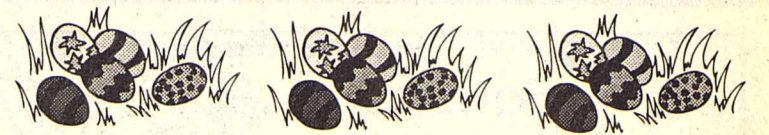


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Mingo Saldivar Brings Conjunto Culture To Sutton County



Conjunto Accordionist, Mingo Saldivar rocks chamber members at the "Chamber After Hours" event.

by Storie Sharp
Grammy Award winning Mingo Saldivar introduced Sonora to a new kind of rhythm during his recent week long visit. Saldivar rocked the town with his Conjunto Accordion music, bringing to life a new culture that few had encountered before.

The roots of Tejano and Conjunto music are as widespread and diverse, and run as deep, as the traditions, cultures and people which gave them life. The main root is the music of Mexico with all its regional and class variations, its extraordinary range of songs and dances, and its social and religious music.

Conjunto is truly the result of cultural interchange over the Texas-

Mexican border. The style developed around 1900, following an influx of Germans and Slavs into northeastern Mexico and communities in south Texas.

Saldivar is said to be one of the most innovative and electrifying accordionists in Tejano conjunto history.

Mingo's visit to Sonora was made possible by the Sonora Main Street Program, SCAT, the Texas Folk Life Program, the Bank & Trust and various individuals in the community. During his stay Mingo educated and entertained at Sonora Schools, local restaurants, the "Chamber After Hours" celebration at the Bank & Trust, the Senior Center and many other locations.

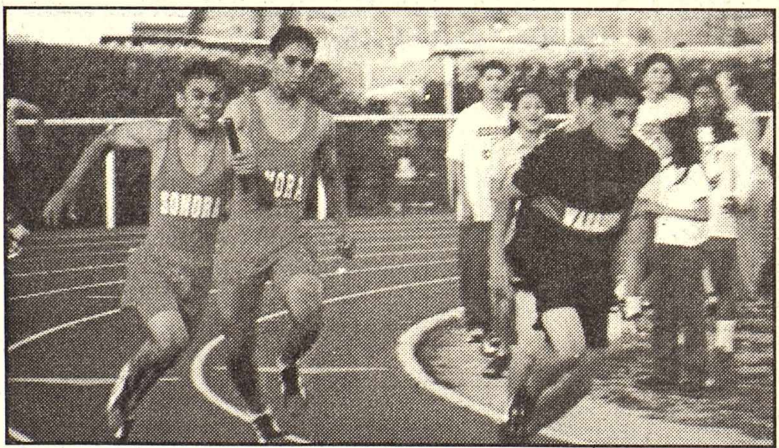
Saldivar and his guitarist allowed local musicians to join in on some of their jam sessions, introducing some of Sonora's own talents.

Children young and old enjoyed tapping their toes to the beat of the accordion and watching the entertainer move across the floor where he was putting on his show.

Many people who had never heard the bold mixture of country and tejano that makes up conjunto music, found a new sound to enjoy.

Everyone that was fortunate enough to attend one of Mingo's appearances received an enjoyable learning experience, one that they will remember for a very long time.

8th Grade Colts Finish Fifth In District



Stetson Perez takes the baton from Diego Cardona in the 400 M Relay.

The 8th grade boys track team finished their year by placing 5th in the District Meet in Junction with 55.5 points. The results are as follows:

Shot Put
Diego Cardona - 5th - 36' 2 1/2"
High Jump
Clint Cearley - tie 5th/6th - 4'8"
Long Jump
Stetson Perez - 4th - 16'5 1/4"
Triple Jump
Diego Cardona - 3rd - 33' 9 1/2"

400 M Relay
Cardona, Stetson Hall, Austin Wag-
oner and Perez - 2nd - 48.67

100 M Dash
Stetson Perez - 2nd - 12.29

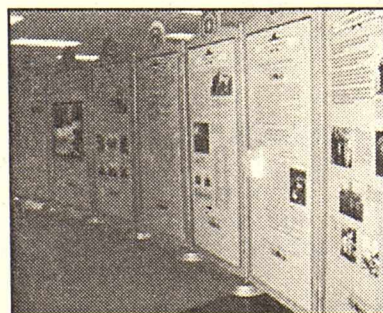
200 M Dash
Diego Cardona - 3rd - 25.70

1600 M Relay
Cardona, Wagoner, Perez, and Hall -
3rd

Texas Courthouse Exhibit

Texas boasts the largest array of historic courthouses in the nation. Within its 254 counties there are more than 220 surviving temples of justice. Many are deteriorated and at risk for fire; some are abandoned. Few meet modern health, public safety and access codes. Collectively, these buildings reflect the courageous spirit of the people who settled a vast frontier, brought law and order to the wilderness, and joined together to create vibrant communities that still practice strong American values.

The courthouses were built by Texans of the past. Now is the time for modern Texans to become actively involved to assure that these symbols of democracy survive into the next millennium, where



they will teach future generations the principles that shaped our state.

Preservation Texas has put together this traveling exhibit to help keep Texas' heritage a reality for this and future generations. This nonprofit membership organization is devoted to preserving the historic

See Courthouse page 7

Easter Bunny to Arrive in Sonora on Saturday

The Easter Bunny will be at the Sutton County Park this Saturday, April 14, at 10:00 a.m., and he's bringing 4000 Easter Eggs with him! The Sonora Merchants Association, Sonora Main Street Program and Sonora Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the event and everyone is invited. The children will be divided into age groups for the hunt. The older children will also be included for the traditional scavenger hunt. Special prizes have been donated by local merchants and businesses and will be included with the eggs. Games and pictures with the Easter Bunny will immediately follow the hunt.

The Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. and parents can begin registering their children at 9:30 a.m. For questions or more information about the hunt, please call the Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880, or the Sonora Main Street Program at 387-2248.

Table Decorating Contest a Popular Part of Chamber Banquet

The primary purpose of the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet is to recognize citizens in the community who give back to Sonora and to celebrate volunteerism in the community. The other purpose is to simply have an evening of fun. One of the best ways to have fun at the banquet is to enter the table-decorating contest. Each table that is decorated will be judged for creativity, beauty, and often times table decorations can be extravagant. Any way you look at it, the table decorating contest is fun for everyone.

See Chamber Banquet page 7

School Board Hires New High School Principal

The Sonora School Board ended their regular meeting on Monday, April 9 by hiring Doug Bawcom as the new High School Principal. Bawcom will replace Myers when he takes the Superintendent position at the end of this school year. Bawcom is currently the Principal of Veribest High School in San Angelo.

The Board began their meeting with a heartfelt "thank you" presented by Mrs. Flores, mother of Sonora High School student, Joe Flores. Mrs. Flores thanked the Board and Sonora I.S.D. for all that they have done to help her son excel during his educational career.

The regular meeting then continued with the approval of minutes from prior meetings.

Technology Advisor, Craig Hudson presented the two bids obtained for the connectivity for the Distance Learning Lab. Verizon presented the low bid of \$16,270 and was awarded the contract.

The Board approved the payment of \$223,327.81 in bills.

Dianne Jacoby presented a budget amendment.

Kelley Hirt gave a follow up presentation regarding the possibility of forcing students that fail the TAAS test to take summer school. Hirt advised that because of delays in the Legislature on passing such a bill, it would be in Sonora's best interest to also postpone this change. In the meantime, Hirt

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Sutton County Welcomes New Deputy



Sutton County Deputy, Jody Harris

by Storie Sharp
Joseph Edward "Jody" Harris is the newest addition to the Sutton County Sheriff Department.

Harris, a 1993 graduate of Iraan High School, comes from a family of Law Enforcement. His father is a past Deputy of Pecos County and his uncle is the current Sheriff of Pecos County.

Harris graduated from the Academy in Alpine in December of 2000, where he was employed full time by the Alpine County Jail.

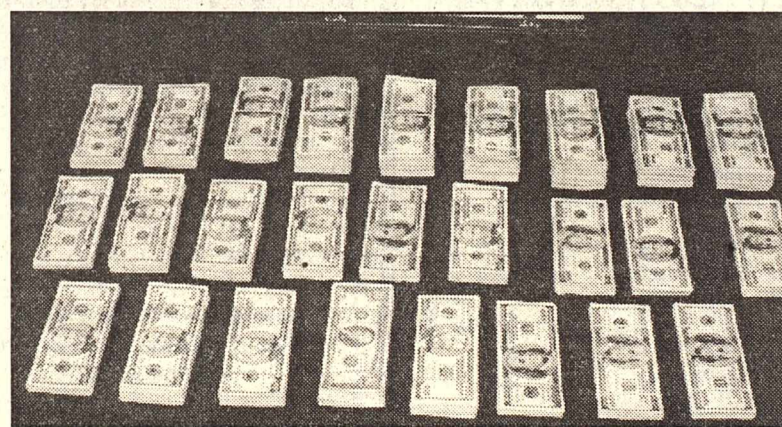
Harris said he chose to work in Sonora because he wanted to raise his family in a small town atmosphere with friendly people. Jody and his wife Teresa have a five year old daughter, Tori, and a three year old son, Trent.

Harris said he looks forward to working in Sutton County and getting to know the citizens of the community. He laughed and said that he was told that Sonora was a quiet place and on his first day on the job he became a part of a five day man-hunt and was involved in a high speed chase through town on the fourth day.



It might be hard to get a glimpse of the new playground equipment at the Primary School yard because it is always covered with excited Sonora kids.

Contraband Confiscated



by Storie Sharp

On April 5, 2001 Trooper Norbert Ortiz stopped Jason James Heller of Florida on a routine traffic stop. Upon arrival, Ortiz smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the car. Conflicting statements from Heller and the passenger, Jim Arnold, caused Trooper Ortiz to become suspicious and request consent to search the vehicle. Upon obtaining permission, Ortiz searched the driver for weapons and found \$3200 in his front short pockets. Further investigation of the vehicle yielded a cigar box in the glove compartment containing three ounces of marijuana and a small amount of what was believed to be Hashish. In the trunk, hidden under some empty duffel bags that had marijuana residue on them, was a small 24"x 30" attaché case. Inside the case, Trooper Ortiz found \$130,000.00, bound by rubber bands in thousand and five thousand increments. The currency, believed to be illegally obtained contraband, was seized by the 112th District Attorney Office, pending forfeiture under Chapter 59 of the Penal Code. The two suspects were charged with First Degree Money Laundering, Second Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance (Hashish), and a Class A Possession of Marijuana, for a total bond of \$74,000 each.

Look for the 2001-2002 Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleaders, Drum Majors and Flag Girls in next week's Issue of the Devil's River News.

U.I.L. Students Excel At District Competition

After a busy semester of getting up at 4:00 a.m. in the morning and traveling all over Texas to attend practice speech/academic meets, the District competition has come and gone. This year proved very successful for the Sonora High School U.I.L. contestants. With over fifteen contestants advancing to the Regional competition in Abilene, Sonora proved once again that academics still reign at SHS. The following students placed in Wall's District Competition:

Accounting
1st-Cameron Sims
3rd-Oscar Hernandez
4th-Cody Ainsworth
Current Issues and Events
4th-Shalayne Hobbs
6th-Ed Mayfield
Literary Criticism
6th-Andi Allen
Math
1st-Cameron Sims
Number Sense
1st-Cameron Sims
4th-Chris Weingart
1st Place Team - Leslie Gamez,



Chang Hernandez, Cody Ainsworth and Chavez
Science
Top Physics Scorer-Tanner Matchus
Feature Writing
3rd-Walker Thompson
News Writing
2nd-Katrina Hernandez
4th-Leslie Gamez
5th-Andi Allen

See U.I.L. page 5

Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Rick Sanchez
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
T. Wayne Price
Pastor
404 E Oak
387-2951

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

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

TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr.
306 W. 4th St.
387-5713

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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
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Church News

First Baptist Church invites Sonora to experience days of Spiritual Renewal, April 22-24. Services on Sunday are planned for 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m....on Monday and Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

The guest leaders for the Spring Spiritual Renewal are Revs. Wayne Norvell, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Wake Village, TX, and Charles Vance, Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Ashdown, AR.

Childcare will be provided at each service for children ages birth through three years. For additional information, please call 387-2951 or come by the church at 111 E. Oak, Sonora.

YOU ARE INVITED TO...

EXPERIENCE SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

April 22-24

First Baptist Church 111 E. Oak Sonora, Texas

Speaker - Rev. Wayne Norvell
(Pastor, First Baptist Church, Wake Village, TX)

Musician - Rev. Charles Vance
(Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Ashdown, AR)

Sunday: 11:00 A.M. • 6:30 P.M.
Monday - Tuesday • 7:00 P.M.

Child care provided at each service...Birth to 3 years.

Obituaries


Scott Thomason Shurley

Scott Thomason Shurley, born August 5, 1953 in San Angelo, Texas passed away April 7, 2001. He was a special individual and well-respected member of Sutton County. He graduated from Sonora High School with many fond memories of friends and special events such as three State Football Championships. He then ventured to Texas A & M where he graduated as Class of '75. He continued the Aggie tradition and encouraged both of his daughters to attend and graduate from A & M. He then returned to Sutton County where he continued his ranching career. He was an active member of many organizations including Dee Ora Masonic Lodge, Game Dinner Association, Sonora School Board and founder and president of Recoverable Resource, Inc. Scott's involvement in these organizations led him to many lifelong friendships that continued to be dear to his heart up to his last moments. Scott's sweet and giving spirit contributed to his largest role in life as a true champion to his friends and family. He fulfilled this role by encouraging everyone to enjoy life as much as he did. Some of his favorite pastimes were hunting with his dogs, fishing with his family and friends and of course, listening and playing good music.

Scott is survived by his two daughters, Kristen Shurley '02, Kayla Shurley '04, mother, Mildred T. Shurley, father, Gene Shurley '48, sister, Suzanne Huddleston '77 and husband Doug, nieces, Whitney and Zane Martin, grandnephew, Dawson Martin Guthrie, cousins Mark Shurley '79 and wife Kathy, Uncle Philip Thomason and special friends Mitzi Mathews, Carl Teaff and Lee Bloodworth among others.

Services were held on Monday, April 9, 2001 at the Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian with the Rev. Lewis Allen officiating. Burial followed in the Sonora Cemetery. Kerbow Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Family requests memorials be made to a charity of choice.



Ellen R. Depugh

Ellen R. Depugh, 83, of Romulus, Michigan passed away Wednesday, March 28, 2001 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Services were held on Saturday, March 31, 2001 at Community United Methodist Church with Rev. William Kren officiating. Burial followed at Parkview Memorial Park, Livonia, MI.

Ellen was born September 28, 1917 in Terre Haute. She was a Protestant.

She is survived by three daughters, Elizabeth Kren of Romulus, MI, Carol Thompson and Margaret Stone; seven sons, Michael C. DePugh, Paul DePugh, William J. DePugh, Robert V. DePugh, Arthur A. Triplett, George W. Triplett and John M. Triplett. One brother Chester Long and one sister Faye Davis, thirty-two grandchildren and forty-one great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

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

Lighthouse Baptist Church

Family Life Center 305 S. Crockett

Listen to our Radio program on KHOS 92.1 every Sunday Morning at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m
Worship 11:00 a.m.

Card of Thanks

The Wolf Cubs would like to thank Ginger Everett for the wonderful lesson in sign language. We all enjoyed it very much! What a great learning experience! We appreciate your support of the Cub Scouts.

Senior Center News

- Apr. 16 - Bingo!
- Apr. 17 - City Council 2:00 p.m. City Hall
- Apr. 18 - Van to San Angelo. Call Lilia now! 387-3941
- Apr. 19 - Sugar and blood pressure checks with TDHS. 11:00 a.m. - ?

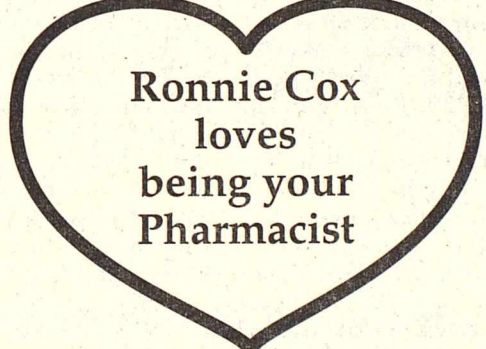
Senior Menu

- Apr. 16 - Chicken salad sandwich, tomato soup, carrot and celery sticks, potato chips, banana.
- Apr. 17 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, roll, vegetable salad, white cake with caramel icing.
- Apr. 18 - Glazed ham, cooked cabbage, sweet potatoes with apples, wheat rolls, banana pudding.
- Apr. 19 - Steakfingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced tomato, orange juice, biscuit, heavenly hash cake.
- Apr. 20 - BBQ brisket, baked potato, green beans, cornbread, coleslaw, fruit cup.

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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School Lunch Menu

Apr. 16 - Apr. 20

Breakfast

Mon. - No School!
Tues. - (2) Pancakes, fruit, assorted juice.
Wed. - Cinnamon roll, fruit or juice.
Thurs. - Grilled cheese, tator tots, assorted juice.
Fri. - Breakfast burrito, fruit, assorted juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - No School!
Tues. - Corn dogs, nacho chips/cheese, fried okra, mixed fruit.
Wed. - Chicken fajita salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, apple crisp.
Thurs. - Baked ham, mixed vegetables, mashed potatoes/gravy, fruit, biscuits.
Fri. - Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, ice cream cup.

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Member 2001
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Community

- April 13 & 16
School Easter Break
- April 14
Community Easter Egg Hunt
Sutton County Park 10:00 a.m.
- April 17
Chamber of Commerce Banquet
Civic Center 6:00 p.m.
- April 21 & 22
Neville Memorial Golf Tournament
Sonora Golf Course
- April 23
County Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m. • Sutton County Annex Bldg.

The Community Calendar

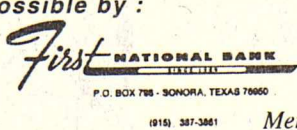


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Calendar

- April 25
TxDOT Truck Rodeo
4-H Civic Center
- April 26 & 27
Pre-K & Kindergarten Pre-Registration
Primary School
- April 27
Relay for Life Night Golf Tournament
At-Non 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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Letters To The Editor Policy

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Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Q. Do you have anything on the death of Afton Smith Mittle?

A. Devil's River News, May 1, 1926 - Mrs. Afton Smith Mittle was born at Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas, June 7, 1897. Died April 25, 1926. The subject of this sketch was educated in the State University. She was a teacher of rare ability, having taught in the high schools of Texas for six years. She was a teacher at Sonora High for two years, and gave perfect satisfaction and was elected for the third year but declined the honor and was married to Mr. Henry Mittle on the 22nd day of May 1925. The ceremony was performed by the Pastor, J. A. Stephen. They lived on their ranch home until her untimely death.

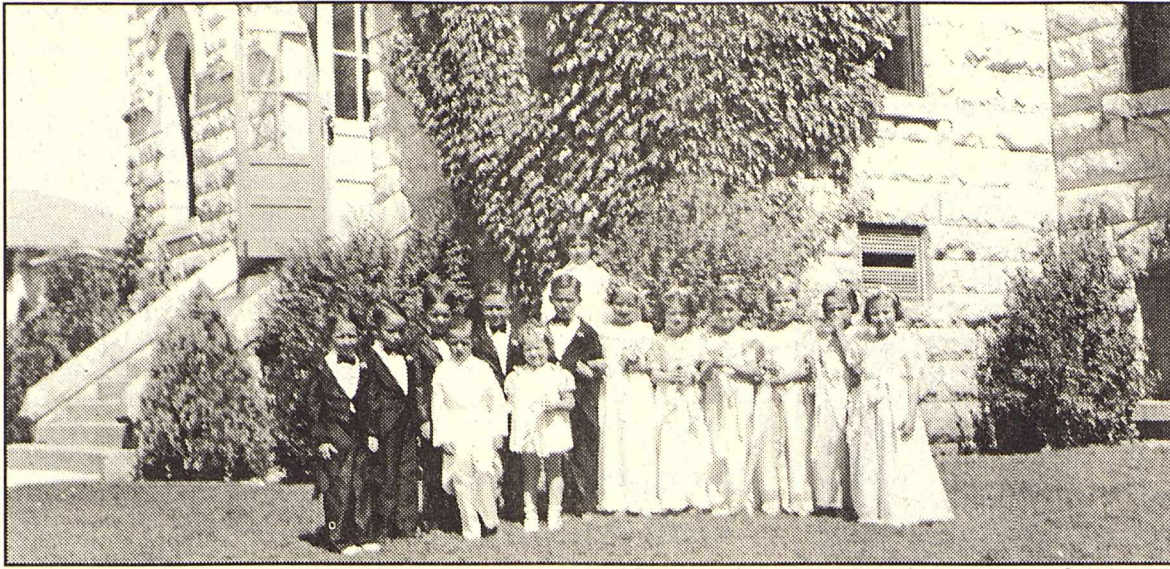
Mrs. Mittle professed faith in Christ in her girlhood and united with the Baptist Church and was an active, faithful member in all departments of church work. In Sunday school and BYPU she was an efficient teacher and leader. She was a beautiful Christian in precept and example; a lovely friend, winning the hearts of her pupils and all she came in contact with. She was kind and gentle, an obedient daughter, a tender and loving sister, a devoted wife.

She leaves to mourn her loss her devoted husband and his entire family of Sonora, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith, Hot Springs, N.M., a brother, Earl Smith, Mercedes; three sisters, Mrs. A. P. Schwartz, Mercedes; Mrs. Cecil Penick, Anahuac, Miss Mamie Smith, Santa Maria and a host of friends wherever she lived throughout the state, but none loved her more tenderly than the good people of Sonora who attended in mass her funeral which was conducted by her pastor in the Baptist Church.

We laid her to rest with her little baby in her arms in the Sonora Cemetery, under a pyramid of beautiful fragrant flowers to rest until the resurrection morning.

Sonora Burial Park by Nelson Diversified states that Afton Smith Mittle & Babe Dau. Are buried in Block B, Lot 89, Grave #6

In the same issue we find the following notes of interest: Miss Pauline Pfister motored to San Angelo last Saturday to accompany her mother, Mrs. Ed Pfister home. Mrs. Pfister had been in the St.



Tom Thumbs Wedding was a production put on by the Sonora School in the early 1900's

John's Sanitorium eighteen days where she underwent a serious operation. Mrs. Pfister is doing nicely.

R. F. Halbert, the well-known banker and commission man of San Angelo, was here the latter part of last week visiting his son, Robert A. Halbert and family.

Mrs. Geo. S. Allison of the Cemetery Association will receive contributions for the purpose of cleaning up the Sonora Cemetery. This is a worthy undertaking and the public should gladly respond with their donations. Leave your donations at the First National Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stewart and children were in town Thursday shopping and **Mr. and Mrs. Harry Meckel** were in from the Meckel ranch about 14 miles south of Sonora on the Rocksprings road, Tuesday shopping.

Rutledge's Café, Main Street, Sonora, Texas has short orders, fish and oysters in season, extras on Sunday, Hugh Rutledge, proprietor. The Sunshine Inn, Where Cleanliness Reigns, short orders, regular dinners, chicken dinner on Sunday. Fresh bread and pastries at reasonable prices. **Mrs. Cora Nicks**, proprietor, Sonora, Texas. The Tourist Hotel café in Connection, short orders, regular dinner, chicken dinner on Sundays. Opposite Sonora Motor. Good beds, clean rooms, bath room, reasonable rates. Your patronage solicited, **M. L. Johnson**, Proprietor, Sonora, Texas.

O.S.T. Stages, double daily round trip service. Rates: To Eldorado \$1.00; Christoval \$2.00; San

Angelo \$3.00; Del Rio \$5.00. Leave San Angelo 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. On return leave Del Rio at 9:30 and Sonora at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Headquarters Sonora, McDonald Hotel. Headquarters Del Rio, St. Charles Hotel. Headquarters San Angelo, St. Angelus Hotel. Your patronage Appreciated, **J. B. Lee**, Proprietor.

Q. When did Dr. Joel Shelton leave Sonora?

A. In December of 1941 we find mention of Dr. Shelton raising funds for the war effort in Sonora. In November of 1942 we find a note in a letter home from the Pacific Theatre that Lawrence Nichols has been "inquiring about Dr. Shelton but have not heard of him yet." We do know that Dr. Shelton died at the age of 46 in El Paso, Texas on October 26, 1948. His first wife was Iva with whom he had a daughter Alyce C. Shelton, his second was Nan Karnes. Dr. Shelton's first home was the little white house next to Napa Auto and then he built a rock house on E. 2nd Street. It is on an angle across the street from Kathleen Moore and has a letter S on the chimney. The house came under bombardment in July of 1936, when George Potter was doing some basement excavation blasting for John Fields, window panes were broken in the house and rocks came into the ceiling. One rock came in a window of the breakfast room and hit a chair where Dr. Shelton had been sitting at dinner a few minutes before. The Shelton family had just left the house and were near the

kitchen door waiting for the blast to be shot. The living room ceiling was pierced by one rock and another rock could be seen protruding from the roof.

Dr. Shelton had his offices in the Old First National Bank Building. His father was a Methodist Minister in Overton, Texas at the time of Dr. Shelton's demise.

If you ever knew Dr. Shelton and Iva or Alyce when they lived here and can share some nice stories with Alyce please write to Alyce C. Bryant, 308 Tealwood, Longview TX 75605. She was only in the first or second grade when her parents divorced but can still remember the Mayfields, Nichols and Mrs. Winnie Fields. She also remembers a school play called Tom Thumb's Wedding and a few of the cast members. She would love to hear from some people in Sonora that remember her father.

A special thank you to the City of Sonora for the excellent job they did of picking up the trash put out next to the Miers Home during the Spring cleanup. Your crew did a great job.

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 give me a call at 915-387-2855. E-mails can be sent to schs@sonoratx.net. We have some cleanup work left to do in the rear of the building grounds so you might find us at the rock house next to the Miers Home Museum for a few more weeks.

Nursing Education Capacity Must Be Expanded

The Texas Nurses Association and Texas Hospital Association have joined together to ask legislators to address the statewide nursing shortage. The two associations are seeking funding to expand the capacity of the state's nursing education programs. "Our goal is to double the number of nursing graduates by 2007," said Clair Jordan, RN, executive director of TNA. "In 1998 and 1999, some 3,000 qualified applicants were turned away from Texas nursing programs due to lack of capacity," she said.

One of the biggest barriers to expanding nursing education capacity is lack of faculty, according to a recent survey of the deans and directors of nursing programs. "The state has a role to play in ensuring an adequate supply of nurses," said Marsha Jones, vice president of

government relations for the Texas Hospital Association. "Despite the state's limited financial resources, nursing education should be a funding priority," she added.

RN vacancy rates in Texas hospitals range from 10 percent to as high as 18 percent in some specialty areas, according to several recent Texas surveys. In 1999, to match the national average of RNs per 100,000 of population, Texas would have needed nearly 28,000 more RNs. "While Senate Bill 572/House Bill 1361 will not solve the problem, the legislation is an important first step to producing the nurses Texas needs," Jones said.

"Texas has experienced cyclical nursing shortages, but this one is different," Jordan said. Labor statistics indicate that the average RN in Texas is 44 years old, and that 60

percent of the nursing workforce will be retired within 15 years. "Demand for RNs will continue to increase due to population growth and the aging of the Baby Boomer generation. Nursing education programs do not have the capacity to produce an adequate supply," Jordan explained. "Because it takes three to five years to produce an entry level nurse, the need for the Legislature to increase funds specifically for nursing education is critical," Jordan added.

Based in Austin, the Texas Hospital Association is a statewide trade association representing hospitals and health systems, the major employer of registered nurses. The Texas Nurses Association is a statewide professional association representing registered nurses statewide.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Even the leprechauns are green with envy over Sonora's response to the Muscular Dystrophy Associations Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign. Many thanks to the thousands of people who donated to MDA and signed paper shamrocks in businesses in February and March. Their generous participation in Shamrocks will help MDA continue to provide families affected by neuromuscular diseases in our community with valuable services.

As one of many who has a loved one affected by a neuromuscular disease, I'm genuinely grateful for the caring support of customers and employees at convenience stores, supermarkets, restaurants and other retailers in Sonora.

The 18th annual Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign raised more than \$10 million nationally. Locally, these donations will help fund MDA-sponsored research at the University of Texas, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Baylor College of Medicine and the University of Houston.

On behalf of the millions of Americans affected in some way by the more than 40 diseases covered by MDA - thank you - and may St. Patrick bless you all year long!

Sincerely,
Maureen McGovern,
National Chairperson



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Blood Drive At Louis Dreyfus

United Blood Services will be at Louis Dreyfus in Sonora on Tuesday, April 17 from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Call Patsy Samaniego at 387-3588 for an appointment.

"It has been a while since we have been in Sonora," said Johnna Pevey, Community Relations Representative. "Everyone should be ready to give. We hope so because we can't do our job without you."

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. We also ask that you have proof of identification

and know the names of any medication you may have taken in the past 30 days.

United Blood Services is the area's not-for-profit provider. In order to supply the 12 area hospitals, United Blood Services must collect more than 300 units each week. Blood products have a shelf life of 5 to 42 days. We need your help. If you would like to make an appointment to give blood, please call 653-1307. Please try to make an appointment. It will help you get in and out in a timely manner.

Sonora Ladies Golf Auxiliary Host Tournament

Sonora Ladies Golf Auxiliary hosted their 1st tournament of 2001 on April 7th. 19 teams competed in the 3 person 27-hole golf tournament. The tournament was flighted on the 3rd nine holes, then the total scores were added to select the winners in 3 flights.

The winners in the tournament were as follows:

First Flight

1st place - K.C. Evans, Mark McCollum, Mike McAnally
2nd place - Virgil Burge, Thomas Hanson, Melissa O'Harrow
3rd place - Tom Gray, Brenda Gray, Jim Bailey

Second Flight

1st place - Jim Kay, Oscar Marshall, Lori Newton
2nd place - Jerry Don Balch, Anita Hudson, Keith Hudson
3rd place - Julia Hines, Don Heath, Casey Tripplett

Third Flight

1st place - Frances Tackel, Dickie Woods, James Barton
2nd place - Mickey Powers, Zane Powers, Stephanie Powers
3rd place - Ed Newton, Don Longoria, Ebbie Sutton

Special Awards

Savell Shannon - *Closest to the Pin on #9*
Melissa O'Harrow - *Closest to the Pin on #2*
Ryan Herring - *Longest Drive*
Darla Lipham - *Longest Drive*

A special thanks to the following for donations, all of which helped make the tournament a success: Schlumberger, Rye Supply, Business Basics, Corner Drug Store, Smitty's and Cahill Construction. We would also like to thank James Barton for cooking the briskets and Mary Adele Balch for helping us serve the food. Thank you to the entire staff at the golf course.

Happy Birthday

April 12

Vicki Downing, Joshua Noriega, Allan Prather, Kandyse Rodriguez, Maria West

April 13

Rafaela Castro, Guy Cauthorn, Dennis Purvis, Nicole Whitehurst

April 14

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SMS Students Attend Concert and Sightreading Contest

On Tuesday, April 3 the middle school band went to Boerne High School for the Concert and Sightreading contest. The students were graded on a scale from 1 to 5 (1 - superior, 2 - excellent, 3 - good, 4 - fair, 5 - poor). In concert the band scored an excellent rating and in sightreading they scored a good rating. The Sonora middle school band was the highest ranked band in their division. We are really proud of the work that the middle school students have done this year.

Kindergarten/Pre-Kindergarten Registration

La Matriculacion Par Kindergarten y Pre-Kindergarten

Sonora Primary School will be having registration for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten on Thursday, April 26th and Friday, April 27th from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sonora Primary School office. A child is eligible for enrollment in pre-kindergarten if the child is at least 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2001 and is 1) limited English proficient; 2) economically disadvantaged (qualifies for free/reduced lunch); or 3) homeless. A child who is at least 5 years old on or before September 1, 2001 may enroll in Kindergarten. Be sure to bring your child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization record and proof of income (pre-K only). Please call 387-2414 if you have any questions. Please make every effort to register your child on April 26 and 27. This will help us in making plans for the 2001-2002 school year.

Kindergarten y Kindergarten se llevara a cabo en la oficina de la escuela Primaria el jueves, 26 de Abril y el viernes, 27 de Abril, 2001 de las 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Un niño es elegible para la matriculacion en Pre-Kindergarten si el niño tiene 4 años de edad par el dia 01 de septiembre, 2001 y es 1) limitado en la idioma de ingles; 2) desaventajado economicamente (que califique para el programa de comida gratis/revenida); o 3) esta sin hogar. Un niño que tenga 5 años cumplidos para el dia 01 de septiembre, 2001 puede matricularse para Kindergarten. Por favor presente el certificado de nacimiento, tarjeta de seguro social, registro de vacunas, y prueba de ingreso (Pre-Kindergarten unicamente). Llame al numero 387-2414 si tiene alguna pregunta. Por favor haga todo el esfuerzo de matricular a su niño estos dias de 26-27 de abril. Esto nos ayuda al hacer planes para el año escolar de 2001-2002.

La matriculacion para Pre -

Attention! Calling All 3 & 4 Year Old Children

Tom Green County Community Action Council Head Start Program has scheduled their registration for the 2001-2002 school year. The registration will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2001 from 1-4 p.m. and on Friday, April 27th, 2001 from 1-4 p.m. at Sonora Head Start at 227 N. Main in Sonora, Texas.

Tom Green County Community Action Council - Head Start Program is a comprehensive, pre-k program serving children of low-income families. Children 3 & 4 years of age participate in a program that provides them a "Head Start" to education, social and self help skills and their health and dental care. Head Start children receive a nutritious breakfast, snack and lunch; participate in large and small group activities; individual activities, center time, story time and many successful, self-esteem building exercises. School days are Monday thru Friday, hours are 7:45 a.m. to 2:30

p.m. It is required that the child be three years old by September 1st, in order to register for the Head Start Program. Parents or guardians of a child must bring COPIES of the following: Proof of income, (3 recent consecutive check stubs, 2000 W-2/Filed 1040 Tax Form Return, Proof of child's age (Child's birth certificate), Child's Social Security Number, up-to-date immunization record, and if applicable, Medicaid, Health Insurance Coverage for child, TANF, and Food Stamp Case Numbers. All of these items MUST BE brought with you to register your child for the program.

Children with disabilities are a priority to the program. If you suspect your child has a disability (i.e., speech delay/developmentally delayed) or your child has been diagnosed with a disability, please be sure to inform the enrollment staff at the time of registration.

F.Y.I.

8th Grade Orientation and Registration - Thursday, April 12th - 8:45 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. Sonora Middle School - Complete registration forms in classes. Parents may attend child's class.

The T&C Village Relay For Life team will be having a Bake Sale on Friday, April 13 from 7:00 a.m. 'til it's all gone. There will be breakfast goodies, baked goods and all your Easter sweets. The team is also having a benefit drawing to raise money for the Relay For Life. The team will be giving away a "Just for Him" package and a "Just for Her" package. Drawing will be held May 5th at the Relay For Life event. You need not be present to win.

The Hospital Auxiliary will conduct a bake sale in conjunction with the community Easter egg hunt on April 14 at the County Park from 10:00 a.m. til sold out. There will also be cold drinks for sale. All auxiliary members are asked to bring two baked items for the sale. Please schedule a stop by the bake sale to pick up your delicious cookies and delightful cakes. If you would like to join the auxiliary, now is the perfect time. For more information, call Vallree at 387-2071 or Janalyn at 387-3101.

To all parents, educators and anyone who works with pre-teens and teenagers... First Baptist Church is starting a five-part Video Series by Josh McDowell, "The Disconnected Generation" (Saving our youth from self destruction), starting Wednesday, April 18th at 7:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The Big Lake Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Team Roping on Wed. July 4, 2001 at the Reagan Co. 4-H Arena. For more information call 915-884-2980.

The First National Bank will be having a "Lunch in the Bank Vault Park" on April 18 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and their annual Bake Sale at 8:00 a.m. on April 27th at the bank. Pies, Cakes, Cookies, etc. will be on sale and Roberta's Casseroles can be ordered in advance by calling 387-3861. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

The Bank & Trust will be serving hot dogs and drinks for a \$2.00 donation to the ACS Relay for Life on April 20th, 27th and May 4th from 3-5. Everyone is encouraged to come by and get an early dinner.

St. John's Episcopal church members will be drying cars at Sombrero's LaserWash on Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Donations will be accepted and proceeds will go to American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

The Sonora Elementary PTA will have its final meeting for the school year on Monday, April 30, 2001. This will be a very important meeting because officers will be elected and items for next year, such as fundraising, will be discussed. The program will be a talent show featuring kindergarten, second and fourth grades. We encourage all members to attend and have their voice heard.

The Sutton County Steakhouse Relay for Life team is having a raffle. The team will be drawing for many great gifts. Tickets can be purchased for \$1 from any team member or at the Sutton Co. Steakhouse.

The ACS Relay For Life Night Golf Tournament will be April 27, 2001 at the Sonora Golf Course. Anyone interested in playing, can call Storie at 387-2507. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

The Sutton County Public Library is getting ready for their Book Sale. Donations of books, etc. are being accepted now. The sale will go from April 16 - May 11 at the Public Library from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information contact the library at 387-2111.

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. 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, take it by The Devil's River News Office, 228 East Main, or Ronda's Styling Haus, 712 S. Concho, Sonora, Texas.

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.

Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary will meet the first Monday of each month at the Sutton County Steakhouse at 12:00 noon. Anyone inter-

Boys Play First Round of District Tournament

submitted -
In a remarkable turnaround from their last competition at Riverside Golf Course in San Angelo, the Sonora High School boys golf team posted a spectacular team total of 298. They hold a 28-stroke lead after the first round of district play. Less than four weeks ago, the team played there during day two of the San Angelo Boys Classic, finishing 14th in the field, with a team total of 335. The weather then was miserable; very cold and extremely windy conditions prevailed. So when the weather on Wednesday, April 4, proved seasonably warm, with little or no wind, the team took advantage of the beautiful conditions to play likewise.

Team standings, after one round of play, are as follows: Sonora I - 298; Eldorado I - 326; Wall - 327; Sonora II - 342; Mason - 358; Grape Creek - 370; Eldorado II - 422; Junction I - 464; and Junction II - 491.

Individually, Sonora I players carded the following scores: Ryan Hardgrave - 67; Cole Cearley - 71; Dustin Martin - 79; Chris Martin - 81; and Brandon West - 83. For Sonora II, scores were Jake Trainer - 78; Bryce Williams - 88; Nathan Longoria - 88; Heath Prather - 88; and Chris Weingart - 93.

Medalist standings (rankings by individual scores) are 1st - Ryan



Ryan Hardgrave swings for first place.

Hardgrave, 67; 2nd - Cole Cearley, 71; 3rd - Clay Whitten (Eldorado), 77; 4th - Jake Trainer, 78; and 5th - Dustin Martin, 79.

District competition continued with its second and final round of play on Wednesday, April 11, at Quicksand Golf Course in San Angelo. Results will be reported in next week's newspaper. Go, Broncos!

Lady Bronco Golfers Take Lead

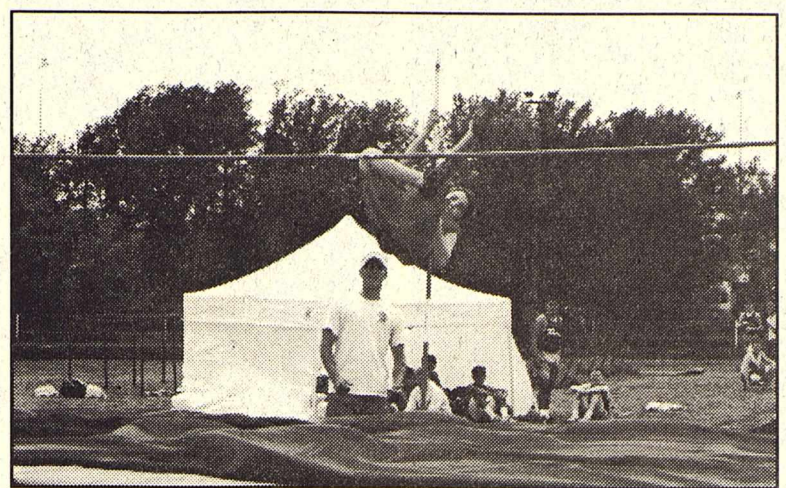
The Sonora Lady Broncos took the lead after the first round of the District 2-2A Golf Tournament at Riverside Golf Club with a team total of 379. This total, their best effort of the year, puts them 55 shots ahead of second place Eldorado. Sonora II is in 4th with a 488 total. Scores for Sonora I were: Ashley Vickers - 97, Genny Cramer - 93, Leslie Gamez - 94, Desiree Gonzales - 95 and Claire Healy - 122. Scores for Sonora II were: Tamika Marshall - 114, Jalys Mabry - 121, Missy Longoria - 126, and Thia McKissack - 127. Hannah Robledo of Eldorado leads the medalist race with a score of 92. Cramer, Gamez, Gonzales and Vickers round out the top five. The Lady Broncos finish their quest for a District Championship on Wednesday, April 11, at Quicksand Golf Course in San Angelo.

Lady Bronco Track Team Wins At Ozona Meet

The Sonora Lady Broncos scored 150 points to win the Ozona Relays on April 6th. In the high jump they went 1-2-3, with Morgan Hobbs placing first with a jump of 5' 2", Elizabeth Elliott second also at 5' 2" and Kasey Miller third. The Lady Broncos went 1-2-3 in the triple jump with Amy Gann placing first with a leap of 33' 5 1/2" into the wind, Miller was second and Megan Berry was third. Elliott won the long jump with a leap of 17' 4 1/4" and Berry finished fourth. Emily Matchus placed first in the pole vault with a leap of 8' M. Hobbs placed sixth in the shot put and Isabel Ibarra placed sixth in the discus. The team of Berry, Gann, Miller and M. Hobbs won the 400 m relay with a time of 52.50 and also won the 800 m relay with a time of 1:51.19. Hobbs won the 100 m hurdles with a time of 16.97. Berry placed second in 100 m with Gann placing fifth. In the 400 m dash Brea Hughes placed third and in the 200 m dash Miller also placed third. Shalayne Hobbs won the 1600 m run with a time of 5:37.34. The 1600 m relay of Hughes, Kelly Kearney, Danielle Galindo and S. Hobbs finished the day by placing fifth. Also competing were Dainah Hernandez, Kate Higdon and Michelle Weingart.

The Lady Broncos will be in action next at the district meet in Junction on Thursday, April 12.

7th Grade Colts Finish Second At District Meet



Wilson Wallace vaults at the Mason Relays.

The 7th grade Colts traveled to Mason on Friday, April 6th to compete in the District 2AA Track and Field Meet. Schools participating were Wall, Eldorado, Grape Creek, Junction, Mason and Sonora. At the conclusion of the meet the Colts finished second in the race for the team championship with 115 points.

"I am very proud of the efforts of each one of these young men. I think they are well on their way to becoming Broncos" said Coach Jimmy Randolph.

7th Grade Colt Results:

Shot Put
Travis Heard - 1st
High Jump
Hilton Bloodworth - 2nd
Long Jump
Anthony Longoria - 3rd, Hilton Bloodworth - 6th
Triple Jump
Anthony Longoria - 2nd, Cullen Parker - 3rd
Pole Vault

Stephen Barthelemy - 5th
2400 Meter Run
Nick Favila - 3rd
4x100 Relay
Chris Perez, Urial Santana, Anthony Longoria, and Travis Heard - 1st
110 Meter Hurdles
Embre Smith - 4th, Nash Traylor - 5th
100 Meter Dash
Travis Heard - 1st
400 Meter Dash
Chris Perez - 2nd
300 Meter Hurdles
Embre Smith - 5th, Nash Traylor - 6th
200 Meter Dash
Urial Santana - 3rd, Travis Heard - 6th
1600 Meter Run
Nick Favila - 3rd, Miguel Vaquera - 4th
4x400 Relay
Nash Traylor, Embre Smith, Urial Santana, and Chris Perez - 5th



Coach Hanson gives Sophomore Lady Bronco Softball player, Kara Hard a last minute tip before batting.

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Prose 1st-Sean Fields 3rd-Amy Gann	LD Debate 2nd-Bryce Williams 3rd-Tori Valliant
Poetry 5th-Elizabeth Elliott	Those students placing in the top three will compete in the Regional Competition in Abilene on April 21, 2001. Students placing 4th will also travel with the group as an alternate. Congratulations to all the students who participated.
Informative 2nd-Margie Becknell 3rd-Jalys Mabry 4th-Kasey Miller	
Persuasive 4th-Elizabeth Elliott	

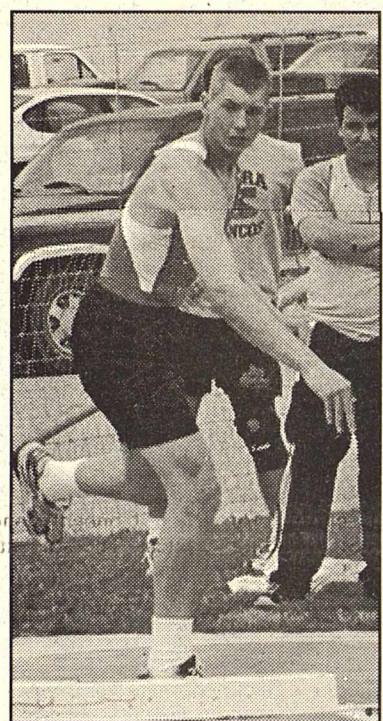
J.V. Track Team Shows Strong Talent

The J.V. team has had only a few competitors but they have competed well the last couple of weeks placing 4th, 6th and 8th the past three meets. The team members are Trapper Valliant, Stevie Hernandez, Zed Snodgrass, Daniel Ward, Jared Parks, and Tanner Matchus.

In Ozona this past meet Jared Parks finished third in the shot put with a 35'0" throw. Trapper Valliant finished third in the discus with a throw of 100'06". Jared Parks threw 97'9" to place 5th. In the running events, Stevie Hernandez placed sixth in the 200 meters (26.34). Joe Oliden placed second in the 3200 meters (12:05.74) and third in the 1600 meters (5:31).

At the Bronco Relays the team placed 6th overall. Trapper Valliant placed 2nd in the shot put with a throw of 36'2" and he won the discus with a 111'6" throw. Stevie Hernandez jumped 16'11" in the long jump to place 4th. Tanner Matchus vaulted 8'6" to place 4th. In the 3200 meter run, Dustin Rawls ran a time of 15:03.71 to place 5th. Stevie Hernandez ran a time of 12:30 to place second in the 100 m dash and a 26.05 in the 200 meters to place third.

At the Mason Puncher Relays Trapper Valliant threw 108'4" to win the discus. Zed Snodgrass threw 107'2" to place second. The team has had some great individual



Trapper Valliant tosses the shot in Mason.

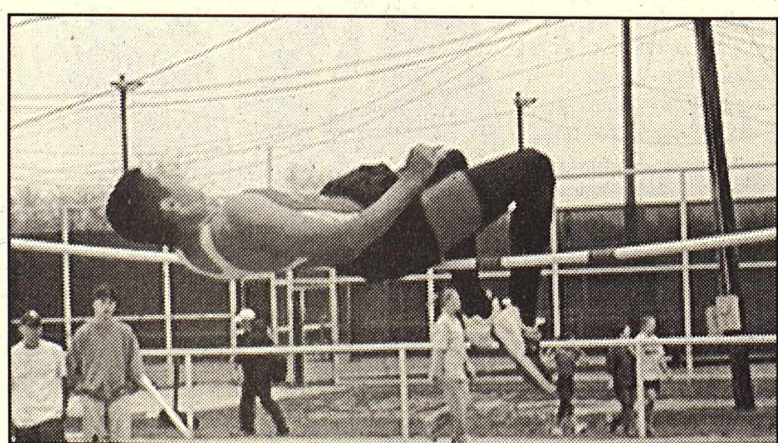
efforts and they continue to improve.

Good luck to the young men who will compete in the District meet in Junction this coming Thursday, April 12. Field events start at 9:00 a.m., running prelims at 12:30 p.m., and running finals at 4:30 p.m.

Bronco Track Team Takes Second in Ozona

The Bronco Varsity Track team traveled to Ozona to participate in the Ozona Relays. The team was putting on the final touches and hoping that no one would get hurt with District so close. The team accomplished its goal with only a couple of injuries that will be well before the team travels to Junction. The Bronco team finished second to Ozona, with 86 points. Results from Ozona were:

- 110 Hurdles**
Riley Crain - 3rd - 15.15
- 300 Hurdles**
Shane Mathews - 4th - 15.79
- 100 Meters**
James Elliott - 2nd - 11.11
Bill Renfro - 4th - 11.36
- 200 Meters**
James Elliott - 1st - 22.07
Bill Renfro - 4th - 23.00
- 400 Meters**
Josh Everett - 6th - 56.55
- 800 Meters**
Wilson Wallace - 6th - 2:13.69
- 3200 Meters**
Cody Ainsworth - 4th - 11:10.37
- 400 Meter Relay**
Bill Renfro, Chance Armke, Thomas Bloodworth, Juan Rodriguez - 3rd - 44.57
- Discus**
Stetson Hall - 2nd - 140'6"
- Triple Jump**
Riley Crain - 2nd - 41'0"
- High Jump**
Scottie Moore - 3rd - 6'0"
Shane Mathews - 4th - 6'0"



Scottie Moore took 3rd in the High Jump in Ozona.

Happy Easter from your friends at La Mexicana Restaurant

We will close Saturday, April 14th at 3:00 p.m. and will be closed Easter Sunday, April 15th.



The track team will be in action at Junction on Thursday, April 12 for the District meet. Field events will start at 9:00 a.m., Prelims at 12:30, and finals at 4:30. Good luck to all the teams.

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Golf Schedule

Bronco Boys
April 11
2-2A District @ Quicksand
April 23 & 24
2A Region I
Golf Tournament
Shady Oaks GC in Baird

Bronco Girls
April 11
2-2A District @ Quicksand
April 23 & 24
2A Region I
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Softball Schedule

Lady Broncos
April 17 District
Eldorado • There • 4:00 p.m.
April 20
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Baseball Schedule

Varsity Bronco
April 17
Mason • Here • 5:00 p.m.
April 20
Grape Creek • There
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Junior Varsity
April 16
Grape Creek • Here • 5:30 p.m.
April 23
Grape Creek • There • 5:00 p.m.

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Tennis Schedule

Varsity
April 25 & 26 Regional
Abilene
Junior High
April 21 District
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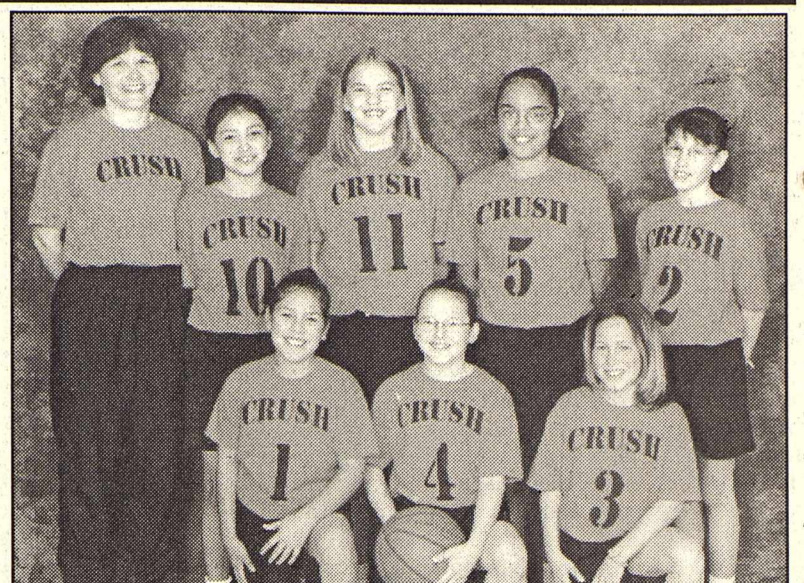


Caution - Back: Sam Hughes (C), Delma Tovar, Kari Nicholas, Madeline Higdon and Chasidy Garcia. Front: Danielle Rodriguez, Whitney Perez, and Heather Hughes.

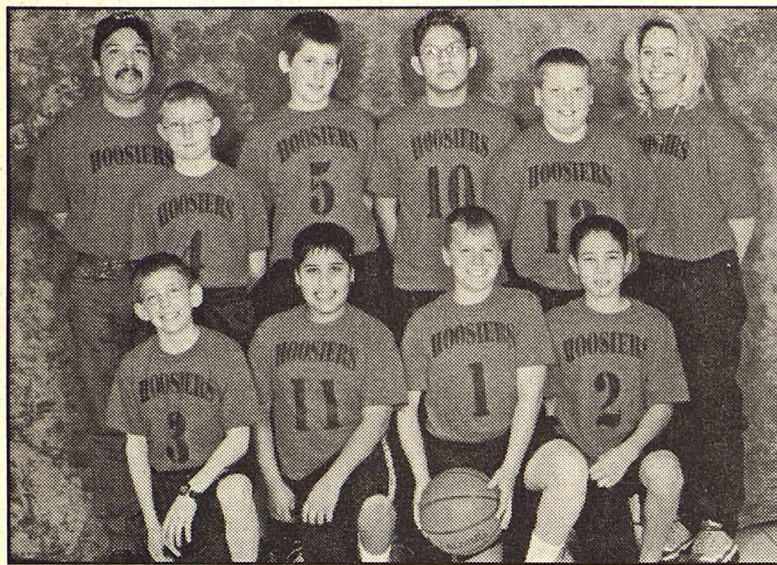
5th and 6th Grade Little Dribblers



Chaos - Back: Mike Krieg (C), Stacey Sanchez, Meghan Krieg, Starlyn Chadwick, Alexie Ortiz. Front: Chelsea Martinez, Jena Teasley, Victoria Tovar and Kimble Luna.



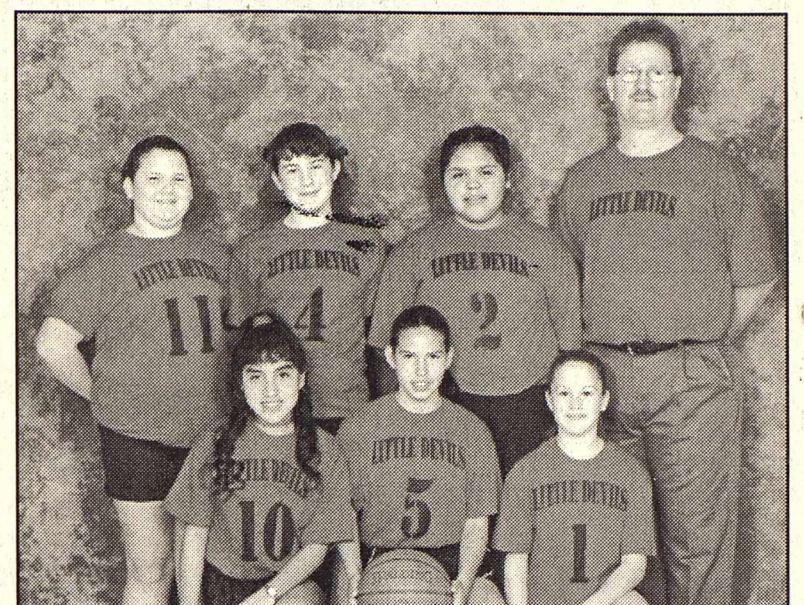
Crush - Back: Julie Martin (C), Jennifer Gonzales, Allyse Edmondson, Daisy Perez, Shelby Johnson. Front: Jamie Duran, Laura Martin, Kelsey Watkins



Hoosiers - Back: Rudy Ramos (C), Eric Welch, Travis Valliant, Caleb Ramos, Tanner James, Stephanie Powers (C). Front: Colton Moore, Austin Castaneda, Mark Holman, and Lito Trevino



Lakers - Back: Sonny Samaniego (C), Zenon Acosta, Jose Casillas, Jacob Cooper, Clayton Sahr, Joe Casillas (C). Front: Randy Galindo, Cody Perez, Julio Samaniego



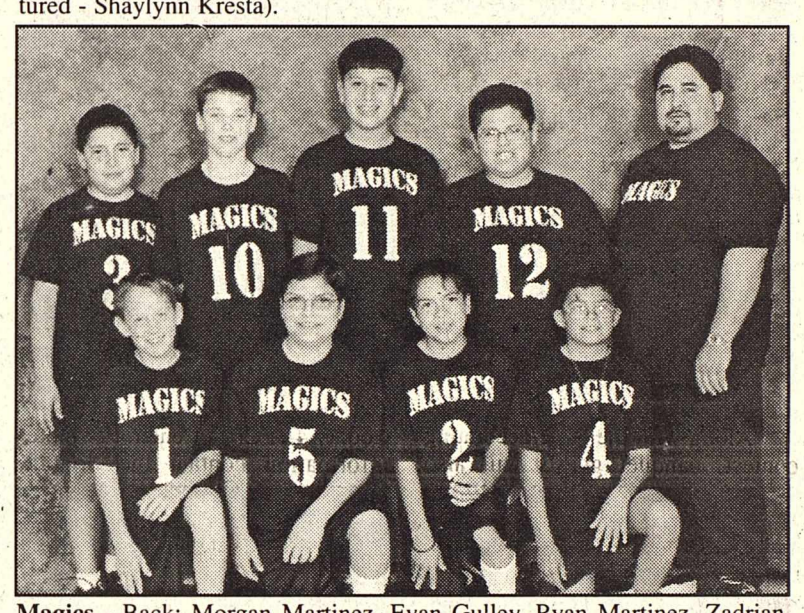
Little Devils - Back: Brandy Neff, Taylor Liverman, Melinda Lopez, John Berry (C). Front: Kayla Garcia, Gabrielle Alvites, Amanda Berry, (not pictured - Shaylynn Kresta).



Spurs - Back: Rosa Sanchez (C), Hunt Wagner, J.T. Downing, Hunter Lawson. Front: Leo Aguirre, Aaron Gaytan, Riley Sanchez. (Not pictured: Tyler Stewart, Robert Guerra)



Quick - Back: Tryon Fields (C), Adriana Botello, Kayla Fields, Alison Carroll, Kylie Johnson. Front: Ashley Nam, Bianca Sepeda, Catrina Ramos and Mackenzie Perez.



Magics - Back: Morgan Martinez, Evan Guley, Ryan Martinez, Zadrion McGee, Martin McGee (C). Front: Dalton Dover, Nathan Mungia, Albert Rodriguez and Michael Chavez. (Not pictured - Frank McGee (C))

REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS, OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM January 1, 2001 To March 31, 2001

FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	TRANSFER IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERRED OUT	BALANCE
General	990,742.97	1,467,356.02		603,926.35	16,200.00	1,837,972.61
FMFC	360,755.93	339,927.93		161,114.59		539,569.27
Flood Control	7,981.40	-0-	1,200.00	-0-		9,181.40
Law Library	10,720.12	840.00		1,501.05		10,059.07
Lateral Road	13,241.98	-0-		2,569.09		10,672.89
State Trust Funds	46,187.18	85,226.20		46,425.14		85,988.24
State Arrest Fees	2,257.42	5,167.40		3,216.70		4,208.12
Employee Benefit Fund	246,291.66	7,650.00	15,000.00	-0-		268,941.66
Sutton County 911	6,936.78	43.26		-0-		6,980.04
Appellate Fund	150.36	271.57		-0-		421.93
Sheriff Seizure Fund	4,392.14	21.50		-0-		4,413.64
Courthouse Renovation	66,202.36	261,104.83		85,807.47		241,499.72
					TOTAL	3,017,412.59
CHECKING ACCOUNTS						
State Arrest Fees	3,708.12	FMFC	85,582.29	General	76,842.14	
Appellate Fund	421.93	Sutton County 911	6,980.04	Sheriff Seizure	4,419.64	
				COURT RENOVATION	241,499.72	419,453.88
Money Market Accounts (General)	543,971.73	(FMFC)				697,958.71
CD Accounts (General)	1,600,000.00	(FMFC)	300,000.00			1,900,000.00
TOTAL						3,017,412.59

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 *Pokemon 3 (G) 2:15 4:40 7:05 9:15
 Castaway (PG-13) 2:00 5:00 8:00
 Exit Wound (R) 2:20 4:50 7:10 9:30
 The Mexican (R) 1:40 4:15 6:55 9:35
 Miss Congeniality (PG-13) 1:50 4:20 6:50 9:20

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Monday through Thursday

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 *Along Came A Spider (R) 5:00 7:30 9:50
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 Castaway (PG-13) 5:00 8:00
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*No Passes or Discounts

School Board from page 1

advised that all administrators continue to strongly encourage summer school for students that do not pass the reading portion of the TAAS test.

Due to the fact that the current School Board election has been unopposed, the Board approved Certification of an Unopposed Status and Adopted an Order of Cancellation of Election.

Middle School Principal, John Berry presented the Board with the proposed school calendar for 2001-2002. The calendar was developed by the campus site base committees, which consists of teachers, parents and business members of the community. The drafts are then presented to the District Site Base Committee, where the final draft is composed. The Board adopted the proposed School Calendar for 2001-2002.

Donna Hill reported that the principals are all working on their campus budgets and are trying to keep them down. Berry reported that his budget may be larger this year because the Middle School is in need of new desks and computer stations.

Hill reported that enrollment for Sonora I.S.D. is down 10 students from March, for a total of 922. Hill reported that families moving over Spring Break always took the enrollment down.

A special Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11 with the Facilities Committee.

Courthouse from page 1

resources of the state.

The Sonora Main Street Program, First National Bank, The Bank & Trust of Sutton County, and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce encourages you to visit this display and learn more about the Preserva-

There will be a Teacher Recognition Dinner at the Civic Center on May 24 at 6:00 p.m. Teachers with 10 or more years of service will be recognized.

Board member Tammy Favila thanked all the coaches and crew involved with the Sonora Middle School and High School Track meets. She advised that everyone did a great job and helped to make things run smoothly.

Favila also thanked Principal Louise Dermody and the Pre-K staff that developed the grant that got the new playground equipment. The playground is a big hit with kids of all ages and is a great asset for Sonora.

High School Principal, Brant Myers acknowledged the hard work done by the One-Act play students, who will be advancing to Regional competition. He also congratulated all the U.I.L. students who did such a great job this year.

Board member Tryon Fields requested that the Board come up with some type of memorial to honor past board member, Scott Shurley, who passed away earlier this week. It was decided that a one year scholarship be given in his name.

As the final order of business for the evening the Board voted to re-hire all auxiliary personnel and hire the new High School Principal.

The next regular meeting of the Sonora I.S.D. Board will be in May.

Chamber Banquet from page 1

The winner of the contest will receive a catered coffee break at their place of business. The tables must be decorated in a circus theme or may also be decorated to represent your business. To be eligible for the contest you must purchase a table of ten and tables can be purchased prior to April 17 for \$150.

Along with the table-decorating contest, banquet guests will also enjoy an evening of pure entertainment beginning with the opening of

tion of Texas Courthouses.

If you missed the exhibit at The Bank & Trust, it is now on display at the First National Bank during bank hours.

the mid-way at 6:00 p.m. The mid-way will feature carnival games and attractions complete with unbelievable side show acts. The circus will get underway at 6:30 p.m. and will feature clowns, lion tamers and even a high wire act. Make your plans now to be "Under the Big Top" on April 17, at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. For more information contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880.

Police Reports

April 2 - Public Intoxication - Officer received a call of a suspicious vehicle in the 700 block of St. Ann's which led to the arrest of Rocha Donciano of Sonora, TX for Public Intoxication.

April 2 - Terroristic Threat - Officer was dispatched to the Sonora Junior High in reference to a Terroristic Threat. Incident was forwarded to Juvenile Probation Officer and charges are pending.

April 3 - Public Intoxication - Officer received a call at the 100 block of W. Main, which led to the arrest of Oscar M. Sanchez of Sonora, TX for Public Intoxication.

April 4 - Runaway - Officer was on a routine traffic stop in the 500 block of State Highway 277 North that led

to the detention of a reported missing juvenile from Fort Bend County, Richmond, Texas.

April 4 - Criminal Mischief - Officer was dispatched to the 1600 block of Tayloe in reference to a Criminal Mischief. Upon arrival Officer located the complainant and victim. Complainant advised that someone known to her had cut two tires of her White 1993 Chevrolet Impala. Victim advised she wished to file charges.

April 7 - Theft - Officer was dispatched to the 900 block of S. Concho Ave. in reference to a theft. Complainant advised that someone unknown to her had stolen some items from outside her home. Investigation is pending.

March EMS Calls

3-2 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit #101

3-2 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit #101

3-3 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit #101

3-3 - Accident - West Second Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit #100

3-6 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit #101

3-7 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit #101

3-7 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit #101

3-8 - Medical - Hwy. 277 North to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit #100

3-10 - Medical - Rock Ave. to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit #100

3-11 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit #101

3-12 - Accident - Stadium Drive to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit #100

3-14 - Accident - Hwy. 277 South to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit #100

3-14 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit #102

3-17 - Medical - Hwy. 277 South, Edwards County EMS - Unit #100

3-17 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit #101

#101
3-17 - Accident - IH-10 405MM to Hudspeth Hospital, 2 patients - Unit #100

3-17 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit #101

3-18 - Accident - IH-10 410MM to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit #100

3-19 - Accident - Hwy. 277 North, 3 Miles to Hudspeth, 2 patients - Unit #101

3-19 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit #101

3-19 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit #102

3-26 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit #101

3-27 - Accident - Crockett Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit #100

3-28 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit #101


3-28 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit #102

3-29 - Medical - East Second Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit #100

3-29 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Assist AirMed 1 - Unit #100

3-30 - Medical - Hwy. 277 South 12 Miles to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit #100

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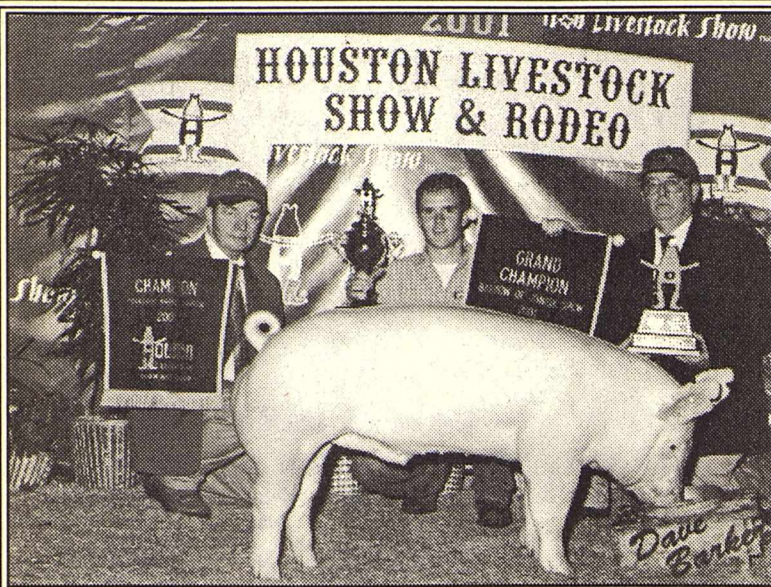
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Rig Locations as of April 6, 2001

Crockett County
Pioneer Natural; 9350' JL Henderson Jr #8, UTI Drilling West.
Prize Operating; 16500' Phillip Arledge - #7, Nabors Drilling.
RME Petro Co; 10500' Montgomery - 16 - #11, TMBR/Sharp Drilling.
New Oxy Permian; 6500' M K Daniel #705 Cleere Drilling.
New Union Pacific; 8500' McMullan - F1-#6, Patterson Drilling.
Texaco E&P; 9200' Perry State - 32 - #1, Nabors Drilling.
New Concho Resources; 6800' University 30-34A #3, Cleere Drilling.
New RME Petro Co; 8500' Henderson - P1 - #8, Patterson Drilling.
J. Cleo Thompson; 8800' Baggett - 42 - #1A, Patterson Drilling.

Sutton County
New Burlington Res/Mid; 6900', Meckel #49, Cleere Drilling.
New Louis Dreyfus; 8500' Mayer #41, Patterson Drilling.
New Louis Dreyfus; 6050' Shurley - 110 - #10, Patterson Drilling.
New Louis Dreyfus; 8600' Hicks - 22 - #7, Patterson Drilling.
New Louis Dreyfus; 5450' Pfluger - 85 - #20, Patterson Drilling.
New Burlington Res.; 5450' Canyon Ranch #0937S, Patterson Drilling.
New Louis Dreyfus; 6800' Martin #9, Patterson Drilling.

Terrell County
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New Athanor Texas; 9000' Pakenham - 51 - #9, Cleere Drilling.
New EOG Resources; 10900' Garner - 15 - #1 H, UTI Drilling.

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I had a meeting the other day with some folks from the Texas Farm Bureau. They're a great group of people and I always look forward to talking with them. In our meetings, we discuss everything from the price of livestock to the latest cotton regulations to foot and mouth disease. An interesting point was brought up in our last discussion. Does the American public realize how often agriculture touches their daily lives?

It's not something we think about every day. You probably don't get up in the morning, put on your clothes, and consider who raised the sheep for your wool pants or who grew the cotton for your shirt. When we get to the breakfast table, we often forget about the corn that was harvested for our morning bowl of cereal or the cows milked for our tall glass of calcium.

When our children arrive at school, we seldom think about the school lunch program they are provided each day. Nor do we think about the vaccinations that keep them safe from disease. And when we stop at the grocery store on our way home, how often do we take for granted the high quality of the products we purchase. The produce and meat are fresh, and the aisles packed with availability and variety. Not many countries have this type of luxury.

I make this point because it's important we understand how fortunate we are to have a safe and successful agriculture industry. Agriculture affects so many aspects of our lives. Beyond food and clothing, the agriculture industry accounts for one in every six U.S. jobs. Farmers and ranchers are not the only people

working for this huge industry. Agriculture supports your neighbor who works at the clothing production plant, your friend who manages the local grocery store and even your family pharmacist.

No doubt about it - agriculture fuels our economy. The agriculture industry accounts for two percent of our nation's gross domestic product. It also accounts for \$50 billion in exports each year. Let's not forget that farmers pay incredible sums of money to cover their business expenses. In recent years, farmers paid as much as \$73 billion in purchases and over \$25 billion in employee wages.

When you add up the products, the jobs and the economic advantages you can come to just one conclusion: the agriculture industry is literally the backbone of our country. This was true when the founding fathers met in Philadelphia, it was true during the industrial revolution of the 1800s, and it is still true today.

So the next time you're in the grocery store picking out apples or at a department store selecting a new shirt, think about the time and energy invested in every product you see. We may take these things for granted, but for thousands of people nation-wide these items are truly a necessity of life. Let's be thankful for our agriculture industry and for the men and women who work hard every day to keep it strong.

Congressman Henry Bonilla is chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. As chairman, Mr. Bonilla oversees all of the nation's agriculture funding, the nation's food supply, emergency disaster relief, and farm and ranch programs. Mr. Bonilla is in his fifth term as a Congressman from Texas' 23rd district.

Fuston To Run Farm Service Agency In Texas

Starting Monday, Veteran Farm Service agent Johnny Fuston will be responsible for the agency he has served for the past three decades.

Appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to the post of state executive director, Fuston will directly oversee policy decisions, Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs and agency management activity.

"Johnny has dedicated his life to advancing agriculture in Texas, and I look forward to working with him to help make rural Texas not just a good place to live, but a good place to make a living," U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm said. "His experience at the state, district and county level in diverse parts of our state will prove invaluable as we work to keep Texas agriculture the best in the country and the world."

Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Agriculture Committee, Larry Combest stated, "Having known Johnny since our days showing cattle at stock shows in high school, I can personally attest he has deep roots in agriculture. As Director of FSA in Texas, I am sure he will be an integral force

in maintaining a sound agricultural community. Agriculture is the backbone of the 19th district, and our farmers and ranchers will be well-served under his management."

Fuston's previous assignments within the agency include district director in Hereford, and county executive director in Deaf Smith, Bailey and Hartley counties. He has also served as president of the Hereford Independent School District, chairman of the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Committee and director of the Deaf Smith United Way.

Based in College Station, the mission of the Texas Farm Service Agency is to stabilize farm income, assist farmers and ranchers with land and resource conservation, and help mitigate the effects of natural disasters on Texas agriculture.

Texas has more farms, ranches and cattle than any other state in the nation. In fact, 80 percent of the land in the state is involved in agriculture production. The 19th Congressional district produces 25 percent of the world's cotton, as well as 30 percent of the world's feed-cattle.

AGRIBUSINESS

POISONOUS PLANTS



Cocklebur *Xanthium* spp.

by Erika Straka, Ph.D.
 Cocklebur is a pesky weed found in draws and low lying areas. It's coming up in the seedling stage now and in a few weeks the spiny seedheads will be attaching to livestock and our clothes a free dispersal ride. These hitchhikers also pose another threat, the seeds of cocklebur are toxic, but are rarely eaten by anything because of the spines. Once the seeds germinate however, there is a risk of poisoning. The tender new shoots of the seedlings contain the toxin carboxyatractyloside, and can look pretty inviting to curious livestock. Most of the time if livestock die from cocklebur poisoning, it is from consumption of the seedling unless the seedhead was hidden in a bale of hay.

Animals will be found dead most of the time with damage to liver and intestinal tract. Sheep, goats, and cattle are all susceptible. If animals are found in time treatment with mineral oil, linseed oil, pepto-bismol, or activated charcoal is recommended.

Interesting enough we often accidentally import cocklebur to Sutton County in the tails and prepuces of animals that are brought in from another place, or baled in hay. We're accomplishing the plant's job of "spreading its seed". Ranchers should keep an eye out and cut out any seeds from new animals before

they're turned loose. It is thought that the toxin causes low blood glucose in animals by acting as an "uncoupler". Normally when the body "burns" food another kind of energy called ATP is made. Just like when we burn wood in the fireplace, another kind of energy, heat, is given off. When uncoupling occurs it's just like the wood burning and the fireplace still being cold. In intoxicated animals all the body's metabolic fuel is burned but no ATP is made and the animal weakens and dies.

Symptoms of intoxication (although they're usually found dead) include weakness, depression, unsteady gait, rapid labored breathing, weak rapid pulse, and below normal body temperature. As animals go down they usually go into convulsions, exhibit leg paddling, and a curved neck.

According to The Integrated Toxic Plant Management Handbook, Resource Guide, published by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service (an excellent resource which can be found at <http://wildthings.tamu.edu/publications/TAEXRange/TOXICPLA.PDF>); cocklebur can be controlled in the pasture mechanically by pulling (although you need to bag leaves as dried leaves are still toxic), with a spraying of 2, 4-D, or burned with a hand-held propane burner.

Young, Beginning Farmers Urged to Participate in Survey

Southwest Texas ACA is urging farmers and ranchers between the ages of 18 and 35 and those with less than 10 years of experience to participate in an Internet-based survey of young beginning farmers and ranchers in the United States.

The survey, which was launched in early March by the Farm Credit System Foundation, will provide data to policy-makers involved in making recommendations for the next farm bill.

Survey participants who choose to provide their contact information will be eligible to win an all-terrain vehicle of their choice, valued at up to \$6,000.

"The purpose of this landmark survey is two-fold," said Eric C. Rothe, chief executive officer of Southwest Texas ACA, "First, it will serve as a forum for young and beginning producers to provide input for

the next federal farm bill. Second, it will help develop a comprehensive demographic profile of farmers and ranchers with less than 10 years of experience," he said.

The USDA census, last conducted in 1997, collects information on young farmers and ranchers, but it does not focus on beginning farmers and ranchers.

Farmers and ranchers between the ages of 18 and 35 and those who have less than 10 years of farming experience are asked to participate in the confidential "Survey on Barriers to Success" at www.swtaca.com by June 1.

Those who do not have Internet access may complete the survey at any office of Southwest Texas ACA. Branch offices are located in San Antonio, Laredo, Devine, Edinburg, Hondo, Pleasanton, Marfa, Sonora and Uvalde

Landmark Bill Would Let Water Rich Areas Share Their Wealth

by Jeff Wentworth
 State Senator, District 25

A wet winter and a cool and soggy spring have produced a Texas landscape blazing with color.

While we are enjoying the beauty of an abundant wildflower crop, we should not let this year's colorful spring dim memories of last summer's drought when pastures turned brown, temperatures soared above the 100-degree mark, and water was rationed in cities and towns across Senate District 25.

Texas' recurring droughts combined with an almost 23 percent population increase since 1990 are draining the state's water resources. A recent state report indicated that water demands are expected to rise about 18 percent over the next 50 years, resulting in the need for seven new major reservoirs.

Until they can be built, the Texas Legislature is considering ways to meet the present and future water supply needs of rural and urban Texans. One of those ways would be sharing water, an issue that is addressed by House Bill 1629 by Representatives Robert Cook, D-Eagle Lake; Robert Puentes, D-San Antonio; and Bob Turner, D-Voss.

Senator Kenneth Armbrister, D-Victoria, and I are the Senate sponsors for HB 1629 which would allow the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) to sell water outside of its service area. The House passed this landmark water bill and referred it to the Senate, where it is being reviewed by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.

In expectation of approval by the Legislature, San Antonio and LCRA are working on a plan that would provide San Antonio with up

to 150,000 acre feet of water annually. The plan would provide for the sale of water only, not water rights, and would include extensive water conservation efforts such as concrete lined irrigation ditches.

LCRA is planning to build reservoirs along the lower Colorado River to capture flood waters. Because LCRA and legislators are sensitive to environmental concerns, LCRA's plans would protect freshwater inflows into bays and estuaries.

Two other SD 25 cities' search for an alternative water source recently resulted in a joint venture by Seguin and Schertz to acquire 20,000 acre feet of water from the Carrizo Aquifer. While cities and towns continue their search for a reliable water supply, SD 25 counties are creating groundwater conservation districts to help manage the counties' water supplies.

To assist counties in their efforts to conserve and manage their water resources, I filed SB 1630 which would create the Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District in Kendall County. SB 1752 would create the Kimble County Groundwater Conservation District, and SB 1704 would create the Southeast Trinity Groundwater Conservation District which would include areas in Bexar, Blanco, Comal, Hays and Kendall counties.

As Texas' population continues the growth which is expected to double by 2050, towns and cities are working with the Legislature to protect the state's water supply. With good management and conservation practices we can ensure the future of Texas' most vital natural resource.

Public Notice

The Sutton County Commissioners Court is requesting bids for the County Depository. Bids must be submitted in compliance with Sections 116.021 and 116.023 of the Local Government Code. Bids must be submitted to the County Judge on or before the Regular Meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners Court on May 14, 2001. The meeting is at 9:00 a.m. at the meeting room of the Sutton County Annex. For further information, please contact the Sutton County Judge at 387-2711 or the Sutton County Auditor at 387-5380. 3/4/12b

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S) District: San Angelo Contract 6064-29-001 for LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE IN SONORA, TX in SUTTON County, etc. will be received on April 19, 2001 until 11:00 a.m. and opened on April 19, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$20,470.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 3199

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Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office(s)

San Angelo District
District Engineer
4502 Knickerbocker Rd.
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IMPORTANT LEGAL NOTICE

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE 3RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, HENDERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

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