

# THE Devil's River NEWS

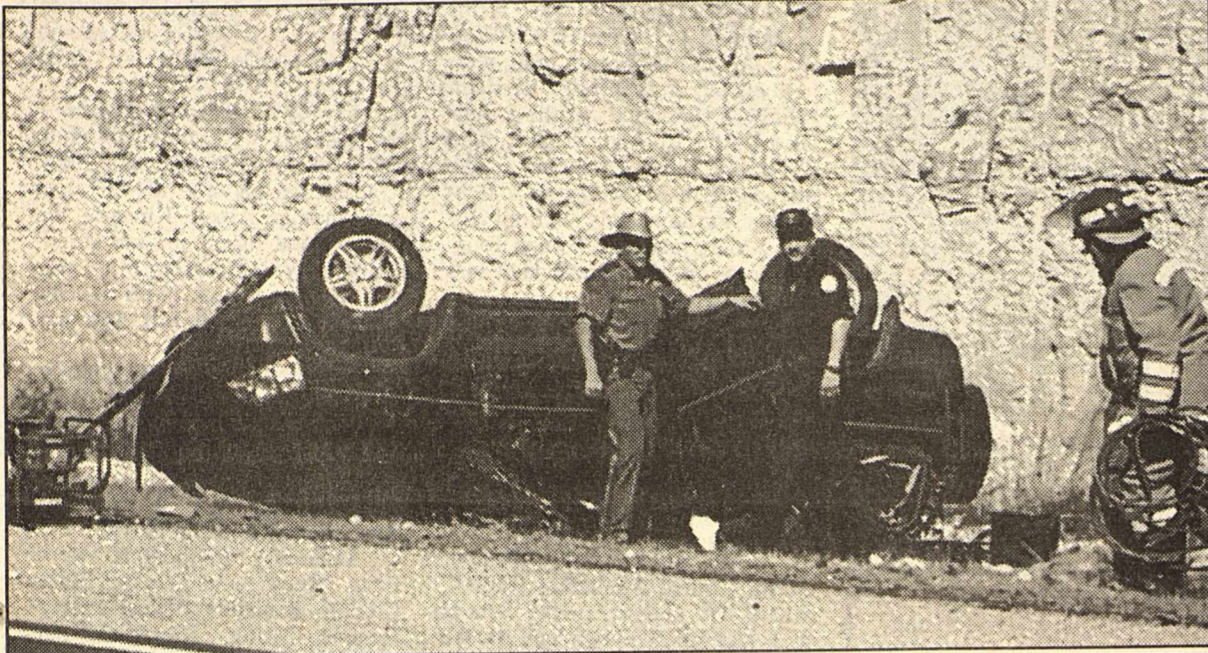
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Thursday, February 11, 1999



This one vehicle rollover took place around the 401 mile marker on I10 West, Monday, February 8, 1999 at about 11:00 a.m. Sonora's Emergency Rescue teams were quick to assist the two occupants that were both injured in the accident. The occupants were initially taken to Hudspeth Hospital and were later transferred to Angelo Community Hospital.

## Small Employers Urged To Check Wage Reports

Submitted by Fredi Franki  
Employers are urged to make sure the wage reports they are required to file with Social Security during February are error-free, said Fredi Franki, Social Security manager in San Angelo, Texas. The wage reports filed by employers annually reflect the amount of wages paid to employees and how much was withheld for Social Security, federal, state and Medicare taxes during the past year.

Small employers are more likely to have errors in their wage reports. Large employers are required to make wage reports by magnetic media, but businesses with fewer than 250 employees have the option of filing by either magnetic media or paper.

"Errors in filing these reports can be costly, both to workers who rely on the earnings information for accurate retirement, survivors, disability and Medicare hospital insurance benefits, and for

employers," Franki noted. "Correct reporting saves time and money for the employer and for the government."

Frequent reporting errors include a misplaced digit in the Social Security number, failure to reflect a name change in the newly married, and incorrect or misspelled names, particularly in the case of Hispanic surnames.

Send all W-2 (and W-3) paper reports by regular mail to:

Social Security Administration  
Data Operations Center  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18769-0001  
(reports sent via regular mail) - 0002 (reports sent certified mail).

For all other carriers who may require a street address (Fedex, UPS, etc) use:

SSA  
Data Operations Center  
ATTN: AWK Process  
1150 E. Mountain Drive  
Wilkes Barre, PA 18702-7997  
Do not send W-2 paper reports to the IRS!

## Sonora Elementary Will Host A "Wild West" Day

Sonora Elementary will host a "Wild West" Days on March 2, 1999. The purpose of the event is to teach children about this region of Texas and build an appreciation for this area. If you would like to share information or provide a demonstration which would teach the students about Sutton and surrounding counties, please contact Kelley Hirt at 387-5669. Ideas might include chuckwagons, branding, sheep shearing, sheep dog trials, daily life routines- washing, cooking, sewing, entertainment, etc.



Mary Armer Earwood was the first Ranch Woman from Sutton County to have her photo submitted by her family to be displayed in the Ranch Women Exhibit that will be opening in Sonora in March. For a sample Ranch Woman story that will be displayed, and more pictures, see page 6

## Comptroller Supports Emergency Legislation To Aid Oil And Gas Industry

(AUSTIN)--According to an analysis issued by the Comptroller of Public Accounts today, a decline in oil prices could have a devastating impact on some local school districts.

"While some consumers may welcome lower prices at the gas pumps," Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said today, "the trickle down effect on some local property values could have a serious financial impact for some Texas school districts."

In some areas of the state, where oil and gas reserves comprise more than 20 percent of the school's value or where oil and gas are valued at more than \$250 million, it is estimated total school district losses for the next year will be approximately \$150 to \$160 million.

The Comptroller's analysis estimates at least 30 districts will sustain losses of more than a million dollars for fiscal year 2000, ranging from a high of \$8.3 million in the Iraan-Sheffield school district located in Pecos to \$1.07 million in the

Post school district in Garza.

"The financial shortages facing some school districts as a result of the crisis in the oil and gas industry are staggering," Rylander said. "Without emergency assistance Texas homeowners may see their property tax rates climb even higher."

To better assess the potential impact on Texas school district from the recent declines in oil and gas prices, the Comptroller's Office conducted a survey of appraisal districts. The survey revealed that value losses for oil property could be as high as 40 percent when comparing values on January 1, 1999 to the same value on January 1, 1998, the potential value loss for gas property over this same period could be as high as 15 percent. It is important to note that these estimates of loss are based on a survey and not completed appraisals. The actual appraised value losses will not be known until the appraisal districts complete their work this July.

Specific information was

requested from school districts where oil and gas property composed 20 percent of the school's total value, or where the total value of oil and gas property exceeded \$250 million on January 1, 1998. From the results of this survey, a preliminary estimated levy loss of approximately \$154 million for all school districts was obtained. This preliminary estimate of loss would occur to the districts during state fiscal year 2000, and create an associated impact state school funding under the Foundation School Program in state fiscal 2001.

Below is a preliminary estimate of potential tax levy loss to Sonora ISD, based on the information gathered in the survey. While these figures provide useful general information as to the impact oil and gas prices could have on school district property tax levies, it is important to note that actual levy losses to individual districts could vary significantly from these amounts.

Sonora ISD - Levy Loss = \$662,400.

## Sutton County Announces Child Passenger Safety Week

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service has joined forces with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the Texas Department of Transportation to promote the week of February 14th - 20th as National Child Passenger Safety Week. This special week is a national observance to increase awareness about the need for children to ride buckled up on every trip.

Kelly Thorp, Family and Consumer Science Agent with TAEX, has set aside Friday, February 19th, as Child Passenger Safety Day in Sutton County. Thorp has arranged to have certified child passenger

safety seat inspectors on hand from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Alco Department Stores. Inspectors will check to see if safety seats are properly installed in vehicles. This service will be free of charge.

An educational exhibit will also be set up on site in which information will be made available to the public. Jane Alexander, of Texas Farm Bureau, has generously donated two child safety seats which will be given away in a free drawing to participants who come by Alco and register. As an added bonus, Thorp will also award four lucky winners a free bike helmet for their child.

## County Commissioner's Court Meet In Regular Session

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners' Court was held on Monday, February 8, 1999 at 9:00 a.m.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of prior meetings and the examination and approval of accounts payable.

Department reports were given by Sheriff Webster and Pat Campbell, who reported that the EMS had 43 runs last month. The Road and Bridge Department reported that they had completed hauling caliche and had received a new water truck that was ordered earlier. Rex Ann Friess, from the Tax Appraisal District reported that 92.3% of 1998's taxes had been collected, which was down 1.4% from January of last year.

A report from the Building Committee on the new 4-H Building informed the court that a verbal commitment had been made by the the contractors that the building would be completed by the first week of March.

It was decided to wait until the next budgeting period to act on the consideration of a drug and alcohol testing policy for all county employees currently not covered,

because the cost of the test would call for budgeting.

The consideration of bids and construction of restrooms at the County Park was tabled until a later date because the court felt that the cost of about \$66,324.00 was not within the current budget and could possibly lead to a tax increase at a later date.

The last order of business was a request for funding from the Concho Valley Council of Government for a van driver. A representative from CVOG explained that they wanted to continue providing 2 ADA compliant vehicles with 2 full-time drivers to operate the Thunderbird Transit that currently operates in Sonora. The representatives asked the court to consider the payment of 1/2 of one drivers annual pay, which total about \$10,000.00. County Judge Carla Garner explained that this request had been considered when the budget was made and that there was funding for it if the court decided to approve. A motion was made to approve the funding and was approved with 4 votes in favor and 1 vote against. The meeting was then adjourned.



## Colt/Bronco Basketball Page 5

## Stockshow Season Is In Full Swing

4-H members have already participated in the county livestock show and in two other shows: the Sand Hills Show at Odessa and the Hill District Show in Kerrville. Breg and Brea Hughes competed with their steers in Odessa and Colton Moore with his meat goat. In Kerrville the high placers were Lanson Brockman, Ashley Brockman and Shane Benson with Angora goats which placed in the top three in their class. Other Angora goat exhibitors were Hilton Bloodworth, Thomas Bloodworth, Josh Payton, Brian Payton and Chelsea Seaton. Mandy Brister and Brad Mogford led the way with Meat Goat placings and others who participated were John Duke Hudson, Courtney Caruthers, Colten Moore, and David Cook. Brad Mogford placed a lamb tenth. Brea Hughes placed a steer third and Beau and Breg Hughes were seventh and eighth respectively.

Part of the Ft. Worth Show has already been held and Clayton Hicks placed his registered Angus heifer third in a very tough class. Breg Hughes will exhibit a cross-bred barrow in Ft. Worth this week.

The San Antonio Show will begin for local 4-Hers on February 6 when Clayton Hicks will exhibit his Angus heifer. Angora goat exhibitors will show on February 11 and they will include Ashley Brockman, Landon Brockman, Hilton Bloodworth, Thomas Bloodworth, and Emily Earwood.

The meat goat show will be held on Sunday February 14, 1999 and local 4-H exhibitors entered are Ashley Bible, Hilton Bloodworth, Thomas Bloodworth, David Cook, Kendra Jones, Colton Moore, Brandy Neff and Chelsea Seaton. The only lamb exhibitor entered is Brad Mogford for February 17. Breg Hughes, Beau Hughes, and Brea Hughes will show their steers on Friday, February 19.

The Houston Show will feature Meat goat exhibitors on Monday, March 1, 1999. They are Sarah Ball and Colton Moore. Lambs will be exhibited at Rosenberg on Tuesday March 2 with the following local 4-Hers entered: Anthony Renfro, William Renfro, Tom Jacoby and Brad Mogford. If the 4-H members make the preliminary cut then they will show again on Thursday, March 4.

The San Angelo show will be the last major show of the year and we will have the following exhibitors participating in the meat goat show on Monday, March 8: Ashley Bible, Mandy Brister, Brady Lock, Colton Moore, Brandy Neff, and Chelsea Seaton. Lamb exhibitors on Friday March 12, will be Tom Jacoby, Anthony Renfro, William Renfro and Brad Mogford. Chelsea Seaton has an Angora goat entered and Clayton Hicks will show his Angus heifer for the last entries of the year.

### Following are the results of the Lotto Texas drawing on Saturday, February 6:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-12-15-35-36-44

Estimated jackpot: \$10 million

Number matching six of six: One (1)

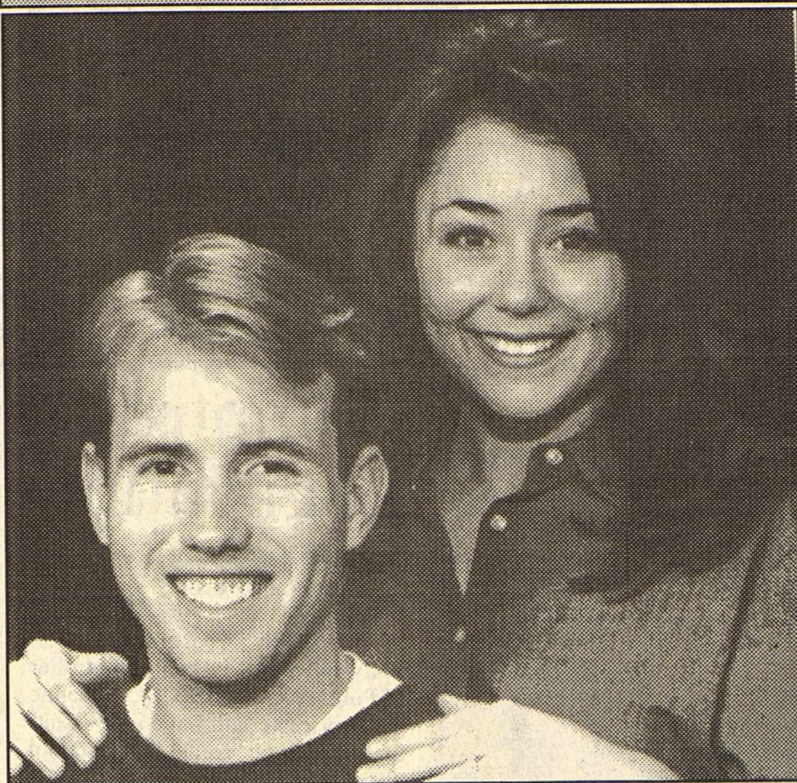
The winning ticket was purchased in San Antonio.

Matching	Number Matching	Prize
5 of 6	96	\$1,714
4 of 6	5,311	\$111
3 of 6	104,088	\$3

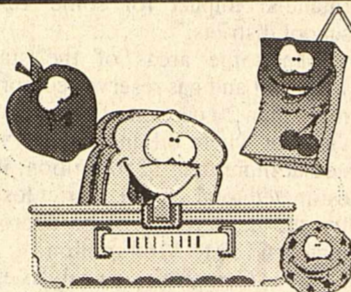
## Sonora Church Directory

- 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. Taylor Norman,  
Interim,  
404 E Oak  
387-2951
- ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Rev. Ted W. Harris  
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 MINISTRY CENTER**  
Jerry & Joy Wood  
204 E. Main  
387-3241
- 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**  
Randy Greenwood  
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  
Stanley Adams  
Auction Barn  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
- FORD**  
BRONCHO FORD INC.  
115 N CONCHO  
SONORA, TX 76950  
(915)387-2549
- Kerbow Funeral Home**  
387-2266

## Engagement



Virgil and Linda Burge are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie to Craig Idol. Craig is the son of Charles and Carol Idol of Edgewood, New Mexico. Katie will graduate from Dental Hygiene school in May. Craig is employed by Texas Instruments in Dallas where they will live following the wedding. The wedding will be May 29, 1999 at the First United Methodist Church in Sonora.



### School Lunch Menu Feb. 15 - 19

#### Breakfast

- Mon.* - Pancakes & syrup, juice or fruit  
*Tues.* - Grilled cheese, tator tots, juice or fruit  
*Wed.* - Muffins, juice or fruit  
*Thurs.* - Biscuits with honey or jelly, juice or fruit  
*Fri.* - Egg & cheese burrito, juice or fruit
- Milk and cereal offered with all breakfast*

#### Lunch

- Mon.* - Pizza, corn, celery sticks, Ranch dressing, fruit & cookies  
*Tues.* - Sloppy Joe on a bun, onions, pickles, ranch style beans, jello & fruit  
*Wed.* - Cheese & bean burrito, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fruit  
*Thurs.* - Grilled ham & cheese, French fries, carrot sticks & dip, jello  
*Fri.* - Fish burger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tator tots, cake

Ronnie Cox  
would like to be  
your pharmacist.

## Senior Center News

- February 12** - Valentine Party & Dance 6 - 8 p.m.  
Announce 1999 Senior Sweethearts  
**February 15** - Center will be CLOSED for President's Day! Call 387-3888  
Emergency!  
**February 16** - City Council Meeting 2:00 p.m. City Hall. BINGO!  
**February 17** - City Van to San Angelo...Call Lilia now!  
Ash Wednesday  
**February 18** - Exercise (Video) 3:00 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome!

## Senior Center Menu

- February 12** - Chicken supreme, new potatoes, broccoli, roll, green salad, cherry cobbler  
**February 15** - Sr. Center Closed!! President's Day Holiday!  
**February 16** - Beef stew with vegetables, sweet peas, cornbread, fruit cup with citrus  
**February 17** - Salisbury steak, baked beans, mustard greens, bread, peaches  
**February 18** - Catfish, hominy, corn muffin, broccoli, bread pudding with raisins  
Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 noon. \$1.75 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 from all others.

## Obituaries

### Mary Kincaid Friend

Mary Kincaid Friend died at the Crockett County Care Center in Ozona, February 2, 1999. She was 89 years old.

Funeral services were held at 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, February 3, 1999 in the First United Methodist Church in Ozona with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were by Freddy Funeral Home.

Mary Kincaid was born September 11, 1909 in Crockett County. She was born a twin, with her beloved brother Ewell Drennen "Bud" Kincaid. She was the daughter of Ada Rosalie Drennen and Thomas Albert Kincaid. She attended school in Ozona and in Dallas at Hockaday School for Girls. Mary made the "Grand Tour" in Europe with her Hockaday Class and Mrs. Hockaday.

Mary Kincaid and W. E. "Bee" Friend, Jr. were married on February 6, 1931 in Ozona. They made their home and raised their daughters, Rosalie and Carol in Ozona. The family spent winters at the Kincaid home in town and summers at their ranch home just East of Ozona.

Mary was a life long member of the United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School and was an avid student of the Bible. She was a member of the Ozona Woman's Club, serving in various offices of that organization. She was a member of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Auxiliary and was a chaperone for the "Make It Yourself With Wool and Mohair" winner.

Mary was a very proper lady. She had a great love of Nature; she always had a beautiful yard. She loved flowers and she loved to collect Indian artifacts. "Mama Friend" was the person that clued us into watching for Monarch Butterflies and hummingbirds. She was also an artist and a photographer, with her own dark room. She was never idle.

Mary is survived by her children: Rosalie Friend Richardson of

Sonora and Carol Friend Whitehead of Del Rio; her sons-in-law, Glen Richardson and F.H. "Tuffy" Whitehead, Jr.; her grandchildren, Wade C. Richardson and his wife Jane, Clay Whitehead Sewalt and her husband Rusty, Amy Whitehead Perry and her husband Jim. Also great-grandchildren; Clay, Codi and Kyle Richardson and Cole, Reese and Alexis Perry. She is also survived by four generations of nieces and nephews who knew her as "Aunt Sis."

Mary was preceded in death by her husband W. E. "Bee" Friend; her twin brother E. D. "Bud" Kincaid; her parents Ada Drennen and Thomas Albert Kincaid; ten brothers and sisters and her grandson Wesley Richardson. Mary was the last surviving child of the eleven children of Ada Drennen and Albert Kincaid.

Pallbearers were: George Gordon, Glen Richardson, Tuffy Whitehead, Wade Richardson, Clay Whitehead Sewalt, Amy Whitehead Perry, Clay Richardson, Kyle Richardson, Codi Richardson, Rusty Sewalt and Jim Perry.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Cole, Reese and Alexis Perry, Carson Kincaid, Miles Pierce, Eugene Miller, Pierce Miller, Jeffery Sutton, Dan Davidson, Pon Seahorn, "Lefty" Walker, and Oscar Kost.

Mary's family gives thanks to the Crockett County Care Center for the professional care and help that they have given Mary during her time there. And for the many unnamed people who, through the years have taken the time to remember her with cards, calls, and visits.

Our deepest gratitude and appreciation to the care givers, Elvinda Martinez, Gloria Rivera, Irma Vargas, Melissa Vargas and Alicia Salas for your wonderful job of constant care and concern for Mary during the last long years of her life. You made her life as good as it could be.

### Jesuita Mazuca Carreno

Jesuita Mazuca Carreno, 42, of Sonora died Wednesday, February 3, 1999, in a local hospital.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 6, at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial followed in the Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

She was born August 11, 1956, in Sonora. She was a sales clerk for Town & Country Food Stores and was a member of the Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Filiberto Moses Carreno of Sonora; one son, Trini Banda and wife, Elsa; two daughters, Mona Prieto and husband, Patrick, and Becky Levario and husband, Jimmy; her most loved and precious granddaughters, Marisa Prieto, Olivia Banda and Leslie Levario; two sisters, Maria Yanez and Maggie Mesa; a beloved aunt, Antonio Villanueva; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ruben and Trinidad Mazuca.

*I'm Free  
Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that place at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savored much.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

### Gaddy Lyles

Graveside services for Gaddy Lyles, 51, of Jacksonville, were held at 1:00 p.m. in McKnight Cemetery in Cushing with the Rev. Don Dorman officiating.

Arrangements were under direction of Dickie Allen Funeral Home of Cushing.

Mr. Lyles died Sunday in Jacksonville.

He was born in San Angelo and

lived in Jacksonville for the past 27 years. He had also lived in Sonora. Mr. Lyles worked in tire sales for many years. He had also worked at Rusk State Hospital.  
He was preceded in death by his father, Pat Lyles, in 1982.  
Survivors include mother, Violet Lyles of Jacksonville; daughter, Heather Lyles of Sugar Land; son, Zak Lyles of Houston; and sister, June Rose Lyles of Jacksonville.

## 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  
605 S Crockett  
387-2838
- Pizza Hut  
401 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-3540
- Rosie's Cafe  
207 Glasscock Av.  
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

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## Community

### February 15

Sonora Schools PTA Meeting  
& Talent Show 6:30 p.m.  
Free Child care Available!

### February 20

PTA Leadership Training  
Primary Bldg. Lounge @ 10:00 a.m.

The Community Calendar

**SUTTON COUNTY**  
THE BANK & TRUST S.S.B. MEMBER FDIC  
207 N Hwy 277 N • 387-2593

## Calendar

### February 22

American Cancer Society Relay for Life  
Kick-Off Meeting to be held at  
F.N.B. Annex Bldg. 5:30 p.m.

### March 19

Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary "Game Night"  
Sandwich Supper 6:00 p.m.  
Games began 7:00 p.m.

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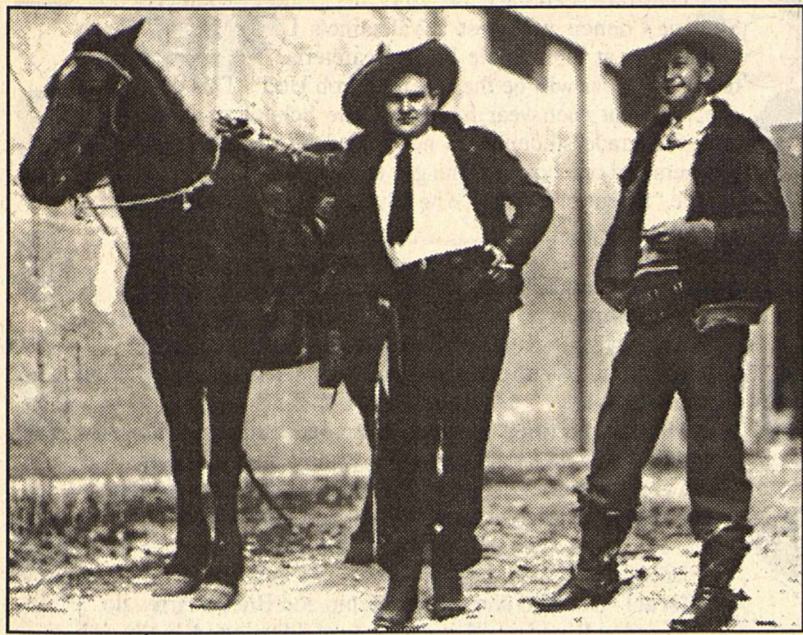
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# Ask the Historical Society



Gene Bailey and George Hamilton

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer

Q. Do you have any information on the wedding of a T. J. Dodson in Sonora in 1890?

A. Since the Devil's River News didn't start until October of 1890 I thought we might not be able to answer this one but our reader is in luck.

Devil's River News, October 18, 1890

### The Wedding

The church on the hill was the center of attraction Wednesday night, the occasion being the marriage of Dr. T. J. Dodson to Miss Della E. Pool.

At 8 o'clock the edifice was crowded with friends and acquaintances of the bride and groom, and shortly after the joyous strains of Mayer's wedding march, on the organ and violin, presided over by Messrs. Max Mayer and A. Batte, announced the arrival of the bridal party. W. R. Rudicil, as master of ceremonies conducted them down the side aisle and up the center to the pulpit, where the Rev. J. W. Simms of Junction City united them by the holy bonds of matrimony.

The bride was becomingly attired in white silk, trimmed with natural flowers, bonnet to match with orange blossom trimmings, white kid gloves, no jewelry, and the general exclamation was, "How beautiful!" The bride was assisted by Misses Annie Gurley and Maggie Herbert, also dressed in white and looking beautiful and happy for being chosen to assist at the marriage of so manly a man and so womanly a woman.

The groom, always handsome, looked particularly well and happy, was dressed in regulation black, as were the groomsmen, H. W. Cusenbary and John F. Steagall.

After the ceremony the party was driven to the home of the bride's cousin, Mrs. J. T. Gurley, where an elegant supper was par-

taken of. Supper over and toasts disposed of an adjournment was made to the school house where a reception and dance was held till far into the 'wee sma' hours. The happy couple left Thursday morning for Bartlett, the home of the bride's parents.

Some other items of interest in the same issue were:

S. N. Merck died at Cusenbary's ranch on Saturday the eleventh at age of 57. He was one of the first settlers of this county being here for 15 years. His widow and nine children mourn his loss.

Lumber for the following new residences came in this week, and it is reported that the road from Angelo is full of more lumber for Sonora: E. C. Saunders, O. Clark, John Potter, W. A. Glasscock, W. H. Devore, S. K. White.

On Friday evening the 10th, F. Mayer and Co., opened their new store with a grand dance that surpassed anything of the kind ever given in Sonora. About noon teams began arriving and soon the town was thronged with people from neighboring towns and ranches, but not until they were seen at the dance could any correct idea of the number had. The mammoth store house had been cleared and was brilliantly illuminated for the occasion. Manly grace, womanly beauty, pretty costumes, sparkling eyes, delightful music, happy dancers and a well waxed floor made this an event long to be remembered.

Our first premium watermelon has been received from Mark Fury, a jolly and prosperous sheepman of Schleicher County.

Ben Cusenbary came back from Angelo Sunday, where he has been representing Sonora in the railroad agitation. He has no doubt but that the road will come to Sonora.

R. F. Halbert, of the firm of Halbert & Mills, was in town today and said their clip of 9,000 pounds of wool was sold in San

Angelo at 18 1/4 cents per pound before its arrival.

Boosting his home county and town Mike Murphy reported: Taking Sonora as the county seat of Sutton County and the trading center of Devil's River, drawing trade from 20 miles north, 50 miles south, 20 east and 45 southwest and west, as our district, we have 300,000 head of sheep, producing annually two million pounds of wool, 50,000 head of cattle, and 3,000 horses, together with being able to place more and better mutton on the market earlier and consequently receive higher prices for it than any other section in Texas, and being the largest wool growing point in America, our wool growers always obtaining top figures for their staple besides having good health, first class schools, and society, with lots of room for you.

Q. I am trying to find death dates for A. F. Silliman and Madelena Silliman. Are they in your files?

A. Devil's River News, Saturday, September 12, 1891

A. F. Silliman, father of W. H. and Elton Silliman, of Sonora, died at the residence of his daughter at Jewett, on the 3rd inst.

Devil's River News, June 1, 1901

Died in Eldorado, on Saturday, May 25th, 1901, Madelena, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Silliman, aged three years.

Q. Do you have anything on the Deaton Neuman wedding in the later 1890s?

A. Devil's River News, January 8, 1898

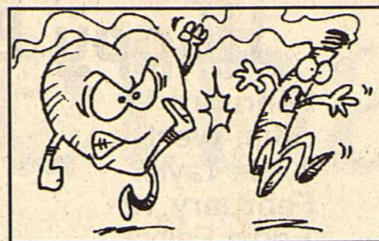
Married in Sonora on Christmas day, J. H. Deaton to Miss Lillian Neuman, J. O. Rountree officiating.

Sutton Co. Marriage Records, Vol. 001 Pg. 49 show that J. H. Deaton married Lillian Neuman on 12-29-1897. We leave it up to you to figure out the dates.

Q. Looking for info on the marriage of Ruff McCartney in late 1890's do you have any?

A. Ruff McCartney and Miss Maud Brooks were married at Eldorado, Schleicher County, on Dec. 22, 1896, Justice of the Peace C. C. West officiating. This was the first marriage ceremony performed in the capital of Schleicher County and the young couple are among the most popular of the community.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton Co. history send them to Askthe Historical Society, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.nex, call me at 915-387-2855 or drop of your questions at the Devil's River News office or Al Elliott's office on Main St.



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The Sutton County Child Welfare Board recently elected officers for the 1999 year. Those elected were as follows:  
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Chris Croy - Vice-Chairman  
Jeryl Fields - Treasurer  
Ronda Hall - Secretary  
Other members are:  
Jed Davenport  
Sue Moore

Belia Castaneda  
Norbert Ortiz  
Father Bill DuBuisson  
Alice Cox  
Ben Solis  
Joe Hendrus

## EMS Report

1-1-99: Accident- 27 Miles Hwy 189, 4 patients refused service, Unit #100.  
1-2-99: Medical- Plum Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100; Accident- 3.5 Miles Hwy 2596 to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100; Accident- Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community, Unit #101; Medical- Orient Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100; Accident- Dollye Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100; Accident- Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community, Unit #101.  
1-4-99: Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center, Unit #102.  
1-5-99: Accident- IH-10 434 MM to Hudspeth Hospital, One patient, Unit #101; Accident- IH-10 434 MM to Hudspeth Hospital, 2 patients, Unit #100; Accident- Crockett Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100.  
1-6-99: Accident- Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center, Unit #101; Accident- Crockett Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100.  
1-8-99: Medical- Glasscock

Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100 Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community, Unit #101.  
1-10-99: Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center, Unit #101.  
1-11-99: Medical- Tayloe Street Patient refused service, Unit #100.  
1-12-99: Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center, Unit #101; Accident- Dos Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100.  
1-13-99: Transport- Shannon Medical Center to Hudspeth Nursing Home, Unit #102; Accident- Cedar Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100.  
1-14-99: Medical- Hwy 277 South 12 Miles to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100; Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center, Unit #101.  
1-18-99: Medical- Wardlaw Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100; Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community, Unit #100; Accident- East First Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100; Accident- Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center, Unit

#100.  
1-21-99: Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center, Unit #102; Medical- Hwy 277 North to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100.  
1-22-99: Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital, Unit #101.  
1-26-99: Medical- Crockett Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100; Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center, Unit #101; Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon St. Johns, Unit #102.  
1-27-99: Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center, Unit #101.  
1-28-99: Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center, 2 patients, Unit #101; Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital, Unit #101.  
1-29-99: Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center, Unit #101.  
1-31-99: Medical- Ben Juarez to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #101.

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### F.Y.I

The Sutton County Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, Feb. 15, 1999 at 4:30 p.m. in The First National Bank Annex. Anyone interested will be welcome.

The Sutton County Senior Center will hold its Valentine Party & Dance on Friday, February 12th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The 1999 Senior Sweethearts will be announced. Everyone is welcome! Entertainment will be provided by the Old Tyme Band.

The Exit Level TAAS Examination will be given at the high school on February 23, 24, and 25. Only students taking the TAAS test will be required to be on campus at 8:00 a.m. each day. The remainder of the student body will begin classes at 11:00 a.m. Students who ride the bus or must arrive early will be provided a supervised place to read or study. This schedule will apply only to high school students and does not affect the other campuses. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please call the high school at 387-6533.

Order Seed Now! February thru April is the optimum time to seed rangeland with native grass seed or to establish a low maintenance lawn of buffalograss. You can

order from the Edwards Plateau SWCD by calling 915/387-2730 or by coming by our office at 301 S. Crockett in Sonora.

The First United Methodist Church of Sonora holds a Prayer & Praise Service every Wednesday evening. These "come as you are" Wednesday services begin at 7:00 p.m. Come join us at the corner of Oak and Water streets. We will have a special Ash Wednesday observance on February 17.

All Ladies in the community are invited to attend a Bible Study beginning Wed., January 27th at 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church. Free childcare 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 information call Linda Savell at 387-2592.

The Sonora Elementary PTA will hold its next meeting on Monday, Feb. 15, 1999. The entertainment for the evening will be a talent show held by grades 3 - 5.

## Happy Birthday

- February 11  
Kim West  
Katie Taylor
- February 12  
Eddie Favila  
Casey Lewis  
Viola Gonzales  
Jerry Lopez  
Scott Neff
- February 13  
Ricardo Sanchez  
Jerry Saenz  
Donna Whitten
- February 14  
Billy Burnham  
Santana Noriega  
Jessica Snyder  
Austin Whitten
- February 15  
Lee Covey  
Debbie Buitron  
April Castro  
Victoria Fuentes  
Emily Gonzales  
Marc Gonzales
- February 16  
Israel Arevalo
- February 17  
Juan Eduardo Mireles  
Shea Holmes  
Jovita Munoz  
Daniel Ward
- February 18  
Matt Escalante  
Magdalena Tobias  
Susana Vaquera

## Police Reports

- 1-25-99: Aggravated Sexual Assault**- Reported a local subject was arrested and a report was forwarded to grand jury.
  - 1-26-99: Theft of Service**- Officer received a theft of service call from I-10 Exxon. Description of the vehicle was a Ford station wagon, last seen travelling North on Hwy 277. Attempt to locate vehicle was negative. Amount taken was \$12.11 worth of fuel. After broadcasting theft of service the vehicle was stopped by Tom Green County Sheriff Department. The subjects were taken into custody. Subjects had stolen the vehicle out of Kerrville.
  - 1-30-99: Possession of Marijuana**- On Saturday, January 30, 1999 one person was arrested for possession of marijuana. After a traffic stop lead to the discovery of contraband.
  - 1-31-99: Public Intoxication/Disorderly Conduct**- Subject was arrested for disorderly conduct and public intoxication. After a routine bar check.
  - 1-31-99: Criminal Mischief**- Officer received a call to meet with complainant at the 400 block of East Plum in reference to vandalism. Several vehicles had been vandalized.
  - 1-31-99: Assault**- Officer received a call to contact a complainant at the 200 block of W. Poplar. Complainant advised that his ex-wife had assaulted his girlfriend. No charges were filed.
  - 2-2-99: Minor Accident**- Occurred at Crockett Avenue and Plum Street. No injuries.
  - 2-4-99: Assault**- Officer received a call to a local business in reference to a disturbance. Complainant advised that suspect had followed her to the business and assaulted her. Complainant filed assault charges against suspect. Suspect was arrested on a warrant for an assault.
  - 2-6-99: Warrant Arrest**- During a routine traffic stop. One subject was arrested for failing to comply with registration requirements as a sex offender. Subject was transported to the Sutton County Jail.
  - 2-6-99: Theft of Service**- Officer received a call about a theft of service at T&C #191. Clerk advised that theft occurred 5 minutes prior to reporting it. Description of vehicle was a Red Ford pickup, last seen travelling south on Hwy. 277 South. Amount of fuel taken was \$20.00. Attempt to locate vehicle was negative.
  - 2-6-99: Assault**- Officer was dispatched to the 300 block of West 2nd Street for a disturbance. After further investigation one male subject was arrested for assault. Suspect was transported to Sutton County Jail.
- \*\* A week ago Friday a bike was found on Eden Street. If you've lost a bike please call Sonora Police Department and describe it.

Thursday, February 11, 1999 the Sonora Middle School Student Council will host a Valentine's Dance from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m. at the Middle School cafeteria. The theme of the dance this year will be the "Heart Throb Hop". This dance is a special event each year for all Middle School students. Each year 8th grade students are nominated by the Middle School teachers and one boy and one girl is elected by the student body for the "Sweetest Hearts". The "Sweetest Hearts" nominees for 1999 are:

Girls:  
**Koda Armke** daughter of Dayton and Pam Armke  
**Amy Gutierrez** daughter of Prissy Gutierrez  
**Claire Healy** daughter of Mike and Catherine Healy  
**Katrina Hernandez** daughter of George and JoAnn Hernandez  
**Mayra Martinez** daughter of Emma and Harvey Sepeda  
**Ashley Parker** daughter of Guy and Latricia Parker  
**Leandra Perez** daughter of Ramiro and Rosemary Perez  
**Shannon Vick** daughter of Todd and Pam Munn

Boys:  
**Israel Arrevalo** son of Epigenio and Blanca Arrevalo  
**Thomas Bloodworth** son of Lee and Darlette Bloodworth  
**Landon Brockman** son of Bob and Nancy Brockman  
**Caleb Gulley** son of Jim and Rhonda Gulley  
**Dustin Martin** son of Kelly Jerri Martin  
**Heath Prather** son of Allen and Patti Prather  
**Brandon West** son of Joe David and Laura West

## Elementary News

**STUDENT HOLIDAY- FEBRUARY 12, 1999**  
 The Sonora Elementary P.T.A will meet on Monday, February 15 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. The meeting will include a student talent show for interested 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Childcare will be provided during the business portion of the meeting. The children will enjoy some interesting critters and the Talent Show. Please make plans to attend!!  
 February 17 is the last day of the 4th six weeks. All assignments must be completed and turned in.  
 The P.T.A will sponsor a P.T.A leadership conference on February 20 at 10:00. Everyone is invited. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Kelley Hirt at 387-5669.

## Cards of Thanks

We wish to thank the many well wishers that responded in various ways to George's emergency and convalescence during the holidays.  
 George and Doris Miles  
 Vance, Texas

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of our loving friends and neighbors who helped us through the loss of our Mother Mercedes Chavez. Special thanks to everyone who sent food, flowers, all the calls and your prayers. A Big Thank You to the ladies who fixed the wonderful food after the service and the good people who donated it. God Bless You All.  
 Olga, Maria, Maura, Cuca  
 Rebecca Chavez  
 Yolanda and Sergio Fonseca  
 Jaime and Andrea Chavez  
 Jesus and Elizabeth Chavez

On behalf of the Mata family we would like to extend our most heartfelt and sincere thanks and appreciation to all the people who bought tickets and to all our friends and other individuals who in one way or another helped to make the lunch benefit for Danny such a great success. Special thanks go out to the following people for their time, help and donations: Shorty Torres, Eddie Sawyer, Mason Shurley, Mark Hardeman, Edna Lopez, Rosa McGee, Joey Samaniego, Refugio Martinez, Freddy Chavarria, Fito and Amelia Ramos, Ooy Hernandez, Johnny Creek, Lura Sawyer, Juanita Mesa, Ada Castilleja, Lola Beth and Cleve Jones, Harold McEwen, Joy Kemp, Victor Virgen, Sergio and Gloria Gutierrez, Kenny and Casey Henderson, Knights of Columbus and Anna Marines.  
 In case we overlooked anyone thank you also. It is in a time like this that we know God has blessed us with good friends. We are so fortunate to be living in a community filled with so much love and support. Once Again Thank You and May God Bless everyone of you!  
 The Mata Family

Dear Editor:  
 Honesty and integrity have nothing to do with financial standing or social status. In today's world, it is uplifting to know there are still good, honest people and a lot of them are right here in our own backyard!!  
 I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to the person who found my beautiful diamond bracelet at the Fling Ding dance last Saturday night. Guests come from near and far, but perhaps word will reach him or her. I also thank the doorman to whom my bracelet was given.  
 So many people deserve thanks, including Bobby Merry, vice president, but I cannot thank the president, Kyle Donaldson, and his wife Elaine, enough for their genuine, sincere concern and help. There are no words adequate to express my feelings when Mr. Donaldson returned my bracelet to me.  
 The members of the Fling Ding Club should be proud of their officers and guests. Thank you again.  
 Sincerely,  
 Wanda Blackburn  
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# Basketball

## Junior High

1-28-99

Sonora's 8th grade girls played Christoval in the Wall Tournament. The leading scorers were Hobbs-17, Parker-10, Armke-4, Hard-4 and Sanchez-2. The team made 35% of their free throws. The score was Sonora 37 and Christoval 17.

1-30-99

Sonora's 8th grade girls played Brady in the Wall Tournament. The leading scorers were Parker-14, Hobbs-5, Vick-2, Armke-2 and Hard-1. The team made 29% of their free throws. "The Lady Colts

shot and missed and Brady went and stalled the last seconds and threw the ball up at the buzzer and another 3 point score was made. The Lady Colts played Ozona Saturday evening and won third place. The Lady Colts came out fast scoring 19 points the first quarter. The Lady Colts played a good tournament over all." The score was Sonora 24 and Brady 30.

1-30-99

The 8th grade Lady Colts played Ozona in the Wall Tournament. The leading scorers

were Parker-17, Hard-9, Armke-9, Martinez-4 and Hobbs-4. The team made 62% of their free throws. "The 8th Lady Colts played well in the Wall Tournament receiving 3rd place. Christoval was a good warm-up game with Sonora playing tough defense. Final Score Sonora-43 Ozona - 30. We then went back Saturday morning to play Brady. Brady had the Lady Colts down 10-1 when the Lady Colts finally woke up. The game was tied with 30 seconds left in the game. Brady in bounds the ball and we did not cover

the wing before she hit a 3 point shot.

2-1-99

The 8th grade girls played Reagan County in Sonora. The leading scorers were Parker-14, Armke-9, Hobbs-6, Hard-4, Perez-2 and Vick -1. The team made 43% of their free throws. "One of our goals this year was to beat Reagan County. Our girls came out very aggressively. We played tough defense. This put us on the free throw line ten times the first half and we hit five. Our girls played hard in

the paint with Morgan and Leandra moving people out of the way so we could clear the boards. Koda and Kara were all over the floor pressuring the ball. This has tied us with Reagan County for first place." The score was Sonora 36 and Reagan County 26.

2-1-99

The 8th grade "A" boys team played Big Lake in Big Lake. The leading scorers were Dustin Martin-18, Reyes Garcia-10 and Manuel Lopez-8. The score was Sonora 47 and Big Lake 53.

The 8th grade "B" boys team played Big Lake in Big Lake. The leading scorers were Juan Rodriguez-10, Jed Leal-6, Wiley Wagoner-4 and Caleb Gully-4. The score was Sonora 26 and Big Lake 9.

2-1-99

The 7th grade "A" boys team played Big Lake in Big Lake. The leading scorers were Tom Valliant-12, Scottie Moore-11 and Chris Martin-6. The score was Sonora 29 and Big Lake 20.

The 7th grade "B" boys team

## JV Girls

Submitted

2-2-99: Sonora vs. Forsan J.V.

The Lady Broncos went to Forsan for their second meeting with the Lady Buffaloes and escaped with a narrow win. The Lady Broncos shot 29% from the floor and 67% from the line but as usual their defense pulled out the

victory by garnering 10 steals. Scorers: Veronica Velez-7, Lindsey Bowers-4, Daisha Henson-5, Stephanie Hard-3, Desiree Gonzales-1, Shalayne Hobbs-6 and Heather Lawson-6.

SCORE: SONORA-32 FOR-SAN-25

SEASON RECORD 13-10

DISTRICT RECORD 5-3

2-5-99 Sonora vs. Eldorado J.V.

The Lady Eagles came to Sonora for the rematch of their earlier contest, however, this time they faced a much improved and more confident Lady Bronco team. The Lady Broncos came out and gave a great all-around team effort. They continually frustrated the Lady

Eagles garnering 9 steals and even more by gathering 29 defensive rebounds.

The frustrated Lady Eagles responded to the relentless pressure by sending the Lady Broncos to the charity line 22 times. The Lady Broncos took advantage of this by making 18 of their free shots shooting a team best 82%. Outstanding

team play earned the Lady Broncos a well-deserved victory in overtime. Scorers: Veronica Velez-10, Shalayne Hobbs-4, Heather Lawson-4, Lindsey Bowers-5, Daisha Henson-6, Stephanie Hard-3, Kacci Lewellen-2.

SCORE: SONORA-34 ELDO-RADO-32-- OVERTIME

SEASON RECORD: 14-10

DISTRICT RECORD: 6-3

GO LADY BRONCOS!!! KEEP IT UP!!!

SCHEDULE: SEASON FINALE!! TUESDAY 2-8-99 AT WALL 5:00 P.M.

## JV Boys

Submitted

JV Boys against Forsan

Beginning the 2nd half of district play, the Bronco JVs met the Forsan Buffalos in Forsan on February 2nd. The JVs were behind by one point at the end of the 1st quarter but the Broncos picked up the pace as the game progressed.

Sloan Holley, Ryan Hardgrave, Alan Nicholas and Cameron Sims led the Broncos in rebounds and at the end of the 1st quarter had pulled ahead by 6 points. The 3rd quarter was a little more lopsided with the Buffalos behind by 11. Nick Lozano's defense and Nicholas' 3 blocked shots contributed to a win

for the Broncos. With 13 seconds left in the game Coach Hirt called a timeout, the Broncos stayed ahead with the final score being 44-38. Scoring were Nicholas-19, Matt Torres-6, Ryan Hardgrave-5, Crispin Lira and Nick Lozano-4 each, Javier Gaytan, Shane Matthews and Pokey Samaniego-2 each.

JV Boys against Eldorado

The Bronco JVs came ready to play Friday night and met the Eagles head on. This game was much different than the first time they met in district play as the Broncos led throughout the entire game. Scoring first was Eldorado but Javier Gaytan scored first for Sonora and the momentum continued. The defen-

sive attack was led by Sloan Holley and Cameron Sims. Team fouls and turnovers were minimal. Matt Torres, Alan Nicholas, and Shane Matthews led the offense. Stepping up both defensively and offensively for the Broncos were Javier Gaytan, Nick Lozano, and Shane Matthews. Scoring were: Torres-11, Nicholas-10, Matthews-9, Sims-6,

Gaytan-5, Holley-5, Nick Lozano-4, Pokey Samaniego-2. The JV Boys record is 7 wins, 0 losses in district play. Their next home game is Friday, February 12, at 6:30 p.m. in Sonora against Junction.

## Varsity Girls

Submitted

Tuesday, February 2, 1999

The Lady Broncos traveled to Forsan Tuesday, where they ran into an inspired herd of Lady Buffalos. After a long hard fought battle Forsan pulled out a 51-48 win. With the loss the Lady Broncos fall to 16-11 for the season, and 3-5 in district.

The Lady Bronco offense was shut down in the first half. Unable to penetrate the Lady Buffalo defense the Lady Broncos were forced to take low percentage shots from the perimeter. As a result the Lady Broncos scored only 6 points in each

of the first two quarters and trailed 17-12 at the half.

In the third quarter the Lady Broncos began to attack inside, scoring 19 points to tie the score at 31 all.

But the Lady Buffalos wouldn't give up. Every time the Lady Broncos scored Forsan was able to answer with a score of their own. As the game came down to the final seconds the Lady Broncos, in an attempt to get the ball, were forced to foul as the Lady Buffalos held on for the victory.

The Lady Broncos were led by

Cindy Jones with a game high 23 points, Daisy Mireles added 10.

Scoring: Cindy Jones-23, Daisy Mireles-10, Stacy Fox-5, Kim Marshall-4, Kara Eaton-4 and Sarah Ball-2.

Friday, February 5, 1999

The Lady Broncos played their last home game of the 98-99 season Friday night against the Eldorado Lady Eagles. In spite of the Lady Broncos determination and hustle the Lady Eagles hold on to third place in district with a 65-43 victory.

Fridays game was dedicated to the 98-99 Senior Lady Broncos and their parents. They are:

Stacy Fox- daughter of Kathy and Lonnie Fox

Daisy Mireles- daughter of Maria and Paul De Pugh and Alfredo Mireles

Marisha Henson- daughter of Theresa and Wes Henson

Liza Ramirez- daughter of Jane and Juan Patino and Gil Favila

Kari Purvis- daughter of Becky and Dennis Purvis

Dana Duhon- daughter of

Melissa and Steve Duhon

Brenda Olliden- Manager

It would have been easy for Lady Broncos to let down, with almost no hope of a playoffs berth. But that didn't happen. The Lady Broncos responded with one of their most inspired games of the year.

The Lady Broncos hustle and determination stunned the Lady Eagles as the Lady Broncos led most of the first quarter. The game was close until the end of the second quarter, when Eldorado got several breakaway baskets just before halftime.

Refusing to give up the Lady Broncos kept hustling throughout the game. Going into the fourth quarter with mounting foul trouble and facing what seemed like an unsurmountable lead. The Lady Broncos showed great heart as they rallied to out score Eldorado 18-13.

With the loss the Lady Bronco season record falls to 16-12 and 3-6 in district. The Lady Broncos will finish the season Tuesday at Wall 6:30 p.m.

## Varsity Boys

Submitted

February 5, 1999: Sonora vs. Eldorado Eagles

The Eldorado Eagles came to Sonora with their playoff hopes on the line and they gave the Sonora Broncos everything they could. In the end they were out of the playoffs as the Broncos used their defensive prowess to edge the Eagles in a game that excited the crowd to the last few seconds.

It took the Broncos three quarters to adjust to the Eagle inside game. 6'8" Michael Mayo lead the Eagles with his strong rebounding and shots in the paint. Sonora tried fronting him, attacking from the back side, and finally resorted to denying him the ball by strong defense on the guards.

The Eagles jumped out to a 12 to 2 lead and stretched it to 17 to 4 before closing the first quarter at 17 to 8. The Broncos could only close that gap in the second quarter by 2 points and were forced to adjust at the half or lose the District Leaders position.

Unlike the last few games the Broncos started the third quarter in

the hole and came out with a determined attack. They caught the Eagles at 33 all with 1:24 remaining in the third quarter. Then at 12 seconds left in the period Anthony Luna fed James Elliott with a perfect assist and the freshman gave the Broncos their first lead at 35 to 34 to end the quarter. The crowd was in the game now and the Bronco boys responded. The two teams battled neck and neck in the last period. No significant leads were built by either squad and the game came down to the last 45 seconds very much in doubt. At 38 seconds Anthony Renfro was fouled and with his free throw the Broncos were up 48 to 46. At 25 seconds Eldorado's Bullock was put on the line and he cut the lead to 1. At 21 seconds Renfro again was fouled and the lead was up to 2. With 7 seconds left Eldorado's Mayo made one of two freethrows and the lead was cut to 1. Finally at 4 seconds Luna made both of his attempts from the charity stripe and the final margin was established at 3 as the Broncos won 52 to 49. It just doesn't get much better than

this from the stands.

Coach Lowe's comment:

"This was a great win and a key win at this time. It is a good feeling knowing that our defense can carry us when our offense has a slow start and that any of our 10 players can play well in pressure situations."

Significant stats:

Sonora Team Effort: 17 steals and 43 rebounds.

Anthony Renfro: 4 of 6 freethrows, 8 rebounds, 4 steals.

Isaac Ramos: 4 steals, 3 of 4 shots from within the 3 point line, 7 rebounds.

Anthony Luna: 11 points in the 4th Quarter, 5 of 5 free throws, 5 steals.

Ernie Perez: 3 of 4 from within the 3 point line, 2 steals.

Russell Dempsey: 6 rebounds

David Mayer: 6 rebounds

Riley Crain: 8 rebounds

Scoring: Anthony Renfro-15 points, Isaac Ramos-4 points, Anthony Luna- 15 points, Ernie Perez-6 points, Russell Dempsey-2 points, David Mayer-4 points, James Elliott-4 points, Bryce

Williams-2 points.

February 2, 1999: Sonora vs. Forsan

The Varsity Boys played the Forsan Buffalos in Forsan February 2nd and retained their District 2-2A lead with a 64 to 45 victory.

The superiority of the Broncos was never in doubt as they lead from the starting points to the final buzzer. The Broncos played tough defense throughout and 19 steals and 4 blocked shots in the contest.

A layup by Anthony Luna following a steal and assist by Anthony Renfro started the Bronco scoring. The Broncos earned a 12 to 10 lead at the end of a tight defensive first quarter but opened up a little more comfortable lead at the half, 33 to 22.

Once again the Bronco started the second half slowly allowing the Buffalos to close to within 7 at the 2:53 mark of the third quarter but the boys from Sonora went on a strong 10 to 2 run to close the third period with a 51 to 36 lead.

Coach Lowe was able to clear his bench in the fourth quarter as

Bryce Williams, Edgar Gonzalez and James Elliott got some significant playing time and were able to contribute to the effort as the Broncos stretched their lead to the final buzzer.

Coach Lowe's Comments and Significant Stats:

"This was a good road win for the team. Our team ball just keeps getting better."

Sonora team: 72% free throw shooting (23 of 32 attempts); 19 steals; 4 blocked shots.

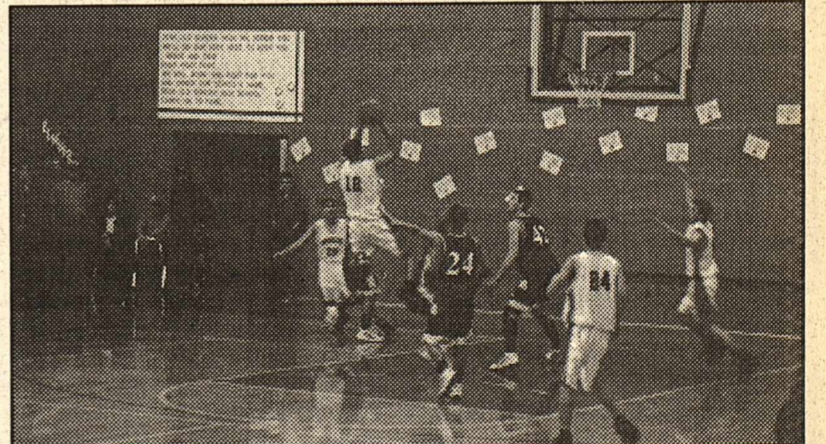
Isaac Ramos: 73% shooting

from within 3 point line; 80% free throws (4 of 5); 7 steals.

Riley Crain: 3 of 5 shooting; 5 offensive rebounds; 3 defensive rebounds; 2 blocked shots.

Anthony Luna: 15 points; 3 assists; 3 steals.

Scoring: Isaac Ramos-20 points, Anthony Renfro- 2 points, Anthony Luna-15 points, Ernie Perez-8 points, Riley Crain-7 points, Russell Dempsey-6 points, David Mayer-3 points, Bryce Williams-3 points.



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# Ranch Women Exhibit Organizing Now



*Martha Savannah Howton Davis - Submitted by her great-granddaughter Darlene Barrow Hardesty. Savannah Davis was the great aunt of Dell Davis Tedford*

Martha Savannah Howton was born before the Civil War on August 19, 1856 in Fayette County, Alabama. Her parents were David and Maggie Howton. When she was five years old her father joined the Confederate Army. They did not hear from him again until the war was over and he returned home. His family learned from him that he had served under the command of General Robert E. Lee and took part in the battle of Gettysburg and Shiloh. He had been wounded at Shiloh and taken prisoner by the Union Army. When the war ended he was allowed to return home to his family.

In 1867 the Howton family left Alabama for Lampassas, Texas. Martha Savannah was now eleven years old. In Lampassas she

married James Lovelace Davis on December 20, 1877.

In November 1890 Mr. Davis moved his family to the community of Sonora, Texas. At the time there were two stores, twenty-five families and one water well in the community. There were five daughters and one son born into the family, Lillie, Hollie, Myrtle, Ruth, Ray and Ruby.

Soon after arriving in Sonora J.L. Davis and his wife Martha Savannah invested in ranch property and operated their 9 1/2 section ranch six miles north of Sonora until his death in 1914. During this time they also bought their home in Sonora to be used while their children attended school. The home had been built in 1899 by a Dr. Dodson. It was one block south of Lowry Draw on Concho Ave. This was home to Martha Savannah for twenty three years. The home burned and after losing everything Martha Savannah moved to live with her daughter Ruth until her death in 1952.

Shortly after arriving in Sonora in 1890. Mr. Davis was elected Sheriff of Sutton County for three terms and served one year as deputy sheriff. This put Martha Savannah's home open to the public. She enjoyed her many guests. She always said her home was full of guests when there was any kind of celebration. She always entertained the visiting preachers regardless of their denomination. She was a very active charter member of the First Baptist Church and retained an active membership as long as she was able. When their new church was built she was given the honor of turning over the first spade of dirt for the new building.

During the World War she spent her time knitting for the Red Cross. At one time when she was

confined to her bed with a broken collar bone she made forty sweaters in one project. From the age 91 to 94 she pieced twenty quilt tops.

As a pioneer woman her hands were never idle. She loved to sew, knit and crochet. She entertained her grand children and great grand children with stories of her trip from Alabama as a young girl by ox carts and wagons. She told of seeing indian foot prints in the dirt around her father's blacksmith shop in Lampassas.

As she grew older her family lived close by and they enjoyed many good times together. She was never one to complain. She was a very small built person but had a heart of gold.

On her death on April 12, 1952 she was ninety five years old. She was survived by her five daughters and her son. Also a sister, twelve grandchildren, eighteen great grand children and one great great grandchild. She is buried in the family plot beside her husband J.L. Davis, in the Sonora Cemetery.

**Please share your photos and stories with the Ranch Women Exhibit! Take your photos to Business Basics and they will copy and return them to you on the spot!**

**The Main Street Program appreciates your help. These photos will be on display at the Sonora City Hall and also during the Ranch Women Exhibits at the banks.**

*Martha Miers- One of the first photos submitted for the Ranch Women Exhibit*



## Celebrate Presidents' Day with Cherry Quick Breads

Folklore and history books tell us that when George Washington was a young man, he cut down a cherry tree in his family's yard. When asked about the tree, the honest George replied that he could not tell a lie, that he had cut down the cherry tree. His honesty has served as an example ever since, and likewise, cherries have been associated with Washington.

Why not celebrate this President's Day by surprising your family, co-workers or friends with fresh-from-the-oven cherry muffins in honor of our country's first president? "These recipes are quick to stir together when you use biscuit and baking mix," say Wendy Hagerman, research and development for Pioneer Flour Mills.

Maraschino Cherry Muffins with Almond Streusel combine biscuit and baking mix with low-fat yogurt. The almond streusel topping

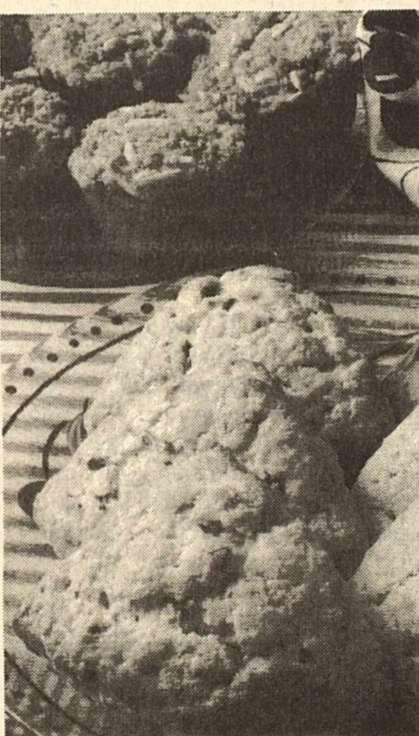
adds just the right crunch to these moist and delicious muffins.

### Maraschino Cherry Muffins with Almond Streusel

2 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix  
3/4 cup packed light brown sugar  
2 large eggs  
1 carton (8 oz.) low-fat cherry-vanilla yogurt (1 cup)  
2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted  
1 teaspoon almond extract  
1 jar (5 oz.) red maraschino cherries, quartered and patted dry  
**Streusel Topping**  
1/4 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix  
3 tablespoons packed light brown sugar  
5 teaspoons butter or mar-

garine, melted

3 tablespoons slivered almonds  
In a large bowl, stir together 2 cups biscuit and baking mix and 3/4 cup brown sugar; make a well in the center and set aside. In small bowl, stir together eggs, yogurt, 2 tablespoons butter and almond extract; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Do not overmix. Spoon batter into muffin cups coated with cooking spray. Place several cherry pieces on top of each muffin, pressing in slightly. In small bowl, stir together topping ingredients until crumbly. Sprinkle over muffin batter. Bake at 375 degrees for 16 to 19 minutes or until golden brown and wooden pick inserted in center of muffin comes out clean. Cool in pan for 5 to 10 minutes. Remove



from pan. Serve warm or at room temperature. Makes 12 to 16 muffins.

## FSA NEWS

Jan Wanoreck, CED announced today that the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) has been extended for a minimum of 30 days from February 5th. The final date for LAP signup will be announced as soon as it is determined. Anyone that has not been in to apply on their 1998 Livestock loss should call to set up an appointment. The phone number for Schleicher County is 853-3535 and for Sutton County is 387-3111.

Producers will be able to sign up for the Disaster Assistance Program for crops later this month. The county offices have not received the software to take these applications. As soon as we are able to take applications, we will notify the producers.

FSA administers all programs without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

## Rivas Completes Basic Training

January 1999, (FHTNC)--Marine Pvt. Johnny Rivas, a 1998 graduate of Sonora High School, Sonora, TX, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Ca.

Rivas successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Rivas and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Rivas spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit

during field training.

Rivas and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values -- honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Rivas and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Rivas joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

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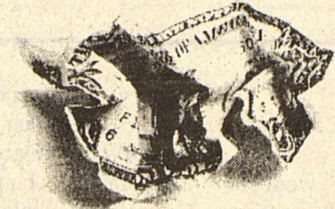
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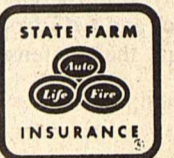
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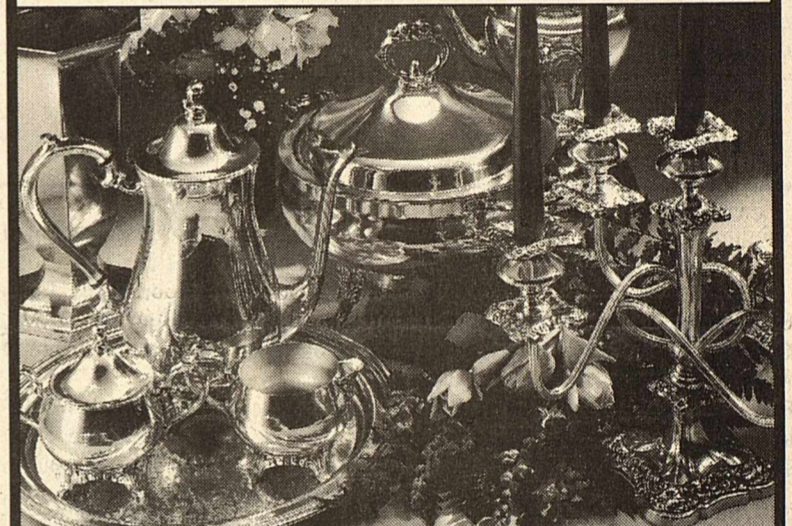
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## Texas Tech at Junction Host for a Variety of Events

The Texas Tech University at Junction will be host to a variety of conferences, workshops and programs in the months of February and March.

Career Day, sponsored by the Junction Rotary Club, will be held at the Texas Tech University, Junction campus on February 17. Junction High School students will spend the day investigating a wide variety of career fields. Included in the presentations this year will be a well known hill country sculptor, Gene Zesch. Other career fields represented are culinary arts, law enforcement, education and health care.

February 19, the School of Nursing of Texas Tech HSC conducts Continuing Nursing Education. The topic for this workshop is "Dealing with Difficult People." Approximately 30 persons from area health care institutions are signed up to attend.

The Texas Society of Mammalogists returns to the TTU Center for their 17th annual meeting. Professors, students and others working in the field of mammalogy will attend the February 19-21 conference. Keynote speaker for the Saturday night banquet will be Dr. David Schmidley, Dean of the Graduate School, Texas Tech University.

February 26-28, The Texas Winemakers Retreat will be held. Dr. Roy Mitchell of Texas Tech University Dept. of Plant and Soil Science is the organizer of this meeting which will include both amateur and professional winemakers. Anyone interested in attending this event should contact Dr. Mitchell at (806)742-2861 or email him at roymitch@earthlink.net.

March is the month for the annual meeting of Texas Branch American Society of Microbiologists which will be held March 25-27. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service scheduled its bi-annual Extension Entomologists Symposium March 22-25. Also happening in March is an advanced field science research trip from Hendrix College of Arkansas. The Texas Tech University faculty advisory committee for the Junction Campus meets here in March 12-14.

For information on any of these activities or summer school schedules, please contact the Texas Tech University at Junction campus. If you wish to schedule an educational activity or conference at the Junction campus, contact Martha Richardson at (915)446-2301, P. O. Box 186, Junction, TX 76849 or you may email mrichard@kcc.com.

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## The Three Amigos' of Texas Agriculture



by U. S. Congressman Henry Bonilla  
The rest of the country could learn a lot about agriculture from Texas producers, because in Texas, we just about have it all. You name it and it's grown somewhere in Texas, with very few exceptions. Our producers grow all types of crops in all types of climates. From grapes and mohair to pecans and cattle, farmers and ranchers in Texas produce it.

We're number one in the production of cattle, wool, cotton and mohair. And now, we're number one on the House Agriculture Committee. Between Congressmen Larry Combest, the new chairman of the Agriculture Committee, and Charlie Stenholm, the committee's ranking Democrat, the challenges and problems Texas producers face are heard loud and clear in Washington.

The combination of Combest and Stenholm is great news for Texas producers. It's been decades since the top two members of the House Agriculture Committee have been from the same state. And this is the first time in history the Agriculture Committee leaders are from neighboring districts. The best part about this duo is that they're not looking for partisan ideas. They're looking for good ideas.

The House Appropriations Committee, which funds the federal

government, has an entire subcommittee devoted to agriculture. As the only Texan on the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, I work closely with Larry and Charlie. As friends, we work well together. We are the 'Three Amigos' of Texas agriculture, and are dedicated to making sure that the needs and concerns of Texas producers are heard.

For example, last June, when the drought was plaguing producers, we joined forces in urging Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman to streamline the disaster declaration process. Streamlining that process helped get aid to producers as quickly as possible. That was only one of many aid packages we worked on together for farmers and ranchers.

Larry, Charlie and I will continue to stand as a united front fighting for Texas producers. We also have help from our neighbor to the west, Congressman Joe Skeen from New Mexico. Joe chairs the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. Joe and I work closely together to ensure agriculture remains a priority in Washington budget battles.

American agriculture is the best in the world. It provides the world's safest and cheapest food supply.

Together, we in Congress will continue to fight to make sure our producers have the tools they need to continue providing America and the world with inexpensive and abundant food.

### Producers Livestock Auction Co.

2/4/99  
Cattle and Calf Auction: Estimated Receipts: 2800;  
Last Week: 3796; Last Year: 3245;

Compared with last week, feeder steers and heifers firm to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows 2.00-4.00 higher, slaughter bulls 4.00-5.00 higher. Stock cows and pairs firm. Trading fairly active, demand good. Quality full range from plain to attractive. Supply included 70 percent calves, 15 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 10 percent yearlings, 5 percent stock cows and pairs.

**Feeder Steers:** Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 100.00-104.00; 300-400 lb 91.00-98.00; 400-500 lb 80.00-90.50; 500-600 lb 70.00-80.00, few 81.00-86.00; 600-700 lb 66.50-76.25, few 78.00-78.50, set 85.25; 700-800 lb 67.00-72.00.  
Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 90.00-100.00; 300-400 lb 80.00-90.00; 400-500 lb 70.00-80.00; 500-600 lb 63.00-70.00; 600-700 lb 60.00-67.00; 700-900 lb 60.00-66.00.

**Feeder Heifers:** Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 86.00-91.50; 300-400 lb 77.00-86.00, set 90.00; 400-500 lb 71.00-82.00, few 83.00-84.50; 500-600 lb 65.00-75.00, few 77.00-81.00; 600-700 lb 64.00-

73.00; 700-800 lb 61.00-67.00.  
Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 80.00-88.00; 300-400 lb 68.00-77.00; 400-500 lb 63.00-71.00; 500-700 lb 55.00-65.00; 700-800 lb 53.00-60.00.

#### Slaughter Cows:

	Percent Lean
Breakers	75-80%
1050-1250 lb	34.50-40.25
Boners	80-85%
900-1300 lb	34.00-40.00
Boners Hi-Yld	80-85%
1000-1250 lb	40.00-42.25
Lean	85-90%
800-1000 lb	29.00-34.00

**Slaughter Bulls:** Yield Grade 1 1400-2000 lb 44.00-52.00; low dressing 1100-1700 lb 39.00-45.50.

**Pregnancy Tested Stock Cows and Heifers:** All sold by the head.

Medium and Large 1-2 530.00-570.00. Medium 1-2 400.00-500.00.

#### Cow/Calf Pairs:

Medium and Large 1-2 cows with 100-350 lb calves 600.00-680.00.  
Medium 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 450.00-580.00.

#### Stocker and Feeder Cows:

Medium and Large (young) 800-1200 lb 39.00-45.00 cwt; (middle age) 800-1100 lb 38.00-44.00 cwt.  
Source: USDA

### Junction Livestock Auction

2/08/99  
Sheep and Goats: 4,150 Week Ago: 2,805 Year Ago: 4,488

Compared to last week: Slaughter lambs steady. Slaughter ewes 2.00 higher. Stocker Spanish nannies mostly steady. All classes slaughter Spanish mostly steady. All classes stocker Angora 2.00 lower. Slaughter Angora nannies 2.00 higher. All other classes slaughter Angora steady. Supply included around 8 percent sheep including near 175 lambs.

#### Stock and Feeder Sheep:

**Feeder Lambs:** Medium and Large 1: Few springer lambs 70 lbs 85.00 CWT.

#### Slaughter Sheep:

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3: 90-140 lbs 59.50-69.50 CWT.  
Slaughter Ewes: Culls 28.00-29.00; Utility 2-3 31.00-33.50; Good 2-3 41.00-44.00 Bucks 32.00-

#### 38.00 CWT.

#### Stock and Feeder Goats:

Spanish Goats: 50-70 lb nannies 42.00-52.00 CWT.  
Angora Goats: 35-50 lb kids in the hair 75.00-81.00; 50-70 lb nannies 40.00-59.00; 50-90 lb muttons 40.00-54.00 CWT.

#### Slaughter Goats:

Spanish Goats: Choice and Prime: 15-35 lb kids 68.00-73.50; 35-65 lbs 67.50-78.00; Good 60.00-65.00.  
Nannies: 80-125 lb fat nannies 44.00-49.00, thin nannies 33.00-40.00.

Billies and Muttons: 80-125 lb muttons 55.00-68.00; 80-195 lb billies 55.00-68.00 CWT.

Angora Goats: 65-100 lb fat nannies 36.00-41.50; 30-70 lb kids 63.00-71.00; thin nannies and muttons 27.00-35.00 CWT.

## Rig Locations as of February 5, 1999

### Crockett County

New Union Pacific Res; 6,500', Sutton #111, Patterson Drilling.

### Sutton County

Louis Dreyfus/OKC; 8,200', Minnie H Hill-Mayer C-#4, Patterson Drilling.

New Louis Dreyfus/OKC; 8,200', Diebitsch 70-#4, Patterson Drilling.

Louis Dreyfus/OKC; 5,450', Pflug 86-#6, Patterson Drilling.

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## USDA-NRCS is Dedicated to Improving Productivity on Rangelands

by Tom Payton, Rangeland Management Specialist

The U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) is dedicated to improving the productivity of our native rangelands. The abundant natural resources in our area, combined with the conservation ethics of our local producers and local NRCS personnel are moving in a direction that will maintain or improve our native rangelands.

Conservation practices such as a planned grazing system and proper grazing use are two of many ways that local producers are trying to improve the forage quality and quantity of the range resource. Proper stocking to be in balance with available forage, and grazing in a manner in which pastures are rested or deferred periodically from grazing gives the better plants a chance to regrow, compete and multiply. Proper stocking and resting pastures will gradually increase the amount of high quality plants per acre. In turn, improved range production will improve livestock production, improve wildlife habitat, reduce soil erosion and conserve water.

Another conservation plus to

having a strong, healthy plant community is that you will be able to carry out a practice that has been around for centuries, but only brought back into the limelight in the last 10 to 15 years. Prescribed burning is becoming another tool in the arsenal to improve or recover our brush-infested rangelands. In our area, the USDA-NRCS in cooperation with several other local and state agencies, have seen a dramatic increase in the request for assistance with prescribed burning. One of the most essential elements to having a successful burn is to have a fuel source that is capable of sustaining the fire. That fuel source is the strong, vigorous plant community that the rangeland will provide.

The NRCS, in a working relationship with the local Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District, is here to provide the producers of this district the expertise in fulfilling their rangeland resource needs. USDA-NRCS provides services to all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability or political belief. Come by our office at 301 S. Crockett or visit our website at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov) to see if we can assist you in meeting your con-

## Texas Sheep and Lamb Inventory Down 12 Percent

Submitted  
The Texas inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 1.35 million head on January 1, 1999, down 12 percent from last year's revised level of 1.53 million head.

According to the annual report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the inventory of breeding sheep and lambs totaled 1.05 million head, down 6 percent from the 1998 revised total. Breeding ewes one year old and older stayed the same, at 880 thousands head, while replacement lambs dropped 35 percent to 130 thousand head.

In 1998 lamb crop totaled 800 thousand head, down 110 thousand head from 1997, Acting State Statistician Doyle Fuchs reported.

Market sheep and lambs in Texas were down 27 percent from last year, totalling 300,000 head. Sheep for market totaled 10,000 head, down 10,000 from last year, while lambs for market totaled 290,000 head, 75 percent of last year.

Lambs for market weighing less than 65 pounds totaled 120,000 head; lambs weighing 65 to 84 pounds totaled 70,000; lambs weighing 85 to 105 pounds totaled 60,000, and lambs weighing over 105 pounds totaled 40,000 head.

The January 1 Texas goat inventory dropped 4 percent from last year's level to 1.35 million head.

Angora goats totaled 550,000 head, down 200,000 head from last year, while Spanish and other goats increased 150,000 from last year to 800,000 head.

Nationally, the inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 7.24 million head, down 8 percent from 1998.

United States breeding sheep inventory of January 1, 1999, declined to 5.31 million head. Ewes one year and older, at 4.34 million head, were 5 percent below last year.

The 1998 lamb crop was 5.01 million head, down 6 percent from 1997. The 1998 lambing rate was 110 per 100 ewes one year old and older, on hand January 1, 1998, compared with 109 in 1997.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.92 million head on January 1,

### Extended Forecast 2/10 thru 2/13

**Wednesday Night** - Becoming cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms after midnight. Low 55-60. Chance of rain is less than 20 percent.

**Thursday** - A slight chance of showers early, then becoming partly cloudy...Windy and cooler. High near 65. Chance of rain is less than 20 percent.

**Friday** - Sunny. Highs in the mid 50s to lower 60s.

**Saturday** - Partly cloudy and warmer. Lows in the mid 20s to mid 30s. Highs in the mid to upper 60s.

**Sunday** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s to mid 40s. Highs in the upper 60s to mid 70s.



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The City of Sonora will receive sealed bids for the purchase of the real property located at 514 North Service Road, City of Sonora, Texas, until 9:00 a. m., Tuesday March 16, at the Sonora City Hall, 201 N. E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950.

Bids will be opened at the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 1999, which begins at 2:00 p.m.

Bids are invited upon the following property:

Being approximately 3.25 acres of land and a residence consisting of 1,859 square feet of living area,

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Said residence is more specifically described as having 1.5 stories, pier and beam foundation brick and siding exterior walls and metal roof. The exterior has a 2-car carport (466 square feet) and a 2-car garage (540 square feet) and a covered porch. The first floor consists of a kitchen, dining room, living room, den, bathroom and office.

The property can be viewed upon calling Sonora City Hall (915) 387-2558 and scheduling an appointment with the City Secretary.

Sealed bids must be received, prior to opening date and time to be considered. Late proposals will be returned unopened.

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**BID FOR REAL PROPERTY**, with opening date on the outside of the completely sealed envelope and mailed or delivered to City Secretary, Sonora City Hall, 201 N.E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950.

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## Back Talk

## Chiropractic Care Questions & Answers

### Can chiropractic treatment help a person lose weight?

A chiropractic education includes extensive training in nutrition. It is common for chiropractors to recommend and oversee a balanced nutritional program for patients who require weight loss. Extra weight can have a detrimental effect on the joints of the body, thus causing pain. If a doctor of chiropractic feels that a patient's weight is a factor in their ability to recover from injury, it is likely the doctor will make nutritional recommendations in a "whole person" approach to treating problems of the human body. In addition, obesity can have many causes including hormonal imbalance. Chiropractic adjustments can also affect hormone levels in the body.

### I've heard that cracking your knuckles causes arthritis. Wouldn't chiropractic also cause similar problems?

Repetitive motion of any kind can lead to pain and arthritis in many different areas of the body. Word processing can cause carpal tunnel syndrome, baseball pitchers can develop rotator cuff problems, and repeatedly cracking one's knuckles over

time can also lead to chronic pain and arthritis. Chiropractic adjustments involve specific, measured thrusts to selected locations of the spine. There is absolutely no evidence either anecdotally or in the literature that suggests that chiropractic adjustments can cause pain or dysfunction. The periodic nature of chiropractic treatment makes it impossible to reproduce the level of repetition which causes carpal tunnel and the other repetitive motion injuries described above.

### How can chiropractic help the recovery of stroke victims?

Proper treatment of stroke victims calls for well rounded treatment

involving many different health care professionals. Chiropractors, therapists (rehabilitative and cognitive), nutritionists and medical doctors can all work together to bring the patient back to where they were before the stroke. Chiropractic adjustments can specifically restore mobility and re-establish nerve pathways damaged during stroke.

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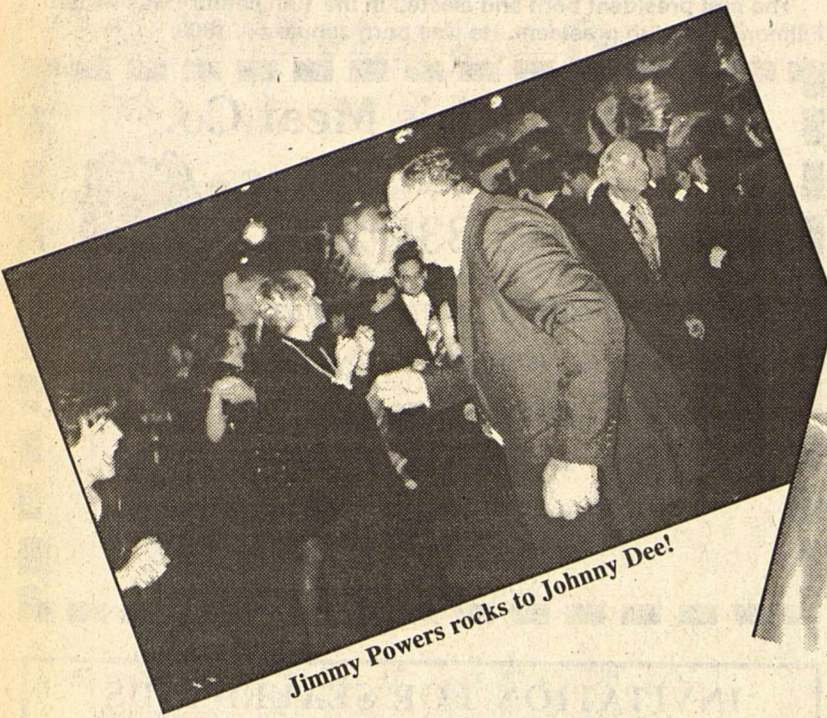
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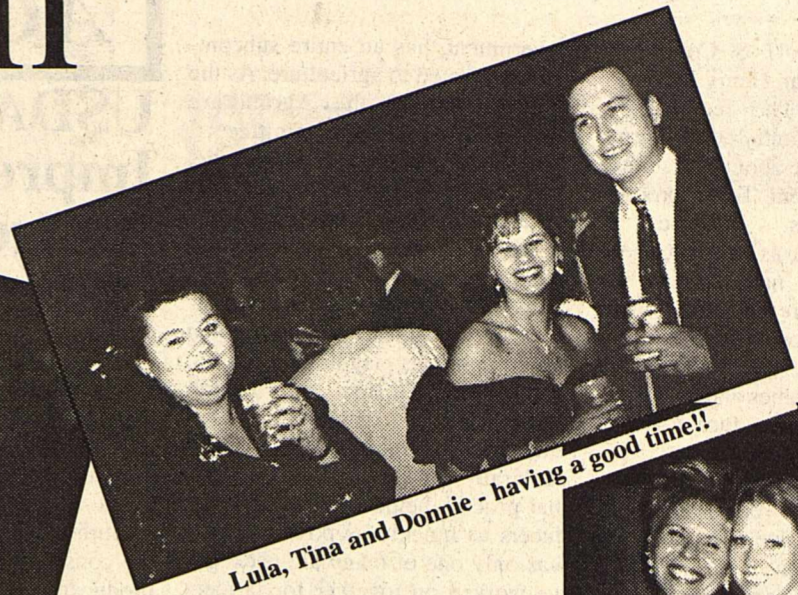
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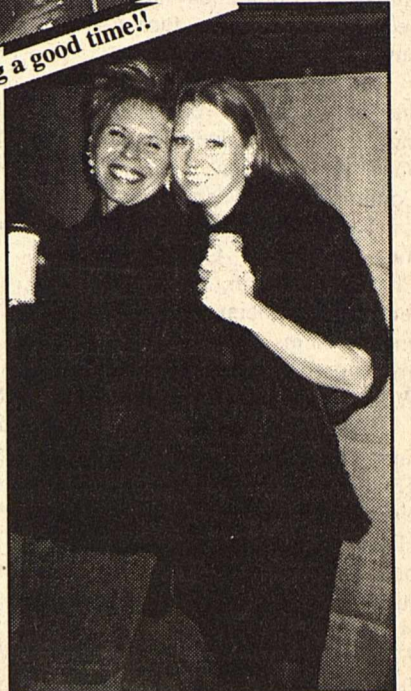
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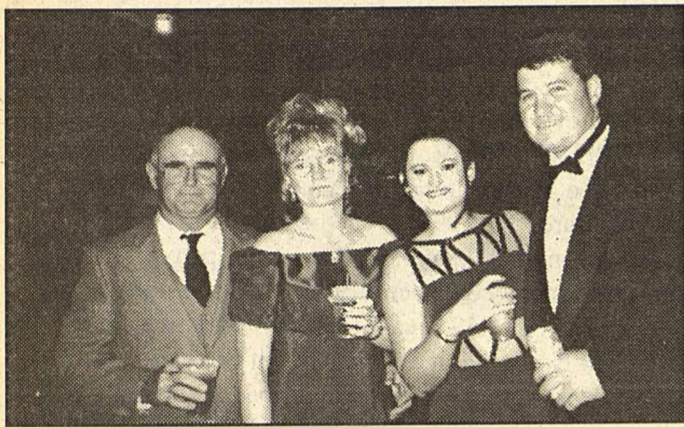
Jack & Peggy show the young ones how it's done!



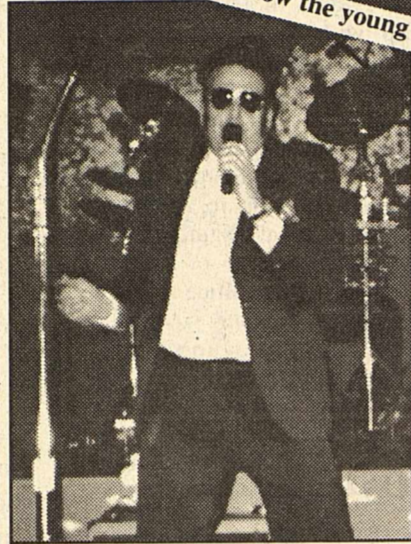
Lula, Tina and Donnie - having a good time!!



Tina & Jodie all dressed up!!!



Homer & Peggy Hilliard, Amy Crenwelle and T.J. Green enjoy the evening of dressing up and visiting with friends.



Johnny Dee rocked the wool house!

## Texas Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews Concerned About Budget Proposal

We are very concerned about an item in President Clinton's budget proposal, and we hope that the Administration will have the good sense to abandon it before it begins to inflict serious damage on the Texas oil industry. In short, the President has decided to collect \$4 billion in new taxes from oil producers. Needless to say, the President's idea is the worst possible idea at the worst possible time, and we plan to vigorously oppose it.

The unfortunate fact is that oil operators all over Texas are going out of business, many of them never to return. In fact, in the last year nearly 5,000 oil field workers filed for unemployment. The oil business has always had its ups and downs, but there is a full-fledged depression in the oil patch right now.

The situation is so critical that the Texas Railroad Commission, which regulates oil and gas issues for the State of Texas, is urging our Legislature to suspend state severance taxes on oil production, and the governor has accorded the bill emergency status.

The President's proposal, which was contained in his budget submission to Congress, seeks to reinstate the oil spill liability tax that expired in 1995. The 5-cent-a-

barrel levy was used to fill a \$1 billion fund overseen by the Treasury Department. President Clinton is asking to reinstate the tax for another ten years and to let him collect at least \$4 billion more from hard-pressed oil producers. What he's really asking Congress to do is dramatically accelerate the rate at which Texas oil producers go broke.

Texasans are especially vulnerable to the oil crisis, in part because most of the 170,000 wells that operate in our state are "stripper" wells which pump fewer than 15 barrels a day. Whether you pump a barrel a day or hundreds of barrels a day, the cost electricity, waste and water disposal, maintenance, insurance and other overhead is the same.

Moreover, cities, counties and school districts which rely on a local tax base are being hammered because when the bottom falls out of the oil business, the tax base drops away with it. In 1998, oil and gas producers contributed \$170 million to the Texas Permanent School Fund and \$78 million to the Texas Permanent University Fund. Ninety-five school districts get at least half of their property tax income from oil and gas production. That explains why when you talk to school superintendents, particularly

in the Panhandle, there is almost panic in their voices. They see school funding evaporating before their eyes.

The restoration of stability in the world economy will go a long way toward helping Texas oil producers, and so would adoption of the U. S. Energy Economic Growth Act introduced by U. S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison. That legislation is aimed at using tax credits and exemptions to help producers offset the cost of keeping stripper wells in operation and restarting inactive wells.

At a time when the budget is projected to generate surpluses as far as the eye can see and at a moment when oil state lawmakers are working to cut taxes, it's very difficult to understand why struggling oil producers are the target of a new tax from the Administration. That the President doesn't recognize this is beyond comprehension.

We want there to be no doubt that this oil tax is a non-starter, and we intend to fight it as hard and as long as it takes to kill it. We won't allow the Texas oil industry, Texas schools and Texas cities to be taxed to death.

## Finding the Right Tax Preparer

If you are considering hiring a tax preparer, the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA) recommends that you begin your search for the right help now. Not all tax preparers are created equal, and those that may be the most qualified to prepare your tax return could be unavailable if you wait until your tax return is due.

Consumers have many choices when looking for someone to prepare a tax return. Certified public accountants (CPAs), tax attorney, and enrolled agents (individuals certified by the U.S. Treasury Department) are among those professionals that can help you prepare your return. In the event your tax return is audited, it is important to note that these are the only professionals who can legally represent you before the IRS.

To insure that you hire the right kind of professional, consider the complexity of your tax return. Do you have a home-based business? Have you had large capital gains or losses in the past year? Did you experience a large casualty loss in the past year? Do you have rental property? You should retain a tax professional who has had experience dealing with specific issues that affect you.

Even if your needs are not complex, you may still find the help of a tax preparer to be cost-effective if you have experienced a major lifestyle change, such as retiring, divorcing or assuming full-time care for a relative. Additionally, if you think the new tax law will result in significant changes to your tax lia-

bility, it may benefit you to obtain assistance from a tax professional.

If you have never hired a tax preparer before, you approach the search in the same way you might identify any new professional service provider, such as a new doctor or lawyer. You can start by contacting friends and associates who may have similar financial situations or be involved in similar lines of work. Check with your local chamber of commerce, civic and church groups. Talk with other professionals that you trust, such as bankers and insurance agents. In addition, many local CPA chapters have referral services for a variety of tax and business-related needs.

Once you've obtained some recommendations, call or visit several different tax preparers. This will enable you to assess differences in style, capabilities, and fee structures.

During the interview process, you'll want to learn as much as possible about the preparer's professional background. Find out whether his/her tax preparation work is full-time or part-time, number of years experience, level of education, and participation in continuing professional education. You may also want to ask about membership in professional associations.

Don't be afraid to ask a prospective tax preparer for the names of clients you can contact. Find out from past clients how satisfied they were with the work performed and whether it was done in a timely manner. You may also

want to ask such clients about the tax preparer's level of customer service and consider whether you will be comfortable with his or her style.

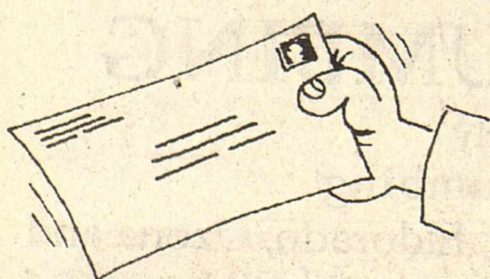
The cost of preparing your tax return can range from under \$100 for a short-form return to thousands of dollars for a complicated return. Find out whether the preparer charges on an hourly basis, uses a fixed price, or bases the fee on the number of tax forms that need to be completed. Beware of tax preparers who say they will base their fee on the refund they obtain for you. Chances are these individuals may be acting improperly.

To assist your tax preparer in determining a fee, you may want to provide him or her with a copy of your tax return from last year, pointing out any differences in your financial or tax situation.

The Texas Society of CPAs emphasizes that any good tax preparer will want to find out how much you can contribute to the tax preparation process. If you can identify the tax issues that need to be addressed and have well-organized tax records, a preparer can work more efficiently and cost-effectively.

The Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting professionalism and public interest throughout the state, the 31,000-member association has the largest in-state membership of any CPA organization in the nation. Their web site can be visited at [www.tscpa.org](http://www.tscpa.org)

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#### JUNIOR VARSITY

- Mon. Feb. 15 - Ingram Scrimmage - Location Ingram - 5:00 p.m.
- Sat. Feb. 20 - Llano Scrimmage - Location Bronco Field - TBA
- Sat. Feb. 27 - Alpine - Location Bronco Field - 1:00 p.m.
- Mon. Mar. 1 - Miles - Location Bronco Field - 5:00 p.m.
- Thurs. - Sat. Mar. 4-6 Dry Devils River Classic - Location Bronco Field - TBA
- Tues. Mar. 16 - Menard Varsity - Location Bronco Field - 4:30 p.m.
- Sat. Mar. 20 - Brackettville - Location Bronco Field - 12:00 p.m.\*
- Mon. Mar. 22 - Reagan Co. - Location Big Lake - 4:30 p.m.
- Fri. Mar. 26 - Miles - Location Miles - 5:00 p.m.
- Mon. Mar. 29 - Reagan Co. - Location Bronco Field - 5:00 p.m.
- Sat. April 3 - Brackettville - Location Brackettville - 12:00 p.m.
- Tues. April 6 - Menard Varsity - Location Bronco Field - 4:30 p.m.
- Mon. April 12 - Reagan Co. - Location Big Lake - 4:30 p.m.
- Mon. April 19 - Junction - Location Junction - 6:00 p.m.
- Fri. April 23 - Junction - Location - Bronco Field - 6:30 p.m.

#### VARSITY

- Mon. Feb. 15 - Ingram Scrimmage - Location Ingram - 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday. Feb. 20 - Llano Scrimmage - Location Bronco Field - TBA
- Sat. Feb. 27 - Alpine - Location - Bronco Field - 3:00 p.m.
- Mon. Mar. 1 - Grape Creek - Location Grape Creek - 4:30 p.m.
- Sat. Mar. 4 - 6 - Dry Devils River Classic - Location Bronco Field - TBA
- Mon. Mar. 8 - Alpine - Location Alpine - 1:00 p.m.
- Tues. Mar. 9 - Wimberly - Location Wimberly - 5:00 p.m.
- Thurs. - Sat. Mar. 11-13 - Llano Tournament - Location Llano - TBA
- Mon. Mar. 15 - San Angelo Central JV - Location Bobcat Field - 4:00 p.m.
- Thurs. - Sat. Mar. 18-20 - Alpine Tournament - Location Alpine - TBA
- Tues. March 23 - Wall\* - Location Wall - 4:00 p.m.
- Fri. Mar. 26 - Reagan Co. - Location Bronco Field - 6:00 p.m.
- Tues. Mar. 30 - Eldorado\* - Location Bronco Field - 5:00 p.m.
- Thurs. April 1 - Ozona\* - Location Bronco Field - 5:00 p.m.
- Tues. April 6 - Junction\* - Location Junction - 5:00 p.m.
- Fri. April 9 - Wall\* - Location Bronco Field - 5:00 p.m.
- Tues. April 13 - Reagan Co. - Location Big Lake - 4:30 p.m.
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For The Week Of February 14-20

**ARIES**  
 March 21-April 20

Remember that you are a natural leader. Tuesday will be a big day for you. When you are called upon at work, leap to the challenge. This is one time when you want to be seen and heard. Don't be afraid to take a chance.

**TAURUS**  
 April 21-May 21

This week you may find it a challenge to balance your professional and personal lives. If you have to go on a business trip, be sure your responsibilities at home are taken care of. Take advantage of opportunities that arise.

**GEMINI**  
 May 22-June 21

However the week begins, just know that Wednesday will be your lucky day, so you have something good to look forward to. You may have to rethink your professional goals, which could prove very good for you and open some doors.

**CANCER**  
 June 22-July 22

Listen to your intuition this week. It may lead you in new and different directions, which may prove very valuable for you. Most of all, you'll feel revived and better about yourself. You need to set aside one day this week and take it easy.

**LEO**  
 July 23-August 23

Have you considered getting a pet? Maybe you should reconsider your thoughts on this subject throughout the week. Information may come from a very unexpected source. Depend on the moral support of relatives this week.

**VIRGO**  
 August 24-September 22

Your great organization is about to drive someone nuts at work, but that's only because he/she wants to be as organized as you. So don't let what he/she says get you down. Be confident about yourself, your ideas and your future.

**LIBRA**  
 September 23-October 23

Analyze all your options and use your intuition to help you through. You're diplomatic by nature; be sure you put that natural instinct to work in a tough situation this week. Take some time off with family this weekend and enjoy yourself.

**SCORPIO**  
 October 24-November 22

Don't get discouraged if it seems that your romantic plans are falling apart. They may still come together at the last minute or under an unlikely circumstance, and you don't necessarily have to celebrate Valentine's Day only on the 14th.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 November 23-December 21

Your Valentine's Day plans should come off without a hitch. And even if a problem comes up, you can solve it quickly and easily and get back to your special day. Whatever you do, don't let anyone bully you into working during the weekend.

**CAPRICORN**  
 December 22-January 20

Comforting colors of nature may help you deal with a sticky situation this week. Remember to be true to yourself, even when you are trying to please others. Listen to your heart, and you will find that your personal relationships will grow.

**AQUARIUS**  
 January 21-February 18

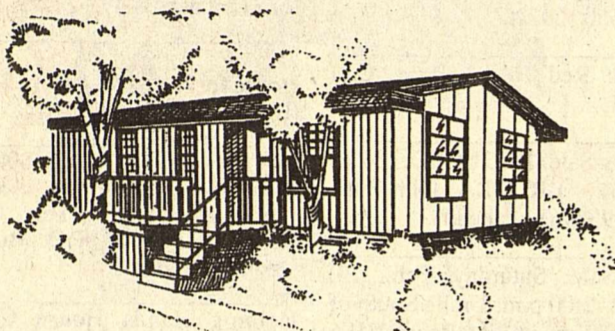
Romantic attractions could surface in an unlikely place...after all, it is Valentine's Day. Don't be shy! This could be the relationship you've been waiting for. Check your vehicle's maintenance schedule. Is it time for an appointment?

**PISCES**  
 February 19-March 20

Before you go any further this week, you will need to take steps to manage your time. So set your priorities and stick to that list. By Friday, projects at work will ease up, and you will have a good day to lead into a great weekend.

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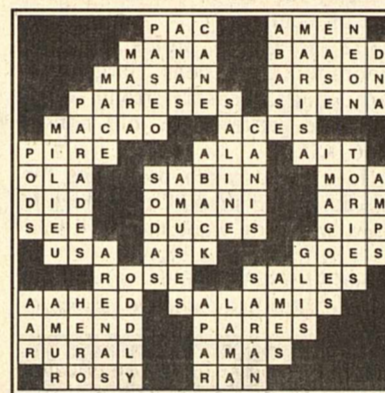


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Crossword Answers  
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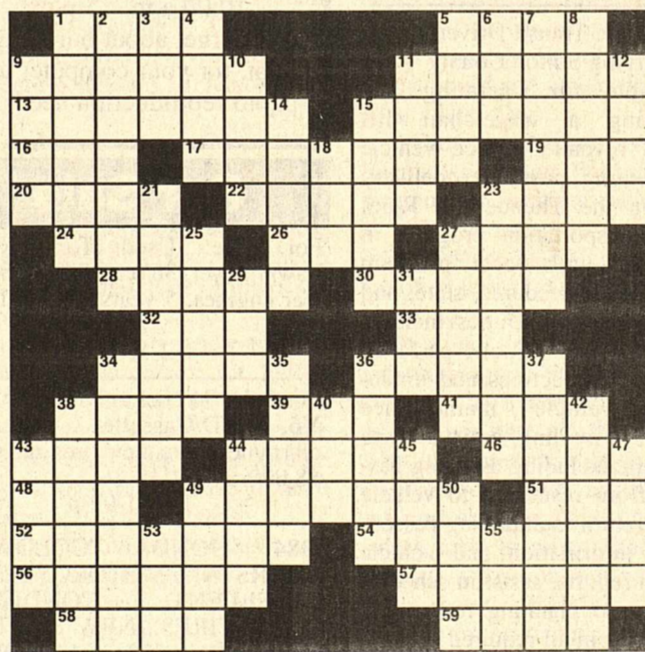
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**ACROSS**

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- Mated
- The "C" in CO<sub>2</sub>
- Took a trip on a boat
- Stimulates
- Price to get on a bus or trolley
- Container for storage
- Summer footwear
- Used to fry eggs in
- Six (Spanish)
- Thomas \_\_\_\_, American patriot
- Egyptian goddess
- Insect repellent
- I.M. \_\_\_\_, architect
- Soviet city
- Gulf of, in the Aegean
- Short-billed rails
- The common gull of Eurasia and north-eastern N. America
- Ancient Egyptian king
- Italian city
- Infections; aches
- Herb \_\_\_\_, San Francisco columnist
- The cry made by sheep
- Evergreen trees and shrubs having oily, one-seeded fruits
- Bert \_\_\_\_, Oz lion

**DOWN**

- Pertaining to or containing gold
- Mass of matter
- Actress \_\_\_\_, Thurman
- An eight-sided polygon
- France; shortened form
- Denunciations
- A spirited, graceful and intelligent riding horse native to Arabia
- Stirs; excites
- Conical parts
- Smallest bills
- Arthur \_\_\_\_, Wimbledon champion
- Noises made using the friction between two fingers
- Type genus of the Canidae
- "Live And Let \_\_"
- More disreputable
- In an angry way
- Made of wood
- W. Bolivian city
- To have something
- Word element meaning ear
- Pertaining to a particular large African desert
- Edges
- Goatlike antelope of central Eurasia having a stubby, proboscis-like nose
- Egotistical
- Wilson
- Macaws
- Expose to the circulation of air for purification
- Stunged instrument
- Scores on the serve
- Mine wagon
- Supernatural force
- Lyric poems
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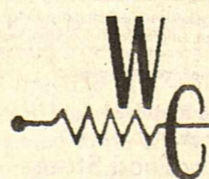
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Main, Sonora, Texas 76950, prior to March 8, 1999, at 2:00 p.m., at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. The City of Sonora reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Inquiries should be directed to Brent Gesch City Manager, (915)387-2588.</p>	<p><b>Eldorado</b></p> <p>For Sale: Local convenience store for sale or lease. Fuel system in compliance. Call 915-396-2030 daytime.</p> <p>91 Ford F-350 Crew Cab XLT Lariat, Automatic, 460 Motor, Long bed, \$5,900.00 (915) 853-3493 or 650-2922.</p> <p>94 Nissan Altima GXE, Standard Transmission, AC, AM/FM, Cassette, Cruise, Electric Windows and Door Locks. Good Condition. 60,000 Miles, \$7,600. (915) 853-3493 or 650-2922.</p> <p>For Sale: Red Heeler Pups. Call 853-1515.</p> <p>House for Sale. REDUCED 104 E. Warner St. 4 BR, 2 BA. John Pitts. 915/223-9531.(Local call).</p> <p>Garage Sale: Saturday, Feb., 13, 8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. 1 mile South of Hwy. 190 East on FM Ranch 2596 (McIntosh Road), Saddles, Riding Tack, Guns, Compound Bows, Fencing Supplies, Feed and Water Troughs, Tires, Refrigerator, Boat/Trolling Motor, Corrugated Tin, Satellite Dish, Clothes, and Miscellaneous Items. CANCELLED IF IT RAINS.</p>	<p><b>Ozona</b></p> <p>For Sale: Fox Terrier puppies. 6 weeks old, males - \$75. 915-392-4300.</p> <p>Circle Bar Restaurant needs cooks and waitresses. Apply with Lisa at 392-2637 or 392-3129.</p> <p>Help Wanted: Housekeeper. 17 miles from Ozona. All pavement. Hours and pay negotiable. 392-3194.</p> <p>For Sale: Rock Ranch 47 1/2 acres, 2 rock homes, horse barn, arena, located 190 in Crockett County. Call for more details 392-2477.</p> <p>House for sale: 108 Ave. L. \$37,000. (806)892-3485.</p> <p>Wanted to buy: 300 to 600 acres. Must have water and electricity. Preferably in Crockett County. 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