

# Rogers recognized as Local Benefit .Counselor



**Brigitte Rogers** Honored

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments recognized the work of its volunteer Benefits Counselors, Ombudsmen and members of its Regional Advisory Committee on Aging. During the January 27 event, Bob Weaver, Executive Director of the Council of Governments, welcomed and expressed his sincere appreciation to the volunteers for their dedicated efforts in serving older persons throughout the Concho Valley. Guest speaker Mary Sapp, Executive Director of the Texas Department on Aging in Austin, provided further perspective to the great role of volunteers involved in the aging network across the state.

Brigitte Rogers of Sonora, the first Benefits Counselor to be certified by the Area Agency on Aging in October 1995, attended the celebration. According to Sue Fielder,

Operations Manager of the Agency, "Mrs. Rogers continues to be a diligent advocate for seniors in Sutton County. She truly goes beyond the call of duty and expresses great care and sensitivity to those she helps. It would be almost impossible to count all of the time she gives to her clients."

Benefits Counselors provide confidential, individualized assistance to persons aged 60 and over after completing comprehensive training concerning Medicare, Medicaid, supplemental insurance, community-based services and many other areas which impact the lives of their clients. Having completed extensive training to become recertified as a Counselor in 1998, Mrs. Rogers has agreed to "perform my duties in a consistent and faithful manner, and to maintain the need and rights of older people as a priority for my efforts" as stated on

the Application for Certification.

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments receives funding from the Texas Department on Aging under the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended. Therefore, persons needing assistance from a Benefits Counselor cannot be charged for services. "We really appreciate Brigitte's hard work in Sutton County, " said Fielder. "Her commitment is truly priceless."

As well as the Sutton County Committee on Aging, Brigitte is very active in the community of Sonora. She is a member of the Sonora Woman's Club, the Lion's Club, and the Hospital Auxiliary.

For more information concerning the programs provide by the AAA, contact Sue Fielder at 1-800-728-2592.



Former/Current Directors of the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District

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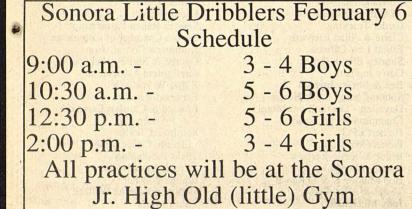
FR: Albert Ward, Judy McDonald, Virgil Polocek, W.B. McMillan, & Vestel Askew

# Thanks, Good Luck, But Not Goodbye!

munity turned out to help Virgil Polocek celebrate his retirement after 37 years as an employee of SCS/NRCS. The Directors of the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District hosted a reception to honor Virgil for his years of dedication to the betterment of agriculture. Virgil's professional career began in Marfa. He then

Friday, January 29th, the com- served in Alpine and Alice before coming to Sonora in 1974. He has been a committed servant to this community, and we are pleased that he plans to remain here. Virgil's official retirement date was January 2, 1999, and he began working as Assistan Manager/Field Technician for the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District on January 4th!

The S.H.S. Speech and Drama **Department is in DESPERATE need of** judges for the Sonora Speech Meet on Saturday, February 13th. If you are interested, please call Cody Eoff at 387-6533 ext. 313 or Kristin Keel at 387-6533 ext. 315. There is no experience necessary, and your help would be greatly appreciated!



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by Fredi Franki Social Security Manager in San Social Security Self-Employment

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People preparing their tax returns should make sure the correct Social Security numbers are shown for all of the dependents listed on your federal tax return. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) checks all the names and Social Security numbers on your tax return against Social Security's records, including those belonging to your dependents.

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Other Social Security requirements tax filers should keep in mind include:

If you are self-employed and net over \$400 or more a year, you must pay Social Security taxes. If you work in a profession or operate a trade or business full time or part time, you have earnings from selfemployment. You must report net earnings of \$400 or more a year on schedule SE of your federal income tax return and file it with your income tax return. Even if you don't

If you paid a household worker at least \$1,100 in wages last year. you are required to report his/her wages and pay Social Security tax on

his/her earnings with your tax return. Workers covered by this law include maids, cleaning persons, child care providers, gardeners and others who provide household services. The exception is workers under 18 years of age who do not do these jobs for a living, like teenagers who babysit or cut the grass.

If you already receive Social Security benefits, you may have to pay income taxes on part of your benefits.

You may owe taxes of 50 percent of your Social Security benefits if adjusted gross income plus onehalf of your Social Security benefits plus your nontaxable interest is between \$25,000 and \$34,000 for an individual, or between \$32,000 & \$44,000 for a couple. If these amounts are above \$34,000 for an individual or \$44,000 for a couple, you may owe tax on 85 percent of your benefits.



# The Bank & Trust Announces Promotion of JoAnn Hernandez

JoAnn Hernandez was recently promoted to Assistant Vice President of The Bank & Trust of Sonora, formerly the Sutton County National Bank. According to President, Mike Healy "Mrs. Hernandez has been with the bank for 15 years and is a very valuable member of our team.

We at The Bank & Trust are very proud to have JoAnn serving as Mayor of Sonora and representing our bank and community."

JoAnn is a life-long resident of Sonora, Texas and is married to George Hernandez. JoAnn and George have two children, Katrina and Marc.

No Winner in Saturday's "Lotto Texas" -Following are the results of the Lotto Texas drawing on Saturday, January 30: Winning numbers drawn: 25-30-50-27-28-09 Estimated jackpot: \$4 million Number matching six of six: 0

# Sonora ISD Technology News

#### by Donnie Weaver

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It has come to my attention that there are those in our community that do not understand the need for technology in our schools.

According to Vice President Al Gore, by the year 2000 60% of the new jobs in America will require advanced technological skills. Unfortunately, only 20% of our workforce today possess the skills that enable them to compete in a technological world. While our work places are moving swiftly into the Information Age, our classrooms are not keeping pace. Today's work place is more demanding than ever before. It requires that workers think critically and strategically to solve problems. The worker must be able to work collaboratively and well with his/hers coworkers. The SCANS Report published by the National Committee on Labor gives direction for educational reform by designating the skills which are required in the work place. The necessary skills are: "the ability to identify and organize resources to complete tasks; the ability to collaborate with others to work productively; the ability to acquire, evaluate and use information; the ability to understand complex systems; and

the ability to work with and to continue to master a variety of technologies."

Diane Ravitch, the former U.S. Secretary of Education said, in June 1992, that the quality of American education must improve dramatically in order to improve the dismal dropout rate in our school, and that we know what works, we just don't do it. Bill Gates, the CEO of Microsoft Corporation, states that teachers know what works. That is to present ideas to students in a way to draw them into the excitement of learning, to take advantage of their natural curiosity, allowing them to interact with new information, and offer them relevant information so it has meaning in their lives. Goals 2000, Educate America Act, is the driving force behind the effort to raise standards for students, teachers and parents. The vehicle for accomplishing this huge task is believed to lie in the use of technology, especially in the Internet's

For the first time in Texas there is a comprehensive K-12 curriculum that focuses on the teaching and learning of technology skills and the use of computers and other related electronic tools. This curriculum is

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expands on the computer literacy requirements at the middle school as

well as computer science and other courses currently being offered at the high school. This required enrichment curriculum focuses on creating, accessing, manipulating, utilizing, communicating, and publishing information during the learning process. It is built on the premise that students acquire technology applications skills in a continuum beginning at the elementary level and continuing through Grade 12. The knowledge and skills gained through this curriculum may be transferred to foundation and other enrichment curriculum areas for Grades K-12.

There have been concerns that we are spending too much money on technology at a time when our local economy is growing weaker. We receive funding for technology from a variety of sources. First of all, we receive an annual technology allotment from the state at a rate of \$30 per student. This year that amount came to \$28,563. Second, I have written and applied for technology grants and to date have received a TIF Grant totaling \$100,000. This is by far the largest grant Sonora

called Technology Applications. It ISD has ever received. The only financial commitment Sonora ISD has in regards to this grant is to expend local funds equal to 10% or \$10,000 of the award amount on the TIF Grant Project. I have also applied for discounts with the Universal Service Fund (E-Rate) which would give the district a 70% discount on telecommunications services and costs associated with bringing the Internet to the classroom. We have not received confirmation on the E-Rate as of yet but a funding commitment should be coming soon.

The TIF Project began on January 4 and will continue until completion. The project entails the cabling of the high school and the middle school gym building, the installation of all networking equipment, and also staff development training on the use of technology in the classroom for enhanced curriculum. Cabling is under way and should be finished around the first of February. Equipment installation will begin shortly thereafter with initial network testing being conducted around the first of March.

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## rrell/Harris to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Mac McKinny announce the engagement and approachng marriage of Amy Harrell to T.J. Harris. Amy is the daughter of Betsey McKinney of Greenville and Gary Harrell of Ballinger. T.J. is the son of Don and Becki Harris of Sonora. Amy's Grandparents are Mae Steely and Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Harrell of Norton, Tx. T.J's Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Harris of McCamey and Carl Hard of Brunswick, Georgia.

Amy is a 1997 graduate of Corpus Christi High School and currently attending college in San Angelo. She is employed by HEB in San Angelo and is the manager of the cosmetics department.

T.J. is a 1996 graduate of Sonora High School. He attended ASU in San Angelo and is now a welder for Sonora Wool and Mohair.

The couple is planning an April 5, 1999 wedding in Cripple Creek, Colorado

## **Ronnie** Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

## **Senior Center News**

February 5 - Run Errands & Pay Bills - Call Lilia February 6 - Volunteer to deliver meals to our homebound Seniors -Call 387-5657

February 8 - AARP Volunteer will be at Senior Center to help with '98 Tax returns 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

February 9 - Exercise Video 10:00 a.m. Everyone Welcome! BINGO! February 10 - Free Hearing Tests with Pete Lopez of Beltone from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

# **Senior Center Menu**

February 5 - Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, roll, raisin salad, jello with fruit

February 8 - Meatloaf with tomatoes, blackeyed peas, okra, cornbread, banana pudding

February 9 - Beef burrito, pinto beans, seasoned spinach, coleslaw, jello with pears

February 10 - Oven breaded pork chops, egg noodles, cooked carrots, bread, tossed salad, applesauce

February 11 - Spanish meatballs with rice, green beans, roll, sliced tomatoes, pineapple

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 noon. \$1.75 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for all others.

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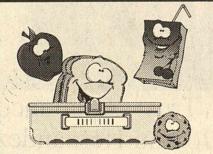
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School Lunch Menu Feb. 8 - 12

### Breakfast

Mon. - Bagels & cream cheese, juice or fruit Tues. - Cheese toast, juice or fruit Wed.-Sweet rolls, juice or fruit Thurs.-Pancake pups & syrup, juice or fruit Fri.-No School

#### Milk and cereal offered with all breakfast

### Lunch

Mon.-Corn dogs, French fries, mixed vegetables, fruit Tues.-Fish nuggets, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, green beans, cookies Wed.-Chalupas, lettuce, tomatoes, Spanish rice, hot sauce, fruit Thurs- Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls, jello Fri.-No School

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### Mary Kincaid Friend

Mary Kincaid Friend passed away Tuesday, February 2, 1999. Services were held Wednesday, February 3, 1999 at 4:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church of Ozona.



Sonora Elementary students will soon begin their annual Jump Rope for Heart Campaign. Students will participate in rope jumping activities and collect pledges for the American Heart Association. We appreciate your support!

The Sonora Elementary P.T.A. meeting will be held on Monday, February 15th from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The program will include a Student Talent Show for interested 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. The program will be very entertaining! Whether your child is participating in the show or not, please join us for an evening of family fun! Free child care available!

The P.T.A Leadership conference will be held on Saturday, February 20th in the primary building. Anyone interested may call Kelly Hirt at 387-5669 for more information or to make reservations.

Nominations are currently being taken for the Gifted and Talented Program for Sonora Elementary Kindergarten students. Some of the characteristics exhibited by gifted and talented students include the following: exceptional memory, well-developed questioning skills, highly developed level of curiosity, advanced vocabulary for age, ability to think abstractly, high energy level, commitment to projects, creativity in music, drawing, and language, keen sense of humor, unusual sensitivity, and good problem,

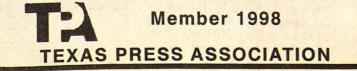
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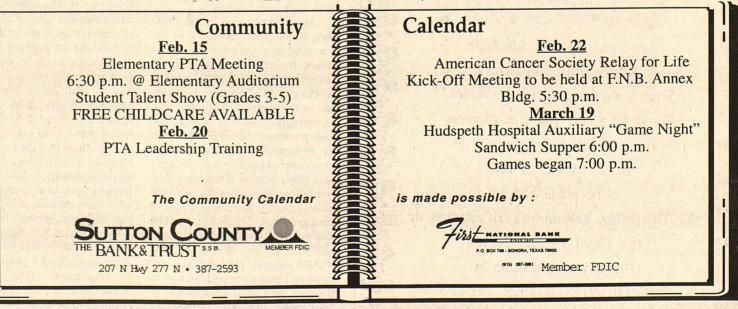
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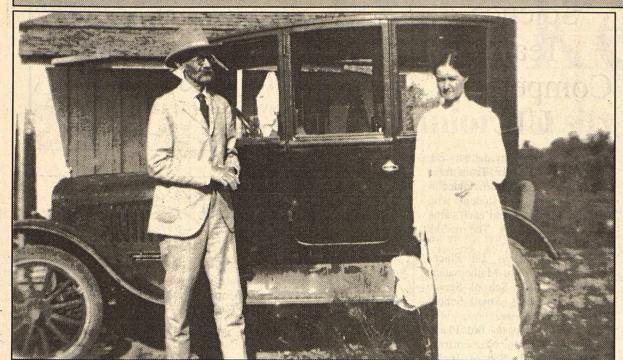
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# Ask the Historical Society



Job Taylor "J.T" Shurley & Nannie Belle McCollum Shurley and their Model T Ford Car. Sonora, Sutton Co., TX (About 1920.)

Ask the Historical Society by Jo-Ann E. Palmer

Q. Mother told me about the Hamilton Grocery Store and a fire in it. Where was it and when was that fire?

A. Hamilton Grocery Store was next to what is now City Hall. It occupied the area that is now an addition to City Hall located on the right side when facing the front of the building and about 4 feet of the building that stands next to it. Deed records show that part of the lot was sold to First National Bank and part to the store next door.

In the Devil's River News of Friday, December 28, 1945 we found the following article on a fire on the property:

Hamilton Grocery Fixtures, Stock Destroyed By Fire

Owners Expect to Re-open in 6 Weeks

Roof, inside finishing, plate glass windows, fixtures and stock of the Hamilton Grocery were almost a total loss when fire broke out in the store building Friday morning shortly before 5 o, clock. Although the origin of the fire was not known, it was determined to have started on the roof. Exact amount of the loss had not been reported by sinsurance adjusters, but a good part of the damage was covered by insurance.

Vernon Hamilton, owner and manager of the business, was this week beginning repairs on the roof of the building which belonged to his mother, Mrs. Jane Hamilton. He also had engaged a contractor to rebuild the interior of the store and expects to re-open within the next six weeks or two months.

The Eldorado Fire Department was called here to help the Sonora department bring the fire under control, and it was three hours before it was extinguished.

Q. What is the earliest report in the Devi's River News of oil being struck in Sutton County? Grandpa says in the 1920's and Grandma says the 1930's, which is correct?

A. Grandpa and Grandma are both wrong!

Devil's River News, May 30, 1891

Struck Oil

Sutton County EMS

W. B. Rountree, the well driller called at the Devil's River News office Tuesday, with a sample of fine lubricating oil, which he obtained from J. T. Cooper's well near Sonora. At a depth of 390 feet the oil vein was struck, and the flow increased until out of five barrels of water and oil pumped from the well, three barrels of oil were obtained. The oil is of a brown or bronze-green color about the consistency of treacle, with a strong

body. It has been tried on machinery and proves equal to the best lubricating oil bought for that purpose. Mat Smith, blacksmith for F. M. Wyatt, used some in drilling spring steel, which is the hardest used, and it gave perfect satisfaction. The only and original Devil's River News oiled up its double-back-action G. Washington hand press with the unctuous liquid and will use no other. Indications of oil were found some time ago in the King, which is a few miles east of the Cooper well, but was not considered to be in sufficient quantity to justify operations. It is the general belief that oil may be found in greater quantity a few miles west or south-west of the present well. Chas. F. Adams and Geo. W. Morris, were at the well Tuesday and believe that an output of six barrels a day is not exaggerating the capacity of the vein. The Stockman's Paradise has oil, coal and silver awaiting development.

Now let me explain that last sentence. When drilling for water in Sutton Co. several times there were core samples brought up that clearly showed the presence of coal and silver. There was only one problem, the depth they were found at made it cost prohibitive to explore it further. macn,

Q. What was gentian used for in the old days?

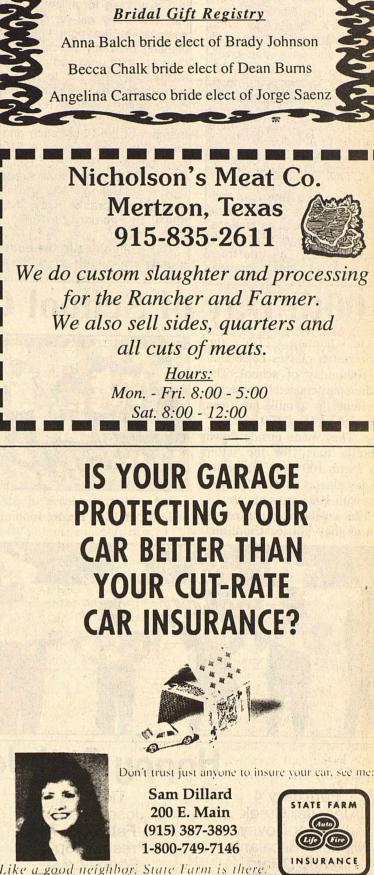
A. Gentian was a bitter root that

is used to flavor aperitifs and occasionally beer. It has been used for over 2,000 years as a medicine used to fortify, treat fever and digestive troubles as well as an antiseptic wound herb. It was taken in very small quantities, usually a teaspoonful of the dried root was soaked in a cup of wine or water and the patient was given a teaspoonful a half an hour before meals to help digestion or 3 times a day, if a convalescent, to strengthen the stomach and purify the blood. Usually they would sweeten the water with honey or flavor it with orange peel to hide the bitterness. Fresh bruised leaves would be applied to wounds and inflammations as a cooling, antiseptic poultice. An old name for Gentian is 'felwort' which comes from fel terrae or 'gall of the earth'. There was an old saying that 'tis very wholesome, but not very toothsome'. There is a special project I have wanted to do for many years now. A

cemetery book that would have the pictures of as many people as we can obtain, that are buried in the Sonora Cemetery. The book would contain their picture, name, date of birth, death and marriage. I think this would be a beautiful tribute to those who have gone before us. To do this I will need the help of all of you! Please, go through your pictures and make copies for us to use and get them to me. You can drop them off at the Devil's River News office or Al Elliott's office on Main Street. Do not write on the pictures themselves but attach them to a separate piece of paper and write the names on it. Please help us to make up this book. I know it will take time but it will also take the help of many of you to preserve the memory of your loved ones. Thank you! If you have any questions concerning Sutton Co. history send them to Ask the Historical Society P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or email them to You may call me at 915-387-2855. I appreciate all the letters my readers send with little tidbits on local history or personal details on their families. I add all them to the appropriate file so that future generations may also enjoy them. Sometimes I use them as a basis for future articles. So keep the letters and questions coming. Remember the only foolish question

is one that is never asked.

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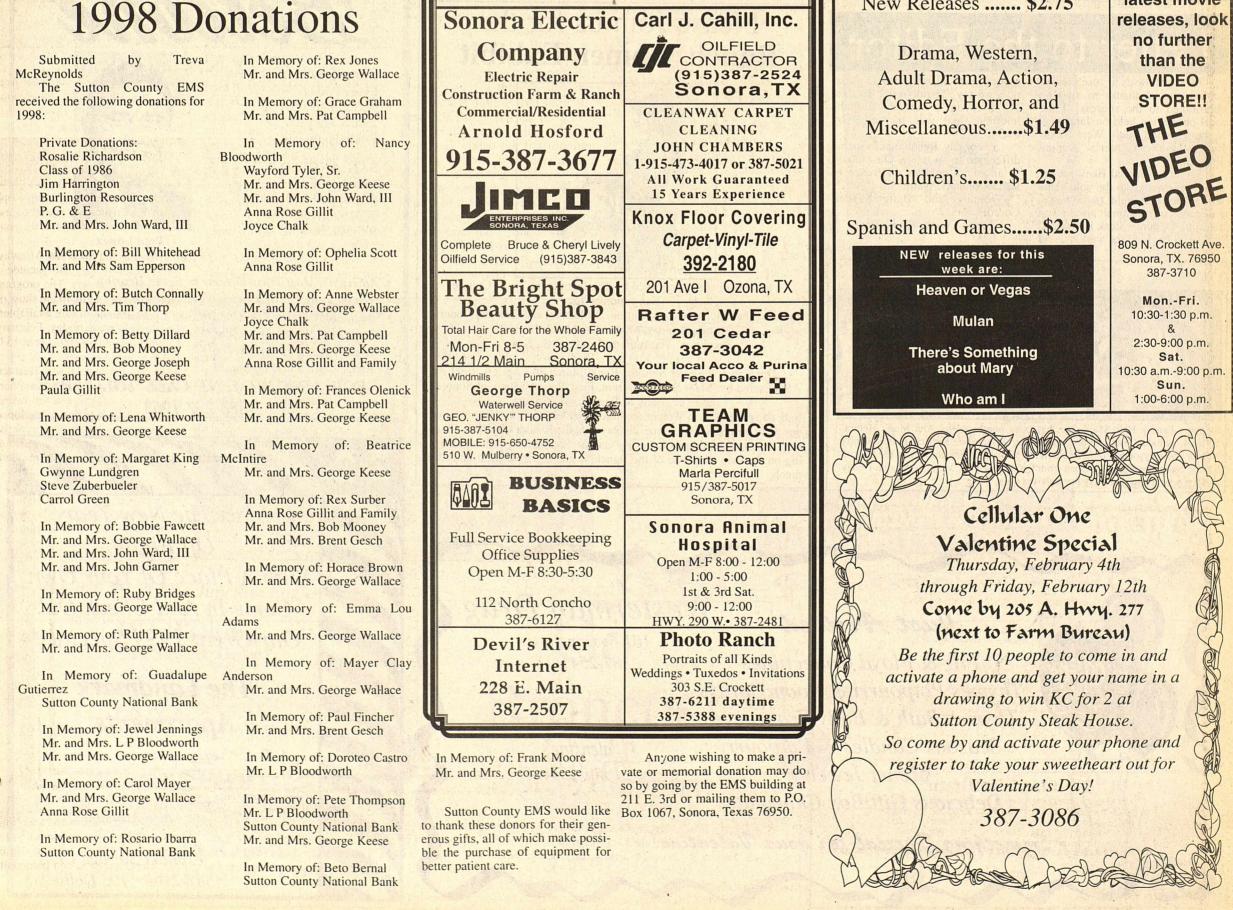


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Ten free American redbud trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during February 1999. The free trees are part of the nonprofit

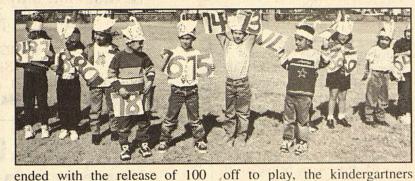
Foundation's Trees for America campaign. Redbuds have clusters of rosy pink flowers in spring, and dark green summer leaves turning to yellow in the fall. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 whith enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge. To become a member of the Foundation and receive free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE RED-BUD TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 28, 1999

All Ladies in the community are invited to attend a

# **00th Day of School Celebration**

On January 27th, the Kindergarten classes celebrated the 100th day of school. The children participated by bringing 100 items in a milk jug from home and wearing 100 of something. They made upside down umbrella hats (for the letter "Uu") with 100 on it, they wore 100 day glasses, and made necklaces with 100 pieces of cereal.

The celebration started as soon as they got to school and



balloons at 1:00. Before running

off to play, the kindergartners counted by 1's, 5's, and 10's. The Kindergarten classes would like to thank Lisa Karnes for donating the helium for the bal-

Bible Study beginning Wed., January 27th at 9:30 a.m. at the

First Baptist Church. Free child-

care is available. The study will

be "Lord, Only You Can Change

Me" by Kay Arthur. This is a light

Bible study open to all ladies

with any or no Bible knowledge.

The study will be held weekly

come prepared for fellowship,

new friends and learning more

about God. For more informa-

tion call Linda Savell at 387

Elementary PTA will hold its

next meeting on Monday, Feb.

15, 1999. The entertainment for

the evening will be a talent show

The

held by grades 3 - 5.

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# Math And Science Team Competes in UIL

This past Saturday, January 30, the Math and Science Team travelled to Andrews and participated in UIL competition. The students who went did very well and each came home with a trophy. The results were as follows:

Collier Shurley- 1st Place-Small School Senior Mathematics, 5th place- Small School Senior Science, 9th place- Small School Senior Number Sense. Russell Dempsey- 3rd Place-

Small School Junior Mathematics, 1st place- Small School Junior Science.

Cody Ainsworth- 3rd Place-Small School Sophomore Science, 5th place- Small School Sophomore Mathematics.

Joe Flores- 4th Place- Small School Sophomore Science, 5th place- Small School Sophomore Calculator Applications.

Congratulations! This week the Math and Science Team will travel to McCamey and compete there.

# Journalism **UIL Team Travels** To Brownwood

Congratulations to the Journalism U.I.L Team who traveled to Brownwood on Saturday, January 30th for an academic meet. The meet was attended by over forty schools, most of which were 4A and 5A schools. The results were as follows:

Feature Writing - Stacey Becknell - 1st place. News Writing Stacey

Becknell - 3rd place Headline Writing - Kristen

Hardgrave - 1st place; Andi Allen -3rd place

The students are coached by Kristen Keel





loons.

# Happy Birthday

**February 4 Jennifer Creek** Jennifer Covey Michelle Escalante Janey Dillard Mariah Gonzalez **Kevin Miller February 6** Jalys Mabry **Cindy Hayes** Shirley Badgett

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Randy Thurmond February 9 JoAnn Palmer Nathaniel Prather Herminia Renteria Alicia S. Velez

February 10

Cam Campbell

Lorena Lopez

Delma Noriega

Patti Prather

Good Luck!

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# etter to the Editor

Please allow us to "use you" to convey special thanks to all who contributed to the success of the local phonethon held on January 9 in conjunction with West Texas Rehabilitation Center's Annual Telethon.

To First National Bank for the use of telephones, to the volunteers who helped that night, to the newspaper for promotional articles, to the Sutton County Steak House and Pizza Hut for food for workers, and especially to all who made a dona-tion, we say "Thank You." Because of everyone's effort, Rehabs telethon total was increased by \$6,340.

Every day, Rehab makes such a difference to so many. On January 9, all of us made a difference to Rehab. Thanks Again!

Johnny and Beth Snyder, Coordinators

Sutton County Phone Bank

### **New Owners**



Snippers Family Hair Salon, Inc, has been purchased by Ann Marie Herera. Stylysts include Lesley Young, Rosemary Ronquillo, Kittrice Butler, Cindy Nelson and Allyson Sutton. The salon at 430 W. Bandera, Suite 3, in the Boerne Square Shopping Center, is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.n. to 5 p.m. Saturday for walk-ins only.

Please Join us for the **Ranch Women Exhibit** 



a traveling exhibit presented by The Institute of Texan Cultures San Antonio, TX honoring the ranch women of Sutton, Schleicher, and Crockett Counties Opening Sunday, March 21 - March 26, 1999 Reception: The Bank & Trust S.S.B., Sonora Time: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Opening at the First National Bank: March 30 - April 9, 1999 Sponsored by: Main Street Program, First National Bank of Sonora and The Bank & Trust S.S.B., Sonora In honor of the Ranch Women in Sutton, Schleicher, and Crockett counties there will be a county map displayed at the Sonora City Hall. Please help us honor these great ladies by visiting Sonora City Hall and marking on the map the name of the Ranch Woman and the location of the



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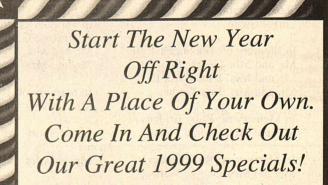


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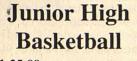
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Basketball



1-25-99

The 7th grade Lady Colts "A" team defeated the Lady Hawks in their last home game. The Lady Colts had a great game offensively and defensively. Leading Scorers were: Tamika Marshall - 8 pts.; Elizabeth Elliott - 5 pts.; Brea Hughes - 4 pts.; Ruby Galindo - 3 pts.; Kelly Kearney - 2 pts.; Cady Taylor - 2 pts.; other team members are Paola Garcia, Jessica Martin, Laura Word, and Dainah Hernandez. Final Score: Sonora -26 Wall - 16.

The Lady Colts "B" team played a great game against Wall. Leading scorers were Nicky Samaniego - 6 pts.; Deneyra Gloria - 4 pts.; April Flores - 2 pts.' Michele Weingart - 2 pts.; other team members include Susanna Street, Amy Vandivere, Perla Perez, Evagelina Martinez, Kate Higdon, and Danielle Galindo. Final Score: Sonora - 14 Wall - 6.

#### 1-28-99

The 7th grade Lady Colts placed third overall at the Wall tournament. The girls scored a lot of points offensively and had some good defensive quarters. The girls will finish thier season Mon. Feb. 8 at Eldorado.

#### Sonora vs Christoval

Leading scorers: Elizabeth Elliott - 10 pts.; Cady Taylor - 6 pts.; Brea Hughes - 6 pts.; Niky Samaniego - 4 pts.; Tamika Marshall - 4 pts., Paola Garcia - 2 pts.; Jessica Martin - 2 pts.; other team members are Ruby Galindo, Kelly Kearney, Laura Word, Danielle Galindo, and Dainah Hernandez. Final Score: Sonora -34 Christoval - 21.

#### Sonora vs Ozona

Leading scorers: Tamika Marshall - 8 pts.; Brea Hughes - 5 pts.; Elizabeth Elliott - 3 pts.; Cady Taylor - 3 pts.; Paola Garcia - 3 pts. **Final Score:** 

#### Sonora - 22 Ozona - 29 Sonora vs Christoval

Leading scorers were Tamika Marshall - 10 pts.; Elizabeth Elliott - 8 pts.; Laura Word - 3 pts.; Cody Taylor - 2 pts.; Brea Hughes - 2 pts.; Paola Garcia - 2 pts. Final Score:

Sonora - 27 Christoval - 10

# **Junior Varsity**

### Lady Broncos

1-26-99 vs. Junction J.V. The Lady Broncos went to Junction for their second meeting with the Lady Eagles with the results ending up similar to the first encounter. The Lady Broncos seem to have begun to put everything together and their teamwork really paid off in this contest. Scorers: Veronica Velez - 16; Lindsey Bowers - 4; Daisha Henson - 12; Stephanie Hard - 7; Desiree Gonzales - 3; Shalayne Hobbs - 2; Heather Lawson - 11. Final Score:

### Broncos

The smell of fresh paint and good officiating contributed to a first half of well played basketball. The Bronco JV boys were one of the first teams to play in the new Junction gym on Tuesday, Jan. 26th. Scoring first for the Broncos was Alan Nicholas with 2. A minimal amount of turnovers and fouls, except for four for Cameron Sims, and good defense and offense, contributed to a well played first half with a score of 37 to 24 in favor of the Broncos.

The second half was much the same. Sims fouled out in the 3rd quarter and Pokey Samaniego out in the 4th. Matt Torres came close with 4 fouls. Bronco rebounding was fantastic. Curtis Sanders and Sloan Holley led with 7 each while

#### January 26, 1999 Sonora vs. Junction The Varsity Boys played their fourth district basketball game in Junction versus the Junction Eagles and for three quarters were the superior team, but in the end they came ing up short on the scoreboard.

The game started like it ended. The Broncos first foul came with three seconds in the game and the boys never quite overcame a varying standard set by the officials. At times little touches became fouls and at times full body contact was ignored.

22 to 14 lead at the end of the

#### Sonora - 55 Junction 31 **SEASON RECORD 11-10 DISTRICT RECORD 3-3**

#### 1-29-99 vs Ozona J.V.

The Lady Lions came to Sonora for the rematch of their earlier contest, however, this time they face a much improved and more confident Lady Bronco team. The Lady Broncos game out and played their best defensive game so far this year. They continually frustrated the Lady Lions by garnering 13 steals and even more by gathering 21 defensive rebounds. The frustrated

Nicholas followed with 5, Crispin Lira and Ryan Hardgrave each with 4 and Javiar Gaytan with 3. Lira and Torres each had 4 steals, Nick Lozano 3. With 2 minutes and 19 seconds left in the 4th quarter there was a pause for the fire alarm and again with 7.87 seconds another pause. There was no fire except for the efforts of these young men as they took the win 69 to 49 over the Junction Eagles. Scorers were: Nicolas - 17, Torres - 14, Lira - 12, Samaniego & Holley - 6, Lozano- 4, Sims - 3, Gaytan, Hardgrave, Sanders - 2.

The Bronco JV Boys game against Ozona Friday, Jan. 29th, was a suspenseful one. The first half was well played by both teams and ended with a score of 22-15 in favor of Sonora. The second half was a much closer game. Two blocked shots by

# Varsity \*Broncos

boys won the game after the final buzzer with a free throw to end the Broncos' district win streak that began seasons ago. Final score Junction 62 and Sonora 61. Significant stats:

Sonora 42% field goal shoot-

50% free throw shooting 17 turnovers

J.d place January 29, 1999

Sonora vs. Ozona

The Sonora Bronco boys took a giant step towards the playoffs with a big win at home versus the Ozona Lions. They The Broncos climbed to a put their loss to the Junction Eagles behind them and beat the Ozona Lions who came in tied with the Broncos for the district lead.

#### less pressure by sending the Lady Broncos to the charity line 23 times. The Lady Broncos took advantage of this by making 14 of their free shots. Outstanding team play earned the Lady Broncos a well deserved victory. Scorers: Desiree Gonzales -1; Veronica Velez - 5; Shaylane Hobbs - 4; Heather Lawson - 4; Lorena Lopez - 2; Lindsey Bowers -2; Daisha Henson - 8.

Lady Lions responded to the relent-

Score: Sonora - 26 Ozona - 19 **SEASON RECORD 12 - 10 DISTRICT RECORD 4-3 GO LADY BRONCOS!!** 

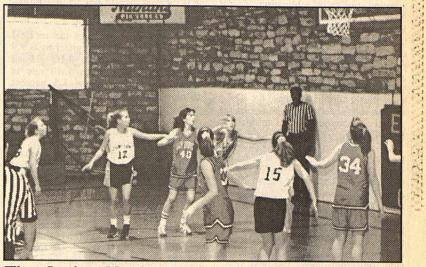
Alan Nicolas and a Ryan Hardgrave assist kept the Broncos in the game. Cameron Sims defensive game with 6 rebounds and 3 steals and Matt Torres' 3 each for rebounds and steals and a minimal amount of team turnovers contributed to the 39 to 39 score at the end of the 4th quarter.

Both teams entered into overtime with 4 minutes on the clock. Crispin Lira scored 3 points on OT and with 11 seconds left on the clock Lira blocked Ozona's shot. 3 seconds left on the clock and Matt Torres rebounds. A very well played game by both teams led to the win for the Broncos of 42 to 39.

The next home game will be Friday at 5 p.m. in Sonora. The JV boys begin the 2nd half of district play on Tuesday against Forsan there. Friday in Sonora against Eldorado at 5 p.m. and Tuesday, the 9th, in Wall at 5 p.m.

Tuesday's, it was at the beginning of the third quarter. The Broncos lost their momentum and let the Lions climb back to 39 to 30 before Coach Lowe called a timeout; gained control of the boys and sent them back on the court to finish off the Lions. From that point the contest belonged to the Broncos. They increased their lead to 47 to 32 at the end of three quarters and used a big fourth quarter defense to finish the first half of District play with a 60 to 36 whipping of the Lions to reclaim the District 2-2A lead.

Coach Lowe's comments and significant statistics:



The Junior Varsity Lady Broncos wait for the rebound against the J.V. Lady Eagles.

# LADY BRONCOS VARSITY

Tuesday, January 26, 1999 After two weeks of disappointing losses, the Lady Broncos traveled to Junction, badly in need of a win. The Junction Lady Eagles provided that opportunity as the Lady Broncos get back on

track with a 61-43 win. Although the offense got off to a slow start, the defense was able to keep the Lady Broncos in the game until the offense could get going. Daisy Mireles led the Lady Bronco scoring with 15 points and the Lady Broncos out scored the Lady Eagles 36-18 in the second half.

Kara Eaton scored 11 points and played excellent defense. Sarah Ball stepped up, playing outstanding defense and adding 5 points.

For the third time in as many games, the referees were a factor in the game. Although they couldn't change the outcome it certainly seemed they tried. Did someone change the rules? Can officials choose sides? If so we need one on our side. Scoring: Daisy Mireles - 15; Cindy Jones - 12; Kara Eaton - 11; Kim Marshall -5; Sarah Ball - 5; Japha Word - 5; Liza Ramirez - 4; Marisha Henson - 2; Dana Duhon -2.

Friday, January 29, 1999 Confidence is an elusive state

it's difficult to get and hard to keep. The Lady Broncos confidence may have slipped a little but their heart hasn't. After a hard fought battle with a much improved Ozona team, the Lady Broncos fall to 3 - 4 in district with a 57 - 37 loss.

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The first quarter was close as both teams found some success early. But the second quarter was the turning point. The Lady Broncos were unable to contain Ozona as the Lady Lions outscored the Lady Broncos 18 -9, for a 12 point lead at the half.

Down but not out, the Lady Broncos continued to hustle trying to get back in the game. Kara Eaton and Sarah Ball played outstanding defense for the Lady Broncos.

Offensively the Lady Broncos just couldn't get going. Scoring: Cindy Jones - 13; Sarah Ball - 6; Kara Eaton - 6; Kim Marshall - 3; Marisha Henson - 3; Daisy Mireles - 2; Kari Purvis - 2; Dana Duhon - 2.

Tuesday, Feb. 2 the Lad Broncos travel to Forsan. Friday the Lady Broncos take on the Eldorado Lady Eagles in Eldorado, then end the season at Wall Tuesday Feb. 9. Game Time is 6:30. Come support the Lady Broncos!

The Sonora Middle School 8th grade boys played Wall last Monday. At half time the score was 30 to 16 in favor of the Colts. The Colts played well both defensively and offensively and ended the 4th quarter 45 to 21 in favor of the Colts. They participated in the Wall Tournament this past weekend. On Thursday they played Christoval. At half time the score was 23 to 17 in favor of the Colts. The team played hard and at the end of the 3rd quarter had closed the gap to within one point at 31 to 30. The final score was Christoval 44 and Colts 43. Scorers were: Thomas Bloodworth and Dustin Martin - 10 each, Israel Arevalo - 8, Reyes Garcia - 6, Manual Lopez, Louis Segura and Douglas Yocham - 2 each.

On Friday, the Colts played Brady another close game. Brady's height gave them an advantage but our boys played a hard game. The final score was 47 to 44 in favor of Brady.

The Colts came back on Saturday and played a good game. The team fouls were at a minimum. Their rebounding and stealing were out of this world. The Colts won 55 to 20 and received a consolation trophy for their tournament play. Scorers were Reyes Garcia - 12, Douglas Yocham - 10, Seth Prather - 9, Manual Lopez, Ross Sanchez and Louis Segura - 4 each, Thomas Bloodworth, Israel Arevalo, Dustin Martin, Justin Sims, and Brandon West - 2 each.

first quarter and with Anthony Luna's 13 points and Isaac Ramos's 9 first half points the Broncos claimed a 39 to 26 lead at the end of the half. But the Broncos came out in the second half flat and flustered and the Junction Eagles outscored them 16 to 8 in the third quarter to cut the Bronco lead to 5 at the end of three.

Clinging to the lead for 6 of 8 minutes in the final stanza was not enough as the wheels came off the Broncos cart in the final 2 minutes when turnovers and missed shots sealed the Broncos fate. The Junction

Anthony Luna started the scoring with a three point shot less than a minute into the contest. The Broncos used an 11 to 2 run on the Lions and Russell Dempsey ended the first quarter scoring with a put back at the buzzer for a Bronco 19 to 8 lead.

The second quarter was a repeat of the first as Isaac Ramos hit a three point shot to start the scoring and the Broncos cruised to 37 to 22 lead at the half.

If there were any concerns that Friday would be a repeat of

"Best defensive effort this year.

Anthony Luna: 4 for 4 free throws; 3 of 5 from within the 3 point line; 19 points.

Ernie Perez: 100% shooting in the contest Anthony Renfro: 4 for 4 at

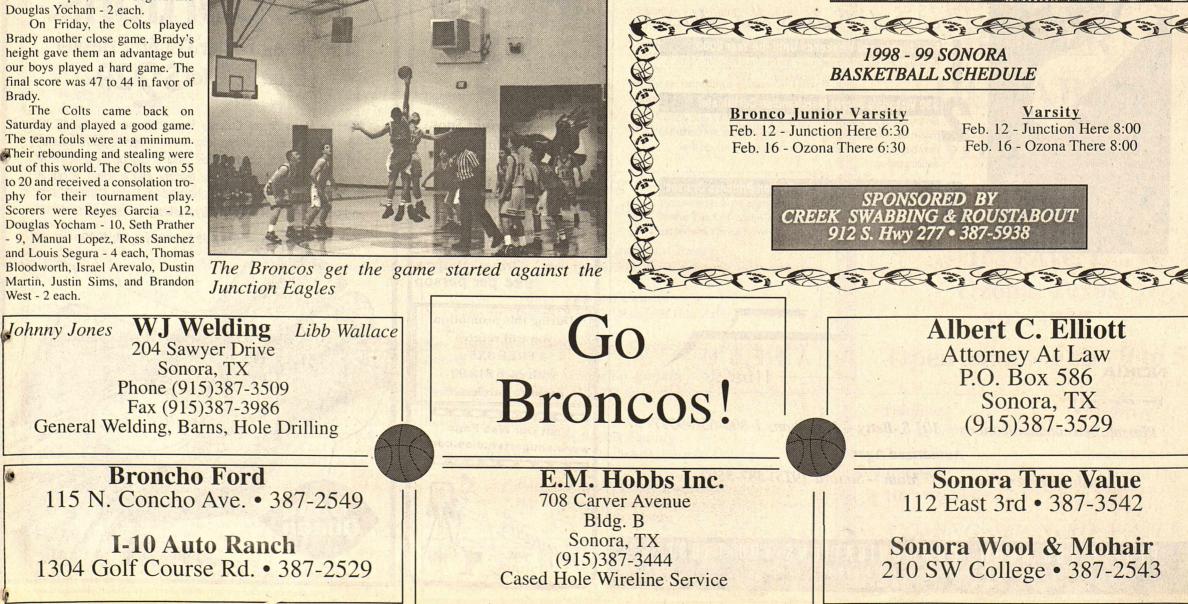
the line; 2 assists; 2 steals Russell Dempsey: 4 offen-

sive rebounds; 2 defensive rebounds

Riley Crain: 3 steals Isaac Ramos: 11 points; 5 rebounds; 2 steals 85% free throw shooting

Ozona had 4 points in the fourth quarter.





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# **Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander Reports Mild Economic Conditions Are Forecast**

In the January issue of the awardwinning monthly publication, *Fiscal Notes*, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced that, after the state's blistering economic growth during the last two years, analyst project the Texas economy is now entering a cool-down.

"More than any time in recent history, the economic outlook for Texas will be influenced by the health of the global economy," Comptroller Rylander said.

The Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate assumes a generally weak world economy, with the recession in Japan and other Pacific Basin countries continuing at least through the end of fiscal 1999.

"In light of Asia's economic troubles and the ensuing stock market fluctuations, the annual increase in the generation of the Texas sales tax will subside somewhat during the next year," Rylander said.

According to *Fiscal Notes*, after increasing an average of 12 percent per year in 1994 through 1997, growth in Texas exports dropped to an estimated growth rate of 8 percent in 1998, and is expected to slump further to 1 percent in 1999.

"However, state export growth will rebound to a more respectable 8 percent in fiscal year 2000 then to 10 percent in 2001 as the world economy recovers," Rylander said.

economic growth, new businesses and migrant from other states should allow Texas to continue to outpace the national economic growth rate by an average annual rate of 1.4 percent through fiscal year 2001," Rylander said.

year 2001," Rylander said. In 1998, Texas sales tax receipts exceeded \$12 billion, registering a 9.9 percent increase- the highest growth rate since 1989. The growth rate is expected to level to an 8.5 percent increase for the 2000-01 biennium.

Other consumption taxes, such as the motor vehicles sales and rental taxes and the manufactured housing sales tax, experienced similar gains.

"Auto sales are expected to remain steady, fueled in part by low interest rates and dealer incentives," Rylander said.

In the instance of "sin taxes," cigarette prices will continue to rise sharply as a result of tobacco companies boosting prices to fund lawsuit settlements. This will likely curb tobacco tax collections during the next two years. Conversely, alcohol tax collections are expected to grow moderately, with the mixed beverage gross receipt tax accounting for more than two-thirds of total alcohol tax collections.

Rylander's *Fiscal Notes* is published monthly by the Comptroller's Research Division. It is available by writing P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528, or by calling toll-free 1-800-531-5441, extension 3-4900.

Internet users may read or browse *Fiscal Notes* and a wide range of other Comptroller publications at <http://www.window.state.tx.us>.



# Large and Luscious Chocolate Valentine Cookies

1 cup granulated sugar 1 cup packed dark brown sugar 1/2 (1 stick) butter, softened 1/2 (1 stick) margarine, softened

2 large eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 cup semisweet chocolate chips, melted and cooled to room temperature

3 1/3 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix

2 cups large semisweet or milk chocolate chips or chunks (11.5 oz.) 1 cup white "chocolate" chips

In large mixer bowl, beat sugars, butter and margarine until creamy, about 3 minutes. Add eggs and vanilla; beat until light and fluffy. Mix in melted semisweet chocolate. Add biscuit and baking mix; beat on low speed until blended. Mix in large chocolate chips. Chill dough for at least 1 hour. Line 9-inch heart-shaped pan with aluminum foil; coat with cooking spray. Spread about 1 1/2 cups of dough in pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 17 minutes or just until center is almost set. (Do not overbake). Cool in pan for 10 minutes. Lift foil with cookie to wire rack and cool completely. Repeat with remaining cookie dough. Melt white chocolate and use to decorate as desired. Makes four 9-inch (or two 13inch) heart cookies. Vary amount of dough used according to pan size. Do not fill pan more than one-third full.

Variations: For large round cookies, place 1/4 cupfuls of cookie dough on cookie sheet coated with cooking spray. Using the bottom of a glass, flatten slightly. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes or just until set. (Do not overbake). Cool for 5 minutes, then remove from cookie sheet and cool completely. Dip edges of cookies in melted white chocolate or drizzle tops of cookies with melted white chocolate. Makes 3 dozen large cookies.

Fling Ding '99

Many long hours go into the preparation of the annual Fling Ding Club dance every year. Members put in all their spare time to build, paint, glitter and construct all kinds of decorations to make each year a beautiful success. A different idea is chosen every year, and has been since the 1930's. This year's theme was "Up, Up and Away" with lots of splendid colorful hot air balloons. Johnny Dee and the Rocket 88's put on a great show of 50's and 60's music and the attending crowd rocked and rolled all night long.

It takes a lot of talent, spread out among a lot of people to turn the Sonora Wool and Mohair building into a ballroom, but every year miracles happen. Pictured below are just a few scenes that takes place the week before the actual Fling Ding. Look next week for pictures of the actual event.



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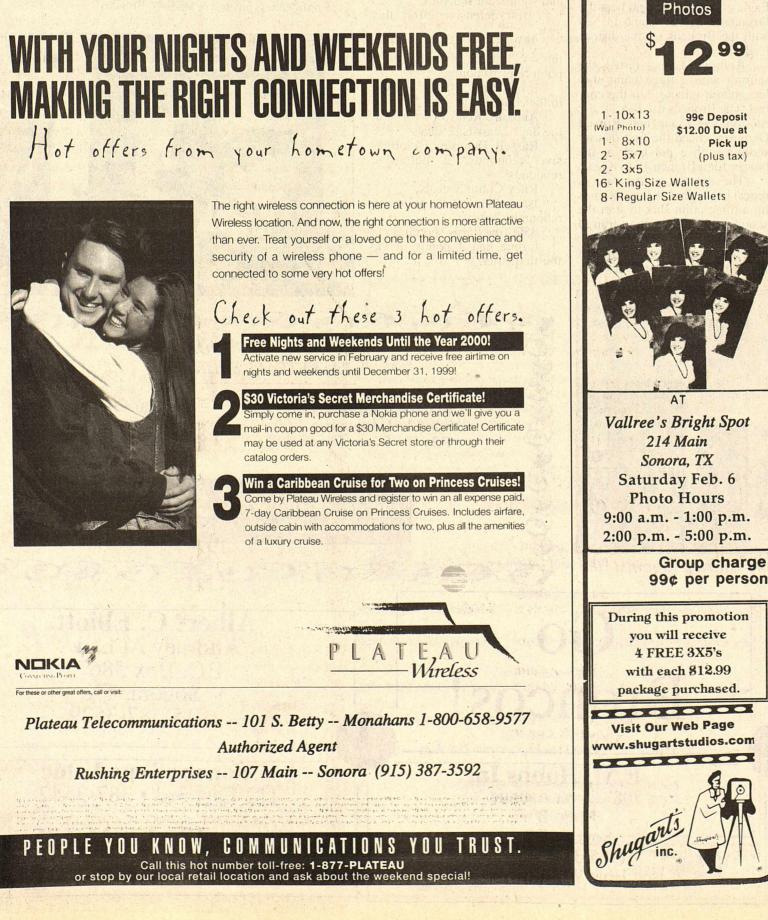
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# **Good News For Taxpayers**



By U.S. Congressman **Henry Bonilla** Taxpayers in Texas and all across the country have a ot more than just a new year to celeorate. When we rang

in 1999, we also rang in a whole slew of new tax changes that roll back taxes and the power of the IRS. These new tax changes will go a long way in letting families keep more of their own money. In addition, they will help parents save for their retirement and their children's education.

This year, parents will receive a \$500 tax credit for every child under the age of 17. The 1999 tax credit is a full hundred dollars more than last year's. This is money in the pockets of parents who really need it. It lets parents invest in their children rather than send their dollars to Washington.

Congress also passed legislation to protect your rights. New provisions are now in place that will protect taxpayers from having to prove their innocence in court against the Internal Revenue Service. For too long the IRS has been able to intimidate taxpayers. We've all heard the horror stories of law-abiding taxpayers being victimized by an overzealous IRS. Now the burden of proof has been placed on the IRS.

The IRS will not be allowed to seize property without a court order. And if the IRS levies a charge against you that turns out to be bogus, the IRS pays your costs.

Small businesses will also be getting some much needed tax relief this year. Thousands of small businesses across the country will now be able to deduct more of their equipment expenses. This year's deduction is \$500 more than last year's. Also taking effect this year is a provision to help those of you who work out of the home. Congress clarified the definition of a principal place of business. That clarification took effect at the beginning of this year. It will allow millions of America's small business owners, who run businesses from their

homes, to claim a home office

deduction. One of the changes in the tax law that will have a big impact on farmers and ranchers, is the increase of the death tax exemption. Too many farmers and ranchers have worked all their lives on their land only to have their estates sold when they die in order to pay federal taxes. The taxman already takes enough from you, without having to rob what you pass on to your children. The death tax exemption is increased this year by \$25,000. The death tax exemption is now \$650,000, on its way to \$1,000,000 in 2006.

We cannot stop with the 1999 reforms. Our taxes have been too high and too complicated for too long

It's time to replace our tax system with one that is low, easy to understand and fairer. It just makes sense.

### **Producers Livestock** Auction Co.

#### 1/28/99

Compared with last week, feeder steers and heifers firm to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls firm. Stock cows and pairs steady. Trading fairly active, demand good. Quality full range from plain to attractive. Supply included 65 percent calves, 20 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 10 percent yearlings, 5 percent stock cows and pairs.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 100.00-110.00; 300-400 lb 90.00-98.00, set 102.00; 400-500 lb 80.00-87.00, set 92.00; 500-600 lb 70.00-80.00, few 81.50-82.50; 600-700 lb 66.00-74.50, set 78.00; 700-800 lb 66.00-70.50.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 90.00-100.00; 300-400 lb 80.00-90.00; 400-500 lb 68.00-80.00; 500-600 lb 62.00-72.50; 600-700 lb 60.00-66.00; 700-900 lb 58.00-

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of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association will be held Saturday, February 20, 1999, in the Sonora School Auditorium. The meeting will begin with registration at 9:00 A.M. The business portion of the meeting will get under way at 9:30 A.M. and will conclude with the noon meal. Registration will be \$10.00 and will include the meal.

The TSGRA Woman's Auxiliary will meet at 9:30 A.M. in the Library, which is in the same building as the Auditorium.

TSGRA District 5 will hold its annual district membership meeting immediately following the TSGRA meeting and noon meal. Directors to serve the district for 1999-2000 will be elected at this time. District 5 is made up of Kimble, Menard, Schleicher and Sutton Counties, and Bob Brockman is District 5 chairman. All District 5 TSGRA members are encouraged to attend the

The Winter Tri-Annual Meeting Winter Tri-Annual Meeting to bring themselves up to date on matters of importance to producers.

> Now serving as directors for Sutton County are: Lee Bloodworth, Bob Brockman, Curry Campbell, Edward Earwood, Ben Epps, Preston Faris, Randee Fawcett, Glen Fisher, Jimmy Holman, Gerry Ingham, Bill Karnes, Hensel Matthews, Robert S. Mayer, Seco Mayfield, Tony Renfro, Edwin E. Mayer, III, Charles Shannon and John R. Wade.

Honorary Directors for Life: LP Bloodworth, George Brockman, Dr. Johnny Fields, W.B. McMillan, Stanley Mayfield, Glen Richardson, Joe David Ross, G.S. (Bill) Stewart, Albert Ward and John A. Ward III all of Sonora.

**TSGRA Past Presidents: Vestel** Askew, Armer Earwood, Ralph P. Mayer, and Norm Rousselot all of Sonora.

#### Recertification Classes Pesticide **Offered**-

According to Sutton County Extension Agent Preston Faris, several local pesticide users are probably short of the required number of CEU's (continuing education units) required to recertify when their license expires on February 28 of this year. In order to recertify, the private applicators must have a total of 15 CEU's over the past five years- a minimum of 2 in laws and regs, and 2 in IPM. To help the applicators receive last minute aid the following two courses have been scheduled in our area. Three CEU's will be offered at the Schleicher County Memorial Building in Eldorado on Monday evening, February 8, 1999, from 6-9 P.M. There will be one CEU each in the following three categories: Laws and Regs, IPM, and General. The second training will be held in San Angelo at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center on Monday, February 22 from 3-9 P.M. The breakdown of CEU's is as follows: I laws and regs, 3 IPM, O.5 drift minimizer, and 0.5 general.

There will also be a Predator Awareness training held in Junction which will offer 6 CEU's on March 31, 1999. More information will be available in this training at a later date. Faris also stated that he plans to host a new license training and testing in Sonora but the date has not been confirmed with the TDA to administer tests as of this time.

### **USDA-NRCS to Celebrate Natural** Resources Week ———

USDA-National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is celebrating February 8-12, 1999, as Natural Resources Recognition Week in Texas. In a statement issued by USDA-NRCS State at each USDA-NRCS office in Conservationist John P. Burt, the Texas. These will include conservaweek is designed to encourage all tion tours, displays, educational pro-Texans to reflect on the importance grams, environmental awareness, of natural resources in our daily and other events lives. "Our abundant natural resources of soil, water, air, plants, and animals continue to provide us with a healthy environment," Burt said. "The wise use of these resources sets us apart from every other country in the world. We are fortunate to have a conservation in Texas.' ethic that encourages landowners and all citizens to conserve and protect those things which benefit all of visit

In Texas, NRCS works with 216 local Soil and Water Conservation Districts to address local resource issues. As part of the local celebrations, various activities are planned



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### HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX **PUBLIC NOTICE** PROPOSED USE HEARING

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed hotel/motel occupancy tax budget on February 16, 1998 at 2:00 p.m., City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas.

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, and is limited to the following (1) the acquisition of sites for and the construction, improvement, enlarging, equipping, repairing, operation and maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information centers, or both;

(2) the furnishing of facilities, personnel, and materials for the registration of convention delegates or registrants; (3) advertising and conducting solicitations and promotional program and convention delegates or

registrants to the municipality or its vicinity; (4) the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts, including instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture, photography, graphic and craft arts, motion pictures, radio, television, tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms; and (5) historical restoration and preservation projects or activities or advertising and conducting solicitations and

66.00.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 88.00-96.00; 300-400 lb 76.00-84.00; 400-500 lb 70.00-80.00; 500-600 lb 65.00-73.00, few

75.00-78.00; 600-700 lb 63.00-71.00, set 73.25; 700-800 lb 61.00-.69.50.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 78.00-88.00; 300-400 lb 64.00-

Cow/Calf Pairs: All sold by the pair.

Medium and Large 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 540.00-630.00. Medium 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 420.00-540.00.

**Stocker and Feeder Cows:** Medium and Large (young) 700-

1100 lb 40.00-49.50 cwt; (middle age) 900-1150 lb 33.00-36.00 cwt. Source: USDA

### Junction Livestock Auction

#### 2/01/99

Compared to last week: Feeder lambs steady. Slaughter lambs steady. Slaughter ewes 2.00 lower. Stocker Spanish nannies steady. All classes slaughter Spanish mostly steady. Stocker Angora kids and nannies 4.00 higher. Slaughter Angora muttons and billies 2.00-4.00 higher. All other classes slaughter Angora steady to 1.00 higher. Supply included around 13 percent sheep including near 125 lambs.

#### Stock and Feeder Sheep:

Large 1: 70 lbs 78.00 CWT.

Stock Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2: Few baby tooth ewes 100-125 lbs 40.00 50.00 CWT.

#### **Slaughter Sheep:**

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3: 80-120 lbs 60.00-67.50 CWT.

Slaughter Ewes: Culls 27.00-30.00; Utility 2-3 32.00-35.00; tons 27.00-32.00 CWT. Good 2-3 39.00-40.00.

### Barbadoes: Bucks 50.00-100.00 per head.

**Stock and Feeder Goats:** Spanish Goats: Nannies 25.00-34.00 per head. Half Boer billies 85.00-130.00 per head.

Angora Goats: 70-100 lb kids in full hair 75.00-85.00; 45-95 lb nannies 44.00-58.00 CWT. **Slaughter Goats:** 

Spanish Goats: Choice and Prime: 15-35 lb kids 72.00-77.00; 35-65 lbs 67.50-78.00, Good 60.00-65.00

Nannies: 75-115 lb fat nannies Feeder Lambs: Medium and 42.00-47.00, thin nannies 32.00-36.00.

> Billies and Muttons: 80-135 lb muttons 62.00-75.00; 85-200 lb billies 60.00-68.00 CWT.

> Angora Goats: 70-100 lb fat muttons and billies 35.00-44.00; 90-100 lb nannies 34.00-37.50; 35-55 lb kids 63.00-71.00; 50-60 lb yearlings 51.00-58.00; thin nannies and mut-

### Wild Birds Visit Del Rio

Amistad National Recreation Area is hosting a free wildlife program at the Del Rio Civic Center on Saturday, February 6 at 11:00 a.m. Last Chance Forever will bring their live hawks and owls for an 'up close and personal' look at these amazing avian predators. The program lasts about an hour and will be held on the grassy area near the display plane. Pets and food are not allowed, since these birds are wild animals. This event coincides with the Winter Arts and Crafts Fair also being held at the Civic Center. There will be no Evening Program February 6.

Last Chance Forever is a non-

profit San Antonio-based raptor rehabilitation, release, research, and public education organization that has worked with injured birds since 1978. The National Park Service is also hosting a presentation the day before for fourth and fifth graders at Chavira Elementary School. Lisa Evans, the park's Education Specialist, will introduce the school program.

For Park information, call Amistad National Recreation Area at 830-775-7491, near the lake tune to AM 1540, or visit the park Internet site at http://www.nps.gov/amis/.

"Each office will participate in

its own program," Burt said, "which will be tailored to local natural resource issues or concerns. We have a real opportunity to have people across the state become better aware of our environment and the work of our conservation programs

For more information, contact your local USDA-NRCS office or our website at http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Committee, and as a member of the

Jurisprudence and State Affairs'

committees," Lt. Gov. Perry said. "I

will be looking to him for leadership

on these important issues." "These

appointments allow each senator to

strengthen the legislative process,

and to make Texas' future brighter."

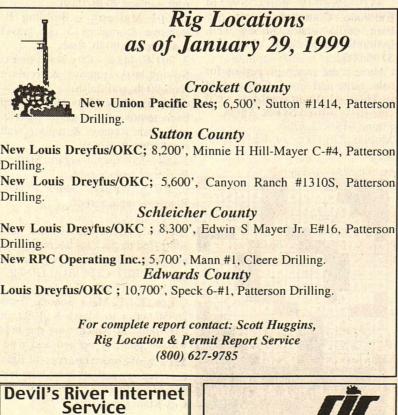
### Lt. Gov. Rick Perry Appoints Senator Jeff Wentworth as Chairman of **Nominations Committee –**

Lieutenant Governor Rick Perry chairman of the Nominations has appointed state Senator Jeff Wentworth of Bexar County as Chairman of the Nominations Committee.

The Lieutenant Governor also appointed Sen. Wentworth to serve as a member of the Jurisprudence and State Affairs Committees.

"Senator Wentworth will have a great deal of influence serving as

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promotional programs to encourage tourists and convention

delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums. All citizens, organizations or businesses are invited to attend and provide the council with written or oral comments on possible uses of approximately \$100,000.00 of hotel occupancy revenue expected by the city during 1999.

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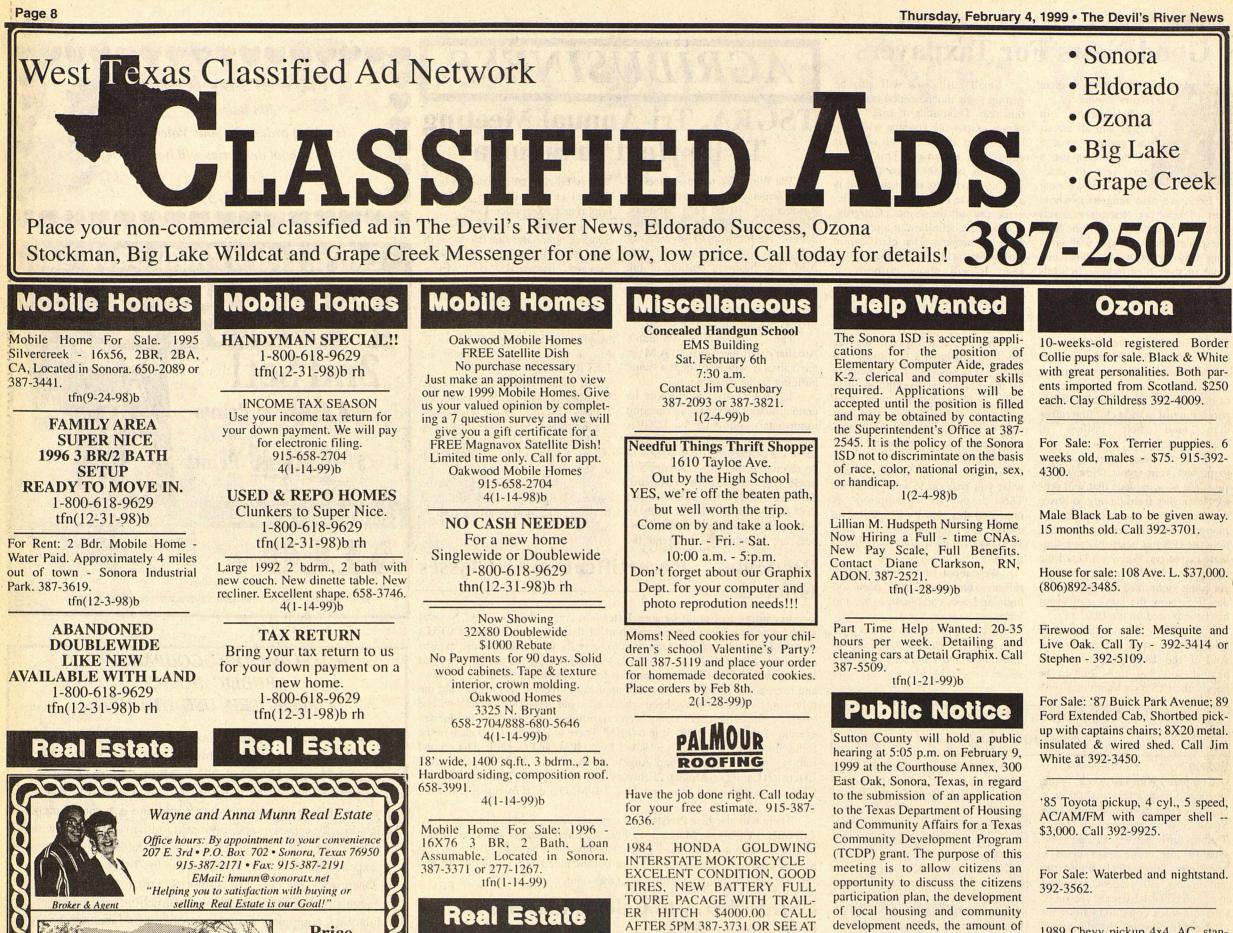
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addressed to the City Secretary. the bid envelope must be clearly marked "BID -CITY BUILDINGS' and returned to the City Secretary's Office, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950, prior to March 8, 1999, at 2:00 p.m., at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. TheCity of Sonora reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Inquiries should be directed to Brent Gesch City Manager, (915)387-2588. 2(2-4-99)b

Courthouse Annex. Persons with disabilites that wish to attend this meeting shoud contact the Courthouse Annex for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meetingshould contact the Courthouse Annex at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For further information, contact Judge Carla Garner at the Courthouse Annex #915/387-2711. 1(2-4-99)b

TCDP funding available, all eligible

TCDP activities and the use of past

TCDP funds. The county encour-

ages citizens to participate in the

development of this TCDP applica-

tion and to make their views known

at this public hearing. Citizens

unable to attend this meeting may

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