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## PUC Selects Route For New Transmission Line



### Submitted:

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) today chose a route for a new 345-kilovolt transmission line project intended to carry renewable wind power through Schleicher, Irion and Tom Green counties to more populated areas of the state.

LCRA Transmission Services Corporation (LCRA TSC) will build the 38-mile line west and south of San Angelo. The line, known as Twin Buttes to McCamey D, is part of an effort mandated by the Texas Legislature to allow for reliable and cost-effective delivery of power produced from areas in West Texas and the Panhandle, called Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ), to homes and businesses in areas of high energy demand throughout the state. The PUC selected the route included in an administrative law judge's proposal for decision with some modifications. This route, referred to as TM9, was agreed to in April by PUC staff and intervening parties.

The PUC also selected the structure types to be used in construction. The PUC ordered the use of pole structures in certain locations while steel lattice structures will be

constructed along part of the project's length. Plans are to energize the line by 2012.

During a hearing on the merits in mid-April, PUC staff and intervening parties agreed on several modifications to one of the eight alternative routes that LCRA TSC filed in January with the PUC. LCRA TSC did not take a position on the agreement. Commissioners considered these possibilities in selecting the route for the new 345-kilovolt line.

The transmission line will connect the existing Twin Buttes Station, located in northwestern Tom Green County, to the new McCamey D Station, to be located in northern Schleicher County. The project is a single-circuit, double circuit-capable line, which will accommodate a second circuit when necessary.

This is the first CREZ-related "priority project" that the PUC has approved for LCRA TSC to build.

After LCRA TSC receives the PUC's final order, a letter will be sent to area landowners informing them if they are affected or no longer affected by this project.

Easement acquisitions along the route will begin immedi-

ately.

LCRA TSC has other CREZ-related priority projects in the works. LCRA TSC plans to file its McCamey D-to-Kendall-to-Gillespie project with the PUC on July 28. Meanwhile, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas is preparing a response to a question from the PUC concerning the necessity of constructing the Gillespie-to-Newton project in Gillespie, Burnet, Llano and Lampasas counties.

LCRA TSC has been ordered by the PUC to build, own, and operate about 600 miles of new and existing transmission lines and facilities, which, according to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), represents about \$795 million of the \$4.9 billion project.

The overall CREZ effort will approximately triple Texas' current level of wind generation capacity to 18,456 MW. The transmission lines that will connect the CREZs to the load centers will increase reliability of the ERCOT grid and increase the transfer of wind and other power into various parts of the state.

## Tobias Selected To Attend Texas Governors School

IRVING, TEXAS - Cande Tobias, Jr., a student at Sonora High School, was among 100 talented teens chosen to attend the Texas Governor's School June 6-26 on the University of North Texas campus in Denton, Texas. Sponsored by Exxon Mobil Corporation, the all-expenses paid camp encouraged Texas students to study math and science and consider pursuing engineering as a career.

At the camp, students spent time conducting experiments in biology, chemistry and nanotechnology. Participants also enjoyed experiencing college campus life and went on a variety of field trips around North Texas designed to encourage their continued study of science, technology, engineering and math.

"ExxonMobil supports programs such as the Texas Governor's School in order to find

positive, hands-on activities to reinforce the importance of careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics," said Truman Bell, senior program officer for education at ExxonMobil. "The three weeks these students spend at camp can have a life-long impact and possibly change the world in which we live."

This summer's theme, "How Advances in Science and Technology Affect Our World," focused on a wide range of topics in the sciences and their impact on society. Students also took courses aimed at improving their writing skills and developing college preparation plans.

The program was established by the Texas legislature in 2003 and is open to students who have completed their sophomore year in high school. Applicants are required to submit an application form, provide

a letter of recommendation, write a personal essay and submit school transcripts. Applicants are processed through the 20 Educational Service Centers in Texas.

In addition to the Texas Governor's School, ExxonMobil is committed to encouraging science, technology, engineering and math education and careers among the state's teens. Included in the company's programs are the ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science camps, offered at six universities in Texas; the ExxonMobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair that draws students from across the state to compete with science and engineering projects; and "Introduce a Girl to Engineering" Day, which is designed to attract middle school girls to careers in engineering.



## Sonora ISD Student Selected For Lone Star Leadership Academy

### Submitted:

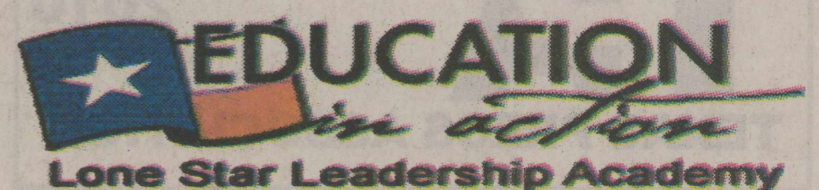
Cody Barber, son of Charles and Lynn Barber and a student at Sonora Middle School in the Sonora Independent School District, has been selected to travel to the Houston/Galveston area as a participant in Education in Action's Lone Star Leadership Academy, July 12-16, 2010. Cody's selection for the Academy was based on his outstanding academic success, demonstrated leadership ability, involvement in school and community activities, and his successful completion of previous Lone Star Leadership Academy programs. Education in Action, dedicated to fostering educated and involved Texans, hosts the Lone Star Leadership Academy to "Instill the Spirit of Texas in Tomorrow's Leaders".

Cody's U.S. Senators, the Honorable John Cornyn and the Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, and U.S. Representative, the Honorable Ciro Rodriguez, District 23, will be notified of his accomplishment.

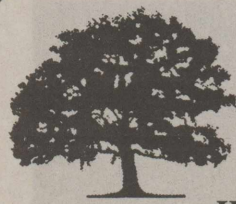
Joining a delegation of outstanding students from across the state of Texas, Cody will develop leadership skills while learning about the great state of Texas and its leaders. He will learn about future career and internship opportunities and visit historically, scientifically, and environmentally significant sites including NASA's Johnson Space Center, Moody Gardens, the San Jacinto Battleground Monument, Battleship Texas, the Port of Houston, and the Houston Museum of Natural Science. Additional activities will include a boat ride on Galveston Bay with a marine biologist, the IMAX Theater, dinner on Kemah boardwalk, and a farewell program.

Upon completion of this summer's program, Cody will receive Education in Action's Lone Star Trailblazer designation recognizing Cody's participation in all three Lone Star Leadership Academy programs: Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin, and Houston/Galveston. Education in Action honors this select group of students for choosing to develop their leadership skills and learn about the great state of Texas while experiencing notable sites in three of Texas' major metropolitan areas.

The Lone Star Leadership Academy provides unique opportunities for outstanding 5th - 8th graders to learn about the Spirit of Texas and what it truly means to be from the Lone Star State. Participants discuss what they learn, complete problem solving and decision-making simulations, exercise creativity, and practice presentation skills in Leadership Groups. In addition, participants have fun meeting other outstanding students from across the state of Texas and making new friends while adding to their resume of academic achievements, developing leadership skills, and bringing home a wealth of information to supplement what they are learning in school.







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**Senior Center Activities**

- Thurs. July 8 - Happy Birthday *Carroll McAfee*
- Fri. July 9 - Bingo after lunch
- Mon. July 12 - Bingo
- Tues. July 13 - CEAP for Utility Assistance 11 - 3  
Call 325-653-1680 FMI  
Happy Birthday *Nancy Johnson*
- Wed. July 14 - Sign up to deliver meals

**Senior Center Menu**

- Thur. July 8 - Beef tips w/gravy, white rice, mixed veggies, tossed salad, rolls, banana pudding and milk
- Fri. July 9 - Chicken fried steak w/gravy, peas, milk mashed potatoes, cornbread, sunshine fruit cup
- Mon. July 12 - Hot dogs w/chili & cheese, potato chips, pineapple waldorf salad, brownie, milk
- Tues. July 13 - BBQ chicken, pinto beans, potato salad, cornbread, apricot/banana medley, milk
- Wed. July 14 - Ham w/pineapple rings, macaroni & cheese, rolls, peaches, lemon cake, milk

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.  
**Donations are accepted**  
(suggested donation for Seniors is \$2.00; \$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).

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| <b>St. Ann's Catholic Church</b><br>229 W. Plum<br>387-2278                        | <b>Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios</b><br>306 W. 4th St<br>387-5713 |
| <b>Jehovah's Witness</b><br>310 St. Ann's St<br>387-5658/387-5518                  | <b>First United Methodist Church</b><br>201 N. Water<br>387-2466      |
|  | <b>Hope Lutheran Church</b><br>417 E. 2nd St.<br>387-5366             |

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**Obituaries**

**Ruthie Minatra**



Ruthella (Ruthie) Minatra of Rough Canyon - Del Rio, Texas passed away surrounded by family and friends on June 30, 2010 in San Angelo Community Hospital. Graveside services led by Ray Wells were at the Sonora Cemetery, Saturday, July 3, 2010 followed by a memorial service at Rough Canyon Park on Lake Amistad.

Ruthie was born in Dallas, Texas on January 5, 1947 to Joan and Milton Nicholas. Ruthie's greatest loves were her business, her family and sharing time with her many friends. She lived her life mostly in Ozona, Eldorado, Sonora and the Rough Canyon community. In Eldorado, she was very active in the community by organizing the local American Cancer Society unit where she volunteered on the local, district, and state level. She was Chairman of the Bi-Centennial Celebration in 1976, was a charter member of Beta Sigma Phi and worked for Schleicher County Medical Center and also was the Activities Director for the nursing home there.

She married Kenneth Minatra on April 7, 1987 where they as a team owned the Rough Canyon Motel and Store and the Devils River Boat Shop until 2000. Ruthie and Kenneth then opened Ruthie's Mobile Home Park (Ruthie's Rentals) and boat storage. If you only met Ruthie once, you would never forget her. She had a wonderful gift of making people laugh and having them feel loved. She was a great nurturer to all of her friends and deeply touched many lives.

Ruthella is survived by her son, Nick Dacy and daughter in law Jennifer Dacy of Wichita Falls, sons Eddie Minatra and wife Anissa of Hawley, Gary Minatra and wife Loli of Andrews and James Minatra and wife Diane of Abilene. Her mother Joan Nicholas of Brownwood, and sister Jennifer Newton of Brownwood and 7 wonderful grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter Carrie Ann Dacy, her father Milton (Nick) Nicholas and her husband Kenneth Minatra.

Many people were dear to Ruthie's heart and she considered them family. You knew who you were because she told you so. Some of those dear friends served as pallbearers, Curtis Hobbs, Jordan Reyes, John Ronsbiz, Rick Kissko, Rick Giles and Landon Minatra.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making a donation to the American Diabetes Association or your favorite charity.

**Lora Dell Dunagan**



Mrs. Lora Dell Dunagan, age 84 of Kerrville, passed away Friday, July 2, 2010 in a local care center. She was born September 5, 1925 in Sonora, TX to Perry Daniel Ory and Alice Mae (Hollmig) Ory.

Mrs. Dunagan was of the Baptist faith. She enjoyed fishing and the outdoors. Having family around was very important to her. She loved anything to do with her family, and especially loved her grandkids.

Survivors include son, Richard Swails of Evanston, WY; sister, Margie Smith of Austin; grandchildren, Helene Taylor, Wesley Skains and wife, Heather, Jackie Gloria, Damon Skains and wife, Lisa and Laura Eckolt and numerous great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Cheryl Lowe. Graveside services will be held Friday, July 9, 2010, at 10 AM in the Sonora City Cemetery, Sonora, TX.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

The family invites you to send condolences at [www.grimes-funeralchapels.com](http://www.grimes-funeralchapels.com) by selecting the "Send Condolences" link.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.

**Happy Birthday!**

**July 8**  
Jamie Braly, Glenda Barton, Ernie Mayer, Everson Flores

**July 9**  
Standley Anderson, Braxton Snyder, Jimmy Powers, Jason Jacoby, James Elliott, Alexis Gaytan

**July 10**  
Brian Petty, LeAnna Perez Velez

**July 11**  
Clair Higdon, Ethan Morriss, Bernice Samaniego, Madison Wolfe, Paul Stephens, Madeline Higdon, Hunter Webb

**July 12**  
Kaylynn Perez, Joseph Hopkins, Karen Kearney, Katrina Hernandez, Zed Snodgrass

**July 13**  
Sandra Zargoza, Rhonda Gulley, Netza Estrada, Baldo Castaneda, Jr.

**July 14**  
Mattye Davenport, Cyndy Allen, Richard Hurt, Ramon Estrada, Jackilyn Sykes

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**SonQuest Rainforest Vacation Bible School**

**Lighthouse Community Church**  
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## Keep Sonora Beautiful



Michelle Faz, Jo Ann Hernandez, and Juanita Gomez

"The largest room in the world is the room for improvement" by Anonymous, but I find this very appropriate since last week I made a huge error in my reporting of the award Viva Sonora received at the Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) Conference. In the picture at the KTB Conference was Jo Ann Hernandez, Michelle Faz, and Juanita Gomez. These beautiful ladies represented their organization, receiving the First Place Award for Civic Organization in the Restoration of Liberty Park. Please Congratulate them for the wonderful job they did bringing that park back to life! It also looks like the City of Sonora is on the road to improvement with all the cleanup efforts by the residents of Sonora. It is so good to have a City Manager like Judy Miller taking on this monumental job. The improvements are being noticed and are quite appreciated. It is really nice to have all the homeowners working with the City to Keep Sonora Beautiful!

## Lions Roar



Submitted by Frank Wamble

One would think that as we approach the end of June 2010 and our 90+ summer days things would be slowed down at the Lions Club. Not so! Last week we were honored to have Kelly Thorp at our program to discuss the challenges of living with DIABETES. This informative program covered the responsibilities of the patient as well as the role of the caregiver. Thanks Kelly, for your role in the community and the great contribution you have made.

There is nothing more rewarding and exhilarating as a sincere "thank you". Well, what a surprise we received when the Sonora State qualifiers for 7on7 football showed up to thank the Lions for our support. Each player addressed the club, as is the custom, when students are guests. Accompanying the players was their chaperon, fund raiser and Football Mom, Suzanne Badeaux. Lion Sine was also present doing his Lion duties. Ya'll say a prayer for a safe trip for our youth and fans as they depart for competition at TAMU on 8-9 July. Tune in to FOX Sports net on Thursday and Friday for TV coverage for some of the tournament.

A big THANK YOU to Lucy Ward and Anne Guinan for their gift to the Lions Memorial Scholarship fund in honor of Husband and Dad, Lion John Allen Ward. Next week we will install our new officers, Go Broncos and Shop Sonora!

## Lemonade Stand donates to the Sonora Health Foundation



\$50 was raised & donated to Sonora health foundation..... Gage -Reagan -Rebecca Owen and Blayze Sykes (not pictured -Wilson Johnson). The 100 degree weather did not stop this group!

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**F.Y.I.**

**Lighthouse Community Church-** Antique Childrens Pictures, July 16-17, 2010, \$10.00 for an 8x10, FMI call Brooke Knight at 757-375-3241.

**Lighthouse Community Church** will be having their Vacation Bible School, Sunday, July 11 thru Thursday 15 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. FMI call Brittany @ 325-387-9100.

**1980-- 30th CLASS REUNION-**To ALL members of SHS Class of 1980: You & your family are invited to our 30th Class Reunion your host is Peter Gomez 387-5018 and Eddie Favila 387-3661. Events will be during Sutton Co. Days Aug. 13 & 14 RSVP to us & help us find classmates!!!

**Summer Camps and Activities on Eaton Hill-** The first two weeks of August have been set aside for Eaton Hill's summer camp sessions. Planning is underway and details will be published at a later date. Additionally, parents can contact the Eaton Hill office to schedule a one day camp which includes an art activity for up to six children. FMI contact the Eaton Hill office at 387-2615.

**Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary** is having a Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 1st at the Fire Hall. Your donations for clothing, household items and etc. are tax deductible and most welcome. Please contact Sandee Reese at 387-5368 or Christy Lippman at 206-1342 to arrange a donation drop-off today.

**Sutton County Friends of NRA 3rd Annual Auction/Banquet** will be Saturday, September 18, 2010. Banquet tickets are \$25 per person. Pre-event raffle tickets are \$10 each with one winner taking home five firearms and a 14 gun fire resistant safe. Tickets may be purchased at First National Bank, Sonora Air Cooled Engines or by contacting Tonya @ 387-3861 or 387-5929. Your support is appreciated!

**PARADE FOR LA ELLIOTT SCHOOL REUNION--**If you would like to be in the parade for La Elliott School Reunion, on Sept. 11, 2010, please contact Ernesto Barrera at 512-961-9709-cell or 325-387-5480-home.

**Looking for L. W. Elliott School (La Elliott) Alumni.** Register on facebook or by emailing guschavez2000@yahoo.com or juanita@sonoratx.net or by calling 325-206-0830. Everyone is encouraged to submit names. A committee is being put together to organize LA ELLIOTT SCHOOL REUNION and also to place a historical marker where the school stood. If you have any information or questions please contact us.

**La Elliott School Commemorative Poetry Contest-** Open for all Sonora Middle and High School Students. Adults are also welcome to participate. No Entry Fee. Poetry should be your own and can be submitted in both English and Spanish. Submit one poem of no more than 20 lines with a maximum of 150 words, in any form on the personal experiences of former L.W. Elliott School Alumni, provided that the poem content is not vulgar/offensive. **Deadline is Friday, September 10, 2010.** Please include your name and grade level. Winners will be announced September 16. Please submit poems to Delia Samaniego: the\_twins@verizon.net or FMI Call 325-226-0666.

**L.W. Elliott (La Elliott) School Reunion** will be Sept. 10-11, 2010. Registration will start Sept. 10, with a ceremony on Sept. 11, the unveiling of the Historical Marker and a parade. Please plan to attend these two days for this Historical Event in Sonora, TX.

**The Primary Purpose Group of Alcoholics Anonymous** meets every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church, 404 NE Poplar. FMI call 325-387-9765 or 325-206-1311.

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# Landscape of the Month



T.J. Thorp, Elaine Donaldson, David Fisher

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce has chosen First National Bank of Sonora for June 2010 Landscape of the Month. The bank maintains the grounds with attractive landscaping year round and beautifies our historic downtown! Pictured above are T.J. Thorp, Elaine Donaldson and David Fisher. Congratulations!

# Ways You Can Improve Your Local Community:

Author Makes Suggestions in New Book

Submitted:

(StatePoint) If you are like most Americans, you like your neighborhood and community but think it can be even better.

While many citizens are concerned about the direction in which the country is heading, local communities are facing challenges concerning education, jobs, healthcare and neighborhood safety.

However, there are many ways you can improve your community, say experts.

"One person can make a difference, especially when it comes to common sense solutions to things like strengthening neighborhood schools and improving local communities," says Jim Houtz, author of the new book, "Saving America: Common Sense Solutions to Washington Nonsense."

"Major problems across America that should have simple solutions have become complicated by politics and business as usual. It doesn't have to be this way and you can start fixing things in your own hometown," he adds.

Here are some ways you can get involved to make your community stronger:

**\* Shop Locally:** Do your family's shopping at neighborhood stores, whenever possible. These businesses create local jobs, advertise locally and pay taxes that help the community. So support local entrepreneurs by purchasing food, clothing and home and car supplies close to home. Buy American and buy locally when faced with choices.

**\* Get Involved in Local Elections:** Learn about all the candidates, whether they are Democrats, Republicans, Tea Partiers or Independents. Learn what each supports and consider working for a local campaign or even running for office yourself. Get involved in fixing problems by learning where your local tax dollars

are going and get involved to help funnel them to the right causes, such as education, jobs, health care and energy programs.

**\* Fix the Schools:** You can become part of the solution to the education problem by getting involved with your child's school. Volunteer for parent committees or get involved with the local school system, to participate in how education dollars get spent. Encourage local schools to get involved with online learning initiatives that keep kids studying at school and at home.

"Ask the principal or superintendent if teachers are rewarded based on merit for student performance and advocate for such compensation," says Houtz. "I believe the best way to increase teachers' salaries is by putting less money into school facilities and more into incentive-based compensation."

**\* Create Job Opportunities:** Whether you own a business or work for a local one, you can help create jobs. Influence the decision-makers to hire veterans. When hiring, local employers might consider splitting jobs where appropriate, so they can hire two part-timers instead of one full-timer. Or hire additional salespeople on commission. Since local entrepreneurs are the backbone of our nation, with the right job and tax incentives they can help put the economy back on the right track.

For more ideas from Houtz on how you can make a difference, read the new book, "Saving America," available at Amazon.com, or visit [www.jimhhoutz.com](http://www.jimhhoutz.com).

"We have no greater obligation to our children than to preserve our communities by actively shaping them for the better," he says.

# Rio Grande Flooding Below Dam

By Karen Gleason

Courtesy of:

The Del Rio News-Herald

Published July 5, 2010

Heavy rains that fell over the weekend and which are expected to continue falling over the region are expected to cause major flooding of the Rio Grande below Amistad Dam, National Weather Service officials warned Monday morning.

But no evacuation of residents in the Vega Verde area is being recommended yet, according to the Val Verde County Emergency Management Office.

The Del Rio News-Herald received a fax at 6:55 a.m. Monday concerning the flooding of the Rio Grande in the Vega Verde area, from the Val Verde County Sheriff's Office, which houses the county's emergency management office.

The fax reads as follows:

"Due to the threat of the recent rain in Val Verde County and Lake Amistad reservoir, it may be necessary for people who live in the Vega Verde area along the Rio Grande to evacuate in the near future. Evacuation is NOT being recommended at this time. Local officials will advise you if evacuation is necessary. However, you should be prepared to evacuate if needed. We want to emphasize that this is a PRECAUTIONARY message about possible evacuation. Evacuation is NOT being recommended at this time."

At 5:34 a.m. Monday, the National Weather Service in Austin/San Antonio issued a flood warning for the Rio Grande.

The warning, which can be found on the NWS website at [www.srh.noaa.gov/ewx](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/ewx), urges "persons with interests along the river" to "monitor the latest forecasts and be prepared to take necessary precautions to protect life and property."

The NWS flood warning for the Rio Grande at Del Rio reads as follows:

"Observed flooding increased from moderate to major severity . . . at 5:15 a.m. Monday, the stage was 8.3 feet. Flood stage is 4.0 feet. Major flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast to persist. Forecast: The river will continue rising to near 10.2 feet by this afternoon."

The rising Rio Grande pushed a few inches of water across Vega Verde Road about 4.5 miles beyond the road's intersection with Cienegas Road, and the river was encroaching on a handful of lower-lying properties on the U.S. side of its banks shortly before press time today.

Both Val Verde County Sheriff Joe Frank Martinez and County Health Inspector/Risk Management Officer Roger Cerny were on the vega this morning, assessing the impact of the heavy rains on the river. Both men said they will continue to monitor the rising Rio Grande throughout the day.

Martinez said if an evacuation of vega residents is warranted, he will send sheriff's office personnel house-to-house to deliver the warning.

The heavy rains the area has received over the weekend also contributed to the extension of a flash flood watch for Del Rio and forced the closure of at least two roads in western Val Verde County, state highway officials announced.

A road condition report released by the Texas Department of Transportation indicated that State Highway 163, which lies north of Comstock and links Comstock to Ozona in Crockett County, has been closed until further notice because of high water.

Also closed until further notice is Ranch-to-Market Road 1024 in western Val Verde County. That road links Comstock and the Pandale area, and was also closed due to high water.

A flash flood watch remains in effect for Val Verde County, including Del Rio, through 7 p.m. Monday.

The NWS watch for the county reads as follows:

"Radar estimates and rainfall reports indicate that four to 13 inches of rainfall has fallen across western Val Verde County over the past few days. Additional rainfall totals going into this evening are expected to be from two to four inches with isolated amounts of four to seven inches possible. This additional rainfall will result in flash flooding of creeks and streams.

"Flooding of the Rio Grande River is likely from Foster Ranch downstream to Lake Amistad due to the runoff from heavy rains. Releases from the Amistad Dam combined with runoff from rainfall will also cause flooding below the dam to Del Rio and beyond. Flooding is also likely along the Devils and Pecos rivers."

Lynn Hall, a National Weather Service observer in the Del Rio area for the past 15 years, told the Del Rio News-Herald Sunday night that the water level in Amistad Reservoir has risen 7.87 feet in the 36 hours prior to 6 p.m. Sunday.

According to the NWS website, Del Rio has received a total of 3.77 inches of rain so far this month, and a total of 4.48 inches of rain since June 1.

# Teaching Kids About Local Wildlife

You don't have to travel far this summer to see wildlife in its natural habitat.

Community groups can help your children learn how local animals affect people and the local environment. For example, a local chapter of Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots program recently taught children the importance of ladybugs as natural insect controllers, and released live ladybugs in their school garden.

State parks also are a good way to expose kids to "first wildlife experiences," where they learn to use all five senses.

For information on local community environmental and wildlife groups, visit [rootsandshoots.org](http://rootsandshoots.org).

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# Now's The Time to Consider 4-H Livestock Projects

Submitted By  
Pascual Hernandez,  
Sutton County Agricultural  
Extension Agent



For 3rd -12th graders, now is a good time to be thinking about 4-H livestock projects. This part of summer is when exhibitors begin buying lambs and goats for the upcoming school year. Those who haven't showed livestock may wonder, "Why show a 4-H lamb or goat project?"

Well, the main objective is the same as any other 4-H project: acquire leadership skills and sense of duty; induce qualities such as commitment, determination, and patience; practice sportsmanship; and basically develop youth into responsible adults. However, record-keeping, time management and communication skills can also be acquired through participation. Furthermore, the lamb or goat project can help educate kids and parents in the subjects of nutrition, health, marketing, economics, genetics and numerous other topics.

4-H market lambs/goats make an ideal animal project. Some strong advantages include: low initial cost, it can be a short term project (3 to 5 months), it is usually very safe for young children and little equipment is needed. Moreover, these activities promote family involvement.

It is also important to be aware of the large numbers of opportunities the 4-H sheep/goat project presents. In addition to showing at jackpots, county or major shows, 4-H'ers can participate in record book competitions, public speaking, educational demonstrations, wool judging, and can develop breeding projects. The 4-H sheep/goat project, because of this flexibility, has much to offer.

Don't know much about animal husbandry? Not to worry... youth will receive help along the way. The County Extension Agent will help you find and select your lamb or goat and makes project visits to evaluate progress and make suggestions. Project leaders also provide management tips and information. Additionally, clinics are held regularly to provide help and information on feeding, training, grooming, showmanship, etc.

Lambs and goats can be purchased between June and late September. Validation takes place sometime in October. This means that animals are identified to prove ownership, and no more will be accepted to show after the validation date. So, if you'd like involvement in an activity that's fun, challenging, and provides learning experiences...here's your chance!

Of course, 4-H has much more to offer. Possibilities include photography, poetry, comedy, drama, dance, outdoor education, clothing & textiles, shooting sports, horticulture, entomology, and MUCH more! Want more details? Contact Sutton County Extension Agent Pascual Hernandez at 387-3101.

## Prescribed Burn Workshop Friday, July 16th

Submitted by Kimble County Prescribed Burn Association

On Friday, July 16th, a prescribed burn workshop will be hosted by the Kimble County Prescribed Burn Association (KCPBA), a chapter of the Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burn Association (EPPBA). The workshop will consist of three parts, a Friday morning program of presentations on prescribed burns, a Friday afternoon tour of the results of a winter burn, and a demonstration burn on Saturday, July 17th. Both the tour and the demonstration burn will be dependent on weather and conditions.

The presentations will be begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Kimble County District Court Room in County Court House in Junction, Texas. Speakers from various agencies and associations will cover topics related to prescribed burns. The content will be geared for both beginners and experienced individuals with interest in the use and benefits of effectively and safely using prescribed fires as a management tool for brush control, water conservation, wildlife management, and range enhancement.

The keynote speaker will be Butch Taylor, professor and research station superintendent of the Sonora Experiment Station and founder of the Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burn Association. The title of his presentation will be "Implementing Prescribed Fire in the Edwards Plateau".

The morning program will also include Jamey Newbury, a director and Vice President of KCPBA, presenting the "History and future of KCPBA chapter of the EPPBA"; Dandy Kothmann, District Conservationist with NRCS, addressing "Burning Questions: Where to Find the Answers"; and Russell Kott, County Extension Agent Ag/Nr Texas Agrilife Extension Kimble County, explaining the "Laws and Regulations for Private Applicators Continuing Education, including the Record Keeping requirements."

The morning program will conclude by noon allowing time for lunch on your own before the afternoon tour.

Details, including directions and background, for the Friday afternoon tour will be given during the morning presentations. The tour, beginning at 1:30 pm, will allow all to see first hand the results of a winter prescribed burn, that was carried out in February of 2010.

For those wanting to attend the Saturday demonstration burn details, including time, directions, and safety policies, will also be explained during the Friday morning program. Again both the Friday afternoon tour and the Saturday burn will depend upon weather and conditions.

CEU credits will be given for the Saturday morning program. For more information or questions please contact Art Mudge, President of KCPBA at 325-446-3132 or Jamey Newbury, VP of KCPBA, at 325-446-3822.

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## "\$10,000 College Natural Resource Scholarships Available: Deadline September 14"

SAN ANTONIO – The Texas Wildlife Association Foundation (TWAF) and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. (SALE) have joined forces to offer five \$10,000 Natural Resource-Excellence in Education Scholarships in the fall of 2010. The scholarships will be awarded to five freshmen at Texas universities who are majoring in natural resource related field such as agricultural science, wildlife science, forestry, range science, etc.

Completed applications must be postmarked by September 14th, 2010, and are available at [www.texas-wildlife.org](http://www.texas-wildlife.org)

"As our population has grown, the strain on our natural resources has grown proportionately," said TWAF Trustee Charles Davidson. "Our future depends on our ability to manage our natural resources wisely, balancing the needs of man and nature. It just makes sense to identify our future leaders and support them while they are getting their educations. We all will benefit from their expertise in the years to come."

This is the fourth time that TWAF and SALE have teamed up to offer scholarships to future natural resource professionals. Last year, the organizations provided four \$10,000 state-wide awards. The program was expanded because of the overwhelming response.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be:

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Students must also maintain 12 hours per semester and a minimum 2.0 GPA per semester and 2.5 cumulative GPA.

The scholarships are awarded based on overall quality and on essay responses to a series of natural resource questions.

## Texas Historical Commission Offers Information For Disaster Planning And Relief

AUSTIN, Texas – Hurricane Alex reminds us that hurricane season is upon us, bringing with it the potential for large-scale effects of severe weather, from communities hit directly by winds and storm surges to those farther from the storm center but still inundated by water during and after the event. The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is ready to help property owners, local officials and state and federal agencies in communities that may be impacted by the storm.

THC staff, including architects, archeologists, historians, museum specialists and other professionals, is available to provide technical assistance as needed. The THC website — [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us) — has been updated to include links to information for homeowners, volunteer organizations, small museums and caretakers of historic buildings and sites. The website also includes links to guidance from groups such

as Texas' Division of Emergency Management (DEM), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Heritage Emergency National Task Force. In addition, the THC is involved in reviews of federally funded projects that might affect historic buildings, structures, and sites. In such situations, DEM and FEMA consult with THC staff to avoid damage to these cultural resources.

"THC staff members have worked over the past several years at understanding FEMA and DEM procedures and how they affect historic resources," said Mark Wolfe, THC executive director and Texas' State Historic Preservation Officer. "Through the experience of post-disaster site visits and reviews of damaged buildings and other structures, our staff is ready to help with technical guidance and expertise."

To report damage at a historic building or site, please contact the THC at 512.463.6138 or [disaster.relief@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:disaster.relief@thc.state.tx.us).

## Brunclikova To Serve Higher Calling in the Czech Republic



ATLANTA – Rachel Brunclikova, a native of Sonora, Texas, will serve as one of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's field personnel, appointed June 23.

Brunclikova, a member of First Baptist Church of Sonora, is one of 16 new field personnel who began service following the 2010 General Assembly June 23-25 in Charlotte, N.C.

Brunclikova will serve in the Czech Republic as a liaison between existing Roma gypsy ministries and partnering churches.

"I feel like this is a return to service for me," Brunclikova said. "Since I live here in the Czech Republic and am married to a Czech citizen, I believe that I have a unique understanding of both the Roma situation and the churches here. I hope that I can stand in the gap and help bring understanding and compassion."

More than 2,400 Fellowship Baptists attended the 20th annual Assembly, gathering for worship, annual business, fellowship and discussion on various social and religious issues.

For additional information about serving with CBF, contact Matt Norman at [mnorman@thefellowship.info](mailto:mnorman@thefellowship.info). For information about the Assembly, go to [www.thefellowship.info/assembly](http://www.thefellowship.info/assembly).

CBF is a fellowship of Baptist Christians and churches who share a passion for the Great Commission and a commitment to Baptist principles of faith and practice. The Fellowship's mission is to serve Christians and churches as they discover and fulfill their God-given mission.

## Statement by Gov. Perry Regarding the EPA's Decision to Disapprove Texas' Air Permitting Program

AUSTIN – Gov. Rick Perry today issued the following statement regarding the EPA's decision to disapprove Texas' air permitting program:

"The EPA's irresponsible and heavy-handed action not only undermines Texas' successful clean air programs, but threatens thousands of Texas jobs, families, businesses and communities throughout our state. It will also likely curtail energy supplies and increase gasoline prices nationwide.

"It's shocking for the Obama Administration to target a 16-year-old air quality program that has achieved a 22 percent reduction in ozone and 53 percent reduction in NOx from regulated sources since 2000. Texas' air quality program has outperformed federal programs in virtually every category.

"The EPA's action will undermine environmental gains as well as employers like Lockheed-Martin, U.T. San

Antonio Health Science Center, the LCRA Fayette plant, and myriad energy producers throughout Texas, including two facilities operated by the federal government – Fort Bliss and the Department of Energy's Pantex plant. Blinded by its activist agenda, the EPA is even threatening a renewable-energy power plant and a manufacturer of energy efficient air conditioners.

"Texas will continue to fight this federal takeover of a successful state program, enacted under Gov. Ann Richards and operated in full under President Clinton, which has cleaned Texas' air at the same time it contributed to the nation's strongest economy.

"I again call on the president and Congress to immediately rein in this rogue agency, and stop the EPA from continuing to threaten Texas families, their jobs and cost of living."

## Hurricane Alex Brings More Than Just Rain

COLLEGE STATION – Rains and flooding from Hurricane Alex likely will lead to significantly increased mosquito activity in many parts of the state, said Texas AgriLife Extension Service experts. "Excessive moisture and flooding help create optimal conditions in which mosquitoes can breed," said Dr. Mark

Johnsen, a medical entomologist with the AgriLife Extension agricultural and environmental safety unit in College Station. "And having good information on mosquito behavior and control can help reduce both their nuisance factor and the threat of disease transmission."

Two waves of mosquito ac-

tivity typically follow a flooding event, he said. The first wave occurs five to seven days after the flooding event and consists of "floodwater" mosquitoes, which include salt marsh and pastureland mosquitoes, usually more of an annoyance than a disease threat. The second wave usually comes a few weeks later

and consists mainly of "standing-water" mosquito species which breed in stagnating post-flood locations.

"Post-flood mosquito species are those which are the primary vectors of disease," Johnsen said. "And the southern house mosquito is the most significant of these since it has been identified as the main vector for spreading West Nile virus and St. Louis encephalitis."

Starr County is the most inland of the four counties comprising the lower Rio Grande Valley area and is among the poorest in the state, with limited sources for insect control, she said.

The best way to combat mosquitoes after flooding is by applying the "four Ds" of personal protection – DEET, dusk/dawn, dress and drain, according to Johnsen.

The first D refers to using a mosquito repellent with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535, he said. The second D means restricting activity at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active. The third refers to dressing in loose-fitting, light-colored, long-sleeve shirts or blouses, and long pants. And the fourth D is in reference to draining standing water from bottles, cups, unused plant pots, tires and other receptacles that might provide a mosquito breeding site.

Johnsen added that materials covering the four Ds and other information on mosquitoes and mosquito control are available in English and Spanish and can be downloaded free from two AgriLife Extension websites.

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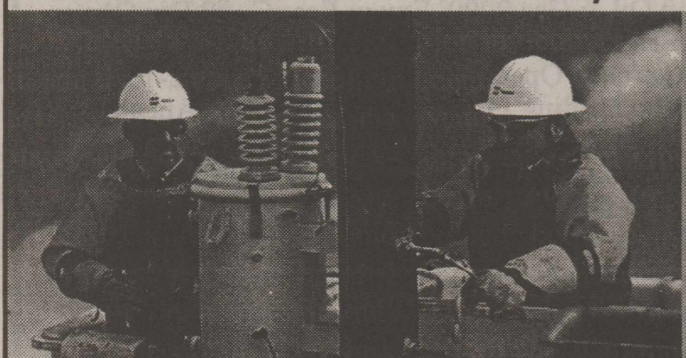
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**Help Wanted:** Taco Grill is hiring for all positions. Apply in person at 232 Hwy 277 N.

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Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

**CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)**  
Dist/Div: San Angelo  
Contract 6212-00-001 for **MOWING IN THE RIGHT OF WAY** in SUTTON County, etc will be received on July 21, 2010 until 10:30 am and opened on July 21, 2010 at 10:45 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$63,645.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to

**Public Notice**  
TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 33280

State Office  
Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540  
  
Dist/Div Office(s)  
San Angelo District  
District Engineer  
4502 Knickerbocker Rd  
San Angelo, Texas 76904  
Phone: 325-944-1501

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2010-O-06 AMENDED APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 618 DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 2009 TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SONORA, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 TO INCREASE EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2009 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AND REGULATING THE PAYMENT OF MONEY FROM THE CITY TREASURY, PUBLICATION, CONFLICT, VALIDITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 21st day of June, 2010.  
City of Sonora  
By: Sam David Hernandez  
Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:  
Patti Prather, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:  
Elizabeth W. Wallace, City Attorney

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325-387-2507

**Western Heritage Builders, LLC**  
**Craig L. Nolen**  
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**Thursday -**  
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# Hurricane Alex

## Pictures Tell The Story of His Legacy

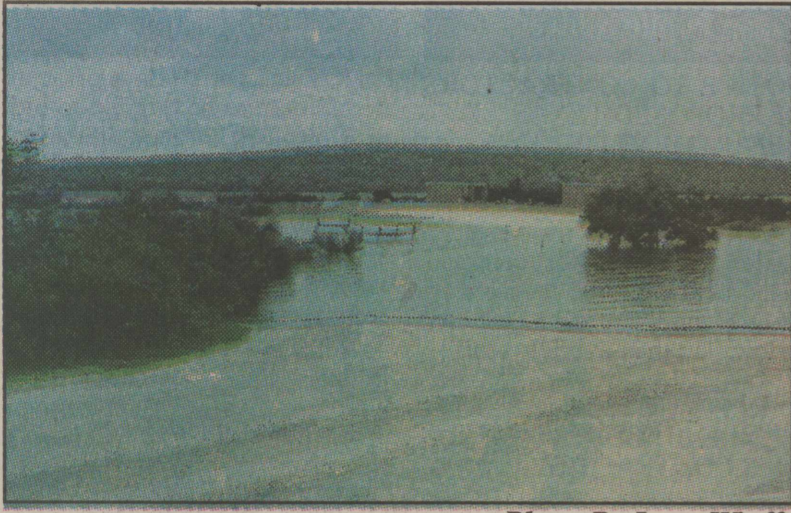


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The Rough Canyon Boat Ramp's new waterline may make launching a boat more difficult than usual.

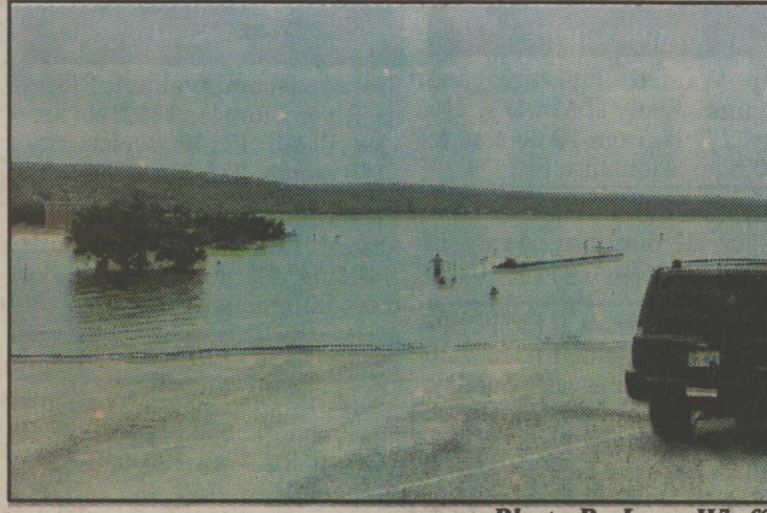


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The water forced this boater to swim to the dock before he could board his boat.

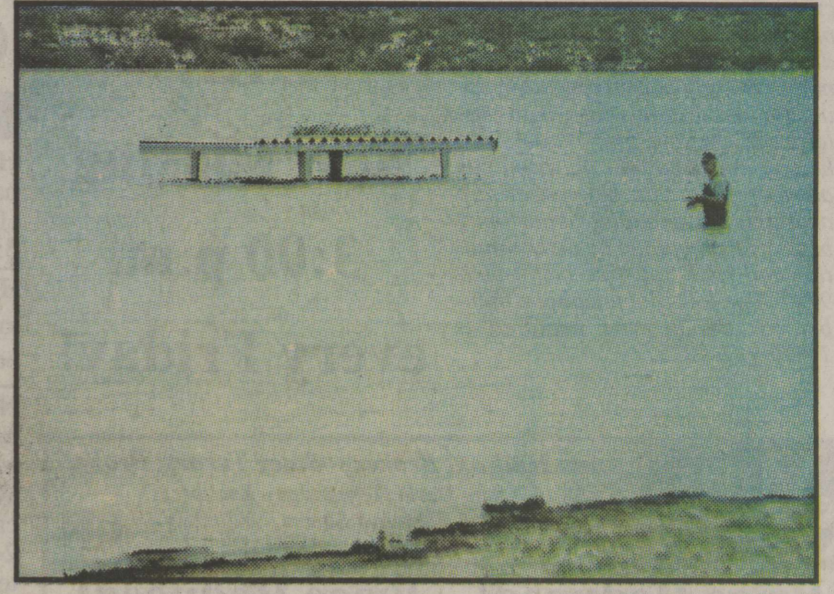


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An enterprising fisherman takes advantage of the high water line.



Rental house boats at Rough Canyon were not immune to the difficulties that the flood brought to boarding a vessel.

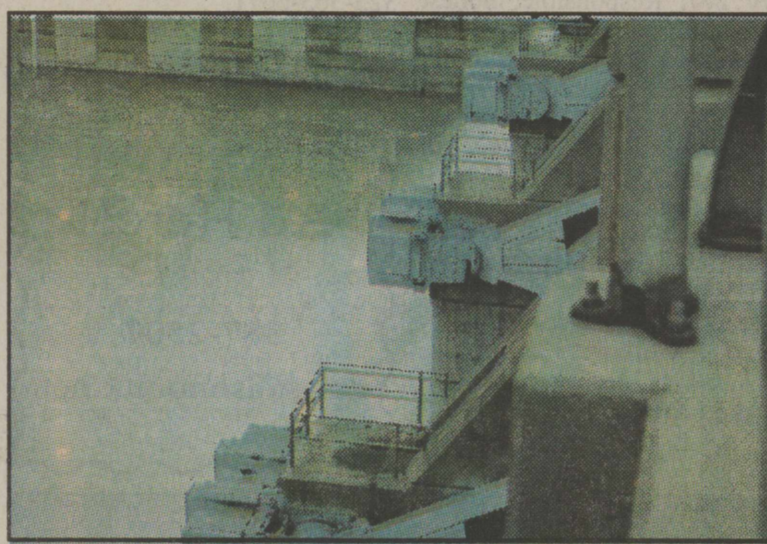


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Rainfall collected from watersheds across West Texas and Mexico forced engineers at the Amistad Reservoir to open the floodgates.



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A birds eye view of the water released from the Amistad Dam.

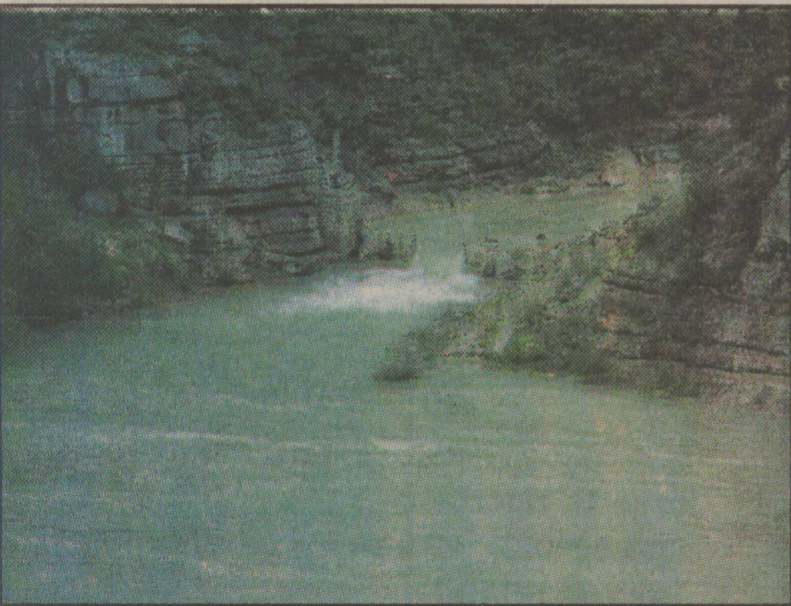


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A close up of the water released from the Dam.

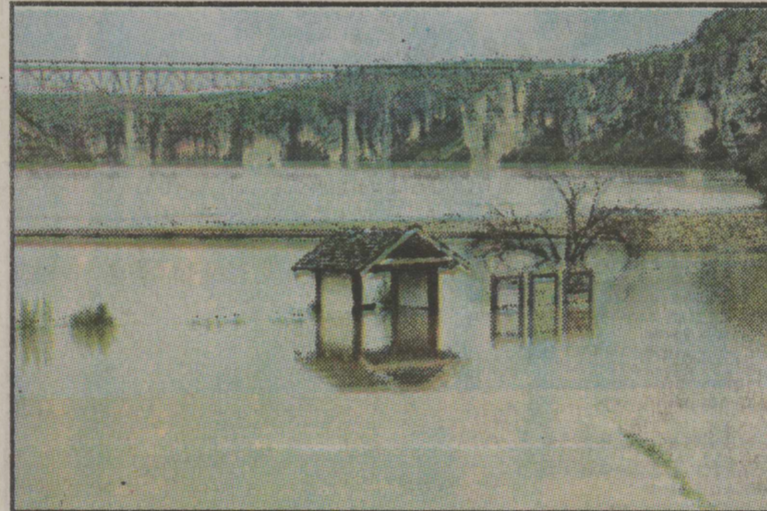


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The boat ramp at the Pecos High Bridge.



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Parking at the Pecos High Bridge Boat Ramp was adversely effected by the high water.



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An approach view of the High Bridge Boat Ramp.



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Parking was not the only inconvenience waiting for boaters at the High Bridge.



Photo By Ben D Taylor

A low water crossing on the Devil's River made travel home impossible for some Fourth of July vacationers.



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A panoramic view of the Devil's River just prior to the flood.



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In a matter of hours the water level had risen to treacherous levels-giving credit to whoever named the Devil's River.



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The usually picturesque Devil's River rages towards Amistad Reservoir.