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Boys Hunter Safety Education Camp '98

Hunter Safety Camp was held at the McPherson Ranch, the boys Seth Taylor of Eldorado, Brady Sullivan of Midland, Jonathan Marin, - Seth Taylor of Eldorado, Brady Sullivan of Midland, Jonathan Marin, Dobbs of Brady, Joshua Smith of Ceder Park, and Jacob Adams, Wilson Wallace, Laramie Hall, Stevie Hernandez, Devon Yearout, Isreal Mendoza, Zed Snodgrass, Justin Odom, Trapper Valliant,
$\begin{array}{cl}\text { The Texas Parks and Wildlife } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Each student fired approximately } 90 \\ \text { rounds. They also received instruc- }\end{array}\end{array}$ Ranch sponsored a Hunter tions in archery and learned about Education Camp for twenty-three
boys ranging in ages from 12 to 16 .
game care, and hunting ethics. boys ranging in ages from 12 to 16 . game care, and hunting ethic
During the four day camp the boys Instructors included

- while actually firing 27 rifles, 38 Mares, Freddie Cervantez, Al gpl, 357 mag, 45 auto, 40 s\&w pis-
Knight, and District Superviso
tols, shotguns, and muzzle loaders.

Sutton County Jail now open on Walking Tour


A ribbon cutting was held last Thursday, July 16 at the old jail to kick off the new Historical Walking Tour. Pictured: Ann Ynguanzo, Hershel Davien Marines, Lizzie Chavez, Ruben Kelly Owen, Beth Snyder and Blake Burchard. 3rd row :Yolanda Avila and Shelly Hughes and back row Tonya Brown and Roberta James. See related story page 8.
Hospital board holds meeting
The regular meeting of the

- Sutton County Hospital District Sutton County Hospital District
Board of Directors was held on
Monday, July 13, 1998, at $7: 00$ p.m. in the conference room of the Hospital. The following Directors
were present: Ray Smith- Vice were present: Ray Smith- Vice
President, Claire Richards, Virginia President, Claire Richards, Virginia
Epps, Paul Chevalier. Also present Epps, Paul Chevalier. Also present
were Kathy Knight-Assistant Administrator, Carolyn LaraAlternate Board Secretary and employees of the District. Ray Smith called the meeting
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- P: hards, seconded by Claire Cnevalier, the Board approved the
regular meeting minutes of June 8, 1998. $\begin{array}{cc}\text { Rex Ann Friess, } & \text { Chief } \\ \text { Appraiser, Sutton County Appraisal }\end{array}$ Appraiser, Sutton County Appraisal
District, submitted a report to the Board. She reported that as of June 30,1998 , the taxes were $97.3 \%$ collected. Due to a tax assessment
error on the Hunt-Powell account error on the Hunt-Powell account, a
refund of $\$ 32.03$ is due to be paid refund of $\$ 32.03$ is due to be paid
back to them. Motion was made by

Claire Richards, seconded by Paul
Chevalier, to refund $\$ 32.03$ to the Chevalier, to refund $\$ 32.03$ to the
Hunt-Powell account. Motion car-Hunt-Powell account. Motion car-counter-proposal was $\$ 1.85$ and this
is an average betwe is an average between the $\$ 1.65$ that
Dreyfus had set and the Appraisal District's figure of $\$ 2.05$, for the price of gas on the protested wells in $\$ 1.85$ and the School District will probably accept this figure at their
meeting tonight. Ms. Friess advised meeting tonight. Ms. Friess advised
that it would cost much more than that it would cost much more than
this to get an expert witness to this to get an expert witness to
assess the wells and hopefully, this will be a "wash" because they will have to refund some of the mineral owners and then Dreyfus will owe
money to the taxing entities. money to the taxing entitities. Ms.
Friess feels that the District should agree to go ahead and negotiate on the figure of $\$ 1.85$. Motion was made by Paul Chevalier, seconded by Virginia Epps to negotiate on the
offer from Dreyfus. Motion carried offer from Dreyfus. Motion carried.
Danny Curtis advised that the Danny Curtis advised that the
air conditioning in Dr. Calderon's

SONORA, TEXAS
Thursday, July 23, 1998

## High Speed Chase Ends In One Arrest


ally regained control and continue on at speeds well over 100 mph .
Trooper Don Collins and Texa Ranger Jerry Byrnes, along with Trooper Chris Nordloh and Crockett County Sheriff Shane Fenton, in separate cars, soon joined the pursuit. At one point the suspect drove into the median and seemed to loose
control of his vehicle, but again control of his vehicle, but again
regained control and kept going, trying to out run all the officers. At mile marker 358 the suspect began to drive erratically so as
this time Sheriff Fenton shot several giving up at this time the 16 year old rounds into the right front and rear youth from Austin, TX locked all
tires so as to stop the vehicle, but the the doors of the vehicle and refused suspect kept going and refused to to open them at the officer's request. stop. Ranger Byrnes then shot the Ranger Byrnes eventually had to left front and back tires out with the break the driver side window out to intention of slowing the vehicle and remove the suspect from the car. bringing this highly dangerous pur-
suit to an end. The suspect did begin
to the Crockett County Jail where he to slow down, but did not stop. At now faces charges of attempted $\begin{array}{lll}\text { or slow down, but did not stop. At } & \text { now faces charges of attempted } \\ \text { this time Ranger Byrnes shot one } & \text { murder, theft, and evading arrest. }\end{array}$ round into the right corner of the What could have been a very danrear window, causing it to shatter gerous situation for innocent travelbut not break. The vehicle finally ers on IH 10 ended with no injuries. came to an abrupt stop but instead of

1997 Sutton County Days Talent Contest Winner to perform for Sutton County Days
by Justin McGeath
The 1997 Sutton County Days talent contest winner, Laura Aggire,
will be performing at this year' Sutton County Days main stage. Laura won the talent show last year by impressing the crowd with her singing talents. Paul Cornelius,
Sutton County Days entertainment Sutton County Days entertainment
chairman said, "The crowd enjoyed Laura so much last year that we invited her back this year. She will not be competing in the talent contest, but she will be performing on
the main stage before the he main stage before the talen
competition begins, as well as riding in the Parade on Saturday mornBillings, Muffins O'Malley, and Old Hat Band to be at CWDT


The "The Old Hat Band"-Richard Ramirez and Tom Thorton This Saturday July 25 Vernon Neal", Billings will be the host,
Muffins O'Malley will be the storyMuffińs O'Malley will be the story-
teller, and the "Old Hat Band" be the live musical entertainment at be the live musical entertainment at Vernon "Neal" Billings of Langtry, Texas is the host of the evening show. He is the Superviso of Judge Roy Bean visitors center since 1987. Billings works for the Transportation. He has lived in Langtry his entire life.
Muffin O'Malley, or better know as Don Sessom is to he the storyteller. Don's wife is Carol
Sessom. Don is our Municipal City Judge and is very active in the community.
The "Old Hat Band" was
ing." Cornelius also went on to say
tlace will receive $\$ 150$. In division
that, "We are hoping to make it a
that, "We are hoping to make it a
tradition for the talent show winners tradition for the talent show winners
to come back to Sutton County Days the following year to perform and to promote the talent show." This year's talent show will be
on Saturday August 22 at 3:30 P.M on the courthouse lawn. The competition has been split up into two years and Division I will be ages 12 be under 12 years old. The prizes for the talent show in both divisions. In division ye lace will receive $\$ 250$ and secon DT ho is guitar/vocals, and Richard Ramirez, who is keyboard/vocal The traveled as a duo until there ame a need for percussion. The percussionists are lead guitar and
vocalist, Steve Terry, bass and vocals, Tim McTagart, and the drums are Amos Ramirez. The band plays a mix of soulfu ballads, sixties to semi-modern country and old-time rock and roll. eran road musicians that give the music that well seasoned sound. There are also a couple of "young
bloods" that keeps the music bloods" that keeps the music vital and on the cutting edge.
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what's happening at the Covered
Wagon Dinner Theater at the
Caverns of Sonora. Fuentes, Ramond Ray Barajeas, Homero Hernandez.

The Sonora City Little League Sr. All-Stars have been on the move
this year. July 7th the Sonora All-Stars
played in Winters at 6:00 p.m. The played in Winters at $6: 00 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. The
final score was in favor of Sonora final score was in favor of Sonora
$18-3$. Sonora Pitcher Kenny Covarrubiaz pitched seven innings
with seven strike outs, five Base on with seven strike outs, five Base on
Balls, one hit and 3 runs. Catchers for the game were Jason Brock and Byron Williams. Hitters for Sonora were Joey Bullard with two- three
bases and three RBI's. Nick Lozano bases and three RBl s. Nick Lozano
with one- three bases, Manuel with one- three bases, Manuel
Hernandez with one-two bases. Aaron Fuentez with one-two bases. Jarrod Solis with one Homerun and three RBI's. July 9th the Sonora All-Stars
played Crane in Crane at $6: 00$, played Crane in Crane at 6:00 p.m.
The final score was in favor of Sonora 17-4. Sonora pitcher Nick Lozano pitched five innings with ten
strike-outs, strike-outs, three base-on-balls,
three hits and gave up four runs three hits and gave up four runs.
Catchers were Jason Brock and Catchers were Jason Brock and
Byron Williams. Hitters for Sonora Byron Williams. Hitters for Sonora
were Joey Bullard with two-two
bases and two RBI's. Sean Fields were Joey Bullard with two-two
bases and two RBI's. Sean Fields
with two-one base and with two-one base and two RBI's.
Jason Brock with two-one base and


Sonora-Eldorado All-Star Team-Sean Fields, Joey Bullard, Jason Brock, Jerrod Solis, Rocky Robles, Kenny Covarrubiaz, John Ray
two RBI's. Rocky Robles with one-
two bases and two RBI's. Aaron Fuentes with one-two bases and one
Fund and July 12 the Sono July 12 the Sonora All-Stars
played Lakeview All-Stars Angelo at 6:00 p.m. The final score was in favor of Sonora 6-3. Sonora pitcher Jarrod Solis pitched seven Base on Balls, six hits and three runs. Catchers were John Espinosa and Byron Williams. Hitters for
Sonora were Keny Sonora were Kenny Covarrubiaz
with two-three bases with two-three bases. Joey Bullard with one-two bases.
July Justin Bias July 14 the Sonora All-Stars
played Pecos in Pecos $6 \cdot 0$ played Pecos in Pecos at 6:00 p.m.
The e inal score was in favor of Pecos The final score was in favor of Pecos
16-7. Sonora pitchers Kenny
Covarrubiaz and Covarrubiaz and Manuel Hernandez our base on balls, ten hits, and gave up sixteen runs. Catchers were John Espinosa and Byron Williams.
July July 17th the Sonora All-Stars will play either Lakeview or Western
in Sonora. If they win, they will play Pecos again in Pecos on July 18 for the Little Le
Championship.

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Sarah Boutwell Hankins

ROCKSPRINGS - Sarah Boutwell Hankins, 85, died Sunday, Rocksprings. Born August 12, 1912, at Leonard to Sidney Seymour and Belle Craven Boutwell, she later attended schools at Abilene
University.
On March 11, 1930, Sarah mar-
ried Lowell F. Hankins Ther ried Lowell F. Hankins at Terrell.
They began married life on their They began married life on their
ranch in Edwards County near Rocksprings and successfully raised Rocksprings and successfuly
sheep, goats, cattle, and horses.
"Miss, "Miss Sarah," as she known far and wide, was an inspiration to everyone she met. Her untiring community involvement with church, music, charities and family
have earned her the title of "angel on earth.
She was named "Mother of the Year" in 1964 for the State of Texas by the General Federated Women's Clubs and was a life member of the Rocksprings/Alamo District
Woman's Club and of the Jolly Wives Club. The City of Rocksprings proclaimed "Sarah Hankins Day" on November 19, 1976; and the Edwards County Chamber of Commerce named her
"Citizen of the Year." She was a "Citizen of the Year." She was a
very active member of the First Baptist Church; a member of the Daughters of the American
Revolution which expressed her

## Waterbury/Jennings Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. William Waterbury of Mexico, New York, announce the engagement of their daughter, Beth Anne, to David Wayne Jennings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reed J
August 17, in Sonor


Ramos Receives MVP Trophy


Caleb Ramos is 10 years old and will be going into the 4th grade He recently attended Ed Messbarger's Basketball Camp in San
Angelo. He was voted MVP of his division by the camp coaches.


Four girls from Sonora went to 4-H Camp last week in Brownwood arla McKissack was brave enough to escort these girls to camp. McKissack Diarla for your patience and kindness. Pictured is The Not pictured is Courtney Strubhart. To the men and their ladies, I thank you. If I missed thanking any of
you personally, please forgive me.
To the other people who assisted and offered assistance, I am very grateful.
To Glenna, Jason, and Starlyn, you helped me make it through the nights and I love you all for your help and caring. I, myself have learned one thing. It is not over until it is over. Fires burn down, then they flare up and take off again.

Doris K. Chadwick
A special thank you goes out to all of my friends for your concern, prayers, food, and flowers. Your acts of thoughtfulness have bright prayers, food, and may dors. bless each of you. Guggle

Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

## Monday, July 27th

9:00 a.m. County Commissioners 6:30 School Board Meeting Tuesday, July 28th
9:30-10:30 Social Security Representative will be at the

Courthouse
2:30 City Council Meeting

The Community Calendar
Sutton County
National Bank
207 Hwy 277 N

Thursday, July 30th
6:00 p.m. 2nd Annual Community Fiesta at the Sutton County National Bank

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY
The Devil's River News encourages letters from its readers. Letters should be to the point, typed if at al possible and signed. Address and telephone numbers also should be included for verification purposes. No letters will be published without the author's name. Letters will be printed on a space available basis. Leterers should stick wish issues, and not simply be personal atacks. Leterers endorsing a particular position on issues of local interest will be accepted, however letters
endorsing a candidate for political office will not be accepted. We reserve the right to edif for lenath, content and potentially libelous statemens.


## Ask the Historical Society



Will Carver in his teens.

by Jo-Ann Palmer | Most of my readers know by | died in 1788. This invaluable |
| :--- | :--- |
| research tool will help us assist |  | Carver was born on September 12, want to know if they are related to

1868 in Wilson Co. Texas to the - George Alfred Carver and Martha the outlaw buried in the Sonora Jane Rigsby Carver. He had one copies of Frances Carver Hill's birth, full sister, Frances Emeline Carver, marriage and death certificates. who was born in Comanche County, Martha Jane Rigsby Carver Texas on January 9, 1866. Thanks Causey's marriage certificate to her
to Robert W. Smith, we now have a to Robert W. Smith, we now have a second husband, the names of the
copy of the Carver family tree dat- children from that marriage, her copy of the Carver family tree dat- children from that marriage, her
ing back to Michael Carver, who death certificate and place of burial,

Hondo. William R. Carver's, Will's
grandfather, death certificate and grandfather, death certificate and
record of his marriage and informarecord of his marriage and informa-
tion of the two marriages of Will's tion of the two marriages of Will's
uncle, Richard T. Carver, and his death certificate. We also gave him many other documents on Will Carver to add to his family files.
This exchange of information has This exchange of information has
been of great benefit to him and the been of great beneifito him and the
Sutton County Historical Society. In going through his files, we
found that in the household of Moses and Susan Carver there as a listing for a man whose work with
the development of industrial appli the development of industrial appli-
cations from farm products is cations from farm products is
known around the world. Some of the synthetic products he developed were: adhesives, axle grease,
bleach, buttermilk, cheese, chili bleach, buttermilk, cheese, chili
sauce, cream, creosote, dyes, flour, sauce, cream, creosote, dyes, flour,
fuel briquettes, ink, instant coffee, insulating board, linoleum, mayonnaise, meal, meat tenderizer, metal polish, milk flakes, mucilage, paper, rubbing oils, salve, soil conditioner, shampoo, shoe polish, shaving
cream, sugar, synthetic marble, syncream, sugar, synthetic marbbe, syn-
thetic rubber, talcum powder, vanisting cream, wood stains, wood
filler and Worcestershire, sauce. The man who developed all these products was born to Mary, a slave
owned by Moses and Susan Carver owned by Moses and Susan Carver
and a slave from a neighboring plantation, his name was George
Washington Carver. His work in Washington Carver. His work in
developing industrial applications from agricultural products derived 118 products and over 500 dyes and pigments from 28 different plants.
Moses and Susan Carver were very progressive in their thinking on slavery. It seems that Mary and the infant George were kidnapped dur-
ing the Civil War and taken to ing the Civil War and taken to
Arkansas. Thanks to the interven Arkansas. Thanks to the interven
tion of a neighbor, John Bentley tion of a neighbor, John Bentley
George, a sickly child, was returne at the end of 1865 to Moses and Susan Carver. No one knows if
Mary died or could not be found.
George Carver was taken into the
household, with his $1 / 2$ brother Jim nother former slave, and raised and Carver. In later years he would refer to them as Uncle Moses and Aunt Susan, the only parents he had ever known. If it hadn't been for the loving care and education given him by he Carver family, whose name he Carver might never have had the education he did and given to the world all the wonderful products h developed throughout his lifetime. Will Carver's grandfather wa
also William Carver and he served in law enforcement for much of his lifetime. Most of Will's fam ily tree is comprised of hard work ing, law abiding members of society
Sometimes we can't help but won ometimes we can't help but won-
der if Will wouldn't have had der if Will wouldn't have had a not died in childbirth and if he had not been unjustly accused of a mur der in Tom Green County. ${ }_{1938}$ Devil's River News, July 22 LARGE PART OF SUTTON LARGE P
COUNTY!
Rain,
Stockman's Paradi", of cheering every person whether he has ranch interests or business inter ests, or neither, was the chief subject of conversation. Three days of rain left 6.89 inches of rain in the Sonora Wool \& Mohair Co. rain gauge This was a true test for the conser er dams done on area ranches, the appear to have stood up well. In 1938 four Sutton County anchmen have built 170 spreade lams of 17,445 cubic yards, 90.8 ridging. Those who had done the work and the amount of conserv tion accomplished by each
Thomas Espy: 15 spreade dams ( 2,623 yards); 132,315 feet o terracing. 370,318 feet of ridging
Bryan Hunt: 103 spreader dam
acing. Moore and Neill: acing. Moore and Neill: 2 spreader ams ( 300 yards); 1,833 feet of ter- $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { Next week we will tell yo } \\ \text { more about the rain storms }\end{array}\right]$ (hin,207 feet E.F. Vander Stucken Co. Inc. 1938 and the effect they had on was having a remodeling sale. You Sonora. Until then I would ask yout could get men's fine dress hats for all to PLEASE PRAY FOR RAIN $\$ 1.98$, men's dress shirts for 59 cents, men's undershirts and under-
shorts for 15 cents each socks were selling for 9 cents a pair and men's handkerchiefs were 3 cents a piece. Men's work pants
were 95 cents a pair and were 95 cents a pair and men's dress pants were $\$ 2.98$ a pair. Ladies
house dresses were 29 cents and silk hose were 49 cents a pair. Ladies could get ladies dress shoes for $\$ 1.19$ and men's heavy work shoes for $\$ 1.79$. Pillowcases and large towels were selling for 15 cents each, bedspreads
pyrex sets were $\$ 1.19$
$\qquad$ were still 50 cents. At Piggly Wiggly the bananas were 10 cents a dozen, yellow squash was 10 cents beef chuck You!

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## Westerman Drus Iridal Registery

Juanita Robles bride elect, of Ramon Estrada Natalie Rawls bride elect, of Johnny Terry Mrs. Bonner Walsh nee Leslie Simmons 101 NW Concho 387-2541


Sutton County Steakhouse


## has reached a Milestone!

Over the last 22 years, Sutton County Steakhouse has served 2.5 Million meals. We would like to thank our employees for providing the best food and service to this community. We would like to thank the town of Sonora for supporting us all these years!

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Just the Basics


If you drove by the Eddins-Walcher gas pumps on July 20th on Hwy
277 South, you were probably interested in why those men were riding four 277 South, you were probably interested in why those men were riding four
wheelers.
Western Atlas is providing safety training for some employees. There are eight men participating in this safety class. The safety training classe consist of four wheeler training, CPR, explosives, and other basic training


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will be held on Saturday
Aug. 22, 1998. Registratio Aug. 22, 1998. Registration
will be held from 9-10 am a will be held from 9-10 am a the Chamber tent and compe
tition will begin at $10: 30 \mathrm{am}$ on the Main Stage picture following the end o competition and the winner
will be expected to attend the Saturday night rodeo perfor mance.
Sutton County Days Parad will be held on Saturday
Aug. 22, 1998 at 9 am . Those wishing to have an entry in the parade may contact Tony at 387-2593 or parade entry forms may be picked up office or the Sutton Count National Bank.
Sutton County Days Ugly Vehicle Contest will b Saturday, Aug. 22, 1998 in ticipants are required appear in the parade. Judging will be done during the parade and the winner will be announced at the "Main Stage on the courthous pick. Entry forms may b Commerce the Chamber o Sutton County Nationa Bank. For more informati call Tonya at 387-259
INTERNET - Anyone inter ested in signing up for unlim net, come by The Devil's River News office.

## (1) Ol' Sonora MERLE RORMAO

 Bridal SelectionDebbie Cain, bride-elect of Darold Norment Natalie Rawls, bride elect of Johnny Terry Natalie Raw1s, bide e elect f fohnny


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## Public Hearing Juvenile Curfew

The city council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 4, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas, to hear comments on a proposed juvenile curfew for Sonora.
All citizens are invited to attend and provide the council with written and oral comments for or against the curfew. Comments may be mailed to the following address:

Mayor JoAnn Hernandez
Juvenile Curfew
City of Sonora
201 E. Main
Sonora,Texas 76950

## July 20,1998

WHEREAS, Sutton County has not had rainfall for an extended period of time; and WHEREAS, weather forecasters offer little promise of a change in the hot, dry conditions in the near future; and

WHEREAS, these hot dry conditions pose the threat of large, dangerous and fast moving wildfire; and

WHEREAS, such fires have the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 authorized declaration of a state of disaster "if the threat of disaster is imminent"; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity at which such a fire could associate to major proportions constitute an imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, declaration of such disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of fires; and

WHEREAS, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of dangerous fires;

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED that I, CARLA GARNER, County Judge of Sutton County, Texas, do hereby declare a disaster based on the threat of large wildfire in Sutton County, Texas; and

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above statute and order, but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than seven days without authorization by the Sutton County Commissioners Court

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster is being declared solely for the purpose of implementing controls aimed at mitigating the hazard posed by wildfire during the current hot, dry weather;

BE IT ORDERED that the purpose of this declaration is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfire by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, which purpose is taken into account in any enforcement action based upon this order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my signature this $20^{\text {ded }}$ day of July, A.D. 1998.


EMERGENCY ORDER FOR SUTTON COUNTY
To be filed in the office of the County Clerk of Sutton County, Texas during the next regular day of business following the date of this Order
July $\underline{\omega}, 1998$

## PROHIBITION OF OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, in accordance with provisions of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, a state of disaster has been declared based on the imminent threat of disaster from wildfire; and

WHEREAS, declaration of such disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activitie which tend to increase the likelihood of such fires;

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED that the following emergency regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Sutton County, Texas, for the duration of the above mentioned declaration;
(1) Actions prohibited:

A person violates this order if he burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning by others.
(2) Enforcement:
(a) Upon notification of suspected outdoor burning, the fire department assigned to the location of the fire shall respond to the scene and take immediate measures to contain and/or extinguish the fire
(b) As soon as possible, a duly commissioned peace officer shall be sent to the scene to investigate the nature of the fire
(c) If, in the opinion of the officer at the scene and/or the Fire Chief, the goal of the order can be attained by informing the responsible party about the prohibitions established by this order, the officer may, at his discretion, notify the party about the provisions of this order and request compliance with it. In such instances, an entry of the notification shall be made into the dispatcher's log containing the time, date and place of the warning, and the name of the person receiving the warning.
(3) At the discretion of the peace officer and/or Fire Chief, second or flagrant violations of this order may be prosecuted in accordance with the statutes and procedures governing misdemeanors.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED that this order may be enforced by an duly commissioned peace officer and that the venue for prosecution of this order will be the Justice of the Peace Court of Sutton County, Texas



1998 Sonora Girls Basketball Camps
TOT SESSION:
August(3-6) Grades K-2
9am-10:30am
$\$ 12.00$

## JUNIOR SESSION: $\operatorname{August(3-6)~Grades~3-6~} 9 \mathrm{am}-12: 00 \mathrm{pm} \quad \$ 30.00$

REGULAR SESSION: August(3-6) Grades7-9 $1 \mathrm{pm}-4 \mathrm{pm} \quad \$ 30.00$ NAME AGE

ADDRESS
CITY
HOME PHONE
ZIP
WORK PHONE
GRADE NEXT FALL $\qquad$ SCHOOL
$\mathrm{S}(6-8) \quad \mathrm{M}(10-12) \quad \mathrm{L}(14-16)$
CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE $\quad$ S M L XL (ADULT SIZES)

## ASSUMPTION OF RISK/RELEASE OF LIABILITY

It is under
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Hunter's Safety Camp continued from page 1

Division taught the willdife man- of Brady, Joshua Smith of Ceder agement. Also assisting were Jim Ross, Marvin Shurley, Jim Stephen, Preston
Talley.
Maria, the McPherson secretary or should I say "General Maria") again did a great job cooking. lbs. of brisket, 24 chicken Ibs. of brisket, 24 chicken breasts,
potato salad, beans, and cake for dessert. When those boys finished there was enough brisket for one sandwich and two little pieces of chicken, I'm glad I don't hat
feed that bunch year round! feed that bunch year round! Teally good, for boys. The were attending camp included: Travis Lively, Dillon Greer, Alla Dykstea, Seth Taylor of Eldorado, Brady Sullivan of Midland, Jonathan San Angelo, Ben Smith of Boerne, James Ross of Lohn, Colby Dobbs

## Plateau Wireless Announces Expanded Service Area

> Plateau Wireless, serving east-
New Mexico and areas of Texas and the Panhandle announced an expanded wireless phone coverage area, adding almost service territory.
> Plateau Wireless now offers customers more than 150,000 square miles of home coverage for one low
monthly rate," said Jeff Harlow, monector of Marketing. "The expanded wireless phone coverage area will be availablewith Plateau's Advantage Price Plans, that now Taos, and Gallup, New Mexico areas. The Advantage Plans are price plan options that offer significant cost savings to both individuals and businesses who travel in New Mexico, west Texas and the Texas Panhandle areas.
> coverage area, Plateau is changing its look. with a new image to reflect more closely its geographic region and service philosophy
rent quality technology and great, home town service," Harlow said. "The new look reflects a long-standing commitment to provide our customers high quality, affordable
wireless phone services. So when customers see trucks with the new Plateau Wireless logs with the new and hear our slogan: 'People you know, communications you trust,' they can be confident we're still the same company, and that they will continue to deal with local people they know and trust.
Plateau Wireless is a partnership of wireless phone providers
headquartered in Clovis, New Mexico. Partners include: Mid Plains Rural Telephone, Tulia, Texas; West Texas Rural Telephone, Hereford; South Plains Telephone,
Lubbock, Texas; ENMR-Plateau Telecommunications, Clovis; Roosevelt County Rural Telephone
Cooperative Portales. NM; and Cooperative, Portales, NM; and
Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Five Area Teleph
Muleshoe, Texas.

cussion of the Hospital District's
current financial status, motion was current financial status, motion was
made by Paul Chevalier, seconded made by Paul Chevalier, seconded
by Claire Richards, to take no action on the yard tractor at this
time. If the yard tractor currently time. If the yard tractor currently
being used breaks down before the summer is over, a management decision can be made about contracting the yard work out for the
rest of this year and a new yard tractor will be considered when the budget is presented for 1999. Motion carried.
The list of vendors used by the
Hospital and Nursing Home was Hospital and Nursing Home was requirement of Medicare. Motion was made by Virginia Epps, seconded by Claire Richards, to approve the list of vendors.
Policy and Procedures manual was Policy and Procedures manual was
presented for annual review and presented for annual review and
update. Motion was made by Claire Richards, seconded by Virginia Epps, to approve the Hospital
Medical Records Policy and Medical Records Policy and
Procedures manual. Motion carried. Procedures manual. Motion carried.
Ram Perez presented the Hospital Nursing Policy and Procedures manual for annual review and update. Mr. Perez stated that there were no policy changes
and only some changes in the forand only some changes in the for-
mat and the manual is being retyped on the word processor. Motion was made by Claire Richards, seconded by Virginia
Epps, to approve the Hospital Epps, to approve the Hospital
Nursing Policy and Procedures Nursing Poticy and
manual. Motion carried.
Virginia Epps and Lewis Allen had attended the Joint Conference Committee meeting on June 24, 1998 and Mrs. Epps reported to the Board of Directors
cussed at the meeting.
Ram Perez gave

Ram Perez gave the quarterly Hospital Quality Assurance Committee report. One of the items discussed in the Quality Assurance Committee meeting was the forma-
tion of a nursing peer review tion of a nursing peer review com-
mittee. receivable write-offs in the amount of $\$ 41,570.30$ was presented. These able or are deceased. Motion wail made by Paul Chevalier, seconded
by Claire by Claire Richards, to approve the write-off list. Motionts receivable Knight also reported that due to the ness-over of employees in the busipassed since bad debts have been charged off in the hospital. This is in the process of being done and the list of charge-offs will be sent to the
Directors for review before the August board meeting.
Ray Smith reported that the
finance committee has met twice finance committee has met twice
and the next meeting will be Thursday evening. Mr. Smith feels
like a lot of good data has been comlike a lot of good data has been com-
piled. The committee is working on piled. The committee is working on
a formula to be put in place and once the formula is in place, it will work from year to year. The final commit-
tee report will be a budget item for tee report will be a budget item for
consideration and not a separate recconsideration and not a separa
ommendation to the board.
Williams, Anne Belardo gave the nursing home report. The average daily census was thirty residents. the
infection report was given The infection report was given. The
T.I.L.E nurse was in the facility in T.IL.E nurse was in the facility in
June. She audited charts and found June. She audited charts and found
errors which placed the facility on monitoring for sixty days, which means that the facility will not be able to transmit 3652 's to HCFA dur-
ing this time. Copies of charts with ing this time. Copies of charts with
documentation of the residents' condocumentation of the residents' con-
dition must be mailed in with the 3652, which will be time consuming Anne Belardo, RN, ADON, has
resigned effective July 24th Mrs. resigned effective July 24th. Mrs.
Belardo will be retiring and returnBelardo will be retiring and return-
ing to her home in Alpine. Diane ing to her home in Alpine. Diane
Clarkson will replace Mrs. Belardo. The facility still needs CNA's. Mrs. Belardo is in the process of investigating alleged verbal abuse and
rough treatment of a resident by The Board then went into
Executive Executive Session under article \#6252-17 (VATS), as amended by
Citation \#496. Purpose of said ses-sion- Personnel/contracts-under
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Children of the Corn \#5

The Board reconvened into
en session. Mr. Smith advised open session. Mr. Smith advised
that the Directors had reviewed the that the Directors had reviewed the
nursing home consultants report and had also listened to an employee's concern. Motion was made by Paul Chevalier, seconded by Claire
Richards, to direct Mr. Hendrus to Richards, to direct Mr. Hendrus to
investigate the allegation made investigate the allegation made by
the employee, Carolyn Braly, and take any appropriate action that he feels is necessary and inform the board of the results of the investigaKathy Knight gave the financial Keport for May, 1998. The hospital had a loss of $\$ 86,041.88$, which is $\$ 28,000$ over budget for May and $\$ 19,000$ over budget for the year. The operating revenue was
$\$ 87,253.29$. For the first five $\$ 87,253.29$. For the first five
months of 1998 , the operating revmonths of 1998 , the operating rev-
enue is $\$ 110,000$ over budget, which is probably due to physical therapy. Physical therapy was not budgeted for 1998 because it was
implemented implemented after the budget was
approved. Expenses were $\$ 32,000$ approved. Expenses were $\$ 32,000$
over budget for May and for the first five months of 1998, expenses were $\$ 129,000$ over budget, $\$ 89,000$ of this is for the expenses of physical
therapy. The nursing home had therapy. The nursing home had a
loss of $\$ 42,000$, which is $\$ 16,140$ oss of $\$ 42,000$, which is $\$ 16,140$
under budget, due to the being $\$ 82,000$ over what had been included in the the Directors for packets mailed to One letter conce their information. Board Members in Austin if the Directors are interested in attending at their own expense. The other letter is from TCDRS, regarding a life insurance program for employees and the Hospital District agreed to participate in this program a couple of years after going into re retirement system. There was a
report from Dr. Calderon for June and he is still collecting more than his guarantee, which means that the Hospital District has not had to supplement him for the past several
months. After expenditures, motion was made by Claire Richards, seconded by Virginia Epps, to approve the June
expenditures and direct expenditures and direct Mr.
Hendrus that all optional expendiHendrus that all optional expenditures be curtailed for
1998. Motion carried.
There were no visitor comments. There were no Board member comments. There being no furher business, motion was made by
Virginia Epps, seconded by Claire Virginia Epps, seconded by Claire
Richards, to adjourn. Motion car-


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## A Warning Call - Part V

sman Henry Bonilla Between June and August of launched to seize the entir Korean peninsula, threaten Japan and dominate Asia America and its allied military forces were in retreat and suffer ing heavy losses to the advancing communists. Our first forces on the ground arrived on the first of July with 16,000 soldiers. By
July 22 nd only 8,660 men were July 22 nd only 8,660 men were
left. The communist North Koreans had succeeded in confining our troops to an area less than 100 by 60 miles.
Who could imagine that the
U.S. would suffer such a loss U.S. would suffer such a loss
just five short years after we just five short years after we
won World War II. This was the very same military which had destroyed Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan. It was the greatest military force ever assembled weapons.
But in the five years before But in the five years before
Korea the Army reduced its tank Korea the Army reduced its tank
force by 77 percent. The Navy's - number of commissioned ships over 600 . These numbers don't tell us of the spare parts shortages which crippled our military. Now to the present. Since Desert Storm our Air Force has
shrunk form 24 to 13 fighter wings, our Navy from 546 to 346 ships and our Army from 18 to just 10 divisions. Much of our equipment is increasingly in disrepair. Our personnel are being - stretched to the limit. Their them as ill prepared in wartime as those first green troops thrown into the hellhole of Korea. We have a responsibility to future generations of Americans independence. We have a responsibility to our men and women in uniform not to put their lives at unnecessary risk. History has demonstrated the
dangers of our present course dangers of our present course.
The world has dramatically changed from just 10 years ago. But our foreign policy has not kept pace with the changing world. In order to continue to ensure on safety, we must have a areign policy that prepares the No one knows what will happen down the road. It is the responsibility of the U.S. government
to foresee future potential to foresee future petential - United States.

We have a tendency to think that threats are just single nations. They are not. We have to be prepared for unexpected potential alliances - alliances our position in the world. We must be prepared on all fronts. Our future depends on our long term foreign policy iniatives. Our foreign policy must prepare - just react to them. We need to get out of our old mind set. Our
feeble policies in Somalia, Iraq,
In Iran and Bosnia hurt our status

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Philosophers have said Philosophers have said that
those who fail to remember the those who fail to remember the
lessons of history are doomed to repeat it. It wold be truly tragic if we forgot the lessons paid for with the blood of our country-
men. men.
Lake Amistad

## News

The National Park Service is closing the Rough Canyon fish cleaning station until the end of July for major improvements and renovations. Amistad National Recreation minimal inconvenience. possible. Fishing Tournament."
Record low lake

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ramp, limiting the number of percent stock cows and pairs, 5 per launchings at one time. By widening cent yearlings.
the ramp another thirty feet, the
National Park Service estimates at
least one more boat launching lane
will be added. Funds to improve the ramp are coming from the recently instituted boat use fee on Lake
Amistad. Sontag noted, "Lake Amistad boaters are now seeing another important project completed by their recreation use fee." Low lake levels have limited access to some park facilities, such

Area Superintendent William Sontag announced that a portion of
the funds for these renovations the funds for these renovations
"come from our recent Recreation Fee Program. Boaters who visit Lake Amistad are contributing directly to park improvements." The fish cleaning station will be modified to improve drainage; heavy use has caused system back-
ups. While it is closed for ups. While it is closed for these
improvements, the National Park Service will renovate and repaint the entire station so anglers will have

Superintendent Sontag says the park maintenance crew is working
closely with the contractor to insure che facility's reopening as soon as

A similar project was recently
pleted at the Diablo East fish completed at the Diablo East fish
cleaning station. Boat use fee money cleaning station. Boat use fee moter
was also used for this project. was also used for this project.
National
Park National Park
Superintendent William Sorvice
announced announced Amistad National Recreation Area will be taking advantage of the low lake levels "to
widen and lengthen the boat ramp at widen and lengthen the boat ramp at Diablo East so boat launching will
be easier, faster and safer. We're trying to complete this project by the
second weekend in second weekend in August for the
Travis Texas Open Team Bass Travis Texas Open, Team Bass xposed a narrow section of the boat as Panther Cave and the boat ramp
at Air Force Marina, but boat ramps at Diablo East and Rough Canyon remain open. "Both ramps have ample length remaining. With
releases from the dam lessening, we releases from the dam lessening, we
don't anticipate having to close any don't anticipate having to close any
more facilities at Lake Amistad" Sontag added.
For more information, call Amistad National Recreation Area at 830-775-7491, near the lake tune
to AM 1540, or visit our Web site at to AM 1540, or visit our Web site at
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7/17/98
Estimated Receipts for Today: 1400: Estimated Receipts for the calves at mondays feeder calf auccalves at mondays feeder calf auc-
tion): Last Week: 4633: Last Year: 6240: (including 3072 calves for the same period last year).

Compared with last week, feed-
steers and heifers weak to 2.00
er steers and heifers weak to 2.00 lower. Slaughter cows 1.00-3.00 lower, slaughter bulls weak to 2.00 lower. Stock cows and pairs weak to slightly lower.

Trading and demand moderate. Quality average to plain. Supply cent slaughter cows and bulls, 20

Feeder Heifers: Medium and
Feeder Heifers: Medium and
Large $1300-400 \mathrm{lb} 73.00-75.00$ : Large $1300-400 \mathrm{lb} 73.00-75.00$;
$400-500 \mathrm{lb} 67.00-73.00$, set 74.50 ; $500-700 \mathrm{lb} 63.00-69.00 ; 700-800 \mathrm{lb}$ 61.00-63.50.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb $74.00-87.00 ; 300-400 \mathrm{lb} 62.00-$ $72.00 ; 400-500$ lb $57.00-67.00 ; 500-$ $700 \mathrm{lb} 55.00-63.00 ; 700-800 \mathrm{lb}$ 52.00-59.00.

To Mexico: Breakers $75-80 \%$ | $1250-1450 \mathrm{lb}$ |  |
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| Boners $80-85 \%$ | $32.00-34.00$ |
|  |  |
| $1000-1250$ |  | Boners $\quad 80-85 \% \quad 1000-1250 \mathrm{lb}$

$31.50-34.50$

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1400-2100 lbs 41.00-45.50; lowdressing 1100-1500 lbs 37.00-42.00 Pregnancy Tested Stock Cows and Heifers: Medium 1-2 350.00450.00 per head.

Cow/Calf Pairs:
Medium and Large 1-2 cows with $100-300 \mathrm{lb}$ calves $570.00-640.00$ per pair. Medium 1-2 cows with
$100-300 \mathrm{lb}$ calves $460.00-570.00$ ${ }^{100-3}$ pair. $\qquad$
Stocker and Feeder Cows: $1100 \mathrm{lb} 41.00-48.00$; (middle age) $1000-1150 \mathrm{lb} 30.00-37.50$. Source: USDA-Texas Dept of Ag Source: US
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Burlington Res/Mid; 6,800', Mann McDonald \#51EH, Patterson Drilling Louis Dreyfus/OKC; 8,200', Mayer 15-\#6, Patterson Drilling New Louis Dreyfus/OKC; 7,950', Mayer 49-\#7, Patterson Drilling. New Byrd Operating; $6,250^{\prime}$, Hunt 36-\#6, Cleere Drilling. New Louis Dreyfus/OKC; 5,500 , WB McMillan 14-\#15, Patterson Drilling.
Conquistador Expl; 13,500', Wardlaw 52-\#1, Cleere Drilling
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High School, and we are proud to
Old Jail Museum on July 16, 1998. work they did to make ready to open have them open the history book of
hat Old Jail Museum on July 16, 1998 .
We would like to thank the Chamber We would like to thank the Chamber
Director and President of the Director and President of the
Chamber who found time in their busy schedules to come and be a part of the opening of the Historical Walking Tour. I know that the Main
Street Advisory and the Escorts are Street Advisory and the Escorts are
very happy to open up the history very happy to open up the history
book of Sonora to the visitors that come to our great community. We want them to feel right at home in Sonora.
The
work they did to make ready to open
up the Mier's Home, Old Jail up the Mier's Home, Old Jail
Museum, Cauthorn Building (train depot), and the tour of the down town Bank Vault Park. The tour will go down Main Street and to the
Sutton County Courthouse Sutton County Courthouse. So if
you have a little time to come to you have a little time to come to
take a tour you will hear the stories take a tour you will hear the stories
of the old First National Bank Vault, and how the Pocket Park got it's name. There will be lots of old pho name. There will be lots of old ph
tos and stories that will be told.

Sonora to all our visitors. We would
like to introduce Lizzie Chavez Senior at Sonora High School and a cheerleader for the Fighting
Broncos. Juan Franciso Marines Broncos. Juan Francisco Marines,
also known as Kiko, is a junior also known as Kiko, is a junior at
Sonora High School and is also Sonora High School and is also
active in the Student Council. A long time employee and working in the family business is Ruben Ynguanzo. He is a Junior at Sonora High School and very busy in many
of activities. So if you are trying to
remember where you saw Ruben, was at Rosie's Cafe.
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(AUSTIN) - In the latest edition of Fiscal Notes, Comptroller John Sharp announced that his compre-
hensive study of conditions in the hensive study of conditions in the
Texas-Mexico border region will be Texas-Mexico bo
released in July.
"If Texas were divided into two states, one formed by the border counties and the other compromis would be the 16 th largest state in the nation at 79,423 square miles," Sharp said. "It would be the 24th largest population, with 3.9 million residents, more than Oklahoma o Colorado."
The Comptroller's review team egan the study in 1977 and define


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## "They only know what

 you teach 'em."The sound of gun shots in a small Arkansas town continue to ring like a bell-a bell that tolls for four little
girls and a dedicated teacher who put herself in mortal danger to unleashed, God help us, But the bell sounds not only for the innocent dead in
Jonesboro. It also tolls for a nation that is turning its back on the moral law it once cherished-a law written on every human heart, yet unrecognized by many members of the younger generation
who have never heard about it from their elders. Are we surprised at the spectacle of children killing children?
Are we shocked to open our newspapers, turn on our TVs and look into the faces of a couple of Opie and Beaver look-alikes charged
with five counts of capital

## Are we surprised at the spectacle

 of children killing children?Angeles and was subjected to a hail of gunfire that killed their little girl. NOVEMBER 1996: A teenage girl delivered a child in a Delaware
motel, then she and her boyfriend allegedly beat the child to death, motel, then she and her boyffiend dllegegdly beat the child to death,
placed it in a plastic bag and dropped it in a dumpster.2 JUNE 1997 bathroom stall at her high school prom. She dropped the baby in
the trash, then returned to the dance floor, where she asked the band to the "The Us, where she asked the

OCTOBER 1997: allegedly slayed his mother, then went to school and shot nine ning two, including his former girlfriend.t
DECEMBER 1997: A young boy opened fire on a prayer meeting
at Heath High School in West Paducah, Kentucky, killing three and at Heath High School in West Pa
wounding five of his classmates.




 founding fathers meant when they warned that only a virtuous people
could remain free. If that statement is accurate, and history has consis tently validated it, then we are living in the twilight of our liberty. As always when a culture begins to unravel, it is the
youngest members who are most wounded and disturbed. nor by hardened thugs, but by lost children
SEPTEMBER 1995: A family made a wrong turn down a street in Lo


DECEMBER 1997: A 14-year-old boy in Stamps, Arkansas, alle
gedly fired sniper rounds outside his school, wounding two students. MARCH 1998: In Dallas, Texas, four teenagers claiming to be vampires went on a drug-crazed destruction spree, vandalizing down the office and fellowship hall of Bethany Lutheran Church.

APRIL 1998: In Yonkers, New York, a 15 -year-old girl, upse that her teacher called her parents about her poor academic per teacher suffered multiple skull fractures. ${ }^{\circ}$
APRIL 1998: In
searches for weapon an 8 -year-old boy allegedly pointed a gun at a female classmate who APRIL 1998:
arrested on charges of drugging an 11 -year-old girl and raping The teens allegedly raped her in parking lot, and then drov her again for several hours. The police said that the girl was so
drugged that she could not fend off their attack. Assistant District Attorney Bob Lee said, "They took the child and dis about every-

This chronicle of children who have committed horrible crimes is
symptomatic of a culture in chaos. John Hazlewood, whose 14-yearsymptomatic of a culture in chaose Jobn Hazlewood, whose 14 -year-
old son Brandon attends the Westside Middle School in Jonesboro, old son Brandon attends the Westside Middle School in Jonesboro
Arkansas said it best "This is not the kids' Arkansas, said it best: "'This is not the kids' problem, it's the way
we're raising them today. They only know what you teach 'em."11 Where did we go wrong? At least some of the answers can be found in the radical notions that have emerged in the last 30 years.
Judges, with the acquiescence of our legislators, have made it illegal for

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gratification. The "entertainment" industry glorifies violence and sevual exploitation, while pop music pays tribute to the killing of police and
the raping of women. And the list goes on. How much carnage must he raping of women. And the list goos on. How much carnage must
we witness at our feet before we will raise our eyes to Heaven? The American people $k$ now w we are in a moral crisis. According to
poll conducted by Luntz Research 80 percent believe immoralit a poll conducted by Luntz Research, 80 percent believe immorality is
our greatest problem as a nation.2
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don't seem to comour greatest problem as a nation. ${ }^{12}$ But our leaders don't seem to com-
prehend what is happening. It's time we all pulled togetherprehend what is happening. Ir's time we all pulled together-
Amerians of eery politacl larty and religious faith-to recover a
sense of what God wants us to do for our nation. sense of what God wants us to do for our nation.
Let's begin by giving priority to our children
$\qquad$ Now it's open season for even the youngest among us. Let's put the
welfare of our boys and girls ahead of our own convenience and teach welfare of our boys and girls ahead of our own convenience and teach
them the difference between right and wrong. They need to hear that
God is the author of their rights and liberties God is the author of their rights and liberties. Let's teach them that $H e$
loves them and holds them to a high level of moral accountability Let's do everything in our power to reverse the blight of violence
and lust that has become so pervasive across this land. Let's demand that the entertainment moguls stop producing moral pollutants. Lets recapture from the courts that system of self-rule that traditionally
allowed Americans to debate their deepest differences openly and allowed Americans to debate their deepest differences openly and
reach workable solutions sogether Radical individualism is destroying
us! The creed that proclaims, "If it feels good, do it!" has filled too us! The creed that proclaims, "If it feels good, do it!" has filled too many hospitals with drug overdosed teenagers, too many prison cells
with fatherless youth, too many caskets with slain young people and Let's vow together today to set for our children the highest tassible, from evil and death. America can't be perfect, but it can be better-much better. To. surrender to evil is to yield to the
despair that leads to death. We must be bold enough to draw a line in the sand. We may have to endure some name-calling, arassment and lawsuits for it, but as the good people of
onesboro know, that isn't the worst thing that can happen. On May 7, America observed what the Congress of the United States has designated as the National Day of Prayer. That emphasis we ask the Father to intervene on our behalf. We must also pledge ourselves anew to the principles that have made this nation great: ourselves anew to the principles that have made this nation great:
hard work, sexual restraint, a commitment to family, a rejection of
violence and reliance upon the hand of Divine Providence. ingly difficult-and dangerous-for students to pray together on
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counties south of Interstate 10 and eThe Interstate 3 The Border would be a family workforce," Sharp said. "It would
write sta have one of the nation's highest rates f employment growth in recen years, and at the same time, the highIn January 1998, McAllen Edinburg-Mission reported a percent jobless rate. Despite this the region overall has recorded relaively strong employment growth in rowth years, with 2.9 percen growth per year, exceeding the 2.6
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youngest state after Utah, with almost 36 percent of the region's residents under 20 years old.
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home," Sharp said. "That's double home," Sharp said. "That's double leading state." "The institution of marriage
ppears healthier in the Borde region than in most states, with ma ed couples accounting for 60 pe "The divorce rate in the Borde region was 3.6 per 1,000 population in 1996, which is relatively low, especially compared to the rate in
Nonborder Texas, which was 5.4 per onborder Texas, which was 5.4 per ,000 population that same year,'
Events of the past few years uch as NAFTA, concerted efforts to affic, and the Legislature's Sout Texas Initiative to funnel more stat aid to the region's higher education changes for the Border.
In view of these and othe changes, Sharp said the time is ripe o take stock of the Border region' strengths and weaknesses and i
prospects for future improvement. prospects for future improvement.
"The study, which I will releas July, contains recommendations for state and federal action that can
bring the Border region line with the test of exas in terms of econonmic development, education, medic Sharp's Fiscal Note ished monthly by the Comptroller' Research Division. It is available by writing P.O. Box 13528, Austin Texas $78711-3528$, or by calling toll free 1-800-531-5441, extension
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