

Sonora Girls #1 in first round of District

# Briefly

Sonora City League is looking for umpires for Little League Baseball. Anyone interested please call Clay Hicks at 387-3286, Todd Munn at 387-3731 or Herby Seaton at 387-6188.

Lenten Lunches continue every Wednesday during Lent beginning at noon at St. Johns Episcopal Church parish hall. Each participating church in the community will host one lunch. Everyone is invited to attend.

The First College Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, Apr. 4 at 12:30 p.m. Sonora Golf Club. The format will be an 18 hole scramble and green fees will be waived. Entry fee: 3 person team - \$100, 4 person team - \$150, 5 person team -\$200. Sign up at the golf club or call Gayle 387-3680 or John 650-8320.

Country and western musicians in Ozona are interested in starting a monthly jam session or country jamboree. "If you have a stringed instrument or can play a piano, come join us at the civic center April 4 from 7 to 10 p.m.," invites Jim Caldwell. "Everyone is welcome, and there is no charge." If you are unable to attend April 4 or have questions, call him at 915-392-3676.

There will be a Girls Hunter's Safety Camp at the McPherson Ranch again this year. Dates are June 8 thru 11. Girls must be 12 years old to 18 yrs. old. They must not have been previously certified through the Hunter Safety Program. For registration call 387-5159; for questions call 387-3068

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Reagan County hosted the first round of district golf, March 31. Team scores were:

1.Sonora - 365 2.Colorado City - 376 3.Kermit - 410 4.Reagan - 419 5.Greenwood - 468 6.Crane - No Score Individual medalists: 1.Ashley Henson - Sonora - 84 2.Daisha Henson- Sonora - 84 3.Nicole Swine-Colo.City-84 4. Toni Joiner-Colo. City-89 5. Amanda Ramos-Kermit-93 6.Kimberly Bustamante Sonora-97 7.Morgan Knight -Kermit - 98 8.Ashley Turner-Colo. City-98 9. Jessica McFarland-Crane-99 10Marisha Henson-Sonora-100

The second round will be held in Crane, April 7.



From the left: Daisha Henson, Marisha Henson, Ashley Henson, and Kimberly Bustamante

# **Easter Bunny Preparing for Trip to Sonora**

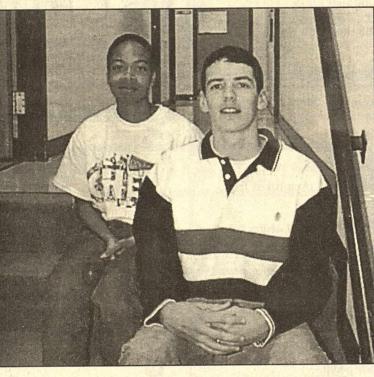
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The Easter Bunny is making plans for his trip to Sonora on April 11. The Sonora Merchants Association is sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt on the courthouse lawn. The hunt is scheduled to start at 10:00 a.m., with games and pictures with the Easter Bunny following the hunt. The money raised by the pictures with the Easter Bunny will go directly to the Sonora Elementary School Accelerated Reader Program. The hunt is free for all children in 3rd grade or younger. The hunt will be

divided into different age divisions, with prizes given in each division.

New to this year's hunt will be a scavenger hunt for children from 4th to 8th grades. The grand prize for the scavenger hunt will be a mountain bike donated by General Beverage Co. The scavenger hunt will also begin at 10:00 am at the courthouse.

For any questions regarding the egg hunt or scavenger hunt, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880, or drop by any of the Sonora Merchants.





Justin McGeath and the Easter Bunny display prizes that can be won at the Easter Egg Hunt.

Date set for the Annual Chamber of **Commerce Banquet** 

Briefly ALCO will have their grand opening beginning Tuesday, April 7th. The ribbon cutting will begin at 8 a.m. Location is 223 Hwy. 277 South located in the former Perrys building. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy fun, games and prizes.

**Big Lake Bluegrass Festival** will be April 3-5 at the Community Center in Big Lake, TX. Admission will be \$6.00 for Friday, \$10.00 for Saturday or \$15.00 for weekend admission. For more information please contact 915-884-3650 or 915-884-3396 and leave message.

Lancaster State Historical Park will come alive with frontier soldiers on Saturday, April 11th. The soldiers will perform uniform and weapon firing demonstrations and will be on hand to answer questions and give tours of old Fort Lancaster. Admission is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students, and TCP's are free. Fort Lancaster State Historical Park is located 8 miles east of Sheffield, Texas on U.S. Highway 290 and is open Thursday through Monday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information, call the park at (915) 836-4391.

A representative of the San Angelo Social Security Office will be in Sonora Thursday, April 23rd from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the County Courthouse.

Sutton County Days will be held August 19-22. The annual Sutton Co. Days Parade will be held Saturday, Aug 22 at 9 a.m. Those wishing to have an entry may contact Tonya Brown, Parade Chairman at 387-2593.

Sutton County Library and Sonora Women's Club April 1 30 at the Library. Anyone with new or used boods to donate for the sale may bring them to the library during business hours.

Relay for Life team captains meeting Tuesday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m. at First National Bank Annex building. If you are interested in ordering RFL T-shirts call 387-2505.

Sonora West Side Lions Club will be holding their White Canes Day Fund Raiser on the morning of Saturday, April 11th. Please support your local Lion's Club.

Tropical Sun Tannin' & Tonnin' Salon will have their grand opening Friday, April 3rd beginning at 2:00 p.m. Door prizes will be given.

The Sonora Bands will wash cars April 18th at 9:00 a.m. at the Sutton County National Bank and First National Bank. The pledge drive started March 25th and will continue through April 13th.

A special meeting will be held today, April 2nd, at City Hall at 5: 30 p.m. to discuss the offensive, noxious, unsanitary condition that is a menace to the health of people residing in the vicinity caused by migratory birds (buzzards).

Hudspeth Hospital & Nursing Home Auxiliary meets every 2nd Monday of each month at the Sutton County Steakhouse from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

1st Team All-Regional players voted on by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches was awarded to Camille Marshall and Ty Harrelson.

# School Board meets in two special called meetings

The Board of Trustees of the SISD met for two special called meetings on March 23rd and March 30th.

Present for the March 23 meeting were Jesse Bustamante, President Pro Tempore, John Barker, Tom Clifton, Helen Scott, Mark Wilkinson. Absent Clay Cade, San David Hernandez, President.

Present for the March 30 meetwere Jesse Bustamante, ing President Pro Tempore, John 30th included the unanimous Barker, Clay Cade, Helen Scott, Mark Wilkenson, Dr. William J. Harlan, Superintendent. Absent Sam David Hernandez, President and Tom Clifton.

Business at the first meeting included approving for payment current bills in the amount of \$180,779.94. Business Manager Diane Jacoby presented a budget amendment in the area of federal funds for special education. The amendment was unanimously approved after a motion by John

Barker and a second by Helen Scott. Mrs. Jacoby also gave the Quarterly Investment Report.

Other business for the March 23rd meeting was to approve Eckert, Ingrum, Tinkler, Oliphant and Featherston as the audit firm year ending 8/31/98. Also discussed was the use of school facilities and use of school buses and to discuss the ADA report.

The meeting held on March approval of the Superintendent's Certification Canceling the Election that was to be held May 2nd. The Board also approved Unopposed Candidate Elected to Office.

The Board retired to Closed Session to discuss personnel matters. Reconvening in open session, motion was made to hire Jason Herring as a teacher/coach for the 1998-99 school year to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mario DeSantiago.

## **By Justin McGeath**

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce annual banquet will be held on Thursday, April 30, 1998 at the Sonora High School commons area, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The theme for the evening will be "A Special Brand of Texans." With the western theme, people are encouraged to dress in their most comfortable jeans and boots. Chamber of Commerce manager, Justin McGeath said that, "The banquet committee's most difficult task was to find a place large enough to handle all of the guests comfortably." Justin went on to say that, "I think the High School will work great, and with the theme being western, I think they will enjoy themselves.

The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. with dinner catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse, and

entertainment provided by pianist, Terry Mikeska. The annual awards presentation will follow dinner.

The awards categories are as follows: "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR," "BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR," "ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR," "OUTSTAND-ING CHAMBER MEMBER," "EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR,' and the "SPOTLIGHT ON SONO-RA AWARD."

Ticket prices for this year's banquet is \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased at the chamber office, or from any of the following directors: Tonya Brown, Barry Limbocker, Lee Van Tucker, Mary Adele Balch, Tim Thorp, Jerry Ingham, Hershel Davenport, Blake Burchard, Linda Love, Kelly Owen, or Lise Miller.

The annual Little Mr. and Miss Contest will be held on the courthouse lawn, Saturday, August 22 at 11 a.m. Contestants will register at the Chamber Tent prior to the contest and pay a \$5 entry fee. A group picture will be taken of all participants. Questions may be directed to the Chamber office at 387-2880.

Promise Keepers will meet August 21-22 in the Houston Astrodome. Anyone interested in attending may contact Brac Childress at 387-2617 or Keith Wallace at 387-2831.

Saint Ann's Catholic Church announces their Holy Week Services. Palm Sunday, April 5th 8 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass, Blessing of the Palms; Holy Thursday, April 9th 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Confessions, 7 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper; Good Friday, April 10 2p.m. Stations of the Cross, 5 p.m.-6 p.m. Confessions, 7 p.m. Reading of the Passion and Holy Communion; Holy Saturday, April 11 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Confessions, 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass; Easter Sunday, April 12th at 8 a.m. and 11:00 a.m Mass.

**Rocksprings** First Baptist Church continues to plan for their 100th anniversary June 21, 1998. "We are still searching for descendants of J.C. Fields, B.S. Halliburton, B.H. Chandler, Dora Bartley and Mrs. John Barley, Mrs. Roy Thompson. J.H. Jackson, T.W. Patrick, and W.T. Jefferies. Former pastors and/or descendants. Any descendent is encouraged to contact Rocksprings First Baptist Church, c/o Helen Fred at P.O. Box 438 Rocksprings TX 78880.

Don't Forget 6090S DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR



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# Letter to the Editor

Editors note: The Devil's River News would like to apologize for errors in this letter last week. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Dear Editor,

At tonight's board meeting, Superintendent Harlan stated that the contracts of part-time high school teachers Bob Snodgrass and Don Sessom will be reviewed with regard to the number of students in their classes, etc., at this summer's budget hearings. As a graduate of Sonora High School and a former student of both Snodgrass and Sessom, I feel qualified as well as compelled to speak out on this matter.

First, I would like to state that throughout my high school career I got along with and learned a lot from all of my teachers and coaches, but only four teachers really prepared me for college. Charles Carroll has left Sonora of his own volition, and if Snodgrass and Sessom are asked to leave, then only Claudia Dempsey will be left.

I know from experience that a diverse group of students passes through Sonora High School, and each of these students has his or her own unique goals and plans for the future. It is the duty of the public education system to prepare each of these students as well as possible for the realization of these goals in order to maintain and enrich the economy and the community in general. Sonora I.S.D. has slipped somewhat from the educational pedestal on which it once stood, and if it loses teachers such as Snodgrass and Sessom, I fear that future S.H.S. graduates will have diminished chances to succeed in college.

I understand that the administration and the board of trustees are trying to deal with finite financial resources and would like to evaluate the impact of part-time instructors, particularly those heading small classes, in order to save taxpayers' money. Eliminating small classes might seem to be an insignificant change to administrators and to the board of trustees, but I assure you that such change is anything but

April 2- Crafts

April 6- Bingo

insignificant to a serious student trying to get a serious education, especially since private school is not an option in this part of the country and opportunities are therefore already somewhat limited. As to small classes: I was part of a physics class that had an enrollment of three and a calculus class of four. If those classes had not been available to me, I would not have gained acceptance to, much less be successful at Duke University. This school system does not have the right to deny its students such opportunities, even if only one student is willing to take advantage of them. If there is a problem with small classes, encourage more students to challenge themselves to a quality education; do not remove the opportunity to one alto-

gether. If there are financial difficulties, I am sure that they can be solved without compromising academics. Extra-curricular activities area important. Sports are important. I was a participant in both, and both are also factors of my success in college. But any Cameron Crazie will tell you that he or she isn't paying tuition at Duke to watch basketball games, even if he did camp out for weeks to get into them. Taxpayers' money should likewise be focused on education before anything else, no matter how important some of these other activities seem to be. It is education that has the most lasting effects on one's life, and academics should be the primary focus of the public education system. Right now, Sonora can't afford to lose teachers like Snodgrass and Sessom. Extracurricular programs should be sacrificed if necessary to ensure academics superiority.

Several members of the community have expressed similar sentiments at tonight's school board meeting. I appeal to the community for even more support. Please make sure that your money is spent in the manner most beneficial to the student body.

Thank you, Carla M. Weaver Sonora High School Class of 1997

#### Thursday, April 2, 1998 • The Devil's River News

# Obituaries

### **Kenneth Manuel Leatherwood**

Angelo passed away San Wednesday, March 25, 1998, in a local nursing home.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. in Lampasas Cemetery with the Rev. Jack Shelton officiating. Arrangements were by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Kenneth was born Feb. 11, 1909, in Lampasas to Lou and P.E. Leatherwood. He graduated as valedictorian from Lampasas High School in 1926. Kenneth worked for William Cameron Lumber Co. in Sonora, San Angelo, Taylor and Menard and Bates-Cavett Lumber Co. in San Angelo. He was the coowner of Lipan Lumber until he retired. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Maurine Smith; and two brothers, Reginald and Carlton Leatherwood.

Kenneth Leatherwood, 89, of Lurline Vasser Leatherwood of San Angelo; and two daughters and sonin-laws, Mary Kay and Mike Henson of San Angelo and Patsy and Les Davis of Canon City, Colo. Kenneth has five grandchildren, Mark Webb and Sheri of John Day, Ore., Kelly Webb Chaney and David of Austin, Robyn Davis Luttmann and Michael of Colorado Springs, Colo., Pamela Davis Sloper and Stanley of Little Rock, Ark., and Craig Davis of Grand Prairie; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

> of the First Christian Church in and in Lampasas San Angelo.Kenneth loved his family and many friends.

Memorials may be sent to the n First Christian Church in San Angelo or a favorite charity.

He is survived by his wife,

# **Charles Christian**

Charles "Chris" Christian, 75, of San Angelo died Thursday, March 26, 1998, at his residence.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Word of Life Assembly of God Church with the Rev. David Smith officiating. Military graveside service was followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Dolores Solis Gonzalez, 90, died Saturday, March 28, 1998, in a local nursing home.

Service were held at 10:30 a.m.

She was born April 17, 1907, in

Kenneth was a lifelong member He was born April 12, 1922, in Rockdale. He was a retired technical adviser and had worked at Goodfellow Air Force Base.

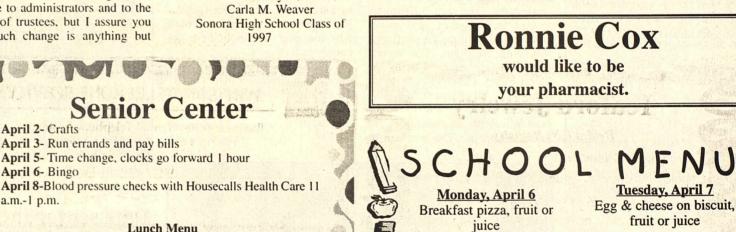
Survivors include his wife, Elaine Christian of San Angelo; two daughters, Charlotte Ann Walraven of San Angelo and Nellie Catherine Adkins of Sonora; a sister, Lola Avrett of Rockdale; and five grandchildren.

# **Dolores Gonzalez**

Tuesday at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Jaboncillos, Coahuila, Mexico, and had lived is Sonora since 1928. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Primitivo Gonzalez of Sonora; five sons, Eulalio Gonzalez and Rafael Gonzalez, both of Sonora, Primitivo Gonzalez Jr. of Snyder, Eusebio Gonzalez of Gilroy, California, and Felipe Gonzalez of San Jose, California; two daughters, Gloria Gonzalez Lopez of Sonora and Augustina Gonzalez of Bridgeport; 26 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren..



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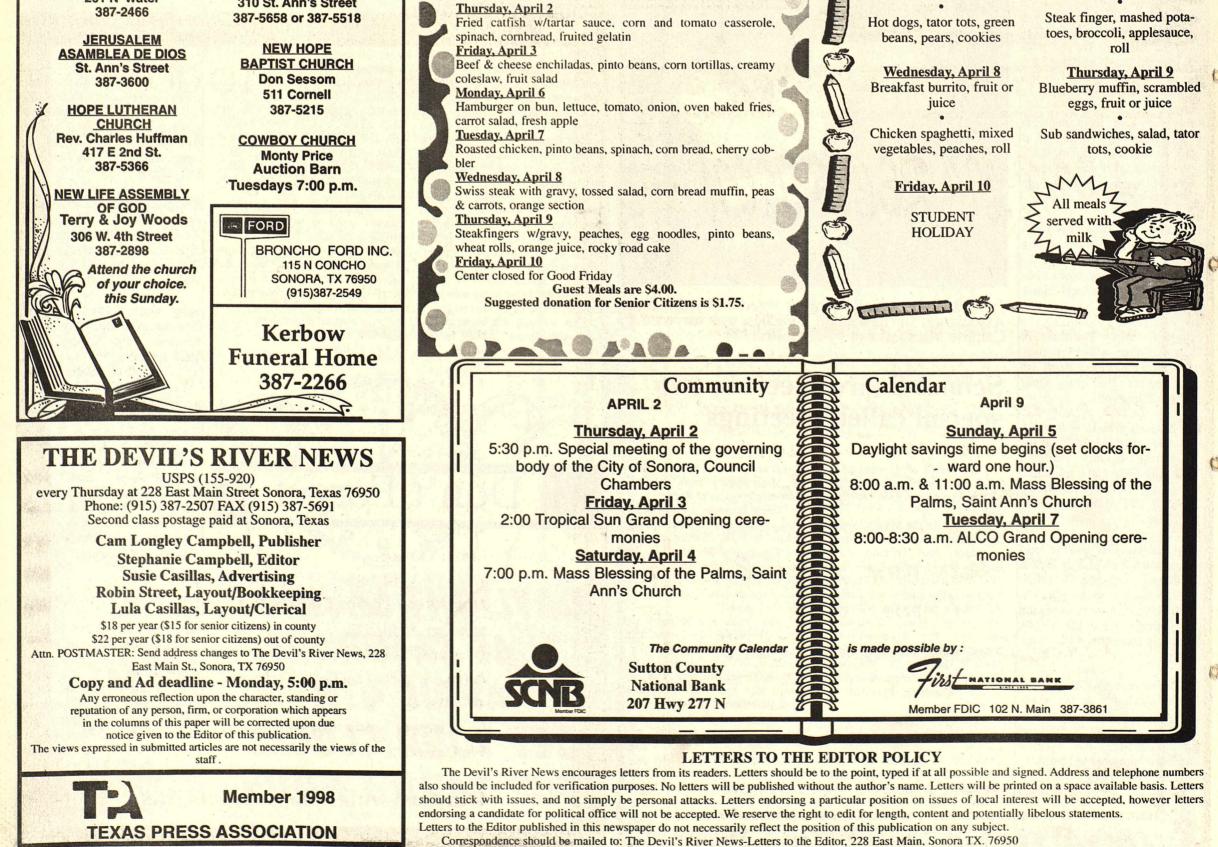
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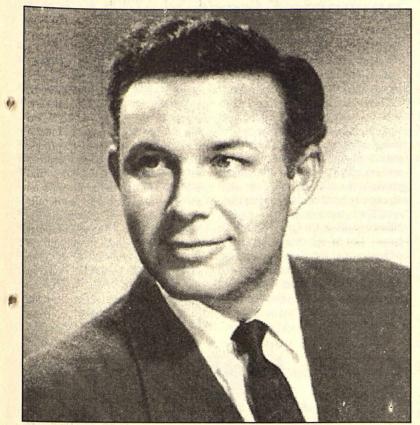
April 5- Time change, clocks go forward I hour

April 3- Run errands and pay bills

**Senior Center** 



# Ask The Historical Society



#### By Jo-Ann E. Palmer

Q. Do you have any information on birth place, place of death and burial place of Jim Reeves, the country western singer?

A. On a Certification of Birth on July 1, 1940 with the Texas Department of Health Bureau of Vital Statistics it states that James Travis Reeves, male, was a legitimate birth in the City of Deadwood, Panola County on the 20th of August in 1923. His parents are listed as being Tom Reeves, a white farmer, residing in Deadwood and area just off US 31. There was some Mary Beulah Adams, a white housewife, residing in Deadwood... James Travis Reeves is listed as their 8th child.

In 1964 the New York Times ran the following story: Jim Reeves, Country Music Star, Killed in Tennessee Plane Crash.

Nashville, August 2 (AP)- Jim Reeves, 39 years old, the country music singer, and a companion were found dead in the wreckage of a private, single-engine plane 10 miles

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south of here today.

Mr. Reeves' body was identified from a driver's license taken from the wreckage. The other victim was believed to be Mr. Reeves' pianist and road manager, Dean Manuel, 30. The plane crashed Friday night on a return trip from Batesville, Arkansas.

John Kane, a Tennessee highway patrolman said the plane was demolished. The engine was partly buried.

The plane crashed in a wooded evidence of fire in the wreckage.

The bodies were taken to a Nashville funeral home.

More than 700 volunteers searchers, civil-defense workers and policemen covered a 20-square-mile area for two days. Military, state and private planes also searched the area.

Many of the searchers were Mr. Reeves' friends and associates in the country music business. They included Chet Atkins, the guitarist, and Eddy Arnold, Stonewall

Jackson, and Ernest Tubb, the singers.

Mr. Reeves turned to music when he suffered an arm injury in spring training with the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team.

The former "Grand Old Opry" star recorded a number of popular songs, including "Four Walls," "He'll Have to Go," and "Mexican Joe."

He recently was star of a movie, "Kimberly Jim," filmed in South Africa and just released in this country

We called the Panola County Chamber of Commerce-in Carthage, Texas and they told us that Jim Reeves is buried in Panola County, beneath the pines he loved so much. On highway 79 about 3 miles east of Carthage there is a beautiful little memorials park honorin. Jim Reeves. In the middle of the park is an impressive statue of Gentleman Jim standing with his guitar in front of him. In the sidewalk leading up to the statue is a large carving of a guitar with the following words on it "produced by God" "1923-1964." These words and dates are on a carving of a record on top of the guitar. Note: Mr. Reeves was elected to the Country Western Music Hall of Fame in 1967.

When Rick and I lived in Bossier City, LA we rode over to Carthage one day to see this park. It is a beautiful spot and we were quite impressed with the memorial. If you are ever out that way be sure to take a little side trip and see the park. It is well worth the effort.

One little marker really caught my attention. Jim Reeves had a song about his dog Shep. Well Shep has a little grave in the park and a marker on him too. I thought that it was a nice touch to put his faithful companion with him in the park.

For those of you who don't know where Carthage is: Carthage is located near the center of Panola County, an East Texas county adjacent to the Louisiana border 42 miles west of Shreveport, Louisiana, 196 miles north of Houston and 168 miles east of

Local Agent

Kyle Donaldson

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#### Dallas.

One other place in Panola County we also found interesting was the Boundary Line Marker. Erected in 1840 by surveyors representing the United States of America and the Republic of Texas to mark the boundary between the Republic of Texas and Louisiana. It is also the only boundary of its kind in the world as it was erected as the boundary between two countries who now lie in the United States. This is the sight of a two-state park (Texas and Louisiana). Other places of interest the Daniel Springs were Encampment, Camp Pirtle and Panola Junior College.

The folks in Panola County are real friendly. Every October the county hosts Potlatch. Indian tradition shows tribes gathering each year to celebrate. Potlatch continues the tradition with crafts galore, hands-on activities for children and adults, special activities for teens, music from jazz to gospel, and some of the most delicious food we have ever eaten. If you would like more information on the Potlatch contact the Panola County Chamber of Commerce at 214-693-6634. They are located in the Hawthorn-Clabaugh-Patterson House, which is also the home of the Tex Ritter Museum. Tex Ritter was a legendary Country Western entertainer who was an early member of the Grand Old Opry and Country Music Hall of Fame.

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 give me a call afternoons or evenings at 915-387-2855. You may also drop off your questions at the Devil's River News Office or e-mail me at schs@sonora.digicom.net.

I would like to thank all my readers that sent notes, cards and called during my illness. Thank you all so very much. I have missed my research as much as you have missed this column. It is good to be back

Steve Whitson

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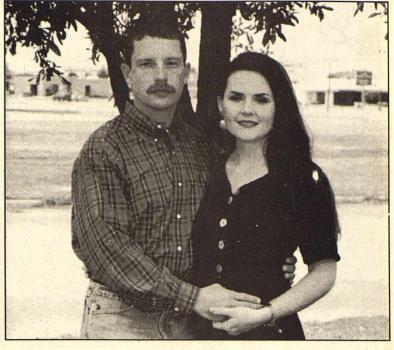
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Mr. & Mrs. Mike Dolan of Mertzon, Texas are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Michelle to Shannon Wayne Rushing, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ben Pool.

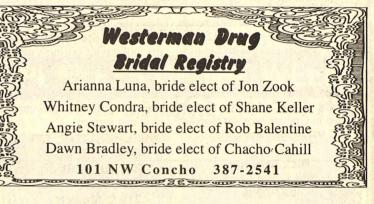
A family wedding ceremony will take place May 24, 1998 at La Mansion in San Antonio, Texas.

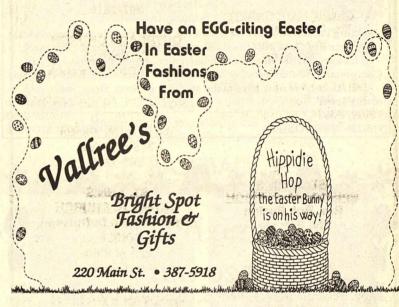
Michelle is a graduate of Irion County High School and graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington. She teaches biology, Spanish I and Spanish II at Water Valley High School.

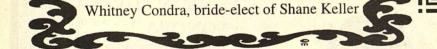
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Shannon is a graduate of Sonora High School and attended Angelo State University. He is Vice President and co-owner of American Sales & Service, Inc. Shannon resides in San Angelo Texas

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**Tedford Jewelry** 

Bridal Gift Registry

Arianna Luna, bride-elect of Jon Zook

Amy Cowley, bride-elect of Joe Neely

Dawn Bradley, bride-elect of Chacho Cahill

ancy Navarrette, bride-elect of Jerry Jimenez

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Sutton County National Bank would like to cordially invite the public to attend a come and go reception for President. Michael J Healy, Ir.

Date: Thursday, April 2 Time: 10am - 6pm Place: Sutton County Natl Bank

Refreshments will be served.

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## week of April 6th

Beef Enchiladas....homemade enchilada sauce and lean ground beef-our specialty! or Linda's Chicken Ole'...(just like chicken enchiladas, pasta instead of tortilla!) Delicious!!!

### week of April 13th

Stuffed Cabbage Rolls....lean ground beef, rice and fresh seasonings in a light, creamy

tomato sauce

week of April 20th

Homemade Beef or Chicken Pot Pie week of April 27th

Beef or Chicken Vegetable Lasagna...only the freshest ingredients-perfect for quick dinnerafter work

Call Amy or Linda to place your order! 387-3833 We Deliver!!!

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Richeson President Doris Richeson honors Joana Wuest with 15 Year Service Award.

# Dairy Queen Manager Joana Wuest gets 15-year award

At the recent Richeson All-Star Reunion I Leadership Conference Sonora Dairy Queen manager Joana Wuest received an award honoring her for 15 years of service.

Wuest began her Richeson Dairy Queen career in 1982. She lives in Sonora along with her husband, Randy and their precious kitties.

The March 10 and 11 All-Star Reunion I held at Faith Center, located in Graham brought together

**Johnny Jones** 

(915)387-5387

managers from all 45 Dairy Queen stores located throughout the Wichita Falls, Abilene, Dallas/Fort Worth areas.

From the meetings and seminars she attended, Wuest brings back to the store the many changes the foodservice business has seen in the recent years.

Among the many topics covered at the meeting were marketing, advertising, food quality control and customer service.

# **Tandy Technology Scholars announces 1998** prize recipients

were:

#### Submitted

'We created Tandy Technology Scholars nine years ago to encourage excellence and competition in mathematics, science and computer science," stated John V. Roach, chief executive officer and chairman of the board of Tandy Corporation, as he announced the recipients of awards totaling \$350,000. This is

# Sonora Ladies' Golf Auxiliary Host **Three Person Scramble**

#### Submitted

The Sonora Ladies' Golf Auxiliary hosted the first tournament of the 1998 season for Sonora Golf Club on Saturday, March 28, 1998. We had a full field of 22 teams, one member of each team had to be a woman. A hamburger supper followed three windy rounds of golf, but a good time was had by all. The LGA would like to thank Quick Bonds for donating the hole prizes. Also, many thanks go to Eve Martin, Brian Rhodes, James Barton, Robert Hughes, Sam Hughes, Devoe Smith, Gayle Smart, Grace Ramsey, and the

# Boys Golf places 11th in Ft. Stockton

#### Submitted By Cole Cearley

The Sonora boys' golf team travelled to Ft. Stockton on March 20th and 21st to participate in a two day invitational tournament.

The two day scores were as fol-Cearley 88/89-177; Jared Perciful on April 16th. 90/92-182; and Zac Kerbow 92/96-

188. The team's two day total of 697 was good enough for 11th place in a field of 22 teams, which ranged from 1A size all the way to several 4A and 5A schools.

the ninth year of the program that is

the largest single awards program to

Math/Science/Computer Science

Student School Nominees- Andrew

James Mirike. Top 2%- Sarah Marrs

and Carla Weaver. These were all

graduates from Sonora High School.

The results were as follows:

First Flight/First Place- A.

Bosmans, V. Bosmans, W.

Guiterrez, Second Place-M. Wesson, J. Wesson, H. McCormick,

Third Place-J. McBride, M.

McBride, D. Smith; Second

Flight/First Place-D. Gasser, L.

Gasser, C. Miller, Second Place-J.

Schneider, R. Roe, E. Dickens,

Third Place-M. O'Harrow, V.

Burge, T. Hanson; Third Flight/First

Place- R. Gonzales, L. Kinabrew, J.

Aguilar, Second Place-L. Rainer, S.

Hughes, G. Duke, Third Place- P.

Day, R. Deel.

Devil's River/Days Inn.

The local recipients honored

Outstanding

honor both students and teachers.

The district tournaments start lows: Tommy Gutierrez-80/86-166; April 2nd in Greenwood, followed Ryan Hardgrave 88/84-172; Cole by Kermit on April 8th, then Sonora

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# Thursday, April 2, 1998 • The Devil's River News Free workshop to be held for

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### **By Paul Cornelius**

Do you have parents in your church that are about to pull their hair out dealing with their teen(s)? What about parents that have children becoming teenagers in the next few years? Whether either one of these questions fit parent in your church or not, let me take a moment and invite you and your church to a workshop that I believe will strengthen your ministry to families.

parents of teens

The workshop is called, "Honey I Blew Up Our Teen!." We have lined up Josh McClary, Minister of Youth at Immanuel Baptist Church in San Angelo and Concho Valley Association Youth Consultant, to come be our focal

speaker for what I believe will be a tremendous learning experience for all of us. In addition to youth workers, we will have representatives from Police and Judicial agencies to fill us in on laws that effect teens.

The workshop is free (donations will be accepted) and will be held in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist our church. We will be serving refreshments, so please if possible, call me with an approximate count of how many will be attending from your church. If you have any questions and would like to participate on a Question and Answer panel, let me know by calling 915-387-2951 or 915-387-5964.

April 3 Fabian Alexandor Guzman **Kimble Luna** Sonia Martinez April 4 **Turney Friess** Sherry Taylor Brandi Thurmond Brooke Wood April 5 Jose Sentena Kim Jones Victoria Robles Kayla Shurley April 6 **Charolette Willson** 

Virginia Barrera

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April 7 Isidoro Barrera **Easter Frasier** Mariana Hinojosa 8 lingA Tonya Croy Kris Aguero P lingA **Kim Batchelor** Shirley Payton Luis Segura Jr. April 10 Kasey Wood Alyssa Favila Daniel Garcia Uvaldo Ramos III



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# Sonora Varsity Tennis Wins San Antonio Tournament

Team traveled to San Antonio on March 27th and 28th to compete in the East Central Tennis Festival. The tournament included 17 4A and 5A schools. The Bronco Tennis Team was the only 3A school competing at the tournament. Each match won counted as one point. Team totals were: 1st place Sonora-21, 2nd place: Robstown-17, tie for 3rd place East Central-15 and Laredo Martin-15.

Sonora girls' doubles team of Lizzie Chavez and Crystal Ponsetti won the title over teammates, Kristen Hardgrave and Traci McKnight, 6-2, 6-0. In boys' doubles, the team of Reece Simpler and Bryce Williams won third place, with their only loss being to a dou-

The Sonora Bronco Tennis bles team from Laredo Nixon, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6. The other boys' doubles teams of Matt Routh and Drew Dempsey made it to the quarter finals before losing to a team from East Central, 6-4, 6-4.

Sonora girls' singles player Ashley Brockman lost in the quarter finals to a player from Laredo Nixon, 7-5, 6-1. Lindsey Bowers lost her first match before advancing to the consolation finals, losing 6-8 to a player from South San. Boys' singles player, Clint Bowers, lost his first match to Robstown, 6-7, 7-6, 6-3. Bowers advanced to the consolation semi-finals before losing to San Antonio Christian School. Dustin Dillard won his first match over East Central, 6-4, 6-2, but lost in the next round to Jefferson, 6-2, 2-6, 6-

# **All-America City Track Classic 1998**

Submitted **Triple Jump:** Daisy Mireles-5th-33'63/4" 800 Meter Relay: 5th-1:53:21-- Kari Purvis, Daisy Mireles, Kara Eaton, Camille Marshall.

#### 400 Meter Run: Kellie Downing-4th-63.5 200 Meter Run: Camille Marshall-4th-26.22 1600 Meter Relay: 4th-4:19:81--Sarah Ball, Camille

Downing.

Marshall, Daisy Mireles, Kellie

# Sonora Tracksters Finish Third At San Angelo Relays

Curtis Sanders who finished fifth

place and Roy Luna finished eighth

ified two in the 200 Meter Dash.

Graham Bloodworth finished with a

fifth place and Kasey Wood finished

were led by Michael McLaurin,

Kasey Wood, Brad Legan and Andy

Sanchez. Michael McLaurin fin-

ished second in the Triple Jump.

Kasey Wood also finished second in

the High Jump. Andy Sanchez

placed third with a personal best

53'7" in the Shot Put. Brad Legan

also finished third with a personal

best 13'0" in the pole vault. Zac

Ramos and Nathan had personal

best throws in the Discus but did not

In the Sprints the Broncos qual-

The field event competitors

place.

sixth place.

The Broncos competed against the top teams of Regional I and ended with a third place, behind Abilene Wylie and Vernon. Abilene finished with 112, Vernon 77, and Sonora with 75.

Justin Mathews finished first in the 300 Hurdles, second in the 110 High Hurdles and anchored the first place 1600 Meter Relay. Brad Legan finished with a fifth place in the 110 Meter Hurdles.

The Sonora Long Distance Runners started the meet with an eight and ninth place finish in the 3200 Meter Run. Roy Luna finished eighth and Desi Badillo finished ninth. In the 800 Meter Run, Zane Smart finished with a fifth place and Gabriel Garcia an eighth place. The 1600 Meter Runners were led by

## Lady Bronco Golf Team Prepares for District

#### Submitted

March 17, the Lady Broncos traveled to San Saba. A field of 25 teams and a handful of medalists made for a large tournament and lots of competition. Senior Ashley Henson led the team shooting a score of 83. Junior Kimberly Bustamante shot 99. Junior Marisha Henson turned in a score of 108. Freshmen Daisha Henson shot 113 making a team total of 403. This gave Sonora a 7th place finish. Ashley tied for 3rd place medalist. Abilene Wylie-366, Lampasas-378, Haskell-384. Grandbury-

March 25, the Lady Broncos traveled to Colorado City for their Invitational. All of the 4 - 3A district teams were there along with class 4 - A Sweetwater "A" and "B" teams. The Broncos finished 2nd place to Sweetwater "A" taking first by 9 strokes. As a Crane girl said, " Sonora always has a good girls golf team." The ladies lead the scoreboards against the district teams. Sonora-372, C-City-401, Reagan County-415, Kermit-431, Cranequalify to finals. Nathan threw a 128' and Zac threw a 127'.

The highlight of the evening was first place finished by the 1600 Meter Relay. The Bronco team of Anthony Luna, Terry Stone, Kasey Wood, and Justin Mathews ran a personal best. The Broncos edged out meet favorite Abilene Wylie to win the relay with a time of 3:25:40. **Results:** 

Triple Jump: Michael McLaurin-2nd-41'6"; High Jump: Kasey Wood-2nd-6'4"; Shot Put: Andy Sanchez-3rd-53'7"; Pole Vault: Brad Legan-3rd-13'0"; 800 Meter Dash: Zane Smart-5th-2:07:07; 110 Meter High Hurdles: Justin Mathews-2nd-14.334, Brad Legan-5th-15.08; 300 Meter Hurdles: Justin Mathews-1st-39.91;

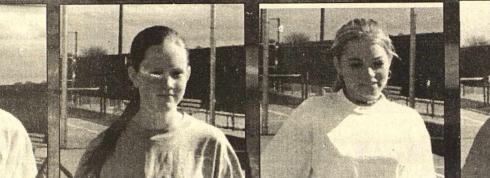
200 Meter Dash: Graham Bloodworth-5th-23.41, Kasey Wood-6th-23.60; 1600 Meter Run: Curtis Sanders-5th-5:01:99; 1600 Meter Relay: 1st-3:25:40- Anthony Luna, Terry Stone, Kasey Wood, Justin Mathews.

- Final Team Results:
- 1. Abilene Wylie-112 2. Vernon-77
- 3. Sonora-75
- 4. Monahans-68
- 5. Dimmit-56
- 6. Reagan County-39
- 7. Tulia-37
- 8. Friona-35 9. Dalhart-26
- 10. Colorado City-15
- 11. Greenwood-10
- 12. Central J.V.-5

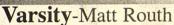


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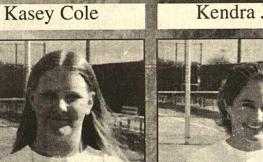


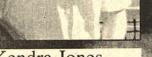


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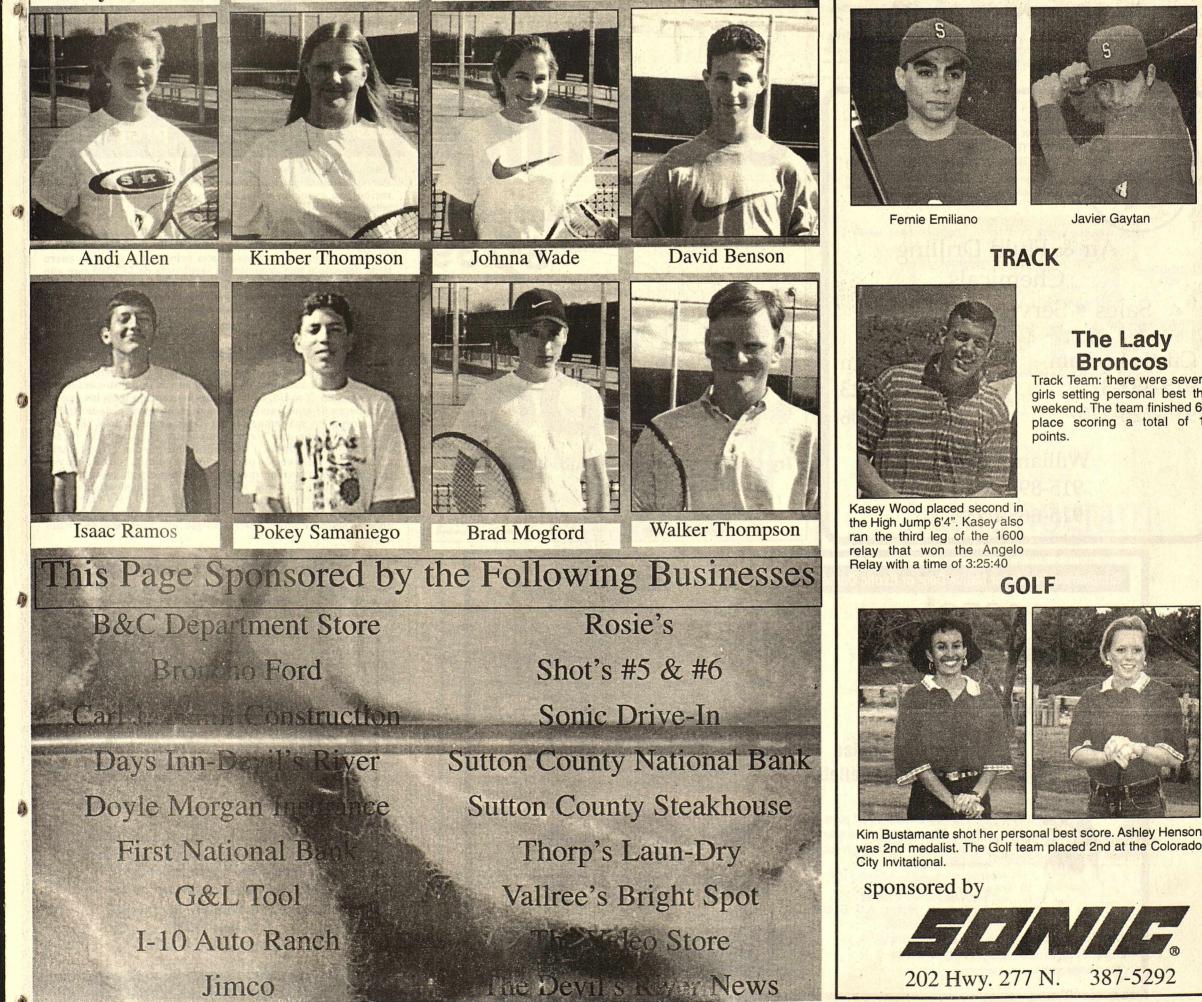


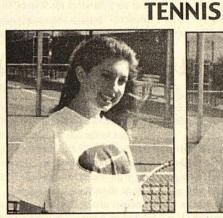


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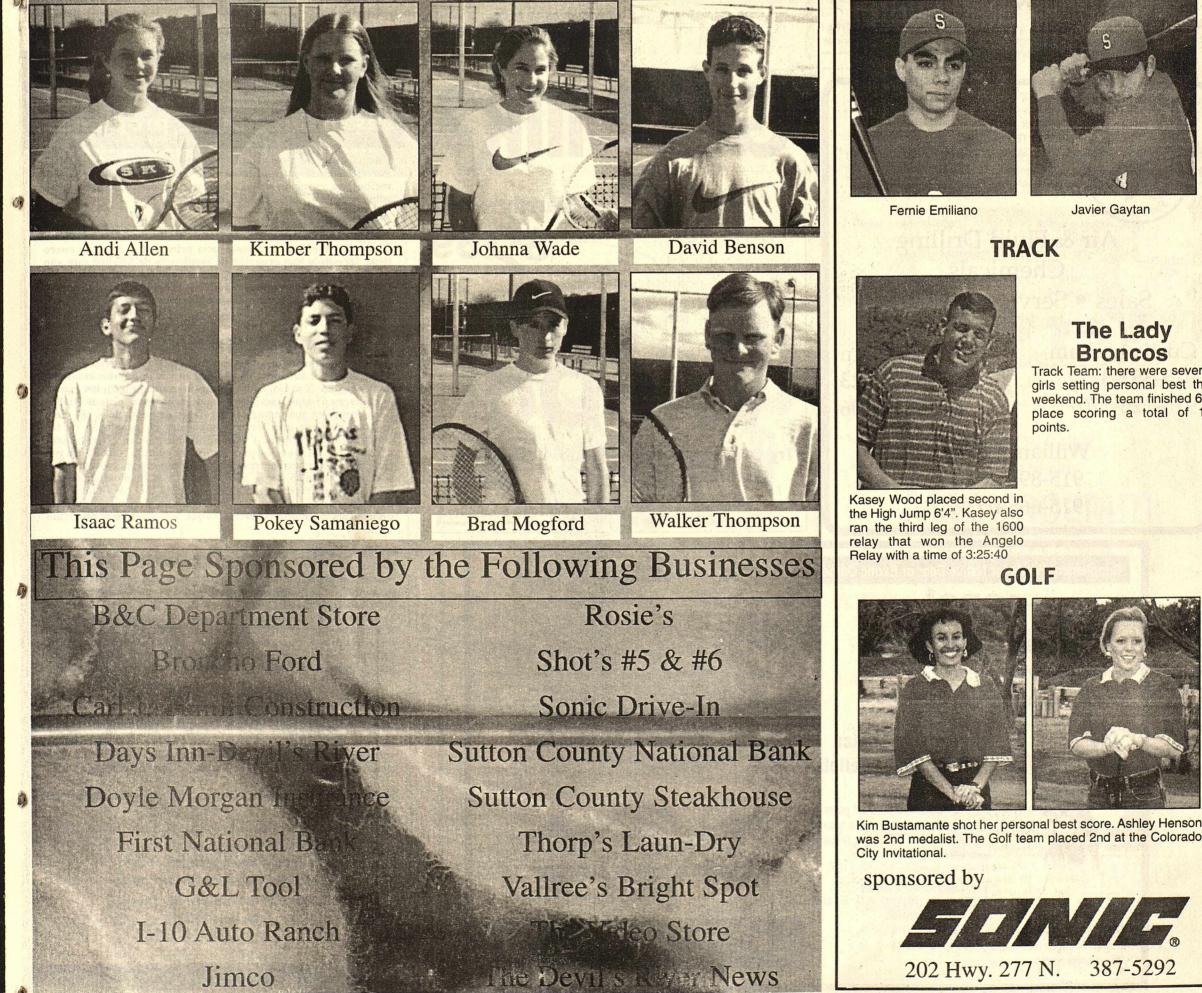
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Tracy McKnight and Kristen Hardgrave won 2nd place at East Central San Antonio

# BASEBALL





389, Ozona-393, Llano-396, Sonora-

460, Greenwood-481.

Sweetwater "B" took fourth place. Individual medalists were: Nichol Swan, C-City-83, Ashley Henson -85, Kimberly Bustamante-90. Marisha Henson-98, Daisha Henson-99.

District play begans in Reagan Co., Tuesday March 31st. Coach Hanson said," With good solid scores from all 4 girls the Lady Broncos should have a chance to win our district." GOOD LUCK LADY BRONCO GOLF !

# The Sonora High School School News On The Road Again

students were sound asleep, Student Senior Tracy McKnight said. Council Members and their Sponsor had to wake up at 4:30 a.m. to go to room and turned in their committee Odessa for the Student Council District reports. "Those reports took so much Mary Jo Galvan, Cindy Jones, Tracy McKnight, Camille Marshall, Justin Matthews and Miss Keel. Keel said,"The worst part about leaving so from the EMT that lasted for an hour. early is that the kids want to sleep during the trip. I don't blame them, I'd sleep too if I didn't have to drive. So, thought the EMT presentation was very the hardest part is staying awake, because it's not like I can rock out to our local radio station. So, I drink a Most students liked it and paid close lot of Diet Coke." Student Council President Justin Mathews said he didn't understand why everyone got up so early. "I got up fifteen minutes before Student Council received the following was supposed to be here," Mathews said. After he was strangled, he was informed that with his current hairstyle, it probably took him all of two milliseconds to get ready.

After arriving at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, the students were stunned to see how many other students were there. There were 653 students and 50 sponsors. The first part Camille Marshall said,"It was an of the program was a presentation by experience to remember and now we Rolfe Caravan who spoke about have set a standard for Sonora Student alcohol and drug abuse. "The Councils." presentation would have been more

On February 25th while most effective it it hadn't been so long,"

The sponsors met in another Convention. Those attending were: time to put together that I was glad to get them turned in to the judges," Keel said.

> There was another presentation They also spoke about drug and alcohol abuse. Sophomore Cindy Jones said,"I good." Tracy McKnight said,"I thought the EMT program was an eye opener." attention to the presentation.

> Then came the announcements of the award winners. The S.H.S. awards: Pride and Patriotism which promotes individual, school, state and national pride; D.A.S.H. which promotes drug, alcohol, safety and health awareness; and Outstanding Student Council which recognizes student councils that go above and beyond. These were the first ever awards for a S.H.S. Student Council.



"See what getting up so early does to a person!" Cindy Jones, Tracy McKnight, Camille Marshall, Mary Jo Galvan and Justin Mathews take time out from the District Convention to rest.



"That's MISS COOKE to you!" Katy Cooke works hard as the Principal of the Day.

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# Seniors may postpone taxes

#### Submitted

Texans aged 65 or older may postpone paying delinquent and current property taxes on their homes. They may take advantage of a tax option called "over 65 deferral" by signing an affidavit at the Sutton County Appraisal District office.

This special form of tax relief also halts a lawsuit filed to collect delinquent property taxes on an older Texan's home, according to Rex Ann Friess. "To stop a delinquent tax suit," said Friess, "the over 65 homeowner files the deferral affidavit with the count in which the suit is pending."

If the affidavit is on file, an older homeowner cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent taxes.

Once a homeowner files an over 65 tax deferral affidavit with

# **Child Abuse Prevention**

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SINGLE PARENTING-PLUS If you are a single parent, you may need special supports, creative resources, and parenting skills to allow you some time for yourself and quality time with your child. If your child has special needs, you might want to join a support group for the condition from which your child suffers. By being creative you can find services, information, and more.

\* Your child should not become a substitute for your partner. Try to keep appropriate emotional and physical boundaries between you and your children. Avoid a habit of taking them to sleep with you.

\* Limit your child's responsibilities for another child, such as baby-sitting. This creates unhealthy tensions and rivalries among children in the same family.

\* Your child should not become your confidant. Matters pertaining to money worries, job concerns, health problems, and your relationships should be avoided in most cases. Find adults to talk to instead.

\* Take care of yourself as well as your child. Sacrificing too much for children can backfire, causing

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the appraisal district, no taxing unit can start or continue, a lawsuit for delinquent taxes as long as that person owns and lives in that home. Friess stressed that the tax

deferral for elderly only postpones paying delinquent taxes on the home; it does not cancel them. During the deferral time, taxes and interest if 8 percent per year continue. "When the elderly taxpayer no longer owns and lives in the home, the taxes become due. If the taxes are not paid, taxing units can sue to collect all the deferred taxes and interest."

Tax deferral forms are available at the appraisal district office. The homeowner should fill out the form and have the signature witnessed by a notary public. For more information, taxpayers may contact the Sutton County Appraisal District.

them to grow up self-centered or even selfish, just as not sacrificing enough can cause them to feel deprived or neglected. A proper balance leaves children room to give and take. \* Let your child leave you in

developmentally appropriate ways. Remember, children need to grow up and grow away from you. Don't make children feel guilty for moving on or leaving you.

\* Both boys and girls of female single parents benefit from loving male attention. Make sure your son or daughter has contact with males who will be positive influences.

\* Leave your children out of the dating game until or unless you find someone with whom you establish a committed relationship. It is stressful for children to meet each new man or woman a parent may date. Your boyfriend or girlfriend should not have a discipline role with the children.

\* Create a support system for yourself. Ask friends, family members, or other parents to be your back-up people to pick up your child in case of emergencies, special events, or activities.

# King For The Day

by Kim Cannon

around with the Principal all day, it's probably the Principal of the Day.

Principal Paul Abundez created the Principal of the Day students to do well in class and get good grades. Every six weeks, a Principal of the Day is chosen. If a student receives all A's on his report twice. However, if a student gets A's and B's he get his name put in the drawing only once. Then, the name that is drawn at the end of the six weeks is the Principal of the Day. Mr. Abundez got the idea of the Principal of the Day from a workshop so he decided to use it in our school.

If you see a student walking So what does the Principal of the Day get to do? They get to go with Mr. Abundez to the classes in the morning, to clear the halls between classes, and sometimes they even are allowed to because he wanted to encourage sit in on the conferences. But the biggest reward may be at lunch. The Principal of the Day and a friend get treated to lunch. They are treated to lunch anywhere they want because it card he gets his name put in a drawing is a reward for making good grades. Mr. Abundez said," I also get to know the students better."

> The Principal of the Day doesn't have to make up any work or tests that he may have missed. They receive all 100's in the classes where they may have missed an assignment. - -



# **Severe Weather Awareness**

#### Submitted

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Texas showers that seem simple and peaceful can sometimes turn into flash floods that can impact an entire community. Over the past year in Texas, nearly 25 lives have been lost due to flooding. This loss of life serves as a reminder that flood waters are deadly.

People often ignore flood warnings because they cannot actually see or feel the effects of the flood waters. They look outside, see no danger and do not feel threatened. However, flash flood waters could be just up stream.

Another consideration is that as more construction occurs and more surfaces are paved, water has fewer areas to be absorbed or slowed. This causes a funneling effect and directs falling rain into one area.

People need to be aware of Watches and Warnings. An issue of a Flash Flood Watch alerts people that weather conditions are favorable for flash flooding. This means flooding may occur and people should be prepared to take quick action. A Flash Flood Warning is issued when flash flooding is occurring or at hand. Reaction time may

be limited to just a few minutes.

When a flash flood warning is issued for the area or the moment you realize that a flash flood is imminent, act quickly to save yourself and your loved ones. You may only have seconds," says Division of Emergency Management Coordinator, Tom Millwee.

Here are some tips:

\* Go to high ground immediately.

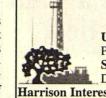
\* Go away from areas subject to flooding. This includes dips, low spots, etc.

\* Avoid already flooded and high-speed flow areas. Do not attempt to cross a flowing stream. A person can be swept away in less than two feet of water. In addition, floods can wear away roads, making them unstable or impassable.

\* If in a vehicle, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground. Rapidly rising water may engulf the vehicle and its occupants and sweep them away.

\* Be especially careful at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers. Keep children from playing around high water, storm drains and viaducts.

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> For complete report contact: Scott Huggins, **Rig Location & Permit Report Service**



# Devil's River minnow proposed for endangered species list

#### Submitted

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is soliciting comments from the public regarding a proposal to add the Devil's River minnow to the Federal list of endangered species. This small minnow is found only in a few spring-fed streams in Val Verde and Kinney counties, Texas, and Northern Mexico. The fish is already recognized by the State of Texas as a threatened species.

The minnow is potentially threatened by declines in water quality and quantity, plus predation from non-native fish including the smallmouth bass. Concern over the minnow extends to 1978, when the Service initially proposed that the fish be listed as threatened. That proposal was withdrawn in 1980 due to a lack of information. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has since monitored the status of the fish, documenting substantial declines; surveys in 1997

found the minnow in abundance in San Felipe Creek in Del Rio, but very rare in the Devil's River.

This proposal is in compliance with a court-ordered settlement requiring the Service to determine the species' status by April 1, 1998. Coordination between the Service, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, local landowners and community leaders has resulted in an effort to develop a conservation agreement which should reduce or eliminate threats to the species' survival. That agreement is under review by the Service.

The Service will accept information and comments from the public on its proposal until July 27, 1998. Once the comment period is closed, the Service will evaluate all submissions and decide within a year of the date of the proposal, whether to add the minnow to the endangered species list.

# Predator Management meeting set Submitted

Chairman John Wade has announced that the Sutton County Predator Management Association will hold its Annual Meeting at the 4-H Center Complex at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 1998. The annual election of officers and directors will be held. All members are encouraged to attend.

# **Texas Wool Production up** and Mohair Production down in 1997

#### Submitted

Higher wool prices and more sheep and lambs shorn than a year ago led to an increase in wool production for 1997. Mohair production continued to decline in spite of slightly higher prices in 1997.

According to the annual report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, wool production totaled 10.95 million pounds during 1997, 11 percent above the previous year's total. This is the first year-toyear increase since 1992. Texas producers sheared 1.50 million sheep and lambs during the year, 14 percent more than during 1996. The average fleece weight was 7.3 pounds compared with 7.5 pounds last year.

Total value of the state's wool production increased 40 percent from the previous year to \$11.61 million. Price per pound averaged \$1.06, up \$.22 from the average for 1996.

Texas mohair production during 1997 totaled 6.38 million pounds, down 15 percent from a year ago and the least since 1918. Producers clipped 840,000 Angora goats and kids with an average clip weight of 7.6 pounds. The number of Angora goats and kids clipped

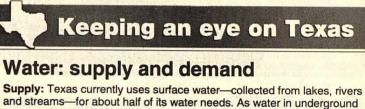
declined 21 percent from the previous year, but the average clip weight was up 9 percent from 1996.

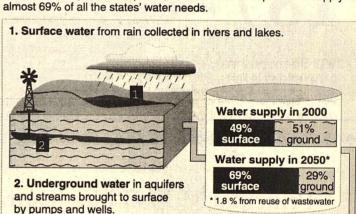
Value of the state's mohair production declined slightly to \$14.56 million. Price per pound averaged \$2.28, compared with the \$1.95 average a year earlier.

United States shorn wool production during 1997 was 53.9 million pounds, down 5 percent from a year earlier. Sheep and lambs shorn during 1997 totaled 7.03 million head, a decrease of 3 percent from 1996. Average fleece weight of shorn wool was 7.66 pounds per head in 1997 compared with 7.79 pounds in 1996.

The average price paid for wool sold in 1997 was \$.84 per pound, for a total value of \$45.2 million, up 14 percent from \$39.7 million in 1996.

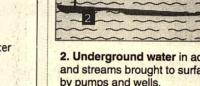
Mohair production in the four major producing states, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, during 1997 was 6.93 million pounds, down 14 percent from 1996. Goats and kids clipped, at 953,000 head, were 20 percent below 1996. Average weight per clip was 7.3 pounds, compared with 6.7 pounds a year earlier. Value of mohair production was \$15.6 million, up slightly from 1996.





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# Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income-such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

# Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

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- You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- B You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 1997. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 1998.

# What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 1998 renditions is April 15. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be postmarked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 15 deadline.

# Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

300 East Oak St. Sonora, Tx 76950 387-2809

For more information stop by your appraisal district and pick up

> "Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities"

Or contact: **Comptroller's Property Tax Division** P.O. Box 13528 Austin, TX 78711-3528



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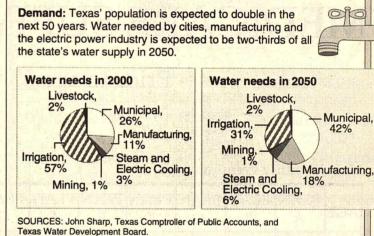
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Classic Cable was recently honored with the "Best of Texas" award from the Texas Cable and Telecommunications Association for their involvement in the communities they serve. The award is the most prestigious award given to cable operators within the state of Texas.

"This is an enormous honor to be recognized as the "Best of Texas" for our involvement in and commitment to the communities we serve. All of our employees take this commitment very seriously and striving for excellence within our communities is a part of our everyday business," commented Adina Crawford, Community Relations Manager for Classic Cable.

Classic Cable was honored with the award for their involvement in the Brittney Meisner Benefit Golf

Tournament which took place last summer in Kermit, TX. Brittney Meisner is a six year old little girl with Cystic Fibrosis who is in need of a liver transplant. Classic Cable coordinator and hosted the event in Brittney's honor. The one-day golf tournament raised nearly \$10,000 which was applied to Brittney's medical expenses.

"Winning the awards is a great feeling but the ultimate satisfaction comes from seeing the individuals that Classic Cable had helped. That's when we know that our time and resources are being used in the proper manner and that we can make a difference," Crawford said.

Classic Cable owns and operates cable television system in 278 rural communities in eight states. As of January 31, 1998, the Company served approximately 166,000 customers.

# **48th annual Easter Pageant** slated April 11 in Junction

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Junction, Tx .-- The 48th annu-Easter Pageant will be held Saturday, April 11th beginning at dark in the natural amphitheater below the cross on Lover's Leap.

Sponsored by the Men's Bible Class, the pageant features more than 100 amateur performers who pantomime the story of the last week of Christ's life on earth, climaxing with the resurrection and ascension. Narrators and background music enhance the 13-act pageant which is performed on 14 stages of varying levels. The production lasts about 3 hours.

In the 1950's, the Easter Pageant had a cast of 20 re-enacting the life of Christ on a small concrete platform. Since that time, the cast of volunteers has grown and the stage now covers the side of the mountain and includes nine levels, several miles of electrical cables and a sound booth where readers and sound personnel work to coordinate the words and music with stage actions

All participants, from directors and actors, to stage hands and

wardrobe mistresses are volunteers. The pageant annually attracts several thousand spectators from throughout the United States, and some foreign countries.

Most watch from cars parked under the direction of Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts who also distribute free programs. Local scouts have been providing this service since the pageant began.

There are no reserve parking areas, but the spectators are welcome to park their cars early, begin ning at 3:00 p.m. Saturday.

Free coffee will be served by the Junction Volunteer Fire Department. The local EMS will operate a concession stand with food and soft drinks. Many spectators come early and picnic on the grounds.

There is no admission charge, but free-will offerings are gratefully accepted. Boy Scouts will take up a collection from those who wish to contribute during an intermission. These funds are used to add or replace or repair equipment needed to produce the pageant.

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"Before the arrival of JSC, Houston was not well known internationally. The space program helped bring worldwide attention and acclaim to the city; and Houston and the rest of the state continue to reap the rewards of having JSC as a neighbor," Sharp said. "Unfortunately, we in state

government sometimes become complacent about the importance of NASA and JSC to the Texas economy," Sharp said. "Whenever a large corporation decides to shop around for a new home, it seems there's no limit to the financial incentives people will offer to persuade that company to stay. But when members of Congress talk about cutting funding for the International Space Station, or focusing NASA's resources on unmanned space programs, we don't hear much from state government. That attitude has got to change.

"NASA and Washington need to know that Texas is the space program's best friend. The state should do whatever it can to provide the infrastructure, education, and services that JSC needs to thrive and grow," Sharp said.

Sharp made his remarks at the Johnson Space Center as he released the March issue of his award-winning monthly publication Fiscal Notes, featuring reports on the importance of the space program to the Houston economy, to Texas schools and universities, and to all of us who use products developed for the space programwhether we realize it or not.

"Since JSC became the command center for NASA's manned spaceflight program in 1961, the agency has received \$61 billion in funding, much of which went directly into the Houston-area econ-

omy. JSC is the largest of NASA's 11 major U.S. installations, with a budget of \$3.5 billion in 1997. In terms of total dollars spent by NASA, Texas ranks second only to California," Sharp said.

"All of America's astronauts are trained at JSC. Currently 128 astronauts work at JSC and live in the area, as do about 15,000 other employees and contractors. A 1995 study by the University of Houston-Clear Lake's Center for Economic Development and Research estimated that JSC indirectly generates more than 36,000 additional jobs in the Houston area," Sharp said.

"Having NASA and JSC as a neighbor has been a boon to Texas schools and universities. JSC funds education programs at every level, from elementary school to post-doctoral study. Sometimes students and faculty get to work hand in hand with NASA experts."

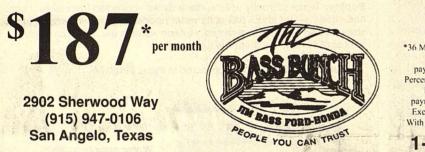
"At the university level in 1997, NASA spent almost \$40 million in Texas on a variety of research and educational programs, including \$4.5 million at the University of Houston, \$3.9 million at Rice University, \$5.1 million at Prairie View A & M, and close to \$1 million each at UH-Clear Lake, UT Health Science Center in Houston, and Texas Southern University." Sharp said.

" Many consumer products that we take for granted were developed by NASA and tested in space," Sharp said. "Velcro fasteners are a good example. Your car may have been assembled using specially coated bolts that can communicate with a robotic wrench. Many golf clubs now have a NASA developed metal insert in the head that allows the club to connect with the golf ball longer, allowing greater control of the shot. The ergonomic design of many desk chairs can be traced to the Skylab missions of the early 1970's. NASA technology helped create heart pumps the size of ballpoint pens.

" All-in-all, more than 30,000 earthly uses for space technology transfer centers to develop new uses for space technologies. One of those centers is the Mid-Continent Technology Transfer Center at Texas A&M University, " Sharp said. " Discovering commercial uses for space technology helps strengthen the economy and reduces the cost of space exploration to taxpayers.

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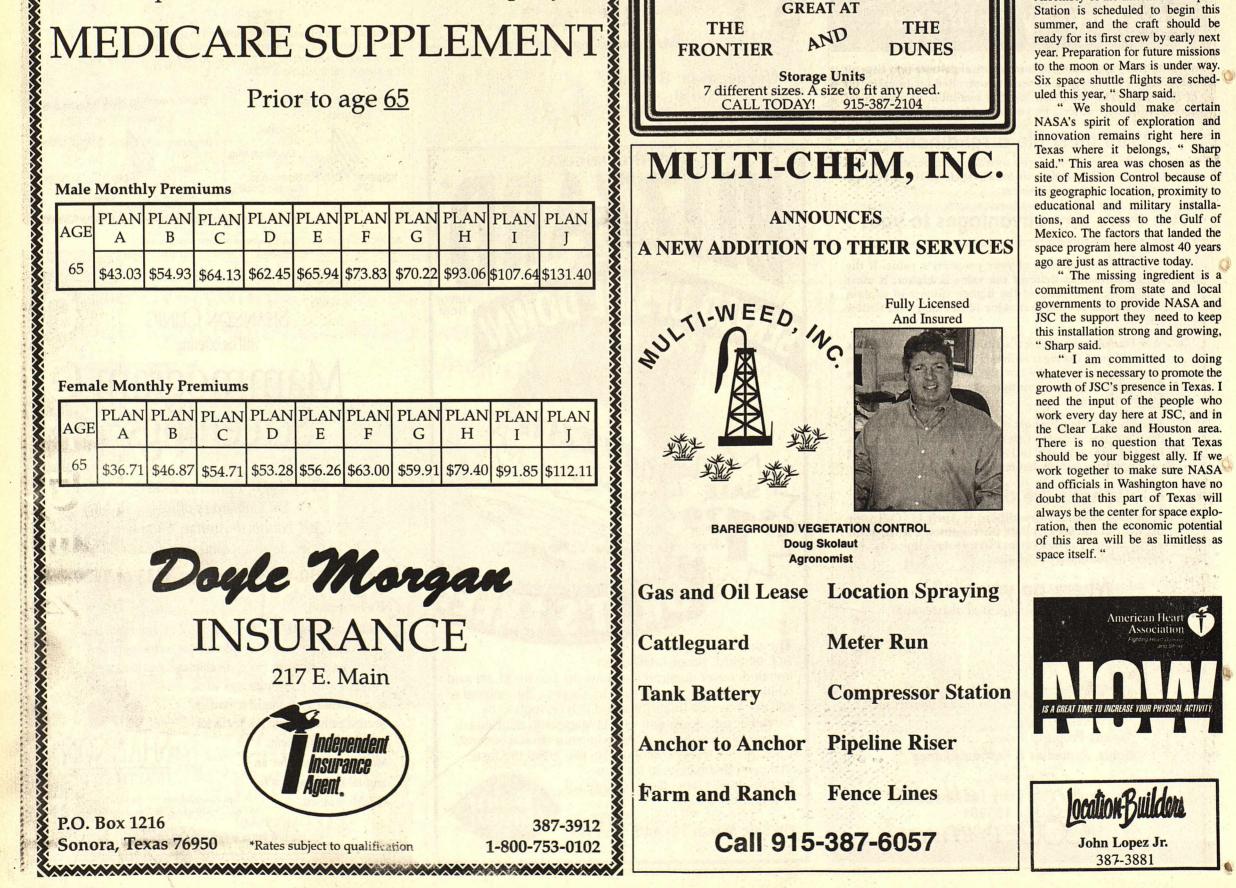
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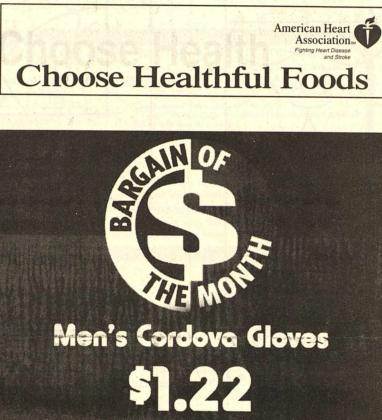
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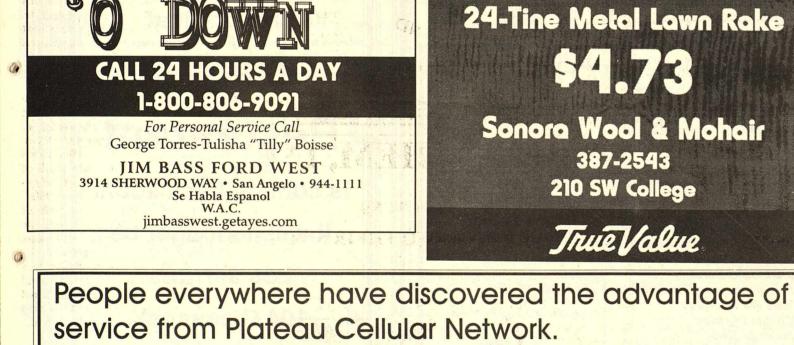
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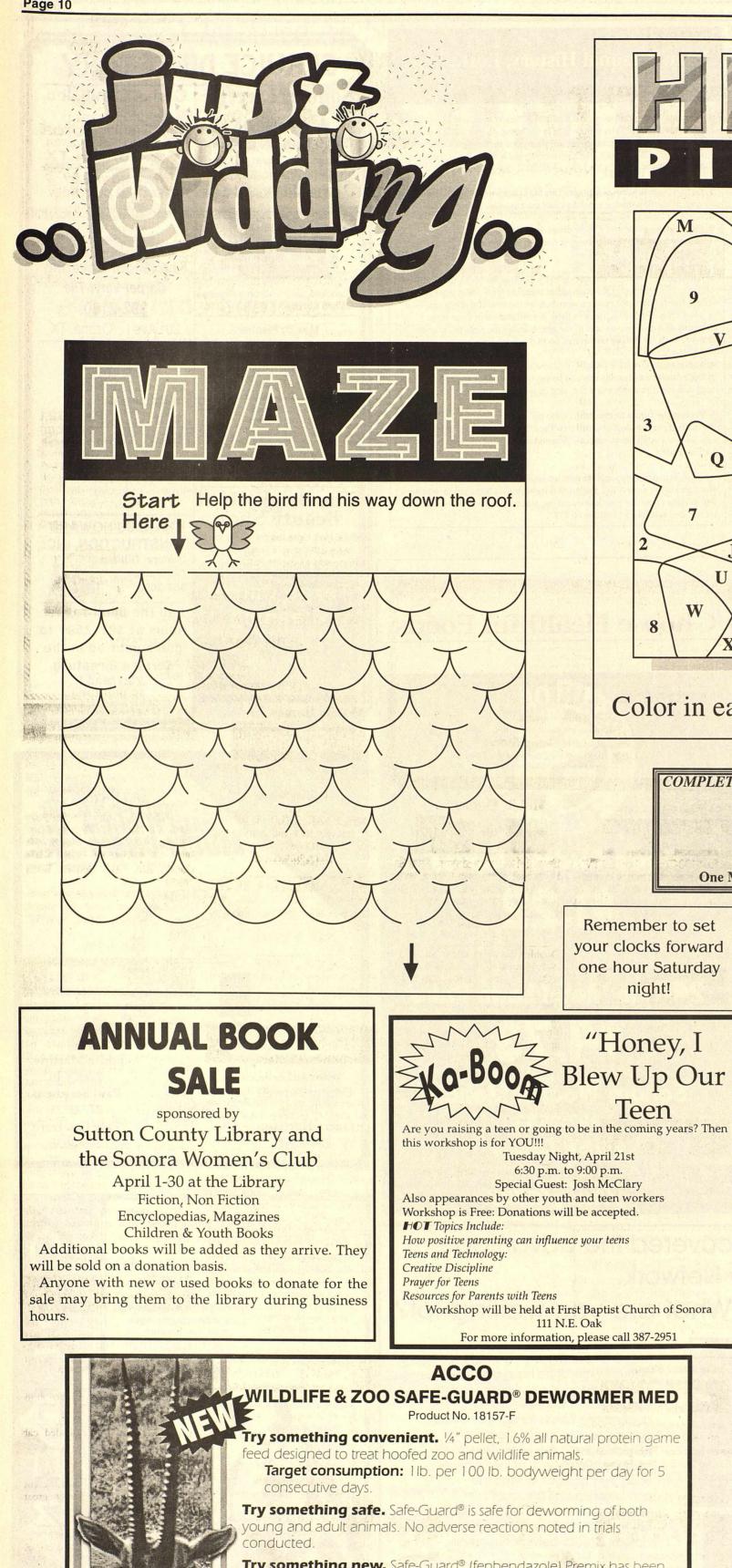
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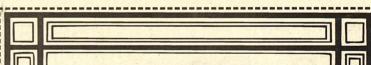
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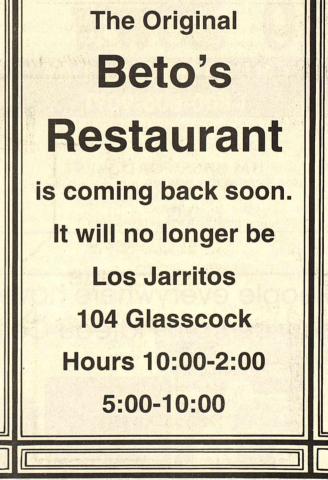
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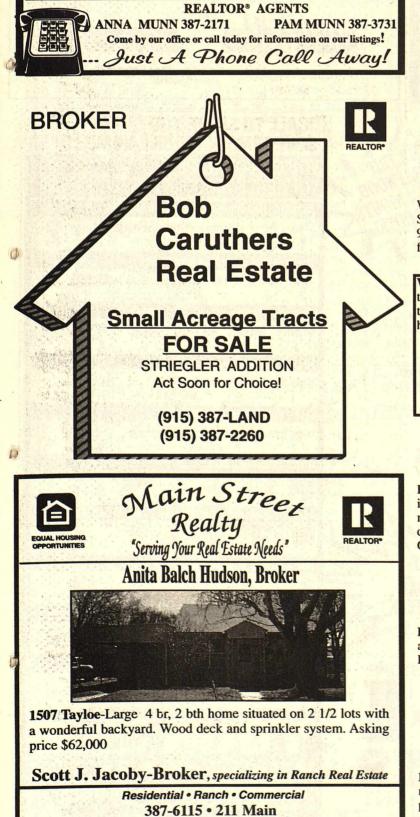
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# **Public Notice**

### Notice To The Public

Sonora Sage Apartments II, Ltd. is making an application for tax credits with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Sonora Sage Apartments, 101 Deerwood Dr. #33, Sonora, Sutton County, Texas. This rehabilitation of Sonora Sage Apartments is an apartment complex comprised of 32 units, which will target tenants with incomes less than 50% of the median area income. The proposed rents (less utility allowances) for the subject property are (16) 1 bedroom units for \$240; (16) 2 bedroom units for \$285. For more information about the housing development please contact Tommy Frye, Box 799, Mansfield, LA 71052.

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# **Public Notice**

Sutton County hereby announces a request for sealed bids on the following items:

1. 90,000 gallons of AC5 Asphalt

2. 400 tons of grade 3 B rock
3. 2,600 tons of grade 4 B rock
Sealed bids will be opened on

April 13, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. at the regular meeting of Commissioners Court at the Sutton County Annex. Sealed bids must be mailed to: Judge Carla Garner, Box 1212, Sonora Texas 76950.

For specification, please contact the Sutton County Auditor's Office, Charles Graves, Box 16, Sonora, Texas 76950. 915/387-5380.

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Sonora is now calling for bids for a 1998 Police Package Vehicle. Specifications may be obtained from the City Secretary's Office, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950. All bids must be sealed and addressed to the City Secretary. The bid envelope must be clearly marked "BID-1998 POLICE PACKAGE VEHICLE" and returned to the City Secretary's office prior to April 13, 1998, at 2:00 p.m., at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. The City of Sonora reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Inquiries should be directed to Chris Croy, Chief of Police, (915)387-3888.

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# Eldorado

Red 97 Neon. Sporty rear spoiler. Tinted windows, 2 dr., great gas mileage, 19K. Cute Car! \$11,400. Negotiable. Must Sell Come Look! 853-2065 and 915-396-2493.

Want to buy any two cylinder John Deere tractor, 944-3366.

1989 3/4 Ton Ford extended cab pickup. 460 5-speed. 56,000 miles. Call 853-3284.

For Sale: New Spanish Ceremic Tile with cement. Color hunter green with a bit of gray. Call 853-3336.

Eldorado mobile home for sale: must be moved. 3/BR, 2BA, 507 E. Warner St. Call 853-3336 or 853-3381.

> Garage Sale Fri. & Sat. April 3 & 4 101 E. Dorris Sat. April 4 202 Dixie Dr. 109 Colpitts



# Big Lake

House for sale: 3bd/1ba, 905 Ohio. \$28,000. Call 884-2479.

For Sale: 1994 Ford Ranger, 33,000 miles. Call 884-2506 or 884-2715

House for sale: 2bd/2ba house, 1006 Pennsylvania. Call after 5:00 p.m. 884-3457.

House for Sale: 406 Plaza, call 884-2007 after 5:00 p.m.

For Sale: 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Call 884-3505

House for Sale: 1002 Penn. Ave. 3 bed/1 bath. Call 884-2849

Wanted: 1920's era wooden Pumping unit, any condition, complete or incomplete. Any unusual oilfield equipment. Call (915)392-3389. Scott Kelley, after 6:00 p.m.

For Sale: 1978 17ft. Glastron Bass Boat 85 hp Johnson motor. Included is Monkota trolling motor, depth finder, & Eagle Mach I fish graph recorder. Call 884-5713

# OZONA

House for Sale: remodeled interior, 4-5 bedrooms, 2 complete baths, dining room, laundry room, garage, carport, basketball court, swing set on large lot with large trees. 105 Ave. J. \$37,000 392-2780 or 392-2795.

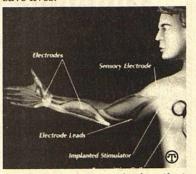
Beautiful 3-4 bedroom home on large corner lot, new roof, fireplace, many extras, 1301 Ave. C \$110,000.

949-2700.



# A "Breakthrough" **To Watch For**

(NAPS)-From a tiny platinum coil that prevents often-fatal strokes in people with brain aneurysms...to an innovative new cancer drug that zeroes in on tumor cells often missed by radiation and other chemotherapy...to an amazing new machine that uses microwaves to shrink enlarged prostate glands, returning them to normal size ... these are just a few of the remarkable medical innovations emerging from the frontiers of modern healthcare research that can improve and save lives.



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Search For 'Greatest Dog In America'-Top Dog Takes Home \$10,000 Grand Prize

(NAPS)-Excitement is building across the country as dog owners are snapping photos of their four-legged companions for the chance to win the "ALPO Greatest Dog in America Photo Contest<sup>™</sup>. Fame and fortune await the dog owner who best captures on film and in a short essay the great qualities of his or her pet.

Friskies PetCare, make of ALPO<sup>®</sup> dog food, is searching from coast to coast for the first-ever "ALPO Greatest Dog in America." Dog lovers have the exciting opportunity to win a grand prize of \$10,000 in cash, a one-year supply of dog food, a Kodak Advantix camera and the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have their pet appear on an ALPO canned dog food label. In addition, ten firstprize winners will be selected to receive a one-year supply of ALPO dry, canned or treats products and a Kodak Advantix camera.

Dog owners can enter the contest by sending in six UPCs from any combination of ALPO dry. canned or treats products with their essay and photo. Residents of AZ, FL, VT and MD may omit proof of purchase. Winners must own the dogs photographed. The deadline for submitting your entry is June 30, 1998. As a bonus, all qualified entries received by March 31, 1998 will receive a free ALPO magnetic photo frame.

From charismatic collies to lov-



able Labradors, the "ALPO Greatest Dog in America Photo Contest" is expected to receive thousands of picture-perfect entries nationwide. All eligible entries will be judged on "greatness" (60 percent); photo quality (20 percent); and creativity (20 percent).

Starting in February 1998, stop by any participating retailer to pick up an official entry form and contest rules. To request one by mail, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: The ALPO Greatest Dog in America Photo Contest, Entry Form/Rules Request, P.O. Box 3928, Young America, MN 55558-3928

The contest is open to U.S. residents 18 years and older. Winners will be notified by mail on or about August 31, 1998. For a list of winners, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the address above by July 31, 1998.



Internet.

# **New Tax Breaks**

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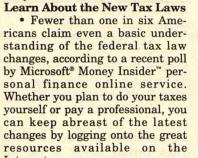
# **Take The Stress Out Of Tax Season**

(NAPS)—Are you among the 40 percent of Americans that wait until the last week to file your taxes? If so, then you realize how stressful tax time can be.

According to financial expert Neale S. Godfrey, dedicating time to keeping personal finances in order can mean the difference between headache and happiness during tax season. Godfrey offers these simple tips for making the tax season stress-free:

**Don't Procrastinate** 

 Tax planning should be a year-round process. Don't wait until a week before taxes are due to start organizing your finances. A computer and personal finance software make tracking taxdeductible expenses throughout the year easier.



**Take Advantage of** 

• No matter what tax bracket you fall under, it's important to take advantage of new tax breaks this year. For example, starting January 1, 1998, taxpayers can contribute up to \$2,000 annually to the new Roth IRA. Unlike traditional IRA's, the Roth preserves earnings taxfree as long as it's used towards



laws, it's easier than ever to prepare taxes by using the many resources available today. Godfrey recommends using a computer and the right software to stay ahead.

"Personal finance software can make all the difference. Microsoft Money 98 Financial Suite is an easy-to-use and highly effective tool to help you plan and keep finances in order all year long," says Godfrey. "Then when tax time rolls around, it's quick and simple to export all your records of deductible expenses into a tax preparation software program, like Kiplinger's TaxCut.

Web sites on the Internet are another good resource for tax information to help you get through the season. For example, Microsoft Money Insider (http://moneyinsider.msn.com/) posts hundreds of articles that offer up-to-date information written by today's leading financial experts. Visitors to the site can find answers to frequently asked questions such as "What are the top 10 deductions taxpayers miss?" Even the IRS has its own Web site (http://www.irs.ustreas. gov/), offering taxpayers helpful Even with the complex, new tax advice on a variety of topics.

