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Three Arrested After Five Day Man Hunt

by Storie Sharp

A five day, two county man hunt came to an end on Sunday, with the arrest of three illegal alien fugitives. Carlos Gutierrez Alamillo, Ramiro Ramos-Hernandez, and Jose Alfredo Gutierrez, all of Mexico, evaded lawmen for the five days, traveling across ranches in Edwards and Sutton Counties. The suspects, who have been transferred from the Sutton County jail to Edwards County are facing several charges, including Attempted Capital Murder.

The incident started late Tuesday, March 13, when the vehicle the men were traveling in refused to stop for Edwards County Sheriff Don Letsinger in Rocksprings. The truck traveled three miles down Texas Highway 55 before coming to a stop. Six illegal aliens, including 4 women, a 13-year-old boy and an old man, were captured in the vehicle, but the three men managed to get away.

Following their escape, the three are reported to have stolen a Chevrolet Blazer in Rocksprings, but ran out of gas before getting too far. It appears that the men stayed the night in the "Camp 55" Hunting Camp located on the Canyon Ranch. Clothes found at the scene led the police to believe that one of the suspects could possibly have been a woman. This was later proven incorrect.

It was on Wednesday that Burlington Resources employee and Sonora resident, Emilio Pacheco was accosted by the trio and consequently shot in the arm by a stolen hunting bow. Pacheco was working at a lease sight located near camp 55 when he heard something behind him. The men, armed with the hunting bow, instructed Pacheco to lie down. A confrontation then took place and as Pacheco ran toward the pickup to escape he

was shot in the shoulder with the broadtip arrow. Two more shots were fired, one hitting the truck door and another just missing the driver side tire. Pacheco fled the scene and notified Sutton County that he was coming to town in need of medical assistance. In order to drive, Pacheco had to remove the shaft of the arrow by pulling it from his shoulder. The arrow tip remained imbedded in his bone.

Pacheco was treated at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, and was later transferred to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, where he underwent surgery to remove the arrow tip.

The trio surfaced again on Thursday when they were seen breaking into a Creek Swabbing and Roustabout Truck on Canyon Ranch. They headed north toward Sonora, traveling at a high rate of speed through fences and brush. A second Creek crew was notified by radio that the truck was headed their way. Backing a road maintainer across the roadway, the crew was able to stop the stolen vehicle. The three abandoned the vehicle and fled the scene by foot.

Law enforcement agencies from Crockett, Schleicher, Kimble, Edwards, Tom Green, and Pecos counties were called in to assist Sutton County in the hunt, as well as the Sonora Police Department. Helicopters from U.S. Customs in San Angelo, Del Rio Border Patrol, and Lubbock and Midland DPS assisted the search by air. Warden Brad Casal with the Texas Department of Corrections in Ft. Stockton came with mounted patrolmen and tracking dogs. Local citizens were also horseback assisting in the hunt.

Texas Rangers Brooks Long of Ozona, Jerry Byrne of San Angelo, Johnny Allen of Del Rio, Dave Duncan of Alpine and Coy Smith of Uvalde were also part of the



Law enforcement search the suspects before taking them to the Sutton County Jail.



search.

On Saturday, March 17th a second vehicle was stolen off the Friess Ranch located off of Farm Road 1691 (Bond Road). The chevrolet truck, which belonged to a hunter, quit running about six miles from the ranch. The men were again on foot.

Sutton County Sheriff Joe Fincher reported that tracks found on Sunday indicated that the three had spent the night near a compress-

or located on Vanderstucken land.

Fincher confirmed that the tracking dogs had picked up a scent and were on a hot trail when local rancher and owner of Quickbonds, Houston Powers, called to report that he had the three spotted. Powers chased the three down and ordered them to the ground, where he kept them at gunpoint until the Sheriff's Department and Rangers arrived to make the arrests.

Sheriff Joe Fincher reported



Lft: Sutton Co. Deputy, Jerry Kemp and Jody Harris load a suspect in the car. Above: Ranger Brooks Long and Edwards Co. Deputy, Jay Adams retain one of the suspects.

that the Bond for Alamillo, Hernandez and Gutierrez is set at \$250,000 each.

Pacheco's wife, Edna, reported that the arrow entering the bone is what saved Emilio's life. The arrow tipped the rotary cuff and if it doesn't heal itself, further surgery may have to be done. Emilio is now home recovering from his ordeal.

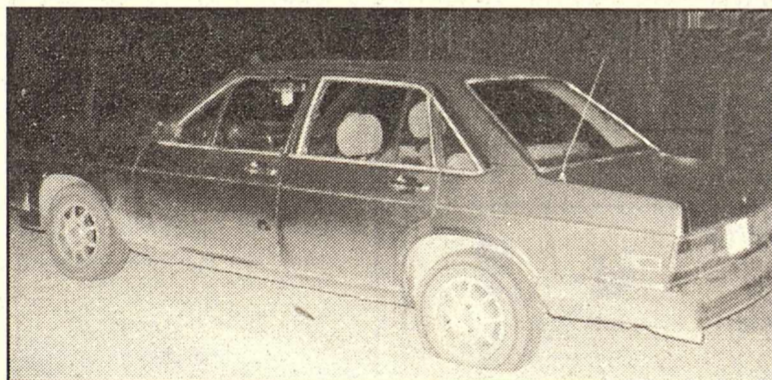
Car Chase Ends With One Arrest

by Storie Sharp

At 7:41 p.m. on Sunday evening, not even catching their breath from the five day man hunt, police were led on a high speed car chase through Sonora.

Sonora Police Officer Mike House was dispatched to Chestnut and Glasscock to investigate a female subject walking down the street wrapped in a blanket. Upon arrival of the location, House observed what appeared to be an argument between a male and female in a silver Audi. The female got out of the car and began walking away. In an attempt to detain the driver for questioning the officer activated his lights. The driver, Moises Galindo, Jr., waved at the officer, then made an obscene hand gesture and took off.

Officer House advised that the vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed, disregarding traffic signs and lights and endangering on-coming traffic. Galindo led the officer on to Martin Street, fishtailing and weaving. He then returned to Crockett Ave. where he began to pick up speed. The chase continued through town on to 277 N., toward TxDOT. He then turned behind the TxDOT building and returned to



Officers had to shoot out the rear tire to stop this vehicle.

Hwy 277, back toward town.

Sutton County Sheriff Deputy, Oscar Chavez joined the chase, attempting to block the road with his vehicle. Seeing that the car was not going to stop, Chavez backed his car out of the line of traffic.

The Audi continued to travel toward the Crockett St. and Hwy 277 intersection, reaching speeds of 90 mph.

Trooper Norbert Ortiz and Texas Ranger Jerry Byrne joined the chase and along with Officer House, caused Galindo to have to veer to the right on Crockett and head out of town on the frontage road beside the Sutton County

Arena.

Galindo then swerved his vehicle toward Ortiz's car in an attempt to side swipe it. Sensing that Galindo had no intention of stopping and seeing that people's lives were being put in danger, Ranger Byrne made the decision to fire at the driver-side tire to stop the vehicle. Once the tire was hit, the vehicle came to an abrupt stop on the side of the road. After a short confrontation, Galindo was arrested and transported to the Sutton County Jail where he was charged with Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Evading Arrest and Driving While Intoxicated.

Broncos Win Consolation In Alpine... See results page 5



Let's Rodeo - TxDOT Style

TxDOT employees participated in a Truck Rodeo on Thursday, March 16, 2001. Drivers were tested on skills used in every day work; including backing, stopping, and narrow passages. They were also tested on inspecting their vehicle, in a timed race to find five defaults. Each section of the competition held a 50 point maximum, with 350 being the highest. The winner of the local competition goes on to compete at District levels, with the possibility of going to State and Nationals. The District competition will be held at the Sutton County Civic Center on April 25, with about 250 participants. One local driver was unable to drive on Thursday, so the winners will be announced at a later date. See page 6 for more photos.

Hospital Board Votes on Personnel Policies

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, was held on Monday, March 12, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Nursing Home. Lewis Allen, Vice President, Michael Healy, Virginia Epps, Sherrill Dannheim, Lenora Pool, and Preston Faris were all present. Also present were Ben Epps, Keith Butler - Administrator, and Kathy Knight - Board Secretary.

A discussion had been held, at the last meeting, regarding the heating and cooling unit for the house owned by the District. Keith Butler advised that he had checked and anything over \$10,000 had to be put out for bids. Butler submitted a proposal from S&W Services for \$3580.00 for the replacement of the heating and cooling system. Sherrill Dannheim made the motion to

See Hospital Board page 6

Mingo Saldivar To Visit Sonora

The town of Sonora is gearing up for a week-long visit from master conjunto accordionist Mingo Saldivar. Saldivar will educate and entertain the entire community of Sonora from March 26 to April 2 with his special style of traditional conjunto music. During his stay, Saldivar will lead a series of workshops, demonstrations and jam sessions and will perform at sites TBA throughout the community.

This residency celebrates Tex-Mex culture and one of the classic traditions of Texas music, conjunto. A San Antonio native, Mingo Saldivar has performed conjunto music in Texas clubs and dance halls for over half a century. His style blends elements of country, R&B, and rock and roll with traditional conjunto rhythms into a sound that is diverse but unmistakably Tex-Mex. As a testament to their respect and appeal, Saldivar and his band Los Temendos Cuatro Espadas were invited to perform during President Clinton's Inaugural Reunion on the Mall celebration in 1993. Later that year, Saldivar's recording "I Love my Freedom, I Love my Texas," on Rounder Records was nominated



Mingo Saldivar

for a Grammy.

This week of activities will be one of twelve Community Residencies scheduled throughout Texas from September 2000 through May 2001, and Mingo Saldivar is but one of the master artists participating in residencies this year. Traditional fiddlers Valerie Ryals, Alvin Crow, and Randy Elmore, conjunto

See Mingo Saldivar page 6

School Board Discusses Redistricting Plan

by Bonnie Lou Campbell

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District was held on Monday, March 19, 2001 in the board room at the Administration Building. President Tom Payton called the meeting to order and Mrs. Donna Hill gave an invocation.

County Tax Assessor, Rex Ann Friess, reported that 97% of the current tax levy had been collected, and that the 1999 bankruptcy claim had all been collected as well.

The cafeteria report was given by Mrs. Dora Gonzales. She reported that they had made one purchase of a new stove for the Middle School. The old one was purchased 21 years ago and had been pieced together long enough.

Technology Director Craig Hudson reported that room to room connectivity at the Intermediate School had been completed and that the wiring should be completed this week.

Approval of the past minutes and current bills was completed and Diane Jacoby reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report.

Mrs. Jacoby explained the Budget Amendment in the areas of donations and grants. A motion was made and seconded to approve this amendment.

Sara Ortiz gave the Curriculum Report concerning the library at the Elementary School. The library has purchased \$5,542 in new library books, and \$2,237 in AR tests to add to the current selection. These funds include federal, state and local budgets as well as a donation from the Sonora Schools PTA. The current circulation in the library is about 4,000 books per month.

Ortiz reported that the library made \$2,267 during last year's book fair and made \$1,600 on the first of two book fairs this year. The next Book Fair is scheduled for April 2-6 at the Elementary Library.

Susan Nicholas reported that they are upgrading the AR book guide. There are currently 32,766 tests available for students and they are working toward obtaining the same numbers of books and tests.

Primary School Principal, Louise Dermody presented a list of the textbooks that the selection committees from each campus had chosen for approval. The board voted unanimously to accept the list of textbooks as presented.

Intermediate School Principal, Kelley Hirt reviewed the current summer school information. The session usually runs for 4 weeks, from 8:00 to 12 noon. Mrs. Hirt advised the board to consider a new policy for Sonora ISD that will require summer school attendance

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Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Rick Sanchez
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

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

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Pastor
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387-2951

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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404 E. Poplar
387-2955

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387-5713

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Rev. Charles Huffman
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Jerry & Joy Wood
205 E. Main
387-3241

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Pastor
Hector A. Portillo
807 Orient Ave.
387-6065

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Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

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Randy Greenwood
Pastor
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387-5266

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387-2278

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Church News

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Sunday, March 25th
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
at our Family Life Center
305 S. Crockett

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Everyone Welcome!

If you need transportation call the Church at 387-5886

New Life Ministry

New Life Ministry Center, now located at 205 E. Main, will be hosting guest ministers Jim and Jean Hodges and Bob and Leslie Long on Sunday, March 25, 2001. The morning service will begin at 10:00 A.M. and a special evening service will begin at 7:00 P.M. Fellowship will continue throughout the day. Everyone is invited to attend our first service in the new sanctuary.

Jim Hodges is founder of the Federation of Ministers and Churches, which networks ministers, ministry teams and local churches across the nation. He has ministered in over 40 nations, serving the Body of Christ internationally with a passion to see the Body of Christ fully established. He is a graduate of Wheaton College and Central Baptist Theological Seminary, and served as Bible instructor and missions director for

10 years at Christ For The Nations Institute in Dallas, and founded and pastored two churches. He and his wife Jean now reside in the Dallas area.

Bob Long is a graduate of Christ For The Nations Institute in Dallas and has over twenty years of ministry experience. In the House of God he passionately stirs calling and imparts vision which releases a fresh sense of destiny both corporately and individually. Bob is the founder an overseer of Rally Call Ministries where he ministers, trains, and networks intercessors and prayer ministries for regions and cities. He serves in the Federation of Ministers and Churches and is the Central Texas Regional Coordinator for Strategic Prayer Network. He and his wife, Leslie reside in San Marcos, Texas.

Lighthouse Baptist Church

Family Life Center 305 S. Crockett
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Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

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School Lunch Menu

Mar. 26 - Mar. 30

Breakfast

Mon. - Breakfast pizza, juice.
Tues. - Scrambled eggs, toast, juice.
Wed. - Biscuit/Gravy, sausage patty, juice.
Thurs. - Cinnamon roll, juice, fruit.
Fri. - Potato and egg burrito, juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Grilled ham and cheese, French fries, carrot/celery sticks, apple crisp.
Tues. - Pepperoni pizza, corn, salad, jello with fruit.
Wed. - Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, tossed salad, cake.
Thurs. - Corn dogs, tator tots, pork and beans, orange wedges.
Fri. - Fishburger, macaroni and cheese, peach cup, peanut butter cookie.

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Engagement



West - Lewis

Kimberly West and Casey "Petie" Lewis will be married June 9, 2001, at the Sonora Civic Center.

Parents of the engaged couple are Nancy West and Hershaw West, both of San Antonio, TX and Mary and Gerald Lewis of Pecos, TX.

Miss West is a graduate of Junction High School and is currently employed by Dr. Guido J. Calderon.

Her fiance is a graduate of Pecos High School and is currently self-employed as a welder.

Card of Thanks

The Sutton County Child Welfare Board and the Sonora Independent School District would like to thank all the individuals who attended the program at the Civic Center on March 8, 2001 on Child Abuse - A National Epidemic presented by Sgt. Bill Davis. Mr. Davis spent the next day going to all the school campuses and presenting programs geared towards that age group. A special thanks goes to the individuals, businesses and organizations that donated so generously to bring this presentation to our community and our schools. Those making donations were: Sutton County Child Welfare Board, St. Ann's Catholic Church, Community Trust Fund, The Bank and Trust, The Church of the Good Shepherd, Downtown Lions Club, First United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church, Celeste Prugel, Margaret Galbreath, Best Western Sonora Inn, Allie Askew, Ann Kay and the Main Street Board for providing the refreshments. A special thanks goes to Ben Solis and John Berry for working so hard to bring this program to our community. Our schools and our community are so fortunate to have these two individuals who care so much about the welfare of our most precious ones - our children.

West Texas Boys Ranch Ball

West Texas Boys Ranch invites you to the 30th annual Ranch Ball benefitting the boy care program. A real working ranch located 17 miles from San Angelo, West Texas Boys Ranch provides boys 6 to 17 a Christian home environment when circumstances do not allow them to live at home. Hosted by the Ranch Ball Committee, "Saturday Night at the Westerns" will be held Saturday,

March 31 at the Concho Pavilion. Jody Nix and The Texas Cowboys will headline the ball with Waylon Pierce & Against the Grain appearing. Dinner will include steak, lamb and sausage prepared by some of West Texas finest chefs. Tickets are \$50 per person. To make reservations or for more information, please call Aron Horton at 915-949-1936.

Senior Center News

Mar. 26 - Bingo!
Mar. 28 - Give someone a "hug" today!
Mar. 29 - Work on Easter Crafts!

Senior Menu

Mar. 26 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, oven fried potatoes, carrots, roll, vanilla pudding with fruit.
Mar. 27 - Meat with spaghetti sauce, noodles, zucchini squash, garlic bread, juice, white cake with caramel icing.
Mar. 28 - Chicken breast with gravy, baked potato, fried okra, roll, peaches.
Mar. 29 - Chicken enchiladas, pinto beans, broccoli, tossed salad, crackers, fruit cup.
Mar. 30 - Salmon croquettes, macaroni and cheese, roll, coleslaw, turnip greens, peach half.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.

\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

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387-3540

Rosie's Cafe
207 Glasscock Ave
387-5552

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Stagecoach Grill & Cantina
407 South Crockett
387-0623

Taco Grill
232 Hwy. 277 N.
387-9127

Taqueria El Torito
210 S. Hwy 277
387-9307

Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181

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903 N. Crockett Ave.
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Community

March 22
Relay For Life Team Captain Meeting
First Natl. Bank Founders Room • 5:15 p.m.

March 24
Star Party at Ft. McKavett

March 26
County Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m. • Sutton County Annex Bldg.

March 27
Chamber After Hours at The Bank and Trust

The Community Calendar

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Calendar

March 30
Elementary School Culture Fair
Sonora Elementary

April 17
Chamber of Commerce Banquet
Civic Center • 6:00 p.m.

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Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

I would like to start the column this week by thanking all the men and women who worked so hard Saturday taking the roof and walls down on the wooden addition to the rock house we are converting into an office and archival storage area. We had a very, very hardworking crew, one young man came all the way down from Goodfellow Air Force Base, and we deeply appreciate all they are doing to help preserve the history of Sutton Co. I will list their names next week. Now that everything is on the ground we can clean up our mess, pull nails, haul off shingles and bad boards and tear off the floor.

The children that have come to help with their parents have learned that it sure does feel good to help other people. They are very excited about what we are doing and say when they grow up they want to volunteer to help in the office and writing about the old days of Sonora. They all had a lot of fun and enjoyed the great donuts and Little Debbie snacks from Town and Country in the morning and delicious pizza from Pizza Hut at lunch time. All the food was washed down with lots of Coke products donated by Coca-Cola in San Angelo. We deeply appreciate all these businesses and their generosity.

It looks like we will need one more work party on the 31st and then we will turn the building over to the carpenters and roofers and let them start the renovation. Also everything will get moved out of my house and I will get two rooms back when the offices are ready. We deeply appreciate all the volunteer help thank you all so very much. And last but not least a very special thank you to my husband Rick who has worked at this for over 2 1/2 months now. Not too much longer dear and you can watch T.V. in peace again.

Q. When did Miss Clara Allison die?

A. Devil's River News, February 11, 1971 - Miss Clara Allison, 80 died at 9:45 a.m. on February 7, 1971 at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. Miss Allison, a daughter of pioneer settlers, the late Mr. and Mrs. George S. Allison, was born here April 25, 1890. She attended Sonora schools.

In 1917, she and the late Miss Sallie Wardlaw, opened the Dew Drop Inn, an ice cream parlor, next to Sonora Motor Co. This was the first of its kind here. She later opened the A & W Drugstore (later Sonora Drug) on Main Street. She sold the drug store in 1938 and engaged in ranching. She moved to San Angelo in 1953 but remained in the ranching business until 1961, leasing the ranch since that time. At the time of her death she was living in Rio Concho Manor.

I did find one note in the November 22, 1919 Devil's River News stating that Misses Allison & Wardlaw have installed a modern, sanitary corn popper and peanut



This photo was found in the 1960's when the Murphy house was torn down. They could be Murphy, Lee or Hagerlund children. Can you identify any of them?

roaster at the Dewdrop Inn. It is said that if J. D. Lowrey had a machine like it at San Antonio during the Masonic meeting he would not have minded selling peanuts as he could have been eating popcorn part of the time. Many of my readers remember Misses Allison & Wardlaw and their drug store.

Q. When did Manuel Vasquez die?

A. Devil's River News, July 22, 1971 - Mr. Manuel Vasquez, 88, died July 16, 1971, in Hudspeth Memorial Hospital following a long illness. He had lived here for the past 23 years and had worked for the late John Cauthorn as a ranch worker. He was born November 5, 1882 in Mexico.

Survivors included his wife, three sisters, Maria Vasquez and Olivia Vasquez of Piedras Negras and Refugia Martinez of Uvalde.

Q. When did W. P. McConnell die?

A. Devil's River News, April 9, 1970 - W. P. McConnell, 69, died at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital on April 5, 1970, after a long illness. He was buried April 7 in the Sonora Cemetery. He was born February 20, 1901 in Memphis, Tennessee and married Estelle McDonald in 1930.

He was a retired employee of Humble Oil Co. A member of the Alpha Omega Fraternity, Masonic Lodge, Shrine, Eastern Star, Mr. McConnell was also a member of the Episcopal Church. Survivors included his wife, and two sisters, Mrs. Z. A. Bratten of Winterhaven, Florida and Mrs. Charlotte Larke of Memphis Tennessee and a cousin Mrs. Arcadia Johnson.

In the same issue we found an ad for the opening of the Guadalupe Café, south side of Court House, Eldorado, Felipe Hernandez Operator. C. G. Morrison Co., Vari-

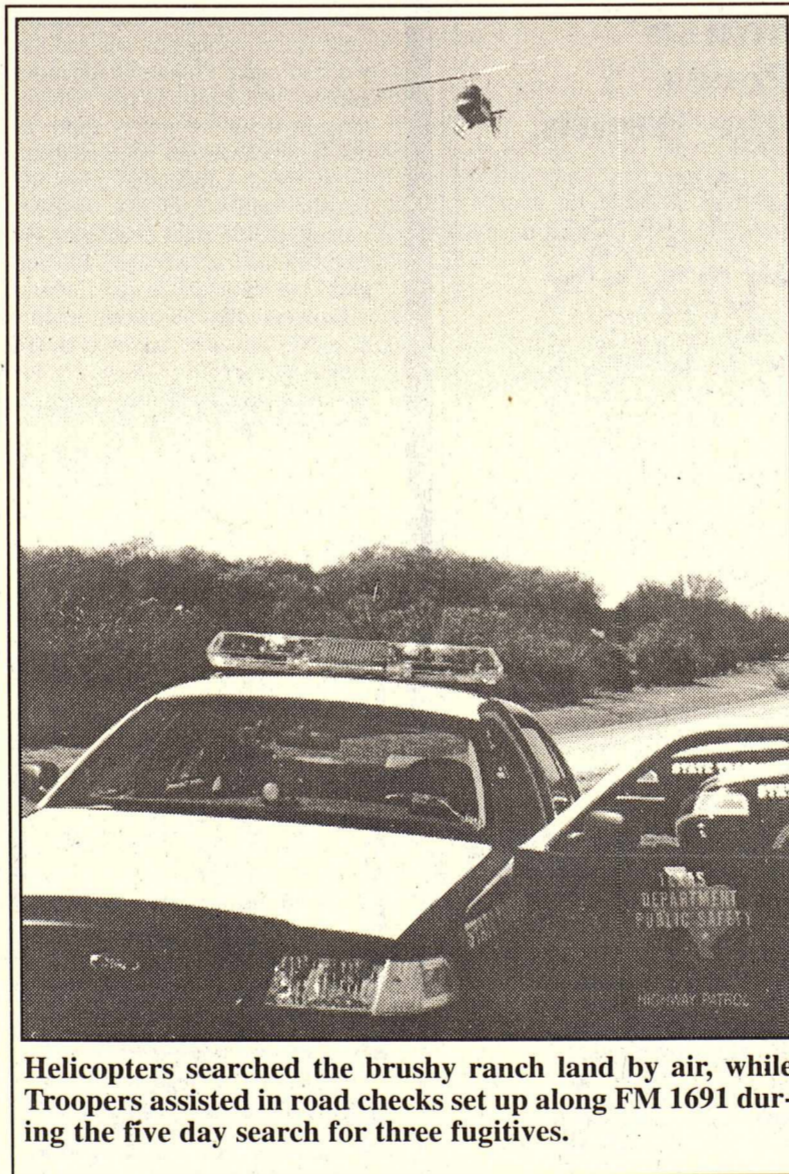
ety Store of Sonora had all leather squaw boots for \$3.99 a pair and boy's western hats for \$2.99. At Home Hardware and Furniture on Main Street you could get a 5 piece dinette set for \$52.50 or a Spanish dinette set for \$149.95. A 22 inch black and white T.V. was \$225.00 and a portable 8 track tape player was \$34.50. You could get an early American couch with orange vinyl cover for \$149.95 or a Kelvinator refrigerator for \$199.95. A three piece bedroom suite Spanish style was \$132.50.

Other listings included the following: The Ruth Shirley Jewelry, Elliott Butane Co., Ratliff - Kerbow Funeral Home, The C. A. Lucketts Chuck Wagon Grocery, Jo and J Neville at Neville's Your Complete Department Store, Elliott Chevrolet, Jim Hugh Richardson Drenching Service, Tommy & Guggle Thorp of Thorp's Laundry and Web Elliott Insurance Agency.

We were asked about the statements made in the paper about cleaning up properties and removing old vehicles and junk in yards. Someone wanted to know why they were doing this and said it was never done in the old days. Looking it up we find that there have been laws on keeping Sonora clean and making a better impression on our visitors since the earliest days of the town. Rules were passed that yards be maintained properly and junk be

removed to stop infestation by rats, mice and snakes. Out houses had to be maintained properly to keep down odors and disease. Animals had to be penned or restrained so they didn't wander all over town. It seems at one time pigs, cows, chickens and geese wandered all over Main Street and the ladies had a time crossing the street without soiling their shoes and clothing and the stores were constantly having to clean the floors and fight the flies. Cleanups of the town to keep it a safe, healthy and pleasant place to come to have gone on for over 100 years. They are not "something new." They are good laws that help make a much safer, healthier and pleasant environment for the people that live here.

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 me at schs@sonorax.net. You may call me at 915-387-2855 any day but Wednesday and weekends. If you need me then try up at the rock house next to the Miers Home Museum. I'll be sitting in my chair pulling nails out of boards or on a pad and pillows on the floor pulling up staples. Recycled boards can be used in the building and foundation work and pulling the staples helps save money on building costs.



Helicopters searched the brushy ranch land by air, while Troopers assisted in road checks set up along FM 1691 during the five day search for three fugitives.

Tedford Jewelry

Bridal Registry

Kristi Burge bride elect of Caleb Barker
Mrs. David Kemp nee Dawn Witt
Michelle Frye bride elect of Curtis Skelton, Jr.
Mrs. Jim Brisbin nee Brigitte Rogers

Bridal Registry

Kristi Burge bride elect of Caleb Barker

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Kristi Burge bride elect of Caleb Barker
Monica Gonzales bride elect of Gabriel Leyva
Michelle Frye bride elect of Curtis Skelton, Jr.
Virginia (Gina) Heck bride elect of Bobby Humphreys
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Letter to the Editor

The TxDOT Commissioner's meeting scheduled for May 31, 2001 in Austin will be the Ports-to-Plains route designation final decision.

The Commissioners need to understand how important it is that this route designation be the one that is promoted by the Ports-to-Plains Coalition of which Sonora and Sutton County are members.

The Commissioners are: John W. "Johnny" Johnson - Chair, Robert L. Nichols, David M. Laney. Their address is:
Texas Transportation Commission
Dewitt C. Greer State Highway Building
125 East 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701-2483.

I intend to be at that meeting as I am sure many of you will be. We are down to the final steps now, we look good for Hwy 277 being the route of choice, but until asphalt starts hitting the ground, we have no guarantees.

We have many pluses in this area. The Chamber of Commerce is strong and active as are the Industrial Development Board and the Main Street Program. We have several locations to be promoted in the Nature Tourism of the State, several business prospects are pending, and some are here now. The Main Street Program continues to receive recognition on the State and National levels. We have many creative and hard-working citizens who are giving their time and energy to promote the area.

We need to begin a strong letter writing campaign to the Commissioners and let your elected officials know how we feel about this project. Our economic future depends on what we do now.

I have always been impressed by how effective this community can be and I believe this is the time to show that talent.

Tommy Arnwine

I would like to publicly "Thank" one of our city employees, not for doing her job, but for going the extra mile to assist me with a water leak.

I live on 2nd Street and about a month ago Suzanne Whitworth was reading my water meter and noticed there was a leak on my side of the water line.

She personally drove to my office to inform me of the problem and offered to drive back across town with me to shut off the meter. She came back by later in the day to see if I had gotten the leak fixed or if she could be of further assistance.

I don't know how long the leak had been there because I never look in the water meter box, it could have gotten much worse, wasted a lot more water and could have been very expensive if it had been ignored.

Many times the little extra efforts are not noticed or appreciated, but I would like to Thank Suzanne and our other city employees for the job they do. Often they are working late hours and in adverse conditions to fix a problem that affects our citizens. So folks, keep up the good work and we do appreciate the job you are doing.

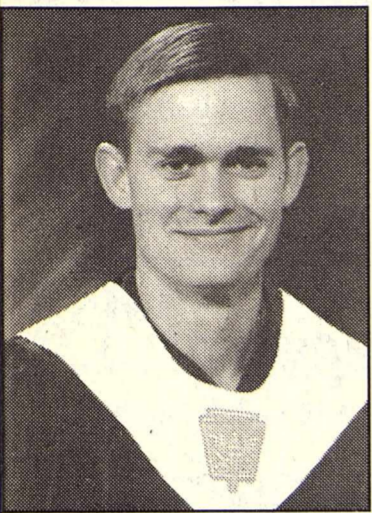
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Ainsworth Selected As "All-American" Scholar



The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Christopher Cody Ainsworth from Sonora, Texas has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

Ainsworth, who attends Sonora High School, was nominated for this national award by Christy Bell. He will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendation by teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors. Once awarded, the students may be recognized by the USAA for other honors.

Cody is the son of John and Sandra Ainsworth of Sonora, Texas and the grandson of Dr. Joseph and Genie Ainsworth of Houston, Texas and Charles and Georgie Reising of Columbus, Texas.

PIPS Compete in Abilene



On March 9, 2001 some of the Sonora PIP's went to Abilene to compete at the PIP's National Competition. All of the participants from Sonora did an outstanding job and many placed in several events. The participants were: Kallie Humphrey-4th -Drop Pass, and 3rd- Backward Dribble; Kory Humphrey- 3rd-Backward Dribble, 3rd- Obstacle Speed Dribble, and 2nd- Between the Leg Pass; Blake Esparza- 2nd-Between the Leg Pass, and 3rd-Backward Dribble; Kris Aguirre-5th- Drop Pass, 4th- Between the Leg Pass, and 3rd- Walking Spider; Steely Ingham-4th- Walking Spider; Stella Ingham-5th- Drop Pass; Chelsey Lou Campbell-4th- Drop Pass, 5th- Between the Leg Pass, and 2nd- Backwards Dribble; Morgan Vyvlecka- 3rd- Backward Dribble, and 6th- Drop Pass; Monica Traylor- 2nd- Drop Pass and 2nd-Figure Eight Dribble; Colton Moore- 2nd- Drop Pass, 5th- Two-Ball Dribble Pass, and 4th- Obstacle Speed Dribble; Kara Voight- 6th-Drop Pass, and 6th- Between the Leg Pass.

Also attending the competition were Rose Karnes and Nash Traylor. Rose competed against second year 8 year old PIP's, and Nash performed with the Old Timers Group in a special performance recognizing PIP's 10th year anniversary. Seven of the first year PIP's also competed in a Novice/Rookie mini group competition and did a wonderful job. Congratulations to all the Sonora PIP's!

Lions Have Sweeping Sales



Mike Keller and Vivian Miers are trying to sell a broom to Marie Aldwell at the Annual Lion's Club Broom Sale fund raiser on Tuesday, March 13th. The Broom Sale, held in two locations on Main Street, is the Lions' primary fund raiser each year.

Happy Birthday

March 22
Rita Lopez, Paula Zaragoza, Kendra Jones, Kent Kearney, Jason Surber, Jarod Franks, Evan Collins

March 23
John Duke Hudson, Luis Torres, Victor Alvidrez

March 24
Felipe Castro, Bob Graves, Nathaniel Villa, Madge Davis, Madison Myers, Kay Creek

March 25
Francisca Lira, Vivian Crites, Jillian Gulley, Carol Mireles, Elvira Romo, Embre Smith

March 26
Sonia Castaneda, Rachel Holder, Ninfa Gaytan, Gilbert Munoz Jr., Edward San Miguel, Reggie Williams, Clayton Schueling, Stephanie Virgen, Maria Silva

March 27
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Project Graduation 2001

This year's Project Graduation will be held May 25, 2001 following graduation from 10:30 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. at the Sonora High School. Project Graduation is an all-night, alcohol and drug-free party for all Sonora High School juniors and seniors. Students "lock-in" at the high school for an evening of games, music, food, drawings, an auction and lots of fun! We will have a DJ to entertain all night, a store where the students can purchase prizes with the Project Graduation '01 money they win playing games. Gift certificates and money will be given away all during the night. There will also be drawings held at the end of the night for some of the most valuable prizes such as computers, televisions, VCR's, dorm refrigerators, etc.

The community of Sonora has shown tremendous support for this project in the past, and it looks like Project Graduation 2001 will be a great success. It takes a great deal of time, effort, money, prizes and hard work to make Project Graduation a success. All contributions, whether large or small are greatly appreciated. If you have not been contacted by a Project Graduation committee member and would like to donate money, please send checks to Project Graduation, c/o Jane Rushing, Box 534, Sonora, Texas 76950. If you would like to donate a prize, you may do so by taking it by The Devil's River News Office, 228 East Main, or Ronda's Styling Haus, 712 S. Concho, Sonora, Texas. If you or an organization that you belong to would like to join in the fun, or if you would like more information about donations, helping with a game, please contact Jane Rushing at 387-3625.

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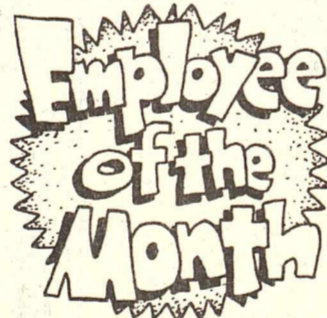
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Sutton County Steakhouse congratulates Marcos Perez February 2001 Employee of the Month.



Blayze Sykes awards Marcos Perez with a bonus check!



Marcos works full-time at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and works part-time in the evenings and on weekends at the Sutton County Steakhouse. He is invaluable in the kitchen! We all love Marcos! He is dependable, hard-working and gets along with everyone! He is an excellent Chef and cooks fantastic steaks! Thank you to Marcos for all your hard work!

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The Samaniego Family will be having a Garage Sale to raise money for their Relay for Life team. The Garage Sale will be Saturday, March 24th from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at 523 E. 2nd.

The Sutton County Steakhouse Relay for Life team will be holding a raffle. The team will be drawing for a \$20 gift certificate from the Craft Cottage, two \$20 gift certificates from Ol' Sonora Trading Co., a \$20 gift certificate from Cox Drug, a free self car wash from Detail Graphix, a free gift certificate from Edna's House of Beauty for a one hour massage, an AM/FM cassette tape player with headset from Alco. Tickets can be purchased for \$1 from any team member or at the Sutton Co. Steakhouse.

There will be a Relay for Life Team Captain meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 22 in the First National Bank Founders Room.

Registration for Boys Baseball, Girls Softball, and TeeBall will begin Monday, March 5, 2001 and continue through Wednesday, March 28, 2001. Major league boys tryouts will be held Friday, March 23, 2001 at the county parks. Major league girls tryouts will be held Thursday, March 29th. Minor League tryouts will be Tuesday, April 3, 2001. The fee is \$25.00 to play. You may sign up at Business Basics between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. You must have turned five by August 1, 2001 to play teeball. If you have questions, call Shelly Hughes at 387-6127.

The Sonora City League will hold its organizational baseball, softball & teeball meeting on Monday, March 26, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the Annex Building of the First National Bank. All coaches, interested parents, umpires, or anyone who would like to help or be involved in any way is encouraged to attend.

Texas A&M University representatives will be conducting a health survey in your community in the next few weeks. If you are contacted we hope you will participate. If you have any questions, please contact your county Extension agent.

The Region F Regional Water Planning Group for the Senate Bill 1 Regional Water Planning Program will meet on Monday, March 26, 2001, at 10:30 a.m. at Odessa College, Electronics Technology Building, Room 130, 201 West University, Odessa, Texas.

Sonora Intermediate, along with Sonora Primary, will host a Culture Fair on Friday, March 30. We are looking for anyone interested in sharing information or a demonstration about any culture/nationality. Please call Kelley Hirt at 387-5669 for more information or to schedule a demonstration or presentation.

Sonora City League Welcomes 2-time Olympic Gold Medalist Christa Williams and Co. Softball Clinic. Saturday March 31, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a 1 hour break for lunch, at the Sutton Co. Softball park. The 1st 75 paid entries ages 7 and up with at least 2 years t-ball experience will be accepted. There is a \$35.00 fee. Equipment needed are a glove, bat, hat or visor and a water bottle. FMI 387-5700.

The next Lenton Luncheon will be on Wed., March 28th at St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall. The meal will be hosted by the First United Methodist Church.

Halloween Dance Club meeting - Wednesday, March 28th at 5:30 p.m. at the First National Bank Founders Room. All Club members are strongly urged to attend.

A Retirement Celebration in honor of Sutton County Game Warden Rodney Knight will be held on Saturday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. A Bar-B-Q dinner will be served, with a program and dance immediately after. RSVP by mail to Archie Crenwelge, PO Box 911, Sonora, TX, 76950 or by phone 387-3322.

The San Angelo Business and Professional Women's Club is sponsoring a Walk-A-Thon on April 7, 2001. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the River Walk at Concho and Magdalen. All monies will go to benefit the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Prizes will be given to lucky participants. If you would like to pre-register, contribute or receive more information, call Ann Burmeister at 651-8142.

The 2001 Yearbooks are now on sale. The cost is \$30. The price will go up and no extras will be ordered. For more information, call Kristin Keel at 387-6533, ext. 315.

The ASU Small Business Development Center is conducting a free Business Start-Up seminar in Spanish for individuals who may be considering starting a new business. The seminar will be conducted on Thursday, March 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at ASU in the Rassman Building Conference Room. Reservations are requested. To reserve a space or for more information, please call the ASU*SBDC at 942-2098.

Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary will meet the first Monday of each month at the Sutton County Steakhouse at 12:00 noon. Anyone interested in supporting our local hospital, please come join us.

A representative of the San Angelo Social Security Office will be in Sonora on Tuesday March 27, 2001 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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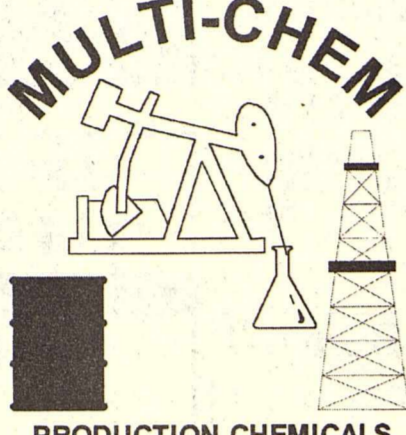


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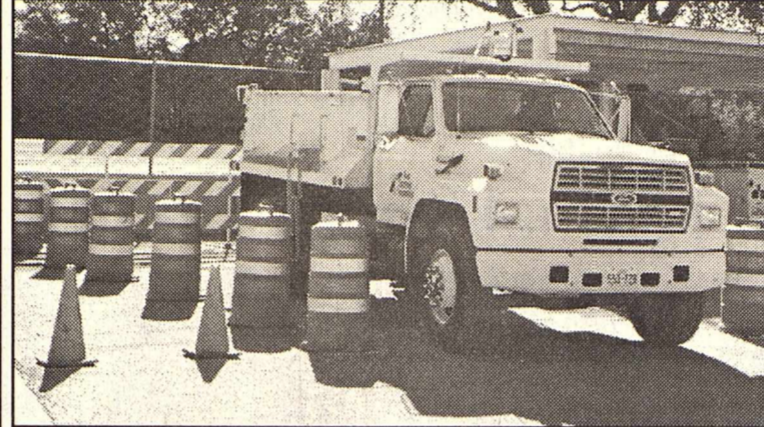
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accordianist Santiago Jiménez, Jr., cowboy musicians the Gillette Brothers, mariachi musician Juan Ortiz, and blues artist Carol Fran will each spend seven days in a community performing, jamming with local musicians, teaching classes, and conducting workshops, to demonstrate their connections to the musical traditions in Texas.

Texas Folklife Resources is a statewide non-profit cultural organization that serves both Texas folk artists and their audiences by helping to present and promote a diverse and living artistic heritage for all Texans. Statewide Community Res-

idencies are made possible with funding from the Texas Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information on the events in Sonora contact community coordinator Ann Kay at 387-2248. For interviews or information on Texas Folklife Resources, call (512) 441-9255 or look on the internet at www.main.org/tfr.

This event is sponsored by the Main Street Program, Tedford Jewelry, SCAT, KHOS, and The Devil's River News.

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for students who fail one or more TAAS tests. The purpose of required summer school would be to help students meet state standards and to make sure they are on track to pass the EXCET TAAS test in order to graduate from high school. Mrs. Hirt explained that this will not go into effect until the 2001-2002 school year. The board requested that this local policy be prepared for next months meeting and the board would act on it at that time.

The board discussed the additional transfer students and moved to accept them as presented.

All of the principals are working on their proposed budgets for their perspective campuses. Each principal gave a short report on their status and plan to have their budgets turned in within the next few weeks.

Mrs. Hill presented information regarding redistricting. The water district and hospital district were both asked if they wanted to share the costs with the school, for the Redistricting plan to be formulated and submitted to the U.S. Justice Department. The cost for the school and the hospital district would be \$5,250.00 each. The water district declined to share this cost. The contract will be presented at the next board meeting.

In the Superintendent's report, Mrs. Hill reported that enrollment was down six from February. As of

the end of Feb. enrollment was High School- 261, Middle School- 211, Intermediate School- 218, and Primary School- 242.

Middle School Principal, John Berry informed the board that the School Calendar would be determined after the state legislature makes a decision on the start and end dates for schools across the state. Region XV wants the calendar to be consistent across the region. The site base committee meets on March 22 to work on the school calendar.

Mrs. Hill reported on CHIPS which is a Children's Health Insurance Plan. There will be a meeting on March 28th for parents to sign their children up for this program.

The board members concurred with the Elementary Facilities Committee and plan to meet with the Committee on Monday, March 26th in the board room, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the next plan of action for the facilities.

Tammy Favila extended a big congratulations to Coach Lowe and Coach Marshall and the Lady Broncos and Broncos for their Academic Achievements during the recent Basketball season.

After meeting in executive session regarding evaluation of professional staff as presented by their administrators, it was announced that all current contracts for staff members would be renewed.

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replace the heating and cooling unit in the house, with the funds coming from the Capital Improvement Account. Lenora Pool seconded the motion and the motion carried. Butler then informed the board that there was a family interested in renting the house and he was investigating a fair rental price.

Butler advised the Board that the Family Medical Leave Act coverage is required if you have over 50 employees. He stated that when the Nursing Home was open it fell under those requirements. With the Hospital District having less than 50 employees at this time, the District is no longer covered by FMLA. Butler went on to say that in the new policy under leave of absence, "employees will use all accrued PTO and EIB benefits (if absent for eligible reason). The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) provides no coverage for this employer." Butler advised he is in the process of going over the personnel policies and it will address the length of time an employee may be gone from their job. He explained to the Board, at the present time the employees accrue vacation, holidays and ill days each year. Butler would like to change to a Paid Time Off (PTO) policy, which consolidates both the vacation and the holiday time into one pool of time, and the sick days would fall into an extended illness bank (EIB). The accrual would change from a % accrual basis to a per pay period basis. The first 3 days of any illness has to come out of the PTO time, after that three days, then it will trigger the EIB bank. This will reduce administrative time in keeping up with vacation, holiday, and sick time. Only full time employees are affected by this policy. The accrual per pay period will occur by the number of years of service. There will be four categories as outlined in the policy. There will be a maximum accrual on the EIB which will be 640 hours (16 weeks), which at the present time there is no maximum. The maximum PTO accrual will be 150% of the annual accrual rate for each of the 4 categories. This policy will put the incentives to the employees in the correct place. Faris made the motion to approve the PTO/EIB policy as reviewed and Healy seconded the policy and the motion carried.

Butler then gave the accounts receivable report for February. He reported that the Medicare receivable had jumped quite a bit due to the increase in inpatient days. There was a reduction in Commercial Insurance and Blue Cross, but there was an increase in self pay. Butler advised that he had started the civil suits on the delinquent accounts, as discussed at the last meetings, this has been quite successful and to date no suit has been filed. He stated that if the payments do not continue as stated in their contract, they would be taken to court.

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manual. Upon a motion by Lenora Pool, seconded by Michael Healy, the Board approved the Dietary Policies & Procedures with the new changes.

Butler advised the Board that he had not received the letter from the architect regarding upgrading the nursing home to Hospital standards. He said he is expecting it any day.

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New Brangus Board of Directors Elected in Houston



International Brangus Breeders Assn. Board of Directors

Houston, TX, - Ten directors were elected to the 27-member International Brangus Breeders Association (IBBA) board at the organization's general membership meeting held during the IBBA Annual Convention February 14-17 in Houston, TX. The new directors began their term at the annual IBBA board meeting February 15th.

Board members were elected from seven electoral areas, and IBBA officers were then nominated and approved by the newly formed board of directors.

Directors elected to their first three-year term were Dr. Donald Smith, Dunnellon, FL; Frank Perry, Washington, OK; and Bill Cawley, Willis, TX. Steven Townsend, Roswell, NM, was elected to a one-year term.

Elected to a second term were Dr. Jim Anderson, Brandon, MS; Joe Tusa, Houston, TX; Frank Howeth, Weatherford, TX; Joe Paul Lack, Jr., Hatch, NM; Zeb Morris, Charlotte, NC; and Don Thomas, Madison, MO.

Current members' terms expiring in 2001 are Eddie Blazek, Conroe, TX; Sherrill Dannheim, Sonora, TX; Stanley Dotson, Enid, OK; Dwight Furches, West Jefferson, NC; Donnie Roberston, Normangee, TX; Tommie Rogers, Broussard, LA; Dr. Bill Sternberg, Montgomery, AL; and Vernon Suhn, Eureka, KS.

Those with expiring terms in 2002 are Michael Jones, Clovis, NM; Darrel Law, Lafayette, TN; Tommy Cashion, Woodbury, GA; John Moody, Claremore, OK; Steve Densmore, Normangee, TX; Keith Drews, Marlin, TX; John Polinsky, Jr., Fort Smith, AR; Dr. Gene "Woody" Ray, Killeen, TX and Gary Urban, Mora, MO.

For more information on Brangus activities, please contact the IBBA, P.O. Box 696020, San Antonio, Texas 78269-6020 or call 210-696-4343.

Rig Locations as of March 16, 2001

Crockett County
Harrison Interests; 9800' Joe Tom Davidson Jr -C- #35, Pattererson Drilling.
New Pioneer Natural; 9350' JL Henderson Jr #8, UTI Drilling West.
Prize Operating; 16500' Phillip Arledge - #7, Nabors Drilling.
New Tama Oil & Gas Co.; 6500' M K Daniel -A - #27, Key Energy.
New Union Pacific; 10500' WC Montgomery Gas Unit -D- #11, TMBR/Sharp Drilling.
Oxy Permian; 6500' M K Daniel - 112A #9 Cleere Drilling.
New Union Pacific; 9500' Henderson - 2 - #4, Pattererson Drilling.
New EOG Resources; 6200' Eagle Draw 11 - #1, Pattererson Drilling.

Sutton County
New Burlington Res/Mid; 6050' Meckel #47, Cleere Drilling.
New Louis Dreyfus; 8700' Mayer #44, Pattererson Drilling.
New Louis Dreyfus; 8400' Mayer #37, Pattererson Drilling.
New Louis Dreyfus; 5550' David - 109 - #18, Pattererson Drilling.
New Burlington Res; 6205' Shurley #65, Pattererson Drilling.
New KCS Medallion Res; 7150' Sawyer - 129 - #13, Pattererson Drilling.
New KCS Medallion Res; 5700' Miers - A - #1409, Pattererson Drilling.
New Louis Dreyfus; 7200' Meckel - A - #17, Pattererson Drilling.

Terrell County
Conoco/Midland; 11600' ACU - 48 - #3, Nabors Drilling.
New Athanor Texas; 9000' Pakenham - 51 - #8, Cleere Drilling.

Schleicher County
TXP, Inc.; 6900' West Unit #9, Cleere Drilling.
Discovery Operating; 7200' Roach - B - #4, Cleere Drilling.

Val Verde County
New Phillips Pet; 10350' Whitehead #3, Pattererson Drilling.
EEK E & P Co.; 12500' Whitehead - 77 - #1, Cleere Drilling.
 For complete report contact: **Scott Huggins, Rig Location & Permit Report Service (800) 627-9785**

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After 112 Years, Union Stock Yards Livestock Division Closes

San Antonio-A long and colorful era of San Antonio and Texas history comes to an end on April 18 when the Union Stock Yards-established in 1889-will hold its last livestock auction. All livestock operations will cease April 20, 2001.

Mark A. Judson, president and general manager of Union Stock Yards, said the closure will occur due to a combination of factors: the long decline in volume of livestock handled by the Stock Yards, increasing operating costs and fundamental changes in how livestock are marketed.

"Back in 1950, we had approximately one million head of cattle, sheep, goats and hogs come through the Stock Yards," he said. "That number declined to about 450,000 head by 1970, and by the end of last year (2000), the number had dropped to not quite 82,000 head-and all of those were cattle. We haven't handled hogs, sheep or goats since 1998."

"There were dramatic changes in this business, especially in the last half of the 20th century," Judson said. "In 1950, approximately 35 percent of the population was involved in agriculture, but today that number is more like two percent. These days, instead of livestock being brought to a few central points-like the Stock Yards-for auction, they are now sold in a variety of ways, including one-day sales held in smaller venues, direct sales, Internet and video sales."

"This is like a death in the family for us," Judson said. "The Union Stock Yards were established by a group of ranchers back in 1889, just 12 years after the railroad came to town. Almost immediately, San Antonio became one of the major

livestock market and shipping points in the nation. The Stock Yards have been an integral part of San Antonio and South Texas history for more than a century, but times have changed and this simply is no longer a viable business."

In the Stock Yards operation, 19 hourly employees and three management positions will be affected by the closure of the Livestock Division, Judson said. Also affected will be the four commission companies and their employees as well as other agribusiness interests.

"This has been a very tough decision to make, and we want to thank all of our employees, commission companies, buyers and most of all our customers for their loyalty and support through the years," he said.

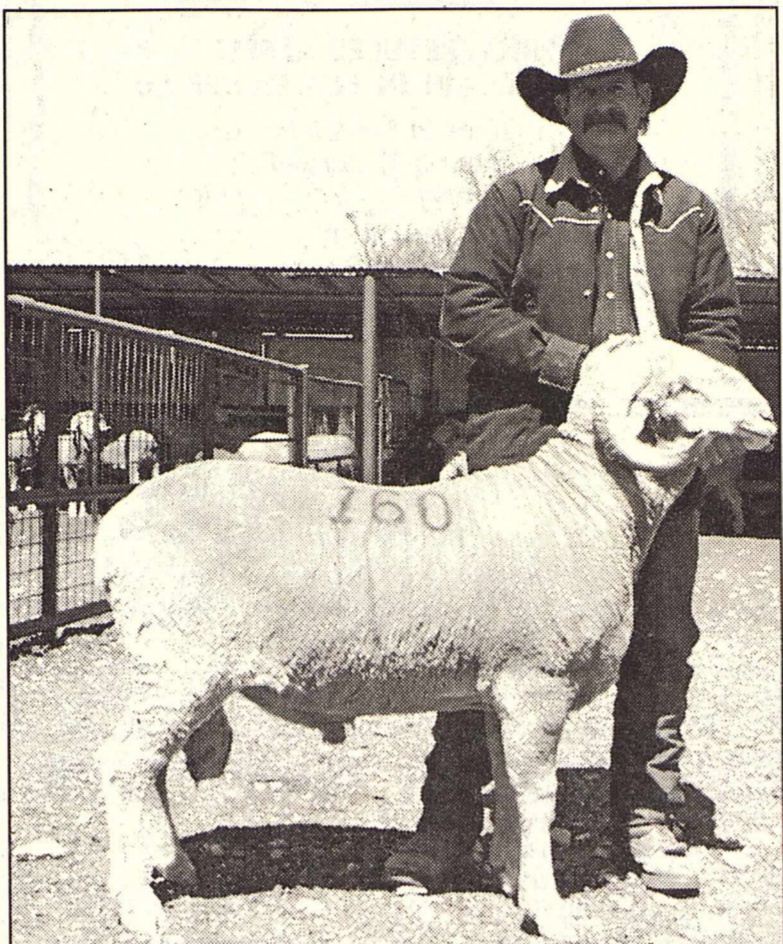
Judson said that the company will concentrate on turning the area, comprising of approximately 34 acres, into warehouse, office and industrial uses.

"We already have a number of office/warehouse operations around the Stock Yards," he said. "We expect to begin building more warehouses to take advantage of the industrial district at the Stock Yards. The Stock Yards, in their day, were ideally located for shipping and receiving of livestock. Today, they are ideally located for the shipping and receiving of other goods-and we believe the opportunities for us are good as the NAFTA treaty continues to increase trade with Mexico."

Judson said the Livestock Exchange Building will continue to operate as an office building and the existing warehouses will continue to be leased by their present tenants and the Stock Yards Cafe will continue to serve breakfast and lunch as it has since 1889.

AGRIBUSINESS

Annual Ram Performance Test Field Day



Randy Dusek with High Indexing Ram #160
 2000-2001 Ram Test Summary

High Indexing Ram - Test No. 160 Owned by Texas Agricultural Experiment Station - Barnhart was not offered for sell.

Test #	Consignor	Buyer	Price
47	C&S Menzies	Sawyer Ranch	\$2000
96	TAES - Sonora	Sawyer Ranch	\$1650
164	TAES - Barnhart	Sawyer Ranch	\$1050
155	Don Henson	Sawyer Ranch	\$1050
105	TAES - Sonora	Bill Karnes	\$750
108	Our Father's Place	Judy McDonald	\$625
162	TAES - Barnhart	Sawyer Ranch	\$550
161	TAES - Barnhart	Hensel Matthews	\$525
112	Our Father's Place	Judy McDonald	\$500
156	TAES - Barnhart	Klein Reed	\$475
94	TAES - Sonora	Jerry Dusek	\$450
98	TAES - Sonora	Homer Hughes	\$450
65	Schunke Ranch	Sawyer Ranch	\$425
117	Our Father's Place	Judy McDonald	\$400
159	TAES - Barnhart	Sawyer Ranch	\$400
158	TAES - Barnhart	Sawyer Ranch	\$400
122	Our Father's Place	Judy McDonald	\$325

17 head sold for \$12,025.00 - Average \$707.35
 Volume Buyer - Sawyer Ranch - 8 head for \$7,525.00



Prospective buyers inspect the sheep to be sold at the Sale of Performance Tested Rams.

The 2000-2001 Ram Performance Test was completed with a final weigh day on February 14, final shearing on February 15, and a Field Day held at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research Station in Sonora on March 15. A total of 156 rams from 20 flocks completed the test.

The rams were delivered to the test station in mid-September and after a two-week warm-up period were shorn on September 26 and weighed on September 27. Side and britch fiber diameter measurements were obtained from samples collected on January 3. Staple length was measured on February 9. The average daily gain was calculated and reported for the 140-day test period. The fleece growth period was 142 days. The fleece weights and staple length measurements were converted to a 365-day basis.

The Field Day at the TAES began its presentations with Michael Sturm, FSA Executive Director of Tom Green County talking about the Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program.

Wayne Snyder, Manager of Rancher's Lamb of Texas in San Angelo gave the Ranchers' Lamb of Texas Update.

An explanation of Ram Tests and World Wide Web was given by Dan Waldron of the San Angelo Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Chris Lupton also of the San Angelo Experiment Station, joined Waldron to give comments on the 2000/2001 Ram Test.

Burk Lattimore, Secretary of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association gave out the

Wayne Snyder gives the Rancher's Lamb of Texas Update

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