

# THE Devil's River NEWS

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## Play It Safe This 4th Of July!!!



### "Legends and Lies of Sutton County" Makes Its Debut



Submitted by: Sonora Main Street Program - Ann Kay  
The first Covered Wagon Dinner Theatre, featuring "The Legends and Lies of Sutton County", was held on Saturday, June 26, 1999 at the Cavern of Sonora.  
"Legends and Lies of Sutton County," written and directed by Brent Jenkins of San Angelo, Texas, incorporates a little truth and an abundance of fiction about the history of Sutton County. The setting is in the early 1900's in Sonora, Texas. For those folks that don't know, a melodrama requires audience participation... and that means you! The audience is invited to chastise the villain ("BOO! HISS!") and cheer the hero ("HOORAY! BRAVO!"). Popcorn is sold to throw or eat if you choose, with proceeds of the sale

going to the Covered Wagon Dinner Theatre. We invite you to join us for an evening of fun, entertainment, and a delicious meal prepared by Sutton County Steakhouse.  
Other fun activities for the crowd were water gun shoot-outs, water balloon toss, and a peacock dance contest. The water gun shoot out was a great hit for the 35 Boy Scouts visiting from Houston, Texas. The water balloon toss was a big splash for the moms and children and the best Peacock Dancer was Mr. LP Bloodworth, although Mr. Mickey Phillipps was a tough competitor. We would like to express our appreciation to all of the businesses that bought an ad in the program. These businesses are great to support the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater. We would also like

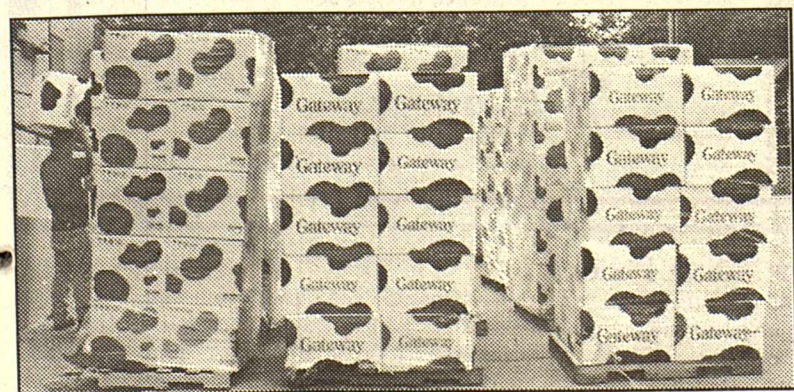
to thank Vallree of Vallree's Bright Spot for the gifts that were given as contest prizes, as well as the prize for "Farthest Traveled" which was given to a traveler from Freepport, TX. There were approximately 75 to 100 people at Saturday's show.  
The Sonora Caverns is the place to be on Saturday nights this summer.

The prices for the meal and show are as follows:  
Adult Meal & Show - \$15  
Child Meal & Show - \$10  
Adult Show Only - \$10  
Child Show Only - \$5  
This Saturday's menu is BBQ Brisket, Sausage, Chicken and all the trimmin's!

### SISD Technology News

Submitted by Donnie Weaver, Sonora ISD Technology Director  
The summer has been extremely busy so far, especially since we have such a short summer this year. We have been preparing all the districts computers for the upcoming school year. The high school has been networked and we have accomplished setting up the servers and computers for use on the network.  
Along with access to the network the students and teachers will now have access to the Internet. This will be an invaluable teaching and research tool. The Internets use will be regulated by Internet filtering software which will prevent students from gaining access to unauthorized web sites on the Internet.  
According to the SISD Technology Plan, IBM-compatible machines will be installed in grades 6-12. On Monday, 6/28, the middle school received 100 Gateway computers as part of a three-year lease agreement. The first year lease payment is being paid for primarily by refunds awarded the school district by the Universal Service Fund/E-Rate grant that gives the district discounts for telecommunications services. This year that discount rate

was 67 percent and amounted to approximately \$23,000.  
The specifications for these computers are as follows: Intel 433MHz Celeron Processor, 64MB SDRAM, 15" Color Monitor, 4MB AGP Graphics Accelerator, 4.3GB hard drive, 3.5" 1.44MB diskette drive, 40X CD-ROM drive, 16-bit Business Audio, Intel 10/100 Ethernet card, keyboard, mouse, and Microsoft Windows 98.  
Upon installation, all computers will be loaded with Microsoft Office 97 Professional Edition. These computers will be distributed throughout the Middle School building to the computer labs, library, office, and teachers.  
The middle school will not have access to the district network or the Internet at this time. The network cabling of that building is tentatively scheduled for January of 2000. It is anticipated that network and Internet access will be available in the Fall semester of 2000 for the middle school building.  
If you have any questions concerning technology in our schools, please feel free to contact me. Phone: 387-2545 or Email: dweaver@sonorax.net



100 Gateway computers were delivered to the Middle School this week.

### Steakhouse Makes The Finals At Expo

The Texas Restaurant Association recognizes outstanding Texas Restaurants and Food Service Establishments each year at the Annual Convention held in Dallas. This year, Sutton County Steakhouse was recognized as one of the finalists in the "Outstanding Menus for 1999". Their menu will be on display at the Dallas Convention Center inside the exhibit hall June 25-30. Mary Ross Buchholz drew the "Goat" sketch for the front and back cover. Linda Love designed the menu and all the recipes and Holcomb Blanton printed the menus. Linda felt that the goats are very representative of this West Texas area.

"I wanted to represent Sonora and West Texas in a way that is authentic and different from other parts of Texas," commented Linda. Mary's sketches were definitely a success with the Texas Restaurant Association in this year's contest. Mary's family are owners of the Days Inn - Devil's River, located right next door to the Sutton County Steakhouse

### City Council Minutes

The City Council of Sonora met in Regular Session at City Hall on June 15, 1999. Present were: Butch Campbell, Mayor Pro-Tem; James Blackman, Councilmember; Gloria Lopez, Councilmember; Beth Wallace, City Attorney; Brent Gesch, City Manager; Becky Covington, City Secretary. Others attending all or part of the meeting were Jim Garrett, Juanita Mesa, Sharon Tinsley, Justin McGeath, Tony Lane, Al Elliott, and Sue Moore.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Campbell. Brent Gesch, City Manager delivered the invocation, followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance."

A motion was made by Councilmember Blackman to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 15, 1999. Councilmember Lopez made a second to the motion and the following votes were cast: Ayes: All members shown present. Noes: None.

The Sutton County Appraisal District reported that the monthly tax collection report showed 92.5% of current taxes collected through May 1999.

Mr. Robert Luna requested division of Lot 91/2, Block W, in order to sell 44' to his neighbor and waive the survey and platting requirements. Also, Al Elliott, Attorney, questioned the intent of the ordinance and explained that the division of a platted lot should not warrant the same requirements as a new subdivision and requested the council to look into changing the requirement that would allow a more expeditious, less costly method. A motion was made by Councilmember Blackman to table the request until the proper procedure is followed, that being to apply to the city planning and zoning commission for a variance. Councilmember Lopez made a second to the motion and the following votes were cast: Ayes: All members shown present. Noes: None.

The Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Program and Merchants Association requested closure of Main Street on Saturday, July 10 from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. to conduct a "Short of the Border"

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### Boy Scouts Go Camping

Submitted by: Wesley Carpenter and Will Crittendon  
Boy Scout Camp-out  
On the morning of Saturday, May 22, 1999, the Boy Scouts of Troop 19 set out for an overnight camp-out. The boys attending were Tyler Talley, Roland Solis, David Luna, Liano Luna, Ty Love, Justin Odom, Shawn Odom, Steven Barthelemy, Justin Grey, Frank Gallegos, Warren Wallace, Wilson Wallace, John Healey, Norbert Ortiz, and Tom Valliant. Scoutmaster Lewis Allen was assisted by Johnny Solis, Carlos Gallegos, Tim Talley, and David Wallace.

The campers set out for David Wallace's ranch on Ross Road. Camp was set up and all of the boys had to build their own fire and cook their own lunch of tin-can casserole. While camping, the boys studied wildlife, native plants and trees. The boys also picked loads of algerita berries. They also ate lots of the berries, to the point of many tummys aches. Bernice Cowser has promised to make algerita jelly for the troop.

Summer Camp  
On Sunday, June 20, 1999 twenty-one Boy Scouts left Sonora in the pouring rain, ready to spend a week in a tent at Camp Sol Mayer. Campers were Joseph Ainsworth, Stevie Hernandez, Israel Mendoza, Norbert Ortiz, Zed Snodgrass, Tom Valliant, Wilson Wallace, Devon Yearout, David Adkins, Laramie Hall, David Luna, Tyler Talley, Toland Solis, Brandon Munn, Liano Luna, Ty Love Frank Gallegos, Warren Wallace, Embre Smith,

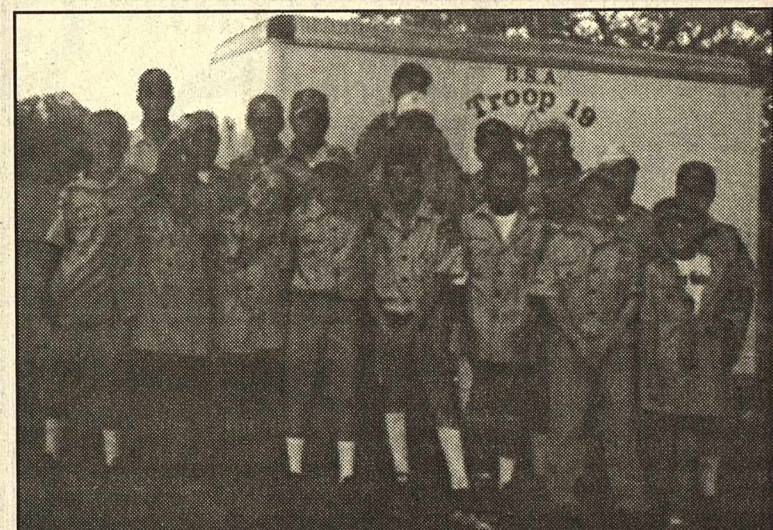
Wesley Carpenter and Will Crittendon.  
Troop 19 looked really sharp as they left Sonora, with the new Scout trailer, obtained and outfitted through the generosity of many locals. The trailer, which was to be a part of the sheriff's auction, was donated by Sheriff Bill Webster to Troop 19. Its new tires were sold, at cost, by Carl Teaff, and the beautiful Troop 19 signs were made and sold at cost by Ken Nelson. Outfitting the trailer on the inside with shelves and making it camping-ready were Tim Talley and David Love. Troop 19 thanks these people.

Unfortunately, by the time we arrived at our campsite at Camp Sol Mayer, in the rain, our beautiful trailer was covered in mud. So were all of the campers and parents transporting campers.

The first order of business was for all of the campers to take a swimming test. Since they were already wet, none of them minded that! However, they all were quite cold that day as they sat waiting at the pool for their turns, with blue lips!!

Tim Talley bravely volunteered to usher the twenty boys to the pool and it appeared he had made a wise choice! Scoutmaster Lewis Allen asked the parents who had driven to camp to help set up tents. The parents who were lucky enough to have this duty were Ronda and Callaway Hall, Sandi and John Ainsworth, Beth and David Wallace, Carol Evans, Carlos Gallegos, Johnny

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Local Boy Scouts enjoy a soggy week at Camp Sol Mayer

### Hospital Board Welcomes New Administrator



Dianne Ashcraft, formerly of Kerrville, joined the Hospital staff on June 14, 1999 as the new Administrator.

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District Board of Directors was held on Monday, June 14, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the hospital.

Dr. Johnson called the meeting to order. The Directors welcomed Dianne Ashcraft to the meeting.

A motion was made by Claire Richards, seconded by Paul Chevalier, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 10, 1999 as written. Motion carried.

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### Commissioner's Court

A request made to the County Commissioners to open up the 2nd floor of the old jail was denied at the regular meeting held on Monday, June 21, 1999. The Commissioners denied the request because the stairway is unsafe to the public.

County Judge, Carla Garner informed the court that the "looping" of the water system under the 4-H center was about to begin. Garner also informed the court that she had recently visited with City Manager, Brent Gesch and that he had requested that another joint meeting between the Commissioners and the City Council be held regarding shared interests.

A resolution regarding Sonora be added to the Texas Trails list was read and approved.

Sheriff Bill Webster informed the court that the freezer at the jail was in need of major repair for the third time in the last five years. The cost of the repairs would run anywhere from \$750 to \$1000. The cost to purchase a new freezer would be about \$2200 and would come with a warranty. Garner informed the court that there were places in the Sheriff's budget that could be rearranged to accommodate the purchase of the new freezer. It was approved to purchase a new freezer for the jail. It was also approved to advertise for bids to be taken on the extra cars parked behind the jail and for them all to be sold.

A special meeting was set to discuss the budget.

The court then went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters in the Road and Bridge Department.



# Sonora Church Directory

**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Rick Sanchez  
504 Santa Clara  
387-2035

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

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

**LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Corner of Hwy. 277 S. and Glasscock

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Taylor Norman, Interim  
404 E Oak  
387-2951

**PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED**  
Randy Greenwood  
Pastor  
509 Amistad  
387-5266

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Rev. Ted W. Harris  
404 E. Poplar  
387-2955

**ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I.  
229 W. Plum  
387-2278

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor  
201 N. Water  
387-2466

**JEHOVAH'S WITNESS**  
310 St. Ann's Street  
387-5658 or 387-5518

**JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS**  
St. Ann's Street  
387-3600

**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Don Sessom  
511 Cornell  
387-5215

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Rev. Charles Huffman  
417 E. 2nd St.  
387-5366

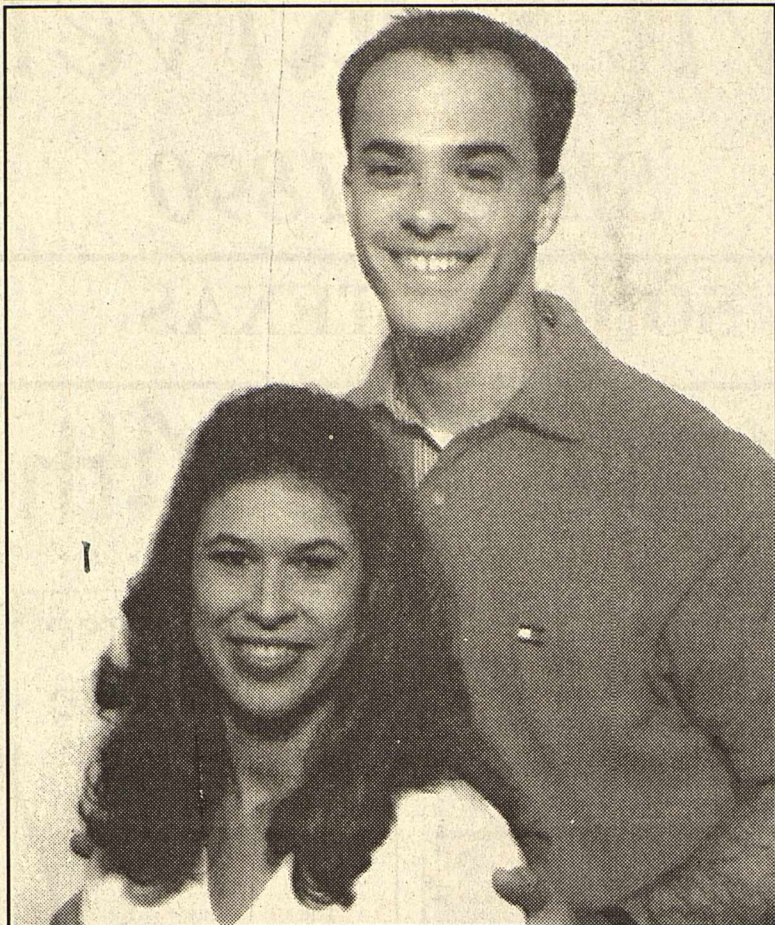
**COWBOY CHURCH**  
Monty Price  
Auction Barn  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

**NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER**  
Jerry & Joy Wood  
204 E. Main  
387-3241

**FORD**  
BRONCHO FORD INC.  
115 N CONCHO  
SONORA, TX 76950  
(915)387-2549

**Kerbow Funeral Home**  
387-2266

## Engagements



**Roberts - Richardson**

Stephanie Anne Roberts of Plano, daughter of Clint and Gwen Roberts of Allen, is engaged to Shaun Anthony Richardson of Plano, son of Terry and Linda Richardson of Plano.

The couple will wed July 24, 1999 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Plano.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Sonora High School and a 1997 graduate of Texas Tech University, where she received a degree in Elementary Education. She is a fourth grade teacher with the Wylie Independent School District.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1993 graduate of Plano Senior High School and a graduate of Texas Tech University where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing in 1997 and a Master's Degree in Management Information Systems in 1998. He is a Systems Analyst with Andersen Consulting.

The couple met their Freshman year in college.

Michelle Christine Lindemann of Ballinger and Harley Allen Belk, Jr. of Norton will exchange wedding vows on July 3, at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters.

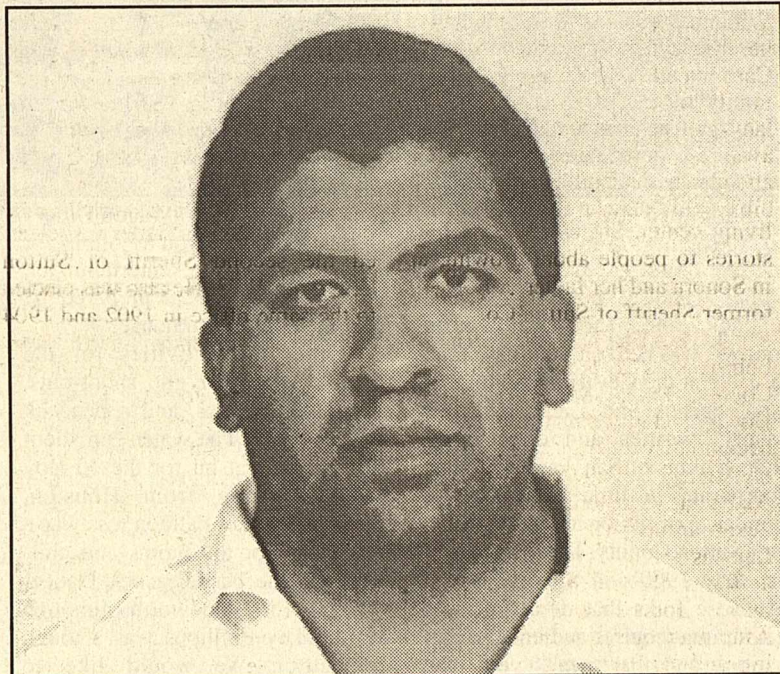
Michelle is the daughter of Mickell Lindemann of Ballinger and Howard and Susan Forse of Abilene. She is a 1994 graduate of Ballinger High School. She recently received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Finance from Angelo State University and is currently employed by Ballinger Home Health, Inc.

Harley is the son of Allen and Elsie Belk of Norton and the grandson of Armer and Barbara Earwood of Sonora. Harley is a 1990 graduate of Ballinger High School. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Computer Science from Angelo State University in 1994 and is currently employed at Mac Oil Field Company, Inc. in Winters.



**Lindemann-Belk**

## Who's Who



The State of Texas has now licensed Manuel Tobias. He graduated on May 6, 1999 from Howard College Nursing Program. Manuel is now a Licensed Vocational Nurse. Manuel is currently employed by Pool Company. He is the son of Eduardo & Anita Tobias of Eldorado, Texas. Manuel is married to Nelda Tobias. They have three children who are Magdalena, Candelario, & Maribel Cipriana.

## Obituary

### Leonard M. Caldwell

Leonard M. Caldwell, 93, died Thursday, June 17, 1999 in McAllen Heart Hospital, McAllen, Texas.

A private graveside memorial service was held on Sunday, June 20, 1999 at Valley Memorial Gardens in McAllen. Arrangements were by Skinner - Silva Funeral Home.

Leonard was born April 10, 1906 in San Angelo. He was a retired building contractor, a 32nd Degree Mason, a Methodist and an avid golfer. He resided at Alamo Country Club and made a "hole-in-one" in 1997 at age 91.

One June 3, 1967 he married Kathleen Blackstone. They enjoyed

fishing and gardening. Kathy preceded him in death on June 15, 1990.

Leonard lived in Sonora for many years before moving to the Valley in 1964.

Survivors include: one sister Mrs. Hazel McDaniel, residing in Crockett County Care Center in Ozona; two step-daughters and their husbands, Phyllis and Dean Billman and Janice and Harold Miller; a step-grandson and his wife, Bonnie and Scott Taylor; a step-great-granddaughter, Kimberly Taylor, all of McAllen; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

## Card of Thanks

A special thank you to everyone for all your love, help and support during Tina and Tyler's recent accident.  
Bud & Evelyn McGinnis and Family

## Senior Center News

- July 1 - Crafts Anyone?
- July 2 - Run errands & Pay Bills!
- July 4 - Happy B-Day America!
- July 5 - Center Closed for 4th of July Holiday. Sign-up for Holiday Meals!
- July 6 - CEAP Energy Assist. Program from San Angelo. 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. BINGO!
- July 7 - TRAX Van to San Angelo! Call 387-2509
- July 8 - Share your craft ideas with our Seniors every Thursday after lunch.

## Senior Center Menu

- July 1 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, spinach, garlic bread, fruit cocktail, pound cake.
- July 2 - Soft tacos with cheese, pinto beans, corn & sweet pepper, flour tortilla, lettuce, tomatoes, cubed cantaloupe, fresh fruit cup.
- July 5 - Center Closed for 4th of July Holiday!
- July 6 - BBQ Beef sandwich, baked French fries, baby carrots, bun, coleslaw, peaches with topping.
- July 7 - Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wheat bread, macaroni salad, cantaloupe cubes.
- July 8 - Beef tips with gravy, rice, tossed salad with tomato, banana pudding.

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

## 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 Ave  
387-5552
- Sutton County Steakhouse  
1306 N. Service Rd  
387-3833
- Town & Country Subway  
610 S. Crockett  
387-6181
- Town & Country - Country Kitchen  
903 N. Crockett Ave.  
387-2169

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## Community

- July 3  
Covered Wagon Dinner Theater  
Legends & Lies of Sutton County  
6:30 p.m.
- July 4  
Independence Day
- July 8  
Sutton Co. 4-H Playday  
6:00 p.m. at Sutton Co. Arena

The Community Calendar

**SUTTON COUNTY**  
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## Calendar

- July 9  
SHS Golf Cart Wash at the Golf Course  
3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- July 10  
SHS Golf Cart Wash at the Golf Course  
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- July 10  
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## Ask the Historical Society



J. L. Davis

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

A very special lady will be celebrating her 104th birthday on July 16th. She was born here in Sonora and I would ask that my readers take a minute from their busy days to send her a card. Her name is Ray Williams and her mail should be sent to her attention at Outlook Pointe Rm311, 3823 Lawndale Drive, Greensboro, NC 27455. Mrs. Williams has lived in Texas most of her life and only moved to North Carolina a few years ago to be with family there. She is a very sweet lady and despite her age has been awarded certificates for perfect attendance at church and started a bible study class at the independent living center. She is always telling stories to people about growing up in Sonora and her father, J. L. Davis former Sheriff of Sutton Co.

J. L. Davis was born on February 22, 1855 in Bastrop County, Texas. Martha Savannah Howton, the woman who would become his wife in 1877, was born on August 19, 1856 in Fayette Co., Alabama. Her family had come to Texas around 1867 and settled at Lampasas. J. L. Davis had served as a Texas Ranger for three years under Captains Dolan and Roberts. After marriage he settled into farming and ranching in the Lampasas area. They moved to Sonora in 1890.

J. L. and Martha Savannah had the following children: Lillie L. Davis (1878-1954) who married W. T. (Tom) Covington on Sept. 13, 1897; Hollie Davis (1882-1968) who married W. F. (Frank) McGonagill on January 22, 1904; Myrtle Viola Davis (1887-1959) who married Ben F. Meckel on July 17, 1909; Ruth Esther Davis (1893-1953) who married William Elzie Wallace on June 20, 1920; James

Rupert (Ruby) Davis (1889-1968) who married Helen Bessie Howard and another daughter, Ray Davis who was born on July 16, 1895.

In a telephone conversation with Ray Davis Clark Williams I learned that she was born in Sonora in a house on the hill just north of the old jail. The Devil's River News of July 20, 1895 has a little notice that says "Born on Tuesday, July 16, 1895, to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis, a girl." There is another little notice just below it stating that a girl was born on July 14th, 1895 to Mr. and Mrs. Glass Sharp. These were the only birth announcements in that paper.

In checking the records I found that Ray William's father was elected the second Sheriff of Sutton County in 1893. He also was elected to the same office in 1902 and 1904 and served as Deputy Sheriff many times in between these terms. It was quite common for the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff to live in the jail in those days. Usually the wife of the man cooked and sometimes cleaned the jail.

Ray Williams told me that her mother held kindergarten classes in the front room of the jail and that she remembers after that attending kindergarten classes in the back room of the Erwin Candy Store. I know from Joseph Vander Stucken that the Erwin sisters ran a millinery store that also had a large candy counter in it about halfway between Concho and Crockett Streets on Main Street. It seems many children from that time had fond memories of the Erwin girls and their candy counter but don't remember all the hats, gloves and neck and wrist cloths they sold.

Ray Williams remembered going to school in the downstairs of the Masonic Lodge that had been



Martha Savannah (Howton) Davis

moved over from Wentworth because there just wasn't enough room for all the children in the school next door. The upstairs was used for the Masonic Hall. Sometimes the men would stop in and make sure the children were being good for the teacher.

Ray Williams had fond memories of the good old days in Sonora. She told of the community Christmas tree that was put in the upstairs of the Courthouse in early days. It was a tree for all the children of the community at that time. Dancing and celebrations were held upstairs and that area was off limits to children just before Christmas. She remembers this well as she was caught sliding down the banister on the stairs of the Courthouse about that time. Her father, after a stern lecture, made her sit on the corner of his desk as punishment and she had to shake hands with every man that came into his office.

I had to smile when she told me this story. Can you picture a little girl sitting on the corner of her father's desk as men came in and out of his office. Of course they probably said something like "are you helping your Daddy today?" or "what a cute little helper you are". Knowing the honesty of little children I can just picture one saying "No." "I was bad and slid down the banister so I have to sit here and be good." I really think this was a pretty good punishment. Maybe her father was even a little proud that his baby girl had climbed up the stairs and slid down that big banister.

Ray Williams told me that "A young man was severely wounded in Sonora and they brought the man to the jail and her mother took care of him. Her mother notified the young man's mother of his injuries and invited her to stay with her no charge if she came to Sonora. The mother came and when, after many weeks, her son was well enough to travel they left Sonora but mother and she remained friends for life."

Ray spoke of several different people she knew in town but the one she really remembered the best during our conversation was Estelle McDonald. "Estelle had a beautiful singing voice and I played the piano to accompany her at many entertainments in town.

We will have more on the story of Ray Davis Clark Williams in next week's issue along with some pictures that I will have of her by then. Not a lot of people get to make it to 104. I really do hope that the people of Sonora, a town which she still has such loving memories of, will send her birthday greetings. A lot of things have changed in Sonora over the years but one thing that hasn't is the spirit of Sonora. It is still a loving and generous town that not only takes care of it's own but also helps many people in need that are passing through.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society" P.O. Box 885, Sonora, Texas 76950-0885, e-mail them to schs@sonoratrax.net or give me a call at 915-387-2855.

## Local Volunteer Inducted to Senior Hall Of Fame

Submitted  
Congratulations go to Miguel Villanueva, of Sonora, one of two volunteers who were inducted into the 1999 Concho Valley Senior Hall of Fame. This is the third year since the inception of the Hall of Fame, which is sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and the City of San Angelo Senior Services. Nominations are open to persons in the Concho Valley who are 55 years of age and older who have made a significant impact within their community through volunteer service.

Polly Smith, of San Angelo was the other inductee into the Hall of Fame.

Mr. Villanueva and Ms. Smith were honored this year at the twelfth annual Senior Spring Fling, held May 22 at the San Angelo Coliseum.

Villanueva received a cap & mug from the City of Sonora, a T-shirt from the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and KC for 2 from Sutton Co. Steakhouse! Thanks Mike, for all you do for our community!



Mike Villanueva and his wife Antonia

**Ol' Sonora Trading Co.**  
**Bridal Registry**  
Stephanie Smith bride elect of Platt Glasscock  
Candra Sessom bride elect of Tulley Welch  
Lora Hale bride elect of Jesse Burnham  
Michelle Torres bride elect of Jimmy Davis\*  
\*(Chili Pepper Dishes Now Available)  
121 N. Hwy 277 • 387-5507

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**Bridal Registry**  
Candra Sessom bride elect of Tulley Welch  
Stephanie Smith bride elect of Platt Glasscock  
210 E. Main  
387-5189

**Tedford Jewelry**  
**Bridal Gift Registry**  
Lora Hale bride elect of Jesse Burnham  
Candra Sessom bride elect of Tulley Welch  
Laura Lee Barlemann bride elect of Jack Isbell

**Westerman Drug**  
**Bridal Registry**  
Sheryl Robertson bride elect of Jamie Robinson  
Angela Dolan bride elect of Brandon Gryder  
Stephanie Smith bride elect of Platt Glasscock  
Michelle Torres bride elect of Jimmy Davis  
Lora Hale bride elect of Jesse Burnham  
Laura Lee Barlemann bride elect of Jack Isbell  
Candra Sessom bride elect of Tulley Welch  
Mrs. Rene Abrego nee Tabitha Sanchez  
101 NW Concho 387-2541

**4th of July**  
**Summer Clearance Sale**  
**20% - 60% Off on Select Items!**  
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387-5918

## Senior Center News

Submitted by Juanita Mesa

Father's Day found many Seniors wearing ties and looking very nice. Included in this handsome bunch were: Robert Duran, Pablo Favela, Vernon Humphreys, Jimmy Harris and Primo Gonzales.

Vivian Mears with the radio station was at the Center and interviewed some of the seniors, these interviews were played on the radio last week. The men were asked to write something they remembered about their father and how they grew up with them. Most of them remembered their father being very strict and hard workers. They always provided for their families. Life was very simple, but they enjoyed good times with their fathers and they would never say bad words, smoke or drink in front of them.

All Senior Fathers enjoyed ice cream and received a Father's Day card. Senior Father's are: Jim Brisbin, George Brockman, Lupe Chavez, Birl Dillard, Lazaro Dominguez, Robert Duran, Jose

Espinosa, Pablo Favela, Oscar Galindo, Jacinto Garza, Primitivo Gonzales, Sr., Jack Hearn, Charles Howard, Horace Humphreys, Jack Kerbow, Sam Perez, Rudolfo Ramos, Johnny Ringgold, John Tedford, Arturo Trevino, Gus Eustace, Baldamar Reina, Darrel Curtis, Joe Longoria, Santos Hernandez, Jimmy Harris, Jesus Favila, Eddie Smith, and Phillip Cooper. We must not forget our Seniors who are homebound: Sebero Galvan, Telsforo Gonzales, Glen Krieg, Antonio Lira, Narciso Lira, Sr., Si Loeffler, Jesus Noriega, Aniceto Ramos, Lionel Samaniego, Alfredo Sanchez, Jesus Carbojal, Jesus De Hoyos, Bernardo Solis, Sr., Alex Noriega, and Gilberto Lumbreas. Those winning a door prize were: Primo Gonzales, Pablo Favela, Jimmy Garris, Gus Eustace, Lupe Chavez and Beto Duran!

Thanks to: Victor's Auto & Truck Parts, Creek Swabbing & Roustabout Service, Sam Perez, Marie Aldwell and the staff at the Senior Center for donations.

It's a simple fact of life. The older you get, the more likely you are to get breast cancer. That's why breast cancer check-ups are especially important for any woman 50 or older. Get a breast cancer check-up even if you don't seem to have any problems. When cancer starts, you don't know you have it. A breast cancer check-up can find cancer early and save your life. Call 387-2234, find out more about free cancer check-ups and free Pap tests too. It's a free call.

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music. Plus, you'll meet lots  
of new friends!

**Date: July 12 - 16**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

(Registration for those not  
pre-registered 8:30 a.m. - July 12)

**Location: First United Methodist Church**

(Corner of Oak & Water)

**Ages: 3 1/2\* - 6th grade in the fall**

(\* Must be 4 by December 31, 1999)

Treasure Hunt Vacation Bible School is sponsored by the  
Episcopal, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches.

**Sonora City League All Stars Compete  
in First Tournaments**

Submitted  
The Sonora City League All  
Stars competed in several tour-  
naments in the last week.  
Results are as follows:  
**10 Year Old All Stars  
Junction Tournament**

Tuesday, June 22 - 6:00 p.m.  
Sonora vs. Mason - Sonora 4-2  
Saturday, June 26 - 9:00 a.m.  
Sonora vs. Junction - Sonora  
Saturday, June 26 - 5:00 p.m.  
Sonora vs. Mason - Mason 4-0  
Saturday, June 26 - 9:00 p.m.  
Sonora vs. Mason - Mason 5-3

The boys placed 2nd in the  
tournament. Shane Love, Lito  
Trevino and Eric Welch received  
All Tournament honors. The  
team also received a team trophy  
for Best Sportsmanship during  
the tournament.

The parents of these boys  
would like to say how proud  
they are of the boys and the  
coaches. It was a very long and  
hot day on Saturday, and the  
team did great. A thank you also  
goes to the parents of these boys  
for their behavior. Although  
everyone might not have agreed

with all the calls in the games,  
that's Baseball!!

**Minor League All Stars  
Mason Tournament**

The team received 4th place  
and played really well together.

Thursday, June 24 -  
Sonora vs. Mason -  
Sonora 11 - 4  
Thursday, June 24, -  
Sonora vs. Eldorado  
Eldorado 14 - 8  
Saturday, June 26 -  
Sonora vs. Bangs  
Sonora 7 - 6  
(in a close one)  
Saturday, June 26 -  
Sonora vs. Mason  
Mason 8 - 6

The boys are now competing  
in the Brady Tournament.

**11 & 12 year old All Stars**

**Ozona Tournament**

The team received 3rd place  
and they all played very well  
against some very good teams.

1st game  
Sonora vs. Iraan  
Sonora wins in the 7th inning 4 -  
3  
2nd game  
Sonora vs. McCamey  
McCamey 12 - 3  
3rd game  
Sonora vs. Iraan  
Iraan takes a hard fought battle 4  
- 2 in the 8th inning.

The 11 & 12 year olds will  
play Ballinger in Sonora at 6:00  
p.m. on Thurs., July 7, 1999.  
Please come out and support  
these guys as they start their long  
road towards the Little League  
World Series!



**The 10 Year Old All Stars won Best Sportsmanship in the  
Junction Tournament**

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families agree to room and board  
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**Dairy Queen Helping  
Children**



Local Dairy Queen employees worked extra hard to do  
their share in the recent promotion held to raise money  
that was sent to the Santa Rosa Children's Hospital in San  
Antonio. A contest was held among the employees to see  
who could sell the most Nolan Ryan Baseballs and winners  
were as follows: 1st - Alma Brazee; 2nd - Cara Mayfield  
(not pictured); 3rd - Brenda Moore; 4th - (a 3 way tie)  
Anita Duran, Jamie Teasley (not pictured) and Cheri  
Covey (not pictured)

**Happy Birthday**

- |                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| July 1<br>Javier Gayton     | Shawn Vigil              |
| July 2<br>Santiago Gonzales | July 4<br>Lee Agüero     |
| David Benson                | Alfredo Coronado         |
| John Creek                  | July 5<br>Keanu Gamez    |
| Ben Garcia                  | Jerry Johnson            |
| Mary Beth Morgan            | July 6<br>Stanley Adams  |
| Daniel Quade Nicar          | Sarah Ball               |
| Eddie Smith                 | Christine Sanchez        |
| July 3<br>Cindy Chavez      | July 7<br>Maria Carrasco |
| Serena Duran                | Lesa Gamez               |
| Eva Esquivel                | Selina Martinez          |
| Jamel Gully                 |                          |
| Harvey Santana              |                          |
| Scott Vigil                 |                          |

**F.Y.I.**

**SHS Cheerleader Fundraiser**  
Cart Wash at the Sonora Golf  
Course. Fri. July 9 from 3:00  
p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sat. July  
10 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Good wash - \$5.00, Deluxe  
wash - \$10.00.

**The next Sutton County 4-H  
Playday** will be held on July 8,  
1999 at the Sutton County  
Arena. Sign up is at 6:00 p.m.  
and the first event will start at  
6:30 p.m.

**A representative of the San  
Angelo Social Security  
Office** will be in Sonora from  
9:30 - 10:30 on July 27, Aug.  
31, and Sept. 28. However,  
you do not need to wait until  
the representative's visit to  
handle Social Security matters.  
Your Social Security business  
can be handled just as quickly  
by telephone. Call toll free by  
dialing 1-800-772-1213 Mon. -  
Fri. 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**The Legend and Lies of  
Sutton County** - Come see  
the Melodrama at the Sonora  
Caverns running for 7  
Saturdays at the Sonora  
Caverns. Time - 6:30 for meal  
and 7:15 for show. Cost for  
meal & show is \$15 for adults  
and \$10 for kids 8 yrs. and  
under, show only is adults \$10  
and kids \$5. Games and fun  
for everyone - prizes will be  
given every night.

**Fiesta & Market Days "Short  
of the Border"** - Second  
Saturday - July 10 - Downtown  
Sonora. Antiques, arts & crafts,  
food, music and more!

**Angelo Civic Theatre pre-  
sents our Teen Workshop  
Summer Musical!** Tap danc-  
ing, toe tapping, comedy fun!  
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George & Ira Gershwin. City  
Boy meets Small Town Girl in  
this sweetheart of a show. July  
15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24 at 8 p.m.  
Sunday Matinee, July 25 at 2  
p.m. Call 949-4400, reserved  
seating & tickets sold at the  
door. Box office opens Wed.  
July 7, Mon. - Sat. Noon - 5:30  
p.m. Tickets: \$8 adult, \$7  
Seniors, students & military, \$6  
children 12 & under.

**AAU Baseball will hold a  
national tournament** for High  
School Teams in Brenham,  
Texas, July 16th thru the 25th.  
Teams from Arizona, Utah,  
Kansas, Virginia and Texas  
have already entered to play.  
All team members must attend  
the same High School. For  
more info. contact Frank  
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However, customers may  
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various Texas Amusement  
Parks by submitting a direct  
application order with pay-  
ment. Applications are avail-  
able at the Bank & Trust. Allow  
3-4 weeks for ticket delivery.

**The First Baptist Church** has  
changed the Sunday evening  
worship service from 7:00 p.m.  
to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday ser-  
vices remain at 7:00 p.m.

**The Sonora Municipal Pool**  
is booking pool parties. All par-  
ties will be booked at the pool!  
The number is 387-5377.

**The Lillian Hudspeth  
Nursing Home & Hospital  
Auxiliary** meets every 2nd  
Monday of the month at the  
Sutton County Steakhouse.  
Meetings are at noon.  
Everyone is welcome!

**Tony Evans with the  
Urban Alternative** can be  
heard Mon. - Fri. at 7:08  
p.m. on KHOS - 92.1 &  
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Lighthouse Baptist Church  
and other anonymous spon-  
sors.

**SUTTON COUNTY STEAKHOUSE  
JULY EARLY BIRD SPECIALS!**

5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

- #1 **Sonora Chicken** - A boneless breast of chicken, marinated  
and battered, fried and served with a side of honey mustard.  
Side of steamed veggies - \$4.25
- #2 **Roast Beef Croissant** - Thinly sliced Roast Beef, sliced  
tomatoes, lettuce & mayonnaise on a large croissant. Choice of French  
fries or pasta salad - \$4.25
- #3 **Pollo De Monterey** - Tender boneless breast of chicken,  
grilled- topped with grilled onions & Jack cheese, garden salad &  
warm flour tortilla - \$4.75
- #4 **Cobb Salad** - Chicken breast with crumbled bacon, 2  
cheeses, hard boiled eggs, ripe tomatoes, black olives on top of cold  
salad greens - your choice of dressing - \$4.50

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## Words Left Unspoken

by Ashley Brockman

Why is it that we don't appreciate God's gifts of life until they are gone? Too often we find ourselves wondering why we never told someone exactly how we felt. I find it sad that it takes death to make us realize how precious life is and how little time we have. We seem to get so caught up in our own lives that we don't have time for those who mean the most to us. We simply assume they know how we feel about them. Over the course of the past year and a half, there have been many deaths which have had a great effect on me, and our community. Living in a small town, we are all close and everyone shares some sort of connection. That makes it even more difficult when someone passes away. During the recent death of Wayne Legan, I know that I have

thought more about the people around me and exactly what they mean.

Have you taken the time to evaluate the situations around yourself? Don't overlook those closest to you. Tell them everyday just how special they are. If you and someone close to you happen to argue, don't leave until it is resolved. How would you feel if that was the last conversation you ever shared? Not a good thought. We never understand the importance of what we have until it's gone. Don't take advantage of those close to you, love them and call on them in times of need. It is those closest to you who are your salvation when times are tough and you feel alone. It is said so well in the song by Garth Brooks "If Tomorrow Never Comes." Do tell all your loved ones what you're

thinking because there is always the chance that tomorrow will not come. "Try in every way to show them everyday" how much they mean to you in your life. Don't live everyday like tomorrow is just around the corner; live as if there were no tomorrow.

I have heard so many people say, "If only I could have told him or her how I felt; they never truly knew." I myself am guilty of that too. Don't let that be you, don't find yourself in that situation. Remember that "God works in mysterious ways." Everything happens for a reason. Sometimes the best lessons in life are the toughest in learning. Don't be faced with the extra pain of not knowing if someone knows how you feel. Tell your family and friends how you feel everyday and live life to the fullest.

## Globetrotters Go To Europe



Katrina Hernandez, Linda Hernandez, Koda Armke, Pamela Armke, Andi Allen, Chance Armke, Myka Allen, Ernie Perez, Marla Allen, Jessica Bruns, Heather Lawson and Amy Gann visited the London Dungeons while on their European Vacation.

by Andi Allen

On June 6, 13 local adventure-seekers set off for the vacation of a lifetime. We spent 17 days in Europe, and experienced a sample of the culture (and cuisine!) of England, France, Spain and Portugal.

Myka Allen and sister Marla Allen, a Brownwood resident, led the group. Other adult sponsors included JoAnn Hernandez, Betty Hernandez and Pamela Armke. Student travelers were Chance and Koda Armke, Jessica Bruns, Linda Hernandez, Heather Lawson, Katrina Hernandez, Ernie Perez, Amy Gann, and myself, Andi Allen.

Our journey began in London. It took a conscious effort from all of us to fight off jet lag during the bus tour of the city, but our stop in Picadilly Circus did perk us up. That region of London gets the name circus from the circular city design, but linking it to a zoo-like attraction is not entirely inaccurate.

The next day we toured St. Paul's Cathedral, the second largest cathedral in the world. We also witnessed the Changing of the Guard in front of Buckingham Palace. That evening, while waiting outside of Planet Hollywood before supper, we got word that the band N' Sync was a few blocks away. We girls needed only a few moments to simultaneously decide to make a mad dash down the street. Our efforts were rewarded by a glimpse of Justin, an N' Sync member, stepping into a van to escape the acclamations of the screaming mob around him.

The following day, most of the group decided to go to the London Dungeons, a spooky showcase of medieval tortures and scares. The afternoon was spent at one of the

most famous hot spots in London - Harrod's department store.

We traveled to Canterbury the following day and toured its famous cathedral. We then went to Dover to catch a ferry that more closely resembled a cruise ship than the wooden raft I had envisioned.

"Where's Leonardo?" Marla asked after we had stepped on board.

We headed straight for the ship's food court, and over McChicken sandwiches and fries, we watched the beautiful white cliffs grow smaller and smaller as we set out across the English Channel toward France.

Upon arrival in the City of Light, we ate supper in the hotel and went to bed.

The next day we were afforded a wonderful bus tour of Paris.

"This is amazing," Pamela Armke said as we gazed in awe at century-old buildings and historic monuments. "Every high school student should be required to do this."

We had a short tour of Notre Dame, then ate lunch in Versailles followed by a tour of Louis XIV's opulent palace.

Later that afternoon was spent marveling at the Eiffel Tower, and on a boat ride that took us down the River Seine.

The next morning we went to the Louvre and regarded such works as the Mona Lisa, Venus de Milo and the Winged Victory. During the afternoon we shopped.

That evening, an overnight train took us to Madrid, Spain. Upon arrival in Madrid, we went to the Prado, the Plaza del Sol, the Plaza Mayor, the Royal Palace, and

discovered how much we really learned in Spanish class.

The next day was spent sightseeing and shopping. That evening we went to the "tuna," a restaurant where we were serenaded by a mariachi band and served "tapas" which are Spanish appetizer.

The following day we journeyed to Seville. On the way we saw Don Quixote's windmills and toured the exquisite mosque of Cordoba.

We were able to see both the palace and cathedral of Seville. In the cathedral we climbed 36 ramps to get to the top of the tower. The magnificent view of the city was worth the exertion.

We spent yet another afternoon shopping, which was highlighted by a trip to McDonalds. That evening we were treated to a flamenco dance performance.

The following day we went to Granada to tour the Alhambra. The next stop was Torremolinos, a resort town on the Costa del Sol. The following two days were spent soaking up rays and splashing in the waves of the Mediterranean Sea. We also found time for shopping, naturally, and for sharing our vocal styling with the patrons of a Karachi bar.

We next journeyed to Portugal. After a short stop in the city of Elvas, whose scorching heat brought back memories of Texas, we went on to Lisbon.

The next morning a few of us took a bus tour of the city while others opted to rest. The afternoon was spent, you guessed it, shopping in the first real mall we had seen in Europe.

The next day we awoke very early and prepared for departure back to the States.

Even though this trip is now over, for those of us who went, it was more than just touring and shopping. We all learned valuable lessons about ourselves and our country.

"It made me realize how spoiled we Americans are," Quatrain Hernandez said. "We have so much more (than most Europeans) and it doesn't even faze us that not everyone is as lucky as we are."

Many of those who went on the trip are ready to go back.

"It would be nice to stay and maybe do some college studies in Europe," Ernie Perez said.

Katrina Hernandez agrees. "If there's ever another chance to go back, I'll be the first one to sign up!" she said.

Chance Armke took a more practical approach.

"Next time I'm going to pack food instead of clothes," he said.

## Boy Scouts from page 1

Solis, as well as Eagle Scouts, Stetson Hall and Cody Ainsworth. Setting up 15 tents in the pouring rain was not an easy task!! Everyone slipped and slid in the mud and spent several hours wrestling the big Scout tents, but at least they were up to provide shelter from the rain for the campers. The best part for the helpers was knowing that they were going home to sleep in dry beds!

The brave adults who spent the week at camp are Lewis Allen, Tim Talley and Carlos Gallegos. Other parents attending for part of the time were Johnny Solis, Mark Mabry, Jack Smith and David Wallace. The boys were always happy to have visitors, especially when they brought trash bags to use for rain ponchos, homemade cookies and ice-cold watermelon.

During the week, it continued to rain until Tuesday.

The boys spent lots of time covered in mud, but it didn't stop the fun. The boys were able to attend merit badge classes in swimming lifesaving, motorboating, fishing, environmental science, golf, citizenship, canoeing, first aid, pioneering, wilderness survival, wood carving and many others. The boys also spent time learning camping skills, such as orienteering and lashing. Spare time was spent fishing. Be sure to ask Lewis Allen about catching six fish on one worm!!

Some of the boys were also able to work on the "dumpster digging" merit badge, as they searched through bags and bags of trash for a lost retainer!!

On Friday night, many parents arrived for the camp awards ceremony. Troop 19 was proud of Tyler Talley who won a 1st prize ribbon in the swimming carnival and Zed Snodgrass and Wilson Wallace, who

won 2nd place in the canoe race. Also, Lewis Allen and Carlos Gallegos completed the swim class for leaders.

Following the awards, a special ceremony was conducted in which the candidates for Order of the Arrow were presented. Order of the Arrow is Scouting's national honor society. It recognizes those who best exemplify the Scout oath and law in their daily lives, maintain camping traditions and spirit and promote service to others.

To be eligible, a boy must meet many requirements and then be elected by the troop. The boys receiving this honor were: Joseph Ainsworth, Stevie Hernandez, Israel Mendoza, Justin Odom, Zed Snodgrass, Tom Valliant, and Wilson Wallace.

# Celebrating Freedom

As we look about the world and see nations and people in crisis, we are reminded of the great freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

May you and your family enjoy a safe and happy Fourth of July as, together, we celebrate the birthday of the greatest nation on Earth.

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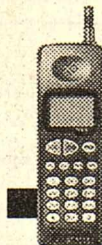
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## FIESTA & MARKET DAYS

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The Aztec is used for top seeding in the 1999 weather enhancement program of the West Texas Weather Modification Association. Flight activity and radar images can be viewed at <http://www.wcc.net/~wtwma/>. Flight logs are available at the Sutton County Underground Water District Office, 301 S. Crockett Ave., Sonora.

## "Laugh & Learn" At Child Care Conference

by Sandy Kunkel  
 Child Care providers from Medina, Bandera, Blanco, Kendall, Kerr, Sutton and surrounding areas will have the opportunity to participate in an upcoming Child Care Providers Conference to be held in Kerrville on Saturday, July 24, 1999. Registration will start at 8:00 a.m. with the opening session beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the YO Holiday Inn in Kerrville.  
 An exceptional conference is planned. The entire conference will be conducted by Dr. Allen Mallory. Dr. Mallory is a popular and nationally known speaker in the child care field. Dr. Mallory's Topics will be Laugh and Learn, The Special Connection Between Discipline, Self-Concept and Intellectual Development, and Our Special Responsibility to Maintain Professional Standards in a Stressful Work Place.  
 Dr. Mallory's comedy club sellouts, keynote speeches, and ABC, NBC and CBS appearances have endeared him to audiences and he has become perhaps the most in-demand speaker on child care in the country... unquestionably the most enjoyed. In addition, his string of sellout performances has

become the talk of the comedy club industry.  
 Dr. Mallory's unique ability to inject humor into serious topics is unmatched. He has 24 years of experience in all areas of child care, as an aide, teacher, director, owner, Head Start director, author, and professor.  
 The registration fee for the Child Care Conference will be \$25.00 if postmarked on or before July 16, 1999 and \$30.00 if postmarked on or after July 17, 1999. Cost will cover certificate of training, continental breakfast, lunch and refreshment break. For further information, please call the Sutton County Extension Office @ 387-3604.  
 Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap, or national origin. If you require auxiliary aids, services or other accommodation for this meeting due to a disability, please contact the Kerr County Extension office at (830) 257-6568 at least seven business days before the conference.

**Congratulations to the Lillian Hudspeth Nursing Home Staff for being "deficiency free" at their yearly survey.**

## City Council from page 1

Fiesta. The request was granted last month, however, the plans were changed and the event did not take place. A motion was made by Councilmember Lopez to approve the closure of a portion of Main Street from Concho Street to Water Street for the above requested period. Councilmember Blackman made a second to the motion and the following votes were cast: Ayes: All members show present. Noes: None.  
 A request from Williams Communication, Inc. for directional boring for placement of fiber optics cable system under city streets (inside the city limits) inside Interstate 10 (I-10) right-of-way was tabled from last month due to several additional items that needed to be included in the agreement. Due to no response from Williams Communication, a motion was made by Councilmember Blackman to table the item, until the information is received. Councilmember Lopez made a second to the motion and the following votes were cast: Ayes: All members shown present. Noes: None.

Beth Wallace, City Attorney, reported on the Classic Cable procedure for filing complaints and recommended the form be made available to the citizens and then present the service complaints to the City Council for action. Also, she reported that the following areas of non-compliance needed to be addressed; (1) no published toll free number of local office, and (2) they have not provided their procedure for reporting and resolving complaints. A motion was made by Councilmember Blackman to make the complaint forms available to the public with an attached letter explaining specifics and to turn the forms back into city council by the August meeting for the council to take formal action. Councilmember Lopez made a second to the motion and the following votes were cast: Ayes: All members shown present. Noes: None.

Beth Wallace reported on the following: (1) Trial scheduled next week (2) Public records request (3) Nuisance letters (4) Research on credit card procedure (5) Demolition procedures, and (6) Open meeting law changes and the courts' interpretation of law.  
 Sue Moore, Public Housing Director, reported twelve families housed and twenty-seven on the waiting list and busy conducting

interviews and receiving documentation.  
 Jim Garrett, Public Works, reported on the following (1) Nuisance abatement (2) Mowing (3) Curb and gutter project on Concho Street, (4) Hand cleaning curbs, (5) Installing Type III barricades at the dead end streets. Jim reported on the pre-construction meeting for the water looping and sewer line extension on Concho Ave. and the replacement of sewer line on Draw Street. Construction should start on June 28 or July 5 and should be completed in 170 days. The council questioned the use of the street sweeper and if he was receiving any drainage complaints from Deerwood Street.

Chris Croy, Chief of Police, reported on the following: (1) Labor Day weekend (2) Open Records Request (3) Traffic accident on Interstate (4) District Court (5) Trash complaints and (6) Animal Control complaints.

Tony Lane, Airport Manager, reported keeping the grass and weeds down and working on the lights at the end of the runway.  
 Juanita Mesa, Senior Center Director, reported the following (1) 653 van trips for May, (2) 1837 meals served in May (3) Father's Day program, (4) Texas Workforce Commission Summer Work Program, (5) Van trip to San Angelo, and (6) Contractor's meeting on Friday.

Becky Covington, City Secretary, reported on the following: (1) Budget packets, (2) Swimming Pool inspection (3) Tax Appraisal Valuation, (4) Industrial Development Corporation Meeting, (5) Customer count and (6) Completion of the sale of the City Manager House.

Brent Gesch, City Manager, reported on the following: (1) Budget packets, (2) Joint Meeting with County, (3) Quarterly Trash Pickup, (4) GTE Extended Area Service, (5) Proper Action on Cleanup of Hazardous Conditions, (6) Mowing contract, and (7) City Historian.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilmember Blackman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, Mayor Pro Tem Campbell closed the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

## From The Superintendent's Desk



Bill Harlan - Superintendent

The educational accountability system for the State of Texas consists of a complex and constantly changing process. Accountability standards have been raised annually and it is possible for an individual campus to drop from "Exemplary" to "Acceptable" in one year. An analysis of the 1999 Accountability Rating for the Sonora ISD shown below for your review. You will notice that although Sonora ISD is rate "Acceptable" by the Texas Education Agency, our district missed being "Recognized" by two tenths of a point in one subgroup. In some cases, the scores of just one or two students would have made the difference in our district's being rated "Recognized" rather than "Acceptable".  
 Over the past two years of my tenure in Sonora, our teachers and administrators under the orchestration of our school board

have worked diligently to improve not only our accountability rating but our entire instructional program as well. All administrators and teachers analyze test data for every student on his/her campus and develop plans to help each student achieve success. Our students have made significant strides in achievement over the past two years and the district is planning for and expecting greater student achievement in the coming years. We have made notable progress in the Sonora ISD and our goal is to be rated as an "Exemplary" school district.

We appreciate your interest in our district and its instructional program. Our entire staff is committed to providing the very best education possible for our students and we appreciate the opportunity to serve the students, parents, and community of the Sonora Independent School District.

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### 1999 ACCOUNTABILITY DATA TABLE - PART II

Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) Results  
for All Students Enrolled in District  
as of October 30, 1998

DISTRICT: 218-901 SONORA ISD REPORT DATE: JUNE 1999  
DATE OF TESTING: SPRING 1999

ANALYSIS GROUP	SPRING 1999 GRADES 3-8 & 10					SPRING 1998 GRADES 3-8 & 10				IMPROVEMENT TO 50% STANDARD	
	Number Passing	Number Taking	Credit For EOC*	Student Group Percent	Percent Passing	Number Passing	Number Taking	Student Group Percent	Percent Passing	Actual Change	Required Improvement
<b>Reading</b>											
All Students	370	420	0	100.0%	88.1%	372	457	100.0%	81.4%	+ 6.7	0.0
African American	---	1	---	0.2%	---	---	2	0.4%	---	---	---
Hispanic	199	262	0	57.6%	82.2%	190	258	56.5%	75.6%	+ 8.6	0.0
White	170	177	0	42.1%	96.0%	180	197	43.1%	91.4%	+ 4.6	0.0
Economically Disadvantaged	127	160	0	38.1%	79.4%	93	134	29.3%	69.4%	+ 10.0	0.0
<b>Mathematics</b>											
All Students	393	433	0	100.0%	90.8%	371	469	100.0%	79.1%	+ 11.7	0.0
African American	---	1	---	0.2%	---	---	2	0.4%	---	---	---
Hispanic	224	253	0	58.4%	88.5%	189	264	56.3%	71.6%	+ 16.9	0.0
White	168	179	0	41.3%	93.9%	180	203	43.3%	88.7%	+ 5.2	0.0
Economically Disadvantaged	155	170	0	39.3%	91.2%	94	139	29.6%	67.6%	+ 23.6	0.0
<b>Writing</b>											
All Students	159	180	0	100.0%	88.3%	179	210	100.0%	85.2%	+ 3.1	0.0
African American	---	0	---	0.0%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Hispanic	84	103	0	57.2%	81.6%	91	113	53.8%	80.5%	+ 1.1	0.0
White	75	77	0	42.8%	97.4%	87	96	45.7%	90.6%	+ 6.8	0.0
Economically Disadvantaged	44	55	0	30.6%	80.0%	39	49	23.3%	79.6%	+ 0.4	0.0

\* The number of students who met the testing requirement for graduation by passing end-of-course examinations and did not take any exit level TAAS test in spring 1999.



## Celebrate Freedom



This July fourth we will commemorate the 223rd birthday of our great nation. The Fourth of July is a day of celebration. It is a red-white-and-blue day of barbecues and fireworks. It is also a day of family reunions and loving tributes to the men and women who have created and defended our liberties.

On this July Fourth, as we stand on Main Street USA and watch the parades pass by, reflect on the hard earned freedom we cherish. Celebrate the Fourth of July not only as a family holiday but a community holiday. This day commemorates the American family and our bonding as a free nation.

In towns dotted all over Texas people know what it means to be free. We celebrate the fact that we live in strong and united communities. We recognize how blessed we are to enjoy unparalleled freedom - freedom that has been earned and protected at a high price.

Let us not forget to give thanks on this day. On July 4, 1776, our founding fathers set up the greatest nation on the face of the planet. They knew that a truly free nation would not be defined in terms of its borders, but in its philosophy. For 223 years courageous Americans have risked their lives to adopt and maintain the true meaning of the Declaration of Independence:

...that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness...

As you celebrate this day, draw close to your neighbors and like one grateful family remember the sacrifices of the men and women throughout history who gave their lives for the freedom we enjoy and celebrate.

Pass the brisket, slice a watermelon and draw your hand close to your heart when you see the banner of red, white and blue. I hope you and your family truly enjoy the birthday of our nation. Have a safe weekend and to all of my fellow Americans, Happy Fourth of July!

## ABGA/JABGA National Show Results (Local)

**American Boer Goat Association's National Show**  
June 11, 1999  
Judges: J. J. (Jackie) Jordaan  
Lukas M. Burger  
Frank Craddock

**Class: 2 (Percentage Does 3 to 6 months) 29 in class**  
1st. W. E. Whitehead ROJO's Chanel #T4  
Sonora, TX

**Grand Champion Junior Percentage Doe**  
W. E. Whitehead ROJO's Chanel #T4  
Sonora, TX

**Class: 8 (Percentage 2 Year Old Does 24-35 months) 8 in the class**  
3rd. W. E. Whitehead T4 J2028 G2028  
Sonora, TX

**Class: 9 (Percentage Aged Does 36 plus months) 6 in the class**  
1st. Shurley XS Ranch BT014  
Sonora, TX

5th. W. E. Whitehead T4 G2010 P2010  
Sonora, TX

6th. Michelle Compton MLP Laura  
Christoval, TX

**Grand Champion Senior Percentage Doe:**  
Shurley XS Ranch BT014  
Sonora, TX

**Grand Champion Percentage Doe:**  
Shurley XS Ranch BT014  
Sonora, TX

**Best Pair of Doe Kids must be entered in Class 1, 2, 3, or 4**  
1st. W. E. Whitehead

**Premier Percentage Exhibitor:**  
W. E. Whitehead, Sonora, TX

**Junior American Boer Goat Association's National Show**  
Bay Springs, MS  
June 11, 1999  
Judge: Charles Turner

**Class J8: Fullblood Yearling Does, 12-23 months (5 in the class)**  
1st. Mark Holman KARE Caronda  
Sonora, TX

**JABGA National Grand Champion Fullblood Doe**  
Kayla Kohls NK K270  
Eldorado, TX

**JABGA National Reserve Champion Fullblood Doe**  
Mark Holman Kare Caronda  
Sonora, TX

**Class J14: Fullblood Yearling Bucks, 12 - 23 months (3 in the class)**  
3rd. Marilyn Holman SEBG Nico Botha Superman's 123  
Sonora, TX

### Weekly Preliminary Livestock and Meat Crossings at the U.S. Canadian Border

6/29/99	Latest	Previous	Last	Current	Same	YTD
From the U.S.	Week	Week	Year	Year to	Period	Percent
	06/19/99	06/12/99	06/20/98	Date*	Last yr.	Change
<b>Livestock (# Head)</b>						
Slaughter Steers:	594	260	668	11,640	7,147	+62.9%
Heifers:	202	128	7	5,753	1,955	+194.3%
Cows:	218	293	351	5,955	8,614	-30.9%
Bulls:	0	10	15	100	320	-68.8%
Totals:	1,014	691	1,041	23,448	18,036	+30.0%
<b>Slaughter Sheep and Lambs:</b>	0	0	383	2,193	5,380	-59.2%
Meat (1,000 lbs):	Latest	Previous	Last	Current	Same	YTD
	Week	Week	Year	Year to	Period	Percent
	06/19/99	06/12/99	06/20/98	Date*	Last yr.	Change
Beef:	3,638	3,915	4,698	87,412	90,153	-3.0%
Pork:	2,317	2,220	2,687	57,342	67,798	-15.4%

Canadian Exports into the U.S.:	Latest	Previous	Last	Current	Same	YTD
Meat (1,000 lbs):	Week	Week	Year	Year to	Period	Percent
	05/15/99	05/08/99	05/09/98	Date*	Last yr.	Change
Beef:	17,970	12,555	14,308	273,214	250,595	+9.0%
Pork:	7,134	8,558	6,559	204,302	150,801	+35.5%

\*Year to date totals may reflect revisions from previous weeks  
SOURCE: Agriculture Canada  
http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnrcs/mn\_reports/WA\_LS719.txt

### Extended Forecast 6/30-7/04

**Wednesday Night** - Partly cloudy. Low in the mid 70s.

**Thursday** - Mostly cloudy early...then becoming mostly sunny. High in the upper 90s.

**Thursday Night** - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s.

**Friday through Sunday** - Mostly clear. Lows 70-75. Highs in the upper 90s.

## AGRIBUSINESS

### Feral Swine...Farmland Foe or Financial Friend?

In books and movies, characters like "Porky," "Wilbur" and "Babe" are stars, and, around the house, pot-bellied pigs are reputed to make excellent pets. High school kids in agricultural sciences classes often nickname their swine projects "hot-dog," "hammy," or "taco." And how about the unforgettable, ever-glamorous "Miss Piggy"?

Unlike their domestic counterparts, wild pigs running free lose the commercial appeal that inspires television shows and product spin-offs. Several generations into the wild, and these wild or "feral" pigs develop longer snouts, aggressive tendencies and hair that's thicker and more coarse. Once loose, these animals also enter a political "no-man's" land, in which they are hated for the damage they inflict on land, crops and livestock, and the disease threats they pose. On the other hand, these free-spirited pigs are appreciated by hunters as wily, intelligent animals that give a "run for the money" and, once trapped or shot, are a delicacy on the grill. So, what is the truth about these feral--or wild--swine?

It depends on who you asked--and listened to--at the Feral Swine Symposium, hosted recently in Fort Worth by the Texas Animal Health Commission and underwritten by the Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Pork Producers and several national organizations. More than 150 participants from 11 states and Canada discussed the problems and possibilities of feral swine from divergent viewpoints. Speakers and guests represented every facet of industry, from animal health regulatory personnel, researchers and hunters, to professional trappers, wildlife biologists, ranchers and timber company staff.

Regan Black, a rancher from Eden, near San Angelo, explained that he first discovered wild pigs on his property two years ago, and since then, more than 350 pigs have been trapped or shot in the area. He said feral hogs have damaged his mesh fences, allowing his Spanish goats to escape. The swine muddy water troughs, break valves that control water release, chase deer from feeders and root up grass, churning pastures until they resemble washboards. The wild hogs also have a taste for lamb and young goats, and Black said he's seen a 15 to 20 percent reduction in young goats in pastures where the hogs have taken up residence.

"The economic impact to my ranch is substantial," Black told symposium participants.

Bob Richardson, a hunting guide for Krooked River Outfitters near

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### Producers Livestock Auction

6/24/99  
Cattle and Calf Auction: Total Receipts: 1562; Last Week: 4036; Last Year: 3364;

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers steady. Slaughter cows and bulls firm to 1.00 higher. Stock cows and pairs steady. Trading fairly active, demand good. Quality average. Supply included 60 percent calves, 20 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 15 percent yearlings, 5 percent stock cows and pairs.

**Feeder Steers:** Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 112.00-117.00; 300-400 lb 96.00-106.00; 400-500 lb 85.00-95.00; 500-600 lb 78.00-85.00, set 91.00; 600-700 lb 74.00-81.50; 700-800 lb 72.00-74.50.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 102.00-112.00; 300-400 lb 86.00-96.00; 400-500 lb 75.00-85.00; 500-600 lb 70.00-78.00; 600-700 lb 68.00-74.00; 700-900 lb 65.00-72.00.

**Feeder Heifers:** Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 93.00-100.00; 300-400 lb 84.00-90.00; 400-500 lb 77.00-85.00; 500-700 lb 70.00-80.00, set 82.00; 700-800 lb 67.00-70.50.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 85.00-90.00; 300-400 lb 75.00-84.50; 400-500 lb 70.00-77.00; 500-700 lb 63.50-70.00; 700-800 lb 63.00-67.00.

**Slaughter Cows:**

Breakers	75-80%	900-
1350 lb	38.00-41.50.	
Boners	80-85%	850-
1250 lb	34.50-40.50.	
Boners hi-yld	80-85%	900-
1300 lb	41.00-44.00.	
Lean	85-90%	800-
1000 lb	30.00-34.50.	

**Slaughter Bulls:** Yield Grade 1 1400-2200 lb 46.00-51.00; hi-dressing 51.00-53.00; low-dressing 1100-1600 lb 40.50-46.50.

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

Medium and Large 1-2	520.00-630.00.
Medium 1-2	410.00-520.00.

**Cow/Calf Pairs:** All sold Per Pair: Medium and Large 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 630.00-730.00.

Medium 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb 480.00-625.00.

**Stocker and Feeder Heifers:** Medium and Large 1-2 (young) 700-1000 lb 52.00-57.00 cwt; (young and middle age) 800-1100 lb 44.00-49.00 cwt; (middle age) 800-1100 lb 35.00-40.00 cwt.

**Producers Livestock Auction will be closed from June 28 thru July 02, the next cattle auction will be July 08, 1999.**  
Source: USDA-Texas Dept of Ag Market News

### KCS Energy, Inc. Announces Property Sales Totaling \$24.3 Million

HOUSTON, June 25 /PRNewswire/ -- KCS Energy, Inc. (NYSE: KCS - news) announced today that it has completed the sale of certain Volumetric Production Payment ("VPP") assets in a transaction totaling \$21.9 million, adjusted for an effective date of April 1, 1999. Production received from the assets was 13.0 million cubic feet (Mmcf) of gas per day and 310 barrels of condensate per day at the time of the sale. The Company utilized \$15.2 million of the net cash proceeds received at closing to repay bank debt. The remaining cash proceeds of approximately \$4.0 million are intended to support future capital spending programs. In addition, KCS has closed five other property sales since January 1, 1999 realizing \$2.4 million for properties that had \$0.4 million SEC PV10 value at year end 1998.

These divestitures and debt repayments are consistent with the Company's strategy to monetize non-core properties and reduce debt," stated James W. Christmas, KCS Energy President and Chief Executive Officer. "We are ahead of target with our previously announced planned 1999 property sales of \$25 million to \$30 million. The Company intends to continue its divestiture effort throughout 1999 and end the year with a more focused asset base."

### Rig Locations as of June 25, 1999

**Crockett County**  
New WTG Exploration; 9,000', University 6-33-#2, Patterson Drilling.  
New Altura Energy; 6,500', MK Daniel -112-Unit #5, Cleere Drilling.  
New McCabe Energy; 5,900', Harrel #1, Cleere Drilling.

**Sutton County**  
Louis Dreyfus; 8,450', Reinhardt 6-#8, Patterson Drilling.  
New Louis Dreyfus; 8,425', Mayfield 45-#7, Patterson Drilling.  
New Louis Dreyfus; 6,650', Shurley 111-#13, Patterson Drilling.  
Louis Dreyfus; 6,050', Fields 17-#14, Patterson Drilling.

**Val Verde County**  
New Phillips Pet/Odessa; 10,200', Cauthorn C-#6, Patterson Drilling.

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## Feral Swine Friend or Foe

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Anson in North Texas, says the economic impact of wild swine can be a beneficial one. The ranch he guides for has more than 80,000 acres under lease for hunting turkey, deer and hogs. With more than a dozen feral swine per acre, the leased land draws hunters, many from the East, who pay more than \$500 a person for a weekend of hog hunting. "There's a real mystique for hunters to come to Texas to hog hunt," he said. And, because there is no 'season' or bag limits for this non-game animal in

Texas, revenues can be raked in year 'round.

Bob, who also is a free-lance hog trapper, said he empathizes with ranchers about the digging, rooting and wallowing by these free-roaming pigs. "Some pastures where the pigs have rooted around look like someone was pulling donuts (driving in circles) with a bulldozer," he joked. "But there can be a bright side to that. 'Wallowed' areas sprout better vegetation the next season, and quail and other ground birds prefer the heavily weeded plots. It's much like plowing a pasture to aer-

ate and loosen the soil."

With somewhere between a million and two million of these wild hogs in Texas alone, there's little chance of running short of these critters. Other states are experiencing a similar proliferation of the animals that now inhabit more than 23 states, and have been spotted at elevations up to 10,000 feet.

"A couple of years ago, 13,000 hunters registered in Alabama to hunt feral swine," said Dr. Don Cheatham, a federally employed veterinarian stationed in Alabama. "Last year, we had more than 28,000

hog hunters."

Dr. Phil Gipson, with the Extension Wildlife Services in Kansas, attributes his state's growing feral swine population and range expansion to "wheels," especially those under a truck, moving feral swine from one hunting site to another. He also blamed the population spread on 'escapes' from hunting preserves, who move on to 'greener' pastures in search of feeding sites.

In California, feral swine were spotted in only a dozen counties in the early 1960s. Today, nearly 300,000 (a conservative estimate) cover 53 of the state's 58 counties.

Similarly, Arkansas has wild pigs in more than 50 of its 75 counties, and in Oklahoma, they are in 55 of the 77 counties. In Missouri, 10 counties have a "significant" wild hog population, while another half-dozen have "some" pigs.

Indiana has gone from none to somewhere between 500 and 1,000 head of the wild pigs in the past six years, and most of them are found on former strip mining land now covered with heavy vegetation and dotted with ponds. As the country's fifth largest producer of domestic swine, Indiana animal health experts are worried that the wild hogs could introduce disease into commercial herds.

Slowing the population explosion of these animals can be achieved only through hunting and trapping, said Dr. Reg Barrett, a professor and researcher at the University of California at Berkeley. The population in a "sounder," or herd, of feral swine can double every four months. To suppress the sounder's population growth, 70 percent of the sounder must be eliminated each year through hunting, death through natural causes, or trapping and removal of the pigs.

In 1998, Wildlife Services in Texas removed 4,690 feral pigs, besides those privately hunted or trapped.

Because they are highly prolific—three or four piglets in every litter (about 1 1/2 litters a year)—and adaptable, Dale Rollins, a professor and wildlife specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said feral swine pose a danger to other wildlife and birds. Wild swine alter their diet during drought or seasonal challenges, and in many cases, these food choices overlap with those of other species.

Rick Taylor, with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, studied food habits of feral swine from 1989 through 1991 in seven Southwest Texas counties around Uvalde. Nearly 200 hogs were collected at different times of the year, and their stomach contents were analyzed.

On an annual basis, grasses, corn and roots comprised the greatest percentage of the contents, while forbes (herbs other than grasses) and mast (seeds and nuts) also were found in large quantities. Portions of a deer were found in one animal, but researchers could not determine if the swine had killed or scavenged the deer. Lizards and snakes also had been eaten.

Besides their growing population, wild hogs also pose a dangerous problem: disease spread. Dr. Tommy Dees, the Southeast regional epidemiologist for the US Department of Agriculture, said commercial swine producers in Florida are nine times more likely to have pseudorabies infection in their herd, if feral swine are introduced. This viral disease, which is not rabies, may cause sows to abort and can kill young piglets. Animals that recover can remain "carriers" of the virus. Pseudorabies can cause huge production and economic losses in herds, and infection in commercial operations can jeopardize a state's status in the national disease eradication program.

Among commercial swine, pseudorabies spreads nasally, through an aerosol spread. Wild swine, however, tend to transmit the virus venereally, reported Dr. David Stallnecht of the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study in Georgia. From 1994 through 1997, he isolated pseudorabies virus from feral boars, not from the nasal cavity, but from the sex organs. He warned that when feral swine commingle with domestic pigs, there is a good chance that the boar is shedding pseudorabies virus.

Similarly, researcher Carlos Romero of the University of Florida has found that, when pseudorabies-infected feral boars are commingled with clean "domestic" sows, it takes only three weeks before the "domestic" animals test positive for the disease. To date, an oral vaccine does not exist for feral swine, and many states restrict the use of available vaccines in commercial swine herds, to avoid "false-positive" test results.

Wild hogs also may transmit swine brucellosis, a bacterial infec-

tion that can cause pigs to abort, and develop arthritis and swelling of the testicles (orchitis). Although the meat is safe to eat if thoroughly cooked to 160 degrees F, hunters and producers should take precautions when handling feral swine to avoid potential exposure to swine brucellosis or other diseases. When handling a swine carcass, rubber gloves should be worn to prevent contact with swine blood or body fluids.

The U. S. Animal Health Association, comprised of private, state and federal veterinarians, researchers and producers has requested research to determine the effectiveness of RB-51 vaccine for swine. RB-51, a relatively new vaccine, is used to protect cattle against brucella abortus, a related brucellosis bacteria. Dr. Max Coats of the Texas Animal Health Commission said Texas ranks about 17th in commercial swine production. Feral swine could be implicated as the source of infection in all but one pseudorabies-infected herd in Texas during the past four years. In a survey of feral swine conducted about four years ago, nearly 30 percent tested positive for the viral infection. Feral swine also have been blamed for swine brucellosis infection in humans.

While more questions than answers were raised at the symposium, participants formulated an action plan:

- \* Establish effective restrictions to prevent the movement of diseased feral pigs to hunting preserves. (In Texas, TAHC regulations require that feral swine be tested for pseudorabies and swine brucellosis

before being moved. Feral pigs trapped for slaughter plants must be held in TAHC-approved holding pens, at least 1 1/2 mile from domestic swine.)

- \* Provide interstate and intrastate regulations; set up guidelines for inspecting facilities where feral swine are held. Keep feral and domestic swine separate. Educate hunters and commercial swine producers about feral swine problems and possibilities, so that the two entities can coexist profitably.

- \* Inventory the feral swine population and encourage hunting to keep the numbers from climbing! Research the family dynamics and movement of these animals to learn best how to control their range expansion. Support research for an oral contraceptive for the animals.

- \* Create a model to determine the economic value of feral swine for hunting and food, as well as the costs of damage, disease and negative impact on other species.

- \* Research objectives: develop vaccines and delivery systems to protect feral and domestic swine from pseudorabies and swine brucellosis. Gain more knowledge on the risk and transmission of pseudorabies.

In July, animal health officials and producers from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana will meet in Texarkana to collaborate on feral swine problems that affect these four adjacent states.

Proceedings of the Feral Swine Symposium are being prepared. To order a copy, call the Texas Animal Health Commission at 1-800-550-8242.

## U. S. Army Forced to Include Witchcraft

submitted

Under pressure from the Clinton Administration, the United States Army has recognized witchcraft as a religion and has appointed chaplains to oversee pagan ceremonies on at least five bases. A Pentagon spokesman confirmed to Taking America Back newsletter that there were believed to be at least 100 witches attending covens at Fort Hood, Texas, the army's largest base with more than 42,000 troops. So respectful has the army become of the pagan rites that security was increased at Fort Hood's Boy Scout camp, where covens are held.

The move was said to deter members of Christian groups from intimidating the group, wrote Ben Fenton, The pagans, called Wiccans, are accorded the same privileges as practitioners of Christianity, Judaism and Islam. They are encouraged to have their religious preferences stamped on the metal dog-tags each soldier wears.

Lt. Col. Donald Troyer, the Seventh Day Adventist army chaplain who has been given responsibility for Fort Hood's coven, admitted that he was not overjoyed with his job because fellow Christian pastors disapproved and had been "cool"

towards him. He said: "It's such a volatile subject. It just sparks a fury."

The Pentagon says it has received several requests for a posting to Fort Hood because it has such a large pagan congregation. A spokesman said:

"We are obliged by the Constitution to respect and make provisions for the religious needs of members of the military and not pass judgments on their beliefs."

The Covenant of the Goddess, which claims to represent most American Wiccans from its base in Berkeley, California, says there are about 50,000 followers of the faith in America. They celebrate earth-spirits such as the "great goddess Freya" and on their altars give blessings to water, bread and salt, the three essentials of life, while the congregation holds hands in a circle around a large bonfire.

The ceremonies are often conducted in the nude. Their main festivals are at the vernal and autumnal equinox and at midsummer. However, they claimed that sacrifices, either human or animal, are not tolerated.

Christian Crusade, Vol. 47

## Where'd That Come From?? Life In The 1500's

1. Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and were still smelling pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor.

2. Baths equaled a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

3. Houses had thatched roofs. Thick straw, piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the pets... dogs, cats and other small animals, mice, rats, bugs lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs."

4. There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could really mess up your nice clean bed. So, they found if they made beds with big posts and hung a sheet over the top, it addressed that problem. Hence those beautiful big 4 poster beds with canopies.

5. The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt, hence the saying "dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors which would get slippery in the winter when wet. So they spread thresh on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they kept adding more thresh until when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed at the entry way, hence a "thresh hold."

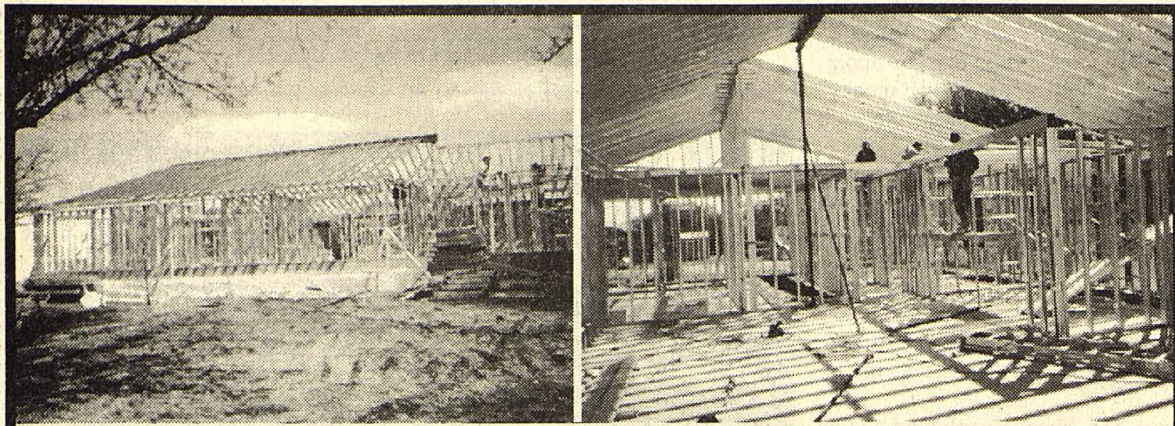
6. They cooked in the kitchen in a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They mostly ate vegetables and didn't get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes the stew had food in it that had been in there for a month. Hence the rhyme: "peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."

7. Sometimes they could obtain pork and would feel really special when that happened. When company came over, they would bring out some bacon and hang it to show it off. It was a sign of wealth and that a man "could really bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat."

8. Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with a high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food. This happened most often with tomatoes, so they stopped eating tomatoes... for 400 years.

9. Most people didn't have pewter plates, but had trenchers - a piece of wood with the middle scooped out like a bowl. Trencher were never washed and a lot of times worms got into the wood. After eating off wormy trenchers, they would get "trench mouth."

10. Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the "upper crust."

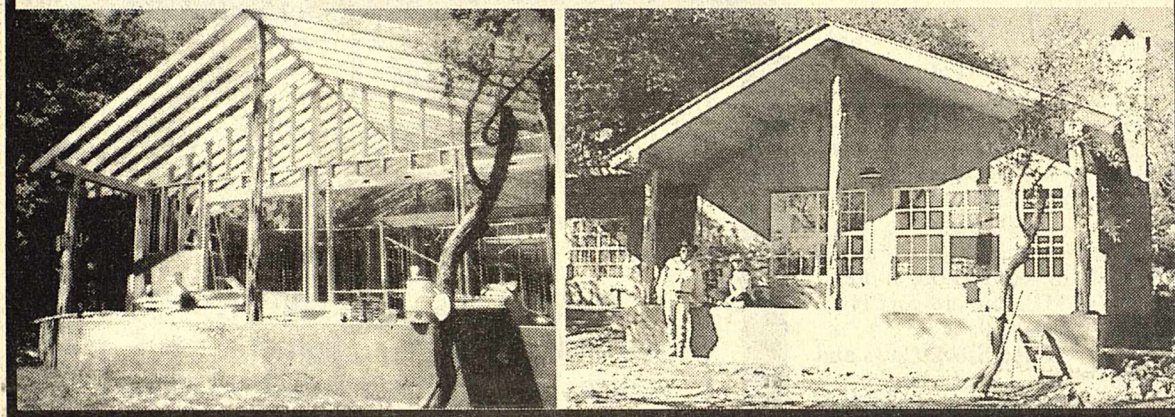



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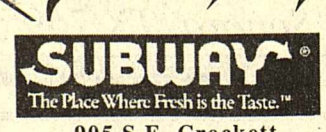




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# Hospital from page 1

and the Hospital District should just about break even after refunding taxpayers who had overpaid their taxes.

Dr. Johnson stated that the Board of Directors had met on May 24, 1999, to conduct interviews for the position of Administrator for the hospital and nursing home. The decision had been made to offer the position to Dianne Ashcraft. Motion was made by Paul Chevalier, seconded by Ray Smith, to appoint Dianne Ashcraft as Administrator for the hospital and nursing home at a salary of \$45,000 per year plus the house. Motion carried.

The board then convened into Executive Session, under Article #6252-17 (VATS), as amended by Citation #496. Purpose of said session: A. Luke Sanchez; B. Personnel, under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 2, Subsection G.

The board then reconvened into open session. Motion was made by Ray Smith, seconded by Claire Richards, to confirm the decision of Beverlee Williams, regarding the employment of Luke Sanchez. Motion carried. Paul Chevalier commented that he did not feel like the Board of Directors should schedule an executive session for anyone who is no longer an employee of the district.

Dr. Johnson stated that at the May board meeting, the department heads had been asked to present statements of continuing education required for the rest of 1999. Reports from several departments were reviewed and discussed. Department heads will be asked to prepare these same reports for the budget process for the upcoming year. When Ms. Ashcraft gets here, she can approve any other workshops that employees need to

attend. Each employee will also be required to give a complete itemization of expenses for each meeting they attend and these expense reports will be given to the board for their review.

Dr. Johnson reported that each member received a copy of the Medicare survey in their packet; however, the report is extensive and board members have not had time to review them. Mrs. Knight reported that a call has been placed to John Evans, with the Texas Dept. of Health, to clarify some of the time frames because the written report does not agree with what the surveyors stated in their exit report. Department heads will be working on the Plan of Correction every day this week until it is completed, as it must be back in Austin by June 21st. Board members requested a copy of the Plan of Correction when it is completed. Knight stated that many of the deficiencies were related to peer review of the physicians. At the present time, the staff physicians review the records of each other and these reviews cannot be really objective and were stated to be "rubber-stamp reviews" by the surveyors. The hospital needs to obtain the services of an outside physician to do unbiased reviews on the staff physicians and many more records and all transfers must be reviewed. It will cost approximately \$300 to \$400 a month to obtain the services of a peer review physician. It was the consensus of the board that the services of a peer review physician will be necessary to stay in compliance with Medicare and State regulations.

Dr. Johnson presented an amendment to the Medical Staff Rules and Regulations, which was approved by the Medical Staff on May 26, 1999, which states that a

physician's privileges will be suspended if his charts are not completed within 30 days of discharge. Motion was made by Ray Smith, seconded by Claire Richards, to approve the amendment to the Medical Staff Rules and Regulations. Motion carried. A monthly report on the number of delinquent charts will be given to the board members.

The Texas County and District Retirement System Plan was presented for the annual review. Employees contribute a mandatory 4%. The Hospital District contributes 2.56%. After discussion, motion was made by Ray Smith, seconded by Paul Chevalier to leave the retirement plan at the current rate. Motion carried.

Kathy Knight reported that the accounts receivable on May 1, 1999 was \$470,789.23. \$114,742. was collected and the A/R on June 1, 1999 was \$449,640.91. A couple of weeks ago, a report was run that showed approximately \$94,000. outstanding on physical therapy charges, which is probably why the A/R at the end of 1998 was higher than 1997. Approximately \$15,000. has been collected on the physical therapy claims in the last few days. Charge-off lists were presented for review, which will be presented for action at the July board meeting.

Monthly Nursing Home report was given by Beverlee Williams. There was one admission in May and two admissions in June. There were currently 32 residents. There were no discharges or deaths in May.

The list of vendors and contracts was presented for annual approval. Motion was made and approved.

Knight presented the financial report for April, 1999. The hospital

is \$129,000 over budget for the year and the nursing home is \$1,605 under budget. Mrs. Knight gave a report on the amount of tax revenue still held in CD's. All departments will be asked to watch all expenses closely for the rest of the year. Dr. Johnson will address the department heads regarding this matter. Mrs. Knight reported that the hospital is seeking both a lab tech and an x-ray tech.

Motion was made by Sherril Dannheim, seconded by Ray Smith, to approve the May 1999 expenditures. Motion carried.

Ms. Ashcraft stated that she looked forward to coming to Sonora and working with the Board of Directors and employees of the hospital and nursing home.

Claire Richards reported that the auxiliary has purchased a sofa for the hospital lobby and it should arrive tomorrow. Dr. Johnson reported that the corporate board had approved money for renovation of both houses and part of the work has been done. The maintenance supervisor had reported to Dr. Johnson that the porcelain was worn off of the bathtubs in both houses. Dr. Johnson called a company in San Angelo to come down and refinish all four bathtubs and the corporate board will add these charges to the house renovation money.

Dr. Johnson reported that the preliminary report on the Business Office Review had been received from Parrish, Moody and Fikes. This will be discussed by the directors when the official report is received.

With no further business, a motion was made by Ray Smith, seconded by Paul Chevalier to adjourn. Motion carried.

## DPS estimates 31 Fatalities Over July 4 Weekend

The Department of Public Safety estimates that as many as 31 Texas motorists could die in traffic crashes over the 54-hour July 4 weekend, which runs from 6 p.m. Friday to midnight Sunday.

Last year, 61 people were reported killed in 48 fatal crashes during the 78-hour holiday. Of those, at least 22 accidents and 29 deaths involved alcohol, according to DPS figures.

"We want to make sure that all our Texans are able to celebrate the next Fourth of July," said Col. Dudley M. Thomas. "Please obey the speed limit, make sure you and all your passengers are buckled up and never drink and drive."

Other traffic safety tips include:

- \* If you become stranded by the roadside, do not accept a ride from a stranger. Call, or ask someone to call, the DPS stranded motorist line \* 1-800-525-5555. DPS will send a law

enforcement officer to assist you.

- \* Make sure your vehicle is roadworthy before starting a trip of any length. Carry extra supplies, including plenty of water, in case you have car problems.

- \* Make sure the driver of the vehicle is well rested. On long trips, drivers should take a break every two hours.

- \* Drive with your headlights on during daylight hours so that your vehicle is more visible to other drivers and pedestrians.

- \* Watch weather conditions all along your intended travel route. Weather, heavy traffic and road construction can affect your travel time, so plan accordingly. The Texas Department of Transportation has a road conditions hotline \* 1-800-452-9292.

- \* Let others know your intended travel plans and notify them if your plans change.

## Drive Safe This 4th of July



## Buyout of Town & Country Stores Completed

San Angelo, TX

Company officials of Town & Country Food Stores, Inc. announced today that the internal management buyout of the company has now been completed. Previous key officers and management are the new owners of the company. Former board chairman and CEO F.L. "Steve" Stephens will retire, as will former senior vice-president Jim Little. Don Allison former president of the company, will assume Mr. Stephen's role as chairman of the board and CEO.

Mr. Stephens said, "We believe that this internal purchase will allow the company to maintain the corporate culture which has developed over the past 33 1/2 years, enhance the stability of employee security and benefits, and maximize the company's value both today and in the future. We also felt that it was important to keep the company

ownership in existing management hands."

New board chairman and CEO Don Allison said, "Frankly, we believe that our employees and the communities in which we operate will notice no difference at all in the way we conduct our business.

"The higher quality of our stores, which has been the hallmark of Town & Country's growth over the years will continue to be our operational guideline. We are still strongly committed to this philosophy. We believe that this internal management buyout enhances future company growth, employee opportunity and present and future ownership value."

Town & Country presently operates 134 convenience stores in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico and six T&C Village supermarkets in various West Texas towns.

## It's About Education... It's About Careers...

**Fred A. Perez**

Job Title: Councilman  
Education: Degree from A.S.U.

Experience: 20 years  
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Best Part of the Job: That I talk to many people old and young.

Worst Part of the Job: Too many hours

Fred A. Perez was born and raised in Sonora, Texas. He attended public schools and graduated from Sonora High School. After graduation Fred attended Angelo State University and received a degree.

Upon graduation side from having 20 years experience in his own business in Sonora, Fred has had eight years experience with City Council. He works about

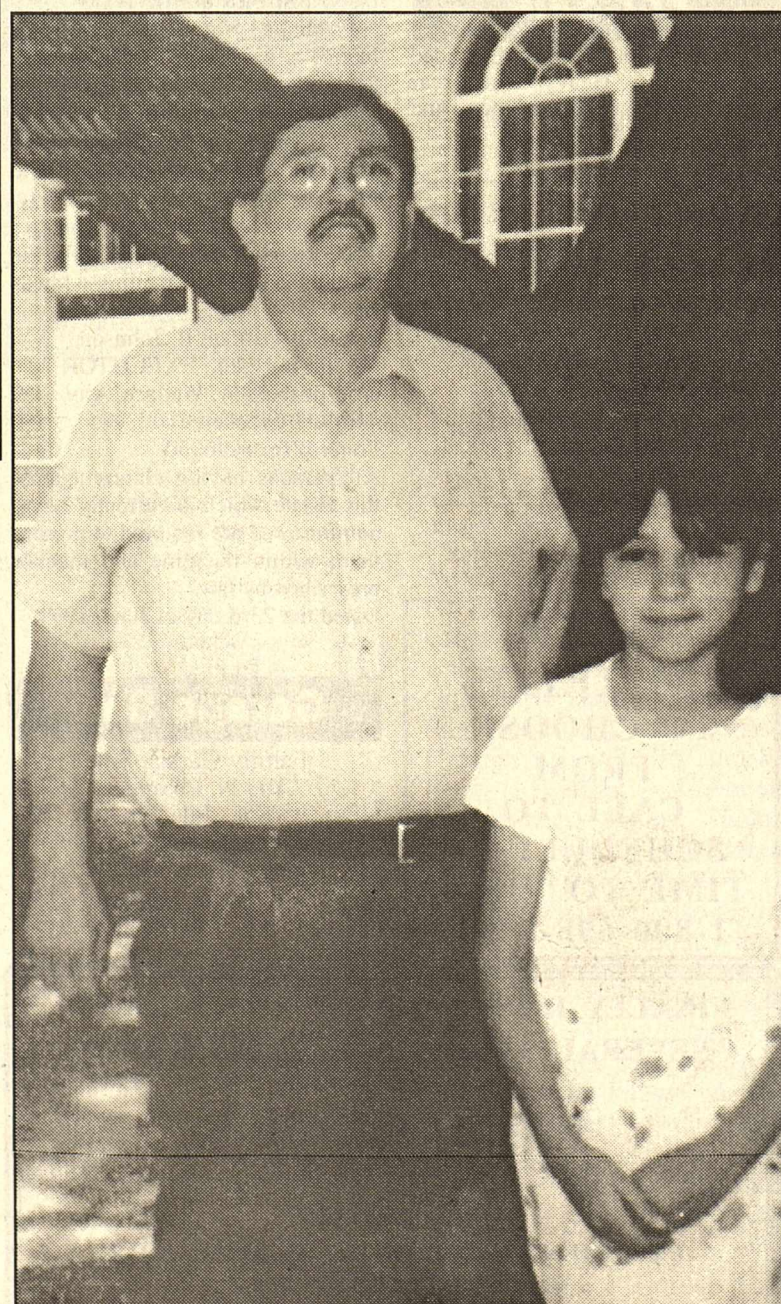
ten hours a week. His duty is to make good decisions over problems on the city-by-laws.

Fred likes his job because he meets and talks to many people old and young. Many of the young people are students. He encourages the students to go in the right directions.

Fred's work day begins at 8 a.m. and ends around 9 p.m. When I asked Fred who he thanks for his success, he answered "First of all, God and then my wife and my Family."

He is a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus.

Written By: Blanca Lozano, 5th grade, Sonora Elementary  
Blanca was this week's pick for the Concho Valley School-to-Work/Tech Prep Partnership contest winner.



Fred Perez and Blanca Lozano

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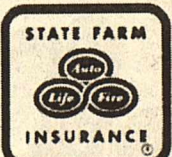
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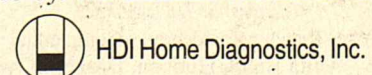
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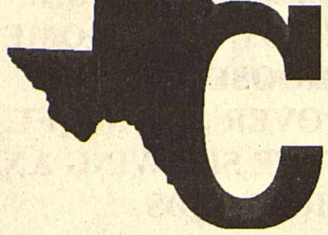


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**Public Notice**

**Cause No. 1203 Estate of James Herman Edmondson In the County Court of Sutton County, Texas**

**Published Notice to Creditors** Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James Herman Edmondson, Deceased, were issued on June 28, 1999, in Cause Number 1203, pending in the Probate Court of Sutton County, Texas, to JUDY EDMONDSON. The residence of the EXECUTOR is in Sonora, Texas, and the mailing address is:

Estate of James Edmondson JUDY EDMONDSON, EXECUTOR c/o Elizabeth W. Wallace, Atty. 410 S.E. Crockett Sonora, Texas 76950

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law. Dated the 28th day of June, 1999 1(7-1-99)b

**Cause No. 1186 Estate of Alcadio G. Escobar Deceased In the County Court of Sutton County, Texas**

**Published Notice to Creditors** Notice is hereby given that Letters for the Administration of the Estate of ALCADIO G. ESCOBAR, Deceased, were issued on January 4, 1999, in Cause Number 1186, pending in the Probate Court of Sutton County, Texas, to CARMEN ESCOBAR.

The residence of the EXECUTOR is in Sonora, Texas, and the mailing address is:

Estate of ALCADIO ESCOBAR CARMEN ESCOBAR, EXECUTOR c/o Elizabeth W. Wallace, Atty. 410 S.E. Crockett Sonora, Texas 76950

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law. Dated the 22nd day of June, 1999.

**Cause No. 1178 Estate of William R. Johnson, Deceased In the County Court of Sutton County, Texas**

**Published Notice to Creditors** Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of William R. Johnson, Deceased, were issued on 2/18/98, in Cause Number 1178 pending in the Probate Court of Sutton County, Texas, to Cecilia Burnett. The residence of the EXECUTOR is in Indiana, and the mailing address is:

Estate of William R. Johnson Cecilia Burnett, EXECUTOR c/o Elizabeth W. Wallace, Atty. 410 S.E. Crockett Sonora, Texas 76950

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Family Garage Sale 103 N. Prospect Sat., July 3rd 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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The Sonora Independent School District will accept sealed proposals for Property/Casualty and Workers Compensation Insurance for the 1999-2000 school year. The Proposals will be accepted at the Business Office of the Sonora ISD located at 807 South Concho St., Sonora, Texas 76950-3999 on or before 2:00 p.m. on July 15, 1999. All Proposals received after the time and date indicated will be returned to the proposer unopened. The Sonora ISD reserves the right to waive all formalities and to award the contract in the best interest of the school district.

For information or questions concerning this request for proposals please contact Diane Jacoby, Business Manager, Sonora ISD in writing or by fax. The fax # is 915-387-5090. 2(7-1-99)b

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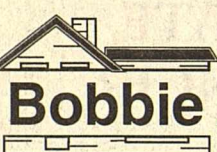
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