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EAS Phone Project Fails

The votes have been counted and the decision has been made. Because of an overwhelming amount of negative votes in San Angelo, the EAS project between San Angelo and Sonora has failed. This means that phone calls between San Angelo and Sonora will remain long distance. In order for the project to have passed, there had to be a positive outcome in both Sonora and San Angelo.

The number of ballots mailed to Sonora residents by Verizon was 3,000. Twenty-one (21) ballots were received after the postmark deadline. Six (6) pieces of mail were returned as undeliverable.

There were 1,046 ballots counted in Sonora. Seven (7) of those were undeterminable, so there was a total of 1,039 votes cast.

Total votes in Sonora were: 918 (88.35%) in favor and 121 (11.65) against.

Total votes in San Angelo were 9,539, with 1,889 in favor and 7,650 against.

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Angelo Professor Impressed With Eaton Hill Project

submitted by Dr. Terry Maxwell

I told my natural history class, at Angelo State University, this morning that every place on Earth is a place of interest to a naturalist. Each location is unique and worth knowing. I was reminded of that truth a few weeks ago on a trip to one of my favorite counties - your county.

I had accepted an invitation from The Eaton Hill Wildlife Area committee in Sonora to visit a natural site near Interstate 10 - a location the committee hopes to develop as an ecotourism attraction. This committee is a sub-committee of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation. I did not know the particulars to expect, but I knew it would be interesting. It is.

If you will permit me first, a short story. For many years, at the university, we have taken campus visiting dignitaries on an afternoon field trip to experience some of western Texas. Our choice for a local tour was most often a pecan forest along a spring-fed stream. It finally dawned on us, that our guests from Pennsylvania or Virginia, for example, were not particularly impressed by the experience.

They lived, after all, where even more impressive streams and forests were an everyday occurrence.

They, somewhat to our naive surprise, were impressed by mesquite and cactus. There is an important lesson there, I think. What is everyday to us, is likely novel to a long-distance traveler on I-10.

Sutton County is in a southwestern section of the Edwards Plateau - country that exhibits a strong influence from the Chihuahuan Desert. Here is a place, for example, with both plateau liveoak and sotol on rocky



Dr. Terry Maxwell is a Professor of Biology at Angelo State University.

hillsides, with both Texas alligator lizard and Texas banded gecko, and with both eastern screech-owl and elf owl. It's an attractive mix.

Where two great biogeographic regions join, living diversity can be high. Scrub oak, Texas persimmon, lechuguilla, agarita, catclaw and a host of other regional plants flourish on that forty-some odd acres that Lewis Allen showed me.

Among the observations that always amaze me about dry limestone country is the presence of saxicolous pteridophytes. Saxicoline plants are those adapted to living on rocks and the meager soil that collects in rock depressions. I know you don't have to be reminded that rocks are not in short supply on Sutton County hillsides.

Pteridophytes are a primitive assemblage of nonflowering plants, and are most varied in the wetter tropics. Ferns are well-known examples. In our part of the world, you expect to see them only in greenhouses.

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"Rowdy Bunch" Business of the Week



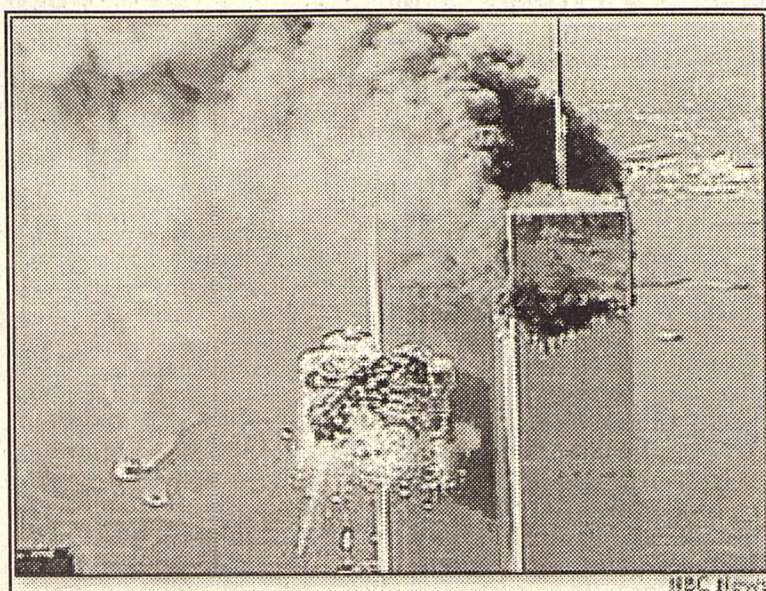
Ronda Hall, owner and operator of Ronda's Stylin' Haus, proudly displays the Championship Megaphone and certificate indicating she is the winner of this week's "Rowdy Bunch" Business of the Week. A new winner will be chosen next Monday. Is your business "Rowdy" to win?

United States Attacked By Terrorists

by Storie Sharp

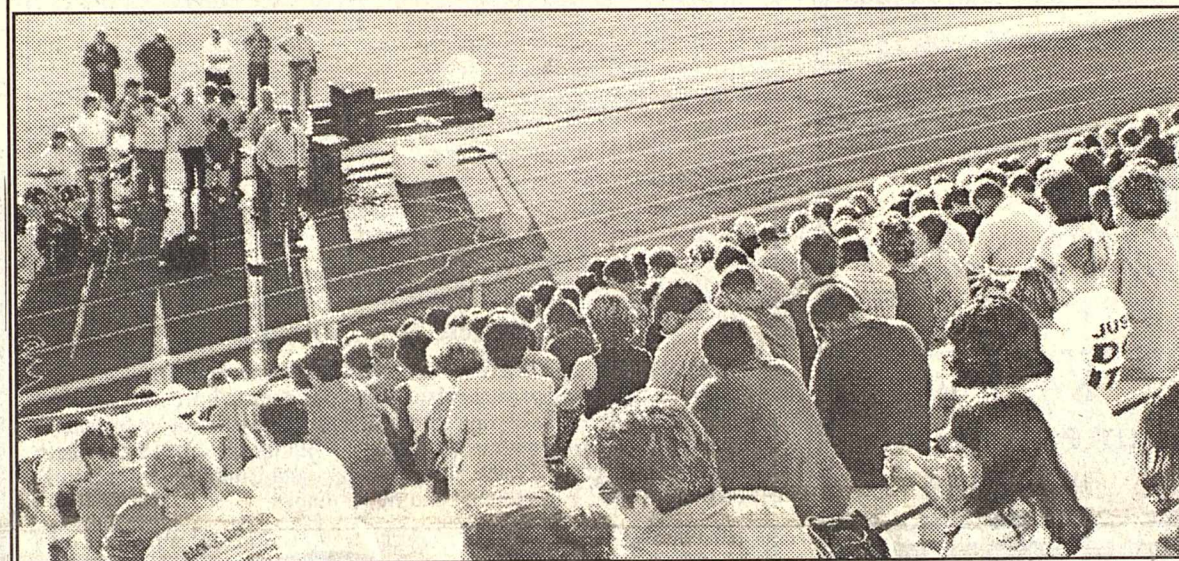
What is believed to be terrorist attacks destroyed the World Trade Center in New York City on Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001. Two separate, airplanes crashed into the buildings, causing the ultimate destruction of both. The twin towers completely collapsed about two hours after the initial explosions.

The Pentagon in Washington was also attacked a bit later by an aircraft crashing into it, destroying part of the building and killing many. Another plane went down in Pennsylvania, believed to have fallen short of its intended target, which may have been Camp David. All planes were commercial airliners that had been hijacked. As of press time, no one has taken claim to this horrendous act. The amount of dead is unknown, but it is in the high thousands. This is being called the worst terrorist attack in United States history.



Above: The World Trade Center twin towers are hit by airplanes around 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2001.

Below: Sonora gathered together at Bronco Stadium to sing songs of praise and pray for our nation in the wake of Tuesday's horrible terrorist attack.



Talking To Kids About Terrorism and War

Tuesday's events will certainly be in the news for quite some time, and many of our lives may be disrupted in different ways for a long time. As many of us watch the news and talk to others about the days events, our children will certainly notice that something is going on.

Parents may want to talk with older children about the days events and what it might mean, but young children (under the age of 7 or 8) may be disturbed by witnessing scenes of destruction on television or by listening in on adult conversations. It may not be unusual if some young children react by being more clinging, seeming a bit more concerned, or having difficulty at bedtime.

Although it might be important to allow older children to participate in viewing and talking about the news, it might be wise to limit young children's exposure to TV news.

It is important that young children be reassured about their own safety and the safety of their parents and loved ones. Subtle changes in parent's moods and behaviors can

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School Board Approves Early Dismissals

by Storie Sharp

The Sonora Independent School District Board of Trustees met on Monday, September 10, 2001. Board members present at this meeting included Tryon Fields, President; Tammy Favila, Scott Jacoby, Jesse Bustamante and Tom Payton. Absent from the meeting were Sam David Hernandez and Dayton Armke. Others present at the meeting were: Doug Bawcom, John Berry, Alice Cox, Louise Dermody, Diane Jacoby, and Cynthia Keel.

The meeting was called to order, and a quorum was established

and minutes from prior meetings were approved.

Rex Ann Friess, County Tax Assessor/Collector reported that 99% of the current tax levy had been collected.

Louise Dermody, Elementary School Principal, began the reports from principals by reporting on the Model Reading Intervention Grant. Dermody explained a breakdown on how the money received in the grant will be spent. The grant, originally written by past principal, Kelly Hirt and other Elementary teachers, was

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Hudspeth Hospital Prepares For Mammography Clinic

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Educational Series will provide a program titled: BREAST SELF EXAM on Monday, September 24, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. at the Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital Annex.

Maria Carrasco, R.N., with the Texas Department of Health will present the program. Maria is certified through the M. D. Anderson Cancer Research Center.

The program will cover the principles and techniques of breast self-exam and should last approximately 30 minutes. It is free to the public.

Refreshments will be served. For more information please contact Keith L. Butler at 387-2521.

Hudspeth Hospital, in cooperation with Texas Tech University Health Science's Center, is pleased to provide the Mobile Mammography Clinic on October 1st and 2nd, 2001. The cost will be \$75 for Screening Mammograms and \$150.00 for Diagnostic Mammograms. Texas Tech will file all insurance programs to include Medicare and Medicaid. For an appointment, please call 1-800-222-8388. Other questions may be directed to Keith L. Butler, CEO at 387-2521.

Hospital Auxiliary Installs New Officers

2001-2002 Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary officers were installed during a noon ceremony at the Sutton County Steakhouse on September 10, 2001. Pictured below are Vallree Draper, President; Elizabeth Schenkel, First Vice President; Janalyn Jones, Secretary; Kelly Thorp, Historian; Linda Love, Parliamentarian; and Gaile Cade, Treasurer. Lenora Pool, who is an auxiliary member and conducted the officer installation, is also pictured. Kathy Knight, 2nd Vice President, is not pictured.



Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Sells to Dominion

Oklahoma City, OK - Monday, September 10 - Dominion (NYSE: D) and Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp. (NYSE: LD) today jointly announced that Dominion has agreed to acquire Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas for \$2.3 billion in cash, stock and assumed debt. The acquisition will increase Dominion's natural gas reserves by 60 percent and expand its fast-growing energy trading business.

When the purchase is completed, Dominion's E&P unit will own more than 4.6 trillion cubic feet equivalent of proved reserves, an increase of more than 60 percent, and will produce more than 450 billion cubic feet annually, an increase of more than 40 percent. When added to Dominion's existing 22,000-megawatt electric generation portfolio, Dominion will have daily energy production capability of more than 3 trillion BTU's.

Over the next three years, Dominion, already one of the nation's largest traders of gas and electricity, expects the acquisition of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas to help double its energy trading and sales volumes over 2000 levels. The company expects gas trading volumes to increase from 1.2 trillion to 2.4 trillion cubic feet annually and electricity trading volumes to increase from 136 million megawatt-hours to 265 million megawatt-hours annually.

Under terms of the agreement, unanimously approved by both companies' boards of directors, Dominion will acquire 100 percent of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas's outstanding shares. Each Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas shareholder will receive \$20.00 in cash and a fixed exchange ratio of 0.3224 shares of Dominion common stock for each share of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas common stock. Dominion will issue to Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas shareholders approximately 14.4 million shares, valued at approximately \$900 million based on a closing price of \$62.63 on September 7, 2001, and \$890 million in cash. Dominion will assume about \$505 million in Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas debt.

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas's board will recommend its shareholders to vote to approve the merger with Dominion. Subsidiaries of S.A. Louis Dreyfus et cie, who as a group own and control more than 42 percent of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas's outstanding shares, have committed by separate agreement to vote their shares in favor of the Dominion acquisition.

Dominion reaffirmed that it expects to meet or exceed 2001 earnings guidance of about \$4.15 per share or better and 2002 earnings guidance of \$4.85 to \$4.90 per share, on a stand-alone basis. Dominion expects the acquisition to be at least 5 cents accretive to current 2002 earnings per share expectations and more accretive in following years. A substantial portion of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas' expected 2002 production has been hedged, Dominion said. In connection with the transaction Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas has agreed to sell 48 billion cubic feet of natural gas to Dominion in calendar 2002 at prevailing natural gas prices in the futures market.

The transaction is subject to approval by Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas shareholders and approval under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act. Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas has agreed to a \$70 million breakup fee. Dominion expects to close the transaction in the fourth quarter.

Thos. E. Capps, chairman, President and chief executive officer of Dominion, said:

"Our challenge is to keep finding and putting together the right pieces - pieces that strengthen Dominion's ability to serve our defined markets, increase earnings, and help us meet our target of compounding shareholder value at 15

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Sonora Church Directory

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN

Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH

Don Longoria, Pastor
Corner of Hwy. 277 S. and Glasscock

PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED

Randy Greenwood
Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS

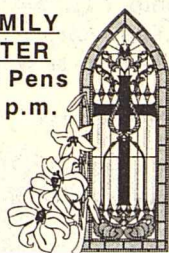
310 St. Ann's Street
387-5658 or 387-5518

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

Don Seigler
511 Cornell
387-5207

SONORA FAMILY FAITH CENTER

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Sunday 6:00 p.m.



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387-2266

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387-2035

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

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T. Wayne Price
Pastor
111 E Oak
387-2951

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Conrad Archer, Pastor
201 N. Water
387-2466

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

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Charles Huffman
417 E. 2nd St.
387-5366

NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER
Jerry & Joy Wood
205 E. Main
387-3241

LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC.
387-6072

Cards of Thanks

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who participated in the Bake Sale and the Bar-B-Que dinner sale to benefit Ubaldo Luna, Jr. on July 7th, as well as the Knights of Columbus and Joe and Elvira Garcia for all they did for the benefit. We are grateful for all of your prayers, help, support, calls and visits. It's people like yourselves that make this world a better place. Thank you and May God bless each and everyone of you.
Ubaldo and Linda Luna
and Family

I want to thank my mother, Lesa, my family and friends who helped with my Quinceañera. Thanks to all my friends that participated in celebrating my birthday and for all the gifts. A special thanks to the choir, too.
May God Bless all of you,
Thank you,
Danielle Galindo



Michele Rae Noriega

Robert, Gladys and Michele Rae Noriega, Irene and Turney Friess would like to thank all of our relatives and friends who contributed to Michele's Quinceañera. Everyone's interest and effort will not be forgotten. Thanks again for sharing with us an event of a lifetime. A special thanks to Father Bill and the choir for the beautiful Mass and Linda Love for taking great care of us. God bless you all and many thanks.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sonora Citizens,

We are writing to thank the citizens of Sonora who worked so diligently in the effort to receive extended area phone service (toll free calling) between San Angelo and Sonora. The regulations set forth by the Public Utilities Commission state that both communities must pass the petition by a 70% margin. Though the vote exceeded the 70% needed in Sonora, the voters in San Angelo defeated the proposition.

Though our efforts were not successful we would like to thank everyone for their help. Many of you lobbied on Sonora's behalf by contacting your friends, family, and business constituents in San Angelo and your efforts are greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank the mayor; council members and the City of Sonora for sponsoring our petition for extended area service.

We regret that our efforts were not successful, but we appreciate the community's confidence in allowing us to pursue extended area service on Sonora's behalf. It has been an honor to represent Sonora on this issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Hale,
Sonora EAS Coordinator

Justin McGeath, Manager
Sonora Chamber of Commerce

Local Cooking Teams Attend the 20th Annual Chili Superbowl in Buffalo Gap

The Flying Cabrito Brothers from Sonora, won 7th in the CASI (Chili Appreciation Society International) Chili on September 1st and 2nd. They also won 3rd for Outstanding Pit & 5th for Showmanship. 7C's from San Angelo, won 6th in the CASI Chili. Risky Rita & Her Señorita's from Sonora, won 1st in the CASI Chili. This win entitles them to compete in the World Championship CASI Chili Cook-Off in Terlingua, in November. They also won 3rd in Showmanship.

Team members for the Flying Cabrito Brothers are: Curtis E. Lipham, Clifton C. Lipham, Fred Lipham, Marty Lipham, Tim Knox, Ronnie Shortridge and Larry

Whitehurst.

Team members for 7C's are: Steve & C.J. Harrison.

Team members for Risky Rita and Her Señorita's are: Rita Lipham, Lisa Lipham, Annette Knox, Donna Shortridge, Marcie Lipham, Michelle Lipham, Darla Lipham and Rose Mae Whitehurst.

Top honor to most cooking teams in this event is the People's Choice Award.

The People's Choice Award was awarded to these three cooking teams, on Saturday and again on Sunday. Congratulations to all three teams.

GOOD LUCK IN TERLINGUA!



Sutton County Emergency crews assisted Kimble County Emergency crews on Thursday, in response to this one car rollover at the 436 mile marker. One male victim was transferred to Kimble County Hospital with injuries.

Dining Out Directory

La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401
Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

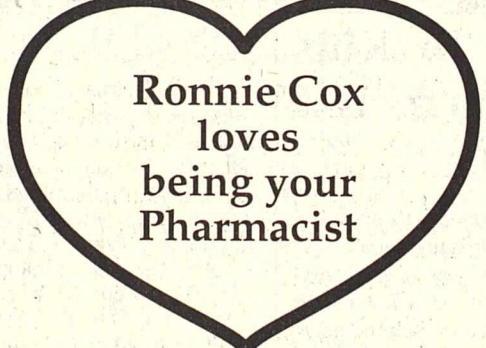
Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Stagecoach Grill & Cantina
407 South Crockett
387-0623

Taco Grill
232 Hwy. 277 N.
387-9127

Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181

Town & Country - Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
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Senior Center News

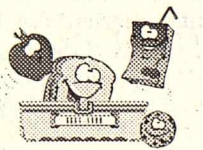
- Sept. 17 - Bingo!
 - Sept. 18 - Lion's Club Auction at Civic Center Supper at 6:30 p.m. Sign up with staff if you want to go! Sugar/blood pressure checks with TDHS. City Council 2:00 p.m.
 - Sept. 19 - Van to San Angelo! Call now 387-3941
 - Sept. 20 - Crafts...anyone?
 - Sept. 21 - Birthday Party for September Babies at noon.
- Senior Menu**
- Sept. 17 - BBQ beef on a bun, baked French fries, carrots, coleslaw, peaches with topping.
 - Sept. 18 - Swiss steak with sauce, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wheat bread, macaroni salad, cantaloupe.
 - Sept. 19 - Beef tips with gravy, rice, mixed veggies, rolls, tossed salad, banana pudding.
 - Sept. 20 - Oven baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, beets, roll, banana/strawberry mix, bread pudding.
 - Sept. 21 - Chicken fajitas with onions & peppers, Spanish rice, refried beans with cheese, tortillas, jello with fruit.
- Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

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 • Sept. 17 - Sept. 21

Breakfast
Mon. - (2) Waffles, syrup, juice.
Tues. - Breakfast pizza, juice.
Wed. - Scrambled eggs, toast, jelly, juice.
Thurs. - Pancake on stick, syrup, fruit.
Fri. - Ham and egg burrito, juice.



Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch
Mon. - Fish sticks, macaroni & cheese, broccoli, fruit.
Tues. - Chicken fajitas on flour tortilla, beans, tossed salad, fruit crisp.
Wed. - Pizza, tossed salad, corn, chocolate pudding.
Thurs. - Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, fruit.
Fri. - Hamburger on bun, fries or tator tots, lettuce, tomatoes, pudding.

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Community

- Sept. 14
Sonora Bronco Booster Fund Raiser Supper
High School Commons Area • 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 16
Diez y Seis de Septiembre Celebration
County Slab
- Sept. 17
Sonora Schools P.T.A. Meeting
Public Discussion on Bond Election
6:00 p.m. • Elementary Auditorium

The Community Calendar



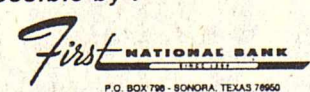
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Calendar

- Sept. 18
City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m. - City Hall
- Sept. 18
Lions Club Auction at Civic Center
Supper at 6:30 p.m.
Sign up with staff if you want to go!
- Sept. 28
Homecoming Parade 3:30 p.m.
Homecoming Game
Broncos vs Winters • 8:00 p.m.

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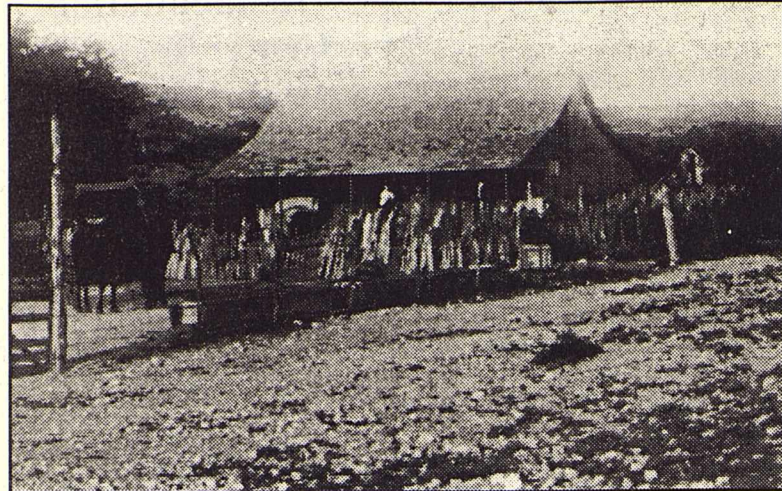
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Email us at editor@sonorax.net

Ask the Historical Society



"Bug's Schuffle"

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Q. Do you know whose house this was?

A. The picture shown with this column is a place called "Bug's Schuffle." It is no longer standing.

In 1884 Elizabeth Robertson married Al Bradford. In 1888 they moved from Menardville to the Devil's River about thirty miles southwest of Sonora. They leased 6,000 acres of land for a penny an acre. According to Mary Lee Simmons Hull in "Sutton County 1887-1977," this was wilderness, hard times, living in tents, houses made of cedar, cane roofs, and cracks filled with mud. They were comfortable but cold. Their home was named Bug's Schuffle. The family moved to Emerald for about two years and moved back to the Devil's River ranch home. Al was sick and died a short time later (1893) note: The "Sonora Burial Park" by Nelson Diversified, shows that Al Bradford was born May 2, 1860 and died March 4, 1893. They had four children, Minnie May (Hodges), Lillie (Simmons), Joe Bradford and Bessie (Kelso).

Elizabeth had given the nickname of "Aunt Dick." She

Happy Birthday

September 13

Logan Smith, Brandi Bible, Maggie Coronado, Jessica Samaniego, Logan McDonald

September 14

Tristin Rospiez, Larry Jennings, Samantha Castro

September 15

Ashley Parker, Chelsea Seaton, Angie Castro

September 16

Danny Tidwell, Mary Lou Gutierrez

September 17

Steve Morris

September 18

Ronda Hall, Michael Lira, Kelsey Watkins, Raul Leal, Cara Mayfield, Wanda Shurley, Tamika Marshall, Ariana Reyes

September 19

Trent Harris, Pete Samaniego, Hilton Bloodworth, Edwina Gandar, Dariela Lopez, Jack Baker, Juanita Estrada, Jan Matchus

Sonora Wool & Mohair
210 W. College
387-2543

Thorp's Laun-Dry
107 Plum St.
387-2666

Troop 19 Enjoys Camp-out and Elects New Officers

The Boy Scouts of Troop 19 went on a camping and canoe trip on Friday, August 24, 2001 on the Llano River near Junction. The following boys went camping: Justin Northcott, Travis Valliant, Jacob Cooper, Embre Smith, Steven Barthelemy, Mark Holman, Shane Love and Colton Moore, with Scoutmaster Lewis Allen, Sharon Holman and Jack Smith. They camped at Llano State Park on Friday and spent most of Saturday canoeing along the Llano River. The campsite was visited by a variety of wildlife during the night, which meant that most stayed up all night to keep a watch for "critters". After finding scorpions near their bedrolls, the boys chose to sleep on picnic tables and even on narrow picnic benches! Scoutmaster Allen was the only one brave enough to sleep on the ground.

The Troop recently held elections. Ty Love was elected Senior Patrol Leader, Steven Barthelemy was elected Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Travis Valliant was elected Quartermaster, Frank Gallegos was elected Chaplain Aide, Justin Northcott was elected Bugler, Roland Solis was elected Librarian, Warren Wallace was elected Historian, Mark Holman was elected Scribe and Embre Smith was chosen to be the Troop Guide. Congratulations to these new officers!

was survived by her two grandsons, Chris and Larry Berger; one sister, Mrs. Charlie Hull; and brothers, Perry and Archie Mittel. She was preceded in death by four brothers Ben, Bill, Henry and John. She had been a member of the Methodist Church and was buried in the Sonora Cemetery.

Q. Do you have any information on the death of Lila Minica?

A. Devil's River News, October 18, 1902 - Died in Sonora, Texas, Sunday, October 12, 1902, Lila, wife of R. N. Minica in her 28th year. The funeral took place at the Sonora Cemetery Monday morning, C. J. Nichols in the absence of a clergyman, by request read the burial service. Deceased came to Sonora a few months ago with her husband and children and for the past three weeks has been ill with slow fever. The husband had been most faithful and attentive to the sufferer during her illness and was toward the last assisted by the neighbors and other ladies of Sonora. The News extends its sympathy to the sorrowing husband and children in their great loss.

Q. Was John Tipton a sheriff in Sutton County?

A. No! I did find a note in the Devil's River News of May 16, 1891 that John Tipton, deputy sheriff of Menard County was in Sonora, Saturday, and made the Devil's River News a pleasant call. You might check in Menard and see what they have on file for him.

Q. Can you tell me when and how Maxine Chalk died?

A. Maxine Chalk was killed in an auto accident. She was driving a car owned by Billy Boyce, a 1952 Buick, when it overturned on a curve about 20 miles north of Del Rio on Highway 277 at about 4:30 in the afternoon on August 17, 1952.

Maxine "Bitsy" Chalk was born in Sonora on January 30, 1931 and attended local schools. She had graduated from Sonora High School in 1949. During her senior year, she was Band Sweetheart, business manager of the school newspaper, School Favorite, Cheer Leader, Twirler, secretary-treasurer of the Senior Class, a member of the annual staff and the one-act play cast, the debating team, the band, and was a member of the volleyball and tennis

teams. She worked as a night operator in Sonora for the San Angelo Telephone Co. We have been told, though we have never seen any of her work, that she was an extremely talented young artist and had been attending art classes days while working nights. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. George D. Chalk and her brothers and sisters were Mrs. Vernon Cook, Mrs. Jim Galdwin, Barbara Chalk, Kay Chalk, George D. Jr., Rus, Luther and Phillip Chalk. She was buried in the Sonora Cemetery after services in the First Methodist Church.

Someone asked me if there was something that they could do for the Sutton County Historical Society besides giving money. There are many things that need to be done on a daily basis to keep things running smoothly and the officers deeply appreciate all the volunteers they can get. On the 29th of this month we will be having a volunteer day at the Miers Home Complex and Old Jail Museum. Anyone is welcome to bring hammers, screwdrivers, paint scrapers, rakes, shovels, mops, brooms, buckets, window washing materials, and lots of elbow grease. We need volunteers to help spruce up the buildings and get them ready for winter activities. We don't have any tables or chairs in the building so if you want to sit and rest or chat with your neighbors while you work bring along a chair to sit on.

Many times during the year we have allowed different organizations to use the building for their activities, community worship events, Christmas celebrations for the community, musical presentations for the community, Lion's Club welcome to teachers, etc. Unfortunately these activities don't generate any revenue toward building upkeep or repairs. This is where volunteers come in, we need your help so that we can continue to offer free use of the grounds and building for these activities. Please!

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@sonorax.net. You may call me at 915-387-2855.

Texas Department of Aging Will Continue As Separate Agency Until 2006

by Jeff Wentworth
State Senator, District 25

Texas senior citizens who utilize Texas Department of Aging (TDOA) services will be pleased that TDOA will continue as a separate agency until September 1, 2006, as a result of a bill the Legislature passed during our regular session this year.

TDOA and its Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) have provided services to Texas seniors for 20 years. A bill the Legislature passed in 1999 would have abolished TDOA as a state agency and transferred its services and functions to a new Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services by 2004.

Many senior organizations, including the Silver-Haired Legislature, objected to the merger. We listened to those objections and passed Senate Bill 535, retaining TDOA as a single agency.

Statewide AAAs, including those in Senate District 25, will continue to provide services such as meals on wheels, benefits counseling, home health care, transportation, Medicaid case management and, as a result of House Bill 1420, expanded legal assistance. Senate

Bill 535 and House Bill 1420 were among the many bills we passed to benefit senior citizens who comprise 14 percent of the state's population. That percentage will increase rapidly as baby boomers retire, until by 2026 almost 23 percent, or about one in four Texans, will be 60 or older.

An aging population will place more demands on the nursing home industry, which currently is in crisis. Liability insurance rates are increasing while insurance availability is decreasing and lawsuit settlements are growing. Senate Bill 1839 is our effort to improve long-term care facilities by addressing issues such as quality of care, insurance rates and damage awards, while House Bill 154 increases the nursing home needs allowance.

The long-term care facility crisis has a rippling effect that impacts overworked care givers who may neglect or even abuse seniors. Reports of elderly abuse, neglect and exploitation have increased by 267 percent in the last 10 years, according to Adult Protective Services.

We passed bills that will help protect seniors from both physical

and fiscal abuse. House Bill 1418 amends the Health and Safety Code to allow personnel at long-term care facilities to obtain criminal history information from the Department of Public Safety. In addition, it prohibits a facility from employing anyone convicted of certain felonies, such as theft, sexual assault and injury to a child, elderly or a disabled person.

Other bills safeguard seniors from fiscal exploitation. House Bill 1883 requires an attorney to inform the principal of all actions taken pursuant to the signing of a power of attorney and to do so in a timely manner, while House Bill 1813 allows an attorney to be criminally prosecuted for misapplication of fiduciary property.

We also passed bills to curb unscrupulous telemarketers who annually bilk an estimated \$40 billion from consumers, and who target seniors.

These bills and others will help ensure a better quality of life for the senior citizens whose contributions helped make Texas the kind of state where young people want to raise their families and seniors want to retire.

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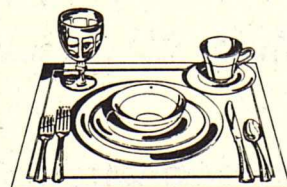
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- Sept. 27 - Winters • Home • 5:00/6:30
- Oct. 4 - Open
- Oct. 11 - Junction • Home • 5:00/6:30
- Oct. 18 - Grape Creek • There • 5:00/6:30
- Oct. 25 - Mason • Home • 5:00/6:30
- Nov. 1 - Wall • There • 5:00/6:30
- Nov. 8 - Eldorado • Home • 5:00/6:30

JV Football

- Sept. 13 - Brady • There • 7:00
- Sept. 20 - Alpine • Home • 6:00
- Sept. 27 - Winters • There • 6:30
- Oct. 4 - Open
- Oct. 11 - Junction • There • 6:30
- Oct. 18 - Grape Creek • Home • 6:30
- Oct. 25 - Mason • There • 6:30
- Nov. 1 - Wall • Home • 6:30
- Nov. 8 - Eldorado • There • 6:30

Bronco Football

- Sept. 14 - Brady • Home • 7:30
- Sept. 21 - Alpine • There • 7:30
- Sept. 28 - Winters (Homecoming) • Home • 8:00
- Oct. 5 - Open
- Oct. 12 - *Junction • Home • 7:30
- Oct. 19 - *Grape Creek • There • 7:30
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Scholastic Book Fairs comes to our school on Mon. Sept. 17 thru Fri. Sept. 21. To share exciting books and educational learning products with our young readers. Parents and teachers will find plenty of items to interest them too. The Fair is open each day from 8am to 4pm.

We're hosting a Family Event and Open House on Tues., Sept. 18th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm that will feature our theme "Books are Magic", a special guest, Harry Potter will be there to greet the students, refreshments will be served by SMS Student Council members, and drawings for door prizes will be held. Everyone is welcome.

When you visit the Fair, look for the Classroom Wish List display to see how you can help build your child's classroom library.

The Book Fair helps us promote learning while raising money for special school projects. Our goal for this year's fair is to raise enough money to invite an author to come visit our students as well as purchase new books for the library.

Don't miss out on the Scholastic Book Fair, Sept. 17 thru 21. Call Sonora Middle School for more information.

MDA Prepares For Lock Down

The jail is coming to town - the MDA Jail that is, and it's looking to lock up Sonora's kind-hearted citizens. On Wednesday, October 3, 2001 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. the Muscular Dystrophy Association will be holding it's annual lock-up at The Bank & Trust at 229 Highway 277 North in Sonora. "Jailbirds" throughout town will be spending some time behind bars to help raise money for MDA.

The funds raised from this event will help provide services to over 300 clients in Sonora and throughout West Texas. Some of these services include comprehensive, medical clinic, occupational and physical therapy, support groups, wheelchairs and leg braces, and a summer camping program for children with muscular dystrophy. MDA provides these services at no cost to the client or their families.

So come by and visit with Sonora's "inmates" as they have their mugshots taken, and assist them in providing help for today and hope for tomorrow for those with neuromuscular disease.

For more information call MDA-Midland (915)570-4970.

Sonora Middle School UIL News

By: Denise Arispe SMS UIL Coordinator

SMS students are now preparing for the UIL Academic District meet. The meet will be held Monday, November 12th, in Mason, Texas. The students will be able to participate in the following events: Dictionary skills, spelling, maps, graphs and charts, calculator, number sense, mathematics, listening skills, science, ready writing, editorial writing, music memory, impromptu speaking, modern oratory, and oral reading.

In the following issues there will be a breakdown of events with their description. Listed below are the first three of the 13 events.

Dictionary Skills

Through knowledge of the dictionary is a way to increase a student's ability to find the information that is needed for class work as well as everyday living. The subject matter of all tests is taken from the Merriam Webster's Intermediate Dictionary, 1994 and subsequent editions. Contestants may use other dictionaries in the contest. In preparation for this contest, students will develop skills to communicate effectively.

Each test consists of approximately 40 objective and short answer questions. Contestants use dictionaries in the competition.

One test will be provided for grades 5 and 6; another test will be provided for grades 7 and 8.

Twenty minutes is allowed for the contest.

There will be 3 contestants and 1 alternate representing each of the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

Spelling

The Spelling contest is designed to give students exposure to a wide variety of vocabulary words. It is not a contest of memorization. For the most educational value, preparation for this contest should include instruction in the rules of English language, meanings

and definitions, and root words. In addition to learning to spell proficiently, contestants will learn to write clearly and to capitalize words properly.

Students will write down words given by the pronouncer on their paper at a rate of approximately five words per minute.

Grades 5 and 6, 90 words; tiebreaker 30 words.

Grades 7 and 8, 120 words; tiebreaker 40 words.

The tiebreaker is given to all contestants immediately following the initial test. For elementary and junior high contest words will come from the appropriate UIL spelling list, state adopted text-books, and words in the Merriam Webster's Intermediate Dictionary, 1994 and subsequent editions. Approximately 20 percent of the test words will come from sources other than the UIL spelling list.

There will be 3 contestants and 1 alternate representing each of the following grade levels: 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th.

Maps, Graphs, and Charts

The Maps, Graphs, and Charts contest is designed to help students learn to get information from a variety of maps, graphs and charts including world maps, pie charts, bar charts and local area maps. The objective test will measure skills such as using an atlas as a reference book to locate information, making comparisons, estimating and approximating, using scale and interpreting grid systems, legends and keys.

Students will be given an objective test containing approximately 75 multiple choice, true/false, and fill-in-the-blank questions which must be answered in 30 minutes for students in grades 5 and 6 or 45 minutes for students in grades 7 and 8.

There will be 3 contestants and 1 alternate that will represent each grade level 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th.

West Texas Rehabilitation Center Team Up With Coca Cola and the Concho Valley Youth

For the second year, Coca-Cola and Concho Valley youth are "teaming up" to help West Texas Rehabilitation Center make a difference in the lives of children and adults with disabilities.

Through Coca-Cola Kids for Rehab, school and youth groups are raising funds in "fun" ways - such as sporting events, danceathons, trick or treating, car washes and offering collections.

Grape Creek High School's National Honor Society is selling chances on an GCHS Eagle mascot quilt as their Coke project. Other schools who're planning fall events include Wall, Eden, Menard and Sonora.

The group in the Concho Valley who raises the most money for Rehab through their effort will receive \$1,000 from Coca-Cola to spend on a capital improvement project which benefits their school or community, according to David Quanz, Coca-Cola Bottling Co., sales center manager. Participants also receive prizes such as Coke T-shirts, caps and products.

Winning groups also will be invited to participate with Coke representatives in an interview during the Rehab's annual Telethon on January 19, 2002. The five-hour telecast is broadcast live on statewide television stations and features top entertainers.

Sponsors or groups wanting to participate or receive additional information may contact Rehab at 915-223-6300.

Southwest Texas ACA Awards Scholarships at Informational Meeting

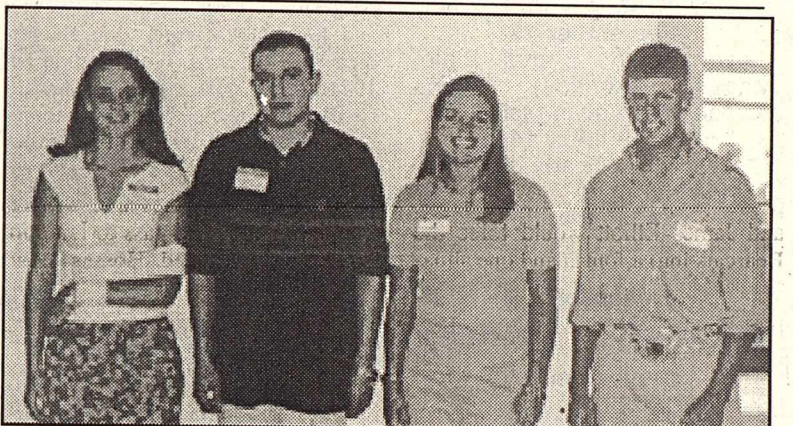
The Southwest Texas Agricultural Credit Association - Sonora Branch held their Annual Informational Meeting, Wednesday, August 15, 2001 at the Fort McKavett State Historical Park in Fort McKavett, Texas. The meeting was held in the old school house building at the Fort beginning with a short program about the association. During the meeting a presentation was given by Susan Prugel Henke in remembrance of her Father, Mr. A.E. Prugel at which time the recipients of the A.E. Prugel Memorial Scholarships were recognized. After the scholarships were awarded, programs were given by G. W. (Bill) Stewart of Sonora and Gary Roberson of Menard.

The A.E. Prugel Memorial Scholarships for 2001 were awarded to the following:

Crockett County - Edward (Trey) Hale, son of Ed and Laurie Hale

Edwards County - Erin Eckhart, daughter of Ronnie and Terri Eckhart

Schleicher County - Kayla McCravey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.



Oscar Hernandez, (2nd from left) is joined by other scholarship recipients.

Chris McCravey
Sutton County - Oscar G. Hernandez, son of Oscar Hernandez and Andrea G. Hernandez

Officers and Directors present at the meeting included: Rick Rothe - Chief Executive Officer, Mark Hiler - President and Chief Operating Officer, Roy West - Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer, Donna Heath - Vice President-Corporate Affairs, Elbert Butt - Vice President-Commercial Lending, Shelby Henke, Chairman of the Board and wife, Beverly,

Louis F. Woodard and wife, Eddie Mae, Jane Crittendon and husband Lynn, Danny Parker, Edwin Yanta and wife, Margaret, Paul Aelvoet, Glen Richardson and wife Rosalie, Bill Savell and wife Barbara, Jack B. Smith, Jr. - Vice President/Branch Manager and wife, Lauri, Pat Gillit - Adm. Assistant and husband, Randy.

Following the meeting, members and guests were taken on a tour of the Fort. After the tour, a hamburger dinner with all the trimmings was served.

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Turnover Bug Bites Broncos

by Tryon Fields

When two good and evenly matched teams meet and one wins by a large margin; it is usually because one of the teams usually commits numerous errors. In the game between the Sonora Broncos and the Ballinger Bearcats, that is exactly what happened; five interceptions and four fumbles. Four of these interceptions and three of the fumbles belonging to the Broncos resulted in four turnovers. These turnovers, coupled with some bad snaps, miscommunication on the playing field, as well as break downs in blocking assignments, resulted in a lopsided win by the Ballinger Bearcats. You can not take anything away from the Bearcats, because they are a very good 3A team that should go far this season. Ballinger executed a good offensive and defensive scheme and performed almost flawlessly in their 26 to 7 win over the Broncos.

The game opened with the Bearcats receiving the opening kick-off. The Bronco defense, led by Stetson Hall, Chance Armke, Beau Hughes, and Shane Folmar forced the Bearcats to punt after going eleven yards on this opening possession. Following the punt by Ballinger, the Bronco offense looked as if they would have little trouble with the young Bearcats.

On the fifth play of this initial drive, the tone would be set for the young Broncos. Ballinger's defensive tackle, Daniel Quirino, would tip Scottie Moore's pass with John Lee intercepting the ball at the Bronco forty-eight. After the turnover, the Bronco defense picked up the intensity. Thomas Bloodworth and Israel Arevalo would lead the Bronco charge to put the Bearcats in a third and long situation. Ballinger quarterback, Justin Nicholson, would return the favor; as he would overthrow his intended receiver. Bronco safety, James Elliott, would pick the ball out of the air and return it to the mid field stripe. At the fifty, the Red Hoss offense began to grind the ball down field behind the running of William Renfro. At the forty, and on the first play of the second quarter, the overly aggressive Bearcat defense forced the Broncos to turn the ball over on downs. The defensive battle continued on Ballinger's next possession. Bloodworth, Arevalo, and James Elliott would force the Bearcats into a fourth and one situation at their own forty-nine.

The Broncos stacking the line of scrimmage in anticipation of the power back, Antonio Posey getting the football. The power back Posey not only showed power on this play, but he showed sprinters speed as well.

Finding nothing inside, Posey would bounce to the outside and quickly outdistance the Broncos for fifty-one yards and pay dirt. Damacio Aguilera would add the PAT to give the Bearcats a seven point lead with ten minutes and thirty-two seconds left in the second quarter. For the next seven and a half minutes neither teams defense could generate enough offense to sustain a drive and both teams had to punt; the Broncos twice and the Bearcats once. With three minutes left in the half, Ballinger finally was able to string together a ten play drive to break the Bronco defensive strangle hold. Runs by Posey, Zane Denton, and passes to Blake Frerich would move the ball to the Bronco twenty-one. With nineteen seconds left in the half, Ballinger quarterback, Justin Nicholson, would find his leaping wide receiver at the back of the end-zone for the Bearcats second touchdown of the half. Aguilera's PAT would just get inside the uprights to give Ballinger a fourteen point lead at the intermission.

To start the second half, Bronco deep man, Sean Fields would haul in the kick by Tyler Carter and weave his way to the Bronco forty yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, William Renfro, behind the lead blocking of Chance Armke, Sean Fields, and James Elliott would reel off thirty six of his game high 172 yards to move the ball into Bearcat territory at the twenty-six. At the twenty-six, the Bearcat

defense would stiffen and drop Renfro for a loss on the next play. On the next play, Bronco quarterback, Scottie Moore, would suffer his second interception; thus ending the Bronco threat. Sonora's pesky defense led by Beau Hughes, would force the Bearcats to punt after three downs and three positive yards. Taking over at their own twenty-six, the Big Red Machine would finally get untracked. Seven runs by William Renfro and one by Scottie Moore would move the pigskin to the Bearcat twenty-one. Faced with a third and one, Renfro would have his number called again. This time behind excellent up front blocking and hard never give up running by Renfro, the Broncos would get their only score of the game. Stetson Hall would boom the ball through the uprights for the Broncos seventh point.

Broncos 7 - Bearcats 14. Ballinger, not to be intimidated, answered the Broncos with their own drive. Starting at their own thirty-three, the Bearcats began to drive down the field. Defensive plays by Sean Fields, Thomas Bloodworth, Beau Hughes, and Stetson Hall would finally slow the Bearcats at the Bronco thirty-eight. The fourth quarter would begin with the Bearcats faced with a fourth and one at the Bronco thirty-eight. On the run by Nicholson, the Bronco defense would rise up and hold the Bearcat senior just short of the first down marker. With eleven minutes and fifty-four seconds left in the game, everyone on the visitors side of the field could feel the momentum change. It didn't take long for "O'Mo" to swing the other way. The unrelentless Ballinger defense, a dropped snap, and a bad snap from center to the punter; and the Bearcat offense was back in business at the Bronco sixteen. Three plays later (runs by Nicholson and Posey and a pass play, Nicholson to John Lee) the Bearcats would notch their third touchdown. Aguilera would misfire on the PAT; however, and the Bearcats would hold a 20 to 7 advantage. With nine minutes and twenty-two seconds left in the fourth quarter, the Bronco faithful still held hopes of the Broncos coming back. After the ensuing kick-off, the Big Red Machine began to move the ball down the field. Renfro gaining 18 yards on three carries and Moore completing a 5 yard pass to Landon Brockman, the Red Hosses now found themselves in Bearcat territory at the Ballinger forty-two. Faced with a third and four, the Broncos went to the air again. End result - third turnover. However, the Bearcats could fare no better on their next possession as Posey fumbled the football with Bronco safety, James Elliott, recovering the loose pigskin at the Bronco forty-one. With only three minutes and thirty-six seconds left in the game; the Broncos needed to strike quickly. Once again going to the air, the Red Hosses suffer their fourth turnover. Bearcat defensive back, Zane Denton, intercepts the homerun ball at the Ballinger thirty-five and returned it to the Bronco twelve. After a holding call on the Bearcats, Ballinger would set up shop on the Bronco twenty-two. It would take sophomore running back, Antonio Posey only two plays to cover the distance needed. Aguilera would miss the extra point try; but the damage was done.

With only a little over two minutes remaining, Ballinger would hold a commanding 26 to 7 advantage over the Broncos. For the last two minutes; the Broncos would be content to let Brandon Adkins pound the ball up the middle to close out the game.

Final Score: Sonora 7 Ballinger 26. Friday night the Broncos hope to rebound against another 3A foe, the Brady Bulldogs. Game time for this home opener will be at 8:00 P.M. at Bronco Stadium. The Broncos need your support, so let's fill the stadium and show the Broncos that you are behind them and that you believe that they can still reach their goals. Good Luck Broncos! BEAT BRADY!!!!



Bronco Defense, Landon Brockman (27) and Beau Hughes (64) hustle to bring down a Ballinger Bearcat.

Sonora Broncos Football Game Preview

Brady

by Ray Glasscock

Friday night, the Broncos play host to the 26-3A Brady Bulldogs (1 - 1). The Bulldogs, coached by Nathan Headrick, returned 15 lettermen (7 - 4) starters from last year's 3 - 7 team. The Bulldogs played the Broncos tough last year in their stadium, at one time led in the game 17 - 6. Brady is picked fifth in their district, which includes Ingram Tom Moore.

In Zero Week, the 2A Coleman Bluecats defeated Brady 8 - 7. Last week, the Mason Punchers traveled to Brady. The Bulldogs defeated them at home 27 - 6.

In that penalty - ridden game (Brady, 20 penalties for 123 yards), there was no score until late in the third quarter when Brady scored followed by a quick Mason score.

Brady then scored three more touchdowns in the fourth quarter. The Bulldogs rushed for 346 yards and passed for 64 against Mason.

Brady's main threats are Johnny Menefield (5-10, 175, 4.6), a two-way Senior starter, who plays defensive back and receiver, Chris Airheart, a running back, and the quarterback, Clifton Tally. Airheart gained 168 yards on 23 carries against Mason. Tally ran for 101 yards and passed for 64 yards. This included a 15 yard touchdown pass to Menefield and his own 37 yard run for the first Brady touchdown in the third quarter.

This is the Bronco's first home game of the 2001 season. The game begins at 8 PM and will be preceded by a brisket fundraiser dinner at the high school to help raise funds to support all Sonora athletes.

Ballinger JV Stops the Broncos JV Team



Photo by Ray Glasscock

Austin Wagoner, Stetson Perez and Chris Martin lead the way for Diego Cardona against Ballinger.

by Nancy Glasscock

Last Thursday night at Bronco Stadium, the Ballinger JV team came to town to play Sonora's JV. Ballinger defeated Sonora 20-8. The score may not indicate it to some, but the Broncos' offense and defense has improved since the Big Lake game the first week of the season.

The Broncos got all eight of their points in the first quarter after Chris Martin intercepted a Bearcat pass on Ballinger's 40 yard line. Two good runs by Stetson Perez set up Diego Cardona for his touchdown-scoring run of ten yards. The Broncos opted to go for two. Stetson Perez was successful with a run to the left side.

It took most of the rest of the first quarter for the Bearcats to put some points on the board. Defensive plays by Juan Galindo, Austin Wagoner, Trapper Valliant, Cardona, and Martin made the

Bearcats work hard for their first touchdown. They got their first six points, but Oscar Chavez made sure the try for two points failed.

During the remainder of the game, the Bearcats scored two additional touchdowns and a two-point conversion. Sonora's JV defensive players including JR Solis, Laramie Hall, JE Carrillo, Chavez, Valliant, and Wagoner continued to play tough. Clint Cearley came in to play quarterback during the second half after Martin was injured. The Broncos were able to move the ball but could not get it in the end zone. The JV team's record is now 0 - 2. Thursday, the team travels to Brady to play the Bulldogs. For more photos of the game, be sure to check out the Booster Club website at <http://www.sonorabronco.org>. In the near future, we hope to obtain the domain, <http://www.sonorabroncos.org>



BAND NOTES

The school year is once again upon us, and the Mighty Bronco Band is once again in the swing of things. The band members have put in a lot of long hours of practice to get ready for the new year. Each week two-band members will be selected as band members of the week. One will be selected from the middle school band, which has been working hard getting ready for its first pep rally performance this Thursday as the Colts take on Brady for the first home game. The other band member will be selected from the high school band. These stu-

dents have been hard at work since summer band started July 30th.

Big Lake was our first game that band members of the week were selected. Tamika Marshall, drum captain, from the high school and Erin Newton from the middle school were selected.

Band members of the week from the Ballinger game are high school Catherine Herrera, and middle school Nash Traylor. Congratulations to all of you and keep up the good work.

Dairy Queen sponsors band Member of the week for the schools.

Louie the Lightning Bug To Light Up Sonora

American Electric Power's subsidiary, West Texas Utilities (WTU) is expanding its electrical safety education efforts through an innovative, interactive educational touring theatre show that actively engages local school children in learning.

"Louie, Louie" is a fast-paced, action-packed live learning program that involves kids in the subject matter, presents lessons in a way that kids enjoy and helps children remember what they learned about electrical safety long after the show is over.

WTU is sponsoring "Louie, Louie" in area elementary schools free of charge. Scheduled to host the program is the Sonora Primary School on Sept. 13 at 1:00 p.m. and 1:45 p.m.

Using colorful sets and characters in humorous situations, "Louie, Louie" is designed to teach young people the concepts and importance of electrical safety.

The producer of this educational theatre program is The National Theatre for Children, a Minnesota-based national touring company. NTC develops and tours educational theatre programs to schools on behalf of corporations, non-profits and municipalities that wish to teach important societal messages for 6-to 14-year olds in a unique way. Using creative audience participation techniques, NTC performs age-appropri-

ate live theatre and supplies each student and teacher with follow-up curriculum.

Jamie Rainey, WTU community service manager said sponsoring the NTC production locally underscores WTU's commitment to electrical safety and the education of young people. "Working together, WTU and NTC will make it possible for every local student to see this program and learn about electrical safety in a fun, exciting way that will help students remember how to play it safe around electricity.

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TIME LINES...

By: Danni Price

5 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The Texas Baptist Men Retired built a 2000' addition to the New Hope Baptist Church.

Texas High School Rodeo Association, Region II held the season opener in Big Lake, TX last week. These competitors from Sonora won 1st Place in their events.

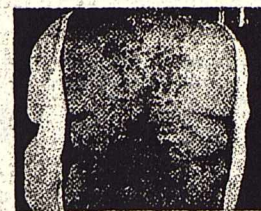
Tommy Tiffie - Boys Cutting, Kelly Morrow - Steer Wrestling and Kelly Jones - Breakaway Roping.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Several local artist were featured at the Cauthorn Memorial Building Art Exhibit. Those artists were as follows; Barbara Earwood, Ron Nicholas, Patti Strauch, Elvie Turney, Melinda Powers, Tommy McKissack and Mary Lou Gilley.

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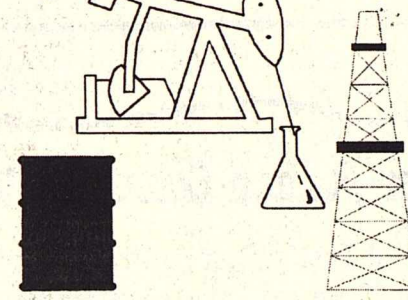
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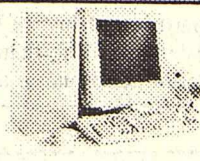
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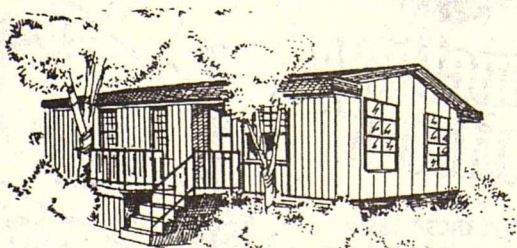
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Time Running Out To Get Livestock Project

With the start of the new school year is the beginning of the new 4-H year as well. While there is still time to get a livestock project for competition at the 2002 Sutton County Junior Livestock Show, the time is running very short. Many of the producers have already sold their animals but there are still a few available. Market lamb and meat goat projects will require immediate action if you would like to participate. The swine projects are just now being sought and plans are to purchase county show gilts very soon. There is also a new project creating interest this year. It is called the ewe lamb futurity. For more information about these opportunities and the chance to participate in a 4-H livestock feeding project contact Preston Faris at the county extension office at 387-3101. There will be a planning meeting held on Wednesday, September 19, 2001 at the Sutton County Civic Center to make decisions affecting the 2002 Sutton County Junior Livestock Show. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Cornyn Warns About Price-Gouging This Week In Texas

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn today announced that his office will respond to price-gouging complaints from Texas consumers against retail gasoline stations, motels, hotels, and other businesses across the state that provide transportation, shelter and related necessities.

"Price-gouging in the wake of today's disasters in New York City and Washington, D.C. is illegal and violates the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act," said Attorney General Cornyn. "Legal action can and will be taken by the Office of Attorney General to enforce the law and protect Texans from such despicable business practices."

Persons who feel they have been victimized by price-gouging should contact the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800/337-3928 or 800/252-8011.

Cornyn's announcement follows an executive order from Gov. Rick Perry today declaring a limited-purpose disaster for the state of Texas to combat price-gouging resulting from the closures of all Texas airports and the demands for alternate means of transportation, shelter and other services.

"I join with Governor Perry today in invoking all necessary protections and remedies under the law to protect the citizens of Texas from those who would use their businesses to engage in price-gouging at the expense of vulnerable consumers," said Attorney General Cornyn.

F.Y.I.

A Game Dinner Meeting will be held on Monday, September 17, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. in the First National Bank Annex Building.

Sonora Homecoming 2001 will be Friday, September 28 - 29. Parade, Pep Rally, Dinner, Football. Fun! Watch the Devil's River News for more information.

If you are interested in having lots of outdoor fun, come join the Cub Scouts of Pack 19. For more information or if you would like to sign up, please call Tibba Edmondson at 387-6115 or 387-3988.

The Devil's River Dancers beginning clogging lessons start September 13, 2001 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the old Nursing Home. For more information call 387-9315.

A brisquet supper will be served before the first home game on Sept. 14 against Brady. Serving will be from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the High School Commons Area. Pre-sale tickets are on sale at Ronda's Stylin' Haus for \$6.00/adults, \$4.00/children 10 and under. All proceeds will benefit Jr. High and High School athletics.

Graduates of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin are invited to attend a reception introducing the University's new president, Dr. W. David Watts, on Tuesday, September 18, 2001, from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo, 36 East Twohig. For more information, call 915-552-2850.

Could your work environment use a lift? Do you want your employees to be more positive? Learn how to Create A Positive Work Environment at a Free seminar presented by the ASU Small Business Development Center. The seminar will be held on Tuesday, September 18th from 6:00 pm to 8:30 p.m. in the Rassman Building Conference Room. Call 942-2098 to register.

The ASU SBDC is presenting a FREE Business Planning Seminar on Thursday, September 20th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Participants will learn how to develop effective business plans for start ups, existing businesses and for obtaining financing. Call 942-2098 to register.

The Menard Chili Cook-Off (Tolbert Rules) will be Sept. 22, 2001 at the Stockpen Crossing Park. \$25 Entry Fee, turn in time is 3:00 p.m. at the Pavilion. Dry camping available. Cook's party on Friday, Sept. 21st at 8:00 p.m. For more information call 396-2365.

2001 Jim Bowie Days Echo Trail Ride - Sept. 22 - 28, 2001. Camp ground - Stockpen Crossing Park - \$25 per person. Round Robin Rides (12 to 20 miles a day). Call the Crisp Family FMI 396-3998.

The Arts and Crafts Guild will hold their Annual Arts & Crafts Fair on November 10, 2001 at the Fair Park Convention Center at the fairgrounds (old 290 east). Any interested craft person should contact T.K. O'Bryant, 915-392-3557 or Box 141. For applications: Sandra Ramon, Box 1835, Ozona, Texas 76943. 915-392-2346. Booth prices are \$30 - \$50, depending on size. Sr. Citizens (age 55) get a 10% discount on booths.

The SHS Homecoming Parade will be Friday, September 28, 2001 at 3:30 p.m. Please contact Roy Jean at 387-5033 if interested in participating in the parade. A pep rally will follow on Main Street.

Season Football tickets are available now at the Administration Office through September 14th.

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In my brief visit I saw cloaker fern and clubmoss - dryland pteridophytes on a dry Sonora hillside. In truth, both are widespread plants in our corner of the world, but they seldom are brought to the attention of a travelling nature enthusiast from Los Angeles or Atlanta. They certainly could be effectively pointed out there. There are no cloakers in Beaumont.

That hill demonstrates another plant ecology phenomenon of the northern hemisphere.

North-facing slopes receive less sunlight and heat and are wetter. Warmer and therefore drier south-facing slopes typically host more arid-adapted plants or restrict the growth of plants needing more

moisture. The north slope of your hill has a dense stand of shrubs that reach above head height.

I was particularly intrigued by the scrub oak stands on the north slope. The vegetation looked promising as habitat for the black-capped vireo, a high profile bird of great interest to the bird watching public. Whether or not the vireos are actually present will have to await determination in the coming spring.

My stay was brief that morning, but the visit was, as so many have been to Sutton County, a pleasure. You might well be surprised to find that what is ordinary to you is extraordinary to much of the rest of the world.



Rig Locations as of September 7, 2001

Sutton County
New Louis Dreyfus; 9000' Duke Wilson - 185 - #10, Patterson Drilling.
New Burlington Res.; 6625' Deberry - A - #63, Patterson Drilling.
New Louis Dreyfus; 6500' Kelly - 102 - #9, Patterson Drilling.
Samson Lone Star LP; 10000' Nobles #9, Patterson Drilling.
Louis Dreyfus; 8700' Hicks - 22 - #4, Patterson Drilling.
New Louis Dreyfus; 6250' Thomson - D - #9, Patterson Drilling.
New Louis Dreyfus; 6500' Meckel - A - #22, Patterson Drilling.

Crockett County
Encore Operating; 7000' Montgomery - 1 - #6, Cleere Drilling.
New Harrison Interests; 9500' John W. Henderson III - A - #65, Patterson Drilling.
RME Petro Co.; 8500' McMullan - D - #7, Cleere Drilling.
New Southwestern Energy; 9200' ER - 3 - #1, Cleere Drilling.
New RME Petro Co.; 7500' Eloise Clegg - 61 - #5, Patterson Drilling.
New OXY USA; 6500' Hallie Black - 3A - #7, Key Energy.

Schleicher County
Sharp Image Energy; 7400' Williams Ranch #1, Westexas Energy.

Edwards County
Par Minerals Corp.; 8000' Four Square Ranch #5, Key Energy.
New Fairway Links; 4500' Roy Baker - 19 - #1, Cleere Drilling.

Val Verde County
EEX E&P Co.; 14000' Lone Oak #4R, Cleere Drilling.
EEX E&P Co.; 12500' Leonard - 37 - #1, Cleere Drilling.
New EXCO Resources; 10500' Altizer - 48A #1, Cleere Drilling.
New J. Cleo Thompson; 9500' Cauthorn - 17 - #2, Patterson Drilling.

Terrell County
Conoco; 14000' University - 4 - #5, Nabors Drilling.
EOG Resources; 10800' Noelke - A - #2702H, Patterson Drilling.
EOG Resources; 10900' Garner - 16 - #1 H, Patterson Drilling.
Athanor Texas; 9000' Mitchell - 6 - #7, Cleere Drilling.



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have an affect on children especially if they witness reactions in their parents that they have not seen before.

Be prepared to spend extra time with children if necessary, and continue normal routines and activities.

Use the opportunity to explain how and why people are reacting the way they are.

In the days that come, we may be witness to preparations for retaliation (or at least threats of retaliation). Certain groups of people may be identified as terrorists. It will be

a challenge for all of us to remind ourselves and our children that we value peace.

For more information and suggestions on how to talk with your children about this week's events and the events in the coming days, see: Talking to Kids About War AboutOurKids.org

New York University Child Study Center
<<http://www.aboutourkids.org/articles/war.html>><http://www.aboutourkids.org/articles/war.html>

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percent annually over time."

"The acquisition of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas is a natural fit - economically, strategically and geographically."

"From an economic and strategic standpoint, quality of assets matters in the natural gas business. Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas's long-lived reserves and extensive leasehold acreage complement the quality of Dominion's existing natural gas properties. The growth it provides to our base of physical assets is consistent with our strategy of trading around assets' and provides an expanded physical platform to fuel our growing natural gas trading and marketing business. The transaction also provides Dominion with additional upside from the positive supply and demand fundamentals that will benefit the natural gas industry over the coming years."

"Geographically, Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas's drilling program in the Permian Basin, Mid-Continent and Gulf Coast complements our own operations. It creates additional optionality in our asset portfolio and additional flexibility for capital allocation."

"The goal in acquiring Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas is to enhance our portfolio of fully integrated energy businesses, not to become a bigger E&P company. We're still comfortable with our target of a 25-percent earnings contribution over the long term from our E&P operations."

"Simply put, Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas offers the right set of assets, at the right price, for the right reason."

Duane C. Radtke, chief executive officer of Dominion Exploration and Production, said: "Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas's low risk asset base fits very well into our long-term strategic plan. In addition to Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas's nearly 2 trillion cubic feet of proved reserves, there are 2 trillion cubic feet of low-risk, non-proved locations to drill over the next 10 years."

"Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas's successful track record and experienced workforce are what initially attracted Dominion. They've demonstrated an impressive record of repeatable development drilling, high-impact exploration, and consistent, profitable growth. We look forward to having them join our E&P team and building on their success."

Mark E. Monroe, resident and chief executive officer of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas, said:

"This transaction benefits our shareholders by providing an attrac-

tive near-term return and opportunity to participate with a larger company involved in more facets of the energy business."

Once the transaction is complete, a transition team will ensure a smooth integration of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas operations into Dominion's exploration and production unit. Under the transactions legal structure, Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas will be merged into Dominion's wholly owned subsidiary, Consolidated Natural Gas Co. Dominion anticipates retaining the majority of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas's employees.

Dominion will finance the cash portion of the transaction with a bridge loan facility, which will be replaced with proceeds from a combination of permanent debt financing and equity hybrids.

Merrill Lynch & Co. is acting as financial advisor to Dominion. Lehman Brothers Inc. is acting as financial advisor to Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas. McGuireWoods is legal counsel to Dominion, and Crowe & Dunlevy is legal counsel to Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas.

Dominion is one of the nation's largest producers of energy. Its 22,000-megawatt generation portfolio is expected to grow to more than 28,000 megawatts by 2005. In addition to its existing 3 trillion cubic feet equivalent of annual production, Dominion also owns and operates 7,600 miles of natural gas transmission pipeline with a delivery capability of 6.3 billion cubic feet per day. The company also operates the nation's largest underground natural gas storage system with more than 950 billion cubic feet of storage capacity. Dominion also serves nearly 4 million retail natural gas and electric customers in five states. Dominion is headquartered in Richmond, VA., and has more than 16,000 employees. For more information about Dominion, visit the company's web site at www.dom.com.

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas is one of the largest independent natural gas companies engaged in the acquisition, development, exploration, production and marketing of natural gas and crude oil in the United States. Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas is headquartered in Oklahoma City, OK, and has about 400 employees. For more information about Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas, visit the company's web site at www.lndng.com.

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Texas Tech University Conducting Survey

During the month of September, Texas Tech University is distributing a Survey of Educational Needs and asking school districts to participate. Texas Tech University and several partner institutions are evaluating the potential of a University Consortium that might operate with community college partners to bring more public higher education opportunities to the Hill Country and adjacent regions of the Edwards Plateau. The survey is intended to help determine what degrees and course are needed in the area.

Mr. Robert Hickerson, Campus Dean and Chief Operating Officer of the Junction Campus, has emphasized how important each individual's input is to the success of the effort. Depending on the demand from students, Texas Tech, and partner colleges and universities might offer undergraduate and graduate degrees and programs to residents of this area. The community colleges will teach lower-division courses and offer selected associ-

ate's degrees, while the senior institutions could offer upper-division courses, bachelor's and graduate degrees. Classes could start as early as June of 2002 and the schedule will be determined using the results of this survey. Groups targeted for the survey include employees, faculty and high school seniors of independent school districts as well as health workers, law enforcement

officers and county extension agents. Anyone not included in those groups, but interested in participating in the survey or being added to the mailing list can call 1-888-GOTECH2 or email martha.Richardson@ttu.edu. Respondents are reminded to be sure to leave their mailing address, so a survey can be sent through the mail.

The Meaning and Significance of Our Constitution



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX)

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

America. The writers of the Constitution believed that government should come from the people, not from kings, and that a legitimate government is one that derives its powers from the people it governs. They provided for a system of checks and balances that prevent the government from becoming too powerful. They divided the federal government into three separate branches -- the executive branch, the legislative branch and the judicial branch. In addition, the Constitution provided a national structure which sought to protect the self-determination of state and local governments.

These famous words, written more than 200 years ago, constitute the opening paragraph of one of the most profound and influential documents in history. As we celebrate the anniversary of our Constitution on September 17, we should take a few minutes this weekend to think about the meaning and significance of that incredible document.

The U.S. Constitution is the world's oldest written constitution still in effect. Ever since its completion on September 17, 1787, it has been debated, interpreted and amended. In spite of the changes our nation has gone through during the last two centuries, our Constitution has continued to provide a stable framework for

The framers of the U.S. Constitution accomplished what no other nation had achieved before that time: a national charter which defined and incorporated the principles of a government formed and run by the people. Since that time, it has been a model for other nations trying to emulate our great country.

In this day and age, it seems that some politicians in Washington are willing to jeopardize the strength of our Constitution for political gains. Our Constitution has worked well for more than 200 years; we should protect it today so we can enjoy the same level of freedom and prosperity in the United States for the next 200 years.

Rep. Bonilla Responds to Tuesday's Attacks

"Let me begin by saying, President Bush will have the full support of Congress. We will do everything in our power to follow through on his pledge to track down those responsible for these cowardice acts against the American people," said Henry Bonilla.

"Those who have declared war on the American people must now face the full might and power of the United States. The Federal Response Plan has been activated. Twenty-eight federal agencies are coordinating as we speak to prevent future attacks."

"I will continue my work to provide our military and intelligence agencies with the resources they require so America remains free, safe and secure."

"I ask each and every one of you to join me in prayer for those whose fate remains in God's hands."

August EMS Call Report

8-1-01 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Crockett Street - Unit 100

8-1-01 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101

8-2-01 Medical - Hwy 3130, 13 miles to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100

8-3-01 Medical - IH-10, 415MM to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100

8-3-01 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101

8-3-01 Accident - IH-10, 415MM to Hudspeth Hospital, 2 patients - Unit 100

8-3-01 Accident - IH-10, 415MM to Hudspeth Hospital, 2 patients - Unit 101

8-4-01 Medical - IH-10, 420MM to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100

8-5-01 Stand-by - Structure Fire, Terri Drive - Unit 100

8-7-01 Medical - Crockett Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100

8-7-01 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101

8-7-01 Accident - IH-10, 398MM, Patient refused service - Unit 100

8-8-01 Medical - Glasscock Street - Patient refused service - Unit 100

8-9-01 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 102

8-10-01 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101

8-10-01 Transport - San Angelo Community Hospital to Crockett Street, No transport - Unit 101

8-11-01 Transport - San Angelo Community Hospital to Crockett Street - Unit 101

8-12-01 Accident - IH-10, 399MM - Patients refused treatment - Unit 100

8-13-01 Transport - Crockett Street to Schleicher County Care Center - Unit 102

8-15-01 Stand-by - Sutton County Rodeo Arena - Unit 102

8-16-01 Stand-by - Sutton County Rodeo Arena - Morning Performance - Unit 102

8-16-01 Stand-by - Sutton County Rodeo Arena - Evening Performance - Unit 102

8-17-01 Accident - IH-10N, Service road to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100

8-17-01 Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101

8-17-01 Stand-by - Sutton County Rodeo Arena - Unit 102

8-18-01 Medical - Terri Drive to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100

8-19-01 Stand-by - Sutton County Rodeo Arena - Unit 102

8-19-01 Accident - Sutton County Rodeo Arena to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 102

8-19-01 Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101

8-19-01 Accident - Sutton County Rodeo Arena to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 102

8-19-01 Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 102

8-23-01 Stand-by - Sonora High School Football Field - Scrimmage - Unit 102

8-26-01 Medical - Hwy 277 N, to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100

8-27-01 Accident - Glasscock Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100

8-29-01 Accident - College Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100

8-29-01 Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101

8-29-01 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101

8-30-01 Accident - IH-10, 426MM to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100

8-30-01 Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101

8-30-01 Stand-by - Sonora High School Football Field - JV Game - Unit 102

8-31-01 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 102

8-31-01 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101

8-31-01 Accident - Tayloe Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100

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written to purchase "Read 180", a reading intervention program to be used in grades 4 through 6. This is a 90 minute program that will be implemented each day to help students improve their reading ability and "get back on track". Dermody said that they are hoping to have the project in place by October.

Middle School Principal John Berry reported on the Dyslexia Program currently in place at the schools. Berry reported that because of scheduling problems, one group is meeting with teacher, Kay Bosch at 7:00 a.m. This allows the student to get the special instruction needed and still be allowed to attend regular classes. This is very important when preparing for the TAAS test. Berry said that over the next year they will look at this program closely so as to make any adjustments.

Doug Bawcom, High School Principal, reported that enrollment has been steady, currently at 242 students. He commented that he is confident this number will continue to go up. Bawcom said that his perceptions of the beginning of the year are very positive. He says that he feels that this is the best start of a year he has had in 12 years of being an educator. He went on to say that he is very pleased with the willingness to adapt to a new principal. He

also said that he was very impressed with how the teachers and staff also adapted and have made a smooth beginning. He reported there have been no major discipline or tardy problems. He did report that he has two large concerns, the first being absences on Monday. He said that if it weren't for the larger amount of absences on Mondays the attendance would be over 98%. Each absence is being checked and there are excuses for every one of them. Principal Bawcom stated that it will take assistance from the parents, as well as the students, to get this number lowered. An extra push from the parents is needed. Bawcom also commented that communication is a concern of his. He wants everyone to work at improving this area.

In the Superintendent's reports, Mr. Myers reported that overall attendance is at 98.17% and enrollment is at 918 students. He reported that a new server had been ordered because the current one is being overloaded. The server will handle the administration building. He also reported that a wireless network has been ordered for the Rock Building, so as to connect Alice Cox's office.

Myers gave a report on the Facilities project and how it will impact the homestead and ranches financially. He said that he has spoken to several organizations already

and is scheduled to speak at many more. He reiterated the fact that if anyone has questions concerning the upcoming bond election or construction being discussed that they contact him. He informed the board that some concerns that have been brought to his attention concerning the 20 year funding option. He said that this is an area that needs to be looked into further, because of the possibility of saving on interest if cut to 15 years. He said that other concerns included removing the old high school. He explained that by going with the proposed plan the community would get more for their money.

The board approved the payment of \$335,035.38 in current bills.

A Trustee Effectiveness Appraisal Form was discussed and it was decided to revisit this topic at next month's meeting, so as to allow all board members a chance to discuss the form.

Early dismissal for Homecoming on 9-28 and the Fall Festival on 10-30 was approved for 2:30 p.m.

Before going into Executive Session, Tryon Fields and Scott Jacoby were appointed as trustees to take part in the dissolving of the County Education District Board with Junction.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
Special Election
NOVEMBER 6, 2001

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 52)

Proposition 1 would amend the constitution to relinquish the state's claim to certain disputed land in Bastrop County. The amendment would confirm legal title to that land, excluding any mineral interests, to the individuals who hold a disputed title to the land. The amendment would prevent a loss of title by people who bought and paid for property that was never transferred by the state because of faulty surveys.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by the release of a state claim of its interest to the owners of certain land in Bastrop County."

PROPOSITION 2 (SJR 37)

Proposition 2 would amend the constitution to establish the process for issuing up to \$175 million of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide aid to counties for access road projects to serve border colonies. Generally, a colony is an economically distressed geographic area with inadequate public services (such as water supplies, sewer services, or paved roads) in a county without adequate resources to provide such services. These projects could include the construction of access roads, the acquisition of materials used in maintaining those roads, and projects related to the construction of those roads, such as road drainage. The Texas Transportation Commission, in consultation with the Governor, would be authorized to determine what constitutes a border colony for purposes of selecting the counties and projects that would receive assistance.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide financial assistance to counties for roadway projects to serve border colonies."

PROPOSITION 3 (SJR 47)

Proposition 3 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt green coffee and raw cocoa held in Harris County from property taxes in order to qualify Harris County as an exchange port for coffee by the New York Board of Trade. The authorization of exemption would not apply to any other county.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation raw cocoa and green coffee that is held in Harris County."

PROPOSITION 4 (HJR 1)

Proposition 4 would amend the constitution by setting the term of the fire fighters' pension commissioner at four years. The constitution currently provides that the duration of all offices not otherwise fixed by the constitution may not exceed two years.

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 32)

Proposition 5 would amend the constitution to allow a municipality to donate outdated or surplus equipment, supplies, or other materials used in fighting fires to an underdeveloped country. Current state law does not allow anything of value belonging to the state or its political subdivisions to be donated to another nation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate outdated or surplus firefighting equipment or supplies to underdeveloped countries."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 45)

Proposition 6 would amend the constitution to require the governor to call a special session of the legislature so that the legislature can appoint presidential electors when the governor determines that it is reasonably likely that the outcome of the election for a presidential candidate's electors will not be clearly determined in time for the appropriate electors to meet before the federal deadline to cast their votes. Under current law, when the people vote for a particular candidate for president, in reality they are voting for that candidate's electors who will meet to cast their votes for president. If the electors are not determined by the certification date, no electoral votes may be cast for the state. The proposed amendment ensures that the state's electoral votes will be cast.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call a special session for the appointment of presidential electors under certain circumstances."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 82)

Proposition 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue and sell up to \$500 million of additional general obligation bonds to finance additional home mortgage loans to veterans. Additionally, the proposed amendment would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use assets from the land and housing assistance funds to create, operate, and improve veterans' cemeteries.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for veterans' housing assistance and to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide for veterans cemeteries."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 97)

Proposition 8 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue and sell up to \$850 million of general obligation bonds. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds would pay for construction and repair projects or for the purchase of needed equipment by the General Services Commission, the Texas Youth Commission, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the

Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Parks and Wildlife Department, the adjutant general's department, the Texas School for the Deaf, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Public Safety, the State Preservation Board, the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Historical Commission, or the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$850 million in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for construction and repair projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 47)

Proposition 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for filling vacancies in the legislature without an election if only one person is a qualified candidate in the election to fill the vacancy. Under current law, a special election must be held to fill a vacancy in the legislature even if there is only one qualified candidate.

PROPOSITION 10 (SJR 6)

Proposition 10 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt certain items of personal property from property taxation by political subdivisions of the state if the property is warehoused temporarily in a location in Texas to be assembled, stored, manufactured, processed, fabricated, or repaired and then forwarded to another location inside or outside Texas. The proposed amendment would authorize a political subdivision that imposes ad valorem taxes, at its option, to tax this type of property after a local public hearing on the matter.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote equal tax treatment for products produced, acquired, and distributed in the State of Texas by authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property held at certain locations only temporarily for assembling, manufacturing, processing, or other commercial purposes."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 85)

Proposition 11 would amend the constitution to allow a schoolteacher, a retired schoolteacher, or a retired school administrator who serves as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district, including a water district, to receive compensation for serving on such a governing body. Currently, state employees or other individuals who are compensated directly or indirectly from state funds are barred from receiving a salary for such service.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow current and retired public school teachers and retired public school administrators to receive compensation for serving on the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns, or other local governmental districts, including water districts."

PROPOSITION 12 (HJR 75)

Proposition 12 would amend, repeal, or relocate several sections of the current

constitution to improve the clarity, organization, and consistency of the constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate obsolete, archaic, redundant, and unnecessary provisions and to clarify, update, and harmonize certain provisions of the Texas Constitution."

PROPOSITION 13 (SJR 2)

Proposition 13 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a board of trustees of an independent school district to donate real property and improvements formerly used as a school campus in order to preserve that property. The board may make the donation if the board determines that the property has historical significance, that the donation will help to preserve the property, and that the school district no longer needs the property for educational purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize the board of trustees of an independent school district to donate certain surplus district property of historical significance in order to preserve the property."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 44)

Proposition 14 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a taxing unit, other than a school district, to exempt travel trailers from property taxation as long as the travel trailers are lawfully registered with the state and are not held or used for the production of income.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize taxing units other than school districts to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers that are not held or used for the production of income."

PROPOSITION 15 (SJR 16)

Proposition 15 would amend the constitution to create the Texas Mobility Fund, which would be administered by the Texas Transportation Commission. The Fund would finance the construction, acquisition, and expansion of state highways and would pay a portion of the costs of public toll roads and other public transportation projects. The legislature may reserve specific sources of state revenue for the Fund and may authorize the Commission to guarantee the payment of any obligations or credit agreements with the full faith and credit of the state. The attorney general shall determine the legality of any such obligations or credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas Mobility Fund and authorizing grants and loans of money and issuance of obligations for financing the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, operation, and expansion of state highways, turnpikes, toll roads, toll bridges, and other mobility projects."

PROPOSITION 16 (HJR 5)

Proposition 16 would amend the constitution to reduce the waiting period required for a valid home improvement lien on a homestead from 12 days to 5 days. Currently, a lien may not attach to a homestead for a home improvement loan if the homeowner executed a contract for the improvements less than 12 days after applying for the loan. In addition, the proposed amendment would

authorize the conversion and refinance of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on a homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment prescribing requirements for imposing a lien for work and material used in the construction, repair, or renovation of improvements on residential homestead property and including the conversion and refinance of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on real property as a debt on homestead property protected from a forced sale."

PROPOSITION 17 (HJR 53)

Proposition 17 would amend the constitution to allow the state to relinquish claim to certain state land and to clear title defects for persons who claim title to those lands. The proposed amendment would apply to land whose owners have disputed title to the land, but for which no patent from the state, giving clear title to the land, was ever issued. Among other requirements, all of the taxes due on the land must have been paid. Under current law, there is no procedure allowing the state to settle title disputes without a constitutional amendment for each piece of land in dispute.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to settle land title disputes between the state and a private party."

PROPOSITION 18 (SJR 49)

Proposition 18 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to create a program to consolidate and standardize the collection, deposit, reporting, and payment of criminal and civil court fees. If the legislature creates such a program, any new fees imposed by the legislature may not take effect before January 1 of the following year, unless an earlier effective date is approved by a vote of two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote uniformity in the collection, deposit, reporting, and remitting of civil and criminal fees."

PROPOSITION 19 (HJR 81)

Proposition 19 would amend the constitution to allow the Texas Water Development Board to issue up to \$2 billion of additional general obligation bonds. The Board issues bonds to pay for water supply projects, water quality enhancement projects, flood control projects, state participation in water and wastewater facilities, and projects for economically distressed areas. Current law limits the amount of bonds that the Board can issue.

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 6 de noviembre de 2001. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 or por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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American Outlaw (DTS) (PG-13)	3:15	5:25	7:40	9:55
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Dr. Dolittle 2 (PG)	2:40	4:45	7:00	9:20
The Fast and the Furious (PG-13)	2:40	4:45	7:00	9:20

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