



## Sonora Church Directory

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504 Santa Clara  
387-2035

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Jerry Jackson  
304 N. Water  
387-3190

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387-2951

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404 E. Poplar  
387-2955

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Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor  
201 N. Water  
387-2466

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Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr.  
306 W. 4th St.  
387-5713

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Rev. Charles Huffman  
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387-5366

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205 E. Main  
387-3241

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387-2616

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Randy Greenwood  
Pastor  
509 Amistad  
387-5266

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Father William DuBuisson,  
O.M.I.  
229 W. Plum  
387-2278

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

**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Don Seigler  
511 Cornell  
387-5207

**SONORA FAMILY FAITH CENTER**  
Sonora Stock Pens  
Sunday 6:00 p.m.



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

**Kerbow Funeral Home**  
387-2266

### Card of Thanks

The family of Douglass C. Campbell wishes to thank everyone for their love and offerings. Special thanks to the EMS employees and the Sonora Police Department. May God bless all of you.  
Loyce and Family

I would like to thank all my friends and family who came to my "Surprise" Birthday Party on February 3, 2001.  
My 70th birthday will be forever remembered. I was very touched by everyone who came to spend the evening with me and my family.  
Lucy Ramos

The Boy Scouts of Troop 19 would like to thank Officer Dudley for his assistance at the Scout meeting on January 30, 2001 to work with the Scouts on the Fingerprinting Merit Badge.

The Boy Scouts also wish to thank the community for its help and support throughout the year. In particular, the following merchants helped make the annual coke booth at Sutton County Days a huge success by donating or offering to donate ice: I-10 Exxon, Shot's, Skinny's, Food Center, Town and Country, Mack's Shell and Smitty's.

We would like to send a very special Thank You to our family and friends who traveled from out of town to be with us. We'd like to Thank You for the food, flowers, phone calls, cards and the special time spent with the family in our time of need.

A Special Thank You to the First National Bank, Los Jarritos, La Mexicana, Sutton County Steakhouse and Food Center.

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,  
Or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,  
If so we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,  
As any friend could say;  
Perhaps you were not here at all,  
Just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you so much whatever the part.  
The Family of Santos T. Duran, Jr.*

### Engagement



**Trevino - Perez**

A March 17, 2001 wedding date has been set for Salina Trevino and Pete G. Perez at St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church in Austin, Texas. Salina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Aleman and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Trevino, Jr., all of Austin. She is the granddaughter of Emma and Daniel Trevino formerly of Sonora. Pete is the son of Mary and Fred Perez of Sonora.

### Obituaries



**Santos Duran**

Santos Duran, 58, of Sonora passed away Friday, January 26, 2001, at his residence.

A memorial service was held Monday, January 29, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Sonora. Interment followed in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Gutierrez Funeral Chapels/Knickerbocker.

Mr. Duran was born November 20, 1942, in Sonora. He was a Catholic.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Santos and Tomasa Duran; and one brother, Willie T. Duran.

Survivors include his wife,

Margarita G. Duran of Sonora; sons, Santos Manuel Duran and wife Rachel, and Jessie Guerra and wife, Ginny all of Sonora; four daughters, Patricia and husband, Abel Sanchez of Sonora, Linda and husband Uber Gonzalez of Eldorado, Anita and husband Micheal Torres, Tommie and husband Mike Sanchez and Angie Torres, all of Sonora. He is also survived by one brother, Juan A. Duran of Sonora; and two sisters, Virginia Ynostrosa of San Angelo and Esperanza Duran of Sonora; 16 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

### Birth Announcement

Elizabeth L. Ramirez and Henry Saucedo would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Elissa Chantal.

She was born January 22, 2001 at 3:40 p.m. at Shannon Women and Children's Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 19 inches long.

Maternal Grandparents are Angie G. Ramirez and the late Ernesto Ramirez. She is welcomed home by her Uncle Robert and Aunt Maribel, cousins Vanessa, Alexandra and Robert Adrian Rodriguez, all of Ozona, Texas. She is also welcomed by numerous Aunts, Uncles and Cousins.

Ronnie Cox  
loves  
being your  
Pharmacist

### Senior Center News

- Feb. 12 - Bingo! Lincoln's Birthday.
- Feb. 13 - Vote for 2001 Sweethearts.
- Feb. 14 - Happy Valentine's Day! Announce 2001 Senior Sweethearts after lunch.
- Feb. 15 - Senior Connections with Area Agency on Aging. Noon. Call FMI 387-5657.
- Feb. 16 - Video on Alzheimer's Disease with the Senior Network, Inc. after lunch!

### Senior Menu

- Feb. 12 - Spanish meatballs, rice, green beans, rolls, sliced tomato, pineapple rings.
- Feb. 13 - Chicken supreme, herbed new potatoes, broccoli, rolls, green salad, cherry cobbler.
- Feb. 14 - Beef burrito, pinto beans, spinach, cole slaw, jello with fruit.
- Feb. 15 - Oven baked pork chops with gravy, noodles, tossed salad, carrots, bread, applesauce.
- Feb. 16 - Meatloaf with tomatoes, blackeyed peas, okra, cornbread, banana pudding.

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

### Billy Kring, Sr.

Billy G. Kring, Sr., 68, of Fort Stockton died Monday, January 22, 2001, in a San Angelo hospital.

Services were held in a Fort Stockton Funeral Home Chapel with burial in East Hill Cemetery.

He was born February 28, 1932, in Sonora and had been a resident of Fort Stockton for 25 years. He was a truck driver.

Survivors include his wife,

Laverne Kring of Fort Stockton; five sons, Billy Kring, Jr. of Sabinal, Michael Kring of Albuquerque, N.M., David Kring of Knippa, Mark Kring and Eric Kring, both of Fort Stockton, a daughter, Gayle Ferguson of Fort Stockton; two sisters, Hazel Hodges of Brady and Gwen Stillwell of Alpine; 10 grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

### Knights of Columbus

## ENCHILADA PLATES

Sunday, February 11, 2001  
St. Ann's Parish Hall  
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
\$5.00 per plate  
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus  
Sonora, Texas

## Dining Out Directory

La Mexicana  
240 N. Hwy 277  
387-3401

Los Jarritos  
605 S. Crockett  
387-2838

Pizza Hut  
401 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe  
207 Glasscock Ave  
387-5552

Sutton County Steakhouse  
1306 N. Service Rd  
387-3833

Taqueria El Torito  
210 S. Hwy 277  
387-9307

Town & Country Subway  
610 S. Crockett  
387-6181

Town & Country - Country Kitchen  
903 N. Crockett Ave.  
387-2169

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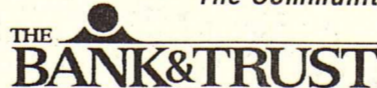
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### Community

- Feb. 9 - 10  
55th Annual Sonora Speech Meet & Academic Meet  
School Holiday
- Feb. 9 - 10  
Lions Club Mid Winter Conference  
FMI Call Sonora Chamber of Commerce 387-2880
- Feb. 12  
School Holiday
- Feb. 19  
P.T.A. Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
Elementary Auditorium

The Community Calendar



207 N Hwy 277 N • 387-2593

### Calendar

- Feb. 20  
Tri-County Discovery Tour  
Contact Chamber of Commerce 387-2880
- Feb. 24  
Sonora Community Arts & Theater Presents  
Kimberly Snauffer (Harp) & Marc Garvin (Guitar) Duo  
Sonora High School Auditorium • 7:00 p.m.
- Al-Anon Meeting  
Held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month  
Starting Feb. 6th at 6:30 p.m.  
First United Methodist Church Basement

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### The Sharp Point

by Storie Sharp  
I recently received an email warning of something spreading around the country like wildfire.

My first thought was "Oh great, my kids will probably catch whatever it is for sure."

Then as I read on I realized my kids already have what they were talking about. In fact they share it with me every day.

It is a smile.  
Isn't it amazing how a simple little motion of your mouth can make someone feel so special. At the same time, the lack of that little motion can ruin someone's entire day.

It isn't hard to smile, it's actually quite easy. As a matter of fact it has been said that it takes more muscles to frown than it does to smile.

So why wouldn't you want to share one with everyone you meet on the street? If a passer-by smiles at you, even if you don't know them, SMILE BACK! They probably aren't trying to slow you down and engage you in a twenty minute conversation. They just smiled to make you feel better, and doesn't everyone like to feel better?

So I say "Just Do It", make someone's day, Smile!

I found the following poems and decided to share them, with the hope that they leave you with a smile.

Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu, When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin When he smiled I realized I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile then I realized its worth, A single smile, just like mine, could travel 'round the earth. So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected, Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!

**A Smile Embrace**  
A smile is such an easy thing To pass along the way, Like a ray of summer sunshine On a somewhat gloomy day. So pass one on to those you meet Then watch that person's face ... And feel the warmth as it's returned; It's called a "smile embrace." -Poem by Phyllis VanVleck

**The Power of a Smile**  
She smiled at the sorrowful stranger, The smiling seemed to make him feel better. He remembered past kindnesses of a friend And wrote him a thank you letter. The friend was so pleased with the thank you That he left a large tip after lunch. The waitress, surprised by the size of the tip, Bet the whole thing on a hunch. The next day she picked up her winnings, And gave part to a man on the street. The man on the street was grateful; For two days he'd had nothing to eat. After he finished his dinner, He left for his small dingy room. He didn't know at that moment That he might be facing his doom. On the way he picked up a shivering puppy And took him home to get warm. The puppy was very grateful To be in out of the storm. That night the house caught on fire. The puppy barked the alarm. He barked 'till he woke the whole household And saved everybody from harm. One of the boys that he rescued Grew up to be President. All this because of a simple smile That hadn't cost a cent.

**A Smile**  
A Smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich and mighty that he can get along without it and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A Smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a Smile. Give them one of yours, for none needs a Smile so much as he who has no more to give.

### Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary



G.P. Hill's Father's Day Celebration. Front Row: (L-R) E.F. Vanderstucken, E.C. Saunders, Theo Savell, Claude Stites, W.E. Caldwell, Nora Hill, Mrs. J.D. Laurey, Mrs. Lula Karnes, A.C. Elliott, A.J. Owens. Back Row (L-R) Dave Lacklin, Stanley Paton, H.C. Kiser, George D. Chalk, G.P. Hill, Dee Word, J.D. Laurey, Dock Friend, Roy Hudspeth, and Ed Glasscock.

Hobbs, who then was Miss Minnie Sanderson.

C. B. Metcalf, whose mother, sister and an uncle were lost in the angry waters, was at his ranch above the county seat and was water bound there for hours. M. B. Pulliam, a resident of San Angelo then, was leader in rescue work. Rains during June, July and August of 1882 had thoroughly soaked the watershed above Ben Ficklin. Early on the night of August 23 heavy rain fell for an hour, but by 10 o'clock the moon was shining again. A dance was held that night at the Concho hotel operated by Mrs. Frank Tankersley in San Angelo. Residents gave little thought to the rain, which later developments proved had amounted to cloudburst proportions at the heads of the four creeks and rivers. About 4 o'clock on the morning of August 24, 1882, a light sprinkle began falling and the river at Ben Ficklin started rising. The residents, there were about 300 of them, started arising and carrying valuables to the second stories of those houses which were more than one story high, and in some cases they were taking books and other valuables to the town courthouse.

By 11 o'clock on the morning of August 24 the flood had reached its maximum height of 40 feet and had obliterated the entire town except for three houses, the courthouse and jail. Ben Ficklin had been built in the valley nearly at the rivers edge and was located just above what in 1932 was called the Metcalf dam. The old mail stage line station was a mile north. It was also swept away.

Clint Johnson and Lewis Hinde were sleeping in the rear room of Sam Pollock's store and about 4 AM when the river started rising they were awakened. They didn't feel like getting up. The next time someone knocked on the door they ignored them until the door was kicked in and water rushed in on the floor. "We got up in a hurry then," Mr. Johnson recalled. "I went to the safe and started taking out the books to place them on high tables," Mr. Johnson said. "Then the water continued to rise so I took the books to the first floor of the courthouse. When the water also started rising there I took them to the second floor and then swam the rapid rising waters to high ground. H. C. Tarver, the county surveyor remained in the courthouse. "There were three or four men in jail on minor offenses and as I had the keys in my pocket I had to go back and let them out. By that time the water was to my shoulders at the jail," Mr. Johnson said.

Most of the loss of life was at and near the mail station below Ben Ficklin. It was there that Mr. Metcalf's mother, Mrs. Mary Jane Metcalf, his sister, Zemula, and uncle, Blakley Taylor lost their lives. Mrs. Probandt was at the mail station but escaped to nearby high ground. Her father J. B. Taylor, was drowned.

Q. Some of my relatives moved here after the Ben Ficklin flood. Do you have any information on the flood?

A. San Angelo history books have it well documented. I like the personal stories told in the old Frontier Times: they credit San Angelo Standard

November 1928 issue had the following: F. A. Karger of Kerrville, one of the oldest County Commissioners in Texas and one of the pioneers who lost all of his possessions in the flood that wiped out the little community of Ben Ficklin in 1882 visited in San Angelo last week. Mr. Karger is 72 and despite his years he is a hearty robust looking man, heavy set with powerful shoulders and huge hands which were developed when he plied his trade as blacksmith for F. C. Taylor, who operated the stage line from Ben Ficklin to San Antonio and El Paso back in the 1880's. In 1875 when Mr. Karger first came to Ben Ficklin, then the county seat of Tom Green County, San Angelo was not the proud city of the Conchos that she is now. Rather San Angelo was represented by a few hotels, a fort, guarded by Negro soldiers and plenty of saloons. Ben Ficklin was then considered the coming city of the section, due to the strategy of F. C. Taylor in getting the county seat located in that place. Mr. Karger worked for Mr. Taylor until 1881 when the Texas & Pacific Railroad was built to El Paso and the mail route was discontinued. Mr. Karger then opened a blacksmith shop of his own in Ben Ficklin, which the flood washed away the following year.

Mr. Karger remembers vividly the morning the flood waters swept down the valley and destroyed the little community. He said he made his way to higher ground and watched the water carry away all of his worldly goods. Most of the other residents of Ben Ficklin made their ways to the hills, many of them in night clothes. About 60 persons were drowned in the flood, Mr. Karger said. H. B. Tarver, county surveyor, spent more than 24 hours in the court house before he was rescued, the court house and a few homes in the hills being the only buildings not washed away. When the water rose to the third story of the court house Tarver became nervous and started shooting his gun, presumably in an attempt to attract the attention of a rescue party. Mr. Karger said others tried to go to the rescue in hastily fashioned boats, but were unsuccessful due to the swiftly flowing current. After the flood many of the residents of Ben Ficklin moved to San Angelo, where the county seat was subsequently moved. The court house was later torn down.

November 1932 another story taken from the San Angelo Standard: Fifty years ago tonight and early tomorrow morning tragic pages were written in the history of Tom Green county by angry water of the South and Middle Conchos, Dove and Spring creeks. Ben Ficklin, first county seat, and the old stage stand on a hill nearby, were swept away with loss of 65 lives and property damage estimated at between \$50,000 and \$100,000. On August 24, 1932, four survivors of the flood remained alive in San Angelo to tell of the event, Mrs. Sam Pollock, W. Clint Johnson, Mrs. Felix Probandt, who then was Miss Josephine Taylor and Mrs. C. W.

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

The city council will hold a public hearing on the proposed hotel/motel occupancy tax budget on February 20, 2001 at 2:00 p.m., City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora Texas.

The primary and foremost qualification for the use of the hotel occupancy tax revenue is that the expenditure is spent in a manner which directly enhances and promotes tourism and the convention and hotel industry. The collected tax is allocated to five statutory expenditure categories as outlined in the Texas Local Hotel Occupancy Tax Law, and is limited to the following (1) the acquisition of sites for and the construction, improvement, enlarging, equipping, repairing, operation and maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information centers, or both; (2) the furnishing of facilities, personnel, and materials for the registration of convention delegates or registrants; (3) advertising and conducting solicitations and promotional program and convention delegates or registrants to the municipality or its vicinity; (4) the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts, including instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture, photography, graphic and craft arts, motion pictures, radio, television, tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms; and (5) historical restoration and preservation projects or activities or advertising and conducting solicitations and promotional programs to encourage tourists and convention delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums.

All citizens, organizations or businesses are invited to attend and provide the council with written or oral comments on possible uses of approximately \$115,000.00 of hotel occupancy revenue expected by the city during 2001.

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**Christopher Radko**  
Ornament  
of the Month Club  
Grand Opening  
February 15, 2001  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Limited to 6 Monthly Members  
Buy 12 Ornaments and Get 2 FREE!  
417 Hwy. 277 N 387-2541

**"Come in this House"**  
Ronnie and Alice Cox  
invite you to join them in their  
**GRAND OPENING**  
Come in and see their  
new location as  
they celebrate You and  
your many years of support!  
**Thursday, February 15, 2001**  
**4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Door Prizes**  
**Refreshments**  
Come in for the  
**"Real Thing"**  
**Check out our Musical Cards!**

## Hometown Author Writes First Children's Book

Mary Sue Galindo, daughter of Lydia Galindo and the late Pedro Galindo, Jr., has written her first children's book, a bilingual text entitled *Icy Watermelon/Sandia Fria*.

The story revolves around a grandparents' visit to their family in the country on a hot, summer day. While sharing an ice-cold watermelon, the grandchildren are treated to riddles and stories about their family history.

Galindo, whose poetry has been published in various anthologies, became interested in writing children's literature during her first year as a bilingual elementary teacher in Laredo. Mary Sue felt that there was a lack of culturally relevant literature in Spanish for children. As a result, Ms. Galindo was inspired to write her first children's book. She originally wrote it in Spanish, then translated it into English.

The book is published by Arte Publico Press, a subsidiary of the University of Houston, whose emphasis is producing and promoting Latino literature.

Ms. Galindo is a 1977 Sonora High School graduate. She has a B.A. in Liberal Arts from the University of Texas at Austin. Current-



Mary Sue Galindo, author of *Icy Watermelon/Sandia Fria*

ly, Galindo is working on her Masters of Fine Arts with an emphasis in creative writing at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. Mary Sue plans to graduate May, 2001 and return to her home in Laredo.

*Icy Watermelon/Sandia Fria* can be ordered on line at [www.arte.uh.edu](http://www.arte.uh.edu) or by phone at 1-800-633-ARTE. You can also go to any bookstore and ask them to order it for you.

## Happy Birthday

**February 8**  
Tres Campbell, Alyssa Avila, Juan J. Hernandez, Jacinda Sanchez, Bobby Scott, Randy Thurmond, Ann Kay

**February 9**  
JoAnn Palmer, Nathanel Prather, Herminia Renteria, Alicia S. Velez, Boomer Galindo, Dora Fuentez, John Lopez, III, Roberta James, Joyce Jimenez

**February 10**  
Cam Campbell, Lorena Lopez, Delma Noriega, Patti Prather, Cynthia Hillis, Suzanne Steves, Dana Young, Sarah Gutierrez, Garry Hull

**February 11**  
Kim West, Katie Taylor, Jeanette Turner, Ty Fincher

**February 12**  
Eddie Favila, Viola Gonzales, Casey Lewis, Jerry Lopez, Scott Neff, Ricardo Sanchez, Jerry Saenz, Donna Whitten, Jed Davenport

**February 13**  
Billy Burnham, Santana Noriega, Jessica Snyder, Austin Whitten, Beverly Arnwine, Cathy Garza, Bertha Villanueva, Emily Ellison, Anna Ramos, Craig Hudson, Jose A. Vela

**February 14**  
Adrienne Casillas, Matt Escalante, Magdalena Tobias, Susana Vaqueira, Salvador Garza, Ethan Harper

## Lozano Completes Basic Training



Marine Corps Pvt. Homer Lozano

Marine Corps Pvt. Homer Lozano, son of Toni G. Wright of Sonora, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

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

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

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

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

Lozano is a 1999 graduate of Sonora High School.

## F.Y.I.

American Legion Post 253 will hold a meeting in the Texas Room at the Sutton County Steakhouse on February 13, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. For more information, call Mario Martinez at 884-2221.

The ACS Relay for Life has been re-scheduled for May 4 - 5, 2001 from 6 p.m. - 9 a.m. For more information contact Shanna Petty at 387-3378 or Storie Sharp at 387-2507.

The Sonora Lions Club Annual Broom & Mop Sale will be Tuesday, March 13, 2001. Mops, brooms, push brooms, brushes, dish towels, dust pans and much more will be available.

There will be a youth revival at the New Hope Baptist Church on February 9, 10, & 11, starting at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for food, drinks and fun. For more information call Mike Moore at 387-5040 (Daytime).

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available Power (Electric) Wheelchairs to Senior Citizens (65 yrs. old & up) and the Permanently Disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify. The Power Wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair, and who meet the additional guidelines of the program. No deposit is required. If your need is for use in your home, please call for more information to see if you qualify. Call toll free, Leon Johnson at 1-800-246-6010.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the Bronco's state winning game or any Varsity or J.V. game tape, please call Kristin Keel at the High School. Each tape is only \$6. All proceeds benefit the S.H.S. Radio and T.V. Class. The class is also selling highlight tapes of the 2000 season for only \$15.00. The highlight tapes are edited to the latest music and have the best plays of the season. You can also purchase any Varsity girls or boys basketball game tapes for only \$6.

Attention All Basketball Lovers! The Texas Professional Basketball League has come to the Hill Country. For information about tryouts please call Sonny Rowe at (915)446-4951 or Ernest Adams at (915)446-8646. Serious inquiries only. Particularly looking for tall centers and forwards. If no answer call cell number (830)739-9699 or work number (915)446-3102.

Applications are now being evaluated from the Ten Star All - Star Summer Basketball Camp. Boys, ages 8-19 and girls, ages 10-19, can apply. Players are selected by invitation only. Camp locations in Texas include Commerce and Ft. Worth. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players named to the All-American Team. For an evaluation form call (704)568-6801.

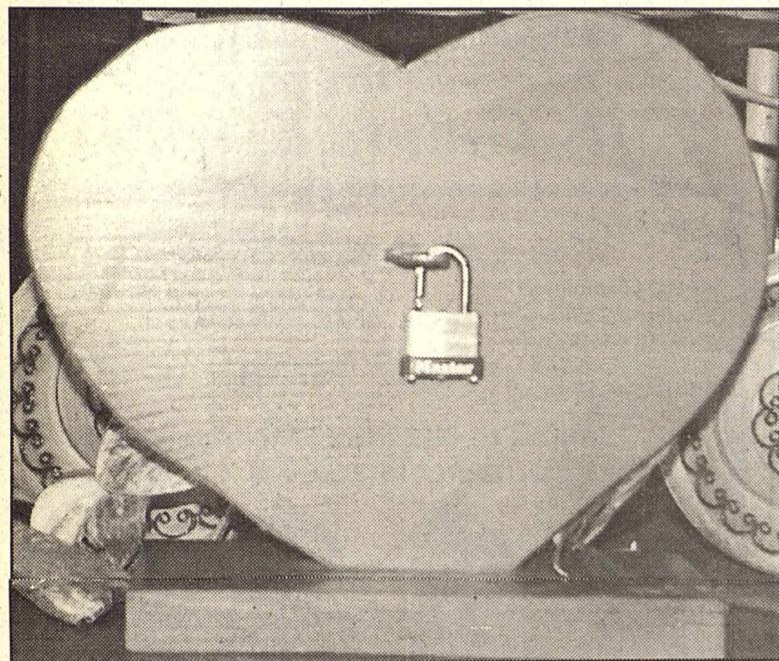
Piano lessons - trying to put together a Wednesday class. If interested call 387-5788.

The Sonora Community Arts & Theater (SCAT) presents Kimberly Snauffer (Harp) and Marc Garvin (Guitar) Duo. February 24, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sonora High School Auditorium. A reception to meet the artists will follow the presentation. Tickets are on sale now at Tedford, First National Bank, and The Bank & Trust.

A representative of the San Angelo Social Security Office will be in Sonora on Tuesdays, February 27, and March 27, 2001 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. You do not have to wait until the representative's visit to handle Social Security matters. Your Social Security business can be handled just as quickly by telephone. Call toll free 1-800-772-1213 Mon. - Fri., 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. You can also call the San Angelo office at 915-949-4608 Mon. - Fri., 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Calderon now has flu shots. Call 387-5666 for an appointment.

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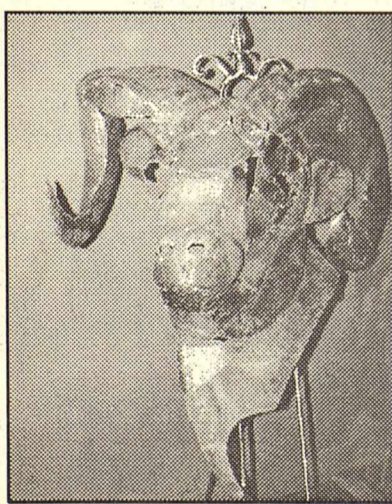
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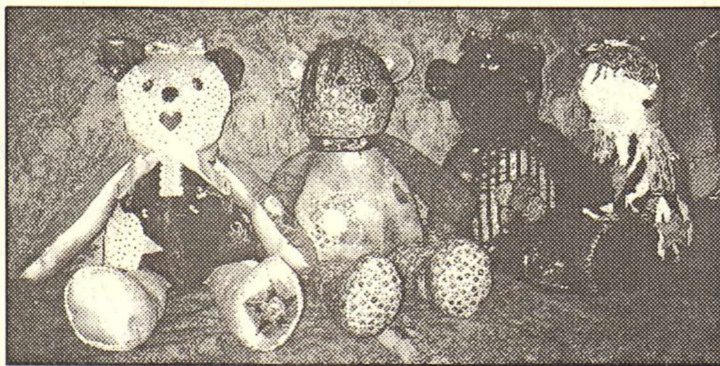
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## Sonora Elementary PTA plans February Meeting and "Stars of Tomorrow" Talent Show

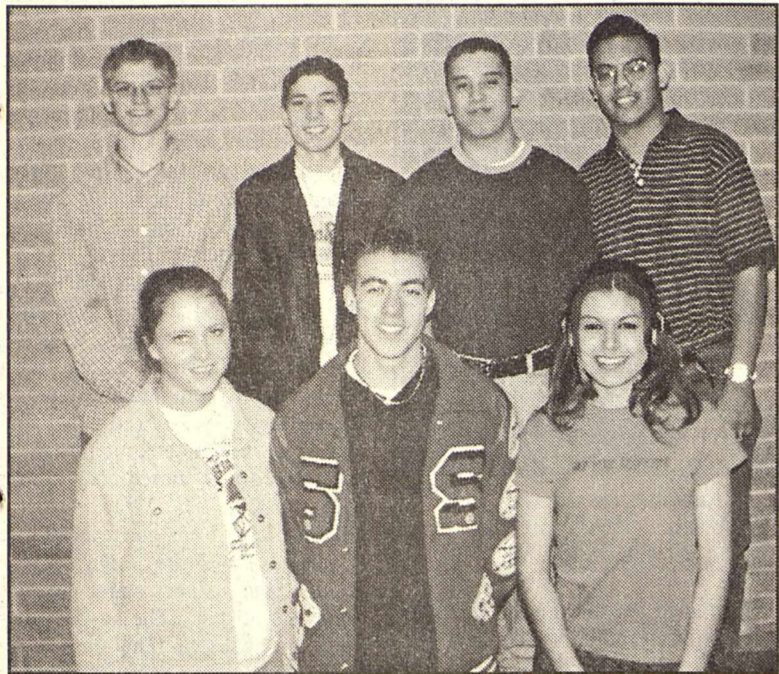
The Sonora Elementary PTA will hold its February business meeting and talent show on February 19, 2001 in the Elementary auditorium at 6:00 pm. The talent show will include talent from 1st, 3rd and 5th grades.

Sign up for the talent show is being held in the primary and inter-

mediate school offices.

PTA invites all students in these grades to sign up and show your special talents. Sign up deadline is February 13. PTA hopes the community will be present to enjoy the students talents during their night to shine. Come join us to see the stars of the future!

## U.I.L. Students Perform In Ingram



Back Row - (L-R) Sean Fields, Pokey Samaniego, Carroll McAfee and Joe Flores. Front Row - (L-R) Margie Becknell, Matt Torres, and Leslie Gamez

Congratulations to the following Journalism U.I.L. students who participated in the Ingram U.I.L. Meet on Saturday. In Feature Writing, Carroll McAfee placed second. In Headline Writing, Leslie Gamez placed third. For the last four years, at least one Journalism student has placed at every meet attended. The students are coached by Kristin Keel.

The Speech and Drama Department also participated in the U.I.L. Meet in Ingram.

Margie Becknell placed fourth in Informative Speaking. In Prose Interpretation, Sean Fields placed second and Pokey Samaniego placed sixth. In the Computer Science competition, Matt Torres placed first and Joe Flores received sixth place.

## Flores Receives National Academic Honors



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Sonora High School senior Joe Flores has been nominated to receive recognition by Who's Who Among American High School Students. Joe has also been officially selected as an All-American Scholar and honored nationally by the United States National Minority Leadership Award, and the National Leadership and Service Award.

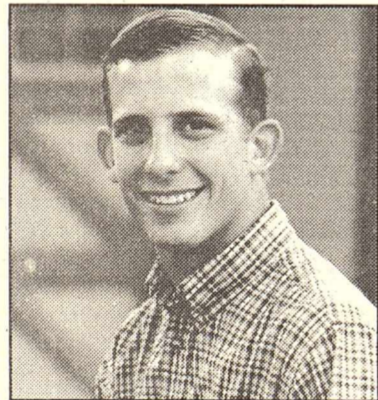
## West Makes Hardin-Simmons Dean's List

Abilene, TX-

Hardin-Simmons University announces that Sonora resident Jacob West has made the Dean's List for the fall 2000 semester.

The HSU Dean's List honors students who completed at least 12 semester hours with a 3.75 grade point average.

Jacob is a 2000 graduate of Sonora High School and is the son of Joe David and Laura West.



Riley Crain takes a shot against Mason in last Tuesday's game.

## Lady Broncos Fall Short To Mason



Kasey Miller takes the ball on a jump shot against Mason.

The Lady Broncos played hard against Mason on Tuesday, January 29th, but fell short of the championship they needed. The Mason girls defeated the Lady Broncos 55-50.

Heather Felts led the scoring with the help of four 3-point shots, for a total of 17 points. Heather Lawson had two 3 point shots, with a total of 11 points for the game. Tamika Marshall had 7 points and Ashley Parker had 3. Morgan Hobbs, Monica Lira, Desiree Gonzales, Amy Gann, Japha Word and

Kasey Miller all contributed with 2 points each.

The Lady Broncos also took a hard defeat against the Wall Lady Hawks on Friday, February 2 in Wall. The Lady Hawks ran the game, with a final score of Wall 56, Sonora 28.

Leading the scoring for the Lady Broncos was Heather Felts with 10, Morgan Hobbs with 7 and Kasey Miller with 6. Kara Hard had 2 and Tamika Marshall and Stephanie Hard each had 1.

## Sonora Middle School Chooses Sweetest Hearts

The following eighth grade students were nominated for Sweetest Hearts at the Sonora Middle School this year.

Nominations are made by the middle school teachers based on attitude and endearing qualities such as respectfulness, manners, courtesy, and politeness. Once nominated, popular vote by the middle school student body decides the "sweetest" boy and girl of 2001.

The "Sweetest Hearts" will be announced at approximately 9:00 pm at the Valentine's Dance at the Sonora Middle School Cafeteria on Thursday, February 8th. The dance sponsored by the Middle School Student Council is from 7:00 to 10:30.

Nominated this year are; M.J. Brown daughter of Patsy Duran and John Brown; David Adkins, son of Tamara and Russell Adkins; Courtney Caruthers, daughter of Janice and Bob Caruthers; Diego

Cardona, son of Rogelio and Yolisma Cardona; Karla Dominguez, daughter of Cruz Irma and Jose Dominguez; Jason Chadwick, son of Glenna Martin;

Tara Green, daughter of Russell and Diana Green; Dustin Creek, son of Loraine Creek; Allison Higdon, daughter of Charlotte and Robert Higdon; Benny Fraiser, son of Ben Fraiser and Karen Kearny-Fraiser; Alyssa Ibarra, Alice and Fernando Ibarra; Laramie Hall, son of Callaway and Ronda Hall; Brooke Northcott, daughter of Delma Reyna and Jerry Northcott; Brian Payton, son of Tom and Pam Payton; Amanda Samaniego, daughter of Connie and Ruben Samaniego; Stetson Perez, son of Melva Vallejo and Alonzo Perez; Chelsea Seaton, daughter of Lisa and Herbie Seaton; Roland Segura, son of Linda and Luis Segura; Amanda Word, Larry and Kay Word.

## 4-H and FFA Members To Compete In Houston

Houston - Seven 4-H members from Sutton County will be joining other FFA and 4-H members from all over Texas for intense competition in the show ring at the 2001 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™, Feb. 13 - March 4, at Reliant Park in Houston.

The junior show, which showcases the animal projects of these FFA and 4-H exhibitors, begins livestock competition on Feb. 23. Professional breeders and ranchers will compete for top prize money and global recognition in the livestock industry during the first 10 days of the Show, which kicks off Feb. 13.

Entries from both the open and junior show, along with the horse show, combine to make the Houston Livestock Show the largest event of its kind in the world.

4-H members from Sonora that will be attending include: Mandy Bristler - Junior Market Goats; Brea Hughes - Junior Market Lambs; Tom Jacoby - Junior Market Lambs; Colton Moore - Junior Market Goats; William Renfro - Junior Market Lambs; Monica Traylor - Junior Breeding Sheep and Junior Dairy Cattle; Nash Traylor - Junior Breeding Sheep.

More than 16,000 entries, representing 1,100 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, will compete in this year's junior show. A wide variety of animals will be shown in both the junior and open divisions of the livestock competition, including market steers, market barrows, market lambs, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding gilts, breeding sheep, goats, llamas, commercial steers, and breeding rabbits.

The four market animal categories (steer, lamb, barrow and poultry) represent animals raised by exhibitors for food sources. The finest animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. In 2001, the Houston Livestock Show's junior market auction sales totaled \$6,147,398, including a record \$560,000 paid for the Grand Champion Market Steer.

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11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. Youth Meal  
6:00 p.m. Worship Service

The services will be led by a team from Hardin-Simmons University including Jacob West and Brady Lock with music by Mills Caraway of San Angelo. This revival is for all ages with a special youth emphasis. There will be food, prizes and fun at each youth meal.

**Police Reports**

**January 21, 2001 - Theft of Service**

Officer was dispatched to Shot's #5 in reference to a theft of service. Clerk advised that a silver Chrysler four door occupied by a white male, pumped \$18.35 worth of unleaded fuel and drove away without paying. Direction of travel was unknown. Attempts to locate vehicle were negative.

**January 21, 2001 - Dog Bite**

Officer received a call to the 1100 block of Savell St. in reference to a dog bite. Upon arrival officer located complainant. Complainant advised that while outside her residence a blue heeler dog belonging to her neighbor attacked her and bit her left wrist area. A citation was issued to the owner of the dog for unrestrained animal. The dog is also under quarantine for 10 days.

**January 26, 2001 - Assault/Terroristic Threat**

Officer was dispatched to the 300 block of Wardlaw in reference to a subject armed with a knife. Upon arrival officer spoke with complainant. Complainant stated as she and her guest arrived at her residence, a white male known to them had arrived and started chasing her with a knife. The W/M (suspect) also threatened her guests while he displayed the knife. During the incident the suspect stated he was going to kill her. The suspect was gone upon arrival. This case is forwarded to the County Attorney's Office.

**January 27, 2001 - Runaway**

A complainant from Austin, TX contacted officer. Complainant advised that his daughter had run away from home and was possibly in Sonora, TX. After further investigation, subject was located at a residence in the 600 block of Tayloe Avenue. Juvenile was taken into custody and transported to the Tom Green Co. Detention Center in San Angelo, TX.

**February 2, 2001 - Criminal Mischief**

A complainant wishing to report a criminal mischief contacted officer. Complainant advised while at work, (Skinny's Convenience) someone unknown to her had damaged her pickup. Investigation pending.

**February 2, 2001- Public Intoxication**

Officer was dispatched to a disturbance call in the 500 block of NW Tom Green, which led to the arrest of Gabriel Alvarado Jr. for Public Intoxication.

**February 3, 2001- Public Intoxication**

Officer was dispatched to Town & Country #191 in reference to an intoxicated person. Upon arrival officer located subject. Ismael M. Munoz was arrested for Public Intoxication and was transported to the Sutton Co. Jail.

**February 3, 2001-Public Intoxication**

Officer was dispatched to Shot's Convenience store in reference to an intoxicated subject. Richard John Johnston of Virginia Beach, VA was arrested for Public Intoxication.

**February 3, 2001-Driving While Intoxicated**

A traffic stop in the 700 block of NW Crockett Avenue led to the arrest of Ismael M. Munoz of San Benito, TX for Driving While Intoxicated.

**February 3, 2001- Assault**

Officers were dispatched to the 400 block of W. Oak St. in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation George Ramos of Austin, TX was arrested for Assault.

**February 4, 2001-Theft of Service**

Officer was dispatched to Shot's #5 in reference to a theft of service. Clerk advised that a couple in a red Jeep pumped \$23.72 worth of fuel and drove away without paying. Attempts to locate vehicle were negative.

**February 5, 2001 - Telephone Scam**

The Sonora Police Department was advised of a telephone scam in our area. This is how the scam was reported to the Police Department. A caller identified as "Jose" makes an international "collect" call to the victim and identifies himself as Jose and matches his last name to the person called. Then the caller claims to be a relative and needs to deliver a package to them and keeps the victim on the line with idle talk as long as possible. The end result is a bill for \$50.00 - \$70.00 dollars for that one call. Please be very careful whom you accept collect calls from, it could be a scam. The Police Department has forwarded this information to the local Phone Company and is working with their personnel about this type of fraud.

**Snauffer/Garvin Duo Coming Soon**



Classical music enthusiasts, mark your calendars for Saturday, Feb. 24, when the Sonora Community Arts & Theatre (SCAT) presents "The Snauffer-Garvin Duo". Kimberly Snauffer will be on harp and Marc Garvin on guitar.

Tickets to the Saturday evening performance and the Patron Party to follow are available at Tedford's Jewelry, First National Bank, and The Bank & Trust.

**News From the Neighbors**

**San Angelo Girls Fastpitch Association**

The San Angelo Girls Fastpitch Association (SAGFA) will be hosting a Girls Fastpitch Clinic on February 24 and 25, 2001 at the 29th Street Complex. All girls from ages 8-18 are welcome to attend a 2-Hr. session with Coach Ed Poehls as the guest instructor for \$60.00 per girl. Please bring your own glove, a friend to catch and your own bucket for the catcher to sit upon. The clinic is designed to be a fun experience for the girls and to give quality instruction in fastpitch softball techniques. For session times please call

Debbie Fontenot at 944-0747.

The SAGFA is also holding registration for the Spring 2001 Softball Season for girls ages 4-18. Age divisions are determined by your child's age as of January 1, 2001. Registration fee is \$55.00 before March 3, 2001 which includes uniform and insurance coverage. Late registration fee is \$65.00 after March 3, 2001. If you have any questions, please call Darlene Huff at 949-9240.

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## Comptroller Rylander Estimates \$5.1 Billion In New Money For State Budget, Warns of Slowing Economy

(Austin) - Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander released her biennial revenue estimate, giving lawmakers and Governor Rick Perry \$5.1 billion more for the 2002-2003 budget cycle.

"There will be money to pay our bills, but the economic furnace is cooling," Rylander said. "As a mamma and a grandmamma, I know that our Texas family must budget like any other family - spend wisely, invest wisely and save for a rainy day."

The revenue estimate was released in conjunction with Comptroller Rylander's Texas Economic Update.

"Texas' economy is healthy and strong, although it is slowing," Comptroller Rylander said. "I am pleased to report our economy will continue to outpace the national economy by more than half a percentage point each year over the next three years."

Comptroller Rylander's biennial revenue estimate includes:

- \* \$106.8 billion in earnings from all sources in the 2002-03 biennium,
- \* \$60.8 billion in funds available for general purpose spending, which includes \$2.9 billion in cash on hand at the end of the fiscal year 2001 and
- \* \$48.5 billion collected from other sources, including federal funds.

Comptroller Rylander said the revenue estimate would add \$802 million to the state's "Rainy Day Fund" (officially the Economic Stabilization Fund) over the next three years. Lawmakers created the Rainy Day Fund more than a decade ago to help offset fiscal instability.

"I am pleased the Rainy Day Fund has more than doubled since I took office," Comptroller Rylander said. "By November 2003, the Rainy Day Fund will exceed \$1 billion."

lion. Putting money into the Rainy Day Fund will help Texas regain its AAA bond rating."

"Lawmakers have tough choices to make this session and I believe they must start by implementing my e-Texas recommendations, which will save taxpayers \$1.2 billion," Comptroller Rylander said. "One recommendation, privatizing the Texas Workers' Compensation Insurance Fund, could add another \$300 million to the Rainy Day Fund."

Approximately 86 percent of the general revenue-related funds would come from tax revenue collected during the 2002-03 biennium, of which, almost 61 percent will come from the sales tax. Other sources of revenue include motor vehicle sales taxes, motor fuels taxes, the franchise tax, oil and gas severance taxes, insurance premium taxes and lottery proceeds.

The Texas Economic Update reported the state's economy has been slowing for the last three years, as predicted by the Comptroller's office. The slowdown parallels the deceleration in the U.S. economy.

In the Texas Economic Update, Comptroller Rylander forecasts Texas' real gross state product, which is the most complete measure of the state's economic activity, will rise 4.3 percent in 2001 and an average of 4.2 percent each year in the 2002-2003 biennium. Personal income is expected to rise 6.6 percent in 2001 and an average of 6.4 percent each year in the 2002-2003 biennium.

Article III, Section 49a of the Texas Constitution requires the Comptroller to provide the Legislature with a biennial revenue estimate before the start of each regular legislative session. The Comptroller's revenue estimate serves as a blueprint for lawmakers as they draft a state appropriations or spending bill for the 2002-03 biennium.

## Rep. Bonilla Responds to Recent Surplus Report, Endorses Bush Taxcut Proposal



Washington, D.C. - U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla, R - Texas, Rep. Henry Bonilla today responded to the Congressional Budget Office's

(CBO) revised surplus estimate saying, "there has never been a better time for a tax cut. Let's give this money back to the people who earned it."

Mr. Bonilla's remarks came after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's assessment that a tax cut is both prudent and possible and that if Congress does not return the tax overcharge to taxpayers, that the likely alternative will be more wasteful government spending.

"It sounds like Alan Greenspan has seen the very same thing I have. If you leave the surplus in Washington, Washington will spend it. For example, the final spending bill approved last year, over my objections, increased spending for four Cabinet Agencies, the White House and Congress

by a whopping 29 percent," said Mr. Bonilla. The Congressional Budget Office's new surplus estimates raise the total surplus to \$5.7 trillion over the next ten years - three-and-a-half

times larger than the Bush tax cut. According to a recent report by the National Taxpayers Union, the Bush tax cut is smaller than both the 1981 Reagan tax cut and President Kennedy's 1963 tax cut proposal.

"Clearly, there is room within the surplus to pay down the debt, fund priority programs, and enact the Bush tax cut. If anything, the new surplus estimates justify an even larger tax reduction package. The Reagan tax cut in the early 1980s, was responsible for spurring historic economic growth -- America needs a tax cut of that magnitude," said Mr. Bonilla.

"Allowing all Americans to keep more of their money is both good for the people of the 23rd District of Texas and for the economy as a whole. So many families are struggling right now just to pay their credit card and utility bills -- tax relief will help them make ends meet," said Mr. Bonilla. "A tax cut for every American, like the proposal offered by President Bush, is absolutely critical to rebuilding what is quickly becoming a crumbling economy."

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## Forever Resorts Purchases Resorts in Five National Parks

Scottsdale, AZ - Forever Resorts, announced today the purchase of eight resort properties previously operated by National Park Concessions, Inc. (NPCI) NPCI owned and operated resorts located at Chisos Mountains Lodge in Big Bend National Park, Texas; Lake Crescent Lodge and Hurricane Ridge in Olympic National Park, Washington; Mammoth Cave Hotel in Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky; Rock Harbor Lodge in Isle Royale National Park, Michigan; Crabtree Meadows Cafe' and Bluffs Lodge & Cafe' in the Blue Ridge Parkway, North Carolina and Mabry Mill Store & Cafe' in Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia. The deal announced Thursday is expected to be complete by the first of February.

David E. Gackenbach, senior vice president and chief operating officer, said National Park Concessions, Inc. properties will be a welcomed addition to Forever Resorts, and Forever plans to increase consumer awareness in these national parks as destination resorts in both the domestic and the international markets.

"We share the National Park Services vision of the market and customer needs," said Gackenbach, in a prepared statement. "We believe that our team's strengths will greatly enhance its growth for customer satisfaction."

Forever Resorts operates lodges, hotels and convention facilities in Grand Teton National Park, WY; Rocky Mountain National Park, CO; Lake Mead National Recreation Area, NV; Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, TX; Padre Island National Seashore, TX; Lake Amistad National Recreation Area, TX; Shasta-Trinity National Forest, CA; Lake Don Pedro Recreation Area, CA; Lake Lanier, GA; Lake of the Ozarks, MO; Table Rock Lake, MO; California Delta, CA; TalVista Resorts, AK; Mormon Lake Lodge, AZ; Holiday Inn - Estes Park, CO; and Southfork Ranch from the Dallas TV Series.

## Scooter Safety from page 1

frequent if your wheels are worn out or you are moving at faster speeds.

Your stance on the board may cause or reduce accidents. The safest way to ride on the board is both feet on the board and both hands strongly holding the handlebar. The peddling foot should, always be ready to hit the brakes.

Last and most important, final rule... faster speed means it'll take longer to stop and will hurt more if you are in an accident. Unless totally necessary, do not go fast. Your kickboard may be able to withstand the crashes but us humans may not. Wait, the real final rule is... Be sure to have fun!

You always need a helmet wherever you ride. Even a low-speed fall off a scooter can cause serious injury to the head. Laws in 15 states and over 50 localities require helmets. Make sure your helmet fits to get all the protection you are paying for. A good fit means level on your head, touching all around, comfortably snug but not tight. The helmet should not move more than about an inch in any directions, standards are no longer a big issue. Look for a CPSC sticker.

Pick a bright color for visibility to be sure that motorists and other cyclists can see you.

Common sense tells you to avoid a helmet with snag points sticking out, a squared-off shell, inadequate vents, excessive vents, an extreme "aero" shape, dark colors, thin straps, complicated adjustments or a rigid visor that could snag in a fall.

CBS.com recently reported a scooter recall for 90,000 Kent Kickin' Mini-Scooters sold from May through September and 7,500 Kash 'n Gold Racer X20 Scooters sold from August through September.

The Kent scooter handles can come out of the steering column and cause the rider to lose control and fall. Four children have been injured with broken arms, bruises, abrasions and a cracked tooth.

The Kash scooter has a plastic "T" joint between the handlebars that can break and cause the rider to lose control and fall. The safety commission has reports of injuries to two children. Return the Kash scooter to the store for a refund or for a new scooter with a metal "T" joint.

## Green Thumb, Inc. Sponsors E-Commerce Website for Senior Artisans

Green Thumb, Inc., the nation's oldest and largest provider of training and employment for mature workers, today launched Geezer.com. This distinctive virtual marketplace is up and running. Geezer.com offers online shoppers the handiwork of seniors from cities, towns, villages, and hamlets all across the country.

"Geezers.com is unique," says Andrea Wooten, president and CEO of Green Thumb, Inc., which sponsors and created the site. "It provides talented seniors, even those without computers and Internet access, with a worldwide market for their hand-crafted goods. The site brings the unique products of America's seniors to people who don't regularly travel the back roads. Shoppers looking for unusual gifts and accessories will find them right here."

Wooten says the site's name may raise a few eyebrows, but it has a positive connotation and visibility among baby boomers who are surfing the Internet looking for distinctive gifts. "We're changing the stereotype of older individuals," she explains, "by demonstrating that seniors are in fact talented, generous, and fun-loving. What better way to dispel the 'geezer myth' than to use the word 'geezer' to reflect the positive characteristics and skills of America's seniors!"

Geezer.com features scores of artisans and craftspeople, and more than two thousand hand-wrought products in more than a dozen categories including Apparel, Artworks, Doll House, Holiday Shop, Home & Hearth, In the Kitchen, Music & Videos, Pet Store, Sports and Recreation, Toys and Games, and Yard & Garden

Diane Cowan, state director of

Green Thumb, Inc. in Waco, TX, one of 29 Green Thumb offices in 44 states and Puerto Rico, says the e-commerce site makes product accessible to consumers everywhere. "Online shopping couldn't be easier with Geezer.com's shopping cart that permits buyers to load up items from a variety of vendors," Cowan says.

In addition to providing a website for consumers to purchase unique products online, the opportunity for senior artisans to sell their products, says Cowan, is especially significant. "We are giving seniors across the country the opportunity to supplement their incomes, launch new businesses, and expand the market for their hand-crafted goods."

Developed in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Green Thumb's Geezer.com is designed to help older Americans, primarily from rural areas and small communities, with online access or without, to capitalize on the reach and market potential of the Internet. The site not only provides senior artisans the opportunity to sell the craft items they love to make, but soon it will also help seniors gain access to the information they need to start home-based businesses, Cowan explains.

As the premier site on the web for senior-made crafts, Geezer.com brims with the vitality, good humor and special gifts of America's older generation - a generation that knows the value of hard work, loyalty to family and contribution to community. As Wooten remarks, they are "our esteemed geezers."



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**Goat Test from page 1**

one-third the length of the testicles. The animals will be inspected on arrival and any which show evidence of scab will not be accepted. Breeders will be requested to take home any animals that have visible signs of caseous lymphadenitis or other lesions. The animals will initially be fed in large groups, but will later be moved to sire or ownership groups for inspection and display between the final weigh day and Field Day.

An individual breeder will be limited to no more than 12 animals, except with special permission. A minimum of 4 animals per owner and sire group is suggested, but this is not a requirement.

Ideally, the goats (male kids born in Spring 2000) submitted for testing should be in fleece when they arrive at the Station. The fleece will be returned to the owner. Shorn animals will be accepted, but it will be necessary to re-shear them and this mohair will have no value. Please make sure the animals' feet are trimmed when they arrive. The producer is advised to make sure that the goats are free of internal, and external parasites and have been vaccinated for soremouth and for enterotoxemia. After arrival at the Station, the goats will again be drenched and vaccinated. The goats' feet will be trimmed two times during the test, near the middle and between the final weigh day and Field Day. The costs for doing this will be charged to the producer. Producers are welcome to trim their own goats' feet as they wish to do so, but not to treat the animals or administer any drugs without permission of Station personnel.

The goats will be self fed on a pelleted ration. This ration will be similar to that used in recent years. Rumensin will be used as a coccidiostat.

Fiber diameter, yield, med and kemp values will be based on core samples obtained from the shorn fleece. The actual mohair clip (fleece) will be packaged in plastic bags for display and returned to the owner or the purchaser of the goat if it is sold at auction at the end of the

test.

Attempts will be made to provide good care for the animals, but the Experiment Station or Station personnel will not be responsible for death losses or veterinary costs.

The index to be used for ranking the animals will be the same as that used last year.

$I = 4 \times \text{adj. clean fleece wt.} + 25 \times \text{avg. daily gain} + .12 \times \text{final weight} + 3 \times \text{straightened lock length} - 1.5 \times \text{fiber diameter} - 3 \times \text{face cover score (no credit below 1)} + 2.5 \times \text{character score} + 1.5 \times \text{neck cover score}$ .

To be eligible for the sale, bucks must have: less than .7% kemp fibers, less than 7% med. fibers, less than 50 pm fiber diameter, greater than 9.2 lb. fleece weight, and greater than 109 lb. final weight.

The Experiment Station will not be officially responsible for a sale, this will be the responsibility of cooperating breeders. A committee of cooperating breeders will serve as a sifting committee with respect to sale animals and for those animals to be eligible for the Registry of Merit Program, to be sponsored by the Association.

Participants are asked to deposit \$130.00 per animal to cover the cost of feed, shearing and laboratory work on the fleece. Any unused funds will be returned at the end of the test. An account known as the "Goat Test Account" will be established in the First National Bank of Sonora. Dr. C.A. Taylor and Trevlin Strong of the Sonora Station will be responsible for these funds and will do the necessary accounting. Please mail or deliver deposits to the Experiment Station at Sonora. Make checks payable to the "Goat Test Account." Deposit is due when goats arrive at the Test Station. For additional information, inquiries may be addressed to:

Dan Waldron, Frank Craddock, or Chris Lupton  
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7887 U.S. Highway 87 North  
San Angelo, TX 76901-9714  
Phone (915) 653-4576  
FAX (915) 658-4364

**RRC Sets Texas Gas Production Allowables For February**

(AUSTIN) - Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews, and Commissioner Tony Garza today set February natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 28,746,506 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

For these fields, the February 2001 allowable represents an increase of 3,525,426 Mcf when compared to actual production of 32,271,932 Mcf in February 2000. In setting the February 2001 allowable, the Commission used historical production figures from February 2000 and producer forecasts for the February 2001 demand, and then adjusted the figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc.

Gas well gas from prorated fields accounts for 10 percent of

total gas well production in Texas.

Texas natural gas in storage reported the Commission for the month of December 2000 compares 147,799,158 Mcf to 272,937,721 Mcf in December 1999. The January 2001 gas storage estimate is 128,733,548 Mcf.

Preliminary statewide production reported for November 2000 is 31,502,479 barrels of crude oil and 367,390,574 Mcf of gas well gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for this month can be obtained by multiplying these preliminary production totals by a production adjustment factor of 1.0299 for crude oil and 1.0909 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

The next statewide hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, February 22, at 9:30 a.m.

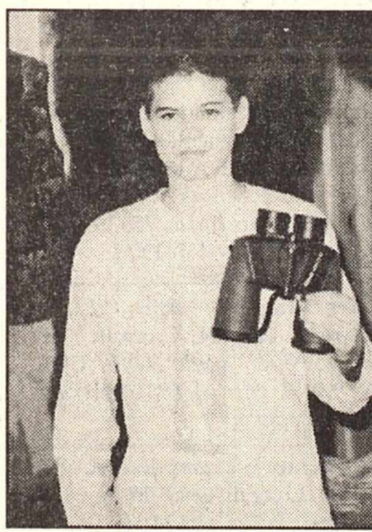
**Rafter W Announces "Big Buck" Winners**



Larry Finklea won the "Biggest Scoring Buck" category with his ten point buck killed on November 16th on the Black Ranch in Edwards County. The buck score a 163 7/8 and had a 20 4/8" spread. Larry was awarded a Ruger 220 Swift.



Marvin Shurley received a 2 blade hunting knife by Case for winning the "Longest Spike" Category. His spike had a left beam tine length of 9 5/8" and a right beam tine length of 11". Shurley killed the spike on December 19th on the Dan Wagner Ranch.



Dustin Duhon killed the "Buck With the Most Points". His buck had 16 points and was killed on December 14th on the Powers Ranch. Dustin was awarded a pair of Nikon "Tundra" Binoculars.

There were 91 hunters that participated in this year's "Big Buck" contest. Congratulations to all the winners and good huntin' next year.

**Texas Sheep & Goats Raisers Announce Payment For Goat Losses**

Officers of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association have been notified by the Farm Services Administration that producers of Angora goats in selected counties will be eligible for payment for death losses of goats to unseasonably cold and wet weather during October, 2000.

Counties included are Edwards, Kinney, Real, Sutton, Uvalde and Val Verde.

The Livestock Indemnity Pro-

gram is a national program funded by Congress to pay for livestock losses due to natural disasters. The Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association made the initial contacts to bring these losses to the attention of the appropriate agencies so the funds could be made available for this particular natural disaster.

Details will be released to FSA offices in the near future. Payment rates will not be known until all applications have been received by the FSA offices.

**Rig Locations as of February 2, 2001**

- Crockett County**  
New Union Pacific Res; 7600' Union Pacific - 4 - #4, TMBR/Sharp Drilling.  
New Harrison Interests; 10000' W A Thomason #4, Patterson Drilling.  
Pogo Producing Co.; 8500' Ranch Hand - 8 - #2, Cleere Drilling.  
Pioneer Natural; 8800' Helbing #16, UTI Drilling West.  
J. Cleo Thompson; 8800' University 33 - 19 #1, Patterson Drilling.  
New Union Pacific; 7600' Hutchins - 43 - #9, Patterson Drilling.  
New Oxy Permian/Houston; 6500' MK Daniel - #701, Cleere Drilling.  
Oxy Permian; 16000' Mitchell - D - #50, Nabors Drilling.  
New Ricks Exploration; 9500' Riggs - 30 - #4, Cleere Drilling.  
EOG Resources; 10000' SPGC - B - #22, Patterson Drilling.  
Tema Oil & Gas Co.; 6100' MK Daniel - A - #24, Key Energy.
- Sutton County**  
New Burlington Res/Mid; 6400', Deberry - Boyett Unit #8, Cleere Drilling.  
New Burlington Res/Mid; 6020', Davis - A - #11, Patterson Drilling.  
New Louis Dreyfus; 8600' Hudspeth - I - #2, Patterson Drilling.  
New Louis Dreyfus; 8350' Mayer - 1028 - #A302, Patterson Drilling.  
New Louis Dreyfus; 7000' Ward - 114 - #17, Patterson Drilling.  
New Louis Dreyfus; 5600' Cusenbary - 71 - #4, Patterson Drilling.  
New KCS Medallion Res; 6700' Genini #3706, Patterson Drilling.
- Terrell County**  
Conoco/Midland; 12600', Creek Ranch - 11 - #5, Nabors Drilling.  
Atharox Texas; 9000', Pakenham - 67 - #13, Cleere Drilling.
- Schleicher County**  
New TXP, Inc.; 6900' Whitten - A - #3, Cleere Drilling.  
Discovery Operating; 7200' Roach - B - #4, Cleere Drilling.  
Discovery Operating; 7100' Fifty One #3, Cleere Drilling.  
James K Anderson; 5000' Judkins Trust - J - #1, Heart Land Drilling.
- Edwards County**  
EEX E & P Company; 10000' Earwood - Gas Unit 2 - #2, Cleere Drilling.  
Rendova Oil Co.; 2600' Loretta #1, Patterson Drilling.
- Val Verde County**  
EEX E & P Co.; 14000' Lone Oak #2, Cleere Drilling.  
Prize Operating; 15400' Phillip Arledge #6, Patterson Drilling.
- For complete report contact: Scott Huggins, Rig Location & Permit Report Service



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**American Lamb Council Details Plans to Revitalize Demand For American Lamb**

Contact: Paul Rodgers, Lamb Marketing Director, (304) 647-9981.

DENVER - The American Sheep Industry Association's (ASI) American Lamb Council presented plans to promote U.S. lamb during the American Sheep Industry Association's (ASI) 2001 Annual Convention in Reno, Nev., Jan. 25-27.

The promotional campaign is being funded through a \$1.8 million grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to the American Lamb Council last November. Due to lack of any industry investment in marketing, the council has not conducted any widespread U.S. lamb marketing campaigns in several years. The USDA-funded campaign will be the most significant lamb marketing effort made by the council in recent years.

"The American Lamb Council's campaign is expected to become the foundation to revitalize demand for American lamb," said Paul Rodgers, American Lamb Council marketing director.

The council is developing and implementing the campaign in conjunction with the BSMG/Bozell Worldwide agency, which has created some memorable campaigns, including the "Milk Mustache" and "The Other White Meat" campaigns.

The grant was awarded for use in five project areas: 1) consumer positioning; 2) U.S. lamb identification program; 3) retail marketing and new product development; 4) American lamb information center; and 5) culinary outreach.

"In the end, the idea is to get U.S. lamb back in people's minds, in

the media, on more menus, featured in more retail stores and more frequently and to obtain a stronger position in the world marketplace," said Rodgers.

During the last several months, USDA has awarded 23 lamb marketing grants totaling \$4.85 million. The grants are part of a three-year U.S. sheep industry assistance package that ASI secured as part of the industry's successful Section 201 trade case against imports. During ASI's annual convention, a lamb marketing meeting was held to coordinate plans among recent grant recipients to market American lamb.

ASI is a national organization supported by 45 state sheep organizations, benefiting the interests of nearly 70,000 American sheep and goat producers.

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The city council will hold a public hearing concerning the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation expending Section 4B sales tax funds related to the purchase of the Eaton Hill Project. \$1,442.00 in closing costs \$1,228.95 in interim loan interest of the seller.

The hearing will be held on February 20, 2001 at 2:00 p.m., City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas. All citizens are invited to attend and provide the council with written or oral comments.

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