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Thursday, March 13, 1997

## Briefly

**Halloween Dance Club Meeting**  
The Halloween Dance Club will meet on Tuesday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the SCNB Building. All interested members should attend.

**Christmas in April Donations**  
The Christmas in April of Sonora, Inc., a non-profit organization, is now accepting donations for the 1997 annual workday. If you would like to make a donation to this worthwhile community project please forward to:

Christmas in April of Sonora  
P.O. Box 63  
Sonora, Tx 76950  
All donations are greatly appreciated.

### Rena M. Elliott Music Scholarship Fund

If you are wanting to remember a loved one, either living or gone, the Rena M. Elliott Music Scholarship Fund would appreciate and be most grateful for a memorial donation. David Velez, David Davenport, Sam Odom, and Amy Massey have received scholarships in the last two years. However, only by your contributions can we continue to give a music scholarship to a worthy senior graduate each year. Thank you!

The Rena M. Elliott Scholarship Fund Committee...

### Sonora Lions Broom Sale

Tuesday, March 18, at the Post Office and City Hall

### Hepatitis B Vaccine Available

The Texas Dept. of Health is offering the 3-series Hepatitis B vaccine for all 11 and 12 year olds. This vaccine is not currently mandated for school but it is highly recommended for this age group. A clinic will be held March 18 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more information call 387-2234.

### Water District Election Filing Deadline Set For March 19

The Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District will have an election on May 3, 1997, to elect a director for Precincts 1, 3, & 4.

Those wishing to file for a position on the ballot may do so at the Water District office in the Mercantile Building, 222 NE Main, Suite 101. The filing deadline for a place on the May 3rd ballot is Wednesday, March 19, 1997.

### Election Filing Deadlines City Council and School Board Wednesday, March 19

### Lenten Luncheons

Lenten Luncheons, sponsored by the Sonora Ministerial Alliance, are held each Wednesday at noon through Holy Week at the Parish Hall of St. John's Episcopal Church.

### Attention 1987 Grads

Our 10 year reunion is upon us. If you have not been contacted, please write or call Shaunamarie Sims, PO Box 1204, Cloudcroft, NM 88317, 505-687-3197; or Kate Jennings at 915-387-5504.

### Library Story Time

Every Wednesday of the week from 10:00-10:45 a.m. at the Sutton County Public Library, 306 E Mulberry. Ages 3 - preschool. For more information call 387-2111.

### Variety Talent Show

The Friends of the Crockett County Public Library will hold a variety talent show on Friday, March 21, at the Civic Center in Ozona from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### Big Lake Bluegrass Festival

Big Lake Bluegrass Festival sponsored by the Big Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. to be held on April 4-6, 1997, at the Big Lake Community Center. Call 915-884-3650 for information.

## Education Commission Rules In Favor of McNaughten

Texas Commissioner of Education, Mike Moses, issued a ruling stating there was not good cause to terminate Dr. Dennis McNaughten's contract as Sonora High School Principal. The commissioner ordered McNaughten's reinstatement, back pay, and employment benefits from the time of discharge to reinstatement.

The board voted to terminate McNaughten's contract on December 30, 1996. In that meeting the board requested attorneys

Carolyn Hanahan and Stephen Moss to prepare an order for the board's signature. The commissioner charged the prepared document dated January 8, 1997 was never adopted by the board.

After a hearing in October conducted by TEA appointed examiner John Rheinschild, the examiner concluded the board did not have good cause to terminate McNaughten's contract. He determined the board did not prove the allegations brought

against McNaughten.

The principal was terminated for using profanity when talking to teachers, falsifying grades, changing courses to provide credits to students who had not earned them and discouraging teachers from exercising their right to the grievance process.

Board president, Michelle Anderson stated they will meet with attorneys next Wednesday to discuss their plan of action.

## School Board Offers Harrelson AD Position

### Harrelson Accepts

After a three and half hour school board executive session board members opened into regular session. Tom Clifton moved to renew teacher contracts as recommended by Superintendent Martinez and seconded by Jesse Bustamante. Bob Brockman made the motion and seconded by Gloria Lopez to offer Coach Harrelson the athletic director position as recommended by Mr. Martinez.

Minutes from February 10 and March 3 were approved. Rex Ann reported that nearly 92% of the tax levy was collected, down 5% from last year. She also informed the board the district will be short \$224,775 due to the dispute with

Louis Dreyfus over valuations.

Payment of current bills in the amount of \$167,995.09 were approved after questions from board members Clifton and Michelle Anderson.

Diane Jacoby presented a proposal from the school's current audit firm. The board asked Mr. Martinez to check into other audit firms and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

Martinez recommended the adoption of the new Professional Development and Appraisal System. Due to time constraints, the agenda item pertaining to housing rental fees was tabled.

Board meetings were scheduled

for the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

In the superintendent's report, Mr. Martinez stated he is glad Mr. Abundez is on board and is excited about the possibilities at the high school. Mr. Martinez also stated he will begin working with the principals and Diane Jacoby on the budget.

In a phone conversation with Mr. Martinez on Tuesday following the meeting, he stated Scott Harrelson had accepted the position of Athletic Director.



The Easter Bunny was recently spotted on the Courthouse Lawn by Bob Merat. Bob says the bunny will be back for the Community Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m.

## Broncos Win Home Opener

The Bronco Baseball team entertained the Eldorado Eagles last Tuesday and gained their first win of the season, with an 11 to 4 victory. The Broncos were led by David Mayer who not only notched his first victory on the mound but was also perfect at the plate with a homerun, a single, and two walks. Andy Mirike contributed greatly with two hits and some very fine

defensive play. Ty Harrelson kept the game exciting with some very heads up play at first base. The game was kept in check by the excellent relief pitching of Brad Legan, Lupe Ramon, and Homer Lozano.

On Friday, the Broncos traveled to Wall and did not fair as well. The

please see Broncos page 8

## Chamber Banquet Ticket Sales Begin March 17

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be held Thursday, April 10, at the 4-H Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. The evening's theme will be *The Fabulous and Unforgettable 50's* according to banquet chairperson, Tonya Brown. "Everyone is encouraged to make plans to attend... the banquet committee has worked to arrange a fun evening, and we hope everyone will get into the spirit of the evening by wearing 50's attire."

Besides a delicious meal prepared by the Sutton County Steakhouse, awards will be given to

individuals and businesses including Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, Organization of the Year, and Educator of the Year. Special entertainment is scheduled, and the evening promises to be fun for everyone.

Ticket sales will begin Monday, March 17, and may be purchased from any of the following board members: Barry Limbocker, Anita Hudson, Richard Key, Fran Pennington, Mary Adele Balch, Jack Smith, Ben Pool, Tonya Brown, Rande Fawcett, Keith Wallace, or Beth Wallace.

## Do You Know 10 People You'd Like to Spend the Night With??

Many have already registered their teams for the latest event to hit our area, *Relay for Life!* Just get 15 of your friends or co-workers and you're ready to go. Members of your team will take turns walking, running, jogging, or as in my case crawling around a high school track for 18 hours. When not on the track, teams relax, party, or compete in zillions of activities going on.

Where do you start? Just pick up the phone and call Tibba

Edmondson at 387-3988 or Karen Frasier at 387-2422 and tell them you want to be a team captain. Pick up an application at Cornerstone Home Health on Concho Avenue.

Just remember, if you have five friends or co-workers, you have a team; you simply add spouses, kids, friends, or neighbors and you have your team. It's that easy. If you just want a little information, call anyway - we have a very entertaining video that explains the Relay.

## Grant Writing Seminar Scheduled

Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) will be sponsoring a Grant Writing 1 Seminar in Sonora on March 25th through 27th. The Seminar will be held at the Sonora E.M.S. meeting room. "The cost of the seminar will be \$150.00 per registrant and will include grant writing materials," said Tony Resendez, acting coordinator.

The Seminar will be conducted by Dr. Don Udell. Dr. Udell received his Bachelor's and Master's Degree from the University of Arizona and his Doctorate from Arizona State University. Dr. Udell has authored and published many articles and monographs. He has written and

received funds for and directed over thirty federal, state, and philanthropic grants.

"The seminar will first teach you the basic steps needed on how to research and prospect of potential funding sources," added Resendez. "There is a need for grant writers in your communities and this is the perfect opportunity to attend a seminar close to home," he said.

For more information on the registration or the seminar, contact Tony Resendez in Brady at 915-597-1860.

Programs and services of Concho Valley RC&D Area, Inc. are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regards for race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status or handicap.

**Editor's Note: Coach Bob Bellard accepted the athletic director and head football Coach position at t Magnolia, where he begins his duties Monday March 17.**  
by Justin House

Coach Bob Bellard came to Sonora at a point when the Sonora High School football program needed change. It had been a long time since the football team had been in the playoffs, and the community wanted and needed someone that would take the program that extra step. If anyone was determined to get the job done, it was 28 year old Bob Bellard.

"I believe we have established the expectation of being a playoff team year in and year out in football. We have also built a more rounded program for all sports and have dramatically increased the number of students that are participating."

After only one year in Sonora, he took the team to their first playoff appearance in 10 years as a 3A school.

Under Coach Bellard, the Bronco football team won one district championship, three bi-district championships, and one area championship. The district has remained the same in Bellard's seven years and Bellard's record (47-28-1) and playoff appearances are tops among the district teams.

"Coach Bellard is a great coach who brought a winning tradition back to Sonora football," said David Mirike, senior '91. "A lot of Broncos will carry a lifetime of great football

memories thanks to him. I know I will. Thanks, Coach and good luck."

Coach Bellard spent many hours at the fieldhouse working on football. After every game, the coaches would stay and watch the film of the game just played. After staying up all night Friday, the coaches met early Saturday morning for more football. They would get home sometime Saturday afternoon only to return Sunday to plan for the next game.

"The coaches and I spent an average of 80-90 hours a week preparing for a game," said Coach Bellard. "During the night I would put in at least 3-4 hours."

One of the rewarding aspects of coaching is seeing all of the hard work pay off.

"I really enjoyed being able to watch them grow up, go off to college, and become responsible people," said Coach Bellard.

Although he worked mainly for the kids in Sonora, Coach Bellard's staff also learned a lot from him. Spending countless hours at the fieldhouse contemplating every football play imaginable, the staff built solid relationships with one another while learning more about football than some would ever think possible.

"He's a great leader. He brings out the best in the people around him," said Coach Steve Heryford.

"He's the best guy I ever worked for," said Coach John Creek. "He has been a super guy."

After the coaches decided on

the best plays to run against their opponents, they would teach their team to run them.

"It was very enjoyable playing under Coach Bellard," said Caleb Barker, senior, who went on to say that Coach Bellard has been a very big influence on his life. "I wish you the best of luck."

Coach Bellard has made a big impact on Sonora through his football program and through the other athletic programs. He started a basketball program and hired a great basketball coach during his tenure. "Sonora is really going to miss him," said Mike McReynolds, senior.

Coach Bellard had a very big responsibility being head coach and athletic director. He made an effort to attend every athletic event during the school year.

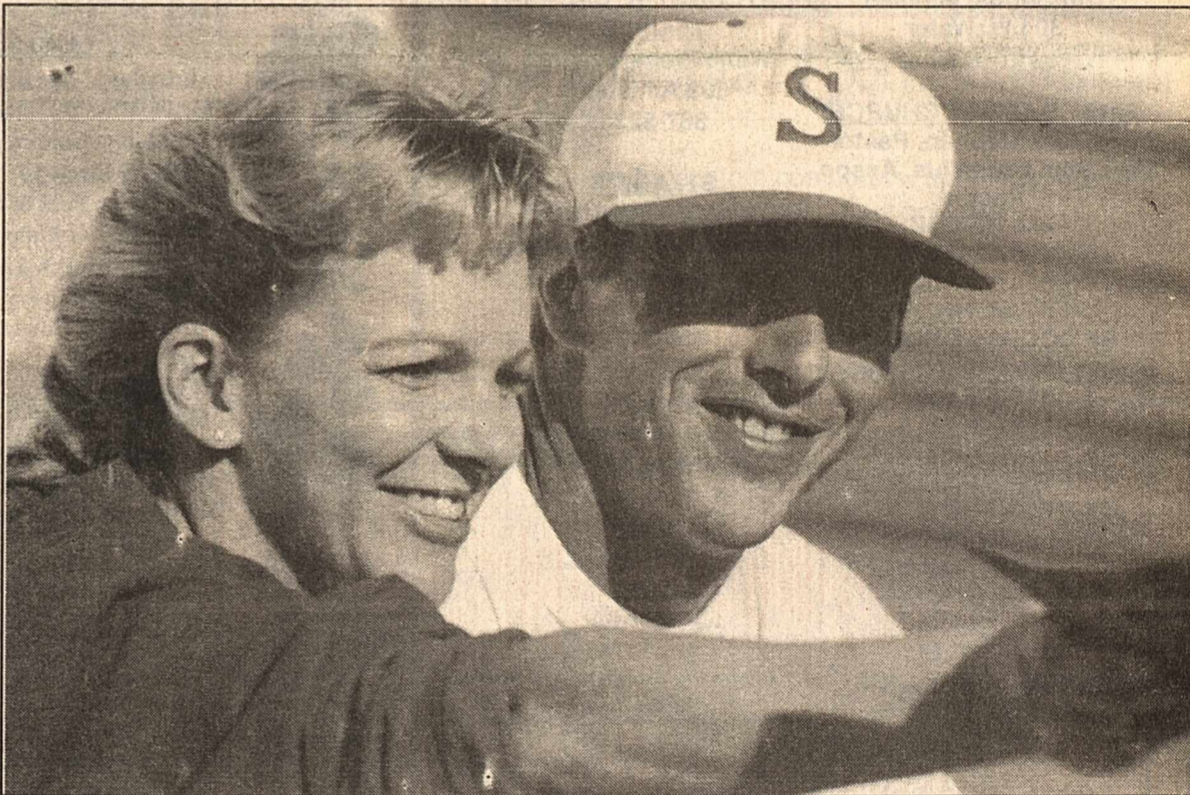
"I was impressed with the traditions and pride in the school district," said Bellard of his beginnings in Sonora in 1990.

In addition to his athletic director's responsibilities, he also taught health in the classroom, and this year he taught a success class. Although he taught students in a classroom setting, the majority of his students were on the football field where he taught teamwork, sportsmanship, and the desire to achieve.

"Every group is different and some have more talent than others," said Coach Bellard. "It's a new challenge every year."

"The teams were committed to

please see Coach on page 5



Amy and Bob Bellard



## Dining Out Directory

- Food Center Deli 600 S. Crockett Ave.  
387-5616
- La Mexicana 240 N. Hwy. 277  
387-3401
- Pizza Hut 401 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-3540
- Rafter L Bar-B-Q 506 N. Crockett Ave.  
387-5246
- Rosie's Cafe 207 E. Glasscock Ave.  
387-5552
- Sonic Drive-In 202 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-5292
- Sutton County Steakhouse 1306 N. Service Rd.  
387-3833
- Town & Country Subway 610 S. Crockett  
387-6181
- Town & Country Deli 903 N. Crockett Ave.  
387-2169

## Sonora Church Directory

- NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
James Lee, Pastor  
306 N. 4th Street  
387-2898
- PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
504 Santa Clara  
387-2035
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Tim Dobbs, Minister  
304 W. Water  
387-3190
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Jim Stephen, Pastor  
Rev. Paul Cornelius, Assoc. Pastor  
404 NE Oak  
387-2951
- ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector  
404 NE Poplar  
387-2955
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Ron Myers, Pastor  
201 NW Water  
387-2466
- JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS**  
St. Ann's Street  
387-3600
- HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Rev. Charles Huffman  
417 E 2nd St.  
387-5366
- THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN**  
Lewis Allen, Pastor  
319 NE Mulberry  
387-2616
- OUTREACH CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Hwy. 277 S. Glasscock
- PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE**  
Willie West, Pastor  
509 Amistad  
387-3236
- ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I.  
229 SW Plum  
387-2278
- JEHOVAH'S WITNESS**  
310 St. Ann's Street  
387-5658 or 387-5518
- NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Don Sessom  
511 Cornell  
387-5215  
*Attend the church of your choice. this Sunday.*

**Cornerstone Home Health Agency**  
116 N Concho  
(915)387-2505 (800)593-8222

**Kerbow Funeral Home**  
387-2266

## Card of Thanks

A big Thank You to the following people, for their help with the Sutton County and Eldorado EMT classes' Extrication Day: Black's Auto & Wrecker Service, Thorp's Laun-Dry, Christie Talley, Karen Frasier, Echi Samaniego, Eddie Maskill, Sheila Prater, Bobbie Andrews, Victor Belman, Mario Avila, Romy Castaneda, Jerry Samaniego, Will Allen, Vickey Cathey, and Connie Andrews.

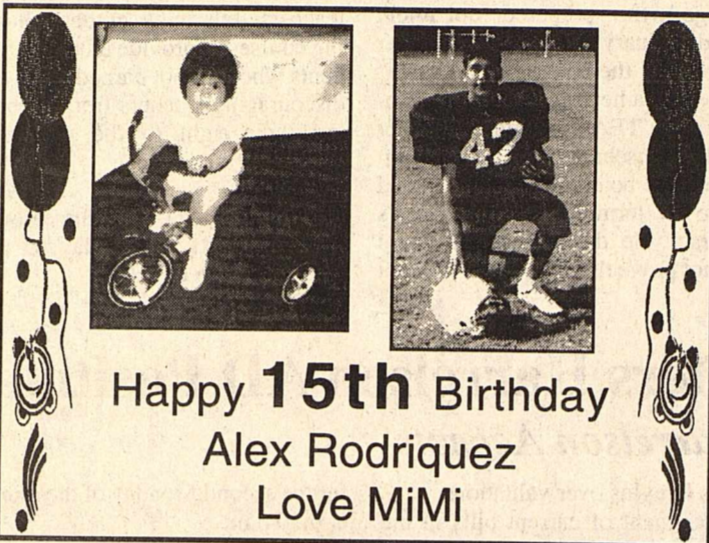
We appreciate the help with the wrecked vehicles, the empty lot, place to moulage 'patients,' and the help of being our 'patients.' February 22 was a very successful day because of you. We can always use volunteers.

## Card of Thanks

Thank you to all my family and friends who attended my party. Thanks for the gifts each of you brought.

Alex Rodriguez

## Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.



Happy 15th Birthday  
Alex Rodriguez  
Love MiMi

## SENIOR CENTER Calendar of Events

- March 13- Easter Crafts  
March 14- Visit Nursing Home, run errands and pay bills  
March 17-B-day party for March  
March 18-City Council meeting, 2:00  
March 19- Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Program!  
March 20- Van to San Angelo

### Lunch Menu

- Thursday, March 13**  
Meatloaf w/ Tomatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Fried Okra, Cornbread, Banana Pudding
- Friday, March 14**  
Fish Sticks, Pork & Beans, Coleslaw, Corn Bread, Peanut Butter Cake
- Monday, March 17**  
Roast Beef w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Hot Rolls, Carrot Cake
- Tuesday, March 18**  
Barbecue Chicken, Blackeyed Peas, Beets, Hot Rolls Pears, Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Wednesday, March 19**  
Salisbury Steak, Baked Beans, Mustard Greens, Bread Peach Slices
- Thursday, March 20**  
Chicken Fried Steak, Oven Fried Fries, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Vanilla Pudding w/ Fruit
- Friday, March 21**  
Catfish Filet, Hominy Broccoli, Corn Muffins, Bread Pudding w/Raisins  
Guest Meals are \$4.00.  
Suggested donation for Senior Citizens is \$1.75.



## Our Sympathy

### Addie Maxine Lang Locklin



Addie Maxine Lang Locklin, born February 25, 1917, to Floyd Earl Lang and Carrie Summer Whittemore in Texoma, Oklahoma, went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, March 4, 1997.

She is survived by her son, William Robert and his wife, Janice Ellingson of Billings, Montana; three grandchildren, Tanya and husband, Dave Kimmer, of Beaverton, Oregon, Kenneth and wife, Debbie Ellingson of Billings, and Shirley Ellingson of Missoula, Montana; three great-grandchildren, Moriah and Drew Kimmer and Kasey Ellingson; three sisters, Erma Eaton of Eureka, Kansas, Betty Hurst of Newton, Kansas, and Ruth Cooper of Junction, Texas; three brothers, Gene Lang of Eureka, Bill Whittemore of Edmond, Oklahoma, and Bob Whittemore of Seattle; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by

her husband, Dave Locklin; a brother, Edgar Lang; and a sister, Shirley Spier.

Maxine started her career in law enforcement as a secretary in the police department, then becoming court clerk and moving into the position of municipal judge, which she held at the time of her death. Throughout her career as a municipal judge, she was involved in and started many community projects in Sonora. A few of the programs she was involved with were The Coming Age, Child Protection Board, the Angel Tree Project, For My Teen program, the Veterans Program with the VFW, Men's Municipal Court Association, Boy Scout Blue and Gold program, Family Shelter, the winter coat program, and the School Advisory Board. Her great love of people and of God was shown in these programs and many other ways.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 9, at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. An Eastern Star graveside service followed in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Brent Gesch, Tom Caldemeyer, Charles Shannon, W.H. Hill, Jim Garrett, and Robert Duran. Honorary pallbearers were the Sonora Police Department and Jack Johnson.

The family requests all donations be made to Sutton County Community Trust in care of First National Bank of Sonora.

### Faegene Eddleman Babcock

Faegene Eddleman Babcock, 77, of McCamey, passed away at her residence on March 5th. Services for Mrs. Babcock were held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, at the First United Methodist Church in McCamey with Rev. Jodie Windbigler officiating. Burial followed at the Resthaven Cemetery in McCamey with services under the direction of Richard W. Box Funeral Home of McCamey.

Mrs. Babcock was born on April 17, 1919, in Fredrick, Oklahoma. She moved to McCamey in April of 1940 and was married to

Kenneth Babcock in McCamey on November 22, 1940. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Fredrick, Oklahoma and had been a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary.

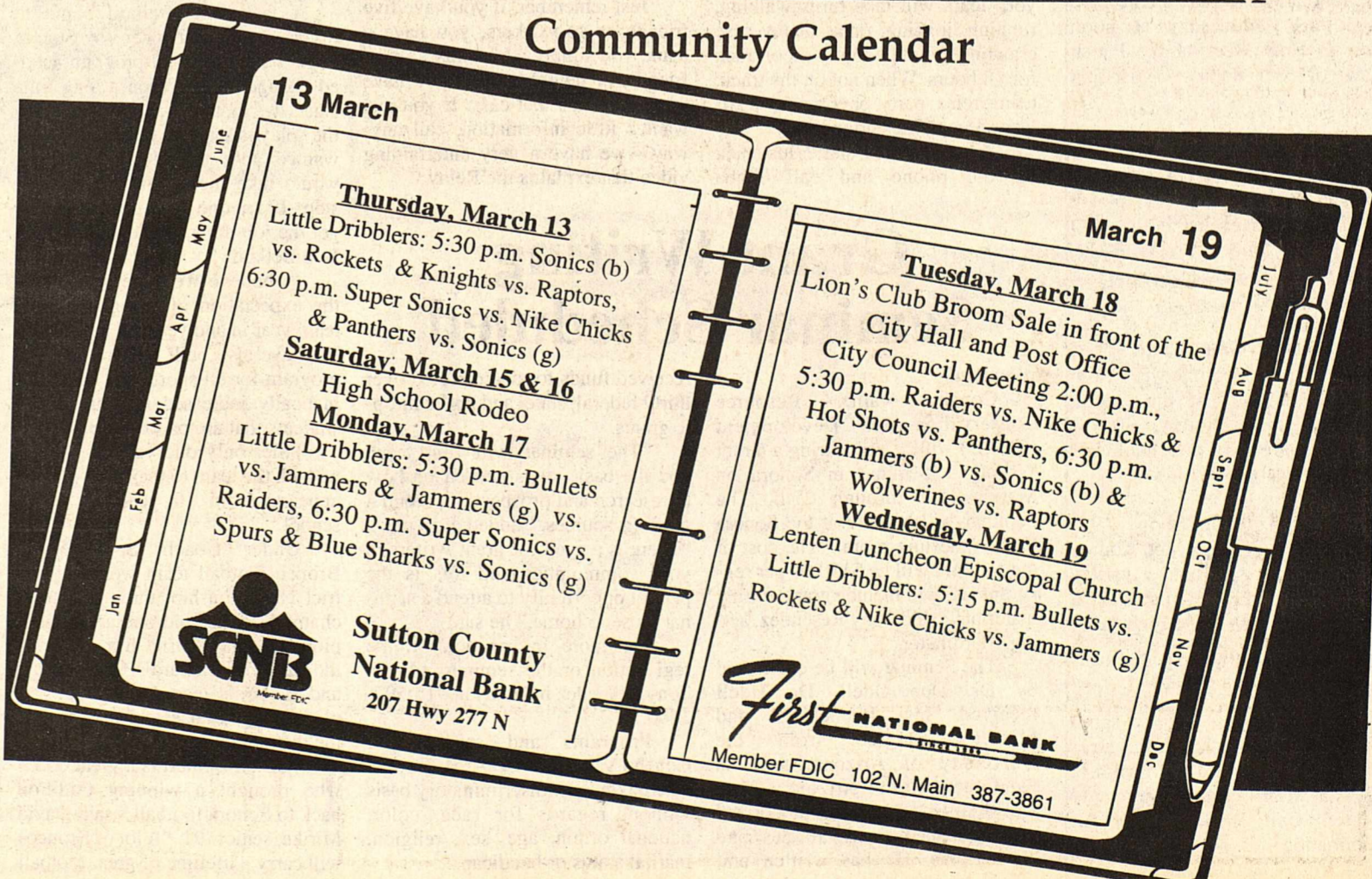
She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Babcock of McCamey, Texas; a daughter, Sherry Phillips of McCamey; one brother, Merel Oris Eddleman of McCamey; three grandchildren, Shelley Shackelford of Wink, Lisa Thurman of Redondo Beach, California, and Chris Phillips of Murphy, Texas; and three great-grandchildren.

## School Lunch Menu BREAKFAST and LUNCH

- | Monday, March 17  | Tuesday, March 18  | Wednesday, March 19  |
|---|--|--|
| Egg, Tater Tots, Toast w/Jelly                                      | Pig in a Blanket, Juice  | Steakfingers w/Gravy, Biscuit, Fruit                           |
| Corn dogs, French Fries, Vegetable Sticks, Oatmeal Cookie           | Turkey Pot Pie, Seasoned Rice, Carrot Salad, Jello w/Fruit, Crackers | Barbecue on Bun, Pickle Slices, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Apple |
| <b>Thursday, March 20</b><br>Chorizo & Egg Burrito, Juice           | <b>Friday, March 21</b><br>Pancake, Sausage, Fruit                   |  |
| Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit Salad, Bread Sticks | Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Kernel Corn, Orange Wedges               |  |

All meals served with milk

## Community Calendar



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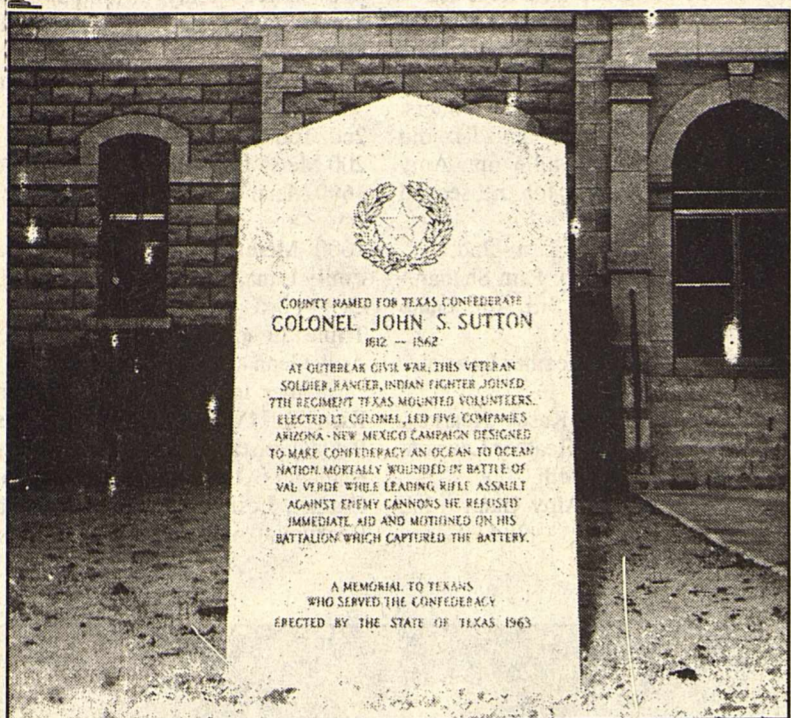


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# Ask The Historical Society



Memorial marker to Col. John S. Sutton on the Courthouse Square.

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer

While sitting over at Pizza Hut eating their new Caesar Salad (which is delicious), I was asked some questions about last week's column. One of my readers wanted to know if George Washington and Theodore Roosevelt had been members of the Masonic Fraternity? It took a few telephone calls but the following is the most accurate list I was able to obtain of Presidents of the United States of America who were also members of a Masonic Lodge: George Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James A. Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Warren G. Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, and Gerald R. Ford. President Clinton is not a member of a Masonic Lodge but in his youth was an active member of

the Order of DeMolay.

Someone wanted to know if I was a Mason. No, I am not. I belong to a group formed for close female relatives and Masons called the Order of Eastern Star. My husband and father both belong to the Masons.

I was then asked if the Masonic Lodge was a part of the Klu Klux Klan. The answer is emphatically no!

My suggestion to my readers is that if you have questions concerning the Masonic Fraternities, Order of the Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Ladies Oriental Shrine, White Shrine, Daughters of the Nile, etc., regarding their purpose or membership requirements, that you speak with a member of these organizations. There are many members of De-

Ora Lodge here in Sonora. I am sure they will be more than glad to answer your questions.

The teachers must be assigning reports on how counties in Texas got their names because I have had four letters and six phone calls this week on how Sutton County got named. I am going to run this again and ask you to please cut it out and put it away so you will have it when your children need it. If you don't, remember, the marker is on the lawn of the Sutton County Courthouse.

Sutton County was named for a Confederate States of America soldier named Colonel John S. Sutton. He was born in 1812 and died in 1862. At the outbreak of the Civil War, this veteran soldier, Ranger, and Indian fighter, joined the 7th Regiment of the Texas Mounted Volunteers. He was elected Lt. Colonel and led five companies on the Arizona-New Mexico Campaign. This campaign was designed to make the Confederacy an ocean nation. Sutton was mortally wounded in the Battle of Val Verde while leading a rifle assault against enemy cannons. He refused immediate aid and motioned on his battalion which captured the battery. The main objective of the campaign was a failure.

I hope everyone is enjoying this rainfall we have been having. Don't forget to say thank you to

God. Most of the rain has been a nice gentle rainfall that can slowly be absorbed into the parched ground. People visiting wish it would rain really hard and be gone. They do not realize that this type of rain just washes down the hills and doesn't get a chance to be absorbed and help the grass and weeds to grow. We went for a ride this weekend and sure were glad to see little green shoots peeking up here and there among the rocks and dead grass. Maybe, if this keeps up, we will have our beautiful carpets of bluebonnets again this year. I sure did miss them last year.

One reader called to complain that the mosquitoes are out. She wanted to know when they will start spraying for them as she has been bitten several times. I told her to call the city and ask them. She then asked when fogging began here, and that is a question I can answer.

In The Devil's River News of June 3, 1955, it clearly states: "Sonora was one of the first Texas cities to inaugurate a fogging program when the city, county, and the Sonora Lions Club jointly financed and purchased a machine in 1947."

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," PO Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, fax them to 915-387-5691, drop them off at The Devil's River News office, or give me a call at 915-387-2855, after noon please.

# Dear Editor,

I would like to set the record straight on a rumor that I was recently made aware of. My wife, Mary, and I are not moving from Sonora. We are very happy here, and I plan to continue practicing here for many more years. We have, however, decided to sell our home as we feel that it is just too large for the two of us.

I do intend continuing education courses many weekends in order to provide my patients with the finest and most up-to-date dental care. I am considering teaching occasionally at the dental school in San Antonio, but this would be only on weekends and will not interfere with my practice here.

I truly appreciate all of my fine patients and look forward to many more years here in Sonora.

Bernard Rust, D.D.S.

# Land, Range & Pasture Judging Teams Place in Contest



Front row: Brad Mogford, Meagan McMeans, Michelle Frye; second row: Jared Percifull, Jacob West, Graham Bloodworth; third row: David Benson and Josh Payton; back row: Blaine Wilkenson, Caleb Taylor, and Brandon Thompson.

The Land Judging and Range and Pasture Judging Contests were held March 4 in Jacksboro, TX on the Henderson Ranch. The Land Judging Team placed second out of 30 teams. Meagan McMeans took the first place individual position, Blaine Wilkenson placed ninth individual, Michelle Frye and Brandon Thompson also competed.

The Range and Pasture Team placed fourth in the contest. Jacob

West was ninth high individual, also competing were Graham Bloodworth, Brad Mogford, Caleb Taylor, Josh Payton, David Benson, and Jared Percifull.



# HAPPY Birthday!

March 13  
Erma Lee Turner  
Daniel Anderson  
Chris Badgett  
14th

Noemi Fay  
Mario Torres  
15th  
Abby Creek  
Jerry Creek

Domingo Gutierrez  
Sylvia Herrera  
Lee Ann Holt  
Lupita Mireles  
Lupita Reyes

Kelsey Rae Velez  
Becky Whitaker  
16th  
Ida Loera  
Nell Wallace  
Grace Brooks

Mackenzie Dierkes  
Lonnie Holmes  
Alma Sanchez  
17th

Carmen Ramirez  
Fina Hernandez  
Kevin Gann

P.J. Reyes  
Melissa Hearn (memorial)  
18th  
Sylvia Castro  
Linda Sue Cervantez  
Debra E. Constancio  
19th  
Chris Chavarria  
Josie Gonzales  
Oscar Perez  
Rosemary G. Rodriguez

# Happy Anniversary

March 13th  
Jerry & Lisa Creek  
17th  
Chris & Elisha Scott  
18th  
Jennifer & Sonny Samaniego



The Emperor (David Cook), assisted in dressing by Dresser #1 (Brea Hughes) and Dresser #2 (Katherine Higdon) while Castle People, Victoria Vickers and Danielle Wagner, look on.

# 5th Grade Class Performs The Clothes Make The Emperor

Becky York's fifth grade class presented *The Clothes Make the Emperor*.

The cast of characters included Dainah Hernandez as the Fool, Tom Valliant as Con, David Cook as the Emperor, Brea Hughes as Dresser #1, Katherine Higdon as Dresser #2, Treva Smart as the Cook, Sarah Guitierrez as the Maid, Jessica

Martin as the Prime Minister, J.C. Carrillo as the Child, Perla Perez as the Child's Mother, Adriana Capuchina as the Narrator, and Israel Mendosa as the Narrator.

Stagehands and castle people were Santos Hernandez, Robert Mata, Victoria Vickers, Melissa Lugo, Joe Bradford, Noemi Faz, and Danielle Wagner.

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# Back Talk Chiropractic Care Questions & Answers

I am going to vacation in Colorado this summer. I'm afraid my back problem may flair up. How can I find a chiropractor as good as my doctor here in town?

The best thing for you to do is to see your regular chiropractor before you go and see if he can make a recommendation to a doctor he might know in the area where you'll be vacationing. Your next option would be to call the Colorado Chiropractic Association (your doctor can get you the number) and see if they can make a recommendation. Your doctor may allow you to take a copy of your x-rays with you; but, if you do see a doctor in Colorado he may decide that it's important to re-x-ray prior to any care. If you do see a doctor in Colorado, be sure to give them as accurate and complete a case history as possible and give him the phone number for your doctor in Texas so he get your clinical history.

I'm a high school student who's very interested in becoming a chiropractor. What can I do now to prepare and how do I go about selecting a chiropractic college?

The most important thing you can do right now is to select a good undergraduate college to attend and to study hard. Before you put together

your major you may wish to contact Parker College of Chiropractic in Dallas or Texas Chiropractic College in Pasadena to determine what their prerequisites are. Be certain that you take all the prerequisites before you apply to a chiropractic college. There are currently 16 accredited chiropractic colleges around the country I urge that you apply to at least four or five and personally visit your two or three final choices to get a feel for the colleges. Both of the colleges in Texas are excellent and both will be happy to provide you with all the information you will need in order to make a decision.

Following a neck injury sustained in a car accident, my chiropractor recommended that I increase my intake of Vitamin C. What does this have to do with my neck?

Kudos to your doctor who is obviously well versed in nutrition. Vitamin C has been found to be valuable in helping soft tissue injuries. Research show it helps relax muscle spasms and control pain, and is beneficial in healing. The dosage should be something your doctor will recommend. Combined with chiropractic adjustments and perhaps supportive therapy procedures, Vitamin C can greatly speed the early healing stages after a soft tissue injury.

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The winning Lady Broncos left to right are Marisha Henson, Johnna Adams, Ashley Henson, Kim Bustamante, and Farah Virgen.

## Lady Broncos Golf Team Wins On Home Course

submitted

On Saturday, March 8, the Sonora girls golf team successfully defended their home course at their invitational golf tournament. The golfers were met at the tee off time with a misty rain that rolled in like a London fog. During the course of play, the golfers battled through numerous weather changes ranging from 3 to 4 brief showers, cloudy windy periods, and some moments of sunshine. The weather tended to make the course play long, and the scores to be higher than normal. The home team captured first place with a team score of 403, followed by Ozona (413) in 2nd, and San Angelo following (423) in 3rd place. Other schools that participated in the tournament were Brady, Sonora "B" team, Colorado City, Crane, Junction, and Mason.

In the medalist race, Mandy Crowley of Lakeview led all golfers with a score of 96 and Melissa Childress of Ozona placed second with a 97. For the Sonora team Farrah Virgen shot a 98, Ashley Henson a 99, Johnna Adams a 101,

Kim Bustamante a 105, and Marisha Henson a 116. Participating on the Sonora "B" team were Haley Thompson, Romy Castanada, Joni Thorp, and Lora Hale.

There was a special moment in the tournament when Bobbie Bryson of Ozona teed off with her teammates at the tournament. Even though Bobbie wasn't able to complete all 18 holes, it was good to see her compete. The next action for the girls golf team will be on Tuesday, March 18, at San Saba.

For the third tournament of the tennis season the Sonora High School Tennis Team attended the Reagan County Invitational Tournament. Also attending this tournament were approximately 22 other teams. Everyone from Sonora got to play at least two rounds before they were eliminated with most everyone winning their first match. Those playing this weekend were Angela Mayfield, Ashley Brockman and Tracy McKnight in girls singles; Clint Bowers and Reece Simpler in boys singles; Kristi Burge and Katy Key and Crystal Ponsetti and Lizzie Chavez in girls doubles; David Fisher and Justin House, Drew Dempsey and Matt Routh, and David Benson and Brad Mogford in boys doubles.

In girls singles both Mayfield

## Bronco Golf Results

On Friday, March 7, the Sonora boys golf team participated in the San Saba Invitational golf tournament. The Bronco team placed thirteenth out of the twenty-five teams that gathered at one of the largest golf tournaments in the area.

Results of the tournament were: Stephenville (318), Llano (328), Breckenridge (336), Brady (338), Wimberly (342), Cisco (342), San Saba A(347), Lampasas (351), Comanche (354), Merkel (355), Eastland (357), San Saba "B" (377),

Sonora (380), Coleman (389), Hamilton (390), Junction (393), Clyde (396), Mason (403), Early (409), Georgetown (410), Lago Vista (417), DeLeon (422), Cherokee (436), San Saba (440), and Goldwaite (442).

Participating for the Sonora Broncos were Caleb Barker, Tommy Gutierrez, Jason West, Jody Boggs, and Zac Kerbow. Next action for the boys golf team will be on Saturday, March 15, when they host their invitational golf tournament.

## First Time 'Round The "Track"

by Kellie Downing

This past Saturday, March 8th, the Lady Bronco Track Team traveled to Eldorado to participate in their first meet. The wind and the slight drizzle didn't stop them from putting forth their best effort and coming through for their team. Daisy Mireles placed 3rd in the triple jump, Kara Eaton placed 6th in the 100m dash, Kellie Downing placed 1st in the 400m dash, and the 400m relay, consisting of Sarah Ball, Liza Ramirez, Kari Purvis, and Kara Eaton, placed 6th. District standings are now as follows: Daisy Mireles-3rd in triple jump, Kara Eaton-6th in triple jump, Cara Mayfield-3rd in the high jump, 400m relay-3rd, Sarah Ball-3rd in

the 800m run, Rita Lopez-5th in the 800m run, Kara Eaton-3rd in the 100m dash, Daisy Mireles-4th in the 100m dash, Liza Ramirez-5th in the 100m dash, Kellie Downing-1st in the 400m dash, Cindy Jones-4th in the 400m dash, Rita Lopez-5th in the 400m dash, Cara Mayfield-1st in the 200m dash, Kari Purvis-3rd in the 200m dash, Robin Conner-4th in the 200m dash, Nubia Gutierrez-3rd in the 1600m run, Maribel Capuchina-5th in the 1600m run, Lorena Hernandez-6th in the 1600m run, 1600m relay-2nd, and the 800m relay-5th. This week, the Lady Broncos will attend the Ozona Track Meet on Saturday, March 15th. So come on out and show your support for the team!

## 7th Grade Girls Track

by Coach Carrol Sessom

The 7th grade girls took 2nd at the Eldorado Relays with 138 points. Other teams competing were Christoval, Grape Creek, Rocksprings, Wall, and Winters. Individually, Desiree Gonzalez did a great job in the mile run. Amy Gann won the 800 for the second week in a row. Long Jump: Monica Lira - 2nd, Running High Jump: Pam Shahan - 2nd, Kasey Miller - 3rd, Amy Gann - 4th, 2400 Meter Run: Heather Lawson - 3rd, 400 Meter Relay: Kasey Kearney, Desiree Gonzalez, Heather Lawson, and Ashley Bible - 4th, 800 Meter Dash: Amy Gann - 1st, Desiree Gonzalez - 2nd, Kasey Kearney - 3rd

100 Meter Dash: Monica Lira - 2nd, 800 Meter Relay: Monica Lira, Emily Luna, Kasey Miller, and Amy Gann - 2nd, 400 Meter Dash: Pam Shahan - 6th, 300 Meter Hurdles: Ashley Bible - 2nd, Tori Valliant - 6th, 200 Meter Dash: Kasey Miller - 3rd, 1600 Meter Run: Desiree Gonzalez - 1st, 1600 Meter Relay: Monica Lira, Emily Luna, Kasey Miller, and Amy Gann - 3rd, Triple Jump: Monica Lira - 2nd, Amy Gann - 4th, Other team members are Tera Kier, Tori Valliant, Micah Adams, Paula Gonzalez, and Jalys Mabry. Managers this year are Genny Cramer, Leslie Gamez, and Margie Becknell. Congratulations 7th Girls.



## SMS Holds Science Fair

The Middle School held their Science Fair Thursday, March 6. Winners in each category are:

Earth/Space - Cassi Cole - 1st, Pam Shahan - 2nd, Jacob Percifull - 3rd, Lorena Lopez - 4th, Engineering - Cody Ainsworth - 1st, Bryce Williams - 2nd, Ed Mayfield - 3rd, Chang Hernandez - 4th, Christina Edmondson - 5th, Koda Armke - 6th, Biochemistry - Kasey Kerney - 1st and William Renfro - 2nd, Botany - Sandra Cardona - 1st, Jessica Bruns - 2nd, Genny Cramer - 3rd, Tori Valliant - 4th, Walker Thompson - 5th, Genny Hunt - 6th, Physics - Kara Hard - 1st, Ryan Hardgrave - 2nd, Adam Hadsell - 3rd, James Elliott - 4th, Mariana Hinojosa - 5th, Frances Lopez - 6th, Chemistry - Byron Williams - 1st, Andi Allen - 2nd, Sean Fields - 3rd, Brandon Adkins - 4th, Chance Armke - 5th, Amanda Sanchez - 6th

Zoology - Landon Brockman - 1st, Brelee Drake - 2nd, Aimee West - 3rd, Thomas Bloodworth - 4th, Jared Parks - 5th, Chris Weingart - 6th, Environmental - Shane Mathews - 1st, Justin Odum - 2nd, Whitney Miller - 3rd, Leandra Perez - 4th, Manuel Campos - 5th, Jalys Mabry - 6th, Medicine/Health - Marsha Rodriguez - 1st, Micah Adams - 2nd, Marjie Becknell - 3rd, Brooke Bolt - 4th, Lindsey Bowers - 5th, Behavioral/Social Sciences - Davy Prather - 1st, Doug Yocham - 2nd, Monica Lira - 3rd, Charlotte Bradford - 4th, Stephanie Hard - 5th, Marie Samaniego - 6th, Microbiology - Pete Samaniego - 1st, Justin Routh - 2nd, Javier Gaytan - 3rd, Ponciano Castillo - 4th, Guillermo Hernandez - 5th, Elizabeth Ramirez - 6th.

## Bronco Tennis

and Brockman made it to the third round playing the 1st and 2nd seeds of the tournament. In Mayfield's match with an Eden player, she played close and hard for a long time but Stansberry from Eden came out with a 6-2, 6-3 win and received 2nd in the tournament. Brockman played Bassham from Colorado City and also lost 6-2, 6-3, with Bassham taking 1st place. Due to two recent back problems, one of our regular boys singles was not able to attend, but Reece Simpler was able to step up in his place. Simpler won his first round easily but had problems when playing in the second round. Clint Bowers got to the third round where he also had to play the recipient of 1st place. Everyone was satisfied with their playing and learned a lot.

The girls doubles all played excellent and Burge and Key brought home 3rd. The first 3 rounds were easy wins for the girls, and they didn't mind playing someone challenging. In split sets with

Greenwood, they lost but now know their weak points and what to do to win. An outstanding match with Mertzson and a win of 6-3, 6-3 gained them 3rd. Ponsetti and Chavez won the first round with scores of 6-3, 6-3, but lost to the 4th place winners. Fisher and House also won the 1st round very quickly. In the 2nd round, a long drawn out match late that night ended in a split set and disappointment for the boys. Routh and Dempsey won all the way to the 3rd set where they played a grueling match early in the morning. They played very well but did not win. Mogford and Benson had it tough in the first round having to play the 1st seed of the tournament and also having difficulty in the 2nd round. Being only freshmen, they both have a long promising road ahead.

This tournament was an excellent experience for all players as well as fun for everyone. We are looking forward to next weekend in Eldorado.

## Sonora Elementary to Showcase New Books

Sonora Elementary and Sonora Middle School will host a Scholastic Book Fair beginning March 17 and ending March 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Elementary Auditorium. Admission is free.

This reading event will offer students, parents, and teachers the opportunity to see the latest works by popular authors and illustrators of books for young readers.

Books featured in a Scholastic Book Fair are carefully selected by a committee of reputable editors and educators. Many hours are spent considering hundreds of books from around the world in search of selec-

tions that excite and motivate students to become lifelong readers. Special attention is given to the emergent, the experienced, and the reluctant reader.

Along with winners of prestigious state and national awards, the Scholastic Book Fair will present hundreds of titles from over 100 publishers. Included will be how-to books, biographies, timeless classics, and a wonderful variety of the newest titles in children's literature.

Proceeds from the fair will help Sonora Elementary and Sonora Middle Schools generate important funds for school projects.

For more information, please contact Nellie Adkins, Sandi Ainsworth, or Billie Renfro at these numbers: Sonora Elementary 387-3780 and Sonora Middle School 387-3023.

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### SPRING SPORTS CALENDAR

March  
Bronco Baseball

Thursday 13- Saturday 15 Bracketville Tournament TBA  
Saturday 15 Junction-Double Header Here JU 2:00 & 4:30 p.m.  
Monday 17 Bracketville Here JU 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday 18 Eldorado Here 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. 20 - Sat. 22 Alpine Tournament TBA

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Bronco Golf

Saturday 15 Sonora Boys  
Monday 17 Brady Boys  
Tuesday 18 San Saba Girls

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Bronco Tennis

Friday & Saturday 14-15 Tournament Eldorado  
Friday & Saturday 21-22 Tournament Junction

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Bronco Track

Friday 15 Ozona Boys & Girls Var.  
Friday & Saturday 21-22 Abilene Girls  
Friday 21 Junior High Sonora

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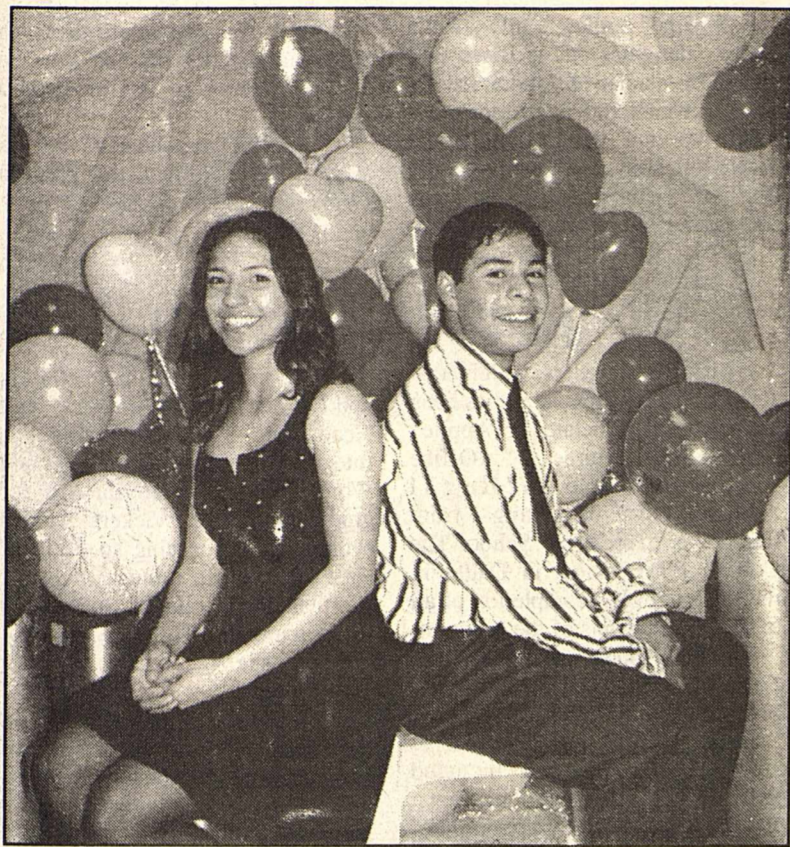
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# SMS Sweetest Hearts



Lorena Lopez and Crispin Lira

**submitted**

The annual Sonora Middle School Dance was held on Thursday, February 13. The D.J. was Gary Pledger's "One Night Stand" from Midland.

The Sweetest Hearts were announced about 9:15 p.m. The Sweetest Hearts nominees are chosen by the teachers. The teachers nominate 8th grade students who have endeared themselves to the teachers during their middle school years. A ballot is typed with all nominees and sent to classes for the

student body to vote for one 8th grade boy and one 8th grade girl.

The following are the nominees: Riley Crain, Chang Hernandez, Tom Jacoby, Crispin Lira, Ed Mayfield, Chris Smith, Walker Thompson, Bryce Williams, Andi Allen, Heather Felts, Mary Jo Galvan, Daisha Henson, Stephanie Hard, Linda Hernandez, Lorena Lopez, Crystal Montgomery, and Garland Williams. The winners for 1997 were Crispin Lira and Lorena Lopez. Congratulations to these two students.

## Scholarship Deadline

College students who are U. S. citizens and have a grade point average of 'B+' or better are eligible for a \$1,000 college scholarship. To receive an application, send a request by April 11, 1997 to the Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation at 721 North McKinley Road, P.O. Box 5012, Lake Forest, IL 60045-5012; fax a request to (847) 295-3972; or e-mail a request to "scholar@ecif.com".

must include the student's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of college, approximate GPA, and year in school during the 1996-97 academic year.

Applications will be fulfilled by mail only, on or about April 22, 1997. Thirty-five winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities, and some consideration for financial need. A total of \$35,000 will be awarded.

All requests for applications

## Merchants To Sponsor Secretary's Style Show/Luncheon

Merchant Association members met March 6 to discuss the upcoming style show and luncheon to honor secretaries. The event will be held Wednesday, April 23, at noon at Lisa's Flowers by Lori. Local clothing stores will provide models to wear the latest spring fashions.

Also discussed at the meeting is the Community Easter Egg Hunt March 22. Bob Merat and Vallree Draper are preparing a fun filled day for the whole family.

The next meeting for Merchant Association members will be Thursday, April 3

## Coach

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being successful," he said of the teams he has coached in Sonora.

His players, past and present, respect him and want only the best for their coach.

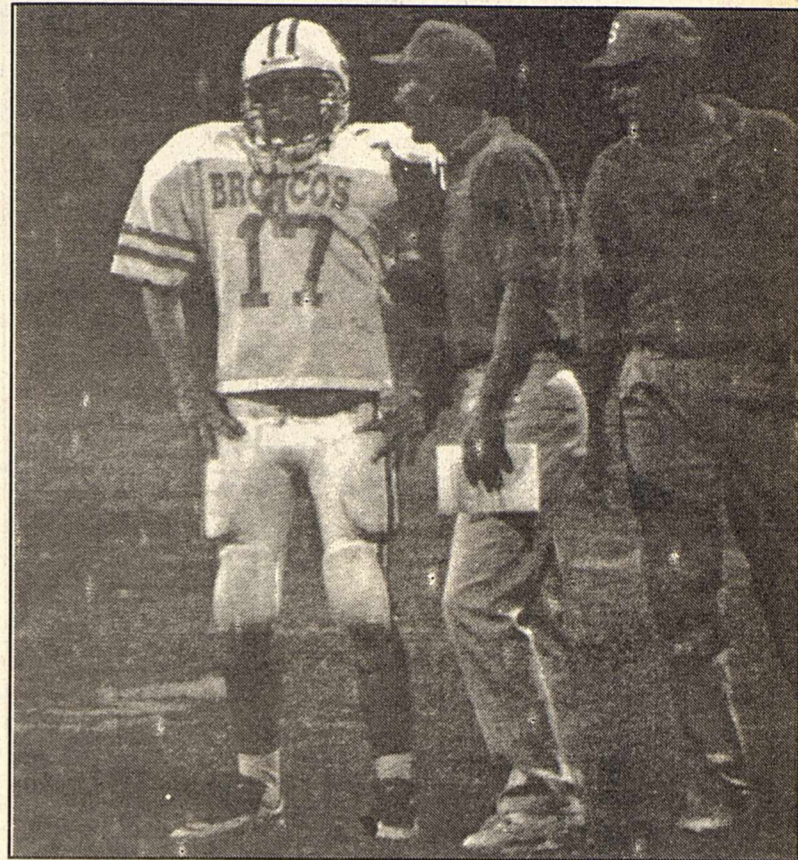
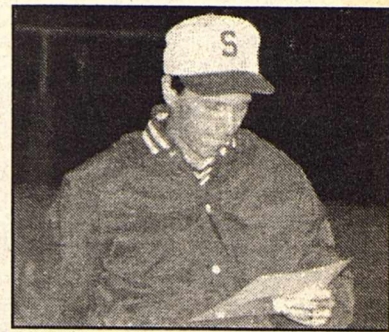
"He is a person that is there

when you are down to help you back up," said Kris Wood, senior. "He's there to help students and athletes achieve their goal of playing at the next level and succeed in life."

"Coach Bellard is great at what

he does, and he brings out the best in his players," said Andy Mirike, senior. "He will continue being successful wherever he goes and in whatever he does because he is dedicated."

"I wish him the best."  
"That-a-babe Coach!"



## Commissioner's Court Review

Sutton County Commissioners met Monday, March 10. Tim Talley, representing the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department stated 200-300 people are expected to attend the Fire Convention to be held in Sonora in April. The commissioners approved to complete the fire plug project at the county park.

The J.P.'s report included 256 cases filed with a total revenue of \$25,267.50. The jailer's report disclosed 333 man days for February. The city was billed \$120 for 10 man days. The EMS reported 26 runs for February. The tax appraiser reported that collections were down 5% from last year at this time and attributed it to the dispute with Louis Dreyfus.

Commissioner Mike Villaneuva presented a map of the Loma Alto subdivision. Two residents have requested to purchase a portion of the alley behind their properties. No action was taken at this meeting but the matter will be discussed on a later agenda.

David Wallace, County Attorney, reported \$53.71 was recovered for hot checks. The bond litigation regarding Coats

Construction, the contractor of the building of the new library was moved to Federal Court. Wallace also discussed the procedure to abide by the Open Records Act. The commissioners agreed to adopt a fee schedule similar to the city's. Also requests for information will be cleared through David Wallace whether they are permissible as open records or an exception.

Jessie Kerbow was nominated to attend the grant writing seminar to be held at the EMS building March 25-27.

Two bids for the police package car were opened. The commissioners elected to choose the bid from Orange Ford, part of the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments, with a bid of \$19,337 plus delivery and Broncho Ford bidding \$20,402.

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The Primary and foremost qualification for the use of the hotel occupancy tax revenue is that the expenditure is spent in a manner which directly enhances and promotes tourism and the convention and hotel industry. The collected tax is allocated to five statutory expenditure categories as outlined in the Texas Local Hotel Occupancy Tax Law: (1) creating and improving a convention center that is classified as a civic center, auditorium, exhibition hall and coliseum owned or managed by the city; (2) paying the administrative cost of registering convention delegates; (3) paying only for advertising and city promotions that attract tourists and conventions; (4) enhancing art-related programs and the physical facilities in which they are housed; and (5) paying for historical restoration and preservation projects.

All citizens, organizations or businesses are invited to attend and provide the council with written or oral comments on possible uses of approximately \$90,000.00 of hotel occupancy revenue expected by the city during 1997.

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## Cattle Women Host Style Show

Hill Country Cattle Women Style Show and Scholarship Fund Raiser is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, at the YO Holiday Inn in Kerrville at 11:30 a.m. Ticket price is \$15.00.

To add to the excitement of the day, door prizes have been donated by Hill Country merchants and Cattle Women. Prizes will be drawn during the luncheon and style show.

To climax the day, after viewing beautiful fashions and enjoying a wonderful lunch, raffle tickets will be drawn. With the generosity of the McNutt Ranch, the Clarke Ranches, and the White Ranch, Bill and Beth McNutt of Mountain Home have donated a Charolais bull calf, Jack

and Virginia Ruth Clarke of Ingram have donated a Hereford bull calf, along with Ellen White of Blanco who donated a registered Black Angus bull calf. In addition, boxed beef steaks have been donated by Mona Wetzel of Boerne and Fay Kelley of Fredericksburg.

Tickets can be purchased from Cattle Women or on the day of the style show. This is a fun way to have lunch out, visit with friends, perhaps win a door prize, and you could have a new herd bull to enhance your blood lines. All of this for the benefit of some deserving college students studying agriculture and or a beef related field.

## Velez Promoted to Lance Cpl

Marine Lance Cpl. Alicia Velez, daughter of William and Diane Hernandez of Sonora, recently was promoted to her present rank while serving with Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California.

Velez was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in her designated specialty.

The 1995 graduate of Sonora High School joined the Marine Corps in November 1996.

## Congratulations Tina!

Miss Tina Vickers, daughter of Juanita Vickers of Sonora, has been awarded an associate of Applied Science degree Office Administration / Legal Administrative Assisting from Executive Secretarial School-The College for Business in Dallas in recognition of her completion of all of the requirements of the program.

Miss Vickers graduated from Sonora High School in 1991. She previously had attended Angelo State University. Her program of study at the college included Business Communications, Business Law, Computer

Applications, Office Administration and Procedures, Personal and Academic Skills for Success, Integrated Office Applications, and Word Processing. To qualify for graduation, Miss. Vickers had to achieve a keyboarding speed of at least 70 words a minute, and take shorthand at a rate of at least 80 words a minute. While attending the college, she received a Perfect Typist award.

Miss Vickers has accepted a legal secretarial position with the law firm of Orenstein and Simmons in Dallas.

## Fleet Home Town News

Navy Constructionman William L. Mathews, son of Billy F. and Mitzi Mathews of Sonora, has recently returned from a seven-month deployment to Guam with U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion One (NMCB1), home based at Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport, Miss.

During the deployment, Mathews' unit provided disaster recovery and full support to U.S. operations in Guam, which included construction of field facilities for more than 3,000 Kurdish evacuees awaiting political asylum in the United States and restoring power and water to a neighboring island

after the power facility collapsed. Mathews' unit also provided emergency assistance and clean-up efforts following the destruction left by Typhoon Dale on the island of Guam.

NMCB1 is one of eight active mobile construction battalions in the U.S. Navy. The mission of the 640 sailors assigned to the battalion is to support military facilities around the world in construction, battle damage repair, disaster recovery operation, and to assist U.S. Marines in tactical contingency operation.

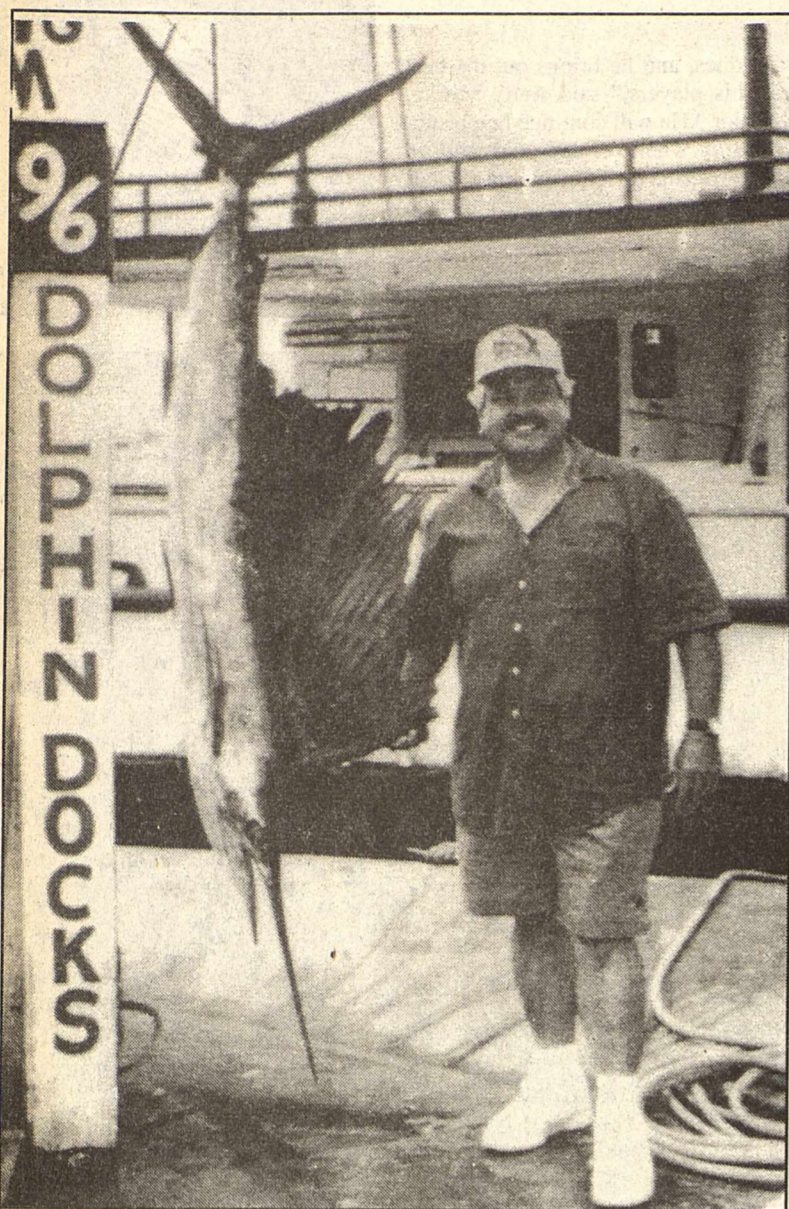
The 1994 graduate of Sonora High School joined the Navy in January 1995.

## McMurry University Social Clubs

### Welcome New Pledges

Spring pledging has begun again at McMurry University. Over 120 male and female students recently joined social clubs and are currently participating in pledging activities. Pledges for the 1997 season include: Thomas Hunt of

Sonora, Texas pledging for KIVA.



Adolfo Alvarez with his 90lb. 6'8" sailfish.

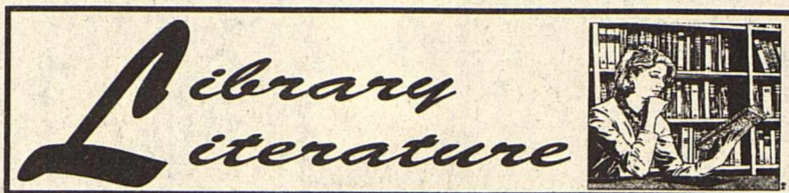
## The Catch of the Day

I haven't had the pleasure of going out on a fishing boat in the Gulf with 65 other people for red snapper and other fish of the like. But, I've heard many stories from friends and relatives. One of the most interesting of these tales I heard recently from Justice of the Peace Adelita Alvarez.

Port Aransas was receiving showers from the hurricane that passed through Florida the first weekend in September. Adolfo had been catching fish but broke his line and didn't have his limit. He really wanted to catch his limit, so Adelita

wouldn't say he didn't catch anything. Adolfo kept feeling tugs. A very large fish flew out of the water and the crew started yelling "Sailfish!" A crew member approached Adolfo and said the fish was on his line. Adolfo said that no, his line was here and that line was over there. After the crew member convinced Adolfo it was in fact his line, it took 25 minutes to bring the catch in. "I couldn't believe that big fish," Adolfo referred to his 90 pound 6'8" Sailfish.

He did win the pot of the day for catching the biggest fish!



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**Adult Fiction:** The Notebook - Nicholas Sparks, The Deep End of the Ocean - Jacquelyn Mitchard, Dragon's Eye - Anne McCaffrey, Even the Wicked - Lawrence Block, The Christmas Box - Richard Paul Evans, Small Town Girl - LaVyrle Spencer, The Cat Who Tailed a Thief - Lillian Jackson Braun, Evening Class - Maeve Binchy, Now or Never - Elizabeth Adler, Ride Against the Wind - Terrell L. Bowers, Sole Survivor - Dean Koontz, The List - Steve Martini, The Clinic - Jonathan Kellerman, Acts of Love - Judith Michael

**Adult Reference:** 1997 Writer's Market - Kristen Holm

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**Youth Nonfiction:** Pittsburgh Steelers - Michael Goodman, Kansas City Chiefs - Loren Stanley, Miami Dolphins - Chip Lovitt, Seattle Seahawks - Michael Goodman, Tampa Bay Buccaneers - Michael Goodman, New York Giants - Steve Potts, Opportunities in Welding Careers - Mark Rowh, Opportunities in Civil Engineering Careers - Adrian A. Paradis, Opportunities in Automotive Service Careers - Robert M. Weber, Opportunities in Electrical Trades - Robert Wood, As Long as the River Flows - Paula Gunn Allen

**Youth Fiction:** Pictures in the Dark - Gillian Cross, Becoming Felix - Nancy Hope Wilson, Liar - Winifred Morris, Mood Window - Jane Louise Curry, Don't Scream - Joan Lowery Nixon

**Youth Audio:** The Twenty-One Balloons - William P. DuBois, The Midnight Fox - Betsy Byars, The Summer of the Swans - Betsy Byars, Rabbit Hill - Robert Lawson, Miss Hickory - Carolyn S. Bailey



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Amy and Todd Keller are pictured above with the San Antonio Livestock Show Grand Champion Angora Buck in the Open Angora Goat Show.



Sharon Holman and Claire Powell are pictured with the Reserve Champion of the Open Breeding Boer Goat Show. Breeders were Powell/Holman.



Ashley and Landon Brockman with the Grand Champion Angora Buck, Crockett, of the Jr. Angora Show. He has also been Grand Champion at Kerrville, and first place at the Sutton County show. He also won the Grand Champion Fleece/Mohair title.



M.D. Shurley and Kyle Nunn are pictured with Rodman, the Reserve Champion in the Open Boer Goat Show. Rodman was also Grand Champion at the State Fair in Dallas.



The smallest kind of star, the neutron star measures only about 12 miles in diameter. The sun measures about 865,000 miles in diameter. Neutron stars, however, are very dense and have about as much mass as much larger stars.

### Where's The Beef?

**Congressman Henry Bonilla's Weekly Report**

"Please don't eat me!" That headline, over a photo of a picture-perfect steer, graced the cover of the March issue of *Muse* magazine. Almost the entire issue was completely dedicated to revealing the evils of eating meat.

What makes this even more odd is the *Muse* magazine's target audience is children, ages six to fourteen. Also, the magazine is published in association with the Smithsonian Institution, a federally funded organization. Using your tax dollars to promote these controversial viewpoints is just not right.

The article, entitled "Dead Meat," attempts to explain the difference between meat-eaters and vegetarians. But the use of phrases such as "unnecessary killing" and "disgusting and cruel" make it a clear attempt to promote an anti-meat bias. Do you think that a ten year old understands beef's nutritional value when the article says, "the hamburger on your plate is some dead cow's muscle?"

Whether people get their nutrients, like protein and iron, from meats or vegetables or both, is their choice. Articles like this, published under a reputable name by so-called "experts", just perpetuate myths and confuse kids at a time when they are most vulnerable.

Although the federal government should not dictate a mandatory

diet, it can play a role in developing a healthy diet plan. Last week at a congressional hearing, officials from the Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services testified about their efforts to ensure that school meals fall within the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. While efforts to provide our school meal planners with advice are admirable, the local school planners should make the final choices.

On the heels of recent reports about Americans' expanding waistlines, nutrition is of concern to all of us. We all want kids and adults to be healthy. The American Dietetic Association has stated that all foods can fit into a healthy diet. That means that lean meats such as beef, lamb, pork, or goat are just as much a part of a healthy, balanced diet as vegetables and grains. Texas parents and teachers should be able to make dietary decisions for their kids based on fact, not on emotional half-truths.

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#### Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owned a home on January 1st (and used it as their primary residence on that date) is entitled to a \$5,000 homestead exemption to lower their school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. (Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.)

#### Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home.

#### Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 1996, you won't need to reapply for 1997 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 1997. And if you turned 65 or became disabled during 1996, you need to file for the additional exemptions.

#### When and where should I file?

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## Chief's Corner

3/9/97 Theft at Perry's Department Store; Subject (quick change artist) confused the clerk and fled with \$100

3/8 Driving while license suspended; Sonora man stopped on Crockett Ave. Subject was arrested while driving with suspended license.

3/7 Warrant served on three local men; Crockett County Sheriff's Office contacted Sutton County Sheriff's office to serve three local men for assault. The men were apprehended and served warrants by Sonora Police Department and transported to Sutton Co. Sheriff's office.

3/5 Criminal Mischief, Mata Street. Subject advised someone had broken out drivers side mirror, subject also informed police of several BB's found. Property damage valued at \$20.00. Police have had another report concerning this type of vandalism and were advised by eyewitnesses that the subjects were on bicycles. If you have any information concerning incidents please contact Sonora P.D.

3/5 Possession of Controlled Substance & Stolen Property; Officer stopped an out of state vehicle with Ohio plates containing three subjects, wanted check on the driver revealed a suspended drivers license. Second subject was wanted in Amarillo for a controlled substance warrant. Consent to search was granted by the driver. During the search marijuana was found in the ashtray, with a marijuana pipe. Also a Remington 12 Ga. single shot shotgun, found to be stolen from Lima, Ohio was found. The officer placed the three subjects under arrest and transported them to the Sutton County Sheriff's office.

3/4 DWI, Menard and West 3rd Street. Local man was arrested for driving while intoxicated. Three one liter bottles of Kentucky bourbon were found in the vehicle.

3/3 DWI, Hwy 277 S.; Local man was arrested 900 block hwy 277 South, Passenger from Beaumont, Texas was arrested for public intoxication.

3/3 Accident Investigation; Police investigated dump truck struck three different Classic Cable & GTE cables between West Oak & Menard Ave. 3/10 found dump truck and forwarding report to complainants for insurance purposes.

2/26-3/3 Theft of Motor Vehicle; stolen vehicle from I-10 Auto Ranch. Missing vehicle is 1990 Subaru Stationwagon, red with white stripe.

3/2 Possession of Marijuana, Officer stopped vehicle at 606 NW Crockett, officer issued warning for minor traffic infraction and asked for consent to search, during search marijuana was found inside vehicle, two New Braunfels men were arrested for possession, both subjects transported to Sutton County jail.

2/27 Missing Person Endangered; three vehicles traveling together contacted the Sonora Police for travelers aid, a check on one of the out of state vehicles revealed that children in the car may be endangered, parental abduction. The driver of the vehicle was arrested for a warrant out of Branson, Florida Sheriff's Department for driving while license suspended. The three juveniles were taken into custody and taken to San Angelo Shelter.

2/26 Criminal Mischief Arrest Occurring 1/26. A local man was arrested for criminal mischief committed at Chances Bar January 28th.

2/13 Possession of Marijuana; local man was stopped at 500 block 277 North. The vehicle was stopped for speeding. The subject was issued a warning for speeding and asked for consent to search. Consent was granted and marijuana was found inside the vehicle.

The Sonora Police Department is still receiving reports of unrestrained children in moving vehicles. We are actively addressing this problem and wish to remind parents that children under two years of age should be buckled in a safety seat. Children between the ages 2-4 should be in a seat belt. Contact Chief Croy if you need more information on this law.

## Fort McKavett To Hold Living History Event

Fort McKavett State Historical Park, located 23 miles west of Menard will bring history to life on March 15 when the park holds its 14th Annual Frontier Reenactment.

The reenactment transforms Fort McKavett into a working fort of the 1870s. Living History reenactors from across Texas will portray the cavalry, infantry, soldiers, laundresses, officers' wives, Texas Rangers, frontier families, and much more.

Performing in the event will be Fort Concho's Company F of the 16th Infantry and Company D of the Fourth U. S. Cavalry, along with their wagon teams, cannon crew, and laundresses. Also, present at the event will be Fort Stockton's Living History groups and the Fourth cavalry (Memorial) from Lubbock. Fort McKavett will further entertain the public with the Texas Camel Corps, Fort Griffin's Topographical Engineers, 1880s' Saddletramps, soap makers, musicians, settlers, a blacksmith, and possibly some Indians.

Fort McKavett was established in 1852 in order to protect settlers from the Indians and to provide protection for travelers on the upper El Paso Road, which was an important road to the California gold fields. At its peak, the post housed more than 400 troops. Today, the historical park features 20 restored buildings, including officers' quarters, barracks, hospital, school house, bakery, and ruins of several older structures. The park also features a picnic area and a park store filled with souvenirs.

For McKavett will open for the reenactment at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, March 15, throughout the day there will be infantry drills, wagon rides, rifle and cannon firing demonstrations, and signal flag demonstrations to entertain visitors. The day will end with the evening formation, inspection, and roll call followed by the flag lowering ceremony at 4:20 p.m. The park will close at 5:00 p.m. Admission to the park is \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children, ages six to twelve, and children under six are admitted free. Holders of the Texas Conservation Passport for Parklands Passport will be admitted free. For more information call 915/396-2358.

## Panel Rejects Notion That Social Security "Will Not Be There"

People who have been concerned about the future of Social Security should note that the Social Security Advisory Council expressly rejected the proposition that Social Security will not be there for future generations, Social Security manager Frank Upp states. The Advisory Council's report, produced after 2-1/2 years of study, presents three options for assuring the long-range financial stability of the program," he said.

All three plans in the Council's report seek to achieve more advance funding of Social Security's long-term obligations and a higher level

of national saving for retirement. In addition, all three involve investment in the stock market, would revise the taxation of benefits provision, and would cover state and local government employees newly hired after 1997. Ultimately, however, as the council indicates, "...each involves a very different vision for the future evolution of the U.S. retirement system."

"As the Advisory Council (and Social Security's own actuaries) reported, Social Security's revenues and trust fund reserves will permit the payment of full benefits for

more than 30 years--until 2029. After 2029, tax revenues would continue to support 77 percent of the expected benefits. This means we have time to make prudent and careful decisions," Upp stated.

"But we should not delay. We as a nation should address this challenge in the near term. The sooner we agree upon those changes that are necessary, the less difficult those changes will be and the more time Americans will have to adapt to the reforms and adjust their personal financing plans accordingly," he said.



Jerry Vandivere instructs Mrs. Wallace's 4-5 class on the importance of each person in a vehicle wearing safety belts.

## Broncos

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lack of timely hitting and some very costly errors left the Broncos on the short end of a 6-13 game. David Mayer was once again the bright spot as he recorded three strike outs in four innings of pitching. He also maintained his hitting as he had a double, a triple, and a walk in four at bats. Tanner Fields and Andy Mirike both applied pressure at the plate with doubles and triples respectively.

Though being a relatively young team with two seniors, three juniors, and five sophomores, the men in red have showed great poise and enthusiasm in the games they have played. There are great things to come from this group of young men.

## Sonora Schools Host NetDays

In President Clinton's radio address Saturday, February 8, he and Vice President Gore issued the call for parents, teachers, business people, and volunteers to hold NetDays in all 50 states on April 19.

NetDay encourages every K-12 school to make at least one connection on April 19.

NetDay is a grass-roots volunteer effort to wire schools so they can network their computers and connect them to the Internet. Labor and materials are provided by volunteers and support from companies, unions, parents, teachers, students and school employees.

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sors for NetDay. We need sponsors to donate \$350 to buy a cabling kit which consists of two spools of category-5 cable, a patch panel and RJ-45 jacks. Small businesses or individuals who can not give that amount may donate \$50, \$100 or more to buy tool kits, jack boxes, etc.

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## Auction Initiates Marketing Concept

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Sonora Livestock Auction, after a year long worldwide advertising campaign, has finally put together a combination selling and buying program which will ship area producers livestock from Sonora Auction to a Northern processing plant then on to many middle east countries for human consumption. This effort was accomplished by first promoting this area as the worlds best producer of sheep and goats, and then promoting Sonora Livestock Auction as the only straight from the producers to the consumer type auction company. Our main goal in pointing this out to the new buyers, is to bring home the fact that we do not deal in trading type livestock. Buyers were shown that we had no traders on the payroll, and we were not working other area sale barns to meet the buyers numbers. We have dealt only in area producers products, and marketed our facility as a producer oriented operation.

Two new buyers were on hand this last Saturday to watch our sale, and to make recommendations to help us meet their needs. We passed the test! Although, we still lacked the large numbers, the buyers were impressed with the quality and freshness of the sheep and goats we did have to offer. Our first load will leave early Tuesday morning, and arrive at a northern state processing facility 24 hours later. Then, on a return trip, northern ewes will be shipped to Sonora Livestock Auction for markets in Mexico for human consumption. What is so attractive about this type of marketing concept is that it gives area producers a direct link to the final consumer of goats, and a direct link to the Mexico market with area sheep. The bottom line result is the ability to eliminate indirect trading and net more dollars for the producers.

To help meet the recommendations of the Mexico market, Sonora Livestock Auction is attempting to put together a sheep shearing operation here at the facility to meet the requirements to cross sheep into Mexico. Also, by having this direct link to the Middle East countries, and Mexico we are now able to offer the area producers more dollars either at the ranch or here at our auction facility.

Area producers can help us meet the required numbers of 600-700 Spanish goats or crosses, a week; 400 Ewes a week; 200-700 lambs a week. We will beat the other area market prices! We'll help you gather them, haul them, or whatever it takes to meet your needs.

## Oil & Gas News

### Production Pays Off

by Charles R. Matthews, Chairman, Railroad Commission of Texas

Why is it, that once again there seems to be smiling faces at oil and gas industry conferences all around the state of Texas? Could it be that the industry, the nation's leader in oil and gas production, is lifting itself out of the doldrums? There was some encouraging news out of the Railroad Commission recently and we would like to share it with the rest of the world.

For the year just ended, the well head value of all oil and gas production in the Lone Star state exceeded \$20 billion. That means, as this money buys goods and services, it will generate nearly \$60 billion for the state's economy. The good news in all this is simple. The rate of decline that we have seen in the oil industry since the early 90's is dwindling. As recently as 1993, the annual rate of decline was over 6%. Now it is just about half or 3.2%. To what do we attribute that decline and what does it mean for the future?

The number of drilling permits operators are applying for is on the rise. Drilling permits are up 22% from 2,736 to 3,348 for the first quarter of fiscal 1997 than a year ago. Even better, new well drilling permits are up 31%. This all shows, at least while prices are attractive, people are making risks to bring old wells back into production and drilling other wells for the first time; operators are also plunging profits back into their businesses. Last year the industry cut costs

and took advantage of steadily improving commodity prices. It continued using state of the art technology such as 3-D seismic to improve capture.

By running smart operations, people continued working. Last year, total production multiplied by the increase in price of oil and gas could mean 23,000 new jobs in Texas. It also could account for 52,850 jobs indirectly related to oil and gas. And the bottom line shows that sound business practices paid off. Based on the Comptroller's oil price of \$19.47 per barrel. Texas produced 495.4 million barrels of oil worth nearly \$650 million to the state's economy. And natural gas did very well too. At the Comptroller's price of \$1.89 per mcf, Texas produced nearly 5.8 trillion cubic feet raising \$538 million for the economy. All told, oil and gas continues to significantly contribute to state coffers. Last year's unexpected gain in oil and gas tax revenue totaled \$450 million. That figure is equal to 45% of Texas' \$1 billion state surplus.

Can the good fortune continue? We at the Railroad Commission think so. If commodity prices are not so volatile and if operators continue acting smart and using the technology that exists, there is no reason why we might not notice even more smiles throughout the state this year.

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## AGRIBUSINESS

### If Yogurt Is Meat, Then Ketchup Is A Vegetable

by Charles Carter, Independent Cattlemen's Association

Serving yogurt as a meat substitute in school food programs makes as much nutritional sense as serving ketchup as a vegetable, and yet that's what the United States Department of Agriculture has decided to do.

Because of a recently adopted rule, yogurt can be credited as a meat alternative for all meals regulated by the USDA, which includes the department's low-income and summer feeding programs. The rule also allows the 93,000 schools, participating in the lunch and breakfast programs, to be reimbursed by the federal government for the yogurt they purchase to use in free meal programs.

"If federal bureaucrats can change a dairy food like yogurt to a meat product with the stroke of a pen, perhaps they'll be interested in reclassifying sirloin as a vegetable and hamburger as a grain," Jim Selman, Independent Cattlemen's Association president, said. "No matter how you look at this decision, it flies in the face of historically accepted nutritional science."

In fact, Selman said, "The USDA includes yogurt with the

dairy group in its Food Guide Pyramid, the most recent national nutritional recommendations available."

Yogurt is classified this way because it provides nutrients associated with this food group, including protein, calcium, riboflavin, and phosphorous. Foods from the meat group are expected to not only be a source of high quality protein, but also a good source of iron, zinc, thiamin, and niacin. Yogurt doesn't fit this criteria.

And on three previous occasions, the USDA has agreed.

"In this case, the fourth time was the charm for the yogurt makers who have been pushing for this change since 1988," Selman said. "On three different occasions, the USDA had refused to accept yogurt as a meat substitute because of concerns about the dairy product's high sugar content and nutritional inadequacy, especially in iron content, when compared to meat."

Selman continued, "Some critics will dismiss our arguments by saying, 'The beef industry is just crying over spilled milk.' That's not true. We're crying over USDA's willingness to play Russian roulette - of the nutritional variety - with our children's health."

### Sutton County

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp., Oklahoma City, Okla., has staked a location in the Shurley Ranch field in Sutton County, testing both Canyon and Strawn pays, and completed a producer in the Sawyer (Canyon Gas) field, 12 miles southeast of Sonora.

The No. 1368 Duke Wilson, 12 miles southwest of Sonora, is 1,980 feet from the north and 660 feet from the west lines of 136-C-HE&WT RR Co. Survey, Abst. 1267. The contract depth is 8,950 feet and the ground elevation is 2,140 feet.

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The location is 2,240 feet from the north and 750 feet from the west lines of 41-C-HE&WT RR Co. Survey, Abst. 400. The ground elevation is 2,227 feet. Wes-Tex Drilling was the contractor.

Exxon announced that it has made a significant Gulf of Mexico deepwater discovery called Hoover. The discovery is located 15 miles from Exxon's Diana discovery and contain reserves of 100 million barrels of oil equivalent. Hoover is located in Alaminos Canyon Blocks 25 and 26 and was drilled by Exxon in 4,795 feet of water. Exxon owns 66.7% working interest in Hoover and BP owns the remaining 33.3% interest.

ARCO Alaska says that oil has been found in two delineation wells and one sidetrack in the Tam prospect on Alaska's North Slope. The Tam #2 well is testing a steady flowrate in excess of 2,000 barrels per day of 38 degree API gravity oil from a sandstone reservoir at a depth of 5,200 feet. ARCO owns 58.5% of the Tam prospect and BP holds the remaining 41.5%. The companies are assessing the prospect to determine potential reserves.

\*(3/5) ... API weekly reported US crude stocks fell 7.6 MMB, gasoline stocks fell 1.3 MMB, and distillates stocks downed 0.6 MMB over last week's ...

\*(3/2)... NYMEX oil price is lowest since June.

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## Producers Livestock Auction Co Report

Cattle and Calf Auction Mar 06, 1997

**Feeder Steers:** Medium and Large 1 200-300 lbs 100.00-105.00; 300-400 lbs 88.00-99.00; 400-500 lbs 81.00-90.00; 500-600 lbs 77.00-86.50; 600-700 lbs 68.00-76.00, few 78.00-84.50; 700-800 lbs 67.00-70.00.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lbs 92.00-100.00; 300-400 lbs 75.00-88.00; 400-500 lbs 71.00-81.00; 500-600 lbs 67.00-77.00; 600-700 lbs 60.00-68.00; 700-900 lbs 59.00-67.00.

**Feeder Heifers:** Medium and Large 1 300-400 lbs 72.00-81.00; 400-500 lbs 68.00-78.00, few 80.00-83.00; 500-700 lbs 64.00-72.50, few 73.50-75.00; 700-800 lbs 60.00-65.00, set 67.25.

Medium and large 1-2 200-300 lbs 70.00-80.00; 300-400 lbs 62.00-72.00; 400-500 lbs 60.00-68.00; 500-700 lbs 55.00-64.00; 700-800 lbs 53.00-59.00.

**Slaughter Cows:** Breaking Utility 2-3 38.50-44.00; Cutter and Boning Utility 1-2 34.50-41.50, high-dressing 42.00-44.25; Canner and low-Cutter 1-2 28.00-34.50.

**Going to Mexico:** Breaking Utility 2-3 40.00-43.00; Boning Utility 1-2 35.00-40.00.

**Slaughter Bulls:** Yield Grade 1-2 1400-2100 lbs 50.00-53.50, high-dressing 55.50; low-dressing 1100-1600 lbs 43.00-50.00.

**Pregnancy Tested Stock Cows and Heifers:** Medium and Large 1-2 570.00-650.00 per head. Medium 1-2 440.00-550.00 per head.

**Cow and Calf Pairs:** Medium 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 600.00-690.00 per pair.

**Stocker & Feeder Cows:** Medium and Large 1-2 (young) 800-1050 lbs 50.00-59.50 cwt; (middle age) 700-1000 lbs 48.00-52.00 cwt.

Source: USDA-Texas Dept of Ag Market News

## Junction Sheep and Goat Auction

03/10/97

**Feeder Lambs:** Medium and Large 1 60-90 lbs 110.00-130.00 CWT.

**Stock Ewes:** Medium and Large 1-2: 125-135 lbs 75.00-85.00 per head.

Barbados: 50-55 lb ewes 24.75-31.00 per head.

Slaughter Sheep:

**Slaughter Lambs:** Choice and Prime 2-3: 100-135 lbs 99.00-105.00 CWT.

**Slaughter Ewes:** Good 2-3 53.00-59.00; Bucks 50.00-57.00 CWT.

Barbados: 40-55 lb lambs 86.00-100.00; 75-105 lb bucks 63.00-67.00 CWT.

Stock and Feeder Goats:

Spanish Goats: 50-90 lb nannies 68.00-79.00 CWT.

Angora Goats: Good and Choice baby tooth nannies 45-55 lbs 61.00-71.00 CWT; heavy bred nannies in full hair 44.00-46.00 per head; Good and Choice baby tooth muttons 45-65 lbs 57.00-65.00 CWT.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public meeting hosted by the Texas Department of Transportation will be held in the Community Room of the 1st National Bank of Sonora at 4:30 p.m., March 20th to discuss plans & receive pulic input on proposed reconstruction of Loop 467 (US 277 through Sonora). All interested parties are urged to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sutton County Hospital District, Sonora, TX., will accept sealed bids for a ABL5-Blood Gas Analyzer. Sutton County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 14, 1997.

For further information, contact William E. Goodrich, Administrator, P.O. Box 455, Sonora, TX, 76950 or call 915-387-2521.

## "Productivity appraisal" may lower the property taxes on your farm, ranch or timber land!

Texas law allows farmers, ranchers and timber growers to pay property taxes based upon the "production value" of their land rather than on its market value. This "productivity appraisal" means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops, livestock or timber—not on its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax savings.

### When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 1997 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

### Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

For more information, call or come by:

SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT  
300 EAST OAK ST  
SONORA, TEXAS 76950

We'll be happy to answer your questions and provide you a free copy of

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities"

Or contact:

Comptroller's Property Tax Division  
P.O. Box 13528  
Austin, TX 78711-3528



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**Help Wanted:** Now taking applications for cook and waitress. Apply in person at Rosie's, 207 Glasscock, no phone calls please.

**Help Wanted:** I-10 Exxon, graveyard and afternoon shifts. Apply in person. I-10 Exxon is an equal opportunity employer.  
tfn(2-20-97)b

Mr. D's is accepting applications for part time help. Apply in person. 216 Hwy. 277.  
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## WANTED

**WANTED**  
Ford Mustang Owners & Enthusiasts. We are looking for people who are interested in becoming members of our San Angelo Ford Mustang Club. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Zentner's Steak House at 2715 Sherwood Way in San Angelo. If you would like any information on our club please call Ken or Teresa at 915-949-1757 nights, 915-949-9501 days or FAX us at 915-944-4116.  
4(3-6-97)b

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**BIDS FOR SUTTON COUNTY MEDICAL INSURANCE**  
Sutton County is requesting bids for their Group Medical Insurance program. The effective date of the program will be 4-1-97. Bids will be opened on March 24, 1997, at the Sutton County Courthouse Annex, Sonora, Texas. Bids should be mailed or delivered to the Sutton County Judge by 9:00 a.m. on March 24, 1997.  
Sutton County Judge  
P.O. Box 1212  
Sonora, Texas 76950  
915/387-2711  
For further information on the insurance specifications, please call or write to the Sutton County Auditor.  
Sutton County Auditor  
P.O. Box 16  
Sonora, Texas 76950  
915/387-5380

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK**  
Sealed proposals for **TREE AND BRUSH CONTROL** in Irion County and covered by Contract No. RMC-6011-72-001 will be received in the Assembly Room of the Texas Department of Transportation's District Complex located at 4502 Knickerbocker Rd., San Angelo, Texas until **2:00 PM, March 19, 1997** and then publicly opened and read. **Only prequalified contractors are eligible to bid. THERE WILL NOT BE A PREBID MEETING FOR THIS PROJECT.** Specifications and proposals for the above mentioned contract are available at the office

<b>SERVICE DIRECTORY</b>	
<b>Sonora Electric Company</b> Electric Repair Construction Farm & Ranch Commercial/Residential Arnold Hosford <b>915-387-3677</b>	<b>Carl J. Cahill, Inc.</b>  OILFIELD CONTRACTOR (915)387-2524 Sonora, TX
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

of Mr. Dennis W. Wilde, P.E., Director of Operations, 915/944-1501, Loop 306 & Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas. Mailing address is 4502 Knickerbocker Rd., San Angelo, Texas 76904. Minority owned businesses are encouraged to bid. Usual rights reserved.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT**  
James M. Condra, Inc., P.O. Box 396, Sonora, Texas 76950 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Canyon & Wolfcamp Fields 51, Well Number 2. the proposed injection well is located 2 Miles S.E. of Sonora, Texas in the Sawyer (Canyon) & Sawyer (Wolfcamp) Field, in Sutton County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3764' to 6930' feet.  
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.  
Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/445-1373).

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION**  
Sealed proposals for 16.414 km of widen structures and upgrade guard fence on IH10 from Crockett County Line to 16.415km East covered by IM-10-3(85)388 in Sutton County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until **1:00 P.M., March 11, 1997**, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.  
This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award. Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Paul Chevalier, Area Engineer, Sonora, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.