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Project Graduation is still accepting donations. Please help make this chemical free night a **big success**. If you are interested in making a donation, make checks payable to Project Graduation and mail to 300 E. Oak.

The 1998 Bronco Yearbooks are on sale now. The cost is \$30.00. There will be no extras ordered. There will be no reduction in price. Please call Kristin Keel at 387-6533 ext. 315 for more details or come to the school office.

The Varsity basketball highlight tapes are now on sale from the SHS radio and T.V. class. The cost is only \$15. Call Kristin Keel at 387-6533 for more details.

Don't Forget. Thunderbird Transit is here for you. Moms & Dads, we want to remind you we can give your child a ride for only 50 cents one way or round trip for \$1.00. We will also be offering transportation to and from school for all ages. For more information or to make reservations, call Lilia or Glenda at 387-5657 or 387-3941.

Any organization or individual who would like to make a donation towards scholarships for our local graduating seniors please contact Dawn Traylor at the High School 387-6533.

Promise Keepers will meet August 21-22 in the Houston Astrodome. Anyone interested in attending may contact Brad Childress at 387-2617 or Keith Wallace at 387-2831.

Hudspeth Hospital & Nursing Home Auxiliary meets every 2nd Monday of each month at the Sutton County Steakhouse from 12 noon to 1 p.m. New members are welcome to come & join.

Open house at the nursing home, to celebrate Nursing Home Week will be May 21st from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited

The Sutton County Senior Center is looking for photos of our veterans to decorate the center for Memorial Day and Appreciation Day. We will make copies of the pictures if you don't want to leave them. We will do one wall in memory of those gone and one wall in honor of our beloved who have served our Country. Please bring the pictures by the Sutton County Senior Center at 102 Wilson St. Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or call Juanita or Pete for more information.

The Annual High School awards assembly will be held May 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School Auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Any junior and senior girl interested in running for 1998 Miss Sutton County, please contact Storie Sharp at 387-6547.

Internet- current subscribers to Sonora Digicom wishing to log on with the new server should come by The Devil's River News office if you have Windows '95 and pick up an instruction sheet. Windows 3.1 and Mac subscribers should contact Cam Campbell pager #278-3230.

Sonora Woman's Club and Sutton County Public Library Book Sale has been extended until the end of May. Plenty of books are still available. Sets of encyclopedias FREE to anyone needing them. All other books will be sold by donations.

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 8-12 at the First Baptist Church. A swim party for registration will take place on June 6th. Watch the newspaper for more details.

Relay for Life a huge success!

The 1998 Relay for Life, Sutton County Unit has raised to date, almost \$17,000 for the American Cancer Society.

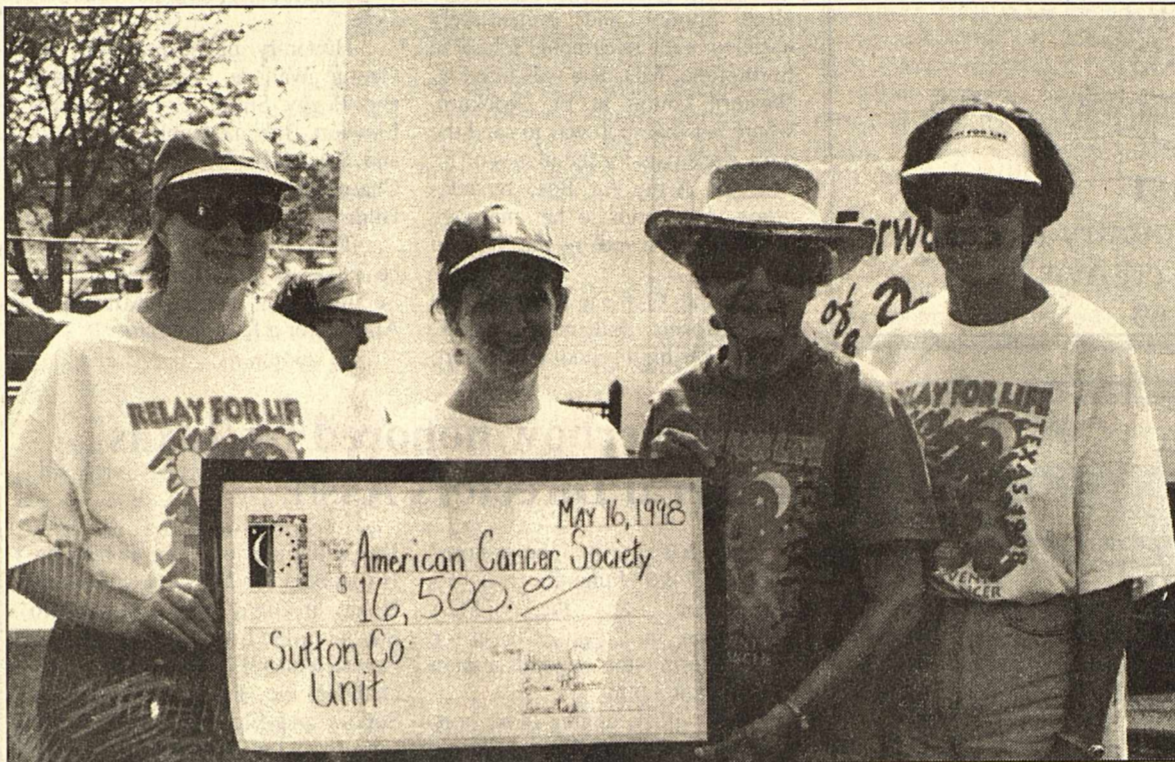
The opening ceremony honored Cancer Survivors in their Victory Lap. As the sun went down, the most touching moments of the evening came at the lighting of 300 Luminarias which outlined the stadium track, given in memory or in honor of loved ones.

Throughout the 18-hour event, numerous activities included such events as the sunflower seed spitting, pie eating, hog calling and La Macarena contests just to name a few.

During the Relay, at least one team member was required to walk, jog, or run. This year, the Schlumberger team received the trophy for "most laps walked". Team members supported their fellow teammates by cheering, clapping and doing the wave. The "most spirited" trophy was awarded to the Devil's River News team.

Some teams hosted fundraisers such as frito pies, hamburgers, snow cones, and brisket tacos; but the Hudspeth Memorial Hospital team couldn't be beat. They took home the "Chuck Wagon Award".

In the waking hours of Saturday morning, the Downtown Lions Club served a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice.



Shanna Johnson, Tamra Wolfe and Erica Morriss present Dorothy Baker with a check in the amount of \$16,500. The money was raised by the American Cancer Society Sutton County Unit for Relay for Life.

As the Relay came to a close, Co-chairpersons Tamra Wolfe, Shanna Johnson, Erica Morriss, and John Parsons from the San Angelo ACS office, presented awards and certificates of appreciation to all who helped to make this event possible.

A trophy for "Most Money Raised" was awarded to the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Committee team for raising over \$2,600.

A note of apology to the stadium neighborhood for the noise level during our overnight event.

Thank You to all our Sponsors

and underwriters for their time and donations.

We appreciate all donations from local and area businesses.

A special Thank You to all the committee chairpersons and their committees who made the Relay for Life a great success!

Justin Mathews competes in Austin

Justin Mathews competed in Austin at the state track meet and experienced what very few get to do. Justin finished seventh in the 110 meter hurdles and fifth in the 300 meter hurdles. Justin, a senior, finishes a great track career at Sonora with two school records. He ran a personal best 13.93 in the 110 meter high hurdles and a 37.92 in

the 300 meter hurdles. As a team, Justin, Graham Bloodworth, Terry Stone, and Kasey Wood broke a school record this season in the 1600 meter relay. The Bronco team experienced a great season this year. They won four of the six meets and also captured a district title. Congratulations to Justin and all members of the Bronco Team on a great year!

Hospital Board meets in regular session

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, was held on Monday, May 11th. Present at the meeting were Directors Alvis Johnson, Jr., Ray Smith, Sherrill Dannheim, Claire Richards and Virginia Epps; visitors attending included Thomas E. Stallard, Transworld Systems, Inc., Carolyn Lara, Joe Hendrus, Administrator, Kathy Knight, Board Secretary, Beverlee Williams, Dr. Calderon and Ram Perez.

After Dr. Johnson called the meeting to order, the Oath of Office was given by Kathy Knight, Notary Public, to the elected officials, Virginia Epps and Sherrill Dannheim. They were also presented with a Certificate of Election.

Motion was made by Claire Richards, seconded by Sherrill Dannheim, to elect Alvis Johnson, Jr., as President and Ray Smith as Vice-President by acclamation. Motion carried.

Kathy Knight was reelected as Board Secretary and Carolyn Lara as Alternate Board Secretary.

After the previous meetings' minutes were approved, Dr. Johnson reported that he had visited with Rex Ann Friess and the only new information is that Louis Dreyfus rejected the offer that the Appraisal District made to them, to settle the lawsuit for \$2.15.

Discussion was held regarding the vacancy of a Director for Pct. 2. The list of residents in Pct. 2 was reviewed and several names were discussed. Paul Chevalier was contacted and he stated that he would consider the appointment if his employer would allow him to hold an office.

Mr. Hendrus reported that he had recently visited with Thomas E. Stallard, representative for Transworld Systems, Inc., who provides collection services. Transworld is associated with TORCH. Mr. Stallard addressed the

Board, advising that they not only work private pay accounts but also work with insurance companies. State law requires insurance companies to pay a claim within 30 days, unless additional information is needed, but most claims are paid in 60 days. The charge is approximately \$8.00 per account and the accounts are worked for 90 days before being turned back over to the client, at which time the client can either charge the account off or turn it over to another collection agency that works on a percentage basis. Transworld Systems is not located in every state and their collection efforts are geared to the laws of the state in which the debtor or insurance company is located. Transworld Systems also provides the computer software for a charge of \$100 and training to use the program. Claims are downloaded by computer to Transworld Systems. The minimum number of accounts to be purchased is 500. Mr. Hendrus recommended that 500 accounts be purchased. Motion was made by Ray Smith, seconded by Claire Richards, to enter into an agreement with Transworld Systems and purchase 500 accounts, to be reviewed after 90 days.

Discussion was held regarding remuneration for Lewis Allen for attending the Rural Community Health Systems meetings in Austin. Motion was made to reimburse Lewis .31 per mile for his trips to Austin with the understanding if he is reimbursed by the Rural Community Health Systems, he will pay back the money paid out by the District.

Mr. Hendrus reported that several months ago, the Hospital District had received information on Physician Grants for Medically Underserved Communities, to be administered through the Center for Rural Health Initiatives. The grants are matching incentive programs, to provide matching funds of \$15,000

F.Y.I.

TDH Extended Hours
Texas Dept. of Health at 1005 Eaton, next to the elementary school, will be conducting late-extended hour clinics every 2nd Wednesday of the month. These clinics are immunizations, WIC, child health, and other services. Hours will run from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. For further information, please call TDH at 387-5720 or 387-2234.

Sutton County Days will be held August 19-22. The annual Sutton Co. Days Parade will be held Saturday, Aug 22 at 9 a.m. Those wishing to have an entry may contact Tonya Brown, Parade Chairman at 387-2593.

The annual Little Mr. and Little Miss Contest will be held on the courthouse lawn, Saturday, August 22 at 11 a.m. Contestants will register at the Chamber Tent prior to the contest and pay a \$5 entry fee. A group picture will be taken of all participants. Questions may be directed to the Chamber office at 387-2880.

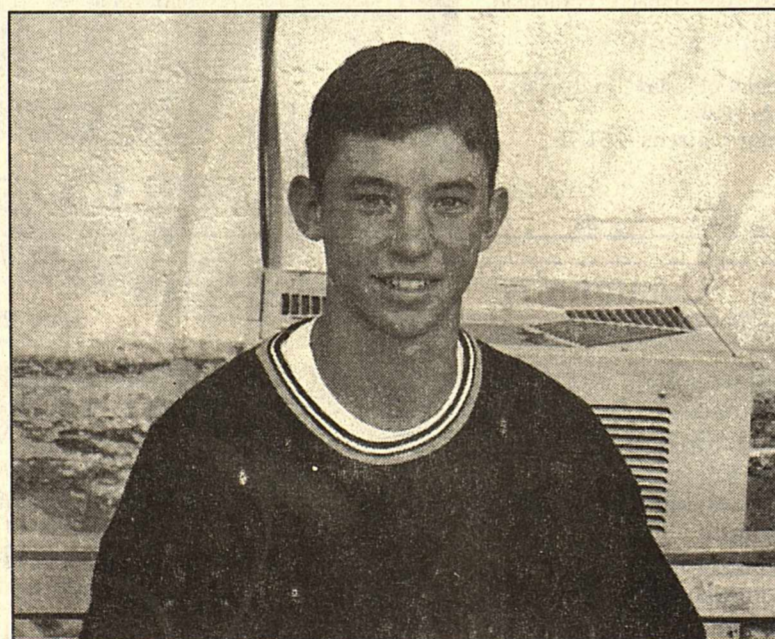
Rocksprings First Baptist Church continues to plan for their 100th anniversary June 21, 1998. Any descendant is encouraged to contact Rocksprings First Baptist Church, c/o Helen Fred at P.O. Box 438 Rocksprings TX 78880.

A Soccer Camp for any boys and girls ages 4 through 12 will be held in Sonora on June 23, 24, and 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. There will be a pre-registration on June 3rd from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Devil's River News office. For more information, please call 387-3174 or 387-3254

The Help, Hope and Cope; a seminar for caregivers of aging adults has been postponed to a later date.



Prom King and Queen 1998 Mayer Anderson and Kellie Downing.



Bryce Williams reaches finals at Wichita Falls tournament

The Northwest Regional ZAT tennis tournament was held in Wichita Falls on May 9th. Bryce Williams won four straight matches to reach the finals in the boys 16 year old division.

Williams defeated Will Klosterman of Abilene by a score of 6-0, 6-2. In the second round Bryce matched up with Ryan Silver from Burk Burnett and easily won by a score of 6-1, 6-3.

The number two seed, Kelson Gist of Midland waited for the Sonora freshman in the third round. When it was over, Williams came out on top by a score of 7-5, 6-2.

In the semi-finals, after a rain

delay, Bryce met Sahir Rifat of Wichita Falls. After splitting sets Williams made a terrific come-from-behind victory as Rifat was ahead 5-3 and serving triple match points. Williams came from behind to tie the third set 6-6 forcing a tie breaker. In the tie breaker, Williams fell behind again before outlasting the hometown favorite to win by a score of 7-4.

After such a tough semifinal, Williams was defeated in the finals against Landon Frerich of Arlington, TX. Frerich won in straight sets 6-2, 6-3 to end Williams' run at a first place finish one step short.

Dining Out Directory

Dairy Queen 134 N. Hwy 277
387-2118

Food Center Deli 600 S. Crockett Ave.
387-5616

La Mexicana 240 N. Hwy. 277
387-3401

Los Jarritos 104 Glasscock
387-2838

Pizza Hut 401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe 207 E. Glasscock Ave.
387-5552

Sutton County Steakhouse 1306 N. Service Rd.
387-3833

Town & Country Subway 610 S. Crockett
387-6181

Town & Country-Country Kitchen 903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169

Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Rick Sanchez
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Tim Dobbs, Minister
304 N. Water
387-3190

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Jim Stephen, Pastor
Rev. Paul Cornelius, Assoc. Pastor
404 E Oak
387-2951

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Bob Burton
404 E Poplar
387-2955

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor
201 N 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

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Terry & Joy Woods
306 W. 4th Street
387-2898

Attend the church of your choice, this Sunday.

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN
Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 E Mulberry
387-2616

OUTREACH CHURCH OF CHRIST
Hwy. 277 S. Glasscock


PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED
Lonnie McGallion, Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I.
229 W 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

COWBOY CHURCH
Monty Price
Auction Barn
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115 N CONCHO
SONORA, TX 76950
(915)387-2549

Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Obituaries

Nancy Berger Bloodworth

Nancy Berger Bloodworth of Sonora died Monday, May 18th in a local hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Sonora with the Reverend Monte Jones and the Reverend Lewis Allen officiating. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

Nancy was born April 10, 1926 in Carnegie, PA to Roy A. and Carroll Sexton Christie. She moved to Sonora in 1938 with the first oil field hands to arrive in Sutton County. She lived with her family in the McDonald Hotel until company housing could be provided at the Texas-New Mexico camp on Ft. McKavett Road.

Nancy graduated from Sonora High School and immediately enrolled in the telegrapher school in Springfield, MO. She was hired by Western Union in Ft. Stockton, where her main job was to send the daily parts lists for the planes of Ft. Stockton Army Air Base by telegraph. Also prior to her marriage she was employed by the Wickert Refinery.

In mid 1945 she rode the train to California and married W.F. Berger, her high school sweetheart, who was in the Seabees stationed at Long Beach. Mr. Berger preceded her in death in 1971.

Nancy married L.P. Bloodworth on December 13, 1974 in Del Rio. Together they founded Shalako Ranch Co. raising fine wool sheep and feeder calves.


To her first marriage were born two sons; Christie D. Berger and Larry J. Berger who survive her. Also surviving are three step-sons: Buck Bloodworth, Bert Bloodworth and Lee Bloodworth, four daughters-in-law, 3 granddaughters, 6 grandsons and 1 great grandson; one brother, Jack S. Christie and a very, very special friend, Jaye "Butch" Campbell.

Active pallbearers will be: Buck, Bert and Lee Bloodworth, Pat Campbell, Jim Hartman and Tim Cole.

Honorary pallbearers will be: George Wallace, Mike Solis, Jack and Peggy Sharp, Bob and Betty Lambert, Bob and Robbie Teaff, Jim and Susie Matsler, Dean and Joan Chase, Stanley and Nelda Mayfield, Hilda Smith and Jim Grey.

The family requests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, the Sonora Ministerial Alliance or a favorite charity.

Card of Thanks



The Devil's River News Relay for Life Team (Hot off the Press) would like to express our sincere appreciation to Coca Cola, Arroyo Grande, Mayer 4, Business Basics, Oscar Ovalia, Los Jarritos, Broncho Ford, T&C Village Market, Lisa Lipham, Walmart, and K-mart for donating items to our fund raiser. With their help our team was second highest in raising money for the Relay for Life.

At Relay for Life you may have seen the Hawaiian Delights, wearing beach-comber hats, hula skirts, and leis, none of that would have been possible without our sponsors, Ms. Samaniego, Mrs. Garza, Mrs. Martin, and Mrs. Shahan. These ladies were a great help. The Hawaiian Delights had a terrific time at Relay for Life and we owe it to these wonderful ladies. Thank you very much.

The Hawaiian Delights
(Sonora Middle School NJHS)

The Bermea family would like to express great thanks to family, friends and relatives who expressed their sympathies towards the loss of our loved one, Felipa Bermea Berlanga. Everything from food, flowers and phone calls was much appreciated. Thank you and God bless you.

The Bermea Family

Jack Kerbow honored by Texas Funeral Directors Assn.

Jack Kerbow will be honored by the Texas Funeral Directors Association at the TFDA Convention in Corpus Christi on June 2 during the general session beginning at 3 p.m.

Jack will be among those honored as holding 50 year licenses. Jack received his funeral directors license in 1948 after attending the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service. He worked for McCracken Funeral Home in Olney before moving to Sonora in 1951 where he worked for Ratliff Funeral Home before purchasing the Funeral Homes in Sonora and Eldorado in 1976. He semi-retired in 1986 after selling the homes to his son, Bruce. Congratulations, Jack!

Armed Forces news



Air Force Airman Michael S. Dowell has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

Presently, Airman Dowell is stationed at Randolph Air Force Base. Dowell is the son of Vance and Pat Luckie of Greenwood and is a 1997 graduate of Greenwood High School.

Airman Dowell is the grandson of Terry and Don Surridge of Sonora and the late Bobby O. Kinard.

Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

Senior Center

May 21- Spring Fling in San Angelo
May 22- Video on Osteoporosis after lunch
May 25- Closed for Memorial Day
May 27- Birthday party for May, after lunch
May 28- Blood sugars by Cornerstone Home Health.

Lunch Menu

Thursday, May 21
B-B-Q chicken, baked beans, california mixed vegetables, macaroni salad, cornbread, jello w/fruit

Friday, May 22
Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, mix vegetables, tossed salad, roll, sugar cookie

Monday, May 25
CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

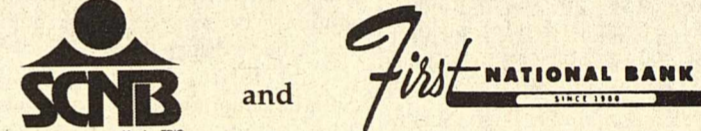
Tuesday, May 26
Pork chops w/gravy, zucchini squash w/tomato, potato wedge, roll, peaches

Wednesday, May 27
Oven fried chicken, potato salad, zucchini squash, half orange, wheat bread, lemon squares

Thursday, May 28
Fried catfish, corn & tomato casserole, spinach, cornbread, jello w/fruit

Friday, May 29
Beef & cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, coleslaw, fruit salad
Guest Meals are \$4.00.

Suggested donation for Senior Citizens is \$1.75.




will be closed Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.
Both Banks will resume regular banking hours on Tuesday, May 26th.

Member FDIC

SCHOOL MENU

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| <p>Monday, May 25 Scrambled eggs, toast, fruit or juice</p> <p>Wednesday, May 27 Egg and cheese on biscuit, fruit or juice</p> <p>Friday, May 29 HAVE A GREAT SUMMER</p> | <p>Tuesday, May 26 Breakfast burrito, fruit or juice</p> <p>Thursday, May 28 Assorted cereal, biscuit w/jelly, fruit or juice</p> <p>Ham & cheese sandwich, tator tots, fruit</p> |
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Community

May 21

Thursday, May 21
10:30a.m.-12:30 p.m. Headstart Graduation
7:00p.m. Sports Banquet

Sunday, May 24
8:00 p.m. Baccalaureate services, High School Auditorium

Monday, May 25
9:00 a.m. County Commissioners, Annex building


Calendar

May 29

Monday, May 25
Sutton County National Bank and First National Bank closed for Memorial Day
High School Awards Ceremony


Thursday, May 28
Last Day of School

Friday, May 29
Graduation



Sutton County National Bank
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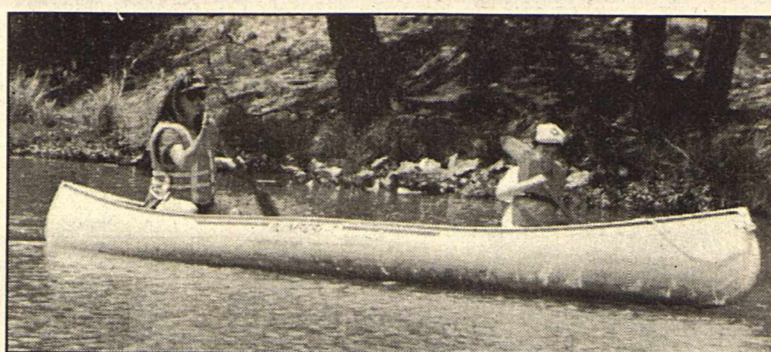
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Senior Spring Fling

May 21 is the date for the Eleventh Annual Senior Spring Fling according to program organizers, the Concho Valley Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), the Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging and the City of San Angelo Senior Services Division. Senior adults in the Concho Valley are invited to attend the event beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the San Angelo Coliseum. May is Older Texans/Older Americans Month and organizers of the Spring Fling will acknowledge, recognize, honor and celebrate the contributions of older adults throughout the event.

This year's event is themed "The Future...Living Longer, Growing Strong in America" and reaffirms the fact that aging can and should be a positive step for all Americans to take. Joining the organizers in this theme of health promotion and physical fitness are sponsors: Shannon Health Systems,

Community Medical Center, Baker Brame Skilled Nursing and Rehab Center Inc., Rio Concho Retirement Community, Baptist Memorial Center, Myrtlewood Estates and Trans Texas Southwest Credit Union. These sponsors, along with over 40 other participants will be involved in the health and information fair and health screenings which takes place during the morning of the event. Howard College cosmetology students will be providing free manicures and Coca Cola will provide refreshments. Also included will be the second Concho Valley Senior Hall of Fame induction, lunch, entertainment, door prizes and bingo. While entry to the Spring Fling is free, a donation to cover the cost of lunch will be requested of those 60 and older; the cost for lunch is \$5.00 for those under 60. All lunch tickets must be purchased at the door.



A Windshield Perspective of Scouting by Mark G. Richardson, District Executive, Boy Scouts of America, Concho Valley Council

Scouting is alive and well in the heart of West Texas. Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts has proven that even in the smallest of communities it can survive. This is no more apparent than in Sonora, Texas. Don't take my word for it however. You simply have to go to a Pack Meeting and watch local Cub Scouts shaving the heads of leaders foolish enough to challenge the boys of Pack 19. (I at least escaped with some of my hair). You should really go watch 90 boys and their families cheer on their Pinewood Derby Cars. If watching Christopher Ainsworth, Ryan Hardgrave, and Christopher Weingart receiving the rank of Eagle Scout doesn't make you feel good about your community, nothing will.

It is simple to see why Scouting has flourished for so long. Scouting continues to be about instilling values in youth. Boys will join Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts to play with knives and matches. They will stay with Scouting because of the character they develop. We still salute the flag and promise to do our duty to God. Scouts still believe in helping other people. There is always another way to solve a problem, and Scouting teaches youth to think for themselves and find the solution. In short, we truly become the type of person our parents want us to become.

As a District Executive for the Boy Scouts of America, I work with Scouting in Sonora. Sonora is one of the many communities I cover in this vast region we call West Texas. As a matter of fact I cover over 19,000 square miles that stretch on and on and on. Sonora lies within the Great Permian Basin District of the Concho Valley Council. This District includes communities like Junction, Mertzon, Ozona, Sonora,

Crane, Sanderson and Fort Stockton. For some perspective of the area we live in, I can compare this District to others I know. One of my fellow District Executives was complaining about the enormity of his District, which is the entire state of Rhode Island. I enjoyed his reaction when the explanation was made that the Permian Basin District would hold nineteen Rhode Islands. In fact, the Concho Valley Council would be the thirty third largest State (mileage wise) in the United States if it were a state.

We are faced with obstacles in Scouting that are unthought of in other parts of the Country. This is mainly due to the distance from one place to another. Not many people in my profession worry about dodging cattle on the highway. I feel sorry for the individuals that work in big cities that have to go to a zoo to see deer. While showing pictures to friends of mine last week, they were amazed at the lack of trees. They however, are the unfortunate ones that will never see the sunsets between Junction and Fort McKavett. They will never know what a sunrise looks like from I-10 between Sonora and Ozona.

From my windshield perspective, life in West Texas is good. Life will continue to be good for our youth because of programs like those provided by the Boy Scouts of America.



Rosie's Cafe

DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS

Thursday-KC Steak

Friday-Catfish

Starting May 21

Thursday and Friday Nights

We will have Steak plates, Fried Shrimp Plates, Boiled Shrimp Plates and Steak and Shrimp Plates!

Patio available for Parties!

Only patio available between San Angelo and Del Rio!

Serving full breakfast and breakfast burritos

Mon.-Fri. 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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Silver Haired Legislature announces election

Election day for the Seventh Texas Silver Haired Legislature is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 1998. The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center in Sonora.

Absentee voting will be made available through May 22, 1998 by calling the AAA office and requesting an absentee ballot. No verifica-

tion of voting status will be required for those voting absentee or at the regular election. Please remember that registered voters age 60 and older and living in the Concho Valley region are eligible to vote. Voters should sign the registration sheet and then be issued a ballot. All voters must complete the ballot and place it in the ballot box.

Nursing Home Notes

Since we are well into the month this will be a brief letter.

Our residents have been busy, we had our Cinco de Mayo Celebration on the 5th, the staff did all the cooking, let me tell you LMHNN, has some mighty fine cooks.

Our Health Fair, was good. The Activity Dept. had the sandwich stand. They had a good time visiting with people from the community.

Lots of food, friendly faces and lots of fun.

The Hospital Nursing Home

Auxiliary put on the Mother's Day Tea, the turnout was good. At this time we wish to thank the Auxiliary for all that they do for us.

We only had two birthdays this month, Mrs. Marion Honeycutt and Mr. Buster Jennings.

Our Open House will be May 21, 1998 from 2-4 p.m. Come join us in honor of Nursing Home Week, and have a friendly cup of coffee and visit with us.

Thank You,
Terry Surridge A.D.

"Hot off the Press" raffle winners

Congratulations to our Relay for Life Raffle winners. We appreciate your support of our community by making donations to the fundraiser sponsored by the Devil's River News.

Thanks to the following businesses who gave so generously to support a good cause.

Avis Lube-two free oil changes won by Belia Solis and Virginia Epps.

Shine Brite-three free car washes won by Miguel Ibarra, Eddie Castro and Rodger Godall.

Sonic-Men's bike won by Blayze Sykes.

Walmart-Bike helmet won by Jordan Miller and a fan won by Tim Dobbs.

Broncho Ford-Floor mats won by Andrea Chavez.

KMart-ice chest won by April Rogalski.

From "Little Boy Trucks" to "Big Boy Trucks"

Happy 16th Birthday Brent!

Senior Selections

Katy Cooke
Amie Gallion
Justin Morley
Justin Mathews
Nanette Sanchez
Terry Stone
Tavia Valliant
Kasey Wood

Clarissa Perez
Eric Talamantes
Amy Torres
Romy Castaneda
Kim Geske
Kellie Downing
Jake Mendez
Jeremy Surber
Erin Payton
Drew Dempsey
Janea Crowder
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Summer Reading program gearing up

The Sutton County Library is gearing up for the summer with the annual SUMMER READING PROGRAM !! Lots of neat things are scheduled for the children as well as READ, READ, READ !!!

PROGRAM HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Pre-Kinder to Kinder
Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m.
(if too many are registered for that hour a second program will be held from 11:00-12:00 p.m. also on Wednesdays)

1st Grade and 2nd Grades
Wednesdays 9:00-10:30 a.m.
3rd, 4th and 5th Grades

Wednesdays 10:30-12:00 p.m.

Reading rules will be posted at the library. We hope to make this program a fun and great reading enhancement for the young ones.

We've had several volunteers for reading, if you are interested and would like to help out in other areas, please call us. Also we are in need of cardboard egg cartons, for a project, if you happen to have some, just lying around bring them to us. It will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, call us or come by 387-2111, 306 E. Mulberry St.

Registration forms are available at the Library.

UIL results for Sonora Middle School

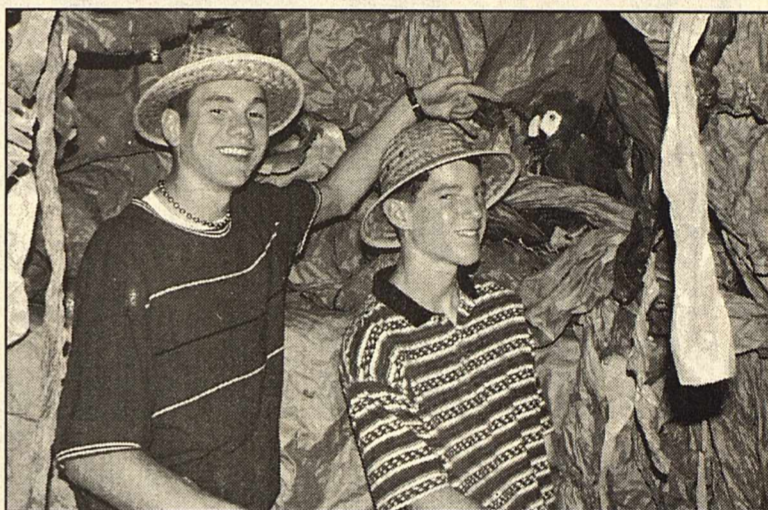
Sonora Middle School announced the 1st place through 6th place results of the UIL contest held April 25th in Greenwood.

Sixth grade results are: Listening-5th place-Wilson Wallace; Maps, Graphs, Charts-3rd place-Kate Higdon; Spelling-4th place-Cady Taylor; Number Sense-3rd place-Brea Hughes; Number Sense-5th place-Nicole Samaniego; Ready Writing-2nd place-Wilson Wallace; Music Memory-4th place-Team of Susanna Street, Zed Snodgrass, Devon Yearout, Joe Bradford, Nikki Casillas.

Results for 7th grade include:

General Math-4th place-Katrina Hernandez; Spelling-3rd place-Katrina Hernandez; Spelling-5th place-Ashley Parker; Ready Writing-4th place-Ashley Parker; Calculator Applications-6th place-Justin Odum.

Eighth grade UIL winners include: Listening-tie for 4th place-Ricky Lumberras and Beau Hughes; Oral Reading-1st place-Sean Fields, 6th place-Genny Cramer; General Math-5th place-Pam Shahan; Maps, Graphs, Charts-5th place-Leslie Gamez, tie for 6th place-Beau Hughes; Impromptu Speaking-3rd place-Heather Lawson;



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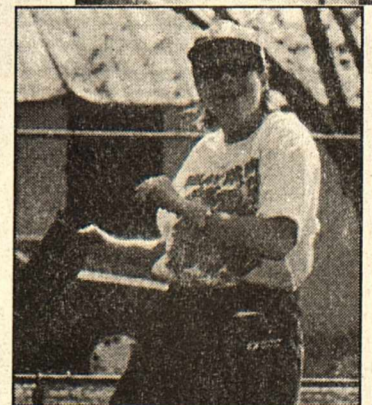
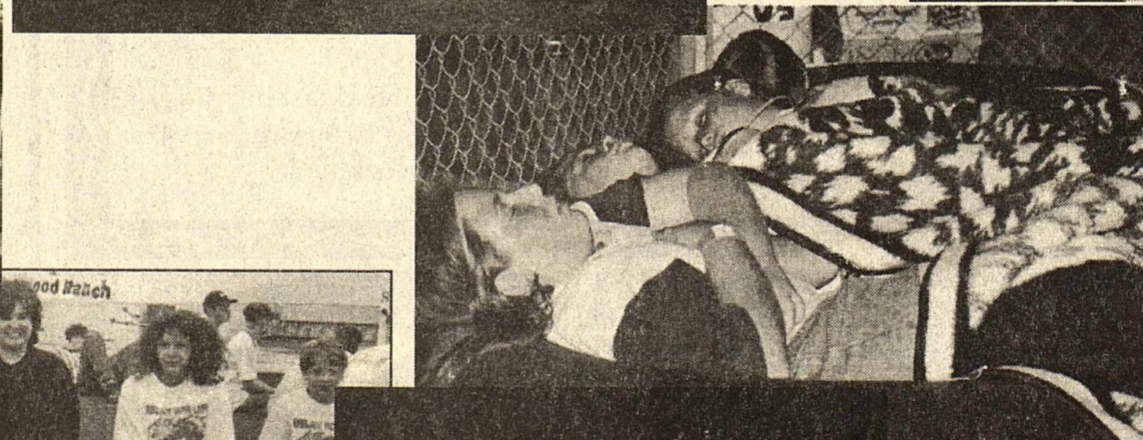
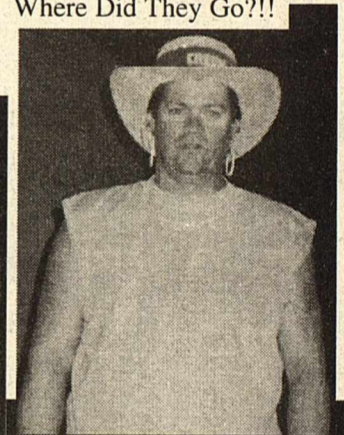
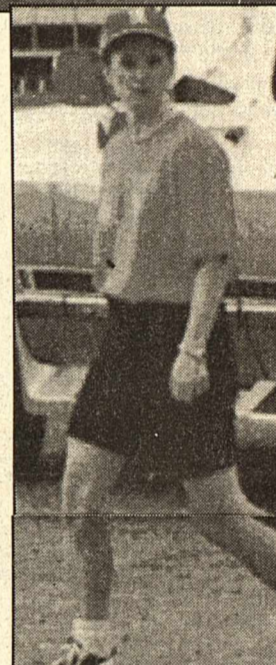
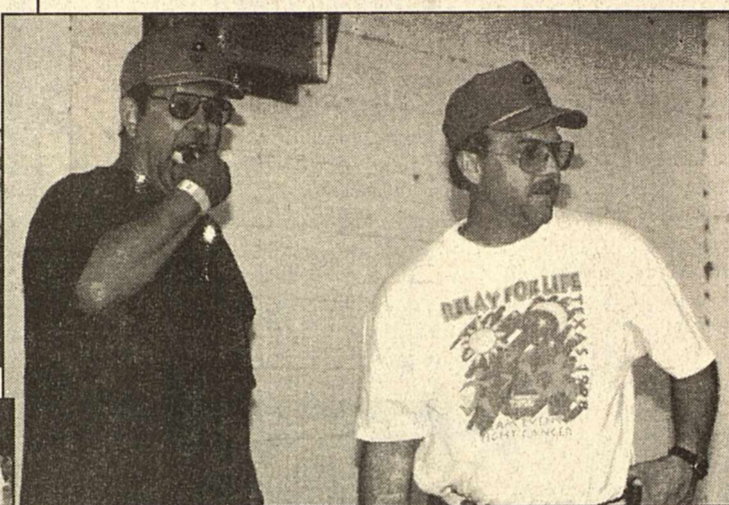
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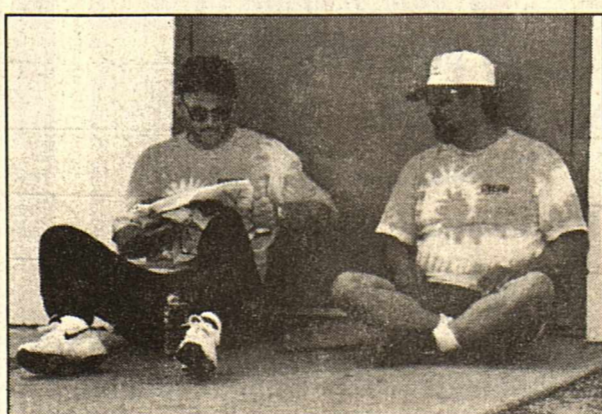
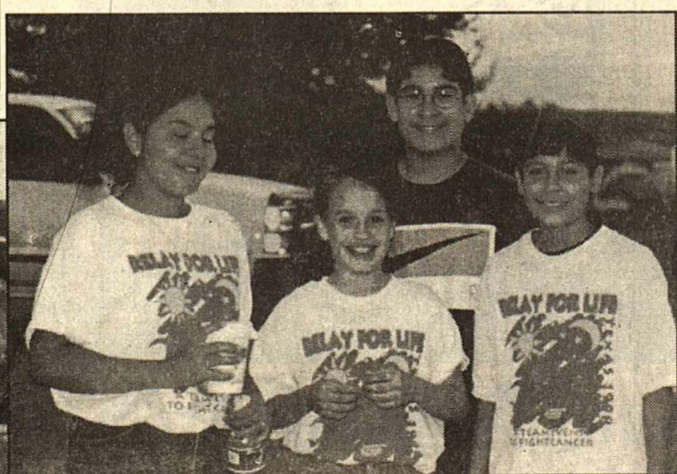
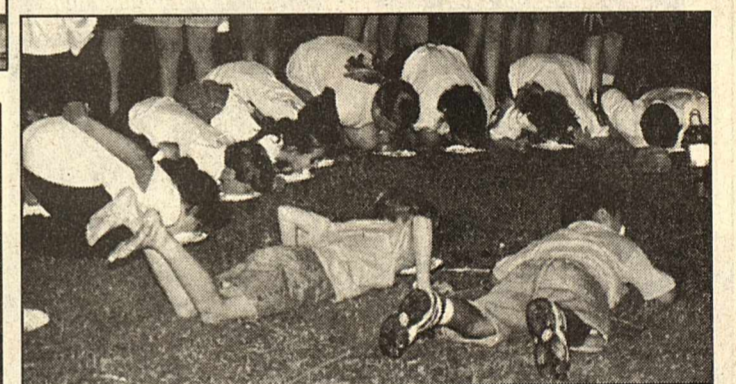
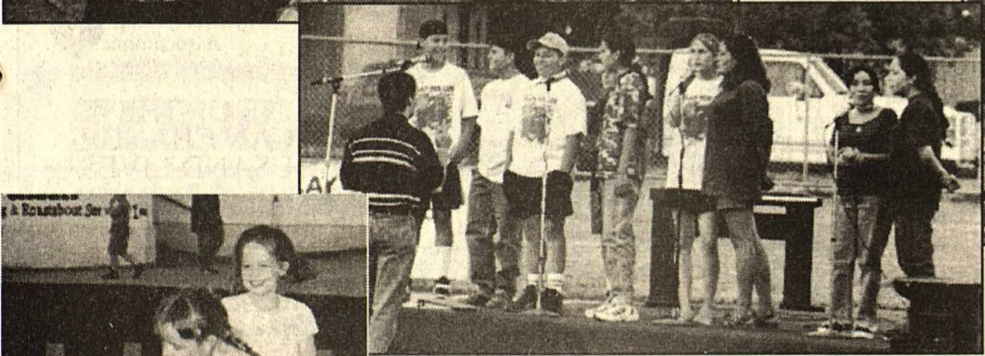
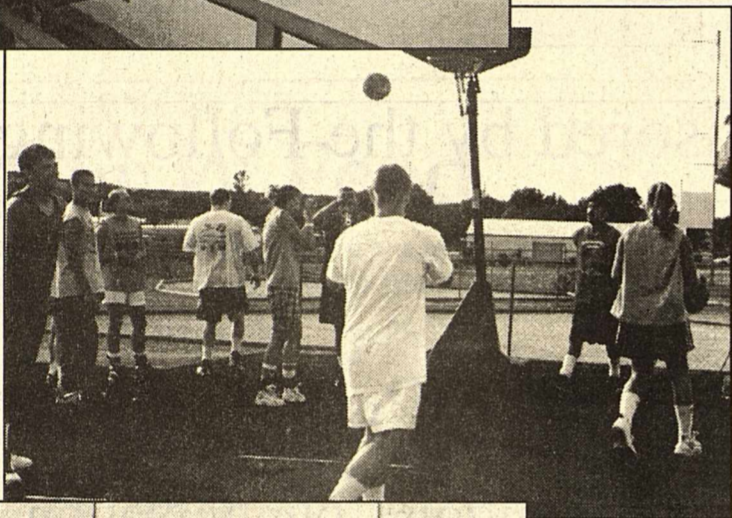
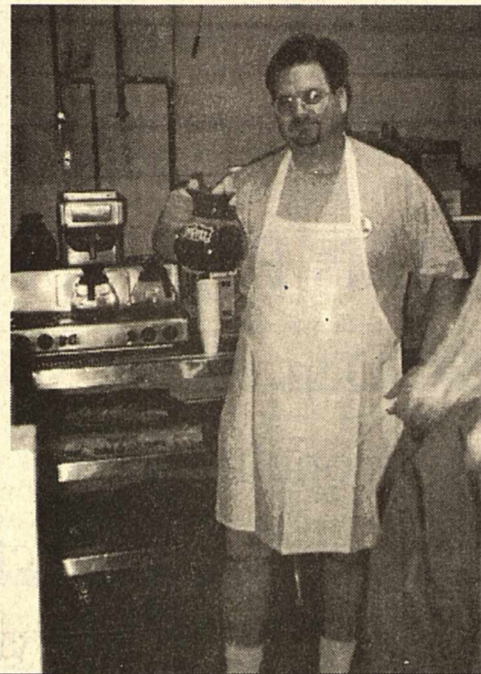
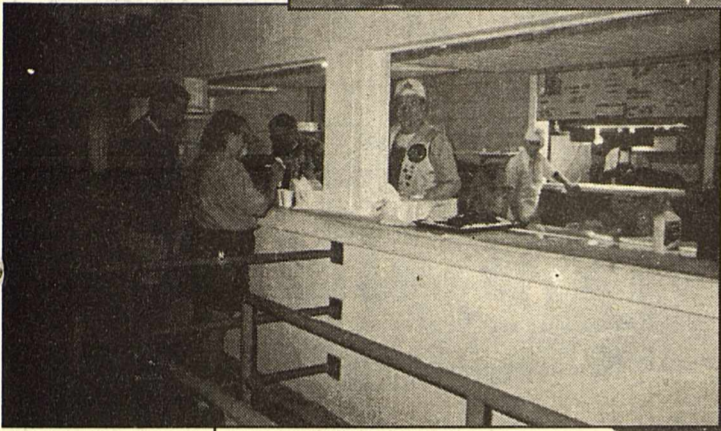
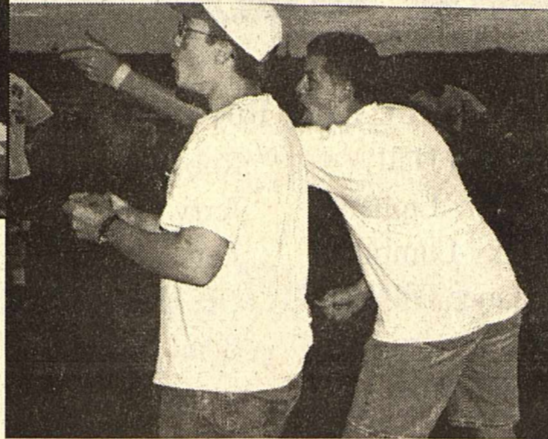
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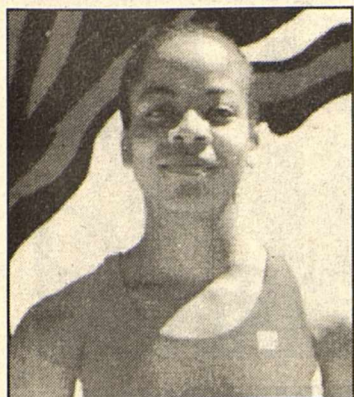
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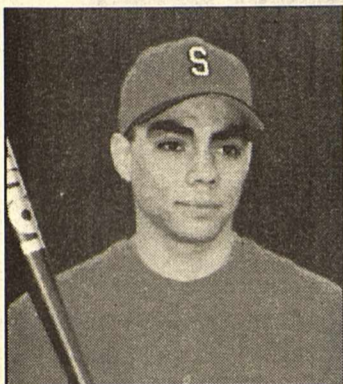


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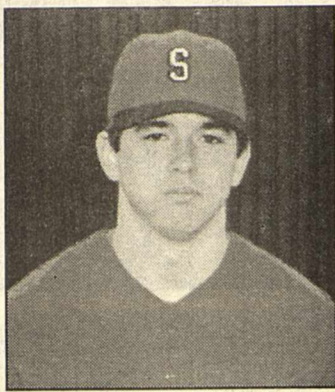


Camille Marshall-
All State Track Team

BASEBALL



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Chris Braly-
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Lauran Schaefer

May 25
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Kelly Thorp
Alta Alewine
Daniel Reyes
Brandon Scott
May 26
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Tammy Favila
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Jr. High Boys Track

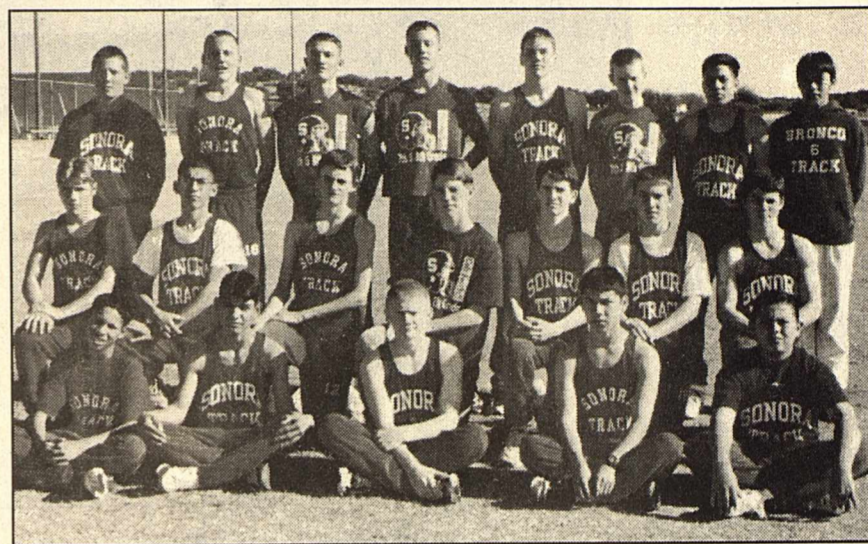


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| Manuel Lopez | Josh Everett |
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8th Grade Boys Track

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
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| Jeremy Lipham | Jerry Lopez |
| Ricky Lumbreras | James Ruizo |
| Chance Dillard | George Guerra |
| Bill Renfro | Beau Hughes |
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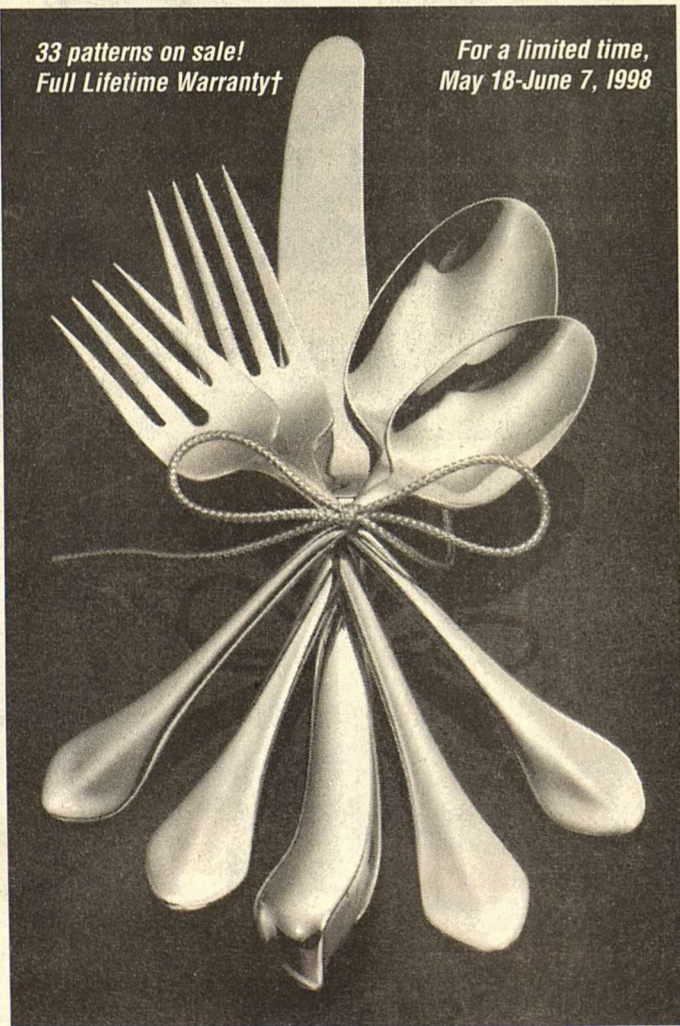
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Compared with last week, feeder steers and heifers 1.00-2.00 lower, instances 3.00-4.00 lower. Slaughter cows weak to 1.00 lower, bulls 1.00-2.00 lower. Stock cows and pairs weak. Trading and demand moderate. Quality average to plain. Supply included 55 percent calves, 25 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 15 percent stock cows and pairs, 5 percent yearlings.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 300-400 lb 100.00-107.00; 400-500 lb 89.00-95.00; 500-600 lb 83.00-90.00; 600-700 lb 72.50-79.00; 700-800 lb 70.50-73.00. Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 103.00-115.00; 300-400 lb 85.00-100.00; 400-500 lb 78.00-89.00; 500-600 lb 73.00-83.00; 600-700 lb 65.00-72.50; 700-900 lb 61.00-70.00.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 98.00-105.00; 300-400 lb 82.00-93.00; 400-500 lb 75.00-84.00; 500-600 lb 71.00-79.00; 600-700 lb 69.00-77.00; 700-800 lb 65.00-69.75. Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 83.00-93.00; 300-400 lb 72.00-82.00; 400-500 lb 65.00-75.00; 500-600 lb 62.00-71.00; 700-800 lb 60.00-65.00.

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Stocker and Feeder Cows: Medium and Large 1-2 (young) 800-1000 lb 50.00-55.00; (young and middle age) 800-1000 lb 40.00-49.00. Source: USDA-Texas Dept of Ag Market News, San Angelo, TX Rebecca Sauder, OIC Phone 915-653-1778.

Fishing Report

Amistad -Water clear; lake level 1073; Black bass are very good on Carolina-rigged worms and on spinners baits as well as a variety of other baits. Striped bass are good on live bait. White bass and strippers are good on slabs and spoons in deep water. Catfish are good on rod and reels baited with shrimp and cut bait.

O. H. IVIE -Water clear; 68 degrees; black bass are fair on Texas-rigged lizards and white spinnerbaits fished in 4 to 8 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 4 to 8 feet of water south of 12-mile bridge. White bass are good on white slabs fished in 8 to 16 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cut bait and earthworms. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

AGRIBUSINESS



Bonilla weighs in on behalf of lamb producers

WASHINGTON - U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla (R-TX-23) recently wrote Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman requesting Section 32 funding assistance to help ease the struggling lamb market. Section 32 funding provides federal government assistance in purchasing commodities for programs like the school lunch program.

In the past six to nine months, the lamb market has taken a beating. Traditionally Easter is a strong market period for the industry. However, this Easter prices hit critically low levels. Many producers are facing returns of only 50 percent of actual production costs.

"Our producers cannot continue

to stay in business with these losses. The lamb industry has been hit very hard and is in serious need of support," Bonilla said. "The purchase of lamb under Section 32 would help lessen the burden for sheep ranchers in Texas."

The American Sheep Industry Association reports that increased lamb imports are only making the domestic lamb industry situation worse. Subsidized lamb from Australia, for example, is 10 percent less expensive now than four months ago. Such low prices make it hard for sheep ranchers in the United States to compete in their own country.

"Lamb would be a nutritious addition to the school lunch program," said Bonilla. "We must give sheep ranchers in the United States the boost they need to survive through this down swing in the lamb market and to remain competitive in the global lamb industry."

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Compared to last week: Feeder lambs 3.00 lower. Slaughter ewes and bucks 5.00-6.00 lower. Stocker Spanish nannies 3.00 lower. All classes slaughter Spanish 4.00-6.00 lower. Stocker angora nannies and mutton 7.00 lower. All classes slaughter angora goats 3.00-5.00 lower. Supply included around 10 percent sheep including near 300 lambs.

Stock and Feeder Sheep: Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1: 50-80 lb springer lambs 70.00-77.50; 70-100 lb old crop lambs 50.00-60.00 CWT.

Slaughter Sheep: Slaughter Ewes: Utility 2-3 28.00-33.50; Good 2-3 35.00-40.00; Cull 25.00-27.50;

Bucks 30.00-32.50 CWT.

Stock and Feeder Goats: Spanish Goats: nannies 33.00-47.00 per head. Angora Goats: Good and Choice baby tooth to solid mouth nannies 55-65 lbs 37.00-39.50; Good and Choice baby tooth to solid mouth mutton 60-75 lbs 35.00-37.00 CWT.

Slaughter Goats: Spanish Goats: 15-35 lb kids 68.00-74.00; 35-65 lb yearling 68.00-78.00; 70-110 lb nannies 32.00-49.00; 70-145 lb mutton 50.00-75.00; 95-215 lb billies 55.00-67.00 CWT. Angora Goats: 85-140 lb fat mutton and billies 33.50-39.50; 80-85 lb nannies 33.00-35.00; 40-75 lb kids and yearling 55.00-66.00; thin nannies and mutton 27.00-34.00 CWT.

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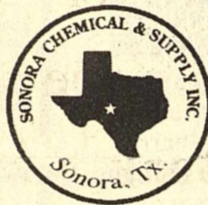
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For complete report contact: Scott Huggins,
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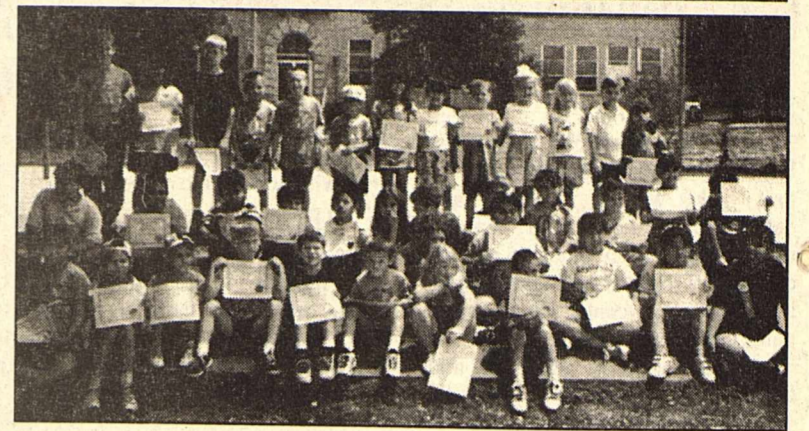
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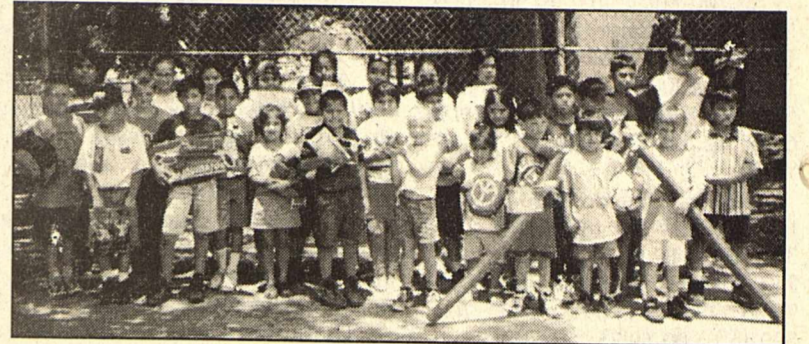
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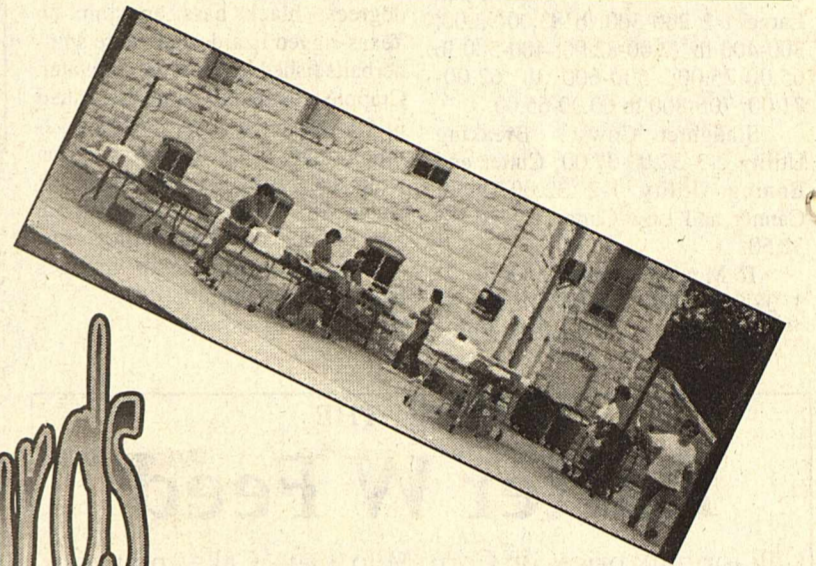
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- Dustin Neff
- Monica Sanchez

Ms. Nixon

- Amy Hernandez
- Will Anderson

Mrs. Perez

- Tyler Creek
- Cash Jennings

First Grade

- Mrs. Creek
- Top Reader-Adrienne Casillas
- Most Improved-Ricky Lozano
- Mrs. Jones
- Top reader boy-Ryder Crites

Top reader girl-Sulema Castilleja

- Mrs. Moore
- Harrison Chevalier
- Vickie Torres

Mrs. McMeans

- Richardo Rodriguez
- Ivan Chavez
- Mrs. Schwiening
- Ross Crites
- Chandler Caddell

Second Grade

- Mrs. Dutton
- Above and beyond reader-Robert Booth

High point-Colton Moore

- Mrs. Ortiz
- High point boy-Marcus Perez
- High point girl-Heather Hughes

Most improved-David Lane

- Mrs. Pincence
- Nicky Escalante
- Kayla Garcia
- Zadriana McGee

- Mrs. Scroggins
- Most books (tied)-Aaron Gaytan
- Most books (tied)-Kimble Luna
- Most improved-Jose Castillo

Third Grade

- Mrs. Bloodworth
- Alexis Ortiz
- Amanda Castilleja
- Mrs. Kearney
- Jacob Ibarra
- Travis Valliant

Mrs. Parks

- Stacey Sanchez
- Jordan Ashley
- Steven Lozano

Mrs. Williams

- Eli Casiano
- Mark Hernandez

Fourth Grade

- Mrs. Dermody
- Kathy Pacheco
- Desirae Boldt Morriss
- Marisol Fraire

Mrs. Holt

- Adela Salazar
- Jack Turney
- Mrs. Elliott
- Warren Wallace
- Kristina Hernandez

Mrs. Friess

- Erin Newton
- Dee McGee

Mrs. Wallace

- John Valdez
- Embre Smith
- Kaleena Samaniego

Fifth Grade

- Mrs. Brockman
- Erika McClintock
- Chelsea Seaton

Mrs. York

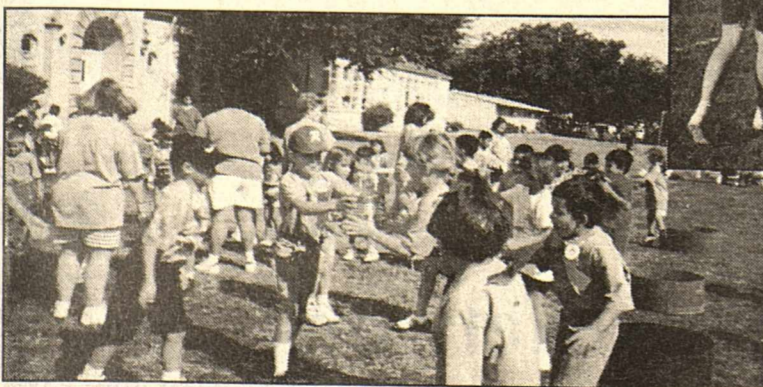
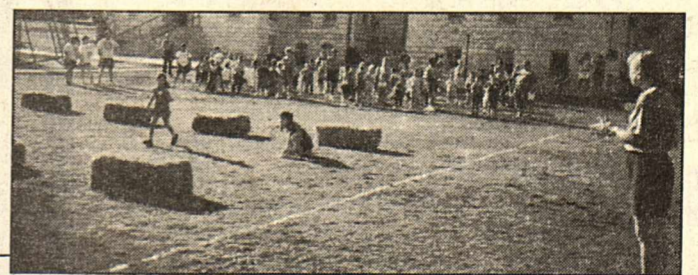
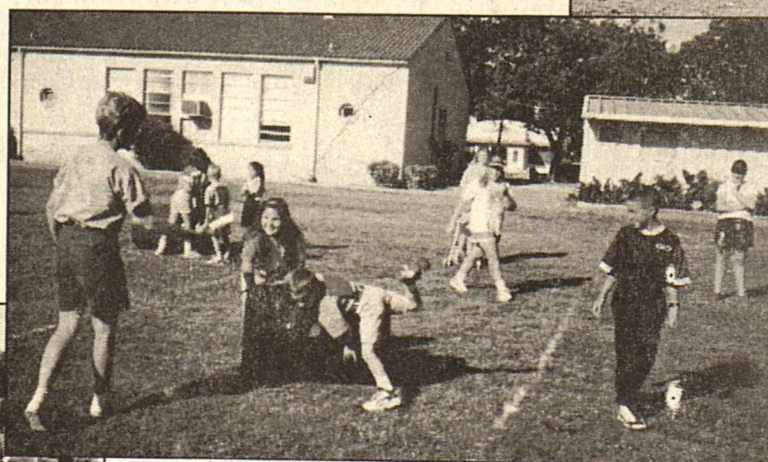
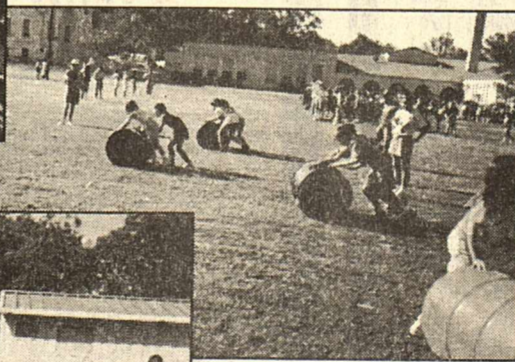
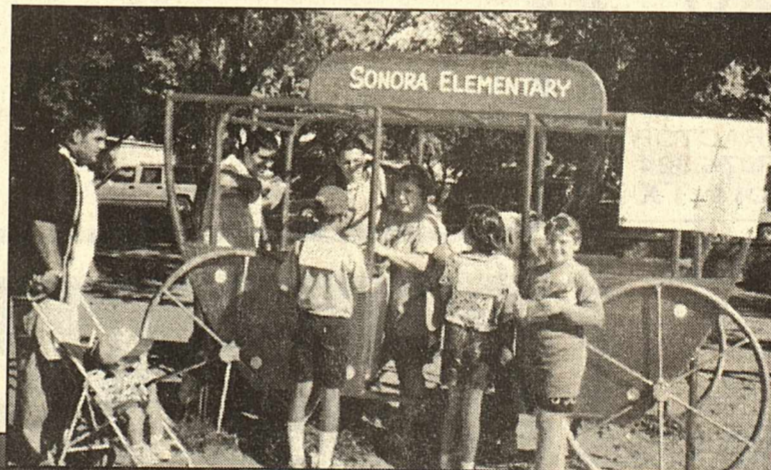
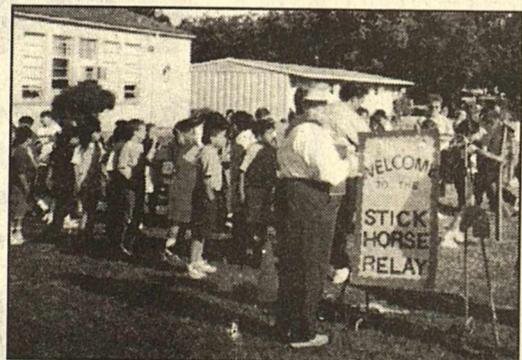
- Nathanael Prather
- Angie Ibarra

Mrs. Fields

- Roland Segura
- Diego Cardona

Winners May 8th

- Kindra Richardson-Jones, 1st grade
- Lyndsey Frasier-Moore, 1st grade
- Randy Garcia-Creek, 1st grade
- Bo Amber Gentry-Bloodworth, 3rd grade
- Cody Perez-Bloodworth, 3rd grade
- Mikael Samaniego-Jones, 1st grade
- Meridith Earwood-Burnham, Kindergarten
- Tyler Creek-Perez, Kindergarten
- Kimble Luna-Scroggins, 2nd grade
- C.J. Turney-Holt, 4th grade
- Morgan Martinez-Ortiz, 2nd grade
- Alisha Covey-Friess, 4th grade
- Cerissa Hedgecock-Dermody, 4th grade
- Coy Talley-Moore, 1st grade
- Delma Tovar-Bloodworth, 3rd grade
- Amber West-Burnham, Kindergarten
- Reggie Hernandez-Schweining, 1st grade
- Elle Newton-Nixon, Kindergarten
- Jacque Castillo-Brockman, 5th grade
- Chris Perez-Holt, 4th grade
- Steven Lozano-Parks, 3rd grade
- Kayla Webb-Moore, 1st grade
- Megan Maxwell-Dermody, 3rd grade
- Emily Earwood-Ortiz, 2nd grade
- Maritza Garcia-Ortiz, 2nd grade
- Pedro Gloria-Williams, 3rd grade
- Danny Trevino-Williams, 3rd grade
- Carla Galindo-McMeans, 1st grade
- Michal Ashton-Wallace, 4th grade
- Kayla Fields-Parks, 3rd grade
- Reynaldo Gaytan-Moore, 1st grade
- Chrystal Hidalgo-Nixon, Kindergarten
- Aimee Chavez-Nixon, Kindergarten
- Casey Arredondo-Elliott, 4th grade
- Chelsea Martinez-Scroggins, 2nd grade
- Angel Aquayo-Perez, Kindergarten
- Laramie Hall-Fields, 5th grade
- Courtney Caruthers-Perez, 5th grade
- Juan Hernandez-McMeans, 1st grade



Winners May 15th

- Cash Jennings-Perez, Kindergarten
- Cassie Krieg-Perez, Kindergarten
- Jose Gomez-Friess, 4th grade
- Adela Salazar-Holt, 4th grade
- Alberto Tovar, Pincence, 2nd grade
- Paula Zaragosa-Ortiz, 2nd grade
- Wesley Lipham-Creek, 1st grade
- Adrian Segura-Dutton, 2nd grade
- Diego Dominguez-Perez, Kindergarten
- Mario Coronado-Dutton, 2nd grade
- Albert Rodriguez, Pincence, 2nd grade
- Shane Love-Williams, 3rd grade
- Valerie Gonzalez-Moore, 1st grade
- Rosendo Salazar-Schwiening, 1st grade
- Victoria Capuchina-Pincence, 2nd grade
- Jacob Perez-Feagin, Kindergarten
- J.J. Galindo-Bloodworth, 3rd grade
- David Buitron-Bloodworth, 3rd grade
- Stetson Perez-Brockman, 5th grade
- Will Ferguson-Perez, 5th grade
- Mayra Rodriguez-Fields, 5th grade
- J.R. Solis-Perez, 5th grade
- Tanya Luna-Dermody, 4th grade
- Ross Crites-Schwiening, 1st grade
- Dakota Malik-Burnham, Kindergarten
- Bubba Ramos-Feagin, Kindergarten
- Michelle Hernandez-Friess, 4th grade
- Ashton Johnson-Burnham, Kindergarten
- Cathy Covey-Fields, 5th grade
- Marida Mata-Perez, 5th grade
- Edward Garcia-Pincence, 2nd grade
- Diana Baez-Pincence, 2nd grade
- Soyla Rivera
- Emily Gonzales
- Alba Gloria

Broncos bid farewell to District 4

This past week closed out a chapter in Sonora High School athletics. At least for 2 years, Sonora will no longer be competing in 3A classification. The baseball season came to an end on Friday of last week, thus closing out Sonora's stay in District 4 - 3A. Sonora finished 4 and 6 in District 4 - 3A. However, with a few breaks here and there or maybe just an extra hit or two, the Broncos might have possibly finished 6 and 4 or even 7 and 3; this would have undoubtedly put the Broncos in the playoffs. The Broncos were in every district game that they played, as no team really ever dominated them. The men

wearing Bronco Red have nothing to hang their head about for they continued to improve throughout the season and never gave up the idea that they were a playoff team. In the end, still being a fairly young team proved to be the difference in being able to get over the top. Next year should be a whole different ball game, as the Broncos will have 10 returning lettermen, with 6 of these men being Seniors who will have started for 3 years. The other 4 players are 2 Juniors and 2 Sophomores, who played quite a lot this past season. The Broncos will also be aided by 11 young men who had a very successful Junior Varsity season.

Broncos host final games of season

Last Tuesday, the Broncos entertained the Crane Golden Cranes for the last time in district play. For 4 1/2 innings it was a defensive struggle as neither team was able to get anything going. Ty Harrelson was on the mound for the Broncos, and for 5 innings only gave up 2 runs on 3 hits with only one of these runs being earned. In the sixth inning the Cranes began to figure Harrelson out as they added 3 more hits to their total, and adding 3 more runs as well. The Broncos not sitting by idly, had begun to generate some offense of their own. At the end of 5 innings, the Broncos had a one run lead 2 to 3. In the sixth, the Cranes exploded on the Bronco pitching staff to take an 8 to 6 lead that the Broncos were never able to overcome and the Cranes added 4 more in the top of the seventh to claim a 12 to 6 victory. Defensively in this game the Broncos were led by Edgar Gonzales who did a great job filling in at first base with 7 put outs. Lupe Ramon added 2 put outs with 2 assists at third base. From his second base position, Crispin Lira had 1 put out with 4 assists. Ty Harrelson, Homer Lozano, and David Mayer each added 2 put outs apiece as well as several assists between them. Offensively, the men in red were led by Tanner Fields who went 2 for 3 at the plate scoring 1 run and driving in 2 RBT's. David Mayer and Lupe Ramon each had a 2 for 2 night with each scoring a run and both being issued a walk.

On Friday, the Broncos made their last trip to Kermit (hopefully for a long while). This game in the end would prove to have playoff potential. For Kermit it could mean a district championship, for the Broncos a chance to finish .500 and

to build for next year. Homer Lozano got the call for the start and for 3 and 1/3 innings, the Broncos held a 5 to 3 advantage. In the sixth inning, the Kermit bats came alive and they scored 4 runs to take the lead 5 to 7. The Broncos were unable to generate any offense in the top of the seventh thus giving the Yellowjackets the win. On offense, the Broncos were led by Edgar Gonzales who had a perfect night at the plate as he went 1 for 1 with 2 walks as well as a stolen base. Crispin Lira and Ty Harrelson both went 1 for 3 with Harrelson having 1 RBI. Fernie Emiliano added some excitement as he stole home to give the Broncos their initial lead. Defensively, the Broncos were led by the pitchers (Homer and Nick Lozano) who between them struck out 8 Yellowjackets and kept the Yellowjackets off balance as most of the balls they hit were pop-ups or fairly easy fly balls. Fernie Emiliano, Edgar Gonzales, and David Mayer each had 2 put outs apiece. Lupe Ramon, Crispin Lira, and Tanner Fields had a put out apiece and several great defensive plays to stop the ball from getting into the outfield.

All in all, the Broncos had a very successful season. This has been only the 4th year for high school baseball in Sonora and the Broncos have steadily continued to improve. In the first few years, the Broncos were on everybody's schedule for an easy-win. This is not the case anymore as the Broncos have gained a great deal of respect and are a team to be reckoned with in the future. Congratulations on a very good season; it was not exactly what you had hoped for, but who can tell what the future will bring!



Joe Strubhart presents a gun won at Relay for Life to Frank McGee. Strubhart was on the Schlumberger team.

Police Reports for dates 05/01 through 5/13/98

05/01/98--Minor Traffic Accident at the 300 block of East 1st. No injuries
 05/03/98--Sonora Police Officer Bryn T. Humphrey seized \$6,881.00 dollars in US currency and precious jewelry, after a traffic stop led to the discovery that Joe Salvador Rodriguez was wanted on warrants issued out of Dallas, Texas.
 05/04/98--Structure fire at 1501 SE Crockett, Lot #18; Major damage sustained, no injuries.
 05/05/98--Theft of Service; Circle K Convenience Store; 16 gallons of gasoline valued at approximately 18 dollars.
 05/05/98--Assault at Sonora High School. Upon arrival, Officer Bryn Humphrey was contacted by Sonora High School Principal Paul Abundez and Teacher Jason Herring. Mr. Herring witnessed 2 boys fighting near field house. A citation for Assault Class "C" was issued.
 05/06/98--Possession of paraphernalia at SISD Vocational Bldg. Juvenile was caught with a marijuana pipe with residue, two lighters and a small cellophane wrapper containing white powder. Juvenile was cited for drug paraphernalia.
 05/06/98--Harrasment by Phone. Men in late twentys calling 12-year old. Phone calls have stopped with police intervention.
 05/07/98--Theft. Reported two rings stolen and pawned. Pawn Shop contacted and a hold placed on rings.
 05/07/98--Minor traffic accident at 502 N. Crockett Avenue. No injuries reported.
 05/07/98--DWI--Corner of Crockett and College. Subject arrested and placed in Sutton County jail.
 05/08/98--Theft--Sonora ISD Administration Bldg. IBM laptop computer stolen at the High School. Investigation on-going.
 05/10/98--Theft of Service. Town & Country #2. \$10.02 worth of gasoline. Unable to locate thief.
 05/11/98--Minor traffic accident--101 SW 2nd Street. No injuries.
 05/12/98--Theft--Sonora High School. Teacher had black billfold stolen from her purse while she was in the main office of the High School. Billfold has not been recovered.
 05/13/98--Sonora Middle School. Baggie of what appeared to be marijuana found at the Intermediate School Playground. No suspects.
 05/14/98--Driving while license suspended. Suspect was arrested and escorted to Sutton County jail.

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Around and About

By Lise Miller

Wow, what a weekend: Rowdy Reader's Rodeo, Relay for Life, Prom plus Confirmations & Salutes to Seniors at various churches.

Friday's elementary students earned a field day with events ranging from tug-of-war over a sprinkler to a Pony Express stick horse relay & bucket brigade with holey cans. Accelerated Readers meeting their personal goals were eligible for the prize lottery. Basketballs, Swimming Pool Stick horses & other active toys & games were given out. Special Recognitions were handed out to a few Top Hand Readers. A picnic hot dog lunch was served on the grounds. Kudos to the teachers & volunteers who managed such a fun event. And congratulations to all the hard-reading kids who read thousands of books this year & passed tests on each one. Those not winning prizes can exchange the pony bucks earned for each validated book for super prizes at the A.R. Store. What a Win-Win Year: bunches of books read, enjoyed & prizes to reward the readers.

At Friday night's Relay for Life there were so many great team T-Shirts, fun booths, kids activities & entertainment. The Glamorous Photo Shots proved popular as well as the luminescent necklaces. Jessie Chavez & Brad Heckler sang great. The Limbo proved interesting & separated the young limber bones from the those of us with the other kind.

Melissa Teaff had several offers

to be "Victims" from sharp-eyed kids who have noticed the Life Guard training activity at the Municipal Pool in recent days. Despite assurances that the water is still in the 70s, kids say it wouldn't be cold to them. It's probably true since a certain Kindergartner I know would have said the water outside the Titanic was warm enough for swimming.

Bags of rental shoes were stacked around Lisa's Flowers & Gifts this weekend waiting for their Prom dates. If those shoes could talk....

Congratulations to the young folks & their families who are being confirmed & baptized this year.

The smoky haze has kept Westerman's busy filling requests for inhalers & other respiratory medications. Let's hope the prevailing winds change direction.

Shannon Rushing will wed Ms. Michelle Doran from Mertzson this weekend in San Antonio. Lenora & Ben Pool are hoping the air gets better there. Their base of operations in River City is La Mansion. When I say "Tres Chic" I'm not saying Trey is a chick; es un hombre, okay?

I'm looking forward to the paving project finishing up. Then Phil & I can stop have the disagreement about driving up Crockett or Water. Gals prefer Water; it's 5 miles faster, has the great dip (with the cute little rock squirrel who sometimes holds court on the corner of the white picket fence) and no asphalt smell. He claims never to

smell anything while we hold our noses & roll up windows. Besides, he like to see the daily progress, several times a day evidently. It will really change the face Sonora puts up for folks driving in from I-10.

Mondo Avila is putting in a sprinkler & flower beds at the office to spruce up the appearance so it can brighten our corner. I challenge other businesses to tidy & primp their curbsides too. Some Eagle Scouts are cleaning & revamping flower beds & public areas around town. Let them know if your curbside is a candidate.

The sprinkler schedule at home has been a point of discussion as well. I realize it's more efficient to water before dawn, but then I don't get to watch the hummingbirds, & butterflies fly in & out of the spray. We compromised so they watering commences at 6:30 am. The wildlife & I appreciate it.

Another local wild creature I don't appreciate is the scorpion. We've had a couple show up in the shower under the Shampoo Bottle. Luckily, we got them before they got us.

Carolyn Earwood has returned from San Antonio & the surgery on her foot. If you see her around town, remind her to keep it elevated. Billy Galbreath is recuperating at home after a hospital stay in Angelo. I brought him some brownies; laughter may be the best medicine but brownies prove popular with both Billy & Joy. Does anyone really wait for them to cool completely before cutting?

Governor Bush speaks in Fredericksburg

Governor George W. Bush spoke to an enthusiastic audience of 600 persons at The Pioneer Pavilion in Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park, Fredericksburg, Texas on Tuesday, May 18th. Hosting the "Hill Country Forum on Private Property and Natural Resources" was the Central Texas Conservative Coalition, a group dedicated to providing information and promoting common sense conservative government.

Governor Bush, whose remarks were punctuated by three standing ovations began by recalling the advice his mother, Barbara Bush, gave him when he first ran for public office. Mrs. Bush said:

"Don't you go putting your finger up in the air to test which way the wind is blowing when you get down to Austin. A man who has a strong set of beliefs does not need polls to tell him what he thinks. Do what you believe is right."

Governor Bush summarized his

major beliefs as follows:

"I believe in limited government that embodies a set of conservative principles....."

"I want to create an environment for entrepreneurs--a climate and tax structure that create jobs and stimulate business....."

"We must have a reasonable judicial system.....fair justice, real tort reform....."

"I believe in a reasonable tax policy. Texas does not have a personal income tax and she never will if I can help it. People must be able to risk capital....."

"To be sure, every person in Texas must understand the role of private property in a Free Enterprise System..... to land owners, every day is Earth Day. Land owners care more about the quality of the land than any bureaucrat in Austin or Washington D.C....."

"Texans can run Texas! We must be in charge of our own schools, welfare system, clean air

and clean water. I will never concede the sovereign rights of Texas....."

"My number one priority is education. The role of the state, therefore, is to have clear, measurable, understandable goals: Excellence in English, Math, Science, and Social Sciences. A child should be reading at grade level by third grade or not pass to fourth grade....."

"If it takes teaching reading all day long, it is more than worth it. Do not be overly concerned about a child's self-esteem. Teach a child to read and write and he will have self-esteem....."

"Finally, we must teach our children more than academics. We must teach personal responsibility--in the home and in the classroom. Discipline and love go hand in hand."

Governor Bush concluded his talk with, "God Bless the United States of America and God Bless Texas!"

Honoring those who serve

By Henry Bonilla

Over two hundred years ago what began as small groups of colonial militiamen fighting for independence grew into a military that freed this country from British rule. Over the years that momentum has continued to build and has turned the United States armed forces into an unparalleled model of military might.

Forty nine years ago this month, President Harry Truman formally recognized the sacrifice, commitment and bravery of our men and women in uniform and proclaimed the first Armed Forces Day. The spirit behind that procla-

mation lives on today as we celebrate this year's holiday on May 16th. Armed Forces Day reminds us that we owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women who have given and continue to give so much of themselves to keep this nation strong.

The challenging conditions our military face today make the dedication of our men and women in uniform all the more remarkable. Continuous cuts in military spending are forcing our troops to do more with less. Our soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen are being sent on repeated long-term overseas

deployments. This over-extension of our military troops causes a lot of stress for military families. In honoring our armed forces, we must not forget the families who are left behind when their loved ones are deployed. They deserve our greatest respect and appreciation.

We all know that the freedom we enjoy today did not come cheap. Preserving freedom has cost the lives of hundreds of thousands of Americans over the years. Please join in remembering and honoring them and those currently serving so diligently to maintain the freedom we all cherish.

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison urges EPA not to punish Texas for air quality problem drifting up from Mexico

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison is urging Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Carol Browner not to punish Texas because of air quality problems that are a result of smoke drifting northward from forest and agricultural fires in Mexico.

"Our first priority has to be ensuring Texans are aware of the health risks this situation may cause," she said. "It was the worst I've seen in the area where I grew up and spent the first 30 years of my life."

"I saw the heavy smoke first hand in Houston over Mother's Day weekend," she said. "It was the worst I've seen in the area where I grew up and spent the first 30 years of my life." Smoke from ongoing fires in Mexico and Central America is drifting into Texas from the Gulf coast, adversely affecting the air quality of the entire region. A public health advisory has been issued for 51 Texas counties, including the cities of Houston, Victoria, Corpus Christi, Kingsville, Brownsville and Laredo. The National Weather Service is predicting that conditions may worsen for the cities of Austin and San Antonio.

In a letter to Administrator Browner, Senator Hutchison and other members of the Texas Congressional delegation wrote they

are, "...greatly concerned about the effect of this natural event on the ability of Texas to meet federal clean air standards."

Senator Hutchison said Texas has worked diligently to greatly improve its air quality. An ongoing drought and unusual weather conditions attributable to El Nino, she said, have exacerbated Texas' problems.

San Antonio is now in attainment for ozone, but due to the fires, may move into a nonattainment category under the Clean Air Act without the relief requested.

"Our communities should not be punished for a situation they can do nothing to alleviate when they've worked so hard to remain in compliance with the law," Senator Hutchison said.

"The negative effect of fires across international borders, which is wholly beyond the state's control, should not negate these efforts," the letter to Administrator Browner said. Specifically, the letter said, any changes in the data should not bear on attainment classifications for particulate matter and ozone under the Clean Air Act.

The letter asks the administrator to keep the delegation informed about any specific actions the EPA may plan to undertake, "...to cooperatively put an end to the fires and the resulting pollution."

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* Female drivers under age 50 have a lower fatality rate than their male counterparts, on a per mile driven basis. The rate is essentially the same for both male and female drivers over age 50 -- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

* Almost 30 percent of drivers ages 15-20 who were killed in motor vehicle crashes during 1996 had been drinking -- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

* In both the categories of drivers killed and drivers involved in fatal crashes, the numbers of drivers 15-20 years old who were intoxicated dropped by 54 percent between 1986 and 1996 -- the largest declines of any group -- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

* The economic cost to society of speeding-related crashes is estimated by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to be \$28.8 billion per year -- \$54,804 per minute or \$913 per second -- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

* In 1996, 36 percent of male drivers 15 to 20 involved in fatal crashes were speeding -- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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* Between midnight and 3 a.m. 78 percent of speeding drivers involved in fatal crashes had been drinking. For all crashes, the alcohol involvement rate is nearly five times as high at night -- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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* Intoxication rates for drivers in fatal crashes in 1996 were highest for motorcycle operators (30.3 percent) and lowest for drivers of large trucks (1.4 percent). The intoxication rate for drivers of light trucks was higher than for passenger car drivers (21.9 percent and 18.8 percent, respectively) -- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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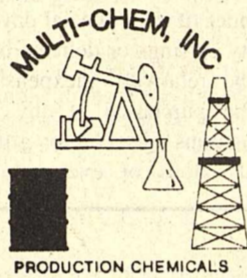
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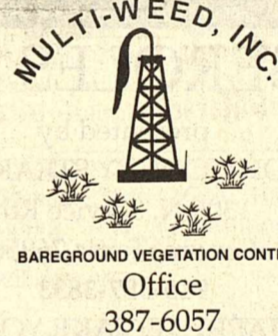
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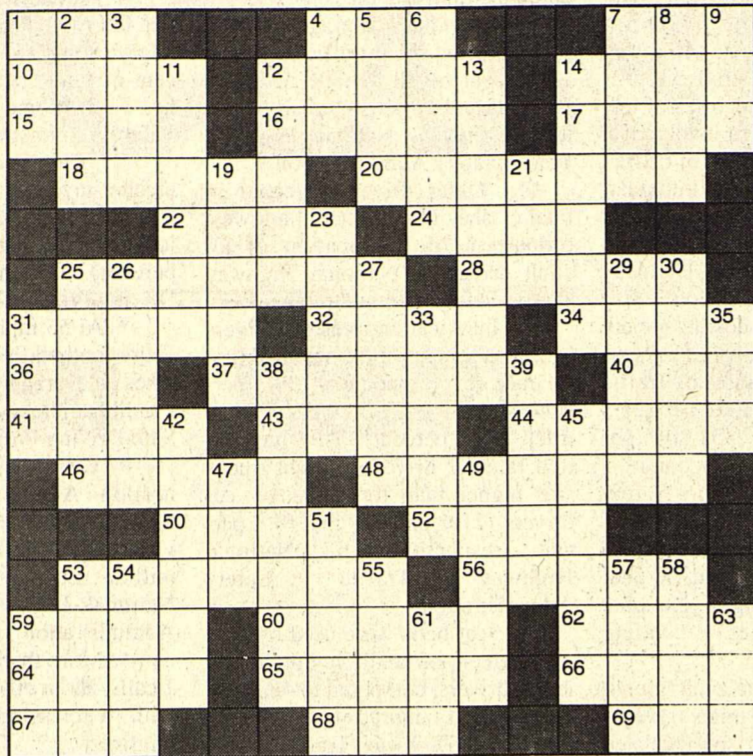
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Planning A Wedding To Remember

GIFTS FOR YOUR ATTENDANTS



—Beverly Clark—

You've handpicked your attendants, creating a group of your very closest friends or relatives to assist you on your way to your wedding day. This group will attend engagement parties, bridal showers and special dinners, not to mention dress fittings and other events. They will help with everything from addressing invitations to making party favors before the wedding.

With all these responsibilities, you'll surely want to thank them in a very special way. It is customary to give each attendant a small gift of gratitude for her friendship and "services" at your wedding, as well as for supporting you along the way. Gifts are usually presented at your rehearsal dinner the night before your wedding, although you may opt to present them at the wedding, or as you open your own wedding gifts.

It can be expensive to purchase gifts for every member of your bridal party, so how do you thank everyone without breaking the bank? It's especially important in this case to remember that the thought is definitely what counts. Your attendants are in your wedding because they care for you, not because they want expensive gifts. So be thoughtful about your gifts and feel free to keep them simple—sometimes those gifts are the best, anyway.

Jewelry is always a nice place to start because it can be worn at the wedding and kept for years as a reminder of your special day. Good-quality earrings or delicate bracelets can be relatively inexpensive and can be purchased at any number of locations—jewelry or gift shops, bridal salons or even on sale at

department stores, if you think about your gifts early enough. Jewelry doesn't have to be genuine—costume jewelry is currently enjoying a resurgence, and there are many fine pieces available on the market at a fraction of the cost of the real thing. (Some are even more expensive than the genuine article!) Make sure to present such gifts before your wedding so, if appropriate, they can be worn during the ceremony and reception.

You might consider other accessories as well. Tiny silver perfume bottles or traveling jewelry cases are excellent choices. A small evening bag or hair item to be worn on the day of your wedding, or picture frames or compacts, as well as small keepsake boxes, are always treasured. If you are handy and have time, such items can be handmade at home. They will be that much more special when you've made them yourself. Use your imagination and creativity, and your attendants are sure to be delighted.

Don't Forget The Men...
While most of the emphasis is placed on bridesmaids, you and your

fiancé shouldn't forget the groomsmen. Gifts for groomsmen can range from watches to novelty items like golf balls engraved with your wedding date, silver luggage tags and the like. They will also enjoy flasks which can be engraved, or even items of jewelry. Cufflinks or tie studs make great gifts and can be worn during the wedding. Business card holders or even bookends are also excellent choices. Currently in vogue are cigar and martini products, so you might consider these as well.

To save time and money, plan ahead. Decide a few months in advance what you want, and then shop around to get the best deal. If you are making attendant gifts yourself, gather all your materials and have a time schedule long enough to allow for any mistakes or changes.

If you plan ahead and make your choices carefully, the "thank you" gift you present to your attendants will certainly be treasured, along with the memories of your wedding day, for years afterward.

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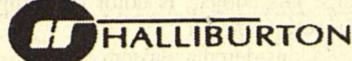
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CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for **MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHTS OF WAY** on various roads in the Counties listed below 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, JUNE 16, 1998 and then publicly opened and read.

CSJ-6026-86-001, SCHLIECHER COUNTY
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 (The above is not a complete list of requirements or qualifications). For additional information call Human Resources at 915-944-1501 or to any TxDOT office. A Completed Application is Required information can be found on the internet home page at <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/> An applicant needing an accommodation in order to apply for the above jobs may call Human Resources at (915)944-1501. You may also call the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (512)416-2977. AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY /AFFIRMATIVE EMPLOYER.

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Specifications and proposals for the above mentioned contract are available at the office 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. 2(5-21-98)b

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and refrigerator, never been used-\$350 each. Call 392-2718 after 1 p.m. Helping hands sack sale: Wed., Thurs., and Fri., from 9 to 1 p.m. Items greatly reduced.

Need to sell to close out Estate, 3 or 4 bed or office, 2 bath, den w/fireplace, tile construction w/new roof, large lot, carport, new paint. 502 Circle Dr. Shown by appointment. 392-3454.

Need to sell to close out Estate 3br, 1 bath, large kitchen, DR, carport, Pecan trees, 3 storage bldgs. on concrete, fenced yard. 905 Third St. Reduced to \$32,500. Shown by appointment 392-3454.

For Sale: 4 br/ 2 1/2 baths. New central heat/AC. Large lot. 105 Ave. L \$47,500. Call 392-3712 Diane, after 5:00 call 392-3567

For Sale: Home on 1205 Ave. C, looking for family. 2444 sq. ft. 1/2 block lot with Pecan trees. Four bedrooms/3full baths in great neighborhood. New ceramic floors in kitchen and bathrooms, dining room and hallway has renewed Oak hardwood floors. CA/new gas heating. Large utility room and basement plus storm windows. Large backyard with dog kennels. Storage room with bath facilities. Small storage house. Large garage and carport. House was built to add a 2nd story, so is very sturdy. Let's make a deal!!!! 392-2456 after 5:00 p.m.

For Sale: 3 bedroom, 2 bath Spanish-style home on large lot at 109 Yucca Lane, has separate formal living and dining rooms, family room with fireplace, long covered back porch and fenced back yard. Contact Mary Sellers 392-2281 or 392-3660.

For Sale: 3 bedroom, 2 bath with 2-car enclosed garage. Built in 1996. Very energy efficient. Contact 392-4108. If no answer, leave message.

For Sale-1989 Ford F150 4x4 super

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cab, short bed with AC/PS/PB. 5-speed. Low mileage with headache rack and tool number. Serious inquiries only.

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Must Sell-RV 1978 Holiday Rambler, excellent condition with canopy/awning. Must see to appreciate. Serious inquiries only. 392-2333 after 2:00 p.m.

For Sale: overstuffed chair. Great for den or living room. Make offer. Also never used commode chair. Cost \$130. Make offer. 392-3617

Aeromotor Windmills with towers for sale. Two 12 ft.-\$3,000 each. One 14ft-\$3,500. One 8ft-\$1,800. Excellent condition. Harper, Texas (830)864-4114.

Eldorado

House for sale: 102 Honeysuckle; 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA; 1.1 acre; 853-3835.

3/BR, 2BA, brick home, landscaped, 50 plus Pecan trees, large barn with shop area, small storage barn. 853-2072.

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For Sale: 1994 Ford Ranger, 5 speed, AM/FM cassette, air conditioning. Good condition! 33,000 miles. Call 884-2506 or 884-2715

For Sale: 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Call 884-3505

House for Sale: 1002 Penn. Ave. 3 bed/1 bath. Call 884-2849

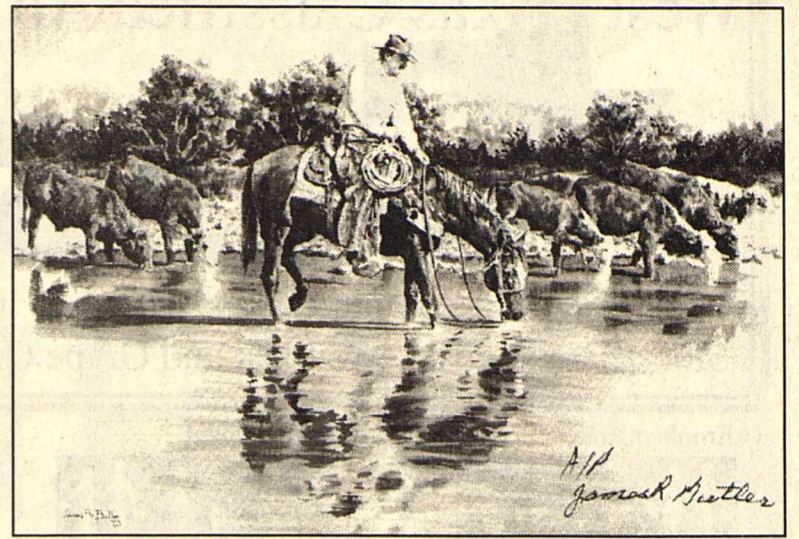
House for sale: 1002 Virginia Circle 1 1/2 lot, CH/A-heat pump, 3 bd/2ba, energy efficient. 7 1/4% available to qualified applicant. By appointment- day 884-3240 or 884-2264 (Tim Turner office), night (915)773-3965 or write: 1404 Bartley, Stamford, TX. \$50,000

For Sale: white tile kitchen table w/pine trim, \$100.00. Gravity rider exercise bike, \$50.00. Both like new. Call Retha @ 884-2389.

For Sale: 1997 Sea Doo GSX. 884-2551 or see at 123 Main.

For Sale: Troy-Bilt tiller, 5hp pony. Excellent condition, little usage. 884-2308.

House for sale: see at 406 Plaza or call 884-2007 or 884-2074



Area Artist-James "Bob" Butler considered a master

James "Bob" Butler is a tremendous talent. His paintings have a freshness and spontaneity that reflects his enthusiasm and deep feeling for his native surroundings. His subject is color denoting himself a colorist.

Considered a master of color by art connoisseurs and collectors, his love for color is a natural consequence of persistent work, spiritualism, and study under masters of color such as Marilyn Bendell, Manuel Cia, and Robert Ordunio.

His work is innovative if not ground breaking, using his own theories, methods, and concepts to create total harmony.

His accomplishments are many, fronting well known magazine covers, winning numerous awards, and showing in prestigious galleries across the southwest from the San Antonio, Austin area to Santa Fe, NM to Beverly Hills, CA.

James Butler's work is best summed up noting his major influence, God!

Roosevelt celebrates centennial

The folks of the Roosevelt, Texas community will be celebrating the centennial of the establishment of their U.S. Post Office on June 13, 1998. Roosevelt is located just off Interstate Highway 10 between the towns of Junction and Sonora, in western Kimble County. In the summer of 1898 the village was named after Theodore Roosevelt, famed commander of the "Rough Riders" and 26th U.S. President, since he and his friends had spent considerable time camping, hunting and fishing nearby on the North Llano River prior to their famous "charge up San Juan Hill" in Cuba during the Spanish-American War. Approximately 60 families come to Roosevelt for supplies and to receive mail, some traveling as far as 10-20 miles from the area ranches.

The Roosevelt Centennial is planned to be an enjoyable day for

everyone and will be complete with a parade at 10:00 a.m., historical displays and program, arts and crafts, musicians, antique car display, numerous contests and games, food and drink, etc. Everyone is invited to attend and events are free of charge. Parade Chairman David Martin solicits entries from all ethnic and civic organizations, chambers of commerce, antique car owners, patriotic and fraternal groups, schools, bands, horsemen, commercial floats, etc. Come enjoy the day with us at Roosevelt on June 13!

For more information, please contact: David Martin
Box 61
Roosevelt, Tx 76874
Phone:915-446-4439
Fax: 915-446-3319
E-Mail: dmartin@medibeesurgery.com
Parade entry forms are available at Devil's River News and Chamber of Commerce.

Veterans Post by Freddy Groves

My belated thanks to L.R. Burks, Acting Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Waco, Texas. Burks was quick to reply to a November 28, 1997 column in which a veteran worries about possibly being denied benefits because he didn't hold valid U.S. citizenship when he enlisted. (L.R. Burk's letter arrived in a timely fashion but was misfiled in one of those SNAFU situations that restore our faith in gremlins.)

Burks notes that first, the validity of an enlistment is made by the branch of service in which the indi-

vidual serves. If the enlistment is held valid, and the service is honorable, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) accepts that decision without question. If an unfavorable decision is reached concerning validity of enlistment or character of service, the VA has authority in some circumstances to make a favorable disposition of the case.

Burks invites anyone concerned about these questions to call their counselors toll free at 1-800-827-1000.

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PROPERTY TAX PROTEST AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- The market or special appraised value placed on your property
- The unequal appraisal of your property
- The inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you

Informal Review

Property owners are urged to contact the appraisal district and use the informal review process if they have questions about, or disagreements with a value placed on their property. Steps included in the informal process are:

- contact the appraisal district either by phone or in person
- meet with an appraiser to review the value and discuss your property
- If you are still not satisfied with the outcome of the review you may file a formal protest with the appraisal review board.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set

your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 300 E Oak Street, Suite 2, Sonora, Texas.

Review by the District Court

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

Tax Payment

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at 300 E Oak Street, Suite 2, Sonora, Texas, (915) 387-2809. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31, (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district from more information.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of

your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you. For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

*The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

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