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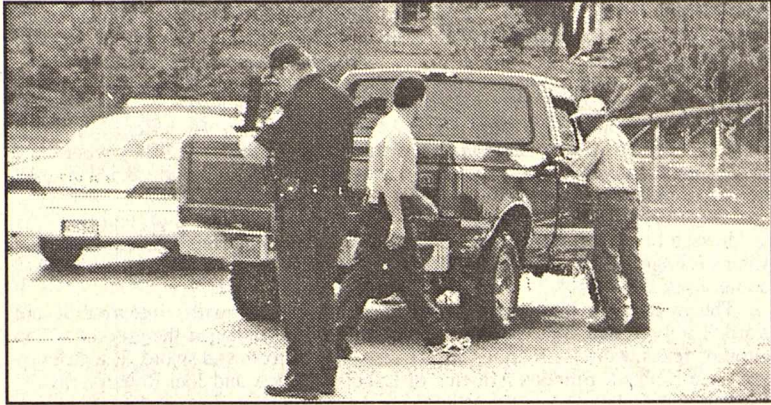
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SONORA, TEXAS

Thursday, June 22, 2000

## Police Warn of Water Dangers

The Sonora Police Department would like to remind all parents and children how dangerous it is to swim or play in our low water crossings. Floodwaters can be extremely dangerous. The force of six inches of swiftly moving water can knock people off their feet. Flash flood waters move at very fast speeds and can roll boulders, tear out trees, destroy buildings, and obliterate bridges. Cars can easily be swept away in just 2 feet of moving water. If floodwaters rise around a car, it should be abandoned. Passengers should climb to higher ground. Please keep in mind that it is against the law to drive around a barricade. With your help in this matter, no one will get hurt or cause someone in our emergency services to risk their own lives to save yours!



This Sonora resident was issued a citation for disobeying a city ordinance after disregarding police barriers and attempting to cross the Dry Devil's River on Tom Green Ave. His vehicle had to be towed out of the 4 ft. of water.

## Nursing Home in Danger of Closure

by Storie Sharp

"What do you do with us when you throw us away?"

That is what one resident at the Lillian Hudspeth Nursing Home asked a nurse on duty this week.

With the possibility of closing the Nursing Home on the table for discussion many questions have been raised

Where will the residents go? Where will the employees go? What can we do to prevent this? How can the District not afford to do this?

Carol Evans, RN, Director of Nurses, Nursing Home, said that she understands that a tax increase is a lot to ask of our community, but who will care for our elderly if we don't. These people are long time residents of Sonora and Sutton County. Their lives have been built here.

Evans stated that closing the Home and forcing the 23 residents to be relocated not only affects the stability of the patients, but also affects the lives of their families. Severe changes in an elderly person's life can lead to severe depression, illness and even death.

Some families will not be able to travel to distant locations to visit their loved ones. Those that do will be taking their spending money with them. They will eat at restaurants out of town, shop, buy gas, and possibly buy groceries. Taking away from our local merchants.

If the RNs, LVNs, Maintenance people, etc., that are employed by the Nursing Home lose their jobs, they will have to relocate to provide

for their families. If they leave, they take with them their tax dollars, their children from our schools, causing loss of funding, and the overall day to day spending that supports our local businesses.

Evans says, that there are ways to cut back at the Home. Decreasing overtime, cutting down on call-ins, cutting back on supply cost, in-house laundering and more. She and her staff say they are very aware that something must be done, but they are willing to fight to keep the Home open with the high quality of care that it currently offers.

Quality of care is a very important factor to the staff, but they strongly feel that many cut backs can be made without taking away from the residents.

When asked why the losses were being incurred, Evans said she wasn't sure exactly why or how, but that the low Medicaid reimbursement rate was one of the biggest problems.

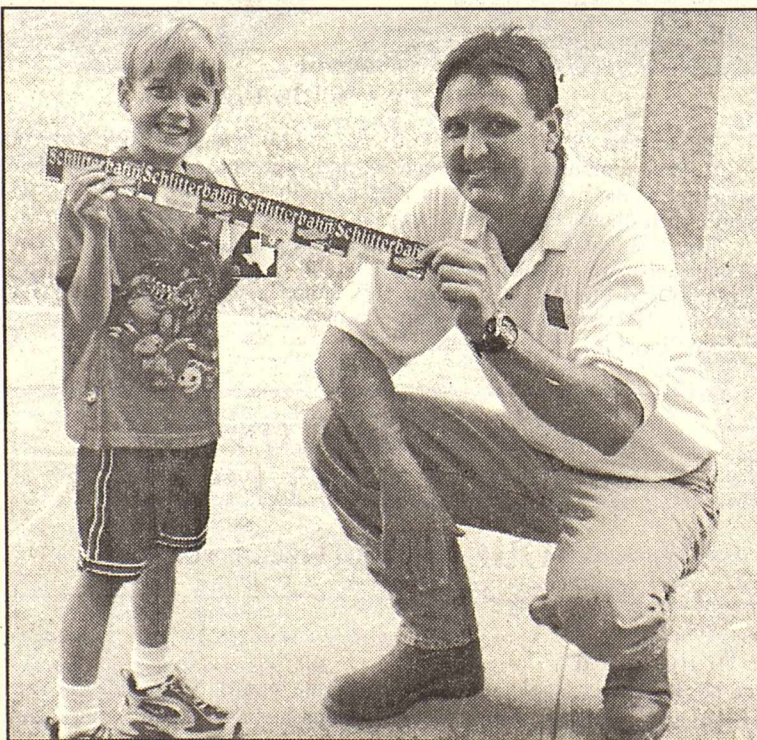
With 19 of the 23 residents being Medicaid reliant, it is obvious that this would cause a significant problem.

The staff was adamant that they weren't going down without a fight and wanted to encourage all the citizens of Sonora to attend the Public Meeting on July 6th so that all options could be heard and the right decision be made.

Dianne Dower, Administrator, released the following press release to the Citizens of Sutton County on the subject:

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## Kenney Wins Daddy Olympics



Christian's Dad, Curtis E. Kenney, had the fastest time at the Daddy or Grandpa's Day Olympics held Saturday. They won four tickets to Schlitterbahn Water Park. See page 6 for more Father's Day Fun.



Recent rains had every draw in town running over the weekend. Area residents reported the following rainfall: Experiment Station - 1.13, Curry and Bonnie Lou Campbell - 2.20, Arroyo Grande Ranch - 4.50, Tommy and Doris Morriss - 1., Bloodworth Ranches - 4.0, Cades Pope - 3.10, Jack Baker - 1.45, Jack Sharp - 2.70.

## Broncos Under New Reins

by Storie Sharp

The Broncos will take the field under new direction this year.

Jason Herring had been named Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. He and his wife, Lisa, moved to Sonora in April of 1998. They have two children, Kenzie 4 and Kobie 2.

Herring brings nine years of experience to his new position, starting in Big Lake as the Jr. High Coach. He then went to A&M Consolidated High School, where he coached Varsity Secondary and was Head J.V. Coach. From there he went to Wall as Head Football Coach and left there to come to Sonora in '98 as Defensive Coordinator.

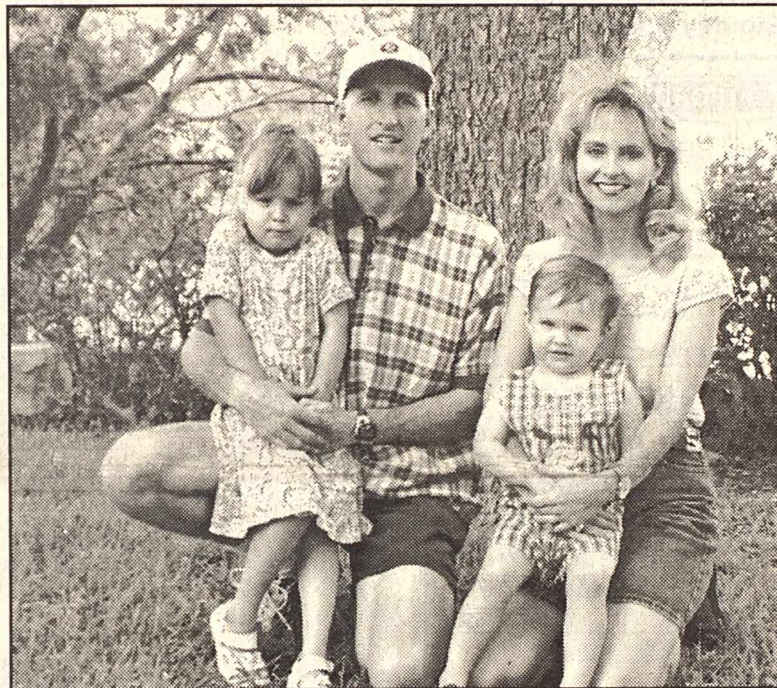
Former Athletic Director, Dale Heath has taken a position at Marble Falls as Boys Athletic Coordinator and Head Football Coach. Also leaving the Bronco coaching staff this year is Lance Powell and Carol Sessom.

Powell took the Assistant Head Coach and Offensive Coordinator position at Rockwall, TX and Coach Sessom has retired.

The 2000-01 coaching staff will continue to be strong, with the addition of three new coaches.

Returning coaches and their positions are as follows:

Drew Cox - Offensive Coordinator / Offensive Line and Track  
John Creek - Head Baseball and Jr. High Basketball  
Bill Dempsey - Jr. High Foot-



Athletic Director Jason Herring, with wife Lisa and children Kenzie and Kobie.

ball and Jr. High Tennis  
Clyde Dukes - Head Girls Track and J.V. Girls Basketball  
Eddie Favila - Receivers and Head Track  
Thomas Hanson - Linebackers and Golf  
Bruce Hirt - J.V. Basketball and J.V. Baseball  
Kate Jennings - Jr. High Basketball and Head Cross Country  
Larry Jennings - Jr. High Basketball and Head Tennis  
Brian Lowe - Head Boys Bas-

ketball and Jr. High Football  
Kathy Marshall - Head Girls Basketball and Jr. High Track.  
Joining the Mighty Bronco Coaching team are Jimmy Randolph, Chad Russell and Shane Mobley.

Randolph comes to Sonora with 16 years experience, including Ballinger, Winters, Robert Lee and most recently Head Coach at Crowell, TX. Randolph's wife Nancy

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## Hospital Board Votes to Hold Public Meeting

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, was held on Monday, June 12, 2000. Board members present were Alvis Johnson, Jr., President, Lewis Allen, Preston Faris, Sherrill Dannheim, and Paul Chevalier. Also present at the meeting were Apryl McDonald, Oliver, Rainey, & Wojtek, LLP; Mary Rowland; Charles Pajestka, M.D.; Rex Ann Friess, Chief Appraiser; Dianne Dower, Administrator; Diana Green, RN, Director of Nurses, Hospital; Carol Evans, RN, Director of Nurses, Nursing Home; Carolyn Lara, Medical Records, Mary Beth Luttrell, LVN; and Kathy Knight, Board

Secretary.

The Board approved the minutes from prior meetings.

Ms. Friess advised the Board that there was nothing new on the disclosure. She also advised that the Hospital District would be approximately \$48,000 short again this year due to the same problem and that 87% of the 1999 taxes had been collected.

Apryl McDonald, CPA, representing Oliver, Rainey, & Wojtek, LLP, presented the Board with the final audit report for 1999. Mrs. McDonald pointed out the material

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## Girls Learn Gun Safety at Hunter's Education Camp

by Rodney Knight

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the McPherson 4M Ranch recently sponsored a Girl's Hunter Education Camp for the eighth year. Sixteen girls participated. They included Jessica Oyer, Candace Hall, Jennifer Ivy of San Angelo, Adriana Fernandez and Jana Smith of Del Rio, Randi Knight of Stanton, Lindsey Peele and Ashley Norville of San Antonio, Stephanie Pipkin of Odessa and Mandy Brister, Alexie Ortiz, Kathy Pacheco, Christy Martinez, Cerissa Hedgecock, Whitney Kinder, Amberlie Kinder all from Sonora. If you can find sixteen better or more

well-mannered girls, I'd love to meet them. For four days these girls never caused me a bit of trouble.

During the camp, the girls learned gun safety and handling while firing .22 Rifles, 38 specials, 357 mag., 45 automatics, 40 J&W Smith & Wesson pistols, shot guns and muzzleloaders. They also received instruction in archery and learned about wildlife management, survival, game care and hunting ethics. As close as I can figure, the girls fired a total of 1920 rounds. Candace Hall, who had never fired any gun before, complained after the first two shots with the .20

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## ARB to Hear Protests Starting on July 10, 2000

Property owners in the Sutton County Appraisal District will have an opportunity to protest proposed appraisals of their property for local taxes. The district's appraisal review board will begin hearing taxpayer protests on July 10, 2000.

After the ARB completes its hearings and approves final property appraisals, local governments will use these appraisals to set tax rates for 2000.

The ARB is a group of citizens who live in the appraisal district and are appointed by the district's board of directors. Their responsibilities are outlined in the Texas Property Tax Code.

Property owners may protest to the ARB any of the following appraisal office actions:

- \* the appraised or agricultural value of the property;
- \* unequal appraisal of the taxpayer's property compared to other property in the district;
- \* inclusion of the property on the appraisal records;
- \* denial of a partial exemption, such as a homestead exemption;
- \* denial of agricultural-use, open-space or timber productivity appraisal;
- \* determination that agricultural or timber land has had a change of use and is subject to a rollback tax;
- \* identification of the taxing unit or units in which the property is located;
- \* determination that the taxpayer is the owner of the property; or
- \* any other action of the appraisal office that adversely affects the property owner.

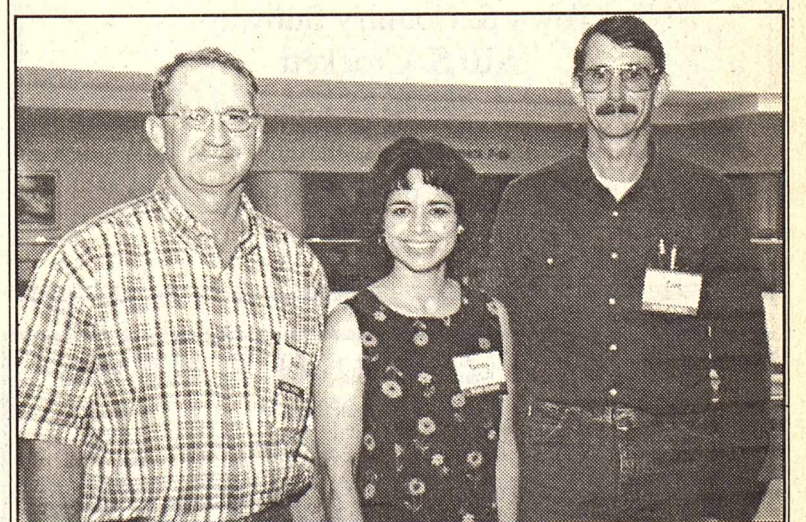
Rex Ann Friess, chief appraiser for the district, outlined the steps a property owner must take to file a protest. First, the property owner must file a written notice of protest that shows why the owner is protesting to the ARB. The taxpayer must file this notice within 30 days after the appraisal district mails the taxpayer a notice of appraised value.

If a person leases property and, by contract, must pay the owner's property taxes, then the person leasing may protest the property's value to the ARB if the property owner doesn't protest.

If the ARB send a property

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## School Board Members Attend Training Seminar



SUSD School Board members, Scott Jacoby, Tammy Favila and Tom Payton attended Leadership Training in Austin.

San Antonio

Scott Jacoby, Tammy Favila and Tom Payton of Sonora ISD, joined trustees from across the state at the Texas Association of Schools Boards' (TASB) Summer Leadership Institute June 15-17 in San Antonio. More than 1,700 new and veteran school trustees received in-depth training on every facet of effective board governance and heard keynote addresses from nationally known experts. Texas Commissioner of Education Jim Nelson also was on hand for informal question-and-answer sessions with trustees.

Hot topics covered during the three-day institute included sessions

on crisis planning, policy perspectives on safer schools, and the school environment and violence. Other well attended sessions focused on teacher shortages and compensation issues, prayer in schools, and changes in the Texas Open Meetings Act. In addition, the institute provided new school board members with immediate training following the May elections and offered newly elected board presidents the training they need to lead effectively.

Friday's opening session featured William J. Banach, who explored some of the forces driving

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**Weddings**

**Sonora Church Directory**

<p><b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA</b> Rick Sanchez 504 Santa Clara 387-2035</p>	<p><b>THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN</b> Lewis Allen, Pastor 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616</p>
<p><b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 304 N. Water 387-3190</p>	<p><b>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Don Longoria, Pastor Corner of Hwy. 277 S. and Glasscock</p>
<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. T. Wayne Price Pastor 404 E Oak 387-2951</p>	<p><b>PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED</b> Randy Greenwood Pastor 509 Amistad 387-5266</p>
<p><b>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> Rev. Ted W. Harris 404 E. Poplar 387-2955</p>	<p><b>ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I. 229 W. Plum 387-2278</p>
<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor 201 N. Water 387-2466</p>	<p><b>JEHOVAH'S WITNESS</b> 310 St. Ann's Street 387-5658 or 387-5518</p>
<p><b>JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS</b> St. Ann's Street 387-3600</p>	<p><b>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Don Seigler 511 Cornell 387-3018</p>
<p><b>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> Rev. Charles Huffman 417 E. 2nd St. 387-5366</p>	<p><b>SONORA FAMILY FAITH CENTER</b> Sonora Stock Pens Sunday 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER</b> Jerry &amp; Joy Wood 204 E. Main 387-3241</p>	<p><b>FORD</b> BRONCHO FORD INC. 115 N CONCHO SONORA, TX 76950 (915)387-2549</p>
<p><b>LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC.</b> Pastor Hector A. Portillo 807 Orient Ave. 387-6065</p>	<p><b>Kerbow Funeral Home</b> 387-2266</p>



**Snyder - Wardlaw**

Ladonna Beth Snyder and Jack David Wardlaw III, both of Sonora were united in marriage on May 27, 2000 at the Cauthorn Memorial Building (The Depot) in Sonora, TX with the Rev. Suzanne Steves of the First United Methodist Church officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Ray (Dody) Snyder, of Capitan, New Mexico, formerly of Sonora and Mr. and Mrs. Jack David Wardlaw, Jr. of Sonora, TX.

Ushers were Kevin Ray Snyder, John Allen Snyder and Mack Miers Wardlaw, all of Sonora.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Delbert Ray Snyder. She wore an A-line style, white satin sleeveless gown with a scooped neckline. The bodice was elaborately embellished with silver bugle beads forming a trailing leaf pattern. Accompanying the gown was a matching off the shoulder wrap and babies breath and white sweetheart roses in her hair.

The bride carried a bouquet designed of stargazer lilies, white roses, white enchantment lilies, white sweetheart roses with English ivy and babies breath tied with white tulle.

The garden area was decorated with Boston ferns, English ivy, and hanging baskets of Bouganvillas and an archway decorated with English ivy, white tulle and white satin bows.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Sonora High School and attended Texas Tech University. She is employed as an Administrative Assistant/Tourism Director at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

The bridegroom is a 1989 graduate of Sonora High School and graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Education. He is a self employed rancher.

A reception and luncheon followed in the Cauthorn Memorial Building.

After a wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico the couple will reside on the family ranch in Sonora.



**Miller - Arnwine**

Lt. Barry Shannon Arnwine and Lorie Lynn Miller exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, June 3, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. at the Harrisonburg Baptist Church in Harrisonburg, VA. The Reverend T.W. Johnson, associate pastor performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Frederick and Patricia Miller of Singers Glen, VA. The groom is the son of Tommy and Beverly Arnwine of Sonora, Texas, formerly of Sundown, Texas.

Her father gave the bride in marriage. She wore a formal length A-line gown of white crepe with a chapel train. The bodice had a scoop neckline and was hand beaded. Her headpiece was a pearl and rhinestone headband with an elbow length illusion veil.

The bride carried a bouquet consisting of white roses and English Ivy.

The matron of honor was Lisa Ann Ritchie of Broadway, VA., sister of the bride, the bridesmaids were Mary Theresa Carter of Lanexa, VA, sister of the bride and Cathy Lynn Miller of Bergton, VA, sister-in-law of the bride. They wore navy formal length lace and georgette dresses with detachable train and carried a small bouquet of pink and white roses.

The flower girl was Kristin A. Lohr of Broadway, VA, niece of the bride. She was dressed in a white satin dress with a tulle overlay. The ring bearer was Wesley Miller of Singers Glen, VA, brother of the bride. He wore the traditional black tuxedo and black bow ties.

The groom wore his Marine Corps Dress Blue uniform with white trousers and sword. The best man, Sgt. Cary Shane Arnwine, twin brother of the groom, of San Antonio, Texas, wore his Marine Corps Dress blue uniform and sword. The groomsmen were Kenneth Brandon Arnwine of Lubbock, Texas and Joel Robert Arnwine of Stafford, VA., brothers of the groom. They wore traditional single-breasted black tuxedos with black bow ties.

The ushers were Lt. Tyson Avery of San Diego, CA, Lt., Richard Prosser of Winterhaven, FL, Lt. Kari Wright of Pasadena, CA, Lt. Carlos Cooper, of OceanSIDE, CA, Lt. Jeremy Buckwalter of Pensacola, FL and Lt. George Rodney III of Stafford, VA.

The altar was decorated with candelabras, consisting of an arch and two spirals, each candelabra was draped with ivy. The American and Marine Corp flags flanked the candelabras. Lt. Tyson Avery and Lt. Kari Wright lit the candles.

The mothers of the bride and groom lit tapers by the unity candle.

Church organist, Sandy Williams, played the wedding music. Songs included "Amazing Grace", and "Sheep May Safely Graze". The mothers entered the sanctuary to "Rondeau" by Mouret, the processional entered to "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach. The bride entered to "Canon in D" by Pachelbel, and the recessional was "Allegro Maestoso" by Handel.

The couple exited the church under a Marine sword arch courtesy of the Marine Officers who served as ushers. As the wedding party proceeded across the street to the reception, the Marines stood at parade rest with drawn swords and halted traffic.

A reception was held in the Elks Lodge. A meal consisting of carved roast beef, champagne chicken, green beans, twice baked potatoes was served.

The cake table was covered in white linen and decorated with a bouquet made by the groom's grandmother, Agness Arnold, of Odessa, Texas and formerly of Sundown, Texas, the wedding cake, and the groom's cake. The wedding cake was a three tiered traditional cake decorated with white icing and pink roses, however, each layer was a different flavor. The groom's cake was a round yellow cake with a raspberry filling and the Marine Corps emblem serving as its decoration. The bride and groom cut the cake with the groom's sword.

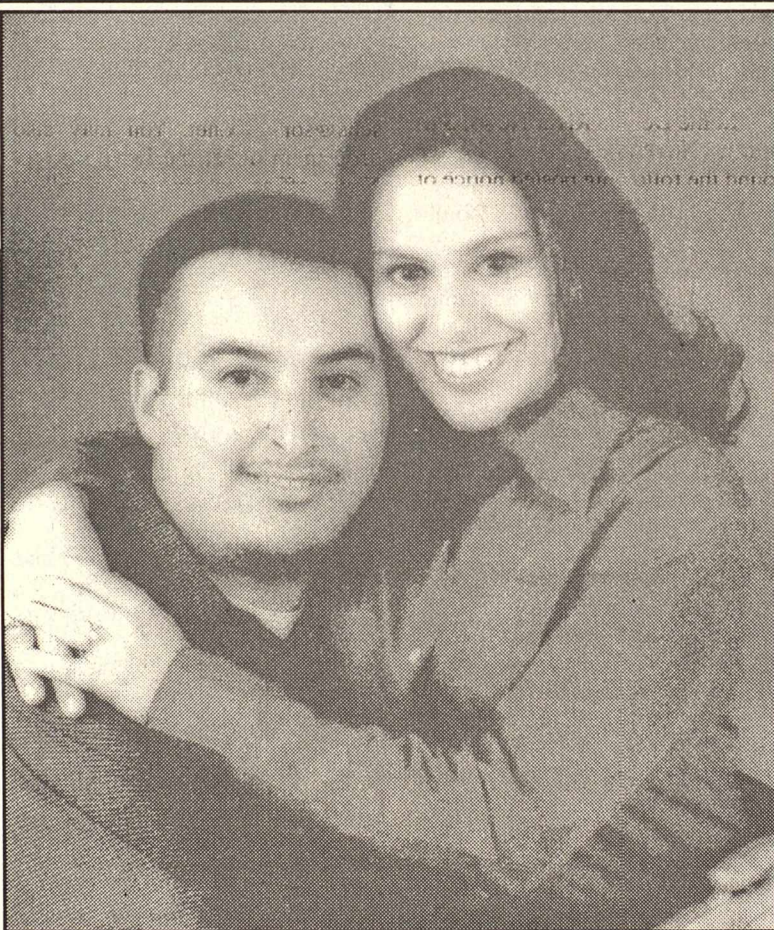
After Lt. Tyson Avery and Lt. Kari Wright served the cake, the bride and groom led off with the first dance.

After a seven-day honeymoon on the cruise ship "Voyager of the Seas" to the Caribbean, the couple will reside in Cherry Point, NC.

The bride graduated from Broadway High School, Broadway, VA. She is an insurance agent for Shomo and Lineweaver Insurance Agency, in Harrisonburg, VA.

The groom graduated from Sundown High School, Sundown, TX, and Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX. He will be a Logistics Officer with the United States Marine Corps, in Cherry Point, NC.

**Engagement**



**Lira-Sanchez**

Mr. and Mrs. Narciso Lira, Jr. are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Narciso III to Natalie Marie Sanchez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sanchez of Houston, Texas.

Narciso, a Sonora High School graduate, received his B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. He is currently employed with Landtech Consultants, Inc. in Houston.

Natalie, a Milby High School graduate, received her B.A. degree in Government with a minor in Business Administration from the University of Texas at Austin. She is currently attending South Texas College of Law and employed with the Houston based Law Firm, Jones & Gillaspia, L.L.P.

An August 5, 2000 wedding will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Houston, Texas.

**Engagement**



**Garner - Schmaltz**

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Garner of Sonora, and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Schmaltz of Midland, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Keshia Lavon, to Dustin Wayne Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Smith of Midland. The wedding will take place on July 22nd in Midland.

Miss Garner is a 1997 graduate of Lee High School in Midland and a student at Texas Tech University, where she is a member of Phi Upsilon Omicron and on the Dean's List. Her fiancé graduated from Lee High School in 1998 and is a Lance Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

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

**Obituaries**

**Willie Duran**

Willie T. Duran, 66, of Sonora died Tuesday, June 13, 2000, in a San Angelo hospital.

Services were held at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial following in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born February 10, 1934, in Sonora. An Army veteran, he was a shearing captain and a Catholic.

Survivors include two brothers, Santos Duran and Chatine Duran, both of Sonora; two sisters, Esperanza Velardez of Sonora and Virginia Ynostrosa of San Angelo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Senior Center Menu and News, Card of Thanks, Birth Announcement and Community Calendar see page 7.**

**Letters To The Editor Policy**

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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

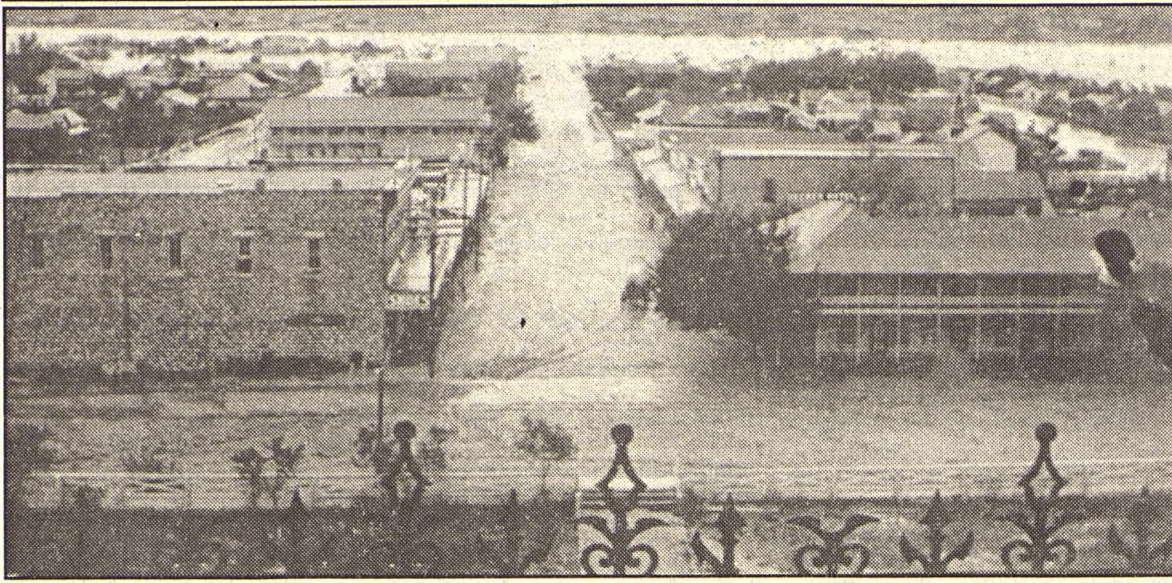
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Ask the Historical Society



Sonora 1906 - This shot from the top of the courthouse was taken before the dams were built. Water was running down Water and Main St. The draw overflow is up past Crockett St.

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Q. Isn't it unusual to have so much rainfall in West Texas in June?

A. Someone once told me, "The weather in West Texas must be a female 'cause it sure is fickle." I will admit it can be unpredictable; just ask most West Texas weathermen.

Records on file with the Sonora Research Station show that June rainfall has ranged from 0.00 inches in 1933 to 9.78 inches in 1961. In June 1981 they show 6.83 inches, June 1985 - 6.65 and June 1986 - 6.10 inches and in June of 1990 we only had 0.02 inches of rain. In June of 1948 there was 9.08 inches of rain and for the same month in 1938 only 0.67 inches. There is no exact pattern shown for the heavy June rainfall all I can tell you is to say "THANKS GOD" when it does rain. People around here can get pretty "touchy" if they hear you complaining about rain, especially with the recent drought.

Q. What are some of the worst hurricanes to hit Texas?

A. In 1866 Indianola was hit by what was called a "severe storm." On September 17, 1875 a hurricane hit Indianola that killed over 900 people and left the town looking like a bunch of broken matchboxes with over 3/4 of the city destroyed. Eleven years later in 1886 another storm hit Indianola. It didn't last as long as the storm in 1875 but it was much more destructive. Railroad rails were picked up, ties attached and traveled over a quarter of a mile into Powder Horn Lake. There were fewer casualties as there were less

people in the town by then. But the storm was so destructive that the railroads and steamship lines decided to abandon any effort to rebuild the town and the county seat was moved back to Port Lavaca.

On September 8, 1900 Galveston, Texas was hit by a hurricane that left over 6,000 dead. There were so many dead that someone suggested loading many of the bodies on to barges and dumping them at sea. The suggestion proved to be a poor one when many of the bodies washed ashore and had to be buried anyway.

From June 27-30 of 1957 Hurricane Audrey hit Louisiana and Texas leaving 526 dead. September 5 - 23 of 1967 Hurricane Beulah hit the Caribbean, Mexico and Texas and left 54 dead. From July 30 - August 5, 1970 Hurricane Celia hit Cuba, Florida and Texas leaving 31 dead. From August 4 - 11, 1980 Hurricane Allen hit the Caribbean and Texas leaving 272 dead and August 17 - 19, 1983 Hurricane Alicia hit Texas leaving 17 dead. On September 10 - 18, 1988 Hurricane Gilbert hit Jamaica, the Cayman Islands, and Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula leaving 300 dead. The storm then hit Texas where there were only 3 deaths.

When Hugo was on its way to Texas, Rick and I were at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station. We were evacuated and it was suggested we go to San Antonio. I had been in San Antonio when it rained and decided that wasn't far enough away from a hurricane for me. We came out here into Powder Horn Lake. There were fewer casualties as there were less

sunning ourselves by the pool, worrying about the furniture in Corpus Christi and visiting with a lot of really nice people from Sonora. I was right about San Antonio. They had severe thunderstorms and some of the buildings the NAS people from Corpus Christi had been sent to were damaged by high winds.

In recent years we had tropical storms named Harvey and Francis that hit Texas. With more advanced technology and a good warning system in place deaths from hurricanes have decreased greatly over the years. That doesn't mean we can become complacent. They say we are overdue for another storm like the ones that hit Galveston and Indianola.

While on the subject of water I thought you might like to see what one gentleman wrote about the water supply in Sonora in July of 1898: The town has a splendid water system, supplied from three wells some five hundred yards from the court house on top of a little mountain one hundred feet high or more. There are two large tanks blasted out of the solid rock near these wells that hold 300,000 gallons. These wells are kept constantly pumping into the tanks. The wells are 290 feet deep and the water cannot be surpassed in all Texas. C. C. Poole to the Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal

In the Devil's River News, Saturday, November 16, 1895 we found the following posted notice of water rates: for house use, families of two, \$1.50. For house use, families of three or more, \$2. For live stock, 10 cents per head, cow and

calf counted as one. For hotels, restaurants, saloons, barber shops with bath tubs, feed yards and livery stables, \$2.50. All other places of business using hydrants, \$2.00. For lawn, trees, shrubbery and flowers, excluding vegetables, \$8 per year for all contracts made on or before January 1st. For vegetable gardens, rates given on application. All money due in advance at terms for time stipulated. All parties not now supplied will be furnished hydrants on application. Any person permitting parties not regular customers of ours to carry or use water from their hydrants will be charged double rates. T. D. Newell, Proprietor, Sonora Water Works.

Now that was a really nice rain we had, 2 1/2 inches in my yard this time and 1 1/2 the last, but it doesn't mean the drought is over yet. We have gone a long time without a really good rainfall and it is going to take quite a few more good rains to recover. A lot of people have really cut back on water usage lately and it might be a good idea to continue the practice. Water is the lifeblood of West Texas and we have to use every drop carefully drought or no drought. Your ancestors knew this. Grandma would water her flower garden or vegetable garden with her dish water and wash water. I put a bucket in the shower to catch water while I adjust the temperature at the start and runoff while I shower. I use the water on my flower garden and try to dump my dishwater on the trees. When I wash clothes I wait till I have a full load to cut down on water consumption.

When I give the dogs and birds water I dump their old dish on the trees. Every little bit helps and if we all work together we will continue to have plenty of good water for everyone in our county for years to come. With increases in population there is an increased demand for water in West Texas and we all have to learn to conserve. Last but not least don't forget to say thanks to God for the rain and ask to have a little more sent our way.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratax.net. You may also drop them off at the Devil's River News office or give me a call at 915-387-2855. Please call before you stop over so I can put the dogs in their pen. Thanks.

Senior Center Celebrates Father's Day

Just like we celebrate Mother's Day, we celebrate Father's Day. The first celebration was observed in Spokane, Washington in 1910. Since 1946 Father's Day has been celebrated nationally on the third Sunday in June. Sons and daughters often wear a red rose in honor of a living father and a white rose if the father is dead. Today, Father's Day is celebrated by gifts, special church services, and in many unique ways.

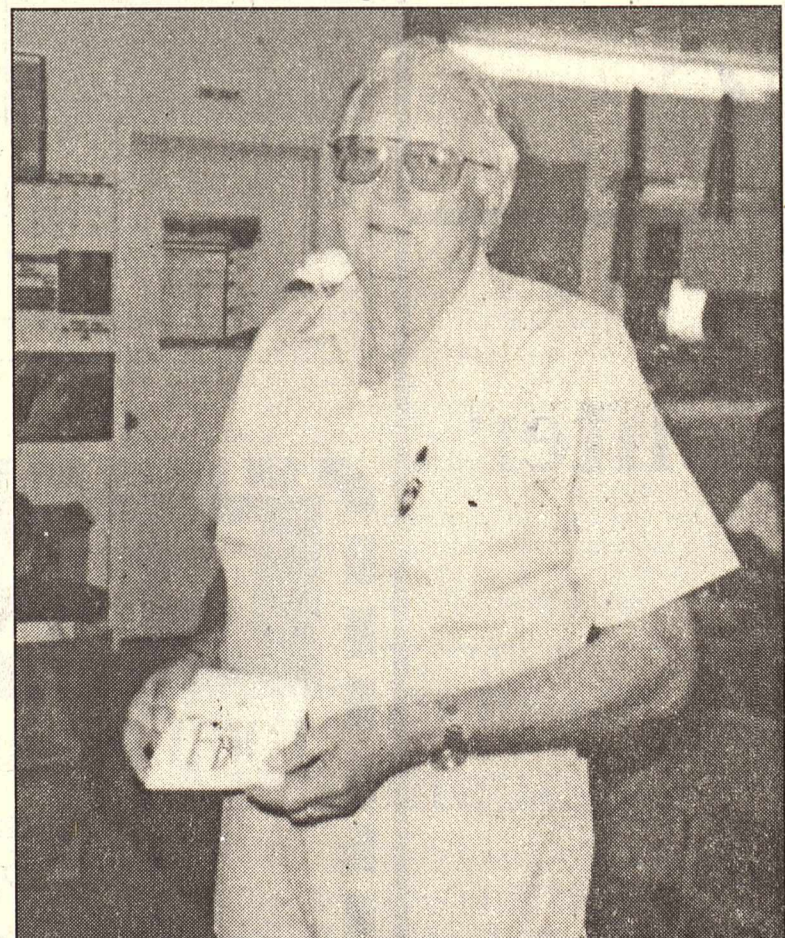
Senior Fathers at the Sutton County Senior Center are: George Brockman, Milton Cavaness, Pat Jungk, Beto Duran, John Cooper, Gus Eustace, Pablo Favela, Oscar Galindo, Jacinto Garza, Primo Gonzales, Jimmy Harris, Jack Hearn, Santos Hernandez, Charles Howard, Jack Kerbow, Joe Longoria, Hensel Matthews, Sam Perez, Baldemar Reina, Samuel Sanchez, Vernon Humphreys, Arturo Trevino, Nig Wall. Our honored homebound Senior Fathers are Placio Bautista, Jesus Carbajal, Luther Creek, Jesus DeHoyos, Alexandro Gonzales, Sebero Galvan, Glenn Krieg, Roy Lambert, Antonio Lira, Claudio Flores, Gilberto Lumbreas, John Lopez, Sr., Jesus Noriega, Aniceto Ramos, Lionel Samaniego, Ernest Murillo, Bernardo Solis, Sr., Virgil String, & Bill Tittle.

Senior Fathers who attended

our program were given a white carnation, card and a cap, all donated by the Senior Staff (Juanita, Amelia, Lesa & Lilia). Winning door prizes were: Jacinto Garza, Jimmy Harris, Jack Kerbow, & Arturo Trevino.

This year the Senior Father for 2000 is Jack Kerbow! He received a Mexican dinner from El Torito #2 (J.J. Vasquez), a boutonniere from Lisa's Flowers & Gifts, a cap from the City of Sonora, mugs from the Main Street Program, a haircut from Chavez Barber Shop (V.L. Chavez), Avon Cologne and Aftershave Kit (Sandra Luz Gonzales), and a Pedicure from Edna's House of Beauty. Thanks to all who made our Father's Day program so special!

- Results of games were:
1. Oldest Father - Pablo Favela
  2. Youngest Father - Samuel Sanchez
  3. Father Married the Longest - Jack Hearn (who beat Gus Eustace by 3 days)
  4. Father with the most children and grandchildren - Jacinto Garza
  5. Tallest Father - Samuel Sanchez
  6. Shortest Father - Primo Gonzales
  7. Father-to-be - Arturo Trevino
  8. Most recent great grandfather - Jimmy Harris



Jack Kerbow was chosen as Senior Father of the Year

Who Are The Outstanding Employers of America's Senior Workers?

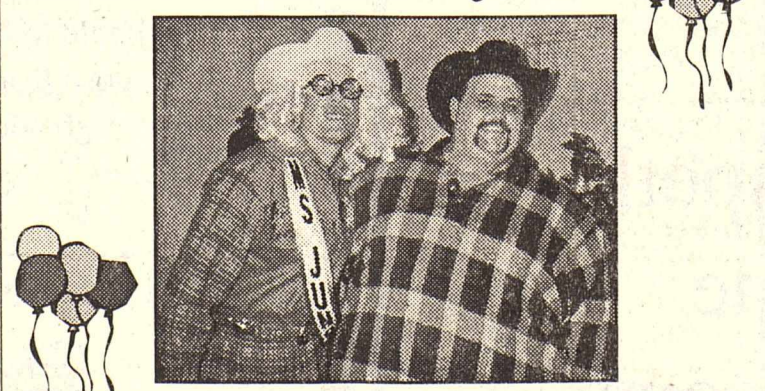
Waco, Texas - The economy is up. Unemployment is down. And one of the major challenges facing Texas companies of all sizes is staffing for success in today's tight labor market. Some employers have broken from traditional human resource models and are finding that retaining and recruiting mature workers makes good business sense.

Green Thumb is launching a search to identify and recognize those employers. We are looking for businesses that have developed exemplary models promoting a positive senior worker image, encouraged aging friendly workplaces, targeted recruitment of mature workers, retained older employees, and developed innovative programs such as specialized training, flexible work schedules, mentoring initiatives, differentiated benefits, and recognition programs.

Green Thumb will honor three outstanding employers representing small, medium, and large businesses during its National Prime Time Awards activities October 3-6 in Washington, D.C. Details and an online application is available at www.primetime2000.org. The deadline for submitting nominations is July 30.

Celebrating its 35th anniversary this year, Green Thumb is a national nonprofit organization that provides employment and training opportunities for older and disadvantaged individuals, and helps businesses retain their competitive advantage by providing innovative workforce solutions. The Green Thumb senior program operates in 132 Texas counties, serving more than 1,000 senior workers and 750 community-based organizations.

Happy 30TH Birthday Kirk Joy!



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 Renee Cavin bride elect of Jake Kimbrel  
 Mrs. Trey Wardlaw nee Ladonna Snyder

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 Thursday - T-bone steak with baked potato or French fries, salad...\$7.50 + tax  
 Friday - All you can Eat Catfish Platter...\$6.95 + tax  
**387-9525**



**F.Y.I.**

**June 26 - Blood sugar and Blood Pressure checks - 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Diabetes classes - English/ 1:30 p.m., Spanish/ 2:30 p.m. For more information call 387-5720.**

**The National Alliance for the Mentally III, Texas, of the Concho Valley will sponsor the Visions of Tomorrow Education Course. The series of workshops will start in Sonora sometime in early or mid-July (exact dates and times will be announced later). The co-teachers for the Sonora area will be Nellie Adkins, Kim Cole and Terri Johnson.**

**A Small Business for Women Entrepreneurs Seminar will be held at San Angelo National Bank, 3417 Knickerbocker, on Wednesday, June 28, 2000 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.**

**The Junior-Senior Prom pictures have arrived and may be picked up at the Administration Building weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.**

**Sonora Family Faith Center, formerly the Cowboy Church of the American West, meets every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Sonora Livestock Auction. There will be a guest speaker every Sunday. Jack Stevens of Dilley, Texas will speak on June 25. Nursery is provided for 1st grade and under and a potluck supper will be held every Sunday after services.**

**Vacation Bible School - June 26-30 from 9:00 a.m. - noon for all 3 1/2 yrs. - 6th grade. Registration: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. the first day, First United Methodist Church. Call 387-2466 for information. Presented by the Episcopal, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches.**

**The "Veterans From All Wars" Exhibit will be open the month of June, Mon. - Fri. from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**It's summer time again! If you need transportation for Summer School, Library Reading Program, Vacation Bible School, Swimming Lessons or any other event, please make reservations by calling Thunderbird Transit 387-2509.**

**Police Reports**

**June 5 - Warrant Arrest**  
During a routine traffic stop, the stop led to the arrest of Tamara Hight Perez of Breckenridge, Texas, on a warrant out of Abilene Sheriff's Office Taylor County for Theft by Check.

**June 6 - Assault**  
Officer was dispatched to the 600 block of Calle Real in reference to an assault. Complainant advised that her boyfriend had assaulted her daughter. Charges are pending.

**June 7 - Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle**  
Officer was dispatched to the 500 block of N. Crockett in reference to a stolen vehicle. Complainant advised that someone unknown to him had taken one of his company vehicles without his permission. After further investigation Brian Derrick Hurst of Ozona, Texas, was arrested for Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle.

**June 9 - Fugitive from Justice**  
A routine traffic stop led to the arrest of Constancio Acosta Salazar of San Antonio, Texas for burglary of a Habitation with intent to commit an assault two times. Sutton Co. Deputy assisted officer.

**June 9 - No Driver's License**  
Officer arrested Oscar Martinez Sanchez on local warrant for No Driver's License.

**June 10 - Burglary of Vehicle**  
Officer was dispatched to the Landmark Apartments in reference to a burglary. Complainant advised that someone unknown to him had taken some items from his vehicle. Investigation continues.

**June 11 - Possession of Marijuana**  
A traffic stop led to the arrest of Otto Vines of Galliano, LA for Possession of Marijuana under two ounces. Officer was assisted by Texas Highway Patrol L&W Trooper, Sutton County Deputy, and Drug Task Force Officer and K-9 Badger.

**June 11 - DWI - A traffic stop led to the arrest of 3 Rocksprings men, Essequiel J. Hernandez for DWI, Juan Llamas for PI and Gerardo Hernandez for PI**

**June 12 - Theft - Complainant contacted officer about a check being**

stolen from his mailbox. Investigation continues.

**June 14 - Public Intoxication - Officer was dispatched to the 300 block of W. 5th st. in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation, Eulogio Haro Vela, Jr. was arrested for Public Intoxication. Subject was transported to the Sutton Co. Jail.**

**June 14 - Public Intoxication - Officer received a call that a subject believed to be intoxicated was walking down Menard Ave. towards W. Main. After further investigation officer located subject and Gabriel Alvarado was arrested for Public Intoxication and transported to the Sutton Co. Jail.**

**June 15 - Theft of Service - Officer was dispatched to Shots #5 in reference to a theft. Upon arrival officer located the clerk who advised that someone in a white Dodge pickup had pumped \$31.83 worth of fuel and had driven away without paying. Attempts to locate the vehicle were negative.**

**June 16 - Theft of Service - Officer was dispatched to Skinny's Convenience Store in reference to a theft. Clerk advised officer that someone in a teal green Chevrolet pickup had pumped \$22.42 worth of fuel and had driven away without paying. Attempts to locate vehicle were negative.**

**June 17 - Theft of Service - Officer was dispatched to town & Country #97 in reference to a theft. Clerk advised officer that someone in a red pickup had pumped \$19.91 worth of fuel and driven away without paying. Attempts to locate vehicle were negative.**

**June 17 - Criminal Mischief - Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Main St. to meet with a complainant who advised that someone had damaged two doors to his building. Complainant advised he had found several kids inside the building. Investigation continues.**

**June 18 - Disregard of City Ordinance - Individual was cited for Disregard of a City Ordinance when he ignored police barricades and attempted to cross a low water crossing that was flooded.**

**EMS News**

On Monday, June 12, the EMS met for their advanced training meeting. Pascal Allison, EMT-P, gave a very informative lecture on intubation. All members present practiced their intubation skills.

On Monday, June 19, at the regular training meeting, there was a guest speaker from the Family Shelter and Self-Advocacy Center. Daryl Armstrong spoke on family violence and patient abuse.

Also four new applications from the EMT-B class will be reviewed for membership.

**All-Stars Start In Eldorado**

The Sonora Little League All-Stars competed in the Eldorado Plateau Classic Baseball Tournament this past weekend. All 3 teams represented Sonora very well, and we should all be proud of these kids.

**Sonora 3 - Brady 8 - Tues. 6/13**  
**Sonora 5 - Big Lake 0 - Wed. 6/14**  
**Sonora 7 - Iraan 2 - Fri. 6/16**  
**Sonora 2 - Menard 1 - Sat. 6/17**  
**Sonora 14 - Eldorado 2 - Sat. 6/17**

This win put Sonora in the Championship game to play Brady. Due to lightning and rain the games were called and 2nd place was given to Sonora because Brady had not lost a game and Sonora had lost one to Brady. All-Tournament Players from Sonora were: Cullen Parker, Anthony Longoria, and Eric Welch. Congratulations! We're proud of all of you.

The 10 year old All-Stars took 4th place and played four very hard fought games.

**Sonora 2 - Big Lake 4 - Mon. 6/12**  
**Sonora 11 - Brady 7 - Thurs. 6/15**  
**Sonora 14 - Junction 0 - Fri. 6/16**  
**Sonora 3 - San Angelo 9 - Sat. 6/17**

All-Tournament Players were: Aaron Gaytan and Riley Sanchez. Congrats Guys!

Sonora Minor Boys placed 4th with three good games played.

**Sonora 9 - Big Lake 10**  
**Sonora 19 - Junction 9**  
**Sonora 3 - Eldorado 5**

All-Tournament Players were: John Duke Hudson and Derek Van Winkle.

**Happy Birthday**

**June 22**  
Steven Harper, Virgil Burge, Pam Munn  
**June 23**  
Nichole Romero, Stanley Mayfield, David R. Sanchez, Sr., Paul Young, Bryan Reyes, Israel Lozano  
**June 24**  
Whitney Miller, Mikey Sanchez, Donny Yocham, Jr., Koda Armke, Jason Vitela, Jr., Hunter Hughes  
**June 25**  
Becky Becknell, Michelle Ibarra, Jennifer Ramirez, Rocio Renteria, Laramie Hall, Janice Henson  
**June 26**  
Leticia Garcia, Gerardo Almazan, Lilia Gallegos, Marc Hernandez, Julio Samaniego, Thomas Bloodworth, Farrah Virgen, Martin Tabarez, Meghan Galbreath  
**June 27**  
Barbara Newkirk, Beth Ross, Paul Faz, Oscar Jimenez, Jr.  
**June 28**  
Alda Duran, John Ainsworth, Glenn Chadwick, Ryan Cramer, Maribel Sentena, Linda Savell, Zane Powers

**McKissack Chosen For Miss Southwest Texas Teen USA**



This Dawn McKissack has been selected to take part in this year's Miss Southwest Texas Teen USA 2000. This will compete in several categories. She will be judged in the opening production, where she will dance, the evening gown competition, the personal interview competition with 9 different judges, and the swimsuit competition.

This is the daughter of Tommy and Darla McKissack. She is the grand daughter of Kathleen Moore and Tommy and Marty McKissack.

This will be in Uvalde June 22 - 24 for rehearsals and festivities. The pageant will be Saturday, June 24th at 7:00 p.m., at the Willie De Leon Civic Center. The Miss Southwest Texas Teen USA pageant will be held in conjunction with the Honey Fest 2000, a community wide celebration of Uvalde's heritage and connection with the Honey Industry.

The new Miss Southwest Texas Teen USA 2000 will represent Southwest Texas in the Miss Texas Teen USA Pageant later this year, this being the preliminaries to the ultimate pageants, Miss USA/Miss Universe and the Miss Teen USA. All produced by Miss Universe L.P., LLLP, Trump Pageants Inc. and The CBS Inc.

**Hall Rides Away With Big Win**



Stetson Hall left Sonora Friday afternoon to go win a saddle, and that is just what he did. Hall roped in Mineral Wells Friday night at the Cross-N-Door arena and won 1st out of 133 teams entered. This is his first saddle to win.

**Mustang Roundup Rolls Into San Angelo**

The San Angelo Ford Mustang Club, Jim Bass Ford-Honda-Mazda and Three Rivers Auto Supply will once again host the 12th Annual Mustang Roundup, on Saturday, July 8, 2000. The vehicles will be on display at Jim Bass Ford-Honda-Mazda, 2901 Sherwood Way. All proceeds will be benefiting Concho Valley Home for Girls.

There is no admission charge. Hours for the event are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., Popular voting 12:00 noon, 1st & 2nd trophies, Awards Presentation 3:00 p.m.

All year mustangs & special interest Fords are invited to participate. The entry fee is \$15.00 per vehicle.

**Special Event: Model car contest for youth and adults.**  
For more information call: Bill Ruth (915) 942-0042, Ken or Theresa Barrows (915) 949-1757 or 949-9501.

**TOWN/COUNTY MEETING**

**Sonora Civic Center**  
**Thursday**  
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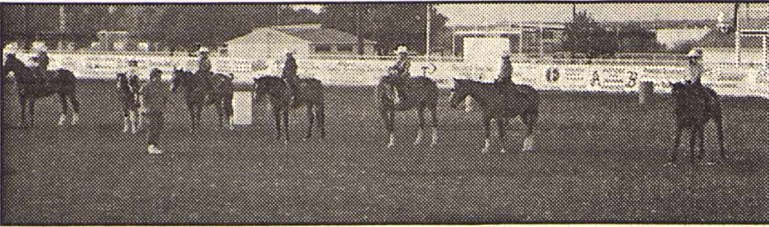
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4-H Pre-Junior Western Pleasure class lines up for the final judging.

## More 4-H'ers Come to Ride at Second Playday

Last Thursday 30 kids (with their parents) and horses showed up at the county arena for the second playday of the summer. It's still not too late for any newcomers. We have three more playdays left, and that is all you have to ride in, to be eligible for the series awards. The next date will be Thursday, June 29th with a 6:00 p.m. start (registration) again at the county arena.

Wheless Baker served as judge for this playday, and we really appreciated her for volunteering for this job...actually she was rather pressured into working by project leader Sherry Ingham. Anyone willing to serve as a judge for one of the next three playdays is asked to call Sherry or the Extension Office to volunteer.

### Showmanship:

Pre-Junior 1) Sterling Love, 2) Dustin Crittendon, 3) Alex Lang, 4) Bailey Pennington, 5) Stella Ingham, 6) Kelsey Taylor, 7) Gunter Pennington, 8) Stephani Morriss, 9) Word Hudson, 10) Nolan Kinder and also participating were Rose Karnes, Kara Voight, Cadesman Pope, Laura Martin, and Paige Sykes.

Junior: 1) Madison Stewart, 2) Chad Kinder, 3) Steely Ingham, 4) Laura Martin, 5) Holly Ford, 6) Amanda Keller, 7) Jena Teasley, 8) Mark Holman, and 9) Justin Rutland.

Senior: 1) Amberlie Kinder, 2) Kindra Bounds, and 3) Whitney Kinder.

### Western Pleasure:

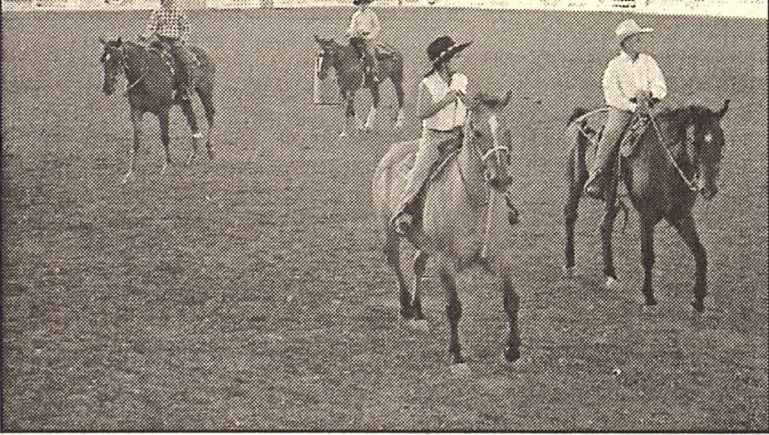
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Senior: 1) Amberlie Kinder, 2) Kindra Bounds, and 3) Whitney Kinder.

### Barrels:

Pre-junior: 1) Gunter Penning-



The Junior Western Pleasure was tough competition last Thursday.

## Special Performance to be Held at the Public Library

Is it possible to talk to your hand without looking really strange?

Joseph Libby thinks it is. The San Antonio native is a professional ventriloquist who uses his voice throwing abilities to amaze and entertain adults and children all over South Texas. He will present "The Incredible Inventions show", his new summer reading club program combining comedy, puppets, and magic at the Sutton County Public Library on Tuesday, June 27, 2000. Show Time is at 2:00 p.m.

"Ventriloquism has never been more popular than it is today", says Libby, "and yet it is still a rarely seen art form".

When people see a ventriloquist operating a puppet, they almost immediately get caught up in the illusion that the puppet is alive. They will react and talk to the puppet as if it is real, even though they know it is not.

If a puppet encourages kids to read library books, that can have a huge impact since the kids are hanging on to his every word.

Libby's best-known puppet is

*Sagebrush*, a green furry monster in a cowboy outfit. *Sagebrush's* job is to crack jokes, banter with the audience, and thwart any attempts to maintain order on stage.

"*Sagebrush* is very good at this," says Libby, "Of course, that's what makes the comedy."

Libby has had many interesting things happen in his ventriloquial career, but two events stand out. In 1988, he won the first place contest medal at the International Ventriloquists' Convention held in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. He also had the opportunity to perform with *Sagebrush* in several venues in the Soviet Union in 1990.

The Sutton County Library and the Sonora Woman's Club invite you and your family to come and enjoy an afternoon of fun.

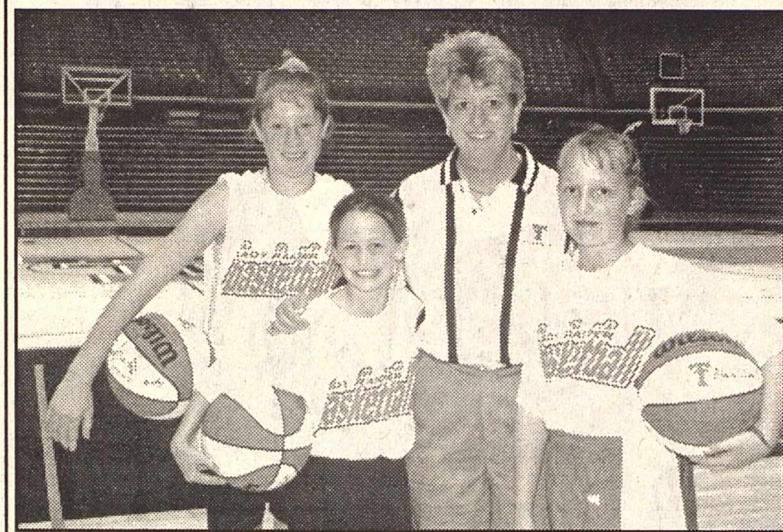
Summer Reading Program for Monday, June 26 and Tuesday, June 27th, will not be held on those days, instead they will see the "Incredible Inventions Show". For more information please call the library at 387-2111.

## Lady Bronco City League Softball Team



Front Row: Stephanie Reddin, Kara Hard, Claire Healy, and Koda Armke. Back Row: Coach, Jim Sims, Ashley Bible, Heather Lawson, Monica Lira and Shannon Vick. Not pictured is Emily Matchus, Ashley Lira, and Crystal Galindo

## Future WNBA Stars In Training



Chelsey Seaton, Kaitlyn Henderson and Steely Ingham, pictured here with Head Coach Marsha Sharp, attended the Texas Tech Lady Raider Basketball Camp this month. The girls learned and practiced a variety of basketball skills. Also attending from Sonora was Courtney Caruthers.

## Boy Scout Troop 19 Awarded as Overall Best Troop

Boy Scout Troop 19 of Sonora was awarded the Arrowhead Award as the overall best troop in camp during the week of June 11-18 at Camp Sol Mayer near Ft. McKavett.

The Sonora Scouts also competed well in camp-wide competitive events taking third place in the running, swimming biking canoeing relay, and third place in the swimming relay, and first place in the tug-of-war.

Steven Barthelemy was honored as the most improved scout in the canoeing area.

Sonora Scouts who attended camp were Senior Patrol Leader Devon Yearout, Israel Mendoza, David Adkins, Tyler Talley, Roland Solis, Ty Love, Embre Smith, Frank David Gallegos, Brandon Munn, Steven Barthelemy, Shane Love, Warren Wallace, J.J. Galindo and Travis Valliant.

Adult leaders who accompanied the Scouts at camp were Tim Talley, Carlos Gallegos, Lewis Allen, and Jack Smith.

Five Scouts from Troop 19 are busy around town working on their Eagle Scout service projects. Wilson Wallace is making improvements at the Senior Center. Stevie Hernandez is repainting the gazebo at Liberty Park. Joseph Ainsworth is repainting the Fellowship Hall exterior of St. Ann's Catholic Church. Norbert David Ortiz is building a bird watching observatory on Eaton Hill, and Devon Yearout is painting the eaves at Hudspeth Memorial Nursing Home. These boys are to be commended and encouraged for their service to the community and for nearing the end of their trail toward the Eagle rank.

## Hunter's Education from page 1

gauge shotgun, that "it hurts". Forty-two shots later, she wanted to know "Is that all we get to shoot?" I think if I would have let her, she would have shot up all the Boy's Camp shells.

These girls really get into this shooting, and come away with a different attitude toward shooting and hunting. They are our hunters of the future.

We try to let these kids shoot as much as possible and as many different types of firearms so that knowledge will replace curiosity.

Parents ask "How can you do all this for \$10.00?" I couldn't if it weren't for Sandy and Doug McPherson. They furnish all the food, the camp, and almost anything we need, including a very nice t-shirt for each student. They also let their secretary, Maria, or otherwise known as "The General", come cook for us, and the food gets better every year.

The instructors included: Game Wardens Alan Masloff, J.C. Flores, Marco Alviso, Rick Gulley, Freddi Cervantez, Gary Dick, Rodney

Knight, Mike Porter (retired) and Midland Supervisor Scott Davis. Also instructing were Jim Stephens, John Stephens, Preston Love, Marvin Shurley and Brent Gesch.

Randi Knight of Stanton won the pocket knife for outstanding participant.

About the only real excitement happened when Refined Warden Mike Porter decided to take a little nap on the concrete slab while the girls were having a little shooting match. Some of the girls got to chasing a green-striped lizard, and well, the lizard was looking for some place to hide and there was Mike. Around his stomach and into his armpit; I don't think I've ever seen a bunch of girls laugh so hard!!

A very special thanks to Sandy and Doug, General Maria, my fellow wardens and instructors, the U.S. Border Patrol of San Angelo, Rafter W Feed, Laborde Diagnostic of Lafayette, LA, Marvin Shurley, the dispatchers at the Sheriff's Office and Marla Tisdell, who chaperoned the girls for me.



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### All cast members released at:

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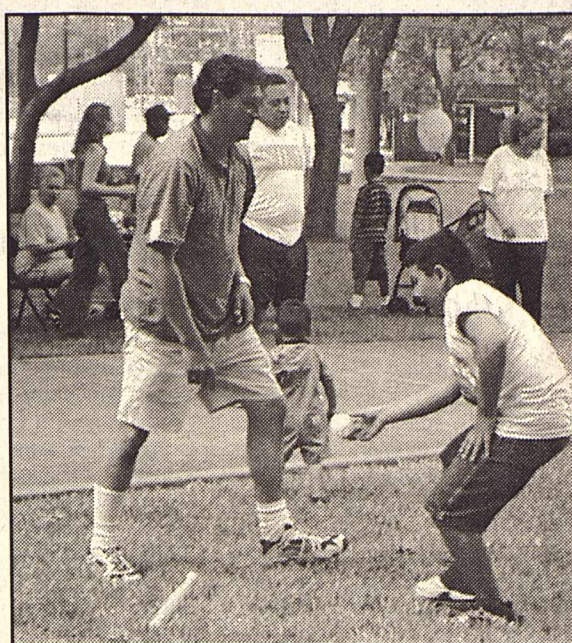
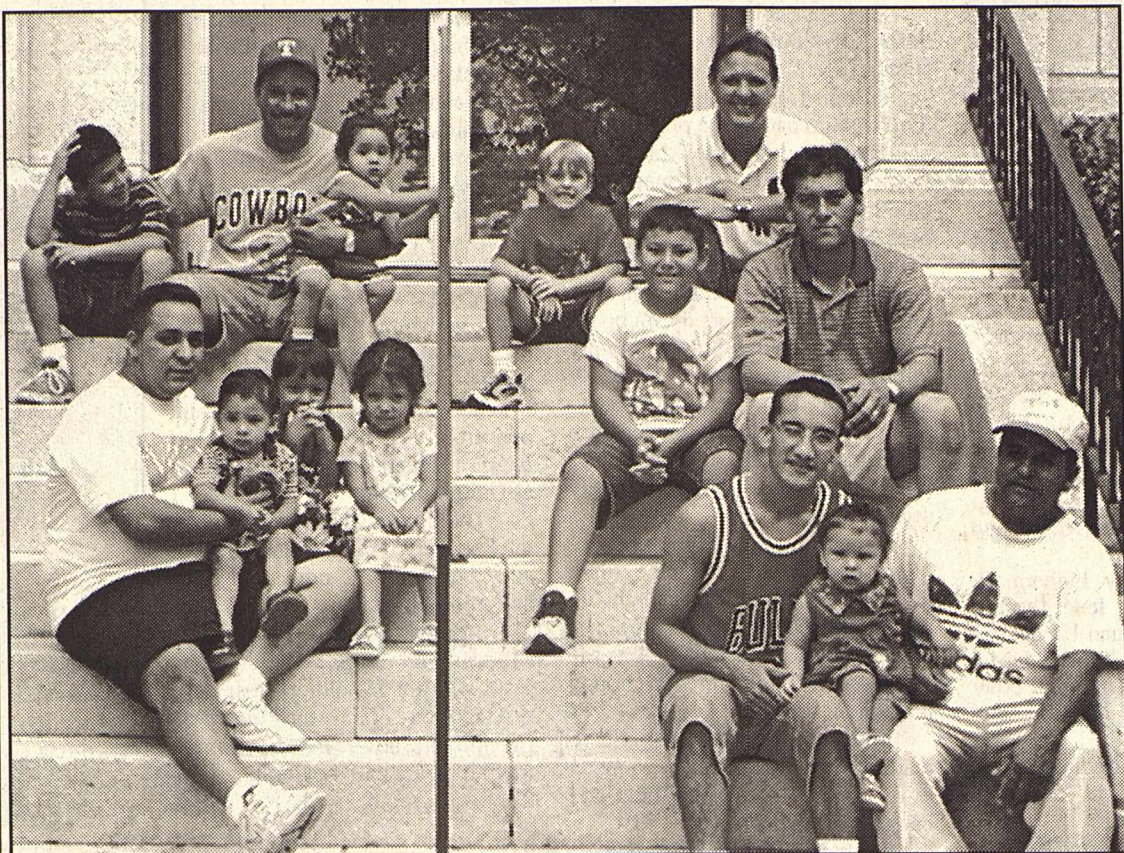




# Fathers / Grandfathers Compete in Special Day Olympics



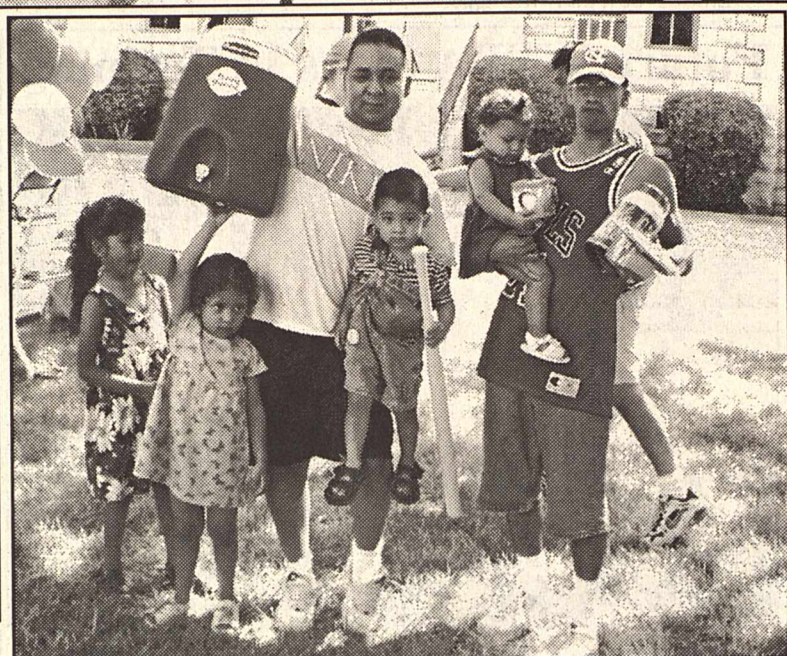
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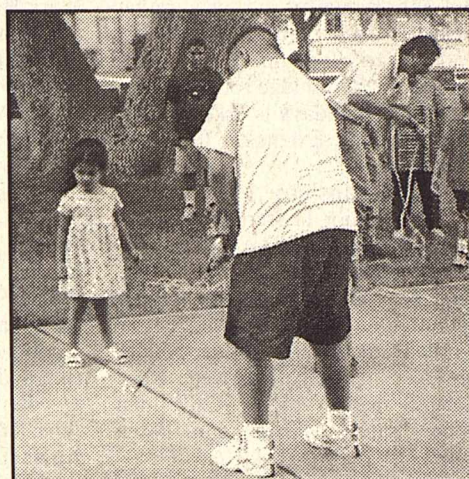
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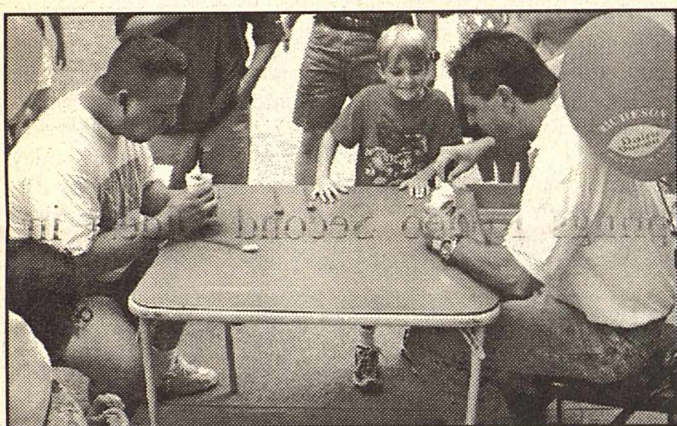
Roping



Olympic Participants were:  
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**Joe Sanchez**, father of Mark, Natalie and Jessica  
**Fonzie Covarrubiaz**, father of Brittany  
**Rodolfo Charo**, father of Rudy  
**Michael Fay**, Father of Matthew  
**Ruben Yorba, Sr.**, Grandpa of Brittany



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2nd place - Joe Sanchez, father of Mark, Natalie and Jessica  
 3rd place - Fonzie Covarrubiaz, father of Brittany

Ice Cream Eating Contest



Hopscotch

## Back Talk

Chiropractic Care Questions & Answers

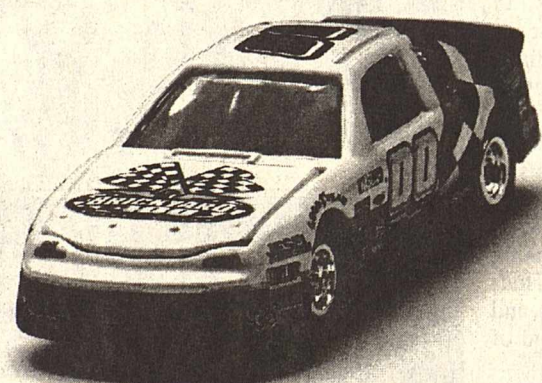
I heard cracking your knuckles cause arthritis. Wouldn't chiropractic also cause similar problems?

Repetitive motion of any kind can lead to arthritis in many different areas of the body. Word processing can cause carpal tunnel syndrome and repeatedly cracking one's knuckles over time can also lead to problems. Chiropractic adjustments involve specific, measured thrusts to selected locations of the spine. There is no evidence either anecdotally or in the literature to suggest chiropractic adjustments can cause pain or dysfunction. Chiropractic treatment does not reproduce the level of repetition which causes carpal tunnel syndrome and the other repetitive motion injuries.

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## Nursing Home from page 1

"The Board of Directors met on June 12, 2000 and voted to schedule a Town/County meeting on July 6, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. It is with great regret this meeting is being called. The Board of Directors is forced to look at the need to close our Nursing Home for financial reasons.

In 1997 the Nursing Home lost \$306,990. In 1998 the Nursing Home lost \$339,504. In 1999 the Nursing Home lost \$494,729.

Most of our residents qualify for Medicaid. The Medicaid reimbursement rate averaged \$81.00 a day to care for a Nursing home patient in 1999. It cost between \$100.00 and \$128.00 a day to care for a patient in 1999. About 25% of the for profit Nursing Homes in Texas closed in 1999 because of this low reimbursement rate. This rate is set by the legislature and many groups have requested this rate be increased. To date it has not been

raised. It is impossible to understand why our legislature has not felt the need to give this funding to the nursing home residents of Texas. The state of Texas ranks 45th in the United States for Medicaid funding.

The potential of closing the Nursing Home is being looked at because it is something we might have to do---it is certainly not something we want to do.

Please attend the meeting on July 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center to discuss this very regretful situation."

A tax increase is only one of the options that will be up for discussion at the public meeting. Outside funding and grants are also being researched as possible alternatives that the Hospital District could rely on to lighten this financial load.

It is the consensus of all involved that something has to be done, the question now is... What?

## Letter to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR:

I would like to share information with your public about the devastating effects of nursing home closure. First and foremost the residents lose the place they call home. Moving is a traumatic event for anyone, much more an elderly person who depends on professionals to provide assistance with personal care, medication distribution and other activities for daily living. When a person enters a nursing home, depression often results because of difficulty accepting a new environment. Once he/she becomes integrated and life is good again, the prospect of having to start all over again can cause depression to reoccur. Anxiety and worry may lead to health problems as the idea of leaving the people they now call part of their family weighs heavy on his/her mind. In many cases, residents are moved to towns or cities away from their families and feelings of isolation set in. It is sad but true to say, that many residents moved do not thrive well after the move. In talking with some of the current residents at Lillian M. Hudspeth Nursing Home, I have found that they are talking about the possible closure and they are worried.

Sherri Munsey, BA SWA, Social Service Consultant in Long Term Care

## LOCAL FINANCIAL PROFESSIONAL ATTENDS NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN ANAHEIM, CA

Retirement and estate planning, insurance, and technology were among the topics discussed by some of America's leading investment authorities at a training conference held recently in Anaheim, California.

Samuel Hernandez of Sonora was one of the more than 1,200 financial professionals in attendance at Vest Fest 2000: Set the Stage for Success! Vest Fest is an annual event hosted by H.D. Vest Financial Services, one of the largest financial services firms in the United States and the pioneer in the delivery of investment planning through tax professionals.

During the three-day event, Hernandez and his colleagues were introduced to strategies and techniques for effectively using the latest industry software to assist them in furthering value-added client service. Additional discussion focused on examining critical issues facing the financial professional; retirement planning, insurance needs analysis, and the advantages of professional money management. Keynote speakers at the conference

included Robert Froehlich, who explored the future of the U.S. and world financial markets, and Bill Bachrach, who discussed values-based selling.

"Vest Fest is designed to build up our Representatives and provide them with the tools they need to help their clients achieve financial security and success," says Herb D. Vest, chairman and CEO of H.D. Vest. "This conference brings all the essentials together into one package - the latest information, trends and strategies in the financial services industry."

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## A River Runs Through It...



The "Dry" Devil's River wasn't dry after Saturday Nights rainfall. This low crossing behind Stadium Trailer Park was up to 3 ft. and rising on Sunday.

## EMS Reports for May

- 5-1-00 Medical - Bloodworth Road to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
- 5-3-00 Accident - Poplar Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 101
- 5-3-00 Transport - Hudspeth Hospital to Poplar Street - Unit 101
- 5-4-00 Accident - Glasscock Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
- 5-5-00 Medical - Football field to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
- 5-5-00 Stand-by - Allen Drive Structure Fire - Unit 100
- 5-8-00 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101
- 5-8-00 Medical - Calle Castillo to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 101
- 5-8-00 Accident - Crockett Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
- 5-10-00 Medical - North Service Road - Patient Refused Service - Unit 100
- 5-11-00 Medical - Crockett Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
- 5-11-00 Accident - IH-10, 434MM, Patient refused service - Unit 100
- 5-12-00 Transport - Hudspeth Hospital to Crockett Street - Unit 101
- 5-12-00 Accident - Hwy 277 South, 26 miles to Hudspeth, 2 patients - Unit 100
- 5-12-00 Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101
- 5-14-00 Medical - Water Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
- 5-14-00 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 100
- 5-16-00 Medical - Mulberry Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
- 5-16-00 Medical - Hudspeth Nursing Home to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 102
- 5-17-00 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101
- 5-19-00 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101
- 5-19-00 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101
- 5-19-00 Accident - IH-10, 399MM, Patients refused treatment, Unit 100 & Unit 102
- 5-20-00 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101
- 5-22-00 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101
- 5-22-00 Medical - Shannon Medical Center to Hudspeth Nursing Home - Unit 102
- 5-25-00 Accident - IH-10, 426MM to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
- 5-25-00 Accident - IH-10, 426MM, Canceled enroute - Unit 101
- 5-29-00 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101
- 5-29-00 Accident - Hwy 277 South 2 miles - Patient refused service - Unit 100
- 5-31-00 Medical - Menard Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
- 5-31-00 Accident - IH-10, 422MM to Hudspeth Hospital, 2 patients - Unit 100

## Senior Center News

### Senior Center News

- June 22** - Give someone a hug today!
- June 23** - Kooking with Kelly Nutrition program! Noon.
- June 29** - Birthday Party for June Banies! Noon.
- Senior Menu**
- June 22** - Oven baked BBQ chicken, baked beans, California mixed vegetables, cornbread, macaroni, salad, jello with fruit.
- June 23** - Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, tossed salad with tomato, roll, sugar cookie.
- June 26** - Chicken strip, baked potato, broccoli with cheese sauce, roll, peach cobbler.
- June 27** - Hot dog with chili/cheese, candied sweet potatoes, pineapple waldorf, brownie with nuts.
- June 28** - Oven fried chicken breast, with gravy, whipped potatoes, seasoned mixed greens, cornbread, gelatin parfait, cubed cantaloupe.
- June 29** - Soft taco with meat, cheese, pinto beans, flour tortilla, chopped lettuce, tomato, pepper, mixed fruit with cantaloupe.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.  
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

## Card of Thanks

The Zaragoza family would like to thank the community for all the support, in the opening of Taco Grill.  
We would like to invite you back to enjoy the great Mexican and American food.

We would also like to thank everyone for the gifts.  
Taco Grill

I would like to give a special thanks to all my friends, Dr. Pajestka, the nurses that were on duty at the hospital, the ambulance crew, my friends at the Senior Center for their concerns and also the prayers, cards and flowers while I was in the hospital.

Thanks Again,  
Oscar C. Galindo, Elodia Neria and Carmen

The family of Pat Holmes would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who shared caring words, prayers, cards, flowers and food during our loss. Pat was a precious wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and was a great loss. All of your help and sympathy helped us to get through this tough time more easily. Thank you all again.

May God Bless You,  
Ray Holmes, Steve & Pam Bolt, Chris, Scott & Morgan Badgett, Brook Bolt, Becky, Stoney, Judy & Chad Holmes, and Shea & Dustin Holmes

## Birth Announcement

Joe Galindo and Josie Cumpian are the proud parents of a baby girl

Haily Brianna.

She was born June 16, 2000

at Shannon Women's and Children's Center at 4:23 p.m.

7lbs. 4 1/2 ozs. and was 19 1/2" long.

She is welcomed home by her brother Louie, Maternal Grandmother Rosa Cumpian, Uncle Bo, Maternal Great-Grandmother Josepha Cumpian and the late Domingo Cumpian.

Paternal Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Galindo, Uncle Eric, Stephanie, cousin Mason,

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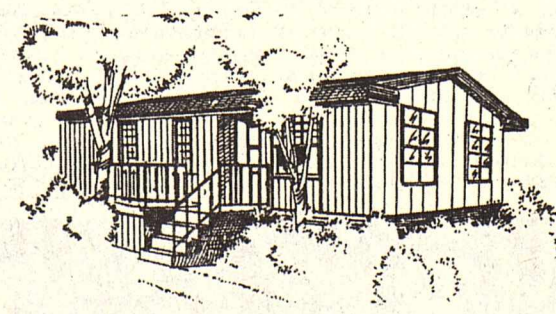
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June 22

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The Community Calendar

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## Calendar

June 26-30

Tri Vacation Bible School Methodist Church 9:00 - 12:00

June 29

4-H Playday

Rodeo Arena 6:00 p.m.

July 6

Town/County Meeting on Nursing Home Sonora Civic Center 7:00 p.m.

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## Main Street Nationally Recognized

The Sonora Main Street Program has earned recognition for excellence in the field of downtown revitalization by meeting high standards for performance set by the Texas Main Street Program and the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Main Street Center. Sonora Main Street program nationally joins 412 other Main Street revitalization programs designated as Certified National Main Street Communities.

The national certification program annually evaluates downtown revitalization programs based on strict criteria such as: board based public support, historic preservation ethics, active board of directors, adequate funding, a paid professional manager and reporting of economic progress by providing statistical information. The program's performance was evaluated by Texas Main Street Program, which is the statewide coordinator for Main Street Programs in Texas.

"A successful, well-run Main Street Program creates a vibrant downtown of many uses, where people come not only to shop but to meet or even live. By increasing economic vitality and focusing on reusing historic buildings, it creates a place that defines the community," says Kennedy Smith, director of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street Center. "The certification for Sonora Main Street Program reflects a well-run downtown revitalization initiative, and the citizens of Sonora should be proud of their efforts, and maintain their commitment to revitalizing the downtown area."

The Main Street Program has been successful in due part to a partnership between Texas Main Street Program and the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street Center.

The Sonora Main Street Program was honored to receive this award and will have the award on display in the Sonora City Hall.

## ARB from page 1

owner a notice of any other kind of change in the appraisal records, or if the chief appraiser issues a notice for a property omitted in the prior year, the property owner has 30 days from the mailing date to file a protest. Official forms for a notice of protest are available at the appraisal district office. A letter from the taxpayer is also acceptable, as long as it identifies the property owner and the property protested and indicates dissatisfaction with some decision or action of the appraisal office.

Each protesting property owner may offer evidence or argument, either in person or by filing an affidavit with the ARB. Property owners should know that the ARB has no authority over tax rates or spending and will not hear protests on these topics.

The ARB will schedule hearings as property owners file protests and will tell them the time, date and place of their individual hearings at least 15 days before the hearing

date. Property owners also will receive a copy of the State Comptroller of Public Accounts pamphlet entitled Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayer's Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities, a copy of the ARB's procedures and notice of available evidence at the appraisal office to be presented at the hearing.

Friess said that hearings will be held for one day and that the ARB expects to approve the final appraisal on that day. State law requires the ARB to review and approve the appraisal records by July 20, or when not more than 5 percent of the total property value in the district remains under protest.

Those protesting their appraisals should not contact ARB members outside the hearing. Each ARB member must sign an affidavit that he or she has had no contact about the protest with a property owner or the appraisal office staff before the hearing.

## Hospital Board from page 1

McDonald pointed out the material changes from 1998 to 1999. She stated that huge strides had been made with the accounts receivable and the A/R had decreased by \$190,000. This decrease was related to a much better job on keeping up with collections. McDonald stated that with the decrease they were able to decrease the allowance set up for bad debts. She went on to say that last year our number of accounts that we had were greater than 120 days old and was around \$186,000. As of December 31, 1999, that number had dropped to \$64,000. McDonald stated that the Business Office should be commended for their work on the accounts receivable and this also helped the cash flow for 1999. She also advised that the Department Heads should take more responsibility regarding the finances in their department. The cost report for the Hospital has been filed and the hospital should be receiving approximately \$30,000 relating to Medicare and Medicaid claims.

Carolyn Lara addressed the Board regarding a new insurance plan from the State of Texas for children from lower to moderate income families. These families make too much to qualify for Medicaid. USA, MCO will be the insurance contracted by the State to administer this program. Lara advised USA, MCO wants a contract signed by the Hospital to be in network for this program. If a contract is not signed, the Hospital will still be paid, but as yet the Hospital does not know how they will do the reimbursing. They will be using Medicaid rates. At one time there was a contract with this company as an individual company

and it had been canceled. Discussion was held regarding this program and it was the consensus of the Board that at the present time they do not enter into a contract with USA, MCO. A motion carried.

Carol Evans, RN, Director of Nurses, Nursing Home, gave the Nursing Home report, stating that there had been one admission in May. The current census at present is 23 residents. Staffing is adequate, but there is still a need for an RN or LVN.

Dr. Johnson advised the Board that, as discussed before, the Nursing Home was losing \$38,000 to \$40,000 each month. Dr. Johnson stated that the final figure of the Nursing Home's loss for 1999 was \$474,647. That figures out to be a loss of \$56.53 per day on every resident, with a \$20,633 per resident for the year. Dr. Johnson said that it would take approximately .14 cents of the tax money to take care of this loss. He advised that the Hospital District would have to raise taxes by .12 1/2 cents to cover this loss. Dr. Johnson advised that in looking at preparing the budget for 2001 and setting the tax rate, the Hospital District would have to raise the tax rate significantly. The Hospital District has a tax cap, that they cannot go above without going back to legislations, of .35 cents, as they are taxing at the present rate of .27133 cents. Discussion was held regarding going back to legislation to raise the tax cap. It would take a referendum locally asking the citizens of Sutton County to vote for an increase. The increase would have to be at least up to .50 cents. If the referendum would pass, it would still be 2002 before the District

## Summer Movie Draws Attention To Auto Theft Problem

Summer months are hottest time for vehicle theft in Texas

(Austin) - The popular summer movie, "Gone in Sixty Seconds" is a story about the lives of two car thieves who are masters of their illegal trade. But according to the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority/Texas Department of Transportation, the reality is that the typical car thief is a teenager between 15 and 19 years old, and car theft is hardly entertaining.

"In Texas, a car or truck is stolen every five-and-a-half-minutes," said Gus De La Rosa, Director of A.T.P.A. "It disrupts people's lives, costs Americans billions of dollars, and can be dangerous. In fact, vehicle thefts outnumber other property crimes in our state by three to one."

But De La Rosa says these numbers can improve if Texans use a little common sense.

According to theft prevention experts, the simple act of locking your car and taking the keys can do a lot to lower the theft rate. A.T.P.A. statistics show half the cars stolen in Texas in 1998 were left unlocked.

"With more than 96,600 vehicles stolen in Texas in 1998," said De La Rosa, "you could cut that number dramatically simply by locking your car."

The Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority offers these other tips to keep vehicles from being stolen:

- \* Never leave your vehicle unattended with the engine running.

- \* Always lock your vehicle and take your keys.

- \* Keep all valuables and packages out of sight.

- \* Use auto theft deterrents, such as car alarms, steering wheel and ignition column devices and kill switches.

- \* Always park in a well-lighted area.

- \* Never leave a regular or spare set of keys in your vehicle. Carry the vehicle's registration in your purse or wallet, and file titles away at home.

Statistics show pick-up trucks, SUVs and family sedans are prime targets to be stolen. According to A.T.P.A., pick-up trucks made by General Motors were the most stolen vehicles in Texas, followed closely by Ford pick-ups. Other makes and models rounding out the top ten were the Olds Cutlass, GM Suburban, GM Van, Dodge Pick-up, Jeep Cherokee, Toyota Camry and Oldsmobile 88.

Nationwide, vehicle theft is the most costly property crime in America with \$7.5 billion in annual losses.

"The Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority is working to keep vehicles where they belong - with their owners," said De La Rosa. "Since it was founded in 1991, A.T.P.A. has reduced auto theft in Texas by 50%." De La Rosa adds with everyone's help, that number can be reduced even more.

For more auto theft prevention information, call 1-800-CAR-WATCH or visit [www.txwatchyourcar.com](http://www.txwatchyourcar.com).

## Coaches from page 1

will teach Pre-K and Jimmy will teach Biology as well as being Defensive Coordinator and Jr. High Track coach. The Randolph's have two daughters.

Chad Russell brings seven years experience to his Defensive Secondary position. He will also be coaching Jr. High Track and teaching High School Math. Russell's most recent coaching job was at Hillsboro and he has also coached at Winters and Bovine. Chad's wife Niki will be teaching third grade. They have one daughter.

Shane Mobley will be taking the Defensive Line, as well as Jr. High Basketball and High School History. His four years of experience are all from Winters, where he even student taught for Herring at one time. Shane and his wife Teka have one son. Teka will be teaching High School English.

Herring said he is very enthusiastic about the upcoming year. The enthusiasm and motivation of these new coaches, added to the strength of the existing staff promises to deliver an exciting year in sports for the Broncos.

When asked what Bronco Fans can expect in the year to come, Herring explained that he plans to keep 80% of what is already in place. "There are many returning Bronco athletes and we decided it would be best to keep things basically the same. Base Offense will be

Wing T with few changes and we will add an option game, a short passing game and a shot gun package," stated Herring

Herring will be calling all Offensive plays.

Randolph, who Herring said is very well respected in the coaching field and we are lucky to be getting, will be calling all Defensive plays. He will bring in an eight man front, and an extremely aggressive attack. This will be a change; from a reading defense to an attacking defense.

When looking for new coaches, Herring said he looked for experience as a priority, but motivation was very important also. He feels he found all that, and more, in these new coaches.

Overall, Herring hopes his own enthusiasm will be contagious. He said the girls program is on its way up, with many good athletes returning and some new ones moving up. His ultimate goal is for each sport to be in the playoffs.

Herring said that he has had tremendous support from the returning coaching staff and he looks forward to working with them all. He also said that the support from the community, School Board, and everyone, has been absolutely overwhelming and he feels very fortunate to have this new position!

Look for new and exciting things from the Mighty Broncos this year!!

## Census Bureau Double Checks its Work

How did the Census Bureau know it missed 4 1/2 million people nationwide in the 1990 Census? The operational technicalities of that question are complex, but basically the answer is simple - the Census Bureau carefully double checks its own work.

Now that the initial census effort is nearing completion (over 97% of American households have been counted so far), the Census Bureau is on the verge of launching two separate field operations designed to verify that the Census 2000 is thoroughly accurate.

Census Improvement Follow-up (CIFU)

In early July the Census Bureau will send out a new wave of census-takers to "double-check" newly constructed housing units as well as households that may have inaccurately been identified as vacant or non-existent during the initial census. Approximately 10.2 million households nationwide will be visited as part of this CIFU operation.

"It's the Census Bureau's way of tying up loose ends," explains Dallas Regional Director Alfonso E. Mirabal. "Our crews of census-takers will go out one more time to see if there are any households that might have been missed or other household information that we should have obtained. So much depends on census figures that we want to make sure our communities are counted as completely and accu-

rately as possible."

Accuracy & Coverage Evaluation (A.C.E.)

The A.C.E. uses a separate, independent crew of census-takers to provide a final quality check on how well we did in the initial census. The basic goal of A.C.E. is to compare and contrast our initial census data with a scientifically determined random sample of 314,000 households throughout the country to determine the number of people missed or counted more than once in the census.

By means of telephone calls and personal visits, A.C.E. enumerators ascertain precisely who lived in each household on April 1st. Then they cross-check to see whether or not those household members were counted in the initial census. The A.C.E. results provide a remarkably accurate picture of how many people were counted or missed by the original census operation; in turn, this gives the Census Bureau a solid estimate of the true population of the United States.

The Census Bureau's follow-up operations (CIFU and A.C.E.) are of tremendous value, as they allow policy makers, business leaders, researchers and many others to have highly accurate population figures. But what they mean for the general public is that Census 2000 is not over yet. Census-takers will still be knocking doors or phoning homes through July and August, and perhaps well beyond that.

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**Statement by Congressman Bonilla regarding Supreme Court ruling on school prayer at high school sporting events**

"I am very disappointed by the Supreme Court's ruling barring student led prayer at high school sporting events. I thought we had graduated from the era of the activist court and entered the era of common sense interpretation of the law. The Supreme Court sent the wrong message to our children today.

It said we must abide by the principles of freedom from religion rather than freedom of religion."

U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla, R-Texas, sponsored House Concurrent Resolution 199 expressing the sense of the Congress that prayers and invocations at public school sporting events contribute to the moral foundation of our Nation and urged the Supreme Court to uphold their constitutionality. The legislation passed the House of Representatives by a voice vote.

**Bonilla Applauds USDA \$30 million plan to help U.S. sheep and lamb farmers** - U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla, R-Texas, applauded today's decision by the United States Department of Agriculture to award \$30 million in direct cash payments to U.S. sheep and lamb farmers. The decision was made in response to the industry's 201 trade case against the surge of cheap lamb meat imports from Australia and New Zealand.

"Today's decision has been very anticipated. Our nation's sheep and lamb farmers have been plagued with a sour market for far too many years. Today's plan will go a long way in helping bring immediate financial assistance to those who need it most," Bonilla said.

The plan will help improve the production efficiency and marketability of lamb meat. U.S. sheep and lamb farmers have been burdened with poor market conditions and record low prices for the last several years.

The program will be made available to all U.S. sheep and lamb farmers at their local Farm Service Agency as early as Monday, June 19.

# AGRIBUSINESS

## EMerge Acquires Jordan Livestock Auction

Now the buyer audience is WorldWide

EMerge, a Sebastian, Florida Internet Company, wants to be the online supplier of everything the ranchers need. Feed, animal health-care and even data management. EMerge plans include: holding auctions on the Internet, and acquiring and streamlining a string of sale barns nationwide, the company thinks that within two years it can be selling some eight million head of cattle annually, or nearly a quarter of the \$40 billion dollar cattle industry. EMerge recently purchased Jordan Livestock Auction, San Saba, Texas, and Eastern Livestock Co., of Kentucky. Making the small internet company the largest cattle seller in the U.S., with plans to change cattle

auctions all together by putting them online. This would allow not only local buyers to bid at the auction, but worldwide participation.

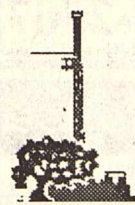
EMerge expects to spend about \$75 million, buying or partnering with as many as 60 cattle facilities.

The company's first online sale will take place next month at Jordan Livestock Auction.

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### Edwards County

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### Sutton County

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### Special Stocker & Feeder Champions, June 12, 2000

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Champion English Breed - Durst Ranch - Art  
Reserve English Breed - Tommy Reardon - Mason  
Champion Brahman Cross Breed - B H Nobles - Mason  
Reserve Brahman Cross Breed - Gene Cuvelier - Tyler

### Special Stocker & Feeder Champions, June 15, 2000

Champion Exotic Breed - Jerry Shadden - Bend  
Reserve Exotic Breed - Howard Farms - Brady  
Champion English Breed - Cook Family Partners - Pontotoc  
Reserve English Breed - Kenneth Hohmann - Willow City  
Champion Brahman Cross Breed - Lange Ranch Company - San Saba  
Reserve Brahman Cross Breed - Alexander Ranch - Burnet  
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1 Str 390 @ 112.00 Edwin Broussard Cherokee  
1 Str 505 @ 104.00 Kenneth Hohmann Willow City  
2 Strs 598 @ 96.50 Alexander Ranch Lampasas  
5 Strs 721 @ 90.00 Hawley Jernigan Mullin  
1 Hfr 155 @ 135.00 Jimmy Stinnett Lometa  
1 Hfr 400 @ 108.00 Howard Farms Brady  
1 Hfr 470 @ 103.00 Alexander Ranch Lampasas  
3 Hfrs 605 @ 95.00 Gary Watkins Odessa  
1 Str 170 @ 131.00 Sam Steel Brownwood  
3 Strs 332 @ 114.00 Lynda Hallum Early  
1 Str 355 @ 113.00 Sam Steel Brownwood  
4 Strs 423 @ 105.00 W O Keley Early  
1 Str 450 @ 103.00 Charles Jenkins Brownwood  
1 Str 450 @ 101.00 Robert Lubke Comanche  
1 Str 500 @ 100.00 Prentice Cox Bangs  
1 Str 540 @ 93.00 Mrs Ray Duren Goldthwaite  
2 Strs 588 @ 91.00 Donald Krause Early  
1 Hfr 180 @ 119.00 Prentice Cox Bangs  
1 Hfr 190 @ 113.00

## Conservation Easements

### "Follow the Money"

Rescuing Private Property Or The Ruination Of Future Generations? Part 4  
By J. Zane Walley

Article and research funded by a grant from the Paragon Foundation.

The Concept of Development Rights and Conservation Easements

Full (fee simple) ownership of real property consists of a "bundle" of rights, such as the right to farm, to construct buildings, to subdivide the land, to extract minerals or to restrict access. These rights are only limited by previous legal restrictions and governmental regulations applicable to the property. Some rights in the "bundle" can be transferred to others while retaining the remaining rights of ownership. The right to build on real property is known as the development right. When development rights are transferred to a conservation organization or land trust, the specific restrictions regarding the amount and type of development that are given up are set forth in a legal document called a conservation easement, which is recorded on the title to the property.

The concept of conservation easements was created by the 1976 Tax Reform Act that officially recognized easements as tax deductible donations. At that time there was mild interest in the concept, but in recent years it has exploded into a multi-billion dollar real estate industry.

The incentive for this tremendous growth is perhaps best explained in the book, "Doing Deals: A Guide to Buying Land for Conservation" published by the Land Trust Association. This book points, "Know what developers know after you read this insightful book about buying real estate for conservation. It includes information on working with landowners, surveys, appraisals, working with government agencies and negotiating."

The title "Doing Deals," is a very accurate description of why so many land trusts are being formed. The federal and environmental foundations spigots are wide open and there are hundreds of millions, if not billions of dollars to be made in "doing deals" on conservation ease-

ments. Money flows through so many federal agencies and green organizations that it is impossible to list them all in this short article or even a lengthy book.

Four very small land trusts are provided as examples of the financial success of recently established organizations. Information in this report is derived from IRS Form 990 or IRS Form 990EZ, an annual report filed by nonprofit organizations.

Malpai Borderlands Group, Inc., Douglas AZ.  
Fiscal Year 1998  
\$298,668: Total contributions, gifts and grants.  
\$860,295: Net assets or fund balances.  
\$1,393,856: Total contributions, gifts, and grants 1994 through 1997.

Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust, Arvada, CO  
Fiscal Year 1998  
\$148,607: Assets  
\$135,010: Income

Land Trust Alliance, Inc., Washington, DC  
Fiscal Year 1998  
\$2,683,999: Income  
\$1,447,189: Assets

Martinez Regional Land Trust, Martinez, CA  
Fiscal Year 1997  
\$362,147: Assets  
\$244,705: Income

McDowell Sonoran Land Conservancy, Scottsdale, AZ  
Fiscal Year 1997  
\$483,674: Assets  
\$247,564: Income

So where does all this money come from? Selected examples are indicative of how the money flows. The Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust receives part of their funding from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Foundation, a quasi-governmental organization funded with tax dollars and a director appointed by Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt.

According to officials at the huge American Farmland Trust, they

receive about thirty-three percent of their monies from various federal programs, an additional third from foundations such as Turner and the Pew Charitable Trust and the remainder from public donations.

The California Farmland Conservancy Program (CFCP) receives staggering sums from the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the Federal Farmland Protection Program. (Presently CFCP has unallocated funding of \$8,800,000.)

The Malpai Borderlands Group (MBG) relies heavily on funding from the Nature Conservancy. The 1998 IRS form 990 identifies the Executive Director of MBG as John Cook, The Nature Conservancy, Providence Rhode Island. MBG also receives funding from a hodgepodge of other large foundations and federal grants.

The President's Lands Legacy initiative throws serious money at the taking of property rights by conservation easement, outright acquisition and imminent domain condemnations. The Legacy provides \$588 million to state and local governments, private land trusts, and other nonprofit groups. The Lands Legacy would provide \$50 to \$58 million in matching grants to states, communities, tribes and land trusts for the purchase of permanent conservation easements on farmland.

The Farmland Protection Program administered by Agriculture Department's Natural Resources Conservation Service through mid-1998 leveraged an estimated \$230 million in easements, using \$35 million in federal funding. Another federal program "Better America Bonds" would provide state and local governments and land trusts up to \$9.5 billion over five years to acquire property and conservation easements.

The consultant for Stewards of the Range, former United States Attorney Fred Kelly Grant, warns that massive monies provided through H.R. 701 (CARA), would allow the allow federal agencies to push through acquisitions, including conservation easements without the necessity of securing concurrence from the owner of the land. Mr. Grant notes in his research paper, An analysis of the Conservation and

Reinvestment Act of 1999 as passed by the House Resources Committee that, "The Bill does not really define a "willing seller" as that term is traditionally used in the real estate market and in courts which determine condemnation cases. It calls any seller who says "ok" to the acquisition a "willing" seller, even if he says "ok" after being told that all the land adjoining his is going to be acquired in a manner which will severely restrict the use and value of his land. Those who have studied the growth of conservation and scenic easements in this country are familiar with the scenario in which an owner sells in desperation because of the threats of regulatory restrictions which will otherwise be placed on his property. In short, the Bill does not require that all acquisitions by the federal government be from a "willing seller."

Land trusts are simplistically just "New Age" realtors wrapped in the warm, fuzzy, euphemistic cloak of "Saving The Earth," "Saving Farmland," "Saving Rangeland," and so on. If you are considering a conservation easement on your property, it is important to investigate where the funds originate and what strings are attached. Conservation easements may be sold, transferred, and otherwise assigned. The federal agency or gigantic environmental foundation that provided the funding to purchase your conservation easement may very well inevitably end up owning it. Demand full disclosure in a formal document!

In the next article in this series, the land acquisition tactics and finances of the giant land trust, The Nature Conservancy will be spotlighted.

Paragon is a Constitutional rights foundation headquartered in Alamogordo, New Mexico. Visit the Paragon Foundation Website at <http://www.paragonpowerhouse.org>. To receive the free monthly Paragon Foundation Newsletter, or the entire series of conservation easement articles, call toll free 1-877-847-3443. Speakers on the pitfalls of conservation easements are also available (at no charge) to address your organization.

## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### Keeping cool in the Texas heat

The temperature in Texas is rising, and with high temps comes heat-related illness and even death. The best defense against heat-related illness is prevention.

#### Heat precautions include:

- Never leave anyone, including pets, in a closed, parked vehicle.
- Drink plenty of fluids, but avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or a lot of sugar. Start drinking fluids before going out into the heat.
- Take frequent breaks when working outside.
- If you do not have air conditioning at home, go to a mall or other public place with air conditioning.
- Check frequently on people who are elderly, ill or shut in.
- Check with a doctor about the effects of the sun and heat exposure when taking certain prescription drugs, especially diuretics or antihistamines.
- At first signs of heat illness—dizziness, nausea, headaches, muscle cramps—move to a cooler place, rest a few minutes, then slowly drink a cool beverage. Seek medical attention immediately if conditions do not improve.

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts ([www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)) and the Texas Department of Health.

## El bienestar de Texas

### Cómo mantenerse fresco en el calor tejano

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#### Las precauciones contra el calor incluyen:

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Grant Management Services and Engineering Services

The City of Sonora will submit one or more applications for Texas Community Development Program grant fund. The City is requesting that qualified firms or individuals submit proposals for grant management services and for engineering services. The City is procuring these services prior to submission of the application(s) and will enter into contracts contingent upon a grant award. The same firm cannot be awarded both contracts. In order to be considered, proposals must be submitted prior to 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of July, 2000. The City of Sonora is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and individuals or firms submitting proposals will not be discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, mental or physical disability, marital status, parenthood or age. A completed Request for Proposals outlining services required by the City, submission requirements, and evaluation criteria has been prepared. Interested parties may obtain copies of this Request for Proposal by contacting Becky Covington, City Secretary, 201 East Main Street, 387-2558.

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**Public Notice**

Sutton County is taking applications for a part time employee for the office of the Tax Assessor-Collector. Applicants need secretarial, book-keeping and computer experience, High School diploma or GED. Applications can be picked up at the Tax Office in the Courthouse Annex. Completed applications should be returned by June 23, 2000. Sutton County is an equal opportunity employer. 2615b

**Eldorado**

**For Sale:** Prowler RV, 24 ft. Self Contained, Everything Works, \$1,500. 915-853-3040. 105 Honeysuckle.

**For Sale:** 1983 EXEL Airstream. Priced to sell. New tires and new carpet. \$6,300. Call 853-2978 or 653-4165.

**4 Family Garage Sale:** 308 Cottonwood, 8:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m., Saturday, June 24 with lots of clothes, odds and ends.

**First United Methodist Church** of Eldorado is accepting applications for a part-time Youth Director (10hrs. per week). Call Janice Petty @ 853-3241 or Buff Whitten @ 853-2544 (work) or 853-2147 (home).

**Eldorado, For Sale By Owner -** 3BR, 1BA, 2 Car Garage. Corner lot, Livingroom, Utility Room. \$28,500. 211 S. West Street. 853-4348.

**Eldorado-House for sale by owner** -3BR, 1-3/4BA, screened in porch, wood burning stove, 24X36 barn. Call 223-0647 or 650-5359.

## SERVICE DIRECTORY

<p><b>Sonora Electric Company</b> Electric Repair Construction Farm &amp; Ranch Commercial/Residential <b>Arnold Hosford</b> 915-387-3677</p> <p>The <b>Devil's River Internet</b> 228 E. Main 387-2507</p> <p><b>The Bright Spot Beauty Shop</b> Total Hair Care for the Whole Family Mon-Fri 8-5 387-2460 214 1/2 Main Sonora, TX</p> <p>Windmills Pumps Service <b>George Thorp</b> Waterwell Service GEO. "JENKY" THORP 915-387-5104 MOBILE: 915-650-4752- 510 W. Mulberry • Sonora, TX</p> <p><b>BUSINESS BASICS</b> Full Service Bookkeeping Office Supplies Open M-F 8:30-5:30 112 North Concho 387-6127</p> <p><b>Millennia Computers</b> <b>Donnie Weaver</b> 387-2956</p> <p><b>S.M. Fence Company</b> All Types Fencing Carports • Concrete Air Compressor • Welding Sam Mata - Owner Res. # 387-2857 • Mobile # 277-7831 Edward Mata - Res. # 387-6216 Mobile #650-7162</p> <p><b>Devil's River Internet</b> 228 E. Main 387-2507</p> <p>Don Hodges, Mgr. <b>COLE MECHANICAL</b> HEATING &amp; AIR CONDITIONING &amp; REFRIGERATION 1701A Tayloe Sonora, TX 76950 387-6084</p> <p><b>I NEED HELP!</b> Looking for a fun person with a good attitude to take orders for the world's Number One beauty company <b>AVON</b>. CALL (915) 387-3622 Avon Independent Sales Representative</p> <p><b>ADVERTISE TODAY</b> 387-2507</p>	<p><b>Carl J. Cahill, Inc.</b> OILFIELD CONTRACTOR (915)387-2524 Sonora, TX</p> <p>Painting Tile Work Carpentry Pressure Washing <b>Green Contracting</b> General Contractor 214 Sawyer Drive Sonora, TX 76950 (915) 387-5465 • (915) 277-9881</p> <p><b>Knox Floor Covering</b> Carpet-Vinyl-Tile 392-2180 201 Ave I Ozona, TX</p> <p><b>Rafter W Feed</b> 201 Cedar 387-3042 Your local Acco &amp; Purina Feed Dealer</p> <p><b>Hudson Technology Consulting</b> 232 NE Main Suite 101 Sonora, TX 650-3340</p> <p><b>Sonora Animal Hospital</b> Open M-F 8:00 - 12:00 1:00 - 5:00 Saturday Morning by appointment HWY. 290 W. 387-2481</p> <p><b>TEAM GRAPHICS</b> CUSTOM SCREEN PRINTING EMBROIDERY T-Shirts • Caps Marla Percifull 915/387-5017 Sonora, TX</p> <p><b>Need a Fence Builder.</b> Call <b>Modesto Enterprises</b> FREE ESTIMATES Farm &amp; Ranch. 915-446-4246</p> <p>Junction 1-888-897-8703 Fax # 915-446-3361</p> <p><b>Sonora Chemical &amp; Supply, Inc.</b> 301 W. 1st St. (915) 387-6023 FAX (915) 387-2237 1-877-533-5500 Toll Free Air &amp; Fluid Drilling Chemicals Sales • Service • Delivery</p> <p>Curtis E. Lipham Hm. 915-387-3772 Mob. 915-277-3914 Richard Cooper Hm. 915-550-4218 Mob. 915-277-3915 Marty D. Lipham Hm. 915-387-3423 Mob. 915-277-7030</p>
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**For Rent**

**For Lease:** Old Bank Building 216 N.E. Main \$500.00 per month. Contact Michael Hale @ First National Bank, 387-3861

**For Rent:** Sonora Court Apartments LLC, Quiet, secluded apts., bills paid. 2 available - 2BR/2BA. Call 387-2098. 461b

**For Rent - 3 BR/2BA** House with new carpet & paint. \$350.00 per month plus deposit. Call 853-2043.

**For Rent:** Office space for rent at Sonora Mercantile Building. Call Main Street Realty. 387-6115.

**For Rent - Brushy Top -3/BR, 2/BA** home. Available for rent June 1st. Call 853-3760.

**Employment**

**Taco Grill** is now hiring waitstaff, cooks, and dishwashers. Call 387-9127. 1622b

**Help Wanted:** Secretarial Position available. Send resume to Box 611, Sonora, TX. 76950 4525b

**Help Wanted -** Part time evenings. Apply at Mr. D's from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. @ 216 Hwy 277 N. \* tfn68b

**Help Wanted:**  
Now hiring part-time employees for work in Pro Shop at the Sonora Golf Course. Call 387-3680. Evenings and weekends. Must be 21 years of age - TABC certification required (will offer). tfn68b

**PUT YOUR PC TO WORK!**  
\$250 - \$2500/WK PT/FT  
(888) 799-8662 or visit  
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**Help Wanted:** Maid needed at the Holiday Host Motel. Reliability and transportation required. Experience preferred. Come by 127 Loop 467, Sonora, Texas.

**JOBS AVAILABLE -** Crockett County Care Center is seeking LVN's & CNA's. Excellent benefits. Contact Donna King @ 915-392-3553 tfn511b

**Help Wanted:** Amigos Texaco. Full-time position. Vacation & insurance benefits. Apply in person at Texaco. 601 Hwy 277 N.

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**Ozona**

**FOR SALE:** Complete 10' Satellite Dish with upgraded electronics. IQ Prism with Video Cypher II Plus. 392-3256.

**FOR SALE:** Conn Console Piano, approximately 15 years old--\$650.00. Wayne-392-3324 days, 392-5856 evenings.

**FOR SALE:** 28'X64' doublewide mobile home. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, den and living room, central heat/air, on large corner lot with good fence. Will sell house only, or land only. 215 Ave. K (corner of Ave. J and K). Call 307-686-8694.

**FOR SALE IN OZONA:** 1997 Clayton Mobile Home 14X36, 2 BR., 1BA, with CH/AC, living room and kitchen, fully furnished. In excellent condition. Buyer must move--\$15,500.00. Call 944-4173.

**FREE TO LOVING HOMES--(1)** Scotty Dog--no paper-is neutered, 3 years-old, full of love. Wheat colored and white mix. Good with kids. (1) Shih Tzu & Poodle mix, reddish brown and white, in-house dog. A little ball of love. Good with kids and elderly. Call Linda Casey-392-3844.

**WILL DO MAINTENANCE WORK--**References-Linda Wendel Casey at 392-3844. Can do general carpentry, framing, decking and gazebos--includes designing, flooring, roofing, plumbing, electrical, drywall, cabinets, painting interior and exterior, custom closets, handicap ramps, fencing, landscaping (design and maintenance), sprinkler repair and light equipment. Please call Scott Freigh at 392-3844. 2p21

**2 AND 3 BEDROOM** Trailer for rent. Call J. B. Miller. 392-2641. Also large lot to rent for trailer.

**CARPOT SALE--**Saturday, June 24, 8 a.m. Hwy. 163 South #1611. Clothing, lots of other goodies.

**Warehouse for Sale or Lease:**

180 ft. X 50 ft. fully insulated, fire-proof with beautiful offices in good location.

- Major highways, north-south (Hwy. 163 Amarillo to Mexico, east-west (I-10 Florida to California)
- Ideal for any type of business, in a prosperous oil and gas town with over 4000 people.
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