Court at Law No. 6 of Bexar County, Texas, the defendant was convicted of an offense relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated;

THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. ANNETTA KEEN KELLY aka Lorraine M. Salter
 DEFENDANT: ANNETTA KEEN KELLY aka Lorraine M. Salter
 DATE OF BIRTH: October 26, 1978
 FELONY CHARGE: Money Laundering
 TEXAS PENAL CODE 34.02
 STATE JAIL FELONY
 IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 The 112th Judicial District Grand Jury for the County of Sutton, State of Texas, duly selected, impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such by the 112th Judicial District Court for said County at the September 2006 Term of the said Court, upon their oaths present in and to said Court that in Sutton County Texas, ANNETTA KEEN KELLY aka Lorraine M. Salter, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about August 13, 2006, did then and there knowingly possess the proceeds of criminal activity, to-wit: fraudulent use or possession of identifying information, and the value of said funds was \$1,500.00 or more but less than \$20,000.00;

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THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. ANNETTA LEEN KELLY aka Lorraine M. Salter
 Defendant: ANNETTA LEEN KELLY aka Lorraine M. Salter
 Date of Birth: October 26, 1978
 Felony Charge: POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE THSC 481.117
 THIRD DEGREE FELONY
 IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The 112th Judicial District Grand Jury for the County of Sutton, State of Texas, duly selected, impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such by the 112th Judicial District Court for said County at the September 2006 Term of the said Court, upon their oaths present in and to said Court that in Sutton County Texas, ANNETTA LEEN KELLY aka Lorraine M. Salter, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about August 13, 2006, did then and there knowingly possess a controlled substance, namely, a material, compound, mixture, or preparation in an amount of 28 grams or more but less than 200 grams, that contained not more than 15 milligrams per dosage unit, with one or more active, non-narcotic ingredients in recognized therapeutic amounts of Dihydrocodeinone;

THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. ANNETTA LEEN KELLY aka Lorraine M. Salter
 Defendant: ANNETTA MEEEN KELLY aka Lorraine M. Salter
 Date of Birth: October 26, 1978
 Felony Charge: FRAUDULENT USE OR POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION (3 Counts)
 TEXAS PENAL CODE 32.51
 STATE JAIL FELONY
 IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The 112th Judicial District Grand Jury for the County of Sutton, State of Texas, duly selected, impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such by the 112th Judicial District Court for said County at the September 2006 Term of the said Court, upon their oaths present in and to said Court that in Sutton County Texas, ANNETTA KEEN KELLY, aka Lorraine M. Salter, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about August 13, 2006, COUNT ONE- did then and there with intent to harm or defraud another, and without the consent of Rachel Shipman, possess identifying information of Rachel Shipman, to-wit: driver's license, debit card and Costco card; COUNT TWO- did then and there with intent to harm or defraud another, and without the consent of Felicia Reus, possess identifying information of Felicia Reus, to-wit: driver's license and Costco card; COUNT THREE- did then and there with intent to harm or defraud another, and without the consent of Samantha Harnett, possess identifying information of Samantha Harnett, to-wit: driver's license;

THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. ARTURO MORENO, JR.
 Defendant: ARTUTO MORENO, JR.
 Date of Birth: MAY 6, 1970
 Felony Charge: DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED
 TEXAS PENAL CODE 49.04/49.09
 THIRD DEGREE FELONY
 IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The 112th Judicial District Grand Jury for the County of Sutton, State of Texas, duly selected, impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such by the 112th Judicial District Court for said County at the September 2006 Term of the said Court, upon their oaths present in and to said Court that in Sutton County Texas, ARTURO MORENO, JR., hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about JULY 1, 2006, did then and there operate a motor vehicle in a public place while the said defendant was intoxicated by not having the normal use of mental or physical faculties by reason of the introduction of alcohol into the body, or

by having an alcohol concentration of at least 0.08;

And it is further presented in and to said Court that, prior to the commission of the aforesaid offense, on May 22, 1997, in cause number 660135 in the County Court at Law No. 5 of Bexar County, Texas, the defendant was convicted of an offense relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated; and on July 7, 2003, in cause number 840821 in the County Court at Law No. 8 of Bexar County, Texas, the defendant was convicted of an offense relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated;

THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. JEANEANE MARIE ROBITAILLE
 Defendant: JEANEANE MARIE ROBITAILLE
 Date of Birth: FEBRUARY 15, 1983
 Felony Charge: POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE THSC 481.115
 THIRD DEGREE FELONY
 IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The 112th Judicial District Grand Jury for the County of Sutton, State of Texas, duly selected, impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such by the 112th Judicial District Court for said County at the September 2006 Term of the said Court, upon their oaths present in and to said Court that in Sutton County Texas, JEANEANE MARIE ROBITAILLE, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about JUNE 26, 2006, did then and there knowingly possess a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine, in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams;

THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. OSCAR SANCHEZ
 Defendant: OSCAR SANCHEZ
 Date of Birth: MAY 29, 1984
 Felony Charge: FRAUDULENT USE OR POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION
 TEXAS PENAL CODE 32.51
 STATE JAIL FELONY
 IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The 112th Judicial District Grand Jury for the County of Sutton, State of Texas, duly selected, impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such by the 112th Judicial District Court for said County at the September 2006 Term of the said Court, upon their oaths present in and to said Court that in Sutton County Texas, OSCAR SANCHEZ, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about July 30, 2006 did then and there with intent to harm or defraud another, and without the consent of Gerardo Elizondo, possess identifying information of Gerardo Elizondo, to-wit: driver's license and a personal check;

THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. BLAS MICHAEL SOLIS
 Defendant: BLAS MICHAEL SOLIS
 Date of Birth: FEBRUARY 12, 1981
 Felony Charge: CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
 TEXAS PENAL CODE 28.03
 STATE JAIL FELONY
 IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The 112th Judicial District Grand Jury for the County of Sutton, State of Texas, duly selected, impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such by the 112th Judicial District Court for said County at the September 2006 Term of the said Court, upon their oaths present in and to said Court that in Sutton County Texas, BLAS MICHAEL SOLIS, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about OCTOBER 29, 2006 did then and there intentionally or knowingly damage or destroy tangible property, to-wit: 2004 Mitsubishi 2-door vehicle by kicking the vehicle, without the effective consent of Lino Villanueva, the owner of said property, and did thereby cause pecuniary loss of \$1,500.00 or more but less than \$20,000.00 to said owner;

THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. TINA TRAYLOR WATKINS

Defendant: TINA TRAYLOR WATKINS

Date of Birth: JANUARY 17, 1961
 Felony Charge: POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE THSC 481.112
 THIRD DEGREE FELONY
 IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The 112th Judicial District Grand Jury for the County of Sutton, State of Texas, duly selected, impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such by the 112th Judicial District Court for said County at the September 2006 Term of the said Court, upon their oaths present in and to said Court that in Sutton County Texas, TINA TRAYLOR WATKINS, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about July 26, 2006, did then and there knowingly possess a controlled substance, namely, Cocaine, in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams;

THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. ALBERTO HERNANDEZ FRANCO

Defendant: ALBERTO HERNANDEZ FRANCO

Date of Birth: JUNE 6, 1982
 Felony Charge: POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE THSC 481.115
 THIRD DEGREE FELONY
 IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The 112th Judicial District Grand Jury for the County of Sutton, State of Texas, duly selected, impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such by the 112th Judicial District Court for said County at the September 2006 Term of the said Court, upon their oaths present in and to said Court that in Sutton County Texas, ALBERTO HERNANDEZ FRANCO, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about September 1, 2006, did then and there knowingly possess a controlled substance, namely, Cocaine, in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams;

THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. CALEB MICHAEL GROOMS

Defendant: CALEB MICHAEL GROOMS

Date of Birth: JUNE 18, 1978
 Felony Charge: POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE THSC 481.115
 THIRD DEGREE FELONY
 IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The 112th Judicial District Grand Jury for the County of Sutton, State of Texas, duly selected, impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such by the 112th Judicial District Court for said County at the September 2006 Term of the said Court, upon their oaths present in and to said Court that in Sutton County Texas, CALEB MICHAEL GROOMS, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about September 10, 2006, did then and there knowingly possess a controlled substance, namely Cocaine, in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams;

THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. NATHANIEL DAVID GROOMS

Defendant: NATHANIEL DAVID GROOMS

Date of Birth: August 20, 1980
 Felony Charge: POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE THSC 481.112
 THIRD DEGREE FELONY
 IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The 112th Judicial District Grand Jury for the County of Sutton, State of Texas, duly selected, impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such by the 112th Judicial District Court

for said County at the September 2006 Term of the said Court, upon their oaths present in and to said Court that in Sutton County Texas, NATHANIEL DAVID GROOMS, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about September 10, 2006, did then and there knowingly possess a controlled substance, namely Cocaine, in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams;

THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. ERVEY PRIETO HERNANDEZ

Defendant: ERVEY PRIETO HERNANDEZ

Date of Birth: SEPTEMBER 30, 1982
 Felony Charge: POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE THSC 481.115
 THIRD DEGREE FELONY
 IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The 112th Judicial District Grand Jury for the County of Sutton, State of Texas, duly selected, impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such by the 112th Judicial District Court for said County at the September 2006 Term of the said Court, upon their oaths present in and to said Court that in Sutton County Texas, ERVEY PRIETO HERNANDEZ, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about September 1, 2006, did then and there knowingly possess a controlled substance, namely Cocaine, in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams;

THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. ENRIQUE JALOMO

Defendant: ENRIQUE JALOMO

Date of Birth: NOVEMBER 5, 1988
 Felony Charge: BURGLARY OF A BUILDING
 TEXAS PENAL CODE 30.02
 STATE JAIL FELONY
 IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The 112th Judicial District Grand Jury for the County of Sutton, State of Texas, duly selected, impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such by the 112th Judicial District Court for said County at the September 2006 Term of the said Court, upon their oaths present in and to said Court that in Sutton County Texas, ENRIQUE JALOMO, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about July 7, 2006, did then

and there, with intent to commit theft, enter a building or a portion of a building not open to the public, without the effective consent of Leroy Valliant, the owner thereof;

THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. MICHAEL L. MARTIN

Defendant: MICHAEL L. MARTIN

Date of Birth: APRIL 22, 1962
 Felony Charge: POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE THSC 481.112
 THIRD DEGREE FELONY
 IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The 112th Judicial District Grand Jury for the County of Sutton, State of Texas, duly selected, impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such by the 112th Judicial District Court for said County at the September 2006 Term of the said Court, upon their

oaths present in and to said Court that in Sutton County Texas, MICHAEL L. MARTIN, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about August 29, 2006, did then and there knowingly possess a controlled substance, namely Methamphetamine, in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams;

THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. RANDAL CRESENCIO RUIZ


Defendant: RANDAL CRESENCIO RUIZ

Date of Birth: APRIL 1, 1986
 Felony Charge: POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE THSC 481.115
 THIRD DEGREE FELONY
 IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The 112th Judicial District Grand Jury for the County of Sutton, State of Texas, duly selected, impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such by the 112th Judicial District Court for said County at the September 2006 Term of the said Court, upon their

oaths present in and to said Court that in Sutton County Texas, RANDAL CRESENCIO RUIZ, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about August 29, 2006, did then and there knowingly possess a controlled substance, namely Methamphetamine, in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams;

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THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. MICHAEL L. MARTIN
 Defendant: MICHAEL L. MARTIN
 Date of Birth: APRIL 22, 1962
 Felony Charge: POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
 THSC 481.112
 THIRD DEGREE FELONY
 IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The 112th Judicial District Grand Jury for the County of Sutton, State of Texas, duly selected, impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such by the 112th Judicial District Court for said County at the September 2006 Term of the said Court, upon their oaths present in and to said Court in Sutton County Texas, MICHAEL L. MARTIN, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about August 29, 2006, did then and there knowingly possess a controlled substance, namely Methamphetamine, in an amount of one

gram or more but less than four grams;

THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. RANDAL CRESENCIO RUIZ
 Defendant: RANDAL CRESENCIO RUIZ
 Date of Birth: APRIL 1, 1986
 Felony Charge: POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
 THSC 481.115
 THIRD DEGREE FELONY
 IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The 112th Judicial District Grand Jury for the County of Sutton, State of Texas, duly selected, impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such by the 112th Judicial District Court for said County at the September 2006 Term of the said Court, upon their oaths present in and to said Court that in Sutton County Texas, RANDAL CRESENCIO RUIZ, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about September 16, 2006, did then and there knowingly possess a controlled substance, namely Methamphetamine, in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams.

Democrats' War Supplemental Welcomes Defeat, Buys Votes At Troops Expense

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to pass H.R. 1591, the Democrat Fiscal Year 2007 Emergency Supplemental Appropriation bill by a vote of 218 to 212. The supplemental puts in place an inflexible timeline with a date certain for withdrawal (March 2008), micromanages our commanders on the ground, and undermines and slows the efforts of our troops.

"This legislation sends a negative message to our troops in combat who deserve to be sent the resources and reinforcements they need to succeed in their mission in Iraq without strings and without delay," said Conaway. "There are only two positions to take on this war: fight the fight and be successful in our efforts or stop the war and get out of Iraq today. There is no middle ground."

Also included in the war supplemental were items such as hurricane programs, spinach programs, drought relief, and more non-war funding items. The supplemental appropriations bill is intended to fund the Global War on Terror. President Bush has said he will veto any legislation that weakens national security and hinders the ability of

troops to fight and win the Global War on Violent Islamic Jihadists, and will send it back to Congress to be reworked.

Conaway went on to say, "There have been severe natural disasters that have impacted farmers and ranchers throughout the nation, and few states have been hit as hard as Texas. I, along side many of my colleagues, have long called for federal assistance to address the immediate needs of American agriculture and its producers. However, it is wrongheaded to try and use such an important issue as an incentive to abandon our troops and place them in harms way. I cannot, in good conscience, support such an attempt."

"The war supplemental should be about our troops and efforts in the Global War on Terror only. How can we ask our troops to go forward when they know that in two or three weeks they can go home safely without finishing the mission? We can't. We can't ask people to put their lives on the line for this fight and set a timetable that is unrealistic and unworkable. This bill is Washington hypocrisy at its best, and I do not support it."

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

TYC master orders review of inmate sentence extensions

By Ed Sterling
 AUSTIN - The Texas Youth Commission story continues to unfold.

It has come to light that the sentences of 93 percent of the agency's 4,700 inmates had been extended at some point, causing questions over the fairness of the process.

Special Master Jay Kimbrough, appointed by Gov. Rick Perry in February to investigate allegations of criminal wrongdoing at the 4,600-employee agency, said the inmates' sentences would be reviewed.

Meanwhile, legislation to address and correct problems at the TYC stalled in the House. One reason for the stall is that an objection was raised over a proposal to appoint a special state prosecutor to assist local district attorneys in their efforts to weed out wrongdoers at TYC units. It was argued that to create an office of special prosecutor for the TYC would take away local control and it would cost too much.

Debate was suspended, but there is a lot of public pressure on the House to act swiftly on

TYC legislation. Veto override idea up to voters

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Elkins' HJR 59 passed March 21 on a vote of 109-29.

The people of Texas, of which only 39 percent voted for Gov. Perry in 2006, will put Elkins' idea to the test next fall when they vote on HJR 59 and other constitutional amendments.

The 29 members who voted "no" on the measure were Republicans Charles "Doc" Anderson of Waco; Jimmie Don Aycock of Killeen; Leo Berman of Tyler; Betty Brown of Athens; Warren Chisum of Pampa; Wayne Christian of Center; Byron Cook of Corsicana; Frank Corte of San Antonio; Joe Crabb of Kingwood; Brandon Creighton of Conroe; Myra Crownover

of Lake Dallas; Dianne White Delisi of Temple; Joe Driver of Garland; Rob Eissler of The Woodlands; and Dan Flynn of Canton.

Also, Republicans Rick Hardcastle of Vernon; Patricia Harless of Spring; Will Hartnett of Dallas; Fred Hill of Richardson; Mike Krusee of Round Rock; Jodie Laubenberg of Rockwall; Sid Miller of Stephenville; Anna Mowery of Fort Worth; Ken Paxton of McKinney; Larry Phillips of Sherman; Debbie Riddle of Houston; John Smithee of Amarillo; David Swinford of Dumas; and Beverly Woolley of Houston.

Full House to debate next budget

Legislation approved by the House Appropriations Committee on March 20 tabs the state's 2008-2009 budget at about \$150 billion.

The proposed budget, about 4 percent greater than the current

2006-2007 budget, is scheduled for debate by the full House on March 29.

Plenty of attention will be focused on an estimated \$8 billion in funds that could be used or saved as prevailing temperatures see fit.

House votes to repeal phone tax

The House voted on March 20 to do away with something Texans see on their phone bills every month: the Texas Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund tax.

The legislation, House Bill 735 by Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, kills a tax brought into existence in 1995 to help fund computers, networks and training for public schools, universities, hospitals and libraries.

Texans were to pay the tax until the fund reached \$1.5 billion. The goal was reached in 2003, but the state went on charging the tax when the state had a budget shortfall. At that point, TIF funds were moved into general revenue. Now, the state has a multi-billion surplus, and the TIF is no longer necessary.

Under HB 735, Texans will go on paying the TIF tax, likely until the end of June.

A Senate version of the bill is being brought by Tommy Williams, R- The Woodlands. Differences between the two bills will have to be worked out by a conference committee.



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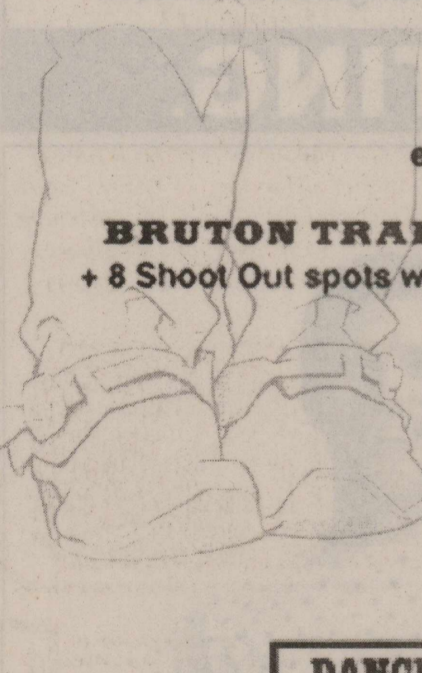
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR DEPOSITORY OF OPERATING FUNDS OF THE SONORA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
NOTICE is hereby given that the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation (SIDC) will receive bids for depository of the Corporation's Operating Funds for the period commencing on the 1st day of June, 2007 through the 31st day of May, 2009. Any banking organization, qualifying under the laws of the State of Texas to act as depository of municipal funds, which desires to act as such depository for the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation shall submit written application thereof, on the forms supplied by the SIDC, sealed and marked on the outside "APPLICATION FOR DEPOSITORY OF SIDC FUNDS, DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 7, 2007". Such application shall be received at the SIDC Office, P.O. Box 555 Sonora, Texas 76950, no later than 11:00 a.m. on May 7, 2007. Such applications shall be opened publicly and read aloud at 11:30 a.m. May 7, 2007 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation Board of Directors at the SIDC Office, 120 N. Concho Ave., Sonora TX 76950. All terms, conditions, specifications and requirements for such applications are available upon request made to the SIDC Board Secretary and same are hereby incorporated into this Notice to the same extent as through fully set forth verbatim herein. The SIDC Board of Directors will review and take action on bids on May 7, 2007 and shall have the right to accept the application which offers the most favorable terms and conditions for handling of such funds and shall have the right to reject any or all applications and to waive informalities.

Public Notice

Sutton County is hereby requesting for sealed bids on the following:
1. One (1) New Tractor 95 to 100 HP with Cab Two (2) Wheel Drive 2 or 3 Remote with Hydraulic Controls
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Sealed bids will be opened on April 9, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. at the regular meeting of Commissioners Court at the Sutton County Annex at which time bids will either be accepted or rejected. "Sealed Bids" must be delivered or mailed to Judge Carla Garner, Box 1212, Sonora, Texas 76950. For Specifications, please contact the County Road & Bridge Administrator, Oscar Jimenez, 325/387-3010 or 325/206-1883 or County Auditor, Maura Weingart, 325/387-5380.

Public Notice

Sonora ISD will accept sealed bids for band instruments. Specs can be obtained at the Adm. Office or by calling 325-387-6940. Sealed bids will be accepted at the Admin. Office at 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950 until April 10, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at which time said bids will be opened. The Supt. will award the bid as soon as all questions have been answered to his satisfaction at the above location. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Public Notice

Public Notice
Frontier Mini Storages located on Hwy. 277 S, in Sonora, Texas; Sutton County will be holding a **public sale** on May 1, 2007 @ 10:30 a.m. (No early Birds to satisfy a landlord's lien, weather permitting. This is the tenant's 1st notice of "intent to sale" concerning their property. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale at any time. The following tenants as of March 20 are: Ashley Daniels, Tammy Griffin, Lisa Ottwell, Gilbert Lumbrales, Enrique Lopez, Sylvia Vasquez, Tressa Esparza, plus unknown renters of units #C, #E, #H, #4, #13, #14, #29, #39, #47, #49, and #57 If you feel there is a mistake, please feel free to contact this office ASAP.
This is not going to be a garage sale. We will be bidding each unit as a whole according to its belongings. We will only accept **CASH at this sale. We will have a very generic summary of items in each unit that will be sold off with a starting bid. If your bid is accepted, you agree to remove all items from that winning unit that day regardless. Be prepared to load all your items immediately after proper paper work and money is accepted. Any questions regarding this notice can be directed to my office @ 325-387-2104

Employment

CDLDRIVER NEEDED! Service company needs motivated CDL drivers and forklift drivers. Must have clean driving record and at least 3 years verifiable experience. Offers competitive pay with overtime and health insurance. Drug free, dependable and serious persons fax qualifications to 325.387-3813 or call 325.387.5648. All inquiries are kept confidential.

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

Help Wanted: Opening for Pharmacy Technician. Certified preferred, but will train the right applicant. Please come by Everett's Pharmacy, 417 Hwy. 277 North, to pick up application.

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Employment

C.N.A.'s Needed: Crockett County Care Center in Ozona, TX is looking for good C.N.A.'s that are willing to earn top dollar in long term care coupled with paid employee health insurance, personal time off and mileage allowance. CCCC is fresh off a deficiency free survey and is looking to repeat the same in 2007. Interested? Please call direct (no long distance), 392-2671 or drop by 103 N. Ave. H and ask for Vicki or Benny. CCCC is an EOE.

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Housekeeper Needed Part-Time Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. Apply in person. 308 Hudspeth treet Sonora, Texas 76950

The Glover Company is seeking qualified and experienced **CDL applicants. For Trans-VAC Drivers, Winch Truck Drivers, Swabbing Unit operators, and Swabbing Unit helpers.** We Provide: Health Insurance, Life Insurance, Paid Vacation, Uniforms and Christmas Bonus. Please apply in person to 2973 I-10 or phone at (325) 392-2561.

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Dairy Queen help wanted all shifts, also need a co-manager, starting at \$7.00 per hour, speak to Teresa James.

Local company seeks workers: Will train. Must be 18 years or older, have a current TX drivers license and a clean driving record. Call 325-387-3154 for more information or stop by 307 E. Chestnut St. for application.

Sonora Golf Club needs someone to work part time in the pro shop. Come by and pick up an application. You must be 21.



Employment

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

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

Best Western Sonora Inn is now accepting applications for front desk sales associates and housekeeping staff. Full time and part time positions available. Come by, pick up an application and apply in person, no phone calls please.

Wanted: Director of Nursing - D.O.N. needed for local 56 Medicaid certified bed facility in Ozona, Texas. Two years experience in long term care a must. D.O.N. will have a valid Texas R.N. license without any restrictions against it. We recently completed a deficiency free survey and currently have a 90% occupancy rate. Call Benny at 325-392-2671 for an application. C.C.C.C. is an E.O.E.

For Sale

House for sale in Eldorado, manufactured home, 2180 sq. ft. on 4 lots. 3/2, 3 car carport, garage, metal fence, large kitchen, fireplace, metal storage building, 2 luminaries, located at 608 Nance, 325-853-2438

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A Mysterious \$700 Billion Boost in Revenue

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

Every spring, Congress debates a budget plan for the federal government—both for the coming year and for the next five-year period. We just finished that exercise in the U.S. Senate.

These budget plans are not written the same way you plan your family's finances. In a Texas household, if you habitually spend more than you take in, you're in serious trouble. But for the federal government, income and outgo do not have to balance. In fact, if revenue even comes close to expenditures, that is declared a major victory.

Even though these budget plans provide only a framework, they're an important indicator of our political will. They demonstrate national priorities and our willingness to tackle tough issues facing the country.

President Bush had submitted a budget plan earlier this year that balanced the federal budget by 2012. The Democrats then proceeded to add more than \$200 billion in new spending, mostly on domestic programs, while failing to balance the budget. How did they do it?

This is where things get quite murky. The budget document includes some \$700 bil-

lion in new revenue but doesn't specify where that money will come from. In 2001 and 2003, a Republican Congress passed tax relief for all Americans. This relief included a phase-out of the death tax, an increased child care credit, capital gains and dividend tax relief, and lower income tax rates, including a new low 10-percent bracket. Because of budget rules, many of those tax relief measures will expire by 2011.

Republicans suspect the Democrat-controlled Congress wants tax relief—or most of it—to expire after the 2008 Presidential election. That would mean a massive tax increase, the biggest in U.S. history. That tax increase could be the magic source for the mysterious \$700 billion additional revenue left unspecified in the budget resolution.

There was another major omission in this year's debate. The budget plan did absolutely nothing to curb the fastest-growing federal expenditures: mandatory spending or entitlement programs. Entitlement spending already accounts for 40 percent of the federal budget, and it's increasing at an unsustainable 8-9 percent annual rate. From 2008-2012, entitlements will grow by another \$425 billion.

Next year, the post-war Baby Boom generation will start collecting Social Security. Our seniors are living longer. Increasing health-care costs—including the new prescription drug benefit—will cause Medicare and Medicaid payment to jump rapidly.

I strongly believe we should preserve the Bush tax relief that has led directly to our current economic expansion. And we should make the difficult decisions now on how to get a handle on the fastest growing part of the federal budget—entitlement spending.

During consideration of this year's budget, I offered a number of amendments designed to force Congress to address this situation. One important measure—requiring that 60 of 100 Senators approve any future increase in income tax rates—was approved. But another, that would have required the Senate Finance Committee to begin addressing escalating entitlement spending immediately—was rejected.

It's clear, at least at this point, that Congress cannot summon the same discipline that responsible families demonstrate in their budgeting practices.

F.Y.I.

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

Help fight cancer- The American Cancer Society wants to give everyone the opportunity to help fight the disease that claims so many lives. Purchase a luminary and help light the way to a cure! Proceeds for the luminary sales will benefit cancer research, service and education. For more information, please call Dorothy at 387-2521 ext. 114.

Reading Friends, a Sonora book club, meets quarterly at St. John's Episcopal Parish Hall. Our next meeting is on Monday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. The book we will discuss is "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini. If you would like to participate, you may call Lewis Allen at 387-3948 or just show up at the meeting.

\$1000 Reward for the information leading to the arrest of person or persons involved in the theft of a 2006 white Chevrolet extended cab 4x4 pickup, stolen Feb. 12 from the Glover Co. in Ozona. All callers will remain anonymous. Contact Mike Glover at 325-650-2288 with any information.

Sonora High School Class of 1997 is having a 10 year reunion during the 2007 Sutton County Days. Michele Cramer Spillman is in need of addresses, phone numbers or email addresses to contact classmates for the upcoming reunion. Michele may be emailed at michelespillman@gardere.com or after 6 p.m. at 214-515-5593.

The 57th annual Easter Pageant will be presented under the stars at the amphitheater under Lover's Leap in Junction, beginning at dark, approximately 8:30 p.m., Saturday, April 7.

Los Compadres Club Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser Friday, March 30, 2007, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

The Sutton County Transportation Committee will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 5th at The Bank and Trust meeting room from 4 - 5 pm. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Vernon West Memorial Team Roping: Friday, March 30th, Saturday, March 31 and Sunday, April 1st; Sutton County Arena Complex. Dance Saturday night to *Jake Hooker and The Outsiders*, 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. B.Y.O.B. No Glass! Tickets in advance \$10.00 at the gate \$12.00, for more information call Sonora Chamber of Commerce 325-387-2880.

The 2007 Relay for Life Festival will be held at the Sonora Bronco Baseball Field beginning at 1:00 PM Saturday, May 19th and ending at 1:00 am Sunday, May 20th. If you are interested in having a team please contact: Shanna Petty @ 387-3861 or Katy Haby @ 387-3893. If you are a Cancer Survivor please contact: Sue Lozano @ 387-2521 ext. 140 or Noemi Samaniego @ 387-2521 ext. 123. The public will be brought face to face with those effected by Cancer in a photo show. If you have a photo you would like to submit of yourself or a loved one lost to or effected by Cancer, please contact: Jody Luttrell @ 387-3588 ext. 7250 or Mariah Castro @ 387-3588 ext. 7294.

Easter Bake Sale! The ladies of the Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary will do your Easter baking for you. Homemade treats without the work! Thursday, April 5th at 8:30 a.m. at Food Center/Village Market. All proceeds benefit our local hospital. (This is in lieu of the bake sale usually held at the community Easter Egg Hunt.)

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