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## Bush Will Address U.S. to Mark 9-11

by SANDRA SOBIERAJ,  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush, who will mark the remembrance of Sept. 11 by visiting three terrorist attack sites, plans to start the observances in prayer and close them with a prime-time address to the nation.

The White House on Tuesday released details of the president's Sept. 11 schedule, which will take him and First Lady Laura Bush from a private morning church service in Washington, to a moment of silence observed at the White House at 8:46 a.m., EDT. That's the exact time that the first terrorist-hijacked jet slammed into the World Trade Center tower in New York. They will go from there to a ceremony at the Pentagon, which also was attacked on that fateful day.

The President and Mrs. Bush will then journey to Shanksville, Pa., and lay a wreath in the field where Flight 93 crashed, presumably en route to another target in Washington.

"Those who were here at the White House that day feel strongly about honoring those who gave their lives that day on Flight 93, particularly given the fact that most of us view that as saving the lives of those who were here at the White House that day," said White House deputy press secretary Scott McClellan.

That afternoon, at 4:30 p.m., Bush will lay a wreath at Ground Zero, site of the former Trade Center towers in New York. At 9:01 p.m., he is to address the nation from New York. White House press secretary Ari Fleischer promised a "respectful, solemn tribute to

those who lost their lives on the attack on our country on Sept. 11 ... words of thanks and love to the families of those whose relatives were taken from us."

"And I think it will be a reminder of the importance of liberty, and how our United States stands strong throughout the world in promoting liberty," the spokesman added.

Meanwhile, Tom Ridge, director of Bush's Office of Homeland Security, said Tuesday he thinks U.S. security has improved significantly since the attacks.

"I think we've made substantial progress and I think we are substantially safer than we were on Sept. 11," he said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"We still have considerable work to do in the years and months ahead," Ridge acknowledged.

He said he knew of no "specific credible information" about any particular threat on Sept. 11.

"We have been in an elevated state of alert for quite some time," he said. "It's our job to worry about, and be concerned about security every day," Ridge said on CBS' "The Early Show."

"Obviously, this is a day that we are going to celebrate heroes. We are going to remember some extraordinary things that Americans did on behalf of one another. It's a day of mourning," he said.

He said he believed that "on that day, like every day since Sept. 11, America will be vigilant" and authorities at all levels of government "will continue to be on guard."

## Retire Old Glory At Special Ceremony on 9-11

Make plans now to attend the Honorary American Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Sutton County Rodeo Arena on Wednesday, September 11, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts will be performing the retirement of the American Flags Ceremony. If you have a flag that is tattered or frayed that you would like to retire, you can still drop it off at the Main Street Office at 232 Main Street. Ann Kay, Manager of the Main Street program reported that many flags have been dropped off, and more are welcome. If you have a special story or memory that goes with the flag, leave it also so that it can be shared with all in attendance.

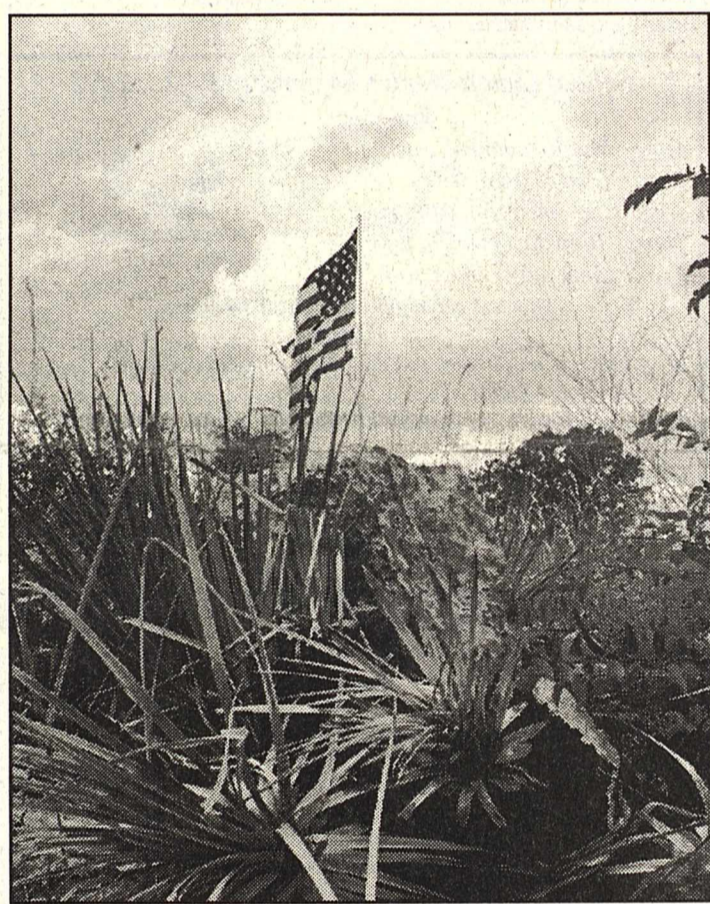
Local churches will provide music and there will be a special time to remember the fallen heroes of September 11, 2001.

## Broncos Bag The Bucks For Season Opener



Israel Arevalo blocks for Dustin Martin at the season opener against the Alpine Bucks. See the complete story on page 5. Photo by Ray Glasscock

## Take a Walk On The New Trails Of Eaton Hill



The vegetation on the new "Wildfire Run" trail on Eaton Hill is abundant. Find out more about the new trails on page 3.

## State Agencies On Alert As September 11 Nears

by Jeff Wentworth  
State Senator, District 25

It has been almost a year since the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon shattered Americans' belief in our nation's impregnability.

Since September 11, we have been united in our efforts to hunt down those responsible for the attacks, to honor the victims of those monstrous acts of terrorism and to prevent future attacks. During the dark days after 9/11, for example, the Texas Department of Health (TDH) issued a bioterrorism alert urging all health care professionals to maintain a heightened degree of suspicion. Information about bioterrorism preparedness may be found on the TDH website at [www.tdh.state.tx.us](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us).

Earlier this year, TDH applied for and received a \$51 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. TDH is in the process of implementing a comprehensive statewide bioterrorism preparedness and response plan that includes a bioterrorism response and prevention planner for each of the eight Public Health Regions in Texas.

The regional planner will work with law enforcement and elected officials and community leaders. Grant funds also are being used for response teams that include an epidemiologist, a public health nurse and a medical technician.

TDH also is utilizing grant money to open additional testing laboratories, develop a communications network to alert Texans of threats of bioterrorism and to train them to assist each region in developing its own bioterrorism preparedness plan. More than 70 percent of the \$51 million grant will be divided among the eight regions, which also may use the

funds for other public health needs.

On September 6, TDH will participate with state and federal agencies in a chemical/bioterrorism exercise that will be held around Eagle Pass, the Kickapoo Nation and Piedras Negras, Mexico. The exercise will simulate a hazardous material spill that would release a biological agent exposing citizens of three nations, the United States, Mexico and the Kickapoo Nation.

TDH is not the only agency responding to the September 11 attacks. Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs formed a Texas Border Food Security Coalition to help protect the state's food supply.

Information about the coalition is available [www.agr.state.tx.us](http://www.agr.state.tx.us).

Governor Rick Perry's Task Force on Homeland Security, which he appointed after the attacks, continues to examine security measures along Texas' borders and to identify potential targets. Task force information is available on the Internet at [www.governor.state.tx.us](http://www.governor.state.tx.us). In addition to the state's preparedness, prevention and response efforts, we will also pay permanent tribute to the Texans killed in the attacks and to the Texas soldiers who died in Afghanistan with a memorial in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

The design will be unveiled at ceremonies at the State Cemetery on September 11, and will feature at least one steel beam recovered from ground zero. The memorial will remind us that the price of liberty is high and that the war on terrorism makes soldiers of us all.

## Future Broncos Get Ready For Some Football...



The Sonora Colts are ready to start their season, traveling to Ingram on Thursday, August 5th to start their season. Show your support and help cheer our Colts on to victory. Photo by Conrad Archer

## Notice To all Thunderbird Transit Passengers: New Hours of Operation

Effective September 2, 2002, the schedule for Thunderbird Transit is as follows:

7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. & 11:30a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Monday thru Friday).

There will be no service after 2 p.m. All passengers are required to make reservations at least 24 hours in advance of appointment, but not more than 7 days in advance and will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis.

Questions regarding Thunderbird should be directed to:

Jeffrey Sutton, Executive Director, Concho Valley Council of Governments (915) 944-9666 or Robert Stephens, Director of Transportation, Concho Valley Council of Governments (915) 944-9666.

The Annual Lions Club Auction will be held on September 10th at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m., followed by the auction at 7:00 p.m. Donations are still being accepted to be auctioned at The Bank & Trust.

## Sutton County Days Parade Winners Announced

The 2002 Sutton County Days Parade has come and gone, but the winners will hold that honor for at least the next year.

The winners for best Group or Organization were: 1st Place/Devil's River Dancers; 2nd Place/The Cub Scouts

Best Float went to: 1st Place/Sonora Hardware; 2nd Place/Multi-Chem

Best Out of Town Entry was the Silver Ridge Runners and the Grand Prize went to Sonora Hardware. Congratulations to all these winners!

## City Council Holds Budget Hearing

On August 20, 2002 the City Council met in Regular Session at City Hall with the following present: James Stephen, Mayor; Council members Vivian Mears, Gloria Lopez, Virgil Polocek; Beth Wallace, City Attorney; Brent Gesch, City Manager; Becky Covington, City Secretary.

Others attending all or part of the meeting were T. Wayne Price, Keith Wakham, Chief House, Tony Lane, James McLaughlin, Shelly Hughes, Justin McGeath, Ladonna Wardlaw, Russell Green, Rick Cearley, Larry Lynch, Storie Sharp, and Juanita Mesa.

Mayor Stephen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Reverend T. Wayne Price gave the invocation and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Polocek made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 16, 2002 as written. Lopez made a second to the motion and the motion carried.

Polocek made a motion to approve the monthly tax collection report that was presented by the Sutton County Appraisal District. Mears made a second and the motion carried.

Polocek made a motion to approve the Sutton County Appraisal District annual fiscal year budget as presented. Upon a second by Mears the motion carried.

Russell Green, Chief of the Fire Department, presented the following activity report: Total Alarms - 21, Structure Fires - 1, Grass Fires - 2, Vehicle Fires - 3, Rescues - 10, False Alarms - 5, Total Man Hours - 182.5, County Man Hours - 139, County Fires - 19, City Man Hours - 31.5, City Fires - 1, Mutual Aid - 12 hours and 1 call. Polocek made a motion to approve the report as presented, seconded by Lopez. Motion carried.

Polocek made a motion and Lopez made the second, to approve the Quarterly Financial

Report.

Justin McGeath, Manager, presented the annual Sonora Industrial Development Corporation budget for the council to consider. Justin explained the following revisions: Take out the budget item for a part-time wildlife sanctuary employee and move the expense for Eaton Hill Project to Project Funding. Upon a motion by Polocek, seconded by Lopez, the annual budget for fiscal year 2002-2003 for the SIDC board was approved.

Lopez made a motion to table the appointment of Sonora Industrial Development Corporation Board of Directors until next months regular meeting. Mears made the second and the motion was approved.

Mayor Stephen opened the public hearing at 2:13 p.m. to hear comments on expending Section 4B sales tax for the following projects: Project funding for \$18,705.00 for George Thorp Water Well Service. Project funding for \$6,675.00 for Sonora Air Cooled Engines.

There being no comments, Mayor Stephen closed the hearing at 2:14 p.m.

Mayor Stephen then opened the public hearing at 2:14 p.m. to hear comments on contemplated annexation of a 6.9 acre tract at the end of Queens Court Townhouse Subdivision requested by Jorge and Sheila Velarde. There being no comments, Mayor Stephen closed the hearing at 2:15 p.m.

A letter was presented from City Attorney Beth Wallace regarding the request from the Sutton County Historical Society for hotel motel tax funding for operation of the Miers Home, Cauthorn Building and Restrooms. Wallace recommended that the Council request that the Historical Society prepare a list of activities that will directly enhance tourism and promote tourism and the con-

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## Sonora Church Directory

**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Antonio F. Gonzales, Sr.  
304 N. Water  
387-2035

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**IGLESIA PENTECOSTAL UNIDA HISPANA**  
Pastor Isai Oviedo  
509 Amistad  
650-3121

**THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN**  
Lewis Allen, Pastor  
319 E. Mulberry  
387-2616

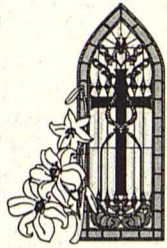
**LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Don Longoria, Pastor  
707 Glasscock  
387-5886

**PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED**  
Randy Greenwood  
Pastor  
509 Amistad  
387-5266

**ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Father William DuBuisson,  
O.M.I.  
229 W. Plum  
387-2278

**JEHOVAH'S WITNESS**  
310 St. Ann's Street  
387-5658 or 387-5518

**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Interim Mike Dixon  
511 Cornell  
387-5207



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

**Kerbow Funeral Home**  
387-2266

### Cards of Thanks

Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following for their contributions during Sutton County Days.  
If your name was inadvertently left off, please accept my thank you.

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| Angelo Fleet & Industrial Supply<br>B & W Trailer, Inc.<br>Bunyard Construction, Inc.<br>Dee Ora Masonic Lodge # 715<br>Devil's River Dancers<br>Dominion E & P<br>Duncan Disposal<br>Eddins-Walcher Co.<br>Halfmann's Cake Cottage<br>Halliburton Energy Services<br>KHOS FM 92.1<br>La Mexicana Restaurant<br>Lillian Hudspeth Hospital<br>Main Street Program<br>Mayfield Paper Company, Inc.<br>Ol' Sonora Trading Co.<br>Orig-Equip, Inc.<br>Patterson- UTI Energy, Inc.<br>Patti's Party & Gifts<br>Porter-Henderson Implement Co.<br>Rafter W Feed<br>S & W Services<br>San Angelo Community Medical Center<br>San Angelo Standard -Times<br>SHOT'S Convenience Stores<br>Simons Petroleum, Inc.<br>Sonora Chemical & Supply<br>Sonora City Council & Mayor<br>Sonora Electric Company<br>Sonora FFA<br>Sonora Hardware<br>Sonora ISD<br>Sonora Police Dept.<br>Sonora Volunteer Fire Dept.<br>Southwest Texas Electric Co-Op<br>Stagecoach Grill & Cantina<br>Sutton County & Judge Garner<br>Sutton County Days Assoc.<br>Sutton County Probation Dept.<br>Sutton County Sheriff's Office<br>Sutton County Steakhouse<br>Tedford Jewelry<br>Texas Highway Dept.<br>Texas Land and Ranches, Inc. | The Bank & Trust<br>The Boy Scouts<br>The Corner Drug Store<br>The Devil's River News<br>The First National Bank<br>T-Saucer Ranch Retreat<br>Twin Mountain Fence Company<br>Ben Solis<br>Beth Snyder<br>Bobby Zuniga<br>Brant Myers<br>Chance Armke<br>Chris Green<br>Crosby Liverman<br>(Little Miss 2001)<br>Donna Schooley<br>Dustin Holmes (Little Mr. 2001)<br>Eddie & Tammy Favila<br>Frank Wamble<br>Harold Martinez<br>Jimmy Sims<br>JoAnn Hernandez<br>Jody Luttrell<br>Johnny Carillo<br>Justin Stedman<br>Keith Butler<br>Kim Lewis<br>Laura & Brandon West<br>Lisa & Herbie Seaton<br>Lolabeth Jones<br>Lynn Sahr<br>Mickey, Joe, & Lauren Schaefer<br>Mike Healy<br>Mike Samuels<br>Patti Strauch<br>Paul Stephens<br>Shannon, Bobby,<br>& Taylor Liverman<br>Sue Moore<br>Tom Bedwell<br>Trapper Valliant<br>Trevlin Strong<br>Vicki & Dean Williams<br>Wendy Daniels |
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### Engagement



**Stephen - Brunclik**

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Stephen announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Anne to Vladislav Brunclik of Prague, The Czech Republic. The wedding will take place in January in Sonora, Texas.

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### School Lunch Menu • September 9 - 13, 2002

#### Breakfast

- Mon.** - Muffin, oatmeal, juice  
**Tues.** - Cheese toast, fruit  
**Wed.** - Cinnamon roll, fruit, juice  
**Thurs.** - Breakfast burrito, juice  
**Fri.** - Peanut butter toast, fruit, juice

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

#### Lunch

- Mon.** - Barbecue on bun, potato salad, pickles, onions, peach cobbler  
**Tues.** - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, fresh fruit, roll  
**Wed.** - Beef & bean burrito, chili, tossed salad, mixed fruit  
**Thurs.** - Corn dog, cheese nachos, pear slices, oatmeal cookie  
**Fri.** - Chicken on bun, lettuce/tomatoes, French fries, banana pudding



### Senior Center News

- Sept. 9** - Bingo.  
**Sept. 10** - Exercise anyone?  
**Sept. 11** - Blood pressure checks with Girling Health Care, Inc. 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
**Sept. 12** - Crafts for holidays! Sign up now!!!

### Senior Menu

- Sept. 9** - Spaghetti with meatballs, spinach, garlic toast, fruit cocktail, cake, milk.  
**Sept. 10** - Hot dog with chili/cheese, yams, pineapple waldorf salad, brownie with nuts, milk.  
**Sept. 11** - Chicken strips with gravy, baked potato, broccoli with cheese, roll, peach cobbler, milk.  
**Sept. 12** - Tacos with meat & cheese, pinto beans, corn, lettuce, tomato mix, fruit with cantaloupe, milk.  
**Sept. 13** - Oven fried chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed greens, cornbread, melon mix, fruit parfait.

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.\*

### Dining Out Directory

**Dairy Queen**  
134 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-2118

**La Mexicana**  
240 N. Hwy 277  
387-3401

**Pizza Hut**  
401 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-3540

**Sutton County Steakhouse**  
1306 N. Service Rd  
387-3833

**Stagecoach Grill & Cantina**  
407 South Crockett  
387-0623

**Taco Grill**  
232 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-9127

**Town & Country Subway**  
610 S. Crockett  
387-6181

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

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### Community

#### Sept. 9

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

#### Sept. 10

Lions Club Dinner & Auction  
6:00 p.m. • 4-H Civic Center

#### Sept. 11

Flag Retiring Ceremony  
7:30 p.m. • Sutton County Arena

The Community Calendar



P.O. BOX 718 - SONORA, TEXAS 76950  
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### Calendar

#### Sept. 16

P.T.O. Meeting  
6:30 p.m. • Elementary Auditorium

#### Sept. 17

City Council Meeting  
2:00 p.m. • City Hall

#### Sept. 23

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

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