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# SONORA, TEXAS

Thursday, September 20, 2001

### **Sonora Reaches Out To Rescuers**

The people of Sonora, Texas and surrounding communities are joining together to send a shipment of 1,000 pairs of mohair socks, gloves, t-shirts, and underwear to the firefighters and policemen of New York City.

It is our hope that these socks, which are 100% American-made of Texas mohair and wool, as well as the other donations, will convey a heartfelt message of resilient support from the people of our area. We plan to ship the supplies this Friday. If you would like to help contribute to this worthy cause, please stop by Rafter W Feeds or The Bank & Trust. Let's show these brave souls that the folks of West Texas are behind them!

### "May God Continue to Bless America"



Flags in Sonora and all over the United States are flying at half mast after last week's attack by terrorists. Recovery efforts are still underway in New York and Washington at the sites where the planes crashed into the World Trade Center's Twin Towers and the Pentagon. President George W. Bush has vowed stern retaliation against those responsible for these horrendous "acts of evil". In a prayer service held on Tuesday, one week after the attacks took place, President Bush quietly stated, "May God continue to Bless America".

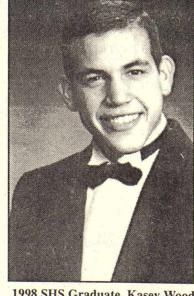
# Loved Ones Called For Duty

by Storie Sharp

Last Tuesday's attack on America has affected everyone in this nation in one way or another. Many of us have been glued to the televisions and radios, crying for people we don't know personally. But these attacks have hit closer to home than some realize. Many loved ones from our hometown are being called up for active duty as we speak. The first Sonora graduate that has been reported as being shipped out is Kasey Wood.

Kasey is a 1998 graduate of Sonora High School. He is the son of Kenneth and Cindy Hayes and has one brother, Kris, that is working in Austin.

Kasey is stationed on the U.S.S. Carl Vinson, which is a part of the Wes-Pac Deployment. The tour had left Washington in July for Thailand, Hawaii, etc. Cindy heard from Kasey on Monday, when he emailed her pictures from Thailand. This has been their last contact since Tuesday's attack. She read in Sunday's paper that the U.S.S. Carl Vinson is deployed with the U.S.S. Enterprise in the Persian Gulf. Kenneth and Cindy ask for your prayers for Kasey and for all our American Brothers and Sisters.



1998 SHS Graduate, Kasey Wood

The New Life Ministry has started a "Wall of Prayers" at their location on Main Street. If you have a loved one, or you are being called for duty, we would love to share your story with our readers and add your name to the "Wall of Prayers". Please contact us at the Devil's River News office, phone: 387-2507, fax: 387-5691 or email us at editor@sonoratx.net



Circle of Unity - Residents of Sutton County gathered together on Friday, September 14, 2001 to pray for our country and its leaders, as well as the victims of the terrorist attacks. President George W. Bush had proclaimed the day a "National Day of Prayer".



### United We Stand

Fourth Graders at Sonora Elementary School used their hands and their hearts to make this American Flag that is being displayed at the school. Americans of all ages are doing all that they can to show that we are one

# **Homecoming Schedule of Events** Friday, September 28, 2001

3:30 p.m.

Homecoming Parade - Beginning in front of the Elementary School and ending at the Methodist parking lot. Pep Rally to follow on Main Street. 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.Bronco Booster Club fundraiser supper at High

School Commons Area. 7:30 p.m.

Pre-Game Activities - Sonora Bronco Band to perform at Bronco Stadium.

Football Game - Sonora Broncos vs. Winters Blizzards Halftime - Crowning of 2001 Homecoming Queen After Game Party at the Sutton County Steakhouse. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided and drinks will be available. All former students, teachers and families are welcome.

### Saturday, September 29, 2001

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

9:30 p.m.

Registration will begin at the Civic Center (old 4-H Barn) Cinnamon rolls, coffee and juice will be served. A fee of \$10 per adult and \$3 for children under 10 years old will be collected to help with expenses. We invite all who have been involved in the Sonora Public Schools to attend. Gwen Kordzik, Bob Snodgrass and Jerry Hopkins will be presented as our guests of honor. The classes of 31, 36, 41, 46, 51, 56, 61, 66, 71, 76, and 81 will also be recognized.

12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served. Local exes will provide BBQ, beans, salads and desserts.

.. Anyone with photos from the years being honored at this year's Homecoming please contact the Devil's River News. We are working on a special section for the upcoming Homecoming and need pictures. This years being honored are 31, 36, 41, 46, 51, 56, 61, 66, 71, 76 and

#### Groundwater Management Under Scrutiny

by Cindy Cawley, Sutton Co.

Groundwater districts throughout Texas are under examination as to their techniques and strategies in managing a very precious resource. Chapter 36 of the Texas Water code gives guidance and mandates for groundwater districts to follow. And under the direction and common sense of locally elected Directors, the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District is striving to manage our drinking water.

The District promotes and encourages good conservation practices for all water uses and is available to give presentations to classes or groups. The District also offers a service where water wells may be tested to ensure water quality integrity through a partial chemical analysis and bacteria testing.

Also, the question has been asked over and over, "Are we going to have to put a meter on our well? Hopefully, the answer to that question is "No." The better the Sutton County UWCD can manage the water source the longer we can answer that question with a "No." Proper management comes through complete records and database of all wells in the County. The District has promulgated rules to this end. However, the terminology used by the District is sometimes confusing.

According to District rules and Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, there are two types of potable water wells. The first type is the exempt or registered well. An exempt well is used solely for domestic or livestock use, is on more than ten acres of land and does not produce over 25,000 gallons of water per day. An exempt well must be registered with the District which includes a one page form asking for information about the well such as: owner of the well and address, well name, location of the well, water level, total depth, type of water use, etc. For new wells, the landowner should initiate registration prior to drilling the well.

The second type of well is called a permitted well. Permitted wells are those wells which produce large amounts of water for irrigation, industry, municipalities or transported outside District boundaries. Waste of water from permitted wells is prohibited by district rule. Wells of this type are limited in the number that can be drilled per section of land and the amount of water to be produced each year. Currently, District rules allow for eight permitted wells to be drilled on a section of land. The proposed permitted well must be at least 660'

See Groundwater page 6

### San Angelo PHA **Takes Over Section** 8 Rent Subsidy Program

The San Angelo Public Housing Authority (PHA) is taking over administration of the Section 8 Rent Subsidy Program from the City of Sonora effective October 1, 2001. The San Angelo PHA will also be taking over administration of the Section 8 Rent Subsidy Program from Crockett County (Ozona). This change results from a mutual agreement between the City of Sonora, Crockett County and the San Angelo PHA. The agreement was facilitated by, and approved by the Department of Housing and

Urban Development in Fort Worth. The City of Sonora with 24 slots of Section 8 Rent Subsidy and Crockett County with 12 slots of Section 8 Rent Subsidy have operated small Section 8 Rent Subsidy Programs of 24. Although both programs are small, both Sonora and Crockett County have had to comply with numerous new HUD regulations. Recent HUD regulations have made it very difficult for small PHA's to administer the Section 8 Rent Subsidy Program. The City of Sonora and Crockett County have one person to administer and comly with HUD's burdensome regulations. Based on limited administrative fees small PHA's like Sonora and Crockett County can only afford to pay a part-time salary to someone who has to work on a 40 hour week to keep up with all the new HUD requirements.

HUD regulations resulting from Congress' Quality Housing and Work Resp nsibility Act have required small PHA's to comply with computerized "on-line" submission of numerous HUD required documents; not to mention regulations changes that require numerous hours of staff time. HUD's requirement for each PHA to submit an annual and five year plan (a very detailed, and very large document) is also very time consuming. These are just a few of the reasons the City of Sonora and Crockett County are allowing the San Angelo PHA to administer their Section 8 Rent

Subsidy Program. The San Angelo PHA currently operate a public housing program for 174 families, and an affordable housing program for 202 families, and a section 8 program for 743 families. Having operated a Section 8 Rent Subsidy Program in the City of San Angelo since 1976, and by having a larger administrative staff the San Angelo PHA will be able to incorporate the operation of Sonora's and Crockett County's

### **Hospital Board Sets Tax Rate**

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District Board of Directors was held on Monday, September 10, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hospital Annex. The following Directors were present: Alvis Johnson, President; Lewis Allen, Vice President; Virginia Epps, Lenora Pool, Preston Faris, Mike Healy. Also present were: Keith Butler, Administrator; Carolyn Lara, Alternate Board Secretary; Bobby Zesch, Zesch & Pickett Insurance; Rex Ann Friess. Chief Appraiser, SCAD; and Ben

Dr. Johnson called the meeting to order and the minutes from the

August 13 meeting were approved. Rex Ann Friess, Chief Appraiser, Sutton County Appraisal District, reported that the 2001 taxes were 97.8% collected.

Mr. Bobby Zesch presented proposals from Blue Cross, as well as several other insurance companies, for the employee health insurance. After discussion of the various plans available, a motion was made by Virginia Epps, seconded by Mike Healy, to accept the Blue Cross Plan #M602. The motion carried.

Upon a motion by Lewis Allen, seconded by Preston Faris, the Board approved the bad debt writeoff list in the amount of \$4,828.83 as written. These accounts have been worked extensively by the Business Office staff and some will now be turned over to a collection agency and the Internal Revenue Service.

Mr. Butler reported that he has received the Letter of Engagement from the legal firm in San Antonio, chosen to draw up the legal papers for the Sutton County Health Foundation. The estimate of fees to develop the articles of incorporation, conflict of interest policy and by-laws is \$2,500. No action is required on this matter except the signature of the President of the Board of Directors.

Butler reported that at the last meeting of the Board of Directors, it was decided to have a dinner meeting to organize the Sutton County Health Foundation. Mr. Butler contacted Health Care Funding Development Consultants, to see what their fee would be to attend the organizational meeting and follow up with the participants individually to try to develop them into prospective board members if they choose to do so. Their fee would be \$2,400. Dr. Johnson reported that he and Butler had visited with the Corporate Board regarding the formation of a foundation and they are in agreement with the Board's plans. A motion was made by Lewis Allen, seconded by Lenora Pool, to contract with Health Care Funding Development Consultants to attend the planning meeting for a fee of \$2,400. Motion carried. A discussion was held regarding a date for the planning dinner meeting and dates under consideration are October 9th or 16th.

Butler presented Engagement Letter from Oliver, Rainey & Wojtek, L.L.P., auditing

See PHA page 7 See Hospital Board page 7

# "Rowdy Bunch" of the Week



The T&C Village Market has been chosen as the "Rowdy Bunch" Business of the Week. The megaphone will be passed again next Monday. GET



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notice given to the Editor of this publication.

### Cards of Thanks

The Bears of Cub Scout Pack 19 would like to thank JoAnn Palmer for such an informative tour of the Old Jail. We all enjoyed learning so much about our community's history. Thank you so much for your support of the

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the Raffle on Friday night at the Brady game. The raffle was to help us to raise money for our new uniforms. A very special thanks goes out to Dairy Queen, Lisa's Flowers and Gifts, Ronda's Styling Haus, Team Graphics and Ol' Sonora Trading Co. for supplying all of the goodies. Thanks again to all of our sup-

Coach Kathy Marshall and the Sonora Lady Broncos

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Brisket Supper on Friday night before the Brady game. The meal was to raise money for meals for our athletes following their sporting events. These proceeds benefit all athletes in High School. A very special thanks goes out to Sonora Chemical, Curtis and Lisa Lipham, American Sales and Service, Village Market, Sonic, George and Martha Wallace, Lazy 2 Ranch, E.M. Hobbs, New Life Ministries, Ronda's Styling Haus, June Williams, Coach Marshall and many parents who helped in cooking and working.

Jane Rushing Chairman of the Brisket Supper

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all our wonderful friends who have been so supportive during Square's recovery since his recent surgery. Your phone calls, cards, visits and gifts of food and flowers have all reminded us of how lucky we are to be surrounded by such kind neighbors, family and friends. Thank you again,

The Sanchez Family Brenda, Square, Tabitha and Rene

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# The Lighthouse Flashlight Club

Begins Wednesday, September 26, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. We will be meeting at the Family Life Center on Crockett Street.



We will have snacks, Bible stories, music and activities. So, all we need is you!!!!

If you need a ride, please call 387-3462. Call before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday and leave your name, phone number and address.

The bys will pick you up between 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. Can't wait to see you! Ages 5 thru 5th grade



### **Senior Center News**

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Sept. 24 - Bingo after lunch!

Sept. 25 - Exercise...anyone? 2:00 p.m.

Sept. 26 - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Eduacation. Noon. Sept. 27 - Plan for Halloween Party October 31st.

Sept. 28 - Homecoming Parade at 3:30 p.m. Does anyone want to do

a float for the Seniors?

### Senior Menu

Sept. 24 - King ranch chicken, broccoli, rolls, carrot salad, oatmeal

Sept. 25 - Hamburgers with lettuce, tomatoes & onions, baby carrots, seafoam salad, grapes.

Sept. 26 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, spinach, garlic toast, fruit cocktail, pound cake.

Sept. 27 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, butter peas, spinach, cornbread, sunshine fruit cup.

Sept. 28 - Grilled chicken fajita salad with chopped tomato & lettuce, macaroni salad, cherry perfection salad, pumpkin pie, crackers.

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

\*Menu is subject to change.\*

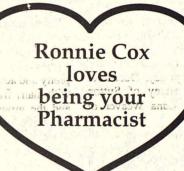
### Engagement



### **Brumfield** - Thompson

James and Cheryl Brumfield of Grand Saline are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Allison Cheryl, to Aaron Colely Thompson, son of Gene and Jeanette Thompson of Sonora, Texas. Allison is a 1997 graduate of Grand Saline High School and a 2001 graduate of Southwest Texas State University receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography. She is currently employed with the S.W.T. geography department working as a graduate assistant and pursuing a Masters of Applied Geography in Resource and Environmental Management.

Colely is a 1996 graduate of Sonora High School and a 2001 graduate of Southwest texas State University receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise and Sports Science. He is currently employed as the Assistant Manager of McCoy's Building Supply Company in Dripping Springs, Texas and serves in the 1st Squadron, 124th Calvary Regiment of the Texas Army National Guard. The couple will be married January 5, 2002. at 6:00 p.m. in the Tyler Woman's Forum in Tyler, Texas.



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. 24 - Sept. 28

Breakfast

Mon. - Grilled cheese, fruit. Tues. - Muffin, oatmeal, juice. Wed. - (3) French toast sticks, syrup, juice.

Thurs. - Breakfast burrito, juice. Fri. - Sweet roll, fruit.



County to

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Mon. - Corn dog, baked beans, potato chips, orange half. Tues. - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, jello, hot

Wed.-Chicken enchiladas, pinto beans, salad, oatmeal cookie. Thurs. - Sloppy Joe on bun, pickles, ranch style beans, fruit. Fri. -Hot dog on bun, French fries, sliced peaches.

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### Community

Sept. 28 Homecoming Parade 3:30 p.m. Homecoming Game Broncos vs Winters • 8:00 p.m. Oct. 8 County Commissioners Meeting 9:00 a.m. Annex Bldg.

The Community Calendar



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### Calendar

Oct. 15 4-H Awards Program 6:30 p.m. - Civic Center Oct. 16 City Council City Hall • 2:00 p.m.

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# Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Q. Do you have any information on the marriage of a Pearl Haley of Sutton County?

A. Devil's River News, December 26, 1896 - Married at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Spruce at 6 o'clock, on Wednesday, December 23, 1896, A. J. Dragoo to Miss Pearl Haley, Justice W. A. Stewart officiating. The contracting party was supported by Forest Beaman and Miss Fannie Dragoo, George Haley and Miss Bertie Taylor. The bride who is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Haley of Sutton County was becomingly dressed in white albatross, gloves and slippers to match and wore the proverbial orange blossoms in her hair. Miss Pearl is very popular with a large circle of friends. Jack Dragoo the successful suitor is a steady hard working young cattleman formerly of London, Kimble County, and was every inch a man in his suit of regulation black. The bridesmaids and groomsmen were suitably dressed. After the ceremony a splendid supper, presided over by the host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. Spruce was partaken of by the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dragoo, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Williams, Mrs. Birtrong, Misses Fannie Dragoo and Tilden Mitchell of Rock Springs, Sallie Barksdale, Bertie Taylor, Lillie Heflin, and Messrs. Tom Dragoo of Rock Springs, Forest Beaman, Geo. And Horton Haley, Ed Trimble, Cal Miller, Ed Pride, S. L. Holland, W. H. Moon, Forest Stewart and Mike Murphy.

A dance and reception was held at the court house at night and was largely attended and everybody danced in honor of the bride and had a good time. Mr. and Mrs. Dragoo will make their home at the Pullen ranch on Copperas.

There were several other marriages listed in this issue which we will share with our readers:

Married in Santa Rosa de Sonora on Monday, December 21, 1896, Manuel Gerrara to Miss Librado Lopez, Judge J. O. Rountree officiating.

Married at London, Kimble County, on Wednesday, December 23, 1896, Will Haley of Sutton County to Miss Edna Weaver of London.

I found that Tilden Mitchell and Tom Dragoo were married December 19, 1897. Tilden died in 1935 and Tom died in 1950. They are both buried in the Rocksprings

W. A. Glasscock the Schleicher Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Duke, Rev. and

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Provided by Adelita Alvarez,

"Parent Contributing to

Child refers to a person

(1) at least six years of age, or

(2) who is younger than six

(3) who has not yet reached the

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required to attend school under

years of age and has previously

Penalty/Punishment

Misdemeanor, if requisite number

been enrolled in first grade, and

(formerly

Compulsory Attendance")

Education Code who is:

child's 18th birthday

Rhonda Martin

Justice of the Peace

county cattleman was in Sonora Saturday and gave the "Devil's River News" the particulars of the accident that befell H. H. Sheard the sheepman at Eldorado, on Monday, December 14th. Mr. Sheard had his horses hitched to his wagon and tied while he was marking some pigs in the back end of the wagon. One of the horses was only partially broken and becoming frightened at something broke the ropes the horses were tied with and started to run. Mr. Sheard went to the front of the wagon to get the lines and top them, when the tongue dropped and sticking in the ground raised up the front of the wagon. Mr. Sheard was thrown in the air by the tongue sticking in the ground and when he came down he fell with his face on the brake handle, tearing his mouth and breaking his jaw in several places. Dr. H. G. Jones of Sonora was sent for and fixed up Mr. Sheard in the best way possible, and Mr. Glasscock says the patient is doing as well as could be expected.

Q. Where did the Labenske's come from?

A. Ann Acklen was born October 4, 1877 in Buda. Robert Lee Labenske was born February 25, 1875 in Manchaca. They were married on November 13, 1898 in Buda. The family came from Winters to Sonora in June of 1930 and opened the Labenske Style Shop. The couple celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 1968. Mrs. Labenske died on February 5, 1969 and Mr. Labenske died August 3, 1970. The old Labenske store has recently undergone major renovation by the Percifull's.

Q. Was there anything in the paper on the marriage of Dora Duke in 1894?

A. Devil's River News, Saturday, June 16, 1894 - Married at the residence of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Duke in West Sonora, on Wednesday June 13, 1894, at 9 o'clock p.m., Mr. Carle Atkinson to Miss Dora Duke, Rev. J. A. Wright of the Methodist Church officiating. No invitations were issued and only a few friends and neighbors of the contracting parties were present. The bride is a pretty and accomplished young lady with many friends in church circles and the groom is one of Sonora's successful young business men and owner of the Citizens water works. After the ceremony the happy couple received the best wishes and congratulations from those present and then all partook of refreshments. Among those present were:

of absences is met under Sec.

include 10 or more days or parts of

be a separate offense. Two or more

offenses may be consolidated and

position for parent, and may require

defendant to provide personal ser-

vices to charitable or educational

institution as condition of deferral

or fined \$500.00 a day of absences,

Defendant Violates/Disobeys

Court Order

order, parent may be punished for

contempt under the Texas Family

Code Section 54.022 (G), punish-

able by a fine of not more than

Next week: Failure to Attend

School - Child

\$100 or three (3) days in jail.

If parent refuses to obey an

Court may order deferred dis-

days within a six-month period or

days within a four-week period

prosecuted together.

plus court cost of money.

Requisite number of absences



Mrs. Theo Savell and her son, Miers and daughter, Velma at the old home where the chidren were born - about 1916.

Mrs. J. A. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Thomason, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gibbons, Mrs. Kenedy of San Angelo, Mrs. L. E. Thomason, Mrs. Holland, Misses Anna Atkinson of San Angelo, Ada and Viola Gibbons, Nellie and Madie DeBerry, Mary Hudspeth, Manda Duke, Mona and Montie Rountree; Messrs. James Robinson, D. W. March, C. J. Nichols, B. M. Halbert, Earl Duke, Quintman Hudspeth and Mike Murphy. Their marriage is filed in the Sutton County Courthouse Records of Marriage Vol. 001, page 016, Carle L. Atkinson and Dora I. Duke.

Q. Is there anything in the Sutton County records on the death of Sophie Ratliff?

A. Sophie Ratliff didn't die in Sutton County. Devil's River News of March 20, 1920 states the following: Mrs. Sophie Ratliff, who has so long kept the boarding house at Juno, died last Sunday night at 7:15 and was buried Monday afternoon at that place. According to the Ozona Stockman of March 11. Her daughter Mrs. Walter Edwards of Del Rio and sons Joe and Tody were the only children with her at the last. Deceased was a native of Louisiana and 76 years of age.

Q. Where were Abe Mayer and Emma Lee married?

A. Devil's River News, 1899 Married, at the home of the bride's mother in McKavett, on Tuesday, January 10, 1899, Abe Mayer to Miss Emma Lee, Judge Scruggs, of Menard County officiating. The bride is a deservedly popular and charming young lady, the daughter of Mrs. B. Lee of McKavett and the groom is a successful young stockman and manager of the F. Mayer and Sons' T Half Circle Ranch in Sutton County. He is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Mayer formerly of McKavett but now of San Antonio. The happy couple arrived in Sonora Friday evening and will make their home on the T Half Circle Ranch.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may call . me at 915-387-2855.

Don't forget there is a work day on the 29th at the Miers Home Museum complex. Bring a hammer, screwdriver, shovel, rake, tree saw, dust cloths or window washing materials and come help spruce up the place for fall and winter funcwe sure could use some help.

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the opportunity to serve you.

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September 22, 2001

to October 3, 2001.

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regular business hours at 7:00 a.m.

on Wednesday, October 4, 2001

### Baby Outfits by Little Me and Mini Basix tions. Rick and I will be there and

· three or more days or parts of · Each day child is absent may Submitted by: Ann Kay

The Sonora Main Street Program would like to introduce to Sonora and the surrounding community the new name which is Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street Program. The new location for the Main Street Program is at 204 E. Main Street. The phone number for the office is 915-387-2248. Please come by and see the new office and visit for

The upcoming events for historical downtown are:

Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally -- Friday, September 28, 2001 -- Time: 3:30 PM

Texas Main Street will be

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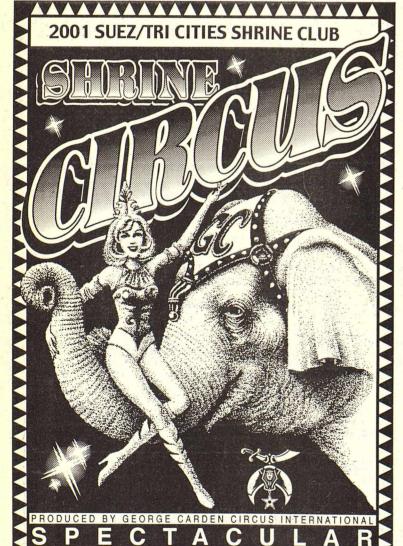
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deductible as charitable contributions.)

### Sonora Middle School UIL News

By: Denice Arispe SMS UIL ing it in high school. Learning to Coordinator

SMS students are now preparing for the UIL Academic District meet. The meet will be held Monday, November 12th, in Mason,

The academic programs of the University Interscholastic League motivate students:

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riculum. CALCULATOR

contest is designed to stimulate the 6th, 7th and 8th grades. development of mathematical and calculator skills. Goals are both intellectual and practical: developing mathematical reasoning and knowledge and requiring the application of problems.

Students will take a test containing 80 problems in 30 minutes. The contest consists of problems which may include calculations involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, roots and powers. It also includes straightforward calculation problems and simple geometric and stated problems similar to those found in recently adopted textbooks.

l alternate representing 6th, 7th and 8th grade Sonora Middle School. **MATHEMATICS** 

Students begin taking math in elementary school and continue tak-

quickly complete math problems is a valuable skill in all facets of life including engineering, accounting, completing a tax return and even grocery shopping. The contest includes problem covering, but not limited to numeration systems, arithmetic operations involving whole numbers, integers, fractions, decimals, exponents, order of operations, probability, statistics, number theory, simple interest, measurements and conversions. Geometry and algebra problems may be included as appropriate for the grade

The contest consists of 50 multiple choice problems. The test will cover the content of current stateadopted middle school/junior high mathematics textbooks. Thirty minutes are allowed for the contest. There should be a clock visible to all contestants.

There will be 3 contestants and The Calculator applications 1 alternate representing each of the

> NUMBER SENSE Individuals are called upon every day to use their ability to make quick mental calculations to make decisions. The development of such abilities should be an integral pair of math curriculum. Concepts covered include, multiplication, division, proportions and use of mathematical notation.

> Students will be given a 10 minute fill in the blank test which they must complete without doing calculations on paper or on a calculator. Erasures and mark-outs are not permitted.

The test will cover basic arith-There will be 3 contestants and metic and mathematical functions in grades four through six. Another test for the junior high level will include algebra, geometry and number theory.

### Cornyn Warns About False Charities After Recent Disasters

AUSTIN - In the wake of last week's disasters on the East Coast, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn is asking citizens to be alert to individuals operating bogus charities and who prey on the generosity of those sympathetic to victims and their families.

Although Attorney the General's Office has received no complaints thus far, Texans are urged to be vigilant and avoid releasing private information such as credit card numbers via email or over the phone.

'Sympathies have run very deep in the aftermath of last week's horrendous disasters in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania, and many fine, legitimate charities stand ready to help and they encourage your support," said Attorney General Cornyn.

"However, Americans can be certain unscrupulous individuals will come forward to exploit this outpouring of goodwill across the nation. Dishonest people like this have one goal - enriching themselves through deception in the midst of enormous human suffer-

Cornyn urges those who have received suspect emails or other bothersome solicitations to contact. the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division hotline at 800/337-3928 or 800/252-8011. Anyone who has received such an email should forward it to the Attorney General's Office for consumerprotection@oag.state.tx.u

When an individual represent-See Scams page 7

### High School Pep Rally Schedule Changes

There will be no Pep Rally at the High School for the next 3 Fridays. Schedule will be as follows:

Friday, Sept. 21st - No Pep Rally - A send off will be held at 10:45 a.m. Regular Long Lunch Schedule - Not the Pep Rally

Friday, Sept. 28th - Homecoming - Early Dismissal at 2:30 p.m. Parade at 3:30 p.m. with Pep Rally following.

Friday, Oct. 5th - Broncos Open (No Ball game) Reuglar Long Lunch Schedule - Not the Pep Rally Schedule.

1956 SHS Graduates: Please come join us during Homecoming at the Elementary School at 3:15 p.m. on Friday, September 28. Gene, Marla, Vickie, Cynthia, Nancy Brian, Whiskey, Jack, Carlos, Diane, Donny & James. See you there!

Cub Scout Pack 19 will perform the flag ceremony at the Homecoming game on Friday, September 28th. Please wear your uniform and meet at the Field House at 7:15 p.m.

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

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.

Any woman between ages 50-64 without private insurance or Medicaid might be eligible for a free mammogram. Mobile vans will be in Sonora (Hudspeth Hospital) Oct. 1st & 2nd. Call the Texas Department of Health for more informationcall 387-2234 or 387-5720.

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 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 or 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 Cauthorn Memorial (Depot) Building is available for rent for weddings and parties. We no longer have any chairs or tables in the building you will have to rent these separately from another source or supply your own. To reserve a date and make your security deposit please contact Jo-Ann Palmer at 915-387-2855. Tours are available of the Old Jail, Miers Home Museum and Cauthorn Memorial Building.

### Letter to the Editor

NOW that the President has called us to prayer.....

NOW that Congress has called us to prayer.....

NOW that our Governor has called us to prayer.... NOW that the city Mayor has called us to prayer....

NOW that the "liberal" media and most other branches of our American society have called us to prayer....

AND NOW that our churches are assembling in special prayer.... "Honorable" Justices of the Supreme Court, I have only one question.. Would it be O.K. to pray in our schools.....?? An American Citizen and Christian

When this horrific act was done to our country, we began to ask God why? When in reality we need to seek God for healing and strength and to know God loves each one of us. All of us are effected by this tragic ordeal, however we can prove that we are not defeated by this ordeal. When I went to the football field Tuesday Night and saw the Sonora resident's there to pray and seek answers, I was overwhelmed. We as a nation and a town need to be unified. Churches, school, ethnic groups, and countries need to be in unity and love one another. We are in a long haul for healing and forgiveness to the people that did this to us. I know personally I struggle forgiving the terrorists, but I will be able to, through Jesus' love. I pray now for our town and for our country for spiritual healing and unification. Please do the same for all of us. Thank you and God Bless us all.

Jana Dover

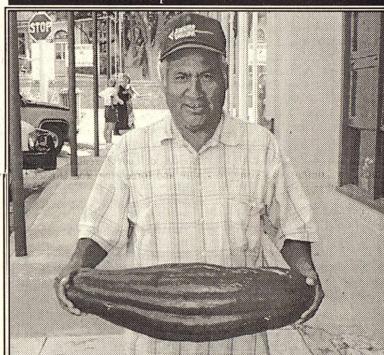
Sonora, Texas

Dear Friends and Customers,

We are writing this letter to first express our appreciation for your patronage and business with Thorp's Laun-Dry. We also wish to let you know that after extensive research and much consideration, we have made a decision to sell our commercial uniform and linen business to AmeriPride Services, Inc. AmeriPride is a family owned operation that has been in the commercial uniforms and linen business for over one hundred years. W believe that AmeriPride is a company that will continue to serve our friends and customers as Thorp's Laun-Dry has done for the past several years and carry on the tradition of service to which you are accustomed. AmeriPride will be taking over the commercial business beginning September 1, 2001 however, we will continue to own and operate the retail laundry and dry cleaning business in Sonora. To facilitate the conversion, AmeriPride repre sentatives will accompany our drivers, which we believe will give you the opportunity to meet the AmeriPride representative and assist in making this transition as smooth as possible. Also, Randy Wuest has been hired by AmeriPride and is sure to be an asset to them and a familiar face to you.

You will continue to receive top quality service locally from AmeriPride's branch office located in San Angelo. If you have any ques tions regarding AmeriPride, please feel free to contact Tommy Clark Service Center Manager in San Angelo at (915)655-3111 and he will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding your future service We again thank you for your business and trust that you will find your busi ness relationship with AmeriPride to be satisfactory.

Sincerely, Tim and Leslie Thorp



'Crazy Walls" stopped by the office this week to show us this 20 lb. zucchini squash that he and Samantha Thomas grew at the Eddie Sawyer Ranch. The squash is 26 inches long and 24 inches wide. He said there is another one almost as big, but they haven't picked it yet.

### 4-H Sets Meeting Dates

The new school year is well underway and everyone is settled into the routine for another year. Right? Well, so there is no such thing as a real routine anymore. It is time to get involved in all of the fall activities, including active participation in 4-H. The first meeting was September 17, 2001, at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center at 7:00 p.m. The topics of discussion were all of the projects for the upcoming year. 4-H is still in need of some good leaders for some of these projects to be offered. Some of the real needs are in the area of foods & nutrition, photography, leadership, and veterinary science. We can use some assistance with other leaders in the area of citizenship, swine, meat goats and wildlife science.

Everyone interested or involved in the Sutton County Junior Livestock Show is encouraged to come to a meeting to plan the 2002 edition of this longstanding event. The meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday evening, September 19, 2001 in the Langford Building of the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. This will be a time to review all of the rules, plan new activities, suggest judges and do other things necessary for the success of our show. Don't miss your opportunity to have an input.

A planning meeting is scheduled for the 4-H Foods Project for September 25, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. This is a very important planning meeting and each participant should attend the meeting with a parent or guardian. Please bring your workshop and tour

Volunteer leaders, Randy Knight and Sherry Ingham, have asked that Shooting Sports project participants sign up now! The planning meeting will be announced later this month and practice will start in October.

4-H Youth Committee to Meet Members of the Sutton County Extension Program Council 4-H & Youth Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 26. The purpose of the meeting will be to plan some activities to train leaders and to promote record book participation. It is time to return to the days of active project coordinators who will host project level meetings and promote leadership, member growth and fun participation in 4-H. This will require some planning and some training for the leaders involved. The input of the EPC committee is needed to get this done. If you have suggestions, please make them to one of these committee members or to the Extension County Committee members are: Cathy Ball, Chairman; Annette Mabry, Secretary; Nancy Brockman, Brad Hughes, Jalys Mabry, Jenna Teasley, Brea Hughes, Landon Brockman, Sherry Ingham, Tom Payton, Cheryl Lock and Sara

The annual awards program has been set for Monday, October 15, 2001 at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center to begin at 6:30 p.m. Awards will be presented to deserving 4-H members and leaders followed by the installation of officers. There will be no dance this year.

There will be a one day intensive training held in Kerrville, the "Heart of the Hills Show Goat Clinic", encompassing everything from selection to entering the show ring. The cost is \$50.00 per child and parent. Information is available at the county extension office or you may email your entry requirements to c.livestock@usa.net.

Horse Club youth who are 8 and under have been invited to Barnhart for a great day of fun and competition on Saturday, October 6. there will be two age divisions, (five and under and 6-8) for both boys and girls. Events include cloverleaf barrels, straight away barrels, flags, goat touching, and poles. Go by the Extension office for an entry form or more information. You may also call Genia at 876-5471 or Tonya at 392-3731 or 876-5031

# Broncos Rebound Against Brady

"Dr. Jekyl or Mr. Hyde". Just which one would show up on Friday night at Bronco Stadium?

That seemed to be the question on everyone's mind. It did not take long for the Broncos to answer the question. The visiting Brady Bulldogs, coming off of a big win the week before, felt like they had a chance against the smaller 2A school. The Broncos, coming off of a disappointing loss the week before, felt they had a point to prove. And prove a point they did. From the opening whistle to the final gun, the Red Hosses completely dominated the Bulldogs.

To start the game, Brady elected to receive the opening kick-off. After Bronco place kicker, Stetson Hall, kicked the football out of the end zone, the Bulldogs would start their first series at their own twenty. Bronco defensive end, Beau Hughes, would set the tone for the Red Hoss defense on the first play of the game. Hughes would make a solo tackle on Brady running back Chris Airhart for a one vard loss. Thomas Bloodworth, Emmanuel Lopez, and Sean Fields would lead the rest of the Broncos on the next two plays to force the Bulldogs to punt after only gaining two positive yards on three plays. After the ensuing punt, the Broncos would start their first offensive possession on their own forty-four. An encroachment penalty on the Bulldogs would put the football near the mid-field stripe. The Bronco Express is back!

Using the slashing, quick running of William Renfro and Sean Fields; it would only take the Big Red Machine two minutes and six plays to cover the fifty-one yards for the touchdown. William Renfro would get his first touchdown of the game on a three yard run with eight minutes and thirty seconds left in the first quarter. The point after attempt would go wide left; however, and the Broncos would have an early six to nothing lead. Brady would fare no better on their next possession, as the Bronco defense, behind the linebacker play of Thomas Bloodworth, forced the Bulldogs to punt once again; after only gaining one yard on three plays. For the next three and a half minutes, a defensive struggle ensued. Neither team was able to sustain any type of offensive drive; both teams being forced to punt after minimum yardage gained. The punt by Brady proved a little more effective, as the Bulldogs pinned the Broncos inside their own one yard line. Runs by Renfro began to move the ball out of the shadow of the Broncos goal post.

At the fifteen, the Broncos suffered their first turnover of the excellent job of clock management.

game. With a wide open field in front of him, Bronco fullback, Sean Fields, had the ball stripped from his grasp. Bulldog defensive back, Blake Raybion came up with the loose pigskin. With two minutes left in the first quarter, the Bulldogs had an excellent opportunity. Defensive plays by Dustin Martin, Chance Armke, Israel Arevalo, and Zed Snodgrass forced Bulldog runningback Chris Airhart to cough the football up at the Bronco twentyone. A hustling Beau Hughes came up with the ball to thwart the scoring threat. For the remainder of the first quarter (1:25) and the first four minutes of the second quarter it was vintage Bronco Express. William Renfro gained 54 of his game high 174 yards on 5 carries and Sean Fields gained 14 of his game high 88 yards on 2 carries to move the football to the Bulldog eleven. At the eleven, a blitzing Bulldog defense was able to get to Scottie Moore as he was trying to deliver a pass. The football popped loose and Bulldog defensive end, Zach Brown picked the loose pigskin up and rumbled to the Brady thirty-eight where he was run down from behind by several hustling Broncos. Clifton Talley, Brady's quarterback, would return the favor on the first play of their next series. This time Bronco linebacker, Thomas Bloodworth, would smother the loose pigskin at the Brady thirtyeight. Live by the blitz - die by the blitz. The quick strike offense of the Broncos would take advantage of a blitzing Bulldog team. Fullback, Sean Fields would burn the blitz for thirty yards to the Bulldog eight. Out of the power I set, William Renfro would cruise the last eight yards for his second

untouched. Brady 0 - Sonora 14. Down by fourteen, the Bulldogs went to their passing game to try and catch up. A stingy Red Hoss defense, led by Douglas Yocham, Landon Brockman, Brandon West, and Stetson Hall, forced the Bulldogs to punt for the fourth time. The Broncos next possession was not as productive; the Bulldog defense increased its pressure and forced the Red Hosses to punt after losing yardage. At the Brady forty-two, the Bronco defense kept up the pressure. Beau Hughes, Chance Armke, Thomas Bloodworth, and Sean Fields forced the fifth Brady punt with a minute and forty-five seconds left on the halftime game clock. With seventy yards to go and only having a minute and thirty-seven seconds to work with, the Broncos did an

touchdown of the game. Renfro

would also add the two point con-

version as he sprinted to the corner

Pin point passing by Scottie Moore to James Elliott and short runs by Renfro moved the ball to the Brady six. At the six, Moore would throw a bullet to his tight-end, Stetson Hall, for the Broncos third touchdown. Hall would split the uprights for the PAT to give the Red Hosses a commanding 21 to 0 lead with fifteen seconds left in the half.

Brady would be content to run the clock out and go to the locker room to regroup.

Halftime: Brady 0 - Sonora

The Bronco Express would start the second half in high gear. Fields fielding the second half kickoff would return the ball to the Bronco twenty-five. Coach Herring, using six different running backs; would use a little over six minutes of the third quarter game clock on a nineteen play drive that cumulated in a four yard touchdown run by Renfro. Hall would add his second PAT of the game to give the Broncos a 28 to 0 advantage. The Bronco defense picked up where it left off in the first half. Led by defensive end, Beau Hughes, the Red Hosses pushed the Bulldogs backward. The Bulldogs were forced to punt once again. Starting at their thirty-six, the Bronco reserves began to pound the Juan Rodriguez, Bulldogs. Brandon Adkins, Dustin Martin, and Douglas Yochum behind the blocking of Josh Evertt, Brandon West, Byron Williams, Jared Parks, and Wylie Wagoner began to grind out the yardage. As the Broncos neared the mid-field stripe, it looked as if the Bulldog defense

would stiffen. As the fourth quarter began and the Broncos were back in punt formation, an overly aggressive Bulldog rush would rough the Bronco punter, Reyes Garcia. After the penalty, the Broncos had new life at the Brady thirty-three. A steady diet of the "Freight Train", Brandon Adkins, along with a pass from Yochum to Garcia would move the football to the Bulldog one. At the one, Adkins would get the call and would ramble into the endzone for the Broncos last score of the game. The PAT would fail making the score Bulldogs 0 and Broncos 34. After the ensuing kickoff, the Bulldogs, behind the passing and running of their quarterback Clifton Talley, would advance the ball to the Bronco thirty-three. Going to the air once again, this time, Bronco defensive back Justin Sims would intercept the Talley pass at the Bronco five yard line. The Bronco Express would use the remaining six minutes of the ball game grinding out the yardage and effectively using the remainder of the game clock to put the game in the win column. Brady 0 - Sonora

The Broncos will travel to Alpine this week to take on another 3A foe. The Bucks bring a perfect 3 and 0 record into this 7:30 p.m. bout. If you can not attend, be sure and tune your radio to 92.1 and catch Virgil and Mike as they bring you the play by play starting at

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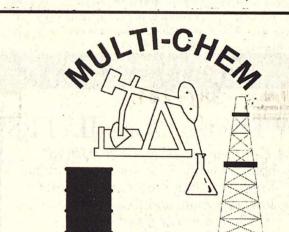
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# **Sonora Broncos Football Game Preview**

Alpine

by Nancy Glasscock

On Friday the Sonora Bronco Varsity travels to Alpine to play the Division 3-3A Bucks(3-0). Greg Althof is the second year head coach of the Bucks. The team returns 20 lettermen and are 8 for 8 starters from a 6 - 4 team in 2000. They are picked second in their district behind Crane.

The Bucks opened the season against two 2A teams, Anthony and Van Horn and shut both out, 27-0 and 48-0 respectively. Last Friday the Bucks played District 2-4A Pecos and easily defeated them 35-7. In the first three games of the season, Alpine has compiled 1349 yards of total offense.

Some of the Bucks' key players are D.T. Dominguez, Brent Mata, Roman Rodriguez, Anthony

Ramon, George Keller, and Ian Le Blanc. Dominguez, the Bucks' quarterback, is a senior who has passed for 519 yards and eight touchdowns this season. He is also a running threat. Three of his favorite targets are Mata, Rodriquez (6-1,185,4.5), and Ramon. Mata was all state last season with 25 receptions for 368 yards, ten touchdowns, and 72/94 solo and assisted tackles at his linebacker position. Along with Dominguez and the multi-purpose Mata, Keller and Le Blanc have successfully both moved the ball up the field on the ground

and caught passes for the Bucks. The game begins at 7:30 PM at Sul Ross Stadium. A game story with statistics and photos will be posted on the Sonora Booster Club website Saturday.

JV Broncos Defeat Brady JV\_ by Ray Glasscock

Zed Snodgrass (#75) blocks while Scottie Moore (#11) pitches the ball to

William Renfro (#40) as Juan Rodriquez (#10) and Thomas Bloodworth

kickoff. The Broncos turned the ball over with a fumble. The Bulldogs tried to score on their play, but Wilson Wallace leaped high and knocked the pass down. Diego Cardona took the fullback dive behind excellent blocking by the right side of the line for a gain. The Broncos punted deep to Brady.

(#45) move in to block.

The Bulldogs were unable to move the ball and punted to the Broncos. Cardona moved the ball 12 yards on the dive. Then Ramos started to his left and broke it back to the right for a 20- yard gain to the five. Three plays later, Stetson Perez scored the touchdown. The PAT was blocked.

The Bulldogs were unable to move the ball again. Oscar Chavez pressured the Brady quarterback who pitched the ball at the last second. J.R. Solis prevented a big gain and the Bulldogs had to punt. The Broncos moved the ball steadily down the field with runs by Cardona and Perez. Two hard runs by Cardona moved the ball to the five. The Broncos were not able to score. The Bulldogs ran their version of the pitch for a 95- yard touchdown. The PAT was good.

Perez returned the kickoff to the 28- yard line. Several good runs

by Perez and Wallace moved the The JV Broncos traveled to ball down the field. From the 46, Brady and won their game 26 to 7. Perez ran the pitch to the 11 -yard line. Three plays later, Chris Martin scored on a sneak. On the next Brady series, Juan Galindo intercepted a pass in the flat and returned the ball to the five. From there, Perez scored. Martin scored the

two-point conversion on a keeper. Both teams failed to move the ball on the next two series. On the third series, the Broncos fumbled the ball while trying to run the option play. The Bulldogs once again tried to score on the first play and Wallace intercepted their pass in the end zone for a touchback. Perez and Cardona moved the ball for two quick first downs. The Broncos used power football to move the ball down the field. Ramos broke free and moved the ball to the five. From there, Cardona bullied his way in for the score. Ramos took the pitch to his

left for the two-point conversion. Brady moved the ball down the field with a long pass down to the Bronco 15 yard line. After several plays, Austin Wagoner intercepted a Brady pass and returned it 90 yards for an apparent touchdown. The game ended without any other scor-

The JV Broncos play at home on Thursday against the Alpine Bucks' JV team at 6 PM.



# Sonora Colts' Teams Split With Brady

by Nancy Glasscock

The stands were packed last Thursday afternoon and early evening as the Sonora Colts 7th and 8th grade teams played host to the Brady Bulldogs junior high teams. Sonora's 7th graders easily defeated their opponent 24-0, while the 8th graders lost 26-6 in a hard-played

The 7th grade game started out slowly except for a great 55- yard touchdown run by Augustine Vaquera that was called back due to a Bronco penalty. The first quarter was a battle of the defenses and ended with no score.

The second quarter began the same way with the Colts' Alex Perez, Pedro Gloria, J.J. Galindo, and Vaquera keeping pressure on the Bulldog offense. Gloria picked off an errant pass by the Brady quarterback and ran it in 40 yards for a touchdown. Vaquera ran the ball into the end zone for the twopoint conversion. To end the first half and stop a Brady drive, Jose Casillas sacked the Brady quarter-

The second half of the game began with a Colt drive that included a 30-yard pass completion from Caleb Ramos to Justin Northcott and a 25-yard quarterback keeper by Ramos. Brady intercepted a Ramos pass; but J.J. Galindo soon afterward recovered a Brady fumble to start the Colts rolling to their second touchdown as Gloria and Vaquera moved the ball down the field for the score and the two-point conver-

During the fourth quarter all of Brady's attempts to score were thwarted by the stalwart Sonora Colt defense. Ruben Mendez got a sack and Casillas intercepted a Brady attempted touchdown pass. With 3:45 left in the fourth quarter Vaquera made a 95- yard run off tackle for the final Colt touchdown. Gloria took the ball in for the two point conversion.

The 8th grade Colts played tough against a much bigger team. Embre Smith scrambled and deceptively concealed the ball against a

fast Brady defense throughout the game. The only Colt score came in the third quarter. Steven Duhon caught a Smith pass for a touchdown to make the score 18-6. Defensive plays during the game by Duhon, Travis Heard, and Boomer Galindo kept the score close until the fourth

quarter. The final two touchdowns for Brady came on Colt turnovers. The final score was 26 - 6.

The Colts' next games are at Big Lake against the Owls Junior High teams. Check out the Bronco Booster Club web page for photos.



7th grade Colt Defensive Back, #28 Ruben Mendez takes down a Brady Bulldog as #17 Robert Guerra moves in to assist. Photo by Ray Glasscock.

### Sonora Football 2001

Colt Football

Sept. 20 - Reagan County • There • 5:00/6:30 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. 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. 21 - Alpine • There • 7:30 Sept. 28 - Winters (Homecoming) • Home Oct. 5 - Open

Oct. 12 - \*Junction • Home • 7:30 Oct. 19 - \*Grape Creek • There • 7:30 Oct. 26 - \*Mason • Home • 7:30 Nov. 2 - \*Wall • There • 7:30

Nov. 9 - \*Eldorado • Home • 7:30 \*District 2-2A Game

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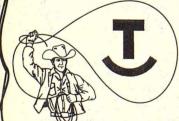
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# TIME LINES...

**5 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK** 

By: Danni Price

Larry Finklea was awarded Lions Club Conservation Rancher of the year.

Carla Weaver was selected to attend The National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Dick Street was selected as Conservationist of the Year by the Downtown Lions Club.

Marine Pfc. Abel McGee recently completed the 5-week Motor Vehicle Operator Course at Schools Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendelton, CA.

# Oil & Agribusiness

# Texas Livestock Health Officials Tracking Down Tuberculosis

A beef cattle herd in south central Texas has been found to be infected with cattle tuberculosis (TB), and Texas livestock health officials are seeking the source of the infection. The disease, caused by Mycobacterium bovis, can produce internal lesions in animals. Cattle TB can be spread within a herd when an infected animal coughs, releasing bacteria-laden mucus onto feed that is consumed, or into the air that is inhaled by nearby cows

The investigation began early this summer, when a federal veterinarian, conducting a routine exam in a slaughter facility, detected lesions in a carcass that were compatible with those of TB," said Dr. Linda Logan, Texas state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Services (USDA-FSIS) inspectors are present in all federally inspected slaughter facilities to examine carcasses for indication of disease. The inspectors condemn carcasses that are lesioned.

Tissue samples from the carcass were tested at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa, where a definitive diagnosis of cattle TB was made," she said. "We traced the animal back to its original herd in south central Texas. The herd was placed under quarantine, and all of the adult animals were skintested for the disease.'

Dr. Dan Baca, the TAHC's TB epidemiologist, explained that, of the 26 animals tested, 10 had positive results. In late August, the 10 animals were slaughtered, and the carcasses were examined thoroughly for internal lesions indicative of the disease. Seven animals had lesions, and tissue samples were collected and forwarded to NVSL for confirmation tests. The carcasses were incinerated, preventing their entry into food channels. The remaining 16 animals in the herd have also been destroyed.

"Fortunately, herds surrounding the infected herd have tested negative," said Dr. Baca. "The owner of the infected beef herd has been extremely cooperative and has maintained excellent records of sales and purchases, enabling TAHC veterinarians to trace animal vement. Our staff has tracked seventy-nine head of cattle that have been sold out of the infected herd."

As of early September, Dr. Baca said nearly half of the 79 exposed animals have been slaughtered and examined. One of these animals, a heifer, had lesions that were indicative of TB. The remaining "traced out" animals also will be slaughtered and examined. To ensure infection has not been missed, he explained that herds in which these "traced out" animals have spent time also, will also be skin-tested.

"The lesioned heifer (an offspring of the infected cow detected at slaughter) had been commingled with 208 steers and heifers. These 208 animals, currently under TAHC quarantine, may be depopulated to avoid any potential disease problems," said Dr. Baca. "Furthermore, we'll be testing surrounding herds to make sure there wasn't disease spread. Also, we'll track any movement of animals out of the herd from the time the lesioned heifer was introduced. The epidemiological investigation will broaden each time we find a lesioned animal, in order to make sure we find all potentially infected animals."

'Cattle tuberculosis was a human health threat in the early 1900s, when infection rates among herds was high and before pasteurization--or heat treatment--to kill

bacteria in milk and cheese," said Dr. Terry Conger, TAHC's state epidemiologist.

Dr. Terry Conger said intensive efforts will be continued to determine the source of the TB infection in the beef herd. He explained that the rancher had purchased animals from several herds during the past five years. Three of those source herds have tested negative. He said the remaining herds will be tested before the end of September.

"Depopulating an infected herd is the only sure way to eradicate cattle tuberculosis, a disease that 80 years ago affected nearly five percent of the nation's cattle herds," said Dr. Conger. "In November 2000, all of the U.S.--with the exception of Texas' El Paso and Hudspeth Counties, and the state of Michigan--was recognized by the USDA as tuberculosis-free. If we find that the TB infection has not spread beyond the animals we are tracing from the infected herd, the USDA may allow Texas to maintain its accredited-free TB designation."

He said the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Inspection Health Services. Veterinary Services (USDA-APHIS-VS) has agreed to provide indemnity--or purchase funds--for depopulating animals involved in this TB case, including the 79 head of cattle that had been moved out of the infected herd prior to disclosure of infection.

Keeping a TB-free designation is particularly important for Texas, because it allows ranchers to move cattle across state lines without having them tested for tuberculosis. Dr. Conger said testing can be inconvenient and costly, because it requires that animals be held for 72 hours from the time an accredited veterinarian injects tuberculin into the skin under the animal's tail until the site is examined for swelling that indicates the animal has had exposure to the TB bacteria. A slaughter examination, followed up with bacterial culture and tissues tests, are necessary to confirm infection in animals that react to the skin test.

In the "restricted zone" of El Paso and Hudspeth Counties, ongoing low levels of TB infection in 10 dairies along the Rio Grande have been detected during the past 15 years. Despite periodic testing and the slaughter of infected animals, all herds in that region have not remained free of disease for more than a few years at a time, commented Dr. Conger.

Currently, one dairy is under TB quarantine in this zone. Nearly \$43 million in federal funds have been appropriated to buy out the dairies, and the Texas Department of Health, by a new state law, will not issue new dairy permits in this TB restricted zone. Because they originate in a high-risk area for TB, beef and dairy animals moved from the "restricted zone" into the rest of Texas, or the rest of the country must comply with strict testing and

identification regulations. Dr. Conger explained that, in Michigan's northeastern quadrant of its lower peninsula, 17 TB-infected cattle herds have been detected since 1998. Michigan livestock health authorities believe infected white-tailed deer have spread the disease to the herds, and have instituted feeding bans to prohibit close commingling of deer, which can encourage the spread of disease.

"The TAHC staff will be working closely with producers, private veterinary practitioners and the USDA to finalize the testing of animals moved from the herd," promised Dr. Logan. "Furthermore, the TAHC staff will continue to investigate how the herd became infected. Until we have looked into every possible source, we have not completed our job for Texas produc-

# Rig Locations as of RIGITA September 14, 2001

**Sutton County** 

Louis Dreyfus; 9000' Duke Wilson - 185 - #10, Patterson Drilling. New Burlington Res.; 5335' Canyon Ranch #1265S, Patterson Drilling. New Louis Dreyfus; 8900' Mayer - 3C - #3, Patterson Drilling. New Louis Dreyfus; 8725' Duke Wilson #4-11, Patterson Drilling. New Louis Dreyfus; 8700' Hicks - 22-#8, Patterson Drilling. New Louis Dreyfus; 6350' Ned Dunbar #56, Patterson Drilling. New Louis Dreyfus; 6250' Davis - C - #21, Patterson Drilling. New Louis Dreyfus; 6250' Davis - C - #15, Patterson Drilling. New Louis Dreyfus; 6125' Fields - 29 - #3, Patterson Drilling. New Louis Dreyfus; 5650' Askew - 18 - #3, Patterson Drilling.

**Crockett County** Harrison Interests; 9500' John W. Henderson III - A - #65, Patterson

New RME Petro Co.; 10500' Union Pacific -7 - #8, Cleere Drilling. Southwestern Energy; 9200' ER - 3 - #1, Cleere Drilling. New RME Petro Co.; 7500' Watson Ranch -9 -#8, Patterson Drilling. New J. Cleo Thompson; 8500' Baggett - 40 - #1, Patterson Drilling. New Pioneer Natural; 7150' Montgomery - 17 - #13, Patterson Drilling. New TXP, Inc.; 6900' Pierce - 4B - #2, Cleere Drilling. Schleicher County

New Sharp Image Energy; 7800' Williams Ranch - A- #2, Westexas

**Edwards County** 

Par Minerals Corp.; 8000' Four Square Ranch #5, Key Energy. Fairway Links; 4500' Roy Baker - 19 - #1, Cleere Drilling. New KCS Medallion Res; 6000' Cloudt - B - #104, Patterson Drilling.

Val Verde County EEX E&P Co.; 14000' Lone Oak #4R, Cleere Drilling EXCO Resources; 10500' Altizer - 48A #1, Cleere Drilling. New Mustang Fuel Corp; 16000' Wardlaw State Gas Unit -1-#1, Nabors

New EEX E&P Co.; 15000' Altizer - 64 - #1, Cleere Drilling. New TEMA Oil & Gas; 6500' Meadows #1106, Key Energy.

**Terrell County** Exxonmobil Dev Co; 12500' Goode Estate -B - Unit #2, Patterson 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. Conoco/Midland; 14000' University - 4 - #5, Nabors Drilling.



**Devil's River Internet** 387-2507

### Texas Department of Agriculture Co-Hosts Upcoming Agricultural Land and **Business Workshop**

Austin - The Texas Department of Agriculture and the Texas Leadership Institute are co-hosting an agricultural land and economic improvement workshop Tuesday, Sept. 25 at the Texas Tech University in Junction. Other participating entities include Texas cooperative Extension, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Tech University.

"Agricultural Land Use -Economic Improvement Strategies" will teach farmers, ranchers, agribusiness operators and community leaders about qualifying agricultural lands for wildlife management, recent legislation that can affect landowners, the benefits of brush control, the FARM\*Assist Program, financing agricultural enterprises and making an agribusiness enterprise work.

"The workshop will show alternative ideas for land management that can help landowners and officials who work with agriculture producers how to be successful in their operation," Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said.

The 6-hour course is approved for credits and CEUs by Texas A&M University and the County and Commissioners Associations of Texas. The cost of the course is \$89 per person and includes lunch, materials and

To register for the workshop, contact Ray Alvarez, Texas Leadership Institute Program director at (800)776-5272 ext. 3252 or Judy Fort, TDA Rural and Agribusiness Development specialist, at (512)475-1608 by Sept. 17,

### Farm Service Agency Seeks County Committee Candidates

Eldorado, TX - The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is seeking candidates for the locally led County Committee election to be held this fall.

"It is crucial that every eligible agricultural producer take part in this election process because County Committees serve as a direct link between the agriculture community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture," says Jan G. Wanoreck, Schleicher, Sutton, Val Verde County Executive Director. "The County Committee system needs everyone to get involved - from voters to committee candidates. Almost anyone eligible to participate in programs administered by FSA qualifies to be a candidate for the committee."

Nomination forms can be obtained from FSA County Offices. Completed nomination forms are due back to the FSA office by October 29, 2001. FSA will notify nominees and mail election ballots to eligible voters in mid-November. Completed ballots must be returned to FSA officers and postmarked by December 3. Elected members and alternates will take office January 1,

FSA County Committees provide local guidance and make decisions on issues including: commodity price support loans and payments; establishment of allotments, yields and marketing quotas; farm loans; conservation programs; incentive, indemnity, and disaster payments for some commodities; and other disaster program assistance. County Committees have served as the eyes, ears and voice of farmers and ranchers nationwide for more than 60 years.

"The County Committee plays an integral role in the delivery of Farm Service Agency services. We'd like the County Committee to reflect a diverse cross-section of the local agriculture community by including representation from nontraditional farming operations, small farmers or ranchers, specialty crop producers, minority producers, spouse or business partners - anyone who would be willing to add new or different perspectives to the County

For more information contact your local USDA Farm Service Agency office at 915/853-3535, ext.

### Groundwater from page 1

eight permitted wells to be drilled on a section of land. The proposed permitted well must be at least 660' from all other existing or proposed permitted wells and 330' from the property line Production of a permitted well is calculated on number of acres owned within that section. The District is striving to maintain the only drinking water source, the Edwards-Trinity Aquifer, at a sustainable yield. In other words, water produced now and in the future is an amount of groundwater that can be continuously produced over a long period. New wells that fit the permitted well category must have application made prior to drilling for a permit. Production records should be kept on permitted wells.

Please call the District office at 387-2369 for more information or to have your well tested.

# House Speaker Appoints Turner to Ag. Policy Board Turner among top rural leaders in Texas House\_\_\_

AUSTIN-- The Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, the Honorable James E. "Pete" Laney, recently announced the appointment of State Representative Bob Turner (D-Voss) to the Agriculture Policy Board. The board will serve as a legislative agency to provide advice on agricultural issues and perform an ongoing examination of the state's agricultural policy.

"I am pleased to appoint you to the Agriculture Policy Board," Laney said. "Your knowledge and abilities will greatly benefit the

board and our state." Prior to the 76th Legislative

Session, Texas lacked a consistent statewide policy addressing the agriculture industry. Legislation which passed during that session and was joint-authored by Turner required the Legislature to conduct a comprehensive study of the condition of agriculture including the role of the state in preserving the industry. HB 453, which stems from that HB 2 and passed during the 77th Legislative Session, establishes the Agriculture Policy Board. Turner also joint-authored the bill and was deeply involved in its enactment.

"I am deeply honored that the Speaker would appoint me to such

an important Board," Turner said. "I look forward to continue working on behalf of the interests of our farmers and ranchers. Turner also currently serves on the Texas Rural Coalition and as a

Board Member of the House Rural Caucus. Representative Turner also served on the Interim Joint Select Committee on Ag Policy.

The other House members also appointed to the board were Representatives Robby Cook (Eagle Lake) and Jim McReynolds (Lufkin). Representative Turner's term expires on August 31, 2003.

### Hospital Board from page 1

firm. A motion was made by Mike Healy, seconded by Lenora Pool, to approve the Engagement Letter, which includes an estimate of \$13,800. for annual audit fees.

Butler presented the final budget for 2002. Dr. Johnson reported that he and Butler had visited with the Corporate Board on matters related to budget planning and the possibility of moving the hospital into the nursing home in the future and the Corporate Board approves of the future plans for the hospital. After discussion of budget items, a motion was made by Pool, seconded by Healy, to approve the budget for 2002 as presented. The motion carried.

Butler reported that the 2002 budget was based on setting the tax rate at the effective tax rate, which is .209417, which is down almost 7 cents from the 2000 tax rate .27133. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Epps, to set the 2001 tax rate at .209417, which is the effective tax rate. Motion carried.

Butler reported that the Accounts Receivable as of August 31, 2001 is \$520,901.37 down just over \$40,000. from the previous month. Butler is still filing past-due accounts with Small Claims Court and preparing to pursue final collection efforts through the Internal Revenue Service.

Ms. Lara gave the financial report for July, 2001. The hospital had an operating loss of \$59,336.83. Expenses were \$56,018.44 under budget and \$287,552.33 under budget for the year to date.

The August expenditures were presented for approval. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Healy, to approve the August expenditures. Motion carried.

Pool reported that the Hospital Auxiliary meeting went very well. There were positive comments about the hospital from auxiliary members.

The meeting was then adjourned.

### Scams from page 4

ing a charity knocks on the door, sends emails or calls on the phone pleading for a charitable donation to help victims, Texans should take the time to ask a few questions before offering a donation. Here are a few tips to avoid falling victim to email

\*Well-known national organizations do not send unsolicited emails requesting donations unless the person has had contact with the ganization in the past. Be wary of these kinds of requests. If a solicitation seems suspect, do not donate. Forward the email to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Office at the address listed above.

\*When clicking on a link to allow for a donation, look at the organization's URL in the browser window. If the domain name of the URL is hidden, is unfamiliar or is not the same as the link's text, the request is likely a scam.

\*Verify the charity's identity by phone before donating online. Many phony charities imitate the name and style of a well-known charity in order to con people.

Here are tips for checking out in-person or telephone solicitations: \*Be wary of appeals that are long on emotion and short on descriptions about providing help to those in need:

\*Be alert to questionable charities using names that closely resemble those of well-known charities;

\*If the charity the person represents is not recognizable, it could be a fraud. Verify the organization he or she represents by asking for credentials, including exact name and phone number of the organization, particularly if the charity is unfamil-

\*Find out the planned uses for the money to be donated. Will proceeds directly benefit those in need? What portion of the contribution will go toward the charitable purpose to be supported?

\*Call the charity and confirm that the solicitor is connected to it;

\*A legitimate charity welcomes background checks on their operations. Don't succumb to high-pressure tactics and demands for an immediate decision;

\*Never give credit card or social security numbers to a telephone solicitor;

\*Never give cash. Write a check in the name of the charity, not the individual doing the asking, and get a receipt.

The Attorney General's Office also cautions concerned citizens wishing to do their part by raising funds for disaster relief. Certain legal requirements for fund raising efforts should be followed, including the registration of public safety groups like firefighters' organiza-

tions. Remember, supporting worthy causes is commendable, but do give wisely

# A Beam Of Light



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

A wise man wrote, 'courage is acting n spite of fear.' The events of

Tuesday, September 11 brought our nation's greatest fears to the surface of our daily lives. And yet, in what proved to be a very dark week, a beam of light emerged.

This light shines across our great nation. It could be seen on the 81st floor of 1 World Trade Center. It was seen amidst the rubble of the Pentagon and aboard flight 93 as it flew over Pennsylvania. And today, it shines brightly on the men and women who tirelessly work at ground zero (now renamed "ground hero"), in the hospitals and at the hundreds of outreach posts across

This light does not come from a simple bulb. This light comes from the fire that burns in each of our hearts. It comes from the countless acts of courage we have seen spread across our amazing country. I'd like to take this moment to share some of these miraculous stories with each of you:

Lt. Cmdr. Dave Tarantino saved a life last Tuesday. He was the only Pentagon rescuer thin and brave enough to squeeze through a small, smoking hole in the rubble from which cries of help emerged. Tarantino used his legs to lift a large, burning desk that had pinned a dazed, bloody and helpless Jerry Henson to the floor. With a two-star Army general on the other side of the 2-by-1-foot hole screaming "get the hell out of there," Tarantino

WASHINGTON, dragged Henson to safety moments before fire consumed the entire

> When the news of Tuesday's crash reached Reverend Mychal F. Judge, he immediately raced to the scene. Father Mike quickly went to work comforting those around him and offering prayers of solace. When he discovered a firefighter down at the scene, he kneeled to give the last rites. Father Mike took off his fire helmet to pray when a rain of debris showered down. The debris killed Father Mike as he stood in the line of duty.

John Cerqueira and Mike Ben Fanter worked on the 81st floor of 1 World Trade Center. When they felt the first plane hit the building, they did what any of us would do: run. But as they ran from one floor to the next, they were confronted by a women in a wheelchair. She was experiencing obvious difficulty making it down the stairs. Without thinking twice, the two men picked up the woman and carried her from the 68th floor all the way to safety.

When contemplating acts of courage, I find it especially hard to forget the image of firefighters running bravely into a blazing inferno. I've heard many accounts of these brave men and women running up the stairs of the World Trade Centers as others quickly ran down. Giving no thought to their own fate, the firefighters of New York City dove immediately into their jobs. It pains me to know that hundreds of these brave souls perished as the World Trade Centers crumbled to the ground. They were at the front lines of this tragedy and were hell-

bent on saving any and every life possible. This is the true definition of courage.

This last act of bravery could not possibly be summarized in a simple paragraph. Cell phone conversations have helped piece together a plan of heroic action aboard flight 93. It seems that a small group of men planned to retake control of the fateful flight. They weren't pilots or police officers or soldiers. They had no training in how to overwhelm hijackers. They barely knew each others names. But they all knew they had a mission to accomplish. The final actions of those aboard flight 93 may never be known. But I for one am grateful for their bravery. Recent reports tell us the plane may have been headed for the Capitol or even the White House. Their actions may have saved hundreds, if not thousands of lives. A part of me cannot help thinking that a life they saved may have been my own.

It warms my heart to tell you that the stories of courage and heroism from last week are far too many to count. These miraculous individuals were able to put fear aside and accomplish the unbelievable. They are nothing short of national heros.

It's amazing what's happening out there. The people of America have joined together. We will not let the acts of terrorism destroy us. We will instead take these acts and make ourselves stronger than ever before. The United States of America will triumph. We will preserve freedom for future generations. And we will guarantee hope remains for all mankind. God Bless America!

### PHA from page 1

Section 8 Programs with few prob-

Sonora and Crockett County landlords and Section 8 tenants participating in the Section 8 Rent Subsidy Program will soon be contacted by the San Angelo PHA informing them of this change. Sonora families not currently receiving Section 8 rental assistance but interested in participating in the Section 8 Rent Subsidy Program can continue to pick up applications at the Health Department and to submit applications at the Sonora City Hall. Crockett County families interested in the Section 8 Rent Subsidy Program can continue to apply at the Helping Hands for Elderly Senior Center in Ozona.

HUD determines "fair market rents" for all cities/counties that participate in the Section 8 Rent Subsidy Program. Under the Section 8 Rent Subsidy Program, very low income families pay no more than 40% of their gross income toward rent. The PHA subsidize the rest of the fair market rent not covered by the participating family's rent payments with funds from HUD. The Section 8 Rent Subsidy Program is a very good program that can help lower income families.

Each unit (apartment, house, duplex, mobile home, modular home, etc.) that a family wishes to live in under the Section 8 Rent Subsidy Program must pass HUD standards. The housing quality standards are not real stringent. Basically, the unit must have hot and cold water, the roof doesn't leak, there are no electrical problems, no broken windows, windows must have locks and screens; front and back door have peep holes (State law); front and back door have interior dead bolt locking device (State law); no chipping or peeling paint and the plumbing must not leak.

The City of Sonora had 14 of 23 Rent Subsidy slots occupied and Crockett County had 12 of 12 Rent

Subsidy slots occupied. The San Angelo PHA is going to send availability letters to all the families that were on the City of Sonora's waiting lists. Those families will be asked to attend a briefing at the Sonora City Hall. The program will be thoroughly explained and each family will be allowed to begin search for a unit that meets their bedroom size requirement which is based on the number of people in the family. The briefing for Sonora is scheduled for 10:00 a.m at Sonora City Hall on September 21, 2001. A benefit to lower income fam-

ilies in Sonora and Crockett County is that the San Angelo PHA will be able to provide additional Section 8 vouchers in Sonora and in Crockett County. Where Sonora was limited to assisting 23 families, and Crockett County could only assist 12, the San Angelo PHA will be able to assist more families that can find units that pass HUD housing quality standards. Families that may be able to find a rental unit outside Sonora or Ozona City limits in the county can also qualify. Families that work in Sonora and who find a unit that passes housing quality standards in Ozona, or vice versa, and they are willing to commute can also receive assistance.

It is important that lower income families that need rental assistance go and apply. Now that the San Angelo PHA will bring more Section 8 vouchers to Sonora and Crockett County; more lower income families will be able to receive assistance. The only eligibility criteria is based on a family's income. To be eligible in Sonora one person can make no more than \$15,400 a year, 2 persons \$17,600, 3 persons \$19,800 and 4 persons \$22,000. Income limits for larger families can be found in Section 8 handouts at the Texas Department of Health in Sonora or at City Hall.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS** 

Special Election NOVEMBER 6, 2001

### **PROPOSITION 1**

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.

ed 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 colonias. Generally, a colonia 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 colonia 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

### **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.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for a four-year term of office for the fire fighters' pension commissioner.

# **PROPOSITION 5**

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

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

### **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

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 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

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.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the filling of a vacancy in the legislature without an election if a candidate is running unopposed in an election to fill a vacancy."

### **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 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 compen sation 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

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

### **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 pur-

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 proper-

#### **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

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 consti-

tution 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

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 home-

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**

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.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$2 billion.'

Estos son los informes explanatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestats al la contitutión que aparecerán en la boleta el 6 de noviembre de 2001. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes in español, podrá obetener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 or por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060,

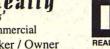
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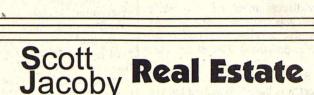
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