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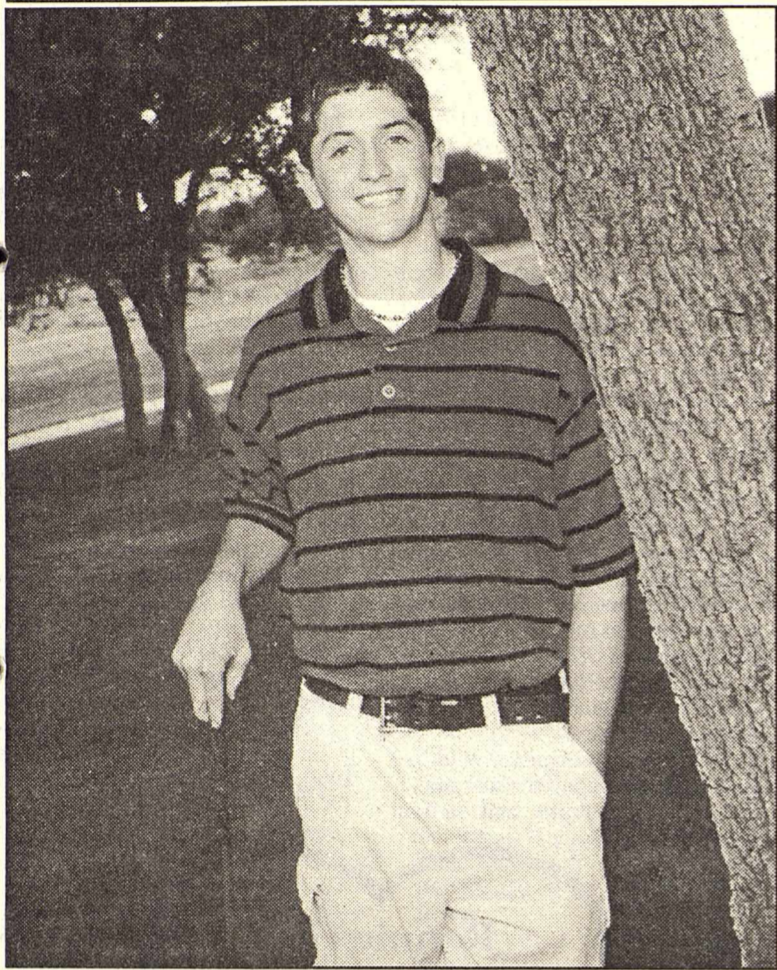
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Thursday, May 17, 2001

Broncos Have A "State" Year

Golf



Ryan Hardgrave

Ryan Hardgrave put together rounds of 76-76=152 to take 8th place at the U.I.L. State Golf Tournament at the Jimmy Clay Golf Course in Austin, Texas on May 7th & 8th. By finishing in the Top 10, Ryan garnered All-State honors. Ryan played well on both days. He was 9 over par for four holes and 1 under par for the other 32 holes.

The winning score was even par 144. Minus his 4 bad holes, Ryan could have very easily been the State Champ. But, as most of you know, golf is a funny game that can sometimes be cruel. Congratulations to Ryan on finishing out an outstanding high school career at Sonora High School.

Cook-Off and Roping Bonanza Set for June 2

The West Texas Championship Cook-Off and Outlaw Roping Bonanza will be on Saturday, June 2, at the Sutton County Park Arena Complex. The name may have changed a little but the goal is still the same...have as much fun as you can pack into one day.

The day will start early with the cook-off and goat roping beginning at 9:00 a.m. The cook-off categories will include chicken; pork spare ribs, goat, chili, beans, pies and brisket, with \$500 added money going to the winner of the brisket category. Prizes will be awarded in each cooking category. Cookers can begin checking in Friday at 4:00 p.m.

The goat roping will include a women's division, junior division, 60 and over, 40 and over, 50 and over, C-roping division, B-roping division, and an open division.

The team roping will begin at 2:00 p.m. or as soon as the goat roping is complete. The first roping

Sonora ISD Receives TIF Grant

Austin - High-tech, dot com, world wide web, and surfing the net are just a few phrases that can be associated with the technology revolution and have become staples in the daily lives of many Texans. With the assistance of the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board, a state agency that provides technology funding for Texas public schools, new opportunities to participate in the ever-progressing technology of today are now possible. Students across the state are able to reap the benefits of technology in education. Using TIF grants, schools are introducing students to modern technology, including high-speed Internet access and distance learning.

Sonora ISD received a grant award of \$100,000.00 for Middle School and Elementary campuses. This funding will be used to develop new, and expand current, technology infrastructure to provide students with the technology they need to prepare for the digital era.

The TIF Non-Competitive Grant for Texas Public Schools was designed to fund up-to-date hardware equipment so that students may take classes from another school district and/or an institution of higher education. Additionally, grant funds will be used for technology staff development, including hardware and software training, network training, methodology training, and base level technology training. These grant projects officially begin May 15, 2001.

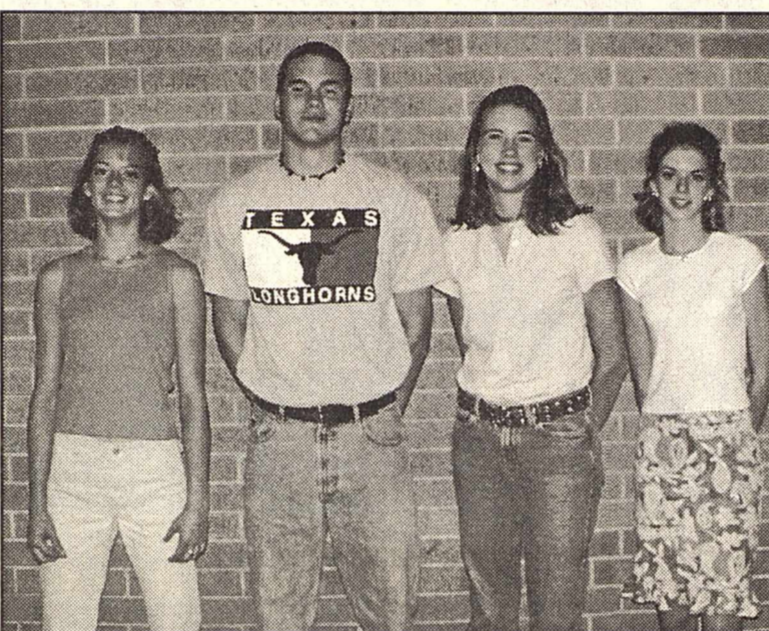
In an effort to provide equitable funding for Texas public schools, TIF collaborated with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) by coordinating the release of the PS9 grant award announcement with the Technology Integration in Education (TIES) announcement. Prior to this release, staff members from both TIF and TEA met to discuss the functionality and purpose of each grant program. As a result,

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Track

Shalayne Hobbs and Elizabeth Elliott represented the Sonora Lady Broncos as well as the whole town of Sonora in fine fashion at the state track and field meet in Austin on Friday, May 11, 2001. Shalayne placed third and claimed the bronze medal in the 1600 m run with a time of 5:25.49 which was an improvement of 7 seconds over her previous best. Elizabeth finished in fifth place in the high jump with a jump of 5'2". Both young ladies are to be highly commended for their excellent work. Also attending was Morgan Hobbs who was an alternate in the high jump. This was a fitting and good climax for a great year for all the Lady Bronco track athletes. Good job young ladies!

Due to an untimely medical emergency, James Elliott, the sole State qualifier for the Bronco Boys, was unable to compete at the meet.



Morgan Hobbs, James Elliott, Elizabeth Elliott, and Shalayne Hobbs all qualified for the U.I.L. State Track Meet in Austin.

Sonora To Honor Outstanding Broncos With Spring Parade

The Sonora Main Street Program and City of Sonora would like to honor the outstanding students of the year 2000-2001. The parade will honor outstanding students from Sonora Primary, Sonora Intermediate, Sonora Middle School, and Sonora High School. We would like to invite everyone to Main Street on Tuesday, May 22, 2001, at 6 p.m. Come celebrate the success of another great year in the Sonora Independent School District.

City Council Calls Special Meeting to Review Personnel

by Storie Sharp
The Sonora City Council held a special meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 2001 to consider and review the city manager and the chief of police.

Present at the meeting were JoAnn Hernandez, Mayor; Councilmembers James Blackman, Jim Stephen, Virgil Poloczek, and Gloria Lopez; Brent Gesch, City Manager; Elizabeth Wallace, City Attorney; and Becky Covington, City Secretary.

Others attending all or part of the meeting were Abby Gesch, Tonya and Chris Croy, Bob Brockman, Mary and Bryn Humphrey, Felicia Van Winkle, Frank Wamble, Dick Dudley, Mike House, Mike Routh, Juanita Mesa, Ann Kay, Jerri Martin and Eddie Teasley.

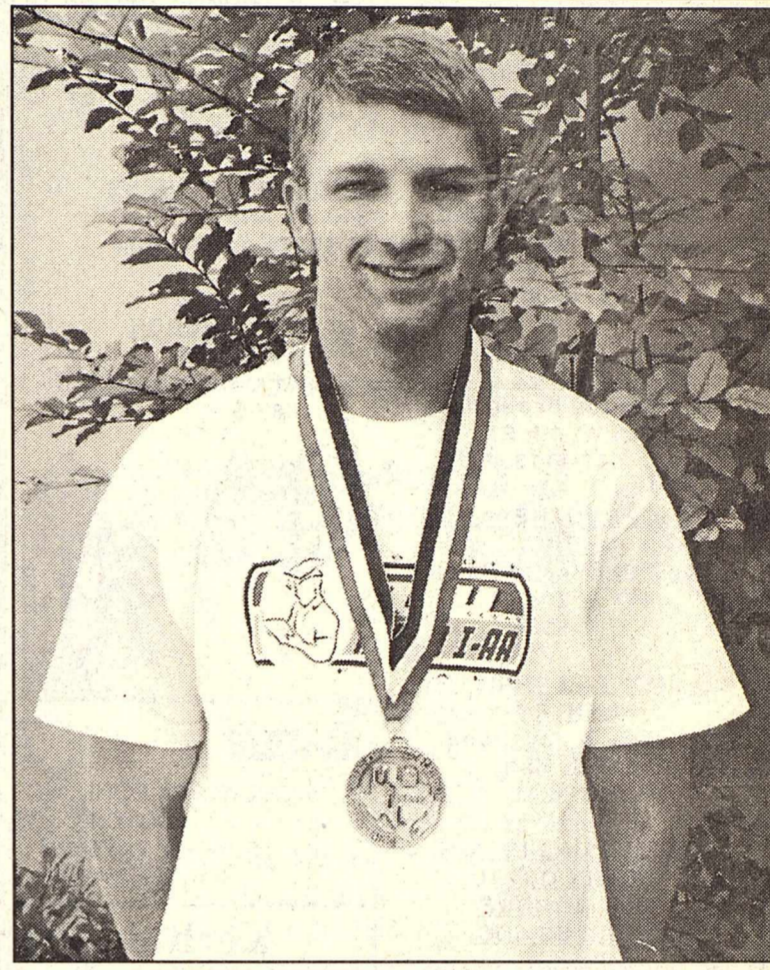
After calling the meeting to order, Beth Wallace explained the procedure for an executive session. The council then went immediately into closed session.

After meeting in executive session for over three hours, the council reconvened into open session. An opening motion was made by Lopez to issue a verbal warning to City Manager, Brent Gesch, to handle all matters with personnel and general public in a professional manner. The council reported that this issue will be reviewed again during the city manager's annual evaluation. Gesch was also instructed to attend training approved by the council. Blackman made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Poloczek then made a motion directing the City Manager to give a verbal warning to Chief of Police, Chris Croy, instructing him to handle all matters in a professional manner and to attend training approved by the council. Stephen

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Accounting



Cameron Sims

The Sonora Broncos have entered the U.I.L. state books again this year!

The University Interscholastic League Academic Meet was held in Austin on the University of Texas Campus May 5. Representing Sonora High School in Accounting was Cameron Sims. He competed with other 2A Accounting students and scored Second place to bring home the silver medal. There were a total of 2900 students that participated in Accounting U.I.L. this school year

from Conferences 1A-5A with only 82 advancing to state, which placed Cameron in the top 3% in the state of Texas. Cody Ainsworth also advanced to compete at the State level in Computer Applications. Sims and Ainsworth are coached by Molly Morriss.

Since 1988, approximately 6 students have made the trip. The last student to bring home a medal in U.I.L. Science was Jesse Lynch, under the coaching of Claudia Dempsey. Jesse also placed 2nd.

Armed Forces Week: Honoring Those Who Serve

By Ray G. Smith
INDIANAPOLIS (May 7, 2001) -- Gen. George S. Patton once said: "...the highest obligation and privilege of citizenship is that of bearing arms for one's country."

Military service is the highest form of citizenship. Today's men and women serving in our nation's armed forces are living proof of that.

Our government recognizes their outstanding service by setting

aside a week each year in May for Americans to honor the efforts of America's uniformed troops. This year's Armed Forces Week observance started Saturday, May 12th and concludes on Sunday, May 20th.

Though our country has not been involved in any protracted military actions since the Vietnam War, our troops haven't exactly been at peace. There was Grenada, Panama, Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Soma-

lia, Bosnia, Kosovo, and many other engagements or incidents that placed our troops in harm's way.

If you've scanned the national news headlines lately, you are no doubt familiar with some of the recent tragedies involving America's military. Every day, they are engaged in a dangerous occupation that all too many Americans take for granted. As we sleep, they are on

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Main Street Program Presents War Exhibits

The Sonora Main Street Program would like to invite everyone to the Grand Opening of two exquisite exhibits coming soon to Sonora on May 28, 2001.

"The Local Veterans From All Wars" Exhibit will be on display, along with a traveling exhibit from the Institute of Texan Cultures called "The Impact of World War II on Texans at Home".


The traveling exhibit examines the ways in which Texas, its people and society changed as a result of World War II. While thousands of men and women from Texas rushed to joined the armed forces after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, millions of others dealt with war on the home front, spotting planes, planting victory gardens, volunteering for war bond drives, etc. This exhibit documents the contributions made on both sides of the war effort and tells the story of the new Texas that emerged from the war that changed the world.

All branches of armed services will be honored at the Memorial Day Celebration and Grand Opening on May 28, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come to the Sutton County lawn (next to the Annex Building on Water Street) to be a part of the festivities. The Goodfellow Air Force Honor Guard will present the colors to start the celebration. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy the music and honor those that served our Country.



This photo is part of the "Impact of World War II on Texans at Home" exhibit coming to Sonora.

Sonora Church Directory



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387-2616

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Longoria, Pastor
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PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED
Randy Greenwood
Pastor
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ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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387-2278

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387-5658 or 387-5518

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387-5207

SONORA FAMILY FAITH CENTER
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Sunday 6:00 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Rick Sanchez
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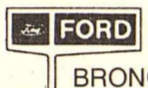
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor
201 N. Water
387-2466

TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr.
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387-5713

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Charles Huffman
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387-5366

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387-3241

LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC.
Pastor
Hector A. Portillo
807 Orient Ave.
387-6065



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

Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

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

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903 N. Crockett Ave.
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Cards of Thanks

The teachers and staff at Sonora Primary
Were beginning to feel a little contrary-
When what to their wondering eyes should appear
But some PTA ladies and all of their gear.
They laid out the wonderful breakfast feast
In hopes that some stress would soon be released
They tried it on Wednesday but did not succeed
So they came back on Thursday with another good deed.
They covered the classes for an HOUR long lunch
The teachers returned "as pleased as punch!!"
At last they provided a survival kit
When they saw smiles, they knew - it was a Hit!!!
A great big THANKS to all involved -
Stress was relieved and tension solved!

The Sutton County Library would like to thank everyone who came and bought books from the book sale. A lot of books are still left over and instead of having to store them we would like to give you the opportunity to come by between May 14th through May 25th and take as many books as you can from being stored. For more information call (915) 387-2111.

We would like to thank each individual or business that donated food, drinks, paper goods, money or any other items used for the Relay for Life Celebration. We truly appreciate your generosity and support!
Tammie Tidwell and Tibba Edmondson
Food and Beverage Chairpersons
Relay for Life 2001

On behalf of the Elementary P.T.A. I would like to thank the many contributors to our Teacher Appreciation Week. The beautiful carnations by Flowers by Irene; the movie certificates from the Video Store, Pat and Butch Campbell; and the popcorn from Alco. I would also like to thank the many supportive and energetic parents who donated their time to allow all the Teachers/Aides to take an hour for lunch.

I also want to thank my committee ("Invitational Volunteers") for all their many hours of hard work. To Tammy, Rosario, and Mary - I could not have done it without you.

To all our Sonora Elementary Teachers, you are appreciated for all that you do for our children. Thank You!

Bonnie Lou Campbell
Teacher Appreciation Committee Chairperson



Mother's Day Winners
L to R: JoAnn Wuest, Dairy Queen Mgr., Maria Hernandez, Kendra Nitsch, Patty Hernandez, Mary Humphrey, Isama Gonzales, and Ann Kay, Main Street Coordinator.

The winners of this year's Mother's Day Promotion are: Sonora Head Start Program - **Isama Gonzales**, Sonora Primary School - **Mary Humphrey**, Sonora Intermediate School - **Patty Hernandez**, Sonora Middle School - **Kendra Nitsch**, Sonora High School - **Maria Hernandez**. The entries will be on display at the Sonora Dairy Queen and they will be there for this week and next.

The Sonora Main Street Program would like to express their appreciation to these businesses who supported this event: Flowers by Irene donated a Spring Arrangement to each winner, Dairy Queen gave food and ice cream treat coupons for each winner, Business Basics, and KHOS. A day of beauty was awarded to each winner from: Hair Studio - Melissa and Sylvia, Bright Spot - Sharon, Angela and Amy, Edna's House of Beauty, Ronda's Styling Haus - Ronda and Vikki.

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.

School Lunch Menu

May 21 - May 26

Breakfast

Mon. - Muffin, ham slice, juice.
Tues. - Pigs in a blanket, fruit, juice.
Wed. - Scrambled egg, toast/jelly, juice.
Thurs. - (3) French toasts sticks, fruit, juice.
Fri. - No School! Graduation Day!

Lunch

Mon. - Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, cake.
Tues. - Macaroni and beef, mixed vegetables, fruit, Mexican cornbread.
Wed. - Chicken fajita burrito, pinto beans, tossed salad, pudding with topping.
Thurs. - Hot dog on bun, potato chips, mixed fruit, fruit icee.
Fri. - No School! Graduation Day!

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Community


May 17
Sports Banquet
6:00 p.m. • High School

May 18
Senior Center Open House • 7:00 p.m.

May 20
Baccalaureate • 8:00 p.m.

May 25
Sonora High School Graduation • 8:30 p.m.

The Community Calendar



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Obituaries

Juan Valdez Favila

Juan passed to a better life at 4:00 a.m., Thursday, May 10th at Christopher House in Austin, Texas. Juan was born in San Carlos, Coah, Mexico, February 7, 1912. He moved to Sonora, Texas with his parents. Mr. Jesus Favila and Dolores Valdez de Favila in 1924. He was a cowboy. He married Juanita Cepeda in Sonora in 1933. They had four children.
Juan moved to Schleicher County in 1952 to work as Ranch Foreman at the Preston Ranch near Eldorado. He retired from ranching in 1982 and started his own landscaping business in Eldorado.
He is survived by his son Rey

Favila of Brownsville, Texas and his daughter Maria Dolores Favila Cruz of Austin, Texas, son-in-law Mario Cruz, grandchildren Anthony Ray Favila of San Angelo, Texas, Jerry Favila and wife Alicia of Phoenix, Arizona, Kristina Monet of Arlington, Texas, Juan Favila Cruz and Tina Favila Cruz of Austin, Texas.
He was preceded in death by his wife Juanita and two sons.
Rosary was held on Friday, May 11, 2001 at the Kerbow Funeral Chapel. Mass was held Saturday, May 12 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Shelby Marshall "Kirby" Kerbow

Shelby Marshall "Kirby" Kerbow, 85, of Georgetown, TX passed away Sunday morning, May 13, 2001.
Kirby was born July 19, 1915, to William Hill Kerbow and Mary Adelia Morgan in Bluegrove, Texas. He was raised in Henrietta, where he graduated from high school and met and married Eva Achshah Lindsey on Sept. 5, 1937.
He was employed by Foxworth Galbraith Lumber Co. in 1935 where he managed the Sonora, San Angelo and Alpine lumber yards. After 50 years of dedicated service, he retired in 1985.
Kirby was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Shriners and Lions Club and served as a director of the Sunshine House of Alpine.
Survivors include his wife, Achshah; son, John and wife, Joyce, of Lago Vista; daughters, Marsha Taylor and husband, Ron, of San Angelo and Susan Marcum and husband, Dennie, of Tyler. Other survivors include six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren and nine nieces and nephews.
The Kerbow family would like to extend their gratitude and appreciation to the nurses and staff at

Georgetown Hospital, especially Dr. H.M. Tadlock, M.D. Kirby's final wish was to express his love for his family and friends and that he would miss them. In response, "Kirby, we miss and love you too."
The family received guests on Tuesday, May 15, at Cook-Walden/Davis Funeral Home in Georgetown. Funeral services were on Wednesday, May 16, in Cook-Walden/Davis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment service followed in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Georgetown.
Pallbearers were his grandsons, Mike Taylor, Greg Kerbow, Shelby Kerbow and nephews, Wade, Dennis and Gary Tidmore. Honorary pallbearers were nephews, Joe, Edward, Jack and Jim Kerbow.
The family requests that memorials be made to Sunshine House, 205 E. Sul Ross, Alpine, TX 79830 or to Sul Ross State University, P.O. Box 1341, Alpine, TX 79832 or to Meals for the Elderly.
Funeral arrangements were by Cook-Walden/Davis Funeral Home, 2900 Williams Drive, Georgetown, TX 78628; (512) 863-2564.

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Senior Center News

May 21 - Bingo!
May 22 - Exercise with video!
May 23 - "Pepcid" Complete Blazin Bingo. By the Senior Network Inc. Noon. Prizes.
May 24 - Birthday Party for May Babies.
May 25 - Graduation Class of 2001.

Senior Menu

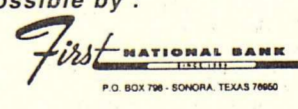
May 21 - Beef/cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, corn tortilla, coleslaw, fruit salad.
May 22 - Pork chop with gravy, diced potatoes, carrots, tossed salad, wheat roll, peach cobbler.
May 23 - Oven fried chicken, potato salad, zucchini squash, wheat roll, half orange, lemon squares.
May 24 - Fried catfish, corn and tomato casserole, spinach, cornbread, jello with fruit.
May 25 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, baked potato, Spanish green beans, wheat roll, juice, lime-rice swirl.
Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

Calendar

May 28
Memorial Day Observed

May 29
County Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m. • Sutton County Annex
AI-Anon Meeting
Held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month
Starting Feb. 6th at 6:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church Basement

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Email us at editor@sonoratx.net

Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Q. How did the Devil's River get its name?

A. In early 1848 about thirty-five people in San Antonio decided to form an expedition to mark a route from El Paso to Chihuahua. In command of the expedition was Jack Hays who hired John Conner, a Delaware Indian, and a man called Lorenzo, a Mexican who were to act as guides and interpreters on the trip. A ranger company of about 35 men were stationed on the Llano and the group from San Antonio joined with them and left their camp on the Llano on August 1, 1848. They took with them thirty days of rations.

A route that went up the South Llano to its headwaters and crossed the headwaters of the Nueces, then across the divide to the headwaters of the Devil's River, then known as the San Pedro River. It took the group three long days to cross this river due to flooding so they renamed it the Devil's River. The group went on past the Pecos and became lost trying to find the Rio Grande. Since very little game could be found in this area, the men were forced to eat a mule as rations ran out. They were found by a band of Mesquero Indians, who in exchange for some presents, gave them food and escorted them to the Rancho San Carlos, on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande. From Rancho San Carlos they went on to Presidio where they rested for two weeks before making the return trip.

So the San Antonio Expedition under Capt. Jack Hays changed the name of the San Pedro to the Devil's River, officially on maps and in records in 1848. On a later map made as the best route for the movements of troops from San Antonio to El Paso, Texas, being the one traveled by the State Geological Corps of Texas in 1860 and by Henry Skillman's party in March 1864 and delineated by Stanislaw Czartoryski, a private in Company F, First Louisiana Cavalry Volunteers, we find the river listed as the Devil's River.

Frank J. Bowles tells about a trip he made in 1850 to go to California overland and one of the areas they crossed was the Devil's River. Here is what he said about it. We left in February of 1850. My baggage consisted of my old fiddle, a

change of clothing and blankets. My two single brothers also joined the wagon train. My wife and three little boys stayed behind. The wagon train left in February of 1850 and would travel the Southern Route across Texas going from San Antonio to Uvalde, San Felipe (Now called Del Rio), Comanche Springs, Limpia Canyon and El Paso. When we reached the Devil's River it was a very dry time, and the water was very low in the river. We camped and prepared to stay there a few days to rest the stock. There being lots of catfish, all we had to do was to tie a butcher knife on a stick and we could get all the fish we wanted out of the crevices in the rock bed of the river. About the fourth day cholera broke out in camp and seven people died. The captain ordered us to break camp at once, and after burying the dead we started on. My friend and partner was one of the unfortunate ones, and I helped to bury him on the bank of Devil's River, and placed large rocks over the grave to keep the wolves from uncovering and eating the body. Twenty-two years after I was on Devil's River hunting deer and bear and I looked for and found my friend's grave. Some of the rocks had been rolled away from it but it was still there. After earning enough money for a stake, Frank J. Bowles returned to Texas, sold out his place in Belton and with his family settled in Uvalde County.

Here is another story about the Devil's River that was told by D. C. McMeans: I was born and reared in the State of Texas and lived in the southwest portion of the State where I worked with cattle from San Antonio to the Rio Grande and Devil's River. In the spring of 1873, I was stopping in a little place called Brackett. Jim Adams was getting together a trail drive and heard I was there and came and asked me to join him. I asked, "Where are you going?" He said "O, I am going up here between the Sycamore and Devil's River." I said, "No, I don't care to go up there, too many Indians in that part of the country. Adams kicked at me and said, "We aren't hunting for Indians, just cattle." I said, "I guess not but they are liable to hunt for us." He insisted and begged so hard I decided to go along.

At our first camp Indians stole horses from us. We chased them north for five miles. There were six



E.F. Vanderstucken store

cowpunchers and seven Comanches. We were going around a hill on one side and the Indians were coming around on the other and we butted right into each other. Then we had to fight it out right there. Our battlefield took in about an acre of ground. The Indians had four guns and three pistols between them and we had a gun and six shooter a piece. The air was damp and no breeze was blowing, our smoke seemed to hover over the top of the shrubby brush and was so thick and heavy it was difficult to see any distance. Bullets were whistling in every direction. My horse was shot and sank to the ground. I tried to jump but the horse's belly was on mine and knocked the breath out of me. An Indian decided to take my scalp, he was on the ground and had my head cut and was gouging his fingers under it when Wiley Tarter snuck up and shot him dead. Wiley threw his rope around my horse's leg and pulled him off me then started fanning me with his hat.

They rolled me over and all thought I was dead until I pulled one leg up. Adams exclaimed in surprise, "get some water from the Devil's River, he isn't dead!" They pushed my scalp down and tied it up with the tail of a shirt. I was bloody from head to foot. My horse was dead and it took two weeks before I could breathe deeply from being crushed under him. The battle over we took count. Four dead Indians,

three dead horses, one cow puncher killed, one scalped, one with two bullets through his hat and one with the horn of his saddle shot off was the final tally. I was weak from blood loss and couldn't ride till that evening. We rode to camp that night. The next morning the cook and I started to the nearest settlement in a wagon. The doctor couldn't do anything for my head. The skin that was cut loose from the skull was drawn up to a crisp. We had to sit and let it rot off and it was a long time before I could wear a hat. I lost my scalp but I kept that Indian's gun and knife for thirty years.

I answered the question for the newer people here that wanted to know how the River got its name. For those of you who have read the story a few times know I threw in a couple of tales of incidents along the river.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may call me at 915-387-2855. Please remember the Sutton County Historical Society is a non-profit organization and totally dependent on dues and donations. We need your help to continue to do articles like this one and to maintain the grounds and files. Thanks!

Sonora Elementary PTA Holds Officer Elections

The year-end meeting for the Elementary PTA, for the 2000-2001 school year was held on Monday, April 30 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Carol Pope. The invocation was given by interim superintendent Donna Hill. The pledge was led by Bonnie Lou Campbell, Parliamentarian. Rosario Tovar, Secretary, read the minutes from the previous meeting. Tammy Favila gave the Treasurer's report. Currently the PTA has an ending balance of \$3,200.69. Committee reports included fundraising, membership, volunteers and hospitality.

Fundraising project ideas included a PTA cookbook, the sale of cowbells and bumper stickers. These projects would be conducted through the school offices, parent volunteers, and PTA officers. The children would NOT sell door-to-door. As of April 15th, the current membership of the PTA is 153 members: 152 regular members and 1 Lifetime member- Nancy Jimenez.

Mrs. Hirt announced that the Primary Campus would host their Reading Olympics on May 18, and the Intermediate Campus would host theirs on May 22. Volunteers for each of these events would be greatly appreciated.

Hirt also congratulated Steely Ingham who was recently published in the Rising Star Young Texans Tales 2001. Her story was entitled "The Chocolate Making Witch".

Each Elementary campus was given funds from the PTA which were used in a variety of ways. At

the Primary campus, new AR tests and Library books were purchased, as well as, Olympic reading medals. Some of the funds contributed to the purchase of a new Marquee (sign) you will soon see in front of the Primary School. At the Intermediate campus the funds from the PTA were used to host an author, an artist, the Hot Air Balloon, as well as a sand volleyball set, and various items, i.e., plants, picnic tables, etc.

Mary Humphrey, Hospitality Chairperson, thanked everyone for all the contributions of food at all the previous functions. This year has truly been a "FEAST" in the hospitality department.

Carol gave the announcements to conclude the meeting. Teacher Appreciation week would be the week of May 7-11. Volunteers for the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast would be called. The next meeting of the Elementary PTA will be held on Monday, September 17, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned to a very entertaining Talent Show and PreK-2nd Music Program.

There was not a quorum present at this meeting to hold the 2001-2002 Officer elections. However, by absentee ballot distributed to the membership, a quorum vote was obtained. 68 ballots were counted and the newly elected 2001-2002 PTA Officers are as follows: President- Carol Pope; Vice President- Patsy Samaniego; Secretary- Rachel Aguero; Treasurer- Tracey Myers; and Parliamentarian- Kathleen Freeman. Congratulations to these newly elected officers.

Pony League Begins Season

Last week the Sonora Pony League Baseball season got underway. The team consisting of 14 and 15 year olds is coached by Rick Cearley, Tom Payton and Jeff Fague.

On May 3rd, the boys traveled to Ozona on a very windy evening. The game came down to the last bat in which Ozona won 8-7. Losing pitcher was Clint Cearley. His stats were 14 strikeouts, 10 walks and 8 runs on hits. In the batting department Garret Watkins was 2 for 2 with 2 singles. J.R. Solis was 2 for 3 with a double and a single. Dustin

Creek had a double. Steven Duhon had 2 singles and Austin Wagoner finished with a single.

On Saturday the boys entertained the Reagan County Owls. Clint Cearley was the winning pitcher with 4 strikeouts and 2 runs on 2 hits. Diego Cardona and J.R. Solis were also on the mound for Sonora. At the plate Peter Duran, Dustin Creek and J.R. Solis had singles while Steven Duhon had a double. Sonora went on to win 6-4.

Sonora will host the Eldorado Eagles this week.

Walk Across Texas Update

Walk Across Texas has started off with a bang! The kick-off was on May 4 & 5th in conjunction with the Relay for Life. Eight teams (64 people) have signed on to walk from Beaumont to El Paso in an 8 week period. Weekly updates on the teams progress will be reported in the Devil's River News and on KHOS radio. A Texas map plotting the teams headway can be seen at the Post Office and the Extension Office. Good luck to all the walkers. We will be anxiously awaiting your results each week. Teams who have reported mileage this week are:

The Old Grey Mares & Two Fillies: 39 miles, **High Lonesome Bunch:** 230 miles, **Money Bag Ladies:** 56.02 miles, **Cemetery Stalkers:** 146.6, **Walking Shepherds:** 65 miles, **Bad Girls:** 125.5 miles, **Street Patrol:** 131.2 miles

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Cole Cearley	Shane Mathews	Cameron Sims
Jessica Esquivel	Ed Mayfield	Daniel Solis
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May 19
Toni Charo, Gabriel Garcia, Britney Cook, Brent Archer

May 20
Ram Perez, Glen Hocutt, Brian Konvicka, Lynda Thurmond, Kelly Jones, Raquel E. Vela, Irma Ramirez

May 21
Tom E. Valliant, Todd Wolfe, Tasha Hernandez, Adriana Faz

May 22
Jason Martin, Rito Renteria Jr., Carmen Vela, Ashley Henson, Jasmine Talamantez, Kathleen Freeman

May 23
Callie McWilliams, Betty Hardegre, Scott Badgett, Caleb S. Gonzales, Jessie Paredes, Maggie Noriega

Middle School Students Compete at District Band



Tracy Randolph, Erin Newton and Nash Traylor were chosen for District Band Concert.

On Friday, April 28, ten students from the Sonora Colt Band, including 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, traveled to Eldorado to participate in the District Band tryouts. These students had worked for several weeks preparing their tryout pieces. The students who tried out were Hillary Lawson, Erin Newton, Allison Higdon, Monica Samaniego, Katherine Pacheco, Cerissa Hedgecock, Will Crittendon, Embry Smith, Nash Traylor, and Tracy Randolph. Of these students, Erin Newton, Nash Traylor, and Tracy Randolph were selected to represent Sonora at the District Band Concert, which was held on Saturday, April 29, in Llano. Congratulations to all of these fine students for their hard work!

Sonora Bands Performing Closing Concert

All Sonora Bands will be performing their final concert of the school year on Sunday, May 20, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. in the High School Gym. These bands have worked extremely hard this year and have made remarkable improvements. The concert should last approximately one hour. Afterwards, cake, cookies, brownies and ice cream will be served in the commons area for a donation of \$1.00. Proceeds will help pay for Drum Major and Flag camps and trips. Drawings for the trip to Schlitterbahn, \$25.00 gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse and Fajitas for 2 at La Mexicana will be held during the concert. Raffle tickets will be available at the door. All parents and interested people are urged to attend and support these talented students.

F.Y.I.

All parents and 4-Hers planning to participate in the playdays this summer are invited to attend an organizational meeting to set dates and assign duties. The meeting will take place on Thursday, May 17 at 5:15 p.m. in the Langford Building. For more information call the Extension Office at 387-3101.

Four brand-new certified nursing facilities are now offering long-term care for eligible Texas veterans and their spouses. The facilities are located in Big Spring, Floresville, Temple, and opening Memorial Day, Bonham. These new locations feature central dining areas, a secure Alzheimer's unit with outdoor space, special diets, on-going health care assessment, special health care services and the cost of care for veterans is partially funded by USDVA.

Please send in the Health Survey's you agreed to complete for Texas A&M University's Concho Valley Health Partnership Project. Thank you.

The All-Sports Banquet will be held on May 17, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Commons Area. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$6.00.

A Festival and Event Workshop is planned for May 17, 2001 at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. For more information contact Justin McGeath or Ladonna Wardlaw at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, 915-387-2280.

Attention Bronco Fans: There will be a drawing for 2 State Championship Footballs autographed by the Broncos to be given away at the Sports Banquet on May 17th. A \$1 donation will be accepted for a chance and you need not be present to win. Contact Kathy Lowellen at 387-6533 if you are interested. Tickets will also be sold at the Sports Banquet.

The Sonora Band Boosters are selling raffle tickets to raise money for summer camps. Prizes include a Grand Prize of 2 tickets to Schlitterbahn plus 1 night hotel room (donated by KHOS), a \$25.00 gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse, a gift certificate for Fajitas for 2 at La Mexicana. The Drawing will be held at the Band Concert on May 20, 2001. Tickets are \$1.00 and can be purchased from any band member or at The Bank & Trust.

San Angelo Quilt Show, June 15 and 16, 2001 at the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo, TX. Entry deadline is May 31, 2001. For information contact Willetta Bumpas at 915-659-2371.

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SMS Inducts New National Junior Honor Society Members



The Sonora Middle School held the National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony on May 10, 2001. New members inducted this year are: Top: Christina Martinez, Danielle Mathews, Kathy Pacheco, Erin Newton, Dee McGee, Kristina Hernandez, Desiree Alvarado, Kaleena Samaniego, Desirae Boldt. Bottom: Nash Traylor, Mason Martinez, Jack Turney, Ty Love, John Healy, Embre Smith, Warren Wallace, Hilton Bloodworth

Cameron Sims Awarded AEP Scholarship

Abilene, Texas May 14, 2001 - Cameron Sims, a senior at Sonora High School, is one of 34 students awarded a \$6,000 educational scholarship by American Electric Power, parent company of West Texas Utilities (WTU).

Cameron is the son of WTU employee, Jimmy Sims. After graduation, Cameron plans to study electrical engineering and business administration at Texas A&M University in College Station. He also received a United States Mathematics Award, a National Science Merit Award, and he is an All-American Scholar. He was active in baseball, football and basketball throughout high school, lettering in all three sports. In football, he received Academic All-State First Team and All-District Honorable Mention/Wide Receiver honors. In basketball, he was named All-District Second Team.

Cameron is treasurer of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and completed a number of church youth service projects. He was also secretary of the school's math and

science club, president of National Honor Society, participated in U.I.L. and attended a leadership training program.

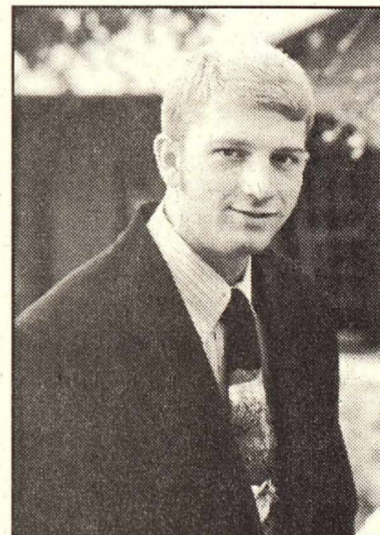
A total of 333 students applied for the 34 available scholarships, which were open to employees' children who are seniors in high school and plan to enter college in the fall.

Each of the winning scholars of the AEP Educational Awards will receive \$6,000 over a three-year period: \$2,500 for the freshman year in college, \$2,000 for the sophomore year and \$1,500 for the junior year.

Two independent scholastic judges selected the winners based on each student's class rank, grade point average, SAT scores, recommendations, autobiographical presentation, special qualities or talents, leadership abilities, extracurricular activities and citizenship.

AEP has granted 1,311 education awards totaling nearly \$4.6 million since the program began in 1955.

American Electric Power is a



multinational energy company based in Columbus, Ohio. AEP owns and operates more than 38,000 megawatts of generating capacity, making it one of America's largest generators of electricity. The company is also a leading wholesale energy marketer and trader, ranking second in the U.S. in electricity volume. AEP provides retail electricity to more than 7 million customers worldwide and has more than \$45 billion in assets, primarily in the U.S. with holdings in select international markets. Wholly owned subsidiaries are involved in power engineering and construction services, energy management and telecommunications.

Torres Named All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Matthew Torres from Sonora, TX 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.

Matthew, who attends Sonora High School, was nominated for this national award by Christy Bell and 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.

Matthew is the son of Ben and Josie Torres from Sonora, TX and the grandson of Manuel and Sally Mata of Sonora, TX.

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Tennis Lessons Coming To Sonora

Sonora is trying to help promote tennis in our Community. If enough parents and students are interested, Dean Petty will come to Sonora for 30-minute private lessons once a week on June 11th, June 18th and June 25th with a cost of \$60.00 for the lessons. Interest permitting, a second session will start July 16th and run for 2 more consecutive Mondays. Spots are limited and a waiting list will be kept. Dean has 3 years teaching experience and is a former ACU Collegiate Scholarship player. We are very fortunate to have such a gifted young man share his talents with our children.

With enough interest from Sonora and the surrounding communities, Dean along with Justin Cobb, will hold a 4-day summer camp starting Monday, July 4th. Justin is the head pro at Bentwood and has 10 years teaching experience, is USPTA certified, a former NEWK's coach, and also a former Southwest Texas Collegiate Scholarship player. The camp will be divided by age and ability levels with no more than 12 students per session. First grade through Fifth grade will practice from 9-10 a.m. with a cost of \$50.00 for the 4-day camp. Sixth grade through Eighth grade will practice from 10-12 p.m. and High School students from 1-3 p.m. with a cost of \$80.00 for the 4-day camp. Payment to reserve your spot must be received by June 29th since class size is limited to 12 students. Make check payable to Collins Pro Shop and mail to 102 E. Chestnut St., Sonora, TX 76950. Please list students name and grade next year so that we will place them in the correct session.

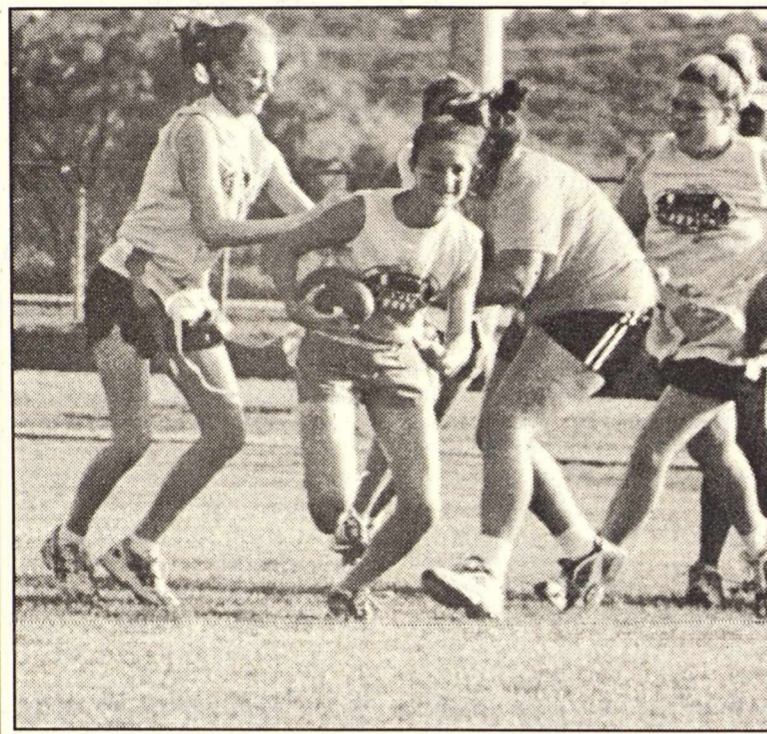
This is a great way for our children to improve on their tennis skills and build confidence as well as learn to enjoy the game. With the help of Kate Jennings and Ann Kay we are hoping to once again have Sonora host a summer Tennis Tournament. These are always a lot of fun to participate in but a lot of work for those who help put it on, so if anyone is interested, please contact Ann Kay to offer your support. To sign up and reserve your place for the private summer lessons or the summer camp, contact Sandi Ainsworth at 387-3737.

3rd Annual Powder-Puff "Survivor" Football



Sonora High School held its 3rd Annual Powder-Puff "Survivor" Football game on Thursday, May 10, 2001. Powder-Puff Queen Candidates (pictured above) were: "Sweet Pea" Fuentes, "Shanequa" Mathews, "Sunshine" Armke, and "Pokella" Samaniego. "Sunshine" (Chance) Armke was crowned the 2001 Powder-Puff Queen.

The "Socnorb" tribe, consisting of Junior and Freshman girls, defeated the "Broncho" tribe, made up of Seniors and Sophomore girls.



Play it Safe and Stay Sober for Both Prom and Graduation

TEXAS: The Texas Coalition for Vehicle Choice (TX-CVC) is reminding parents and students to act responsibly and encourage safe and sober driving for both prom and graduation festivities. "There is so much excitement surrounding these festivities that all too often families forget to plan for later on in the night - who'll be driving?" said TX-CVC Coordinator Toni Barcellona.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 1997, alcohol was involved in 38.6% of fatal crashes and that one alcohol-related fatality occurred every 31 minutes. Close to home, 49% of all crashes that occurred in Texas were alcohol-related.

The Coalition is calling for students, parents, and teachers to encourage and support safe driving efforts. Local businesses and community leaders across the country are sponsoring alcohol-free prom parties or all night graduation "lock-

ins," places where entertainment and fun activities are provided throughout the night to keep teens off the roads and sober. Many young drivers fall asleep at the wheel trying to drive home from post-prom parties that don't end until early morning. Barcellona said, "Parents need to discuss curfews or travel arrangements for students who plan to celebrate into the early morning. Make sure there is a designated driver - to deter drunk driving, and to help ensure that tired teens get home safely."

Barcellona suggests these four simple messages to help make this year's prom and graduation safe, fun and memorable:

- **Keep it alcohol-free.** Sponsors of prom/graduation parties should ensure that no alcohol is served to minors, and take extra steps to guard against alcohol being brought in.

- **Don't drink and drive.** Three in every ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives. Positive peer pressure can discourage alco-

hol-impaired persons from driving. Refuse a ride from anyone who has been drinking. Party sponsors/parents can also help by providing "no-hassle" free rides home.

- **No sleepy drivers.** Make proper arrangements if a party is expected to let out late. Parents need to let teens know that it's okay to call home or some other responsible party if they are too tired to drive.

- **Always wear your safety belt.** Even if you are a sober and alert driver, others on the road may not be. A safety belt is your best protection in an automobile crash, and a good defense against drunk drivers - not only on prom/graduation night but each time you travel by car.

Barcellona said, "Let prom pictures evoke lasting, pleasant memories and not tragic unforgiving ones." Following this simple advice during prom and graduation can help provide greater peace of mind for students, friends and parents alike.

The Devil's River News would like to thank all the parents and volunteers that submitted photos and information during the 2000-2001 School Year. There is no way we can attend every event and we greatly appreciate and encourage your submissions!

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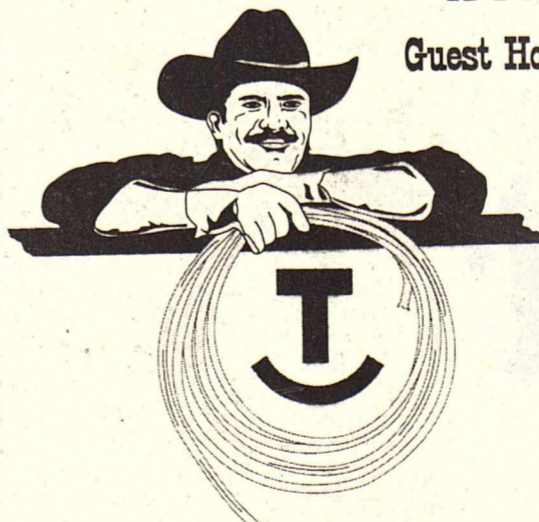
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Reflections of the Sixth Grade Culture Fair

May 1st was the big Sixth Grade Culture Fair. I had picked Argentina as my country because I wanted to learn more about it. I think the easiest part was just searching for the information on the Internet. In every class we had in some way prepared for it.

Once the big night came I was very nervous and I really wished it would turn out good. We started the night by having a parade of countries where they would introduce us in our country's native costume. I wore a long red dress with designs and a lot of poof to it. Since I had Argentina I was the very first one up! I had the jitters, but I knew I had to go sometime. Once I had my name called I went up and saw all of the people watching me. I felt really embarrassed, but when I walked back to the end of the line, I guess I was O.K. Next we sang a really neat, traditional song from Australia called "Waltzing Matil-

da". I was so nervous singing that too. Once that was over everybody clapped really loud and so I guess that we did O.K. Then we had to do our dances. There were two dances, the Maypole and the Hora. I was in the Hora dance and I really enjoyed everything we did in it. I was excited when it was over because everyone clapped very loudly and I realized that my group had not messed up. Last, but not least we went to our boards and served our dish that we had brought. I served Chile con queso (Chile and cheese), that was not very hot. I guess most people enjoyed it because a bunch of people came back for seconds. Once the teachers said we could go taste other people's food I went straight over to Tracey's. It was the best. I also enjoyed Meghan Krieg's, Curtis Lipham's and Alex Perez's. Over all, I really enjoyed the Culture Fair. I can't wait to go watch it next year.

Armed Forces Week from page 1

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Texas public school districts will be able to leverage funds from both funding sources thus allowing schools to expand and increase technology capacity.

"Students are the future of Texas," said John D. Berry, the Project Director for this grant. "Today, students are gaining the opportunity to use modern technology for researching via the Internet, word processing, and learning. We, as educators want our students to suc-

ceed and become more marketable because of the education that they received while in school here. Thanks to TIF, the opportunity to fund this equipment and infrastructure is a reality."

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Sonora High School Alumni Receives \$13,000 Law School Scholarship

Submitted

Mark Rogers, a 1990 graduate of Sonora High School, received his Bachelor of General Studies in Liberal Arts from Louisiana State University in Shreveport on May 16, 2001 and has accepted a \$13,000 a year Dean's Scholarship to study law at Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA.

Rogers attended Sonora I.S.D. from third grade through graduation and participated in speech, debate, and drama. After graduation he attended the University of Texas, Angelo State University, and Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, MO, before attending LSUS.

"This hasn't been easy," he said. "I got sidetracked and spent a good portion of my time after graduation partying and getting into trouble. Now that I've got my focus back, I've been working twice as hard as ever before."

Rogers attributes much to the fact that he hasn't had a drink of alcohol in almost four years.

"I was miserable," he says when he tells the story of his last binge. "I didn't have a job, and I spent my last seven dollars on a pint of liquor. I was sitting on my couch, alone. Then I asked out-loud, 'God, I don't understand. What am I supposed to do?' And then it felt like a voice told me that I already knew what I needed to do: I needed to stop drinking. If I hadn't of sobered up, I wouldn't be where I am today."

Rogers began attending LSUS in the fall of 1998 and worked as a student worker for the LSU AgCenter in Bossier City, LA. He supported his studying by chopping cotton and assisting with agricultural research in the pathology department collecting samples and data.

Then in the Fall of 1999, after he received a recommendation from

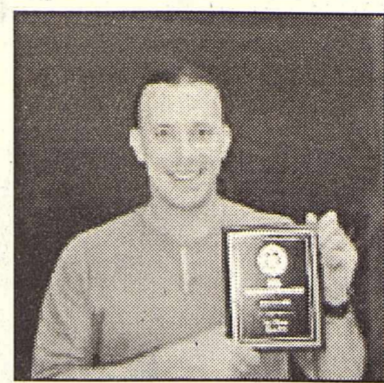
his photography professor, he went to work as a photo editor and business manager for his younger brother, Brian Rogers, then editor of The Almagest, LSUS's student newspaper. Under Brian's editorial tutelage, Mark took pictures and wrote humorous fake classified ads while selling and billing advertising. Brian graduated in May 2000 and is now a reporter for the Odessa American paper.

In the Fall of 2000, Mark took over as editor and continued with Brian's focus on investigative reporting with stories such as: Rat's Infest the Science Building, Student Government Elections Marred by Vote Tampering, and Campus Police Officer Arrested; University Will Press Charges for Alleged Peeping. He also introduced more staples of entertainment such as a regular crossword puzzle, a comics page, and regular feature writers. Circulation of The Almagest doubled under the editorship of the Rogers brothers. Mark received an award from his peers for Outstanding Service.

Rogers also continued to debate in college for LSUS in the open level of the International Public Debate Association. In this type of debate, speakers are given thirty minutes to prepare a case on a topic selected from a choice of five. Rogers has won best speaker in two tournaments this season.

While attending LSUS Rogers raised his G.P.A. from a 2.6 to a 3.5 and gives some credit to his high school professors.

"It's amazing how much of that information came back to me," he said. "A large portion of the business law that I've studied in college is a repeat of what I studied in high school. During my first semester at LSUS, my chemistry professor was so atrocious, I would have to correct him while he was doing problems in class or else he would do them



wrong and take forever trying to correct them. He was the worst professor I ever had. He was so bad, I even looked up my high school chemistry teacher, Coach Bob Snodgrass and called him and thanked him for teaching me chemistry.

That college professor with the doctorate sure wouldn't have gotten it done."

Rogers says that most of his other professors in college were excellent and he feels confident that LSUS and SHS have prepared him well for Pepperdine University.

Pepperdine claims itself as "a Christian university committed to the highest standards of academic excellence and Christian values, where students are strengthened for lives of purpose, service and leadership."

The Dean's Scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated outstanding potential for law study and is awarded in amounts ranging from one-fourth to the full tuition amount of \$26,000. It is renewable each year for as long as the recipient remains in the top quarter of the class at the end of the academic year.

Anyone interested in contacting Rogers can e-mail him at verbi-visioneer@yahoo.com.

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made a second and the council voted in favor of the motion.

A discussion then took place about insurance coverage of volunteers and city personnel wishing to volunteer their time for the city. Wallace explained the options available including either finding an add-on policy for the current insurance coverage or compiling a waiver for volunteers to sign.

Blackman made a motion for the City of Sonora to establish a policy that all volunteer projects be pre-approved by the council and a release be signed by all volunteers. At that time the council then approved the landscaping project that Mary Humphrey had begun. Humphrey will be allowed to complete the project after she signs a release, but may not use private equipment of any type. The motion was seconded by Poloczek and was passed with all in favor. Mary Humphrey thanked the council for allowing her to be heard.

It was then discussed that city employees may not volunteer at this time for work done on the new police department because they would not be covered by workman's compensation while off the clock.

After much discussion from the Sonora Police officers that were present, Attorney Wallace agreed to look into the matter further to see what could be done to allow the employees to volunteer for the landscaping project and still be within all Labor Laws.

Askew Graduates From Incarnate Word

The University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas announces the Graduation of Mr. Guy Wyatt Askew, where he received his master's degree (M.A.) in education, specializing in Education Psychology. Graduation Exercises were held at the University, on May 15, 2001.

Guy, a Sonora, Texas native returned to the teaching profession after ranching in Sonora for many

years. He owns the Santa Maria Hunting Ranch, being part of the Wyatt Ranch, on Ranch Rd. 1691, along with his sister Mary Gayle Davis-Jordan.

Guy is currently chairperson of the Speech Communications Department at Southside High School, San Antonio where he teaches Speech and Horticulture.

Guy has been accepted to continue his doctoral studies at Berne

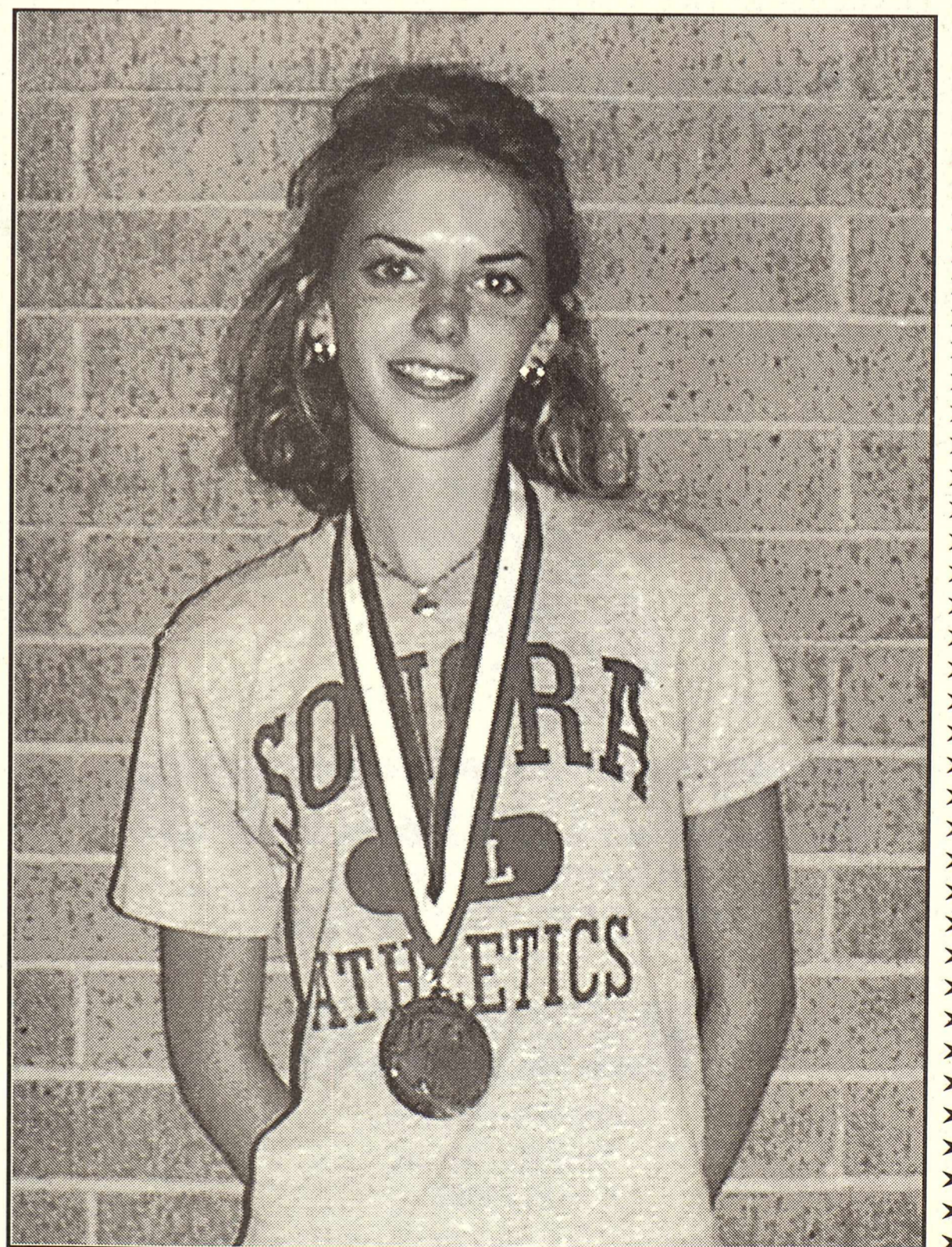
International University of St. Kits/Nevis, West Indies, where he will be pursuing a doctorate degree in International Relations and Educations.

Guy W. Askew, is a 1967 graduate of Sonora High School, and received his B.A. degree from Angelo State University in 1971. He is the son of Vestel and Allie Askew, of Sonora, Texas, and the late Gwen Wyatt Sblana.

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Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs honored Bobby Doran and Randee Fawcett of Encino Ranch Company in Sutton County. The ranch has been operated by the family for 100 years or more and was inducted into the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program at a recent ceremony in Austin.

Range Plant Identification Workshop

Can you identify the State Grass of Texas? Do you know what range plants growing in your area are poisonous to livestock or humans? If not, then you need to attend the Range Plant Identification Workshop for Adults being sponsored by Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area, Inc. The workshop will be held on the Ford Ranch near Brady on Friday, June 1. Registration for the workshop is limited to 50 participants.

Tony Resendez, Concho Valley RC&D Area Coordinator, stated this will be a hands-on workshop. Participants will go to the field to learn how to identify 50 to 60 of the key plants in their area. They will be assisted in the field with their plant identification efforts by Steve Nelle, Biologist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); Dr. Barron Rector, Extension Range Specialists with Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Jake Landers; Extension Range Specialist Emeritus; Steve Holtz; Resource Conservationist with NRCS; and Charles Anderson; Rangeland Management Specialist with NRCS.

Mr. Resendez also stated there is a \$30.00 registration fee for the workshop. The fee covers the cost of the noon meal and the plant identification notebook that will be provided to each participant. The notebook contains pictures and line drawings of the key species of the area. There will also be other natural resource related materials contained in the notebook.

Anyone wanting additional information about the workshop should contact Tony Resendez at (915)597-4666 or Charles Anderson at (915)944-0147.

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Farmers Speak To Texas As Part Of Texas Farm Bureau Speakers Team

Waco - "Telling agriculture's story" is the mission, and the goal of the Texas Farm Bureau Speakers Team, a group of Texas farmers and ranchers who have taken on the task of spreading the word about Texas' second largest industry.

"We organized the Speakers Team to give Texans a first hand, farmers-eye-view of what it's like to live and work on the land today," said Donald Patman, president of the Texas Farm Bureau. Each member of the Speakers Team is available to discuss current issues and the vital role of agriculture in the Texas economy.

Each team member has a wealth of personal experience from working on his or her own farm or ranch. Though fewer Americans live and work on farms today, agriculture still touches virtually every aspect of American lives - especially in Texas. One out of every five Texans works in some form of agriculture. In addition to farmers and ranchers, jobs are found in processing, marketing and transporting agricultural products.

"The job of the Speakers Team is to promote a deeper understanding of farm life and farm issues and to foster cooperation between urban and rural Texans," Patman said.

Patman is a grain, cotton and cattle producer from Waxahachie. He also travels the state to promote agriculture and discuss Farm Bureau's issues.

From bandages and latex gloves to toothpaste and crayons, agricultural commodities contribute much more than the food found in grocery stores. In fact, agriculture is the second largest industry in Texas and generates \$64 billion dollars per year to the state's economic activity.

The Speakers Team members are available to speak on a variety of agricultural topics including: "Farm Bureau... What it is and what it does," Agriculture in the Classroom... Bringing the farm home to children" and "The Importance of Agriculture."

Speakers may be reserved through the TFB Field Operations staff, or by visiting the TFB Web Site at www.tfb.org.

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This Armed Forces Day, Honor Those Who Have Defended Our Freedom



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Henry Bonilla, R - Texas 23rd District

In the two centuries since the United States of America came into existence, our armed forces have become the most respected in all the world. What began as small groups of colonial militiamen fighting for their independence is now the pinnacle of military success.

Armed Forces Day, which falls on May 19th this year, is a special day set aside to recognize the invaluable contributions the military has made to our lives. Just imagine where we would be today if our freedom had not been defended by our armed forces; if the Continental Army had not won the American Revolution, we might still live under British rule. Who knows what a map of the modern United States would look like if our armed forces hadn't been there throughout the years.

During the 20th century, the role of the our armed forces has expanded tremendously. No longer

is our military allowing our enemies to fight on U.S. soil. During both world wars, our forces were drawn into global conflicts in which freedom and democracy were at stake. In both conflicts, it was the U.S. armed forces which made the difference, and since then, nations around the world have looked to the United States for leadership and protection.

In the 45 years since President Harry Truman first proclaimed "Armed Forces Day", our world has gone through many changes. Communism has failed. The Cold War is over and the walls that once divided the East from the West have fallen. The many accomplishments of the United States of America could not have been achieved without the strength and dedication of our armed forces.

The men and women who serve in our nation's armed forces are a priceless segment of our population. The freedom they have provided for over 200 years is also priceless. On this Armed Forces Day, I'd like to say thank you to those of you who have served your country. You are a brave symbol of our nation's success and freedom. Thank you.

Saving the Family Ranch - Part II

By Glen Webb

Lack of Management
However harsh the federal estate tax can be to Texas family farms and ranches, the lack of a coherent management plan put in place before the death of a patriarch or matriarch is equally devastating. According to Texas A&M, the average rural acres owned by a single landowner has declined by 74 percent since 1992. Selling rural land from estates is the largest motive for this fragmentation. In 1999 alone, close to 40% of the rural land sold in the state of Texas resulted from an estate settlement. Too many times when a patriarch or matriarch dies the family faces intra-family disputes due to the management burdens that accompany rural land. Family members who become joint beneficiaries of land often disagree on what is best for the family farm or ranch. Without clear planning in advance, family members turn on one another in an attempt to grab their share of the proverbial land pie. After the civil war cease and the land is partitioned the beneficiaries go their separate ways as divided landowners. But, to quote Abraham Lincoln, "United we stand, divided we fall." Without a clear management plan in place, family farms and ranches become divided and fall.

Today, many beneficiaries of ranch land no longer live in the community where the land is located. Therefore, too many times people who inherit land avail themselves of the opportunity for quick cash by selling their land to the neighboring rancher. In most cases it does not even matter whether the neighbor has been a good neighbor or a bad neighbor. Nor does it matter if the neighbor is offering fair market value for the land. If the neighbor has cash, the family farm or ranch gets smaller.

Some beneficiaries want to keep the land because of the strong sense of family heritage; however, they lack the commitment needed to manage the property effectively. All too often land remains neglected and abused, while back in the suburbs the beneficiaries receive their yearly checks from grass leases and royalties. As any rancher, farmer, or conservationist will tell you managing rural land is a full time job. The out-of-town landowners do not realize their neglect leads to greater problems. Neglect results in questionable easements, pollution from pumping units and bulk tanks, increased poaching, dilapidated fences, soil erosion, and out-of-control prickly pears and mesquites just to name a few problems. However, none of that seems to matter to the absent landowner because they are getting their checks. Life is fine in the suburbs, but, the problem does not go away on the family farm or ranch, it just gets worse. But all too often the ends justify the means because the next generation can sell it to that neighbor for quick cash. The family farm or ranch gets a little smaller.

Other beneficiaries of land ostensibly want to protect their land; however, the first thing they do is use it for collateral on a need-less loan. Many times beneficiaries of land have no idea about the proper reasons for mortgaging their land, but they know they can get cash from that friendly banker. The problem is the friendly banker more often than not defines the terms, uses the land to secure the mortgage

and charges an unusually high interest rate. Before the poor beneficiary knows it the banks or other creditors have attached the land to a judgment received in bankruptcy, foreclosure, or a lawsuit. The creditor owns the property and the family farm or ranch gets a little smaller.

Many people in Texas believe that inherited land is separate property, free from risk in potential divorce proceedings. However, that is not the case. Judges in the State of Texas can consider separate property when making what is known as a "just and right equitable division." If a former spouse's lawyer decides the land would make a good settlement in a divorce agreement, then the land may be at risk. Also, in Texas, a former spouse may be eligible to place a lien on the family farm or ranch until he or she receives what is known as a "community reimbursement." The irony is the beneficiary's land has been in the family for generations, but a good divorce lawyer takes part of it away in one court proceeding. The family farm or ranch gets a little smaller.

Other beneficiaries believe they are going to get rich off of leasing their hunting rights. However, the well intentioned beneficiary does not realize that leasing their land for hunting means a higher legal duty of care for people who come on to their property. The higher duty means a trial lawyer will have an easier time proving the beneficiary was negligent if a hunter gets hurt or killed, or hurts somebody else while on the property. Furthermore, many beneficiaries do not understand or know about or care about insurance. When an accident occurs on the beneficiary's property the land itself may not even serve as a down payment to cover their personal liability. While the good people at the Texas Wildlife Association have done their part by helping pass state laws to cap damages, there is still enough personal liability to crush the beneficiary who owns a smaller tract of land. It is a sad day when family farms and ranches must be sold to pay off judgment creditors who have been successful in a court of law. The family farm or ranch gets even smaller.

The sad realization is that management issues can destroy a family and fragment family farms and ranches out of existence. All too often, what was once vibrant and productive land, which has been in families generation after generation, is lost because of the lack of foresight to put a plan in place to deal with these complicated issues before they arise. This lack of planning leads to chaos among the beneficiaries who are left to deal with problems they often times know little about. The problem is compounded when lawyers get involved and try to solve the problems the families should be solving for themselves. The results are predictable. Increasing fragmentation of rural land, which leads to fewer family farms and ranches, which leads to fewer small town communities, which leads to a loss of Texas' heritage.

Glen Webb is the Chief Executive Officer of 2 Diamond W, L.L.C., the corporate general partner of his family's limited partnership, which owns a family ranch in Throckmorton, Texas. Glen is also an attorney with the firm Looper, Reed, & McGraw located in Dallas and Houston, Texas.

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 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 0907-00-053 for UPGRADE FLASHING BEACON ASSEMBLIES in TOM GREEN County, etc. will be opened on June 05, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office. Contract 6069-61-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in SUTTON County, etc. will be received on May 24, 2001 until 11:00 a.m. and opened on May 24, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$78,396.35.

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 pre-qualification 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 at the expense of the contractor.
 NPO: 3457.

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

District Office(s)
 San Angelo District
 District Engineer
 4502 Knickerbocker Rd.
 San Angelo, Texas 76904
 Phone: 915-944-1501

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 2/5/10b

Public Notice: The annual report of the John and Mildred Cauthorn Charitable Trust will be available at the address noted below, for inspection during regular business hours, by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after May 15, 2001.
John and Mildred Cauthorn Charitable Trust
 c/o Albert C. Elliott
 213 East Main
 Sonora, Texas 76950
 The principle manager is: Michael V. Hale, Trustee.

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CONSTRUCTION / MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)
 District: San Angelo
 Contract 6069-54-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in CONCHO County, etc will be received on May 30, 2001 until 11:00 am and opened on May 30, 2001 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$101,808.00.
 Contract 6069-59-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in REAGAN County, etc will be received on May 30, 2001 until 11:00 am and opened on May 30, 2001 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$68,361.20.
 Contract 6069-61-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in SUTTON County, etc will be received on May 31, 2001 until 11:00 am and opened on May 31, 2001 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$78, 396.35.

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Allison Educational Trust
 c/o The First National Bank
 102 N. Main
 Sonora, Texas 76950
 The principle manager is John R. Childers, Trustee.

Ozona

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MOVING SALE: 606 Ave. E, Saturday, May 19th, 8:00 a.m. - ? Waterbed, good used carpet, furniture, clothes and misc.

Misc.

New Life Inspirations, 302 S. Concho opening May 18 and 19 (Friday and Saturday Only) from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Resales (from donations) and Gifts, Antiques and Collectibles from Texas Thangs, Albany, Texas.

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Garage Sale

Garage Sale: Sat., May 19th. 8:00 - 5:00 p.m. 118 Deerwood. Ladies and Mens Clothing, Brighton purse, full, bedspread, small desk, end table and many other items.

Garage Sale: Friday, May 18th and Saturday, May 19th. 10:30 AM till 6:30 PM at The Video Store, 802 N. Crockett Ave. King size waterbed sheets, lots of misc. items.

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