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Tri-County Tourism Coalition Being Formed

The chambers of Commerce in Eldorado, Ozona, and Sonora are joining forces to form a "Tri-County Tourism Coalition". With the assistance of the Texas Department of Agriculture and Texas A&M University, the coalition has been formed to encourage and promote tourism in the Tri-County region. Though the coalition is in its infancy; representatives from the tourism industry in the tri-county region are already expecting positive results to come from the partnership.

The ultimate goal for the coalition is to attract tourists to the area and by working together, encouraging tourists to stay in the tri-county

region longer than they might normally stay. The coalition's members currently consist of volunteers through the chambers of commerce as well as representatives from the tourism industry within the tri-county region. Justin McGeath, Sonora Chamber of Commerce Manager said, "the volunteers have been working hard on establishing goals and objectives for the coalition and now that those goals have been established it's time to open things up and encourage others in the region to join in the effort".

The first public meeting regarding the coalition has been set for January 17, 2001 at the Sutton

County 4-H Civic Center. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and items to be covered will include the goals and objectives for the coalition, as well as future projects and programs that have already been scheduled.

One such project will be a "Discovery Bus Tour" which has been scheduled for February 20. The purpose for the tour is to give everyone who comes in contact with tourists and potential tourists an understanding of what there is to do and see in the tri-county region. The tour will cover the tri-county region and will make stops in Eldo-

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Hudspeth Hospital Hires New Administrator

Submitted

Keith L. Butler, former San Angelo Community Medical Center's Director of Emergency and Outreach Services has been hired as Hudspeth Hospital Administrator.

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to hire someone of this caliber and with this much hospital experience," a spokesperson for the hospital said.

Keith, 36 years old, has a Bachelor of Business Administration from ASU and has worked for San Angelo Community Medical Center for 20 years. He is a licensed paramedic and has been an active volunteer to the Sutton County EMS, and instructs EMT and Paramedic programs.

In addition to being an Advanced Cardiac Life Support Instructor, Keith is certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, and Basic Trauma Life Support.

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Keith Butler

School Board Recognition Month

School board members are ordinary people who have an extraordinary dedication to our public schools. It is time we thanked them for their untiring efforts.

Too often we forget about the personal sacrifices school board members routinely make.

Too often we forget about the important role school board members play in assuring local control over our public schools, control that is in the hands of people we know...people who are our neighbors.

Too often we forget that, in the tradition of a representative democracy, school board members are our connection to influencing how our public schools are governed.

Too often we are quick to criticize school board members without really knowing all the details that went into any given decision.

Too often the efforts of school board members go unrecognized and unrewarded.

January is School Board Recognition Month. This is a time to show our appreciation and to begin to better understand how local trustees work together to provide leadership for our schools.

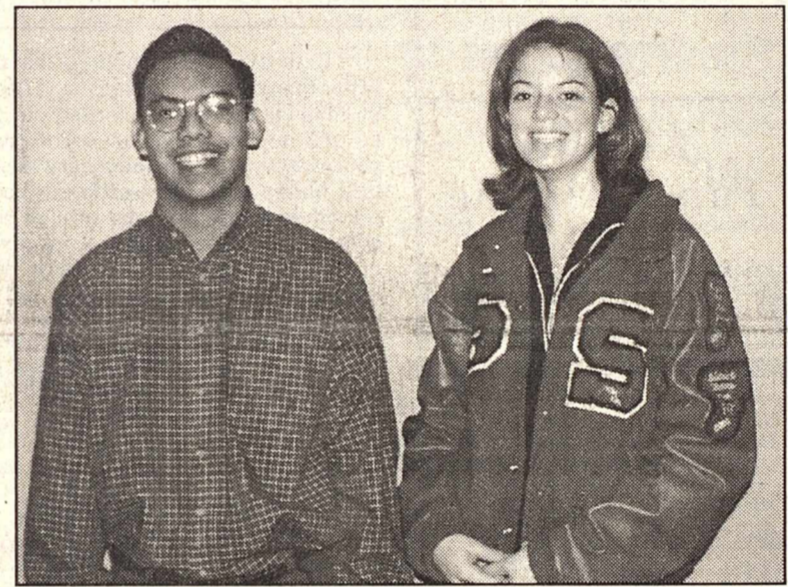
The school board works closely with parents, education professionals, and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students.

The school board is accountable to the public. It is responsible for assuring the public that the money allocated to the public schools is providing a good return on the investment. Thus, the board oversees regular assessment of the district's students, staff, and programs.

The school board is also a strong advocate for public schools and is responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district.

In January, join with others from throughout our district and state to salute the men and women who provide grassroots governance of public schools. Make a special effort to tell each school board member that his or her hard work has been noticed and is truly appreciated.

Broncos Chosen For All-State Band

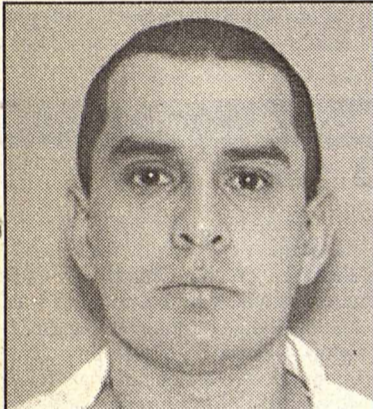


Joe Flores & Morgan Hobbs

On Saturday, January 6, Joe Flores and Morgan Hobbs represented the Mighty Bronco Band at the Area Band Tryouts in Banquete, TX. They competed against many other band students from the state.

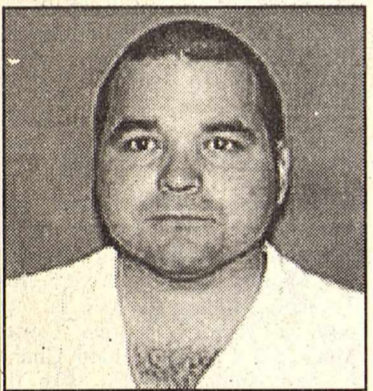
Both performed well. Joe will be the alternate to the All-State Band, and Morgan was selected to perform with the All-State Band in San Antonio this February. Congratulations to both these fine band students on a job well done!

Escapeses Still At Large



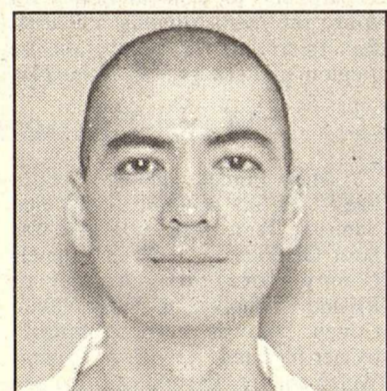
George Rivas
W/M 5-6-70 6'00" 230 blk/bro
Life Agg Robbery Agg
Kidnapping x14
El Paso County

Has G. I. flat top, not real short or long. Has glasses (wire frame). This looks like him.



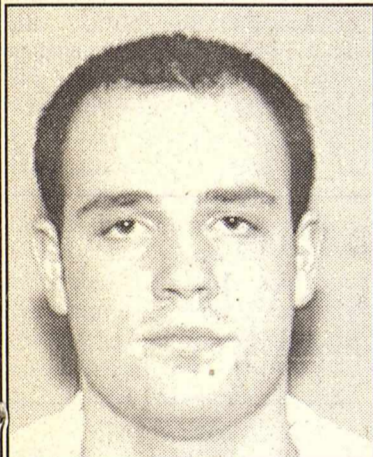
Michael Anthony Rodriguez
W/M 10-29-62 5'7" 210 blk/bro
Life/Capital Murder
Bexar County

Thinner than picture, has lost weight.



Larry James Harper
W/M 9-10-63 5'11" 165 blk/bro
**wears thick glasses
50 yrs/ Agg Sexual Assault x3
El Paso County

A lot thinner, glasses round (wire frames) looks nerd & studious. Hair longer, neatly combed. Well groomed & good personality.



Randy Ethan Halprin
W/M 9-13-77 6'00" blk/hzl
30 yrs/Injury to a Child
Tarrant County

He is thinner and his hair is combed forward, has a receding hairline.



Donald Keith Newbury
W/M 5-18-62 6'00" 202 bro/bro
Life/Agg Robbery
Travis County

This picture is close to the way he looks.



Joseph C. Garcia
W/M 11-6-71 5'11" 198 lbs
blk/bro
50 yrs/Murder
Bexar County

Appears thinner than picture. He wears thick, black framed glasses. His hair is longer, also wears a black onyx ring. This is not a good picture.



Patrick Henry Murphy, Jr
W/M 10-3-61 5'07" bro/blu
50 yrs/Agg Assault D/W
Dallas County

Less hair or slick back, otherwise it looks like him.

Hudspeth To Become Critical Access Hospital

The Hospital District Board of Directors held a Town Meeting on Monday, January 8th to discuss the new funding structure that they plan to implement in the Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. The Critical Access program is a federal government approved program to help rural hospitals in critically underserved areas. Hudspeth meets the requirements to receive the funding based on the fact that it is the sole medical provider for Sutton County.

Mr. Richard Hoeth, Vice President, Rural Health/Membership of the Texas Hospital Association informed those present that the process should be practically unnoticeable to the public. Patients will receive the same reliable care as they always have.

The Critical Access program improves reimbursement and staffing flexibility for the hospital. Hospitals in the area that have already started the Critical Access program have seen financial improvements and are satisfied with the results thus far.

The Hudspeth administration feels that this will be a positive change for the hospital and looks forward to completing the applications and implementing the program.

Castillo appointed as Life-Line Rep.

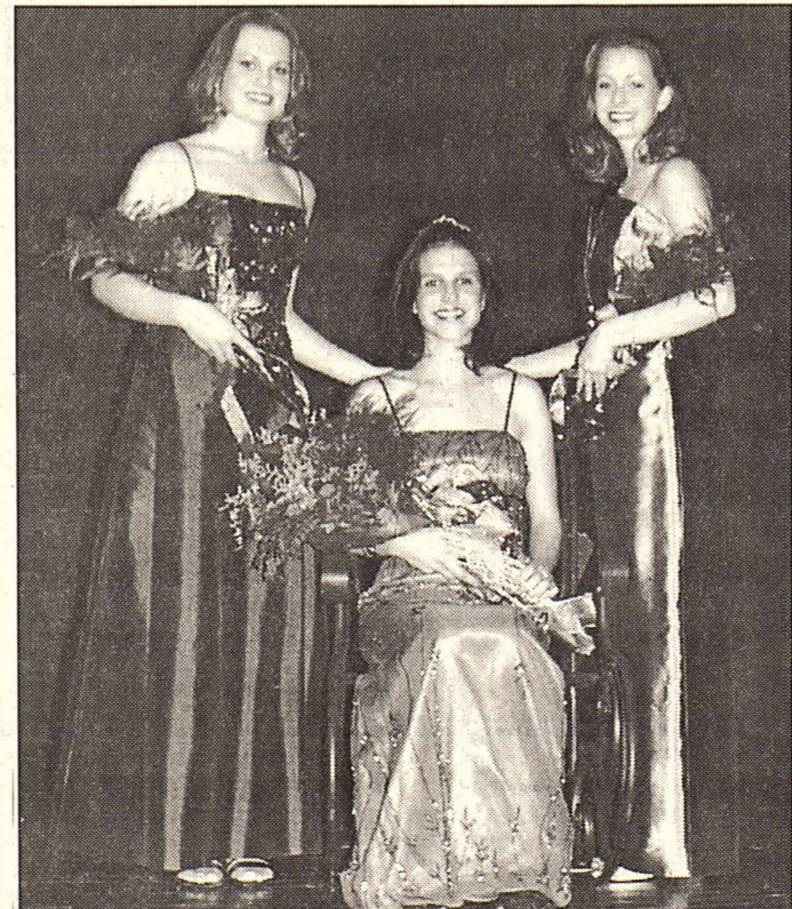
Mary Lou Castillo has replaced Ray Smith as Life-Line representative. Ray Smith, since his retirement from The Bank and Trust, has turned over the Life-Line responsibilities to Mary Lou. Ray and Mary Lou have been to each of the current Life-Line subscribers, homes to verify the operability of each Life-Line unit and to get to know their new representative.

The Life-Line is a call system that activates an emergency alarm

in the nurse's station of the hospital. The subscriber or listed responders are called. If help is needed the police and EMS are dispatched.

The Life-Line is available at no charge to anyone in the community needing this service. If you have any questions about the Life-Line or know anyone in need of this service call Mary Lou Castillo at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital 387-2521.

Lions Club Crowns Queen



Genny Cramer (center) was crowned the 2001 Lions Club Queen on Monday, January 8th. Stephanie Hard (left) was First Runner-Up and Kacci Lewellen (right) was second runner up. You can see all the contestants on page 5.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM
STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Young people are the Lone Star State's most precious resource, and their education is our most important responsibility. In towns and cities throughout Texas, locally elected school board members govern and guide schools in accordance with the will of the people. They also ensure that control of and accountability for the schools stay where they belong -- with the residents of that community.

Texas has more than 7,000 school board members, representing the largest group of elected officials in the state. Most school boards consist of seven locally elected trustees who serve three-year terms without pay. These dedicated men and women make policy, set budgets and work to ensure academic excellence and accountability for students, teachers and administrators.

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) represents and serves local school boards across the Lone Star State. The TASB has designated January 2001 as School Board Recognition Month to raise awareness of the board members' contributions in helping children learn and succeed academically.

I encourage all Texans to recognize school board members for their service to communities throughout the Lone Star State. Their commitment to quality and excellence helps give students the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Therefore, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim January 2001,

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 10th day of November, 2000.

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