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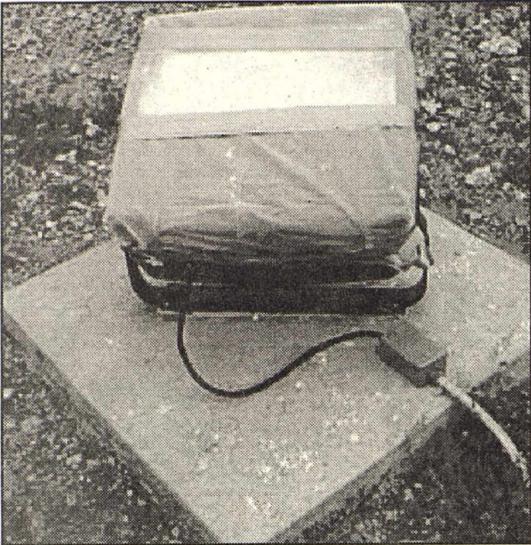
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## Back In The Dark



by Storie Sharp

The lights are out again on Eaton Hill. Yep, not two weeks after the missing bulbs were found, the flag is back in the dark. This time the culprits aren't from out of town and the bulbs weren't taken, they were broken with flying rocks.

At approximately 8:00 a.m. on Monday morning the Sutton County Sheriff's office received a report that one of the lights on Eaton Hill had been broken out. It appeared that someone had thrown rocks at it until it busted.

Later that same day, at approximately 6:00 p.m. the Sheriff's Department received a report of minor boys throwing rocks on the hill. Deputy Jody Harris responded to the call. By the time Deputy Harris arrived at the flag site the children were gone, and two more lights had been broken with what appeared to have been rocks.

Coincidentally, about the same time that the call came in to the Sheriff's Office, two locals spotted the juveniles emerging from Eaton Hill with one of the painted rocks that mark the trails, in their hand. The witnesses stopped the juveniles and began questioning them regarding the stolen item in their possession. Deputy Harris was contacted and the suspects were taken in for questioning.

The juveniles were taken before the County Judge and further investigation led to the confession of not only the theft, but also of breaking two of the lights. It appears that the culprit from the earlier incident had gone to school bragging about his vandalism, thus giving the idea to the minors in question. The suspects were turned over to the Juvenile Probation Department for prosecution.

Deputy Harris reported that over \$500 in damage had been done.

## Council Commends Chief House For Twenty Years of Service



The City Council presented Chief of Police Mike House with a certificate of appreciation for 20 years of service at the March 18th regular meeting.

Present for the meeting was Mayor James Stephen, Council members Vivian Mears, Gloria Lopez, and Virgil Polocsek. Council member James Blackman attended the portion after 5:00 p.m. Others present for the meeting were Beth Wallace, City Attorney, Brent Gesch, City Manager

Becky Covington, City Secretary, Tony Lane, Justin McGeath, Harold Martinez, Don Sessom, Ann Kay, Ruthie Bounds, Pastor Lewis Allen, Kirk Joy, Storie Sharp, Juanita Mesa, James Renfro, Chief House and Debbie House.

Mayor Stephen opened a

When asked what can be done to prevent these reoccurring problems, Deputy Harris reported that a Sonora Boy Scout is currently working on an Eagle Scout project that consists of building protective cages, with small wire, around the lights. The cages will be bolted down and locked.

It was bad enough that someone from out of town went up there and took what was ours. That person didn't know how hard many volunteers have worked to put that flag and those lights up there. But to have local residents tearing them up is beyond belief.

What possessed these juveniles to climb up there and destroy property? Was it boredom? Was it just meanness?

Who knows, maybe they don't understand how hard members of this community have worked to make Eaton Hill a place that Sonora can be proud of. Maybe they aren't aware of the amount of hard earned money that local people donated to make that flag a reality and have it lit for all passers-by to see. Did they forget how special it was to have a New York Fireman that worked at the World Trade Center on September 11th come down and break the ground for our flag? Are they not aware of what that American Flag means to men and women of this community, as well as travelers on the Interstate? I'm sure they don't know about the people who work daily on improving that Wildlife Sanctuary so that visitors and residents alike will have a place to walk, enjoy nature, spend time with family and friends and learn about plants, animals, birds and insects from our area.

Sonora has something to be proud of, and it's up to all of us to take care of it.

public hearing to hear comments on expending 4B sales tax for the following economic development projects: A. Consider expending \$25,000.00 of 4B sales tax for Hudspeth Hospital expansion project. B. Consider expending \$12,000.00 of 4B sales tax for B&H Catering expansion project.

No comments were heard, therefore, Mayor Stephen closed the public hearing and announced that after the public hearing 60 days have to pass before 4B sales tax can be expended.

Three planning and zoning cases were approved including: a special permit for Preston Joy and Kirk Joy to operate a meat and deer processing plant in a

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## City of Sonora Plans For Spring Clean-Up

The City of Sonora has designated Spring Clean-up on Saturday, April 12 and Saturday, April 26 to allow customers to discard items otherwise difficult to dispose of in regular refuse service. Customers may deliver material to the Trash Collection Site located at the end of South 1st Street, Sinaloa (old Landfill site). Industrial containers will be available for customers to dispose of their trash. Do not dump any trash on the ground.

Fees will be WAIVED for three (3) trips to the trash collections site, for customers who

pay a monthly trash collection bill to the City of Sonora. Customers who make more than three (3) trips or do not pay a monthly trash collection fee will be charged the following: A minimum of \$5.00 - Over 100 pounds - .05¢ a pound. Identification is required.

Items that will not be accepted are: Oil filters, Lead Acid Batteries, Petroleum products and by-products, Explosive Materials, Automotive Materials, Medical Waste, Liquid Waste, Appliances that have not had freon removed.

## Planter Box Welcomes All To Sonora



On Thursday, March 20, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at the intersection of HWY 277 and Crockett Ave. a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the new "Welcome to Sonora" Wall and Planter Box.

After an opening prayer offered by Father William DuBuisson, Mayor Jim Stephen welcomed everyone to the ceremony and thanked all that helped make the new welcome sign available. Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street Program Board President Joy Galbreath recognized honored guests that were on hand for the event. Among those recognized were Representatives from TxDOT, District Engineer Walter McCullough, Area Engineer Hilario Rodarte, Landscape Engineer John Shinn, Patsy Rainwater-Maddox, Sally Gonzales and Romero V. Perez, Jr. Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street Program Board members present were Joy Galbreath, Bruce Kerbow, Tabitha Sanchez-Abrego, Smith Neal, Roy Jean Johnson and manager, Ann Kay. Tryon, Cindy and Sean Fields and Arturo "Square" and Brenda Sanchez were recognized for their generous donations of the rock that made the planter box. Others that were present that assisted in many different ways were Jimmy and Ruthie Cahill, Tommy and Barbara Newkirk, Armando and Socorro Avila, Armando Avila Jr, Cynthia Avila Nicar, AEP WTU representative Fred Hernandez, City Council Members Vivian Mears and Gloria Lopez, Wanda Neville, and Ruthie Bounds. Many other supportive citizens were on hand to show their appreciation and be a part of the special ceremony.

Tabitha Sanchez-Abrego read the following resolution as presented to the State Legislature by State Representative Harvey Hildebran:

**The State of Texas**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, March 20, 2003, marks the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the "Welcome to Sonora" wall and planter box that has recently been added to the landscape of this popular tourist destination; and

WHEREAS, The Friends of Historic Sonora Board of Directors and Paul Chevalier, an engineer formerly employed with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), launched this project about three years ago after TXDOT had completed a landscape beautification effort incorporating oak trees, bridge work, and new sidewalks leading into Sonora; and

WHEREAS, Many individuals and businesses shared their expertise and resources to bring this civic undertaking to fruition; the beautiful rock for the project came from the Tryon and Cindy Fields Ranch, which donated it in memory of Herbert and Lois Fields, and from the Arturo "Square" and Brenda Sanchez Ranch; the cost of the endeavor was shared by the Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street Program and by TXDOT; and

WHEREAS, Located at the intersection of US Highway 277 and Crockett Avenue, this impressive installation reflects the proud Texas spirit of the community's residents and signals to all who pass this way the boundless hospitality and charm of the town that erected it; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That all those associated with the Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street Program and with TXDOT and all the citizens of Sonora be congratulated on the occasion of the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the "Welcome to Sonora" wall and planter box, and that they be extended sincere best wishes for a truly memorable event.

Harvey Hildebran  
State Representative  
District 53

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## Hospital Board Approves Expansion Plan Changes For Medical Center

The Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, held their regular meeting on Monday, March 10, 2003, in the Annex at the Hospital. The following Directors were present: Lewis Allen, President, Sherrill Dannheim, Vice-President, Virginia Epps, Mike Healy, Maria Carrasco, and Lenora

Pool. Also present were Keith Butler, Administrator, Ben Epps, Manuel Parades, Boy Scout, Carolyn Lara and Kathy Knight, Board Secretary.

After the meeting was called to order by Mr. Allen, a motion was made to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 10, 2003, as written. Motion carried.

## Rabies Threat Increases In Sonora - Be Informed

Chief of Police Mike House and the Sonora Police Department want to remind everyone of the threat of Rabies. There have been six (6) confirmed cases of Rabies in Sonora in the last two weeks.

If you come in contact with a sick animal, cat, dog, coyote, fox, skunk, bat or raccoon, Do NOT Handle! Keep Away. Call your local Sheriff or Police Department and ask to have the Animal Control Officer to come to your location. If she is not available have an officer come check or pick-up the sick animal.

Aggressiveness in a normally friendly pet or withdrawal in a normally aggressive pet may be a sign of rabies. Rabies should also be considered when any unexplained paralysis or change in behavior occurs.

A wild animal that approaches a human or is usually a nocturnal animal (such as a bat, skunk, raccoon, bobcat or fox) which is seen in the day should be considered rabid.

Your household pets should have current Rabies Vaccinations. If they are exposed to a sick animal, have your pet given a booster or contact your local veterinary for information.

Advise your children not to pick up stray animals of any kind. Have the child report to a parent or guardian if a stray animal is in your neighborhood or school. Children should be advised not to make contact with strange pets unless supervised by a parent or guardian. Remind them also to not make contact with friendly animals of any kind at anytime.

Check your yard when children are out playing; make them aware not to make contact with other pets or animals not under your parent or guardian's control.

Rabies can be transmitted without a bite when saliva or brain tissue (including cerebrospinal fluid) from an animal comes in contact with the skin or mucous membrane of a person. Broken skin is defined as skin that has bled or had serious discharge within 24 hours prior to the exposure. The risk from non-bite is very small.

All warm-blooded animals

can transmit rabies. In Texas, the high-risk species include coyotes, foxes, skunks, bats, and raccoons. In addition, carnivorous mammals, such as bobcats, should be considered higher risks for transmitting rabies than other mammals. Intermediate risk animals include domestic cats and dogs, and most other mammals. Low risk animals include lagomorphs (rabbits and hares), rodents, opossums, and armadillos.

Although occasional vaccine failures occur, rabies vaccines administered to pets and livestock are very effective. No approved rabies vaccine for wild animals or hybrids of domestic animals with wild animals is available to veterinary medicine at this time.

Dogs, cats, and ferrets should be considered not currently vaccinated if documentation of vaccination with in the previous 12 months is not available or if the initial immunization was given less than 30 days previously.

If the animal is available, a 10 day observation period for dogs, cats or ferrets that bite a human is appropriate unless the local epidemiology or the immunization status and clinical/behavioral picture of the animal is suggestive of rabies, in which case it should be humanely killed and tested for rabies and the exposed person begun on PEP immediately. If a dog, cat or ferret was capable of transmitting rabies at the time of the biting incident, it will inevitably develop signs of rabies within a few days and die within 10 days.

If the animal is not available for observation or testing, the decision making process for testing is more difficult. You have to depend more on behavioral and epidemiologic considerations: In general, bites by dogs, cats, or ferrets that are not available for observations and by high-risk animals that are not available for testing should be considered rabies exposures anywhere in the state.

If you have any other questions, contact your local Animal Control Officer, your local Veterinarian, or local Law Enforcement Agency at 387-3888.

## School Board Makes Staff Adjustments

submitted

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora I.S.D. met for a regular meeting on Monday, March 17, 2003. Board members present were Tryon Fields, President, Jesse Bustamante, Tammy Favila, Sam David Hernandez, Scott Jacoby, Barbara Jennings, and Tom Payton. Also present were: Brant Myers, Superintendent, Doug Bawcom, John Berry, Alice Cox, Candy Davis, Louise Dermody, Diane Jacoby, Cynthia Keel, Jeff Dallenback, Donna Hill, Mike McGee, Reuben Pinkson, and John Williams.

The meeting was called to order by President Tryon Fields, who announced that a quorum was present.

In the absence of the Chief Appraiser, the Superintendent reviewed the monthly report and stated that collections were going well. Myers then reviewed current bills in the amount of \$839,989.27, commenting that \$798,288.40 of that total represented the first installment on the bond payment. He then reviewed the Quarterly Cafeteria Report and stated that the report reflected a profit for the quarter.

Business Manager, Diane

Jacoby, reviewed the information contained in the Quarterly Investment Report, commenting that current low interest rate was not advantageous to the district's investments.

Elementary Principal, Louise Dermody, and Middle School Principal John Berry gave information regarding the 20 days of summer school which will be held for students in grades 3-8. Additionally, Mrs. Dermody stated that since summer school will be required for students who fail any portion of the TAKS Test, the district may have to look at providing transportation for these students during the summer session.

A motion was made by Jacoby, seconded by Favila, to approve the minutes of February 10, 2003 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

John Williams and Reuben Pinkson of Pfluger and Associates and Jeff Dallenback and Mike McGee of T. M. Davis Construction gave a lengthy report regarding the progress of the renovation project. It was agreed that the 90% meeting be held on Wednesday, April 2 at 10 a.m. in the Pfluger offices. Mr. Williams stated that he

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being "dried in" and all rough utility construction completed. Butler advised the Mr. Henry Schmidt, Architect, had been here last week and inspected the Medical Clinic. Schmidt has presented the architectural contract for review and approval. Butler stated that he had an

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## Sonora Church Directory

**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Antonio F. Gonzales, Sr.  
504 Santa Clara  
387-2035

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

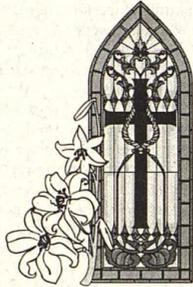
**LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Don Longoria, Pastor  
707 Glasscock  
387-5886

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

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

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

**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Mike Dixon  
1306 Savell St.  
387-5215



**Kerbow Funeral Home**  
387-2266

## Dining Out Directory

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

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

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

**Stagecoach BBQ & Catering**  
109 W. Main  
387-0623

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

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

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## Obituary

### Mary D Levermann

Mary D Levermann, 75, of San Antonio, Texas passed away Saturday, March 15, 2003. She was born Sept. 9, 1927 in Rocksprings, Texas.

Survivors are her daughter, Anna Kelsey and her husband Chet of Las Vegas, Nevada; son, Larry Levermann and his wife Cathy of New Braunfels, Texas; sister, Doris Brown Morriss and her husband Tommy of Sonora, Texas; grandchildren, Ryan Kelsey and Lora Kelsey, both of Las Vegas, Nevada and Nicole Levermann of New Braunfels, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter J. Levermann on March 3, 1990.

Mrs. Levermann taught in the public school system for 40 years and retired from the SFDRCSID in Del Rio, Texas.

Graveside services were at

11 a.m. Wednesday at Westlawn Cemetery with Gerald L. Prather, USAF Maj. Gen. (Ret.), pastoral care specialist, officiating.

Memorial services were at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 20, 2003 at The Episcopal Church of Reconciliation, 8900 Starcrest Drive, San Antonio, Texas.

In lieu of usual remembrances, donations may be made to The Episcopal Church of Reconciliation, 8900 Starcrest Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78217; St. James Episcopal Church or St. James Episcopal School, 206 W. Greenwood St., Del Rio, Texas 78840.

Funeral arrangements were with G.W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home, 114 Fletcher Drive, Del Rio, Texas 78840.

### Kenneth Doyle Sr.

The Rev. Kenneth Ray Doyle Sr., 68, a native of Vernon, Texas and resident of Raceland, died at 6:15 p.m. February 3, 2003.

Religious services were held at the First United Pentecostal Church with burial following at St. Mary's Cemetery in Raceland.

He is survived by his wife, the Rev. Rebecca J. Doyle; son, Kenneth R. Doyle, Jr.; daughter, Becky L. Lamey; brothers, Glenn and Benjamin Doyle; sis-

ters, Shirley Sims, Olga and Billie Hall; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Hattie Belle Minchey Doyle; and sisters, Lucille Hall, Helen McCan, Dorothy Duke, Nancy McCalley, Thelma Dorthery and Linda Shivers.

He was a pastor of First United Pentecostal Church.

Falgout Funeral Home of Raceland was in charge of arrangements.

## Record Breaking Sales



The Sonora Lions' Club held their annual Broom & Mop Sale on Tuesday, March 18, 2003. Frank Wamble, 2nd Vice President, was the organizer of this annual event. The Lions' raised over \$5,000. The West Side Lions' Club assisted in this project. The joint effort of these Lions' has helped many children and those less fortunate for many years. Thank you Sonora!

## Sonora "Stars" Enjoy Academy Award Winning Evening



Local paparazzi surprised Lara Flynn Boyle (a.k.a. Gail Cade) as she made her red carpet appearance at an Academy Award Bridge Party at the home of Linda Johnson. At the party, Joan Cusenbary received the statue for "Best Dressed" and Gail Cade was voted "Worst Dressed".

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It was then time for the ribbon to be cut. Honors were awarded to Arturo "Square" Sanchez, contractor for the project. All guest were then invited to The Bank & Trust Community Room for a reception.

There is no way to thank everyone that has been involved in the realization of this project. The Friends of Historic Sonora/Main Street, Inc. would like to offer their special thanks to The Bank & Trust, Vivian Mears, Jimmy Cahill, Nancy Davis, Johnny Solis, Carlos Gallegos, KLST TV, KHOS Radio, Jo Davis and all the others who helped make this dream come true. Three years and a lot of hard work has gone into this project and we hope that the citizens of Sonora and visitors alike will enjoy it for many, many years to come.

## Happy Birthday

- March 27 - Tara Green, Mike Foulds, Craig Hopper
- March 28 - Juan Garza, Rita Acevedo, Larua Sanchez, Robert Hard, Gene Hunt
- March 29 - Laticia Parker, Claire Healy, Weldon Champion
- March 30 - Lesa Galindo, Roy Luna, Andrew Heap
- March 31 - Kelsey Favila, Ryan Hill, Darien Lopez, Anna Garza, Michael Sanchez, Shelly Hughes, Simon Murillo, Lizetter Lira
- April 1 - John Stergon, Tommy Arnwine, Daisy Lira, Michael Stephens
- April 2 - Janalyn Jones, Bianca Aboud

## Senior Center News

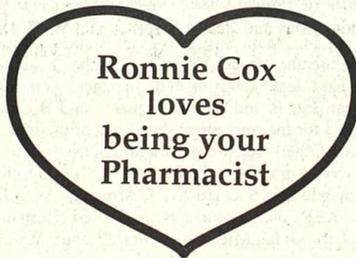
Mar. 31 - Bingo,

### Senior Menu

- Mar. 31 - Hamburger patty with cheese, potato salad, tomato, lettuce, onion, bun, chocolate pudding.
- Apr. 1 - Oven fried chicken, potato wedges, zucchini squash, wheat bread, lemon squares, milk.
- Apr. 2 - Pork chop with gravy, diced potatoes, carrots, tossed salad, wheat rolls, peach cobbler.
- Apr. 3 - Catfish, corn/tomato casserole, spinach, cornbread, jello with fruit, milk.
- Apr. 4 - Beef & cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, coleslaw, tortillas, fruit salad, milk.

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

\*Menu is subject to change.\*



Ronnie Cox  
loves  
being your  
Pharmacist

### School Lunch Menu • Mar. 31 - Apr. 4, 2003

#### Breakfast

- Mon. - Student Holiday.
- Tues. - Waffles, syrup, orange juice.
- Wed. - Cheese toast, fruit.
- Thurs. - Ham & egg burrito, apple juice.
- Fri. - Cinnamon roll, orange juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

#### Lunch

- Mon. - Student Holiday.
- Tues. - Baked ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, pudding.
- Wed. - Beef and cheese nachos, tossed salad, jello with fruit, cornbread.
- Thurs. - Chili cheese dog, pork and beans, fresh fruit, peanut butter cookie.
- Fri. - Grilled cheese, tator tots, peach cup, orange sherbert.

## Community

- Mar. 29  
5th Annual Benefit Dance for  
Sentena/ Garza Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Civic Center • 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
- Mar. 31  
SISD School Holiday

### The Community Calendar



## Calendar

- Apr. 2  
Lenten Luncheon hosted by  
First United Methodist Church  
12:00 Noon
- Apr. 14  
County Commissioners Meeting  
9:00 a.m. • Sutton County Annex

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Email us at editor@sonoratr.net

### Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer,  
Secretary  
Sutton County Historical  
Society

**Q.** Do you have any information on the death of Sallie Pandolfo?

**A.** Devil's River News, Saturday, April 15, 1899-Died in Sonora, Tex., April 11, 1899, Sallie E. wife of S. C. Pandolfo aged 18 years. Interment was had at the Sonora Cemetery Wednesday morning, Rev. A. R. Watson of the Baptist church officiating. Deceased was the daughter of Capt. N. E. Phillips of Mineola, Tex., but was married in 1897 to Prof. Pandolfo at Lindale where the family then resided. Her illness was of short duration and her death was the result of a relapse of a siege of the measles. Deceased leaves a son and husband to mourn her loss.

In checking the cemetery records we could not locate the grave of a Sallie Pandolfo. We will add her name to the list of missing graves and hope someone some day might know where her grave is located.

**Q.** Where was the Sonora Sanitarium?

**A.** It was located in a large house behind the Sutton County Courthouse and run by Dr. Taylor. We found the following advertisement: The Sonora Sanitarium is conducted for the benefit and comfort of the people of Sutton and surrounding counties who are in need of medical attention. Special arrangements made for ladies coming here for treatment or confinement. Mrs. Stephenson will give such patients personal attention. For special arrangement call upon Dr. A. L. Taylor, Office at the Sanitarium, Office Hours 8 - 10 AM and 4 - 6 PM.

**Q.** Do you have anything on the San Saba flood in 1899?

**A.** Devil's River News, Saturday, June 17, 1899-The flood disaster at San Saba as told by the San Saba News was very extensive. "The saddest part of the story so far learned is the Wells family's misfortune. Mr. Wells lived in a box house about 100 yards north from the north end of the bridge at the Beveridge crossing, two miles from town on the Wiley Williams farm. As the river rose he took his boat to the house. About 8 o'clock when the water got up over the beds, and the house began to crack and break,

the Wells family got in the boat to go to a china tree nearby. No sooner had they started than a wave washed the boat against an elm and capsized it. Mr. Wells caught his wife and after a hard struggle got her to a tree. The three daughters caught at once to mesquite bushes. The house went to pieces and a large piece of the timber was swept over Miss Nola the eldest of the three and carried her to her death. The drift also swept the other two girls away. Miss Ida the elder being washed 75 yards caught to a bush and held to it all night. Julia the younger, aged 11 years had not been found at noon on Friday. B. W. Bailey and Oscar Biggs found the body of Miss Nola about 2 o'clock p.m. the next day in a wire fence near the bridge.

Other items of interest in this issue were: Married at the ranch of E. P. Cox, on Sunday, June 11, 1899, Geo. Cox to Miss Julia Beach, Rev. A. J. Cox officiating.

Born on Sunday, June 11, 1899, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Black, a girl.

**Q.** Did the Devil print anything on the shooting of Wyatt Williams in Oklahoma in 1896?

**A.** Ardmore, Indian Territory, Oct. 11-The murder of Wyatt Williams, a prominent and well-known stockman of Texas and the Indian Territory, in this city last night by Bud Watkins and the sensational midnight chase and capture of the murderer by United States Marshals Bocker and Tucker, assisted by Hon. D. C. Carter, who with a Winchester at the head of the prisoner, forced his surrender, has created the greatest excitement known in the history of the Territory since the killing of Bill Dalton. Williams was a former cattle king, well-known in Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and the West generally and leaves a wife and four children. Bud Watkins the slayer, admits his guilt, but says he shot in self-defense, which story is denied by half a dozen witnesses, all of whom say Williams was shot twice before he pulled a gun and that as he fell dying he fired one shot and died with his pistol cocked in his nerveless hand.

The United States court and grand jury are in session and it is the intention of the officials to give the prisoner a speedy trial, as this is the first murder in Ardmore since the courts have had complete juris-



The rose garden couple from two weeks ago have been identified as Dr. and Mrs. Howell. Do you know who this unknown DPS Officer is?

dition and the charge that justice cannot be done by local jurors will be refuted by an immediate arraignment and trial.

While the excitement is intense and the streets crowded with earnest men, no attempt at lynching has or will be made, everyone being satisfied to let the law take its course.

In the same issue we find that the Miller-Frazier feud was renewed by the killing of Bill Airehart and John Denson by Barney Riggs out in Pecos. John Denson was the son of Mr. J. M. Denson of Junction.

Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Jones left for McKavett Tuesday to attend the wedding of Miss Edith Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Black of Live Oak Park, to Robert Winslow on Wednesday, Oct. 14. The ceremony was to be performed by Rev. A. Rooney of the Episcopal Church.

James S. Moss was married in Kinney Co. on Oct. 7th to Miss Mary Ory. The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moss of Edwards Co. and is an industrious and steady young man. The bride is a niece to John McKee the Franks Defeat cattleman and has many friends in Sutton Co.

The following were running for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton Co: J. P. McConnell, J. L. Davis and J. E. Fulcher. J. O. Rountree, L. N. Halbert and Gus A. Batte were running for County Judge and A. J. Swearingen, M. B. Atkinson, Steve Murphy, J. W. Bunton, W. R. Rudicil and J. M. Bell were running for the office of Tax Assessor.

The ladies of the Episcopal Church will give an entertainment at the Courthouse Oct. 23rd for the purpose of raising funds for the erection of a house to hold service in. The public is cordially invited to attend. All those receiving invitations are

asked to pay 25 cents admission.

Burt Humphreys, the outlaw and leader of the gang that had a fight with rangers near Fort Davis on the 27th of September was captured by cowboys on the Cox Ranch, thirty-five miles north of Van Horne and turned over to Deputy Sheriff Melcher of Van Horne. In escaping the rangers Humphreys rode his horse to death and walked to Cox's ranch. He said he would have afforded his captors some exercise had he been in reach of his gun when they captured him. Humphreys is wanted on suspicion of the murder of a man near Toyah in the Davis Mountains.

J. P. McConnell was the proprietor of the Maud S. Saloon and R. C. McMahan the manager of the Santa Rosa Beer Garden. Mrs. Laura Decker was the proprietress of the Decker Hotel and W. H. Cusenbary and E. S. Briant ran Cusenbary & Co., Chemists and Druggists. L. N. Halbert and S. G. Tayloe were attorneys at law and H. Spruce and W. H. Dodson were shoemakers. John Blanks and F. M. Wyatt had the livery stable and Dr. H. Guernsey Jones and Dr. H. G. Colson were local physicians. Mike Murphy was about to put out the first issue of volume 7, which meant he had been in business in Sutton Co. for a full six years.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton Co. history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net. You may call me at 915-387-5084, the office number or at home at 915-387-2855. Insurance payments on the buildings will be due soon. We could use some help folks.

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**Sonora School Kids Help Victims of 9-11**



**Tumbleweed Smith**  
This is an event that happened a year and a half ago. But the story is new to me and I thought I would share it.

When school kids in Sonora heard about the planes crashing into the World Trade Center, they wanted to help.

They heard about an effort in San Angelo to fill shoe boxes with items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs and lip ice. The students filled 500 shoe boxes with those items and took them to a mall in San Angelo for shipment to New York City.

Some of the students used red, white and blue yarn to resemble American flags. Others put words of encouragement on the outside of their boxes.

When the firefighters in New York City received the boxes, they were touched. Sonora had sent more than any other city.

The firemen wanted to repay the students in Sonora, so a New York City fireman, Frank Riboni, flew down to personally thank the youngsters.

At the same time he was expressing his gratitude, he was also asking for more boxes. He said the need was tremendous.

The school kids were a little surprised by the request. They had worked hard to get the 500 boxes ready. There was some hesitation because among other things, school officials didn't know how the boxes were going to be shipped to

New York, because the San Angelo mall drive had ended.

The students went to work getting the boxes ready. They were to take them to the office of the Main Street coordinator, Ann Kay, who was working with the teachers. The kids brought in 800 boxes.

Kingdom Transportation of Sonora took the boxes to New York at no cost.

Some of those boxes contained Texas pecans. They made quite a hit with the members of the New York City Fire Department. They scrambled to get them and cracked them open with their walkie-talkies.

On subsequent visits to Sonora, Frank Riboni was accompanied by a New York City EMS Fire Captain, Rosey Valdez. They took part in a flag ceremony and presented the students with some meaningful items including a crude cross made of melted steel that was once part of the World Trade Center. They gave Sonora school kids a fireman's helmet and a shirt worn by Rosey on 9-11. They gave them fire department patches, parking permits and passes to go anywhere at ground zero.

The items are being displayed in a shadow box frame. The youngsters in Sonora were unbelievably generous. They felt like they were helping people who needed help. They really did something. Something that they will remember the rest of their lives.

This story probably happened several times in numerous communities, but this happened in Sonora, Texas.

The items from the firemen serve as a tribute to a community that cares.

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**Journalism Students Advance To Regional U.I.L. Meet**

*submitted*  
Congratulations to the following Journalism U.I.L. members who placed at the academic District Meet in Wall. In News Writing, Evangelina Martinez placed 1st and Katrina Hernandez placed 5th. In Feature Writing, Kate Higdon placed 2nd and Wilson Wallace placed 4th. In Editorial Writing, Sheryl Strauch placed 2nd. In Headline Writing, Strauch placed 2nd and Wallace placed 4th. The team also placed second overall and compiled 73 total points. Martinez, Strauch, and Higdon, advance to the Regional Meeting in Abilene, while Wallace and Hernandez will also be making the trip as alternates. The students are coached by Kristin Keel.

**Sutton County 4-H News**

Spring Judging Activities began Monday, March 24, 2003. Preston Faris and Range Project coordinator Fran Pennington announced the following contest schedule:

April 5 - Crockett County Contest - Ozona; April 12 - District 10 Contest - Boerne; April 26 - Schleicher County Contest - Eldorado; May 10 - Val Verde County Contest - Del Rio; May 17 - Kerr County Contest - Kerrville; June 10-12 - Texas 4-H Roundup, College Station; June 17 - 19 - Sonora Wool and Mohair Show - Sonora. 4-H'ers 14 and over are highly encouraged to consider this opportunity and the related trip to State 4-H Roundup.

Kelly Thorp asks that all 4-H'ers mark their calendar for Friday, May 15, 2003 when they will have an opportunity to participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H'ers to participate in a Community Service project and give back to a community which has given so much to many of you. Contact Kelly at the County Extension office to share ideas and be included.

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like for any and all Sutton County 4-H'ers to be a part of the 2003 Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet. The idea is to display any awards, ribbons, prizes and/or pictures from your recent stock shows or other events you may have participated in (cooking contests, sewing, shooting sports, etc). Pictures of you and your 4-H project are needed. Each 4-H member will also be invited to be a part of the event.

This is another great opportunity for Community Service to an organization which is very supportive of 4-H and our community.

The 2003 Leadership Lab will be conducted for the first time ever at the Alto Frio Baptist Encampment in Leakey, Texas on June 30 - July 3, 2003. 4-H members must be at least 13 years of age by the date of the camp. For more information and registration forms contact the County Extension Office and register early. The Lab fills up on a first-come-first-serve basis and the last day to register is May 15, 2003.

The Aggeland Goat Camp is scheduled for August 8-10, 2003 at the Louis Pearce Pavilion on the Campus of Texas A&M University. This camp is just like the Howard College Camp which is already full. It is a great camp for youth and adults and the cost is minimal. Those of you with meat goat projects are encouraged to participate. Forms are available at the County Extension office.

Sheep and Goat Youth Leadership Workshop for High School Juniors, Seniors or recently graduated seniors. The cost is only \$75 per person for the week long intensive educational opportunity which will be held July 27-31. Participants are required to have two letters of recommendation and other forms are available at the county Extension Office.

The regular 4-H meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2003 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Civic Center. This will be the last regular meeting before the Spring Dance and officer elections to be held in May.

**Hospital Board from page 1**

Attorney review the contract. The Attorney presented some suggestions in the form of addendum's. Mr. Schmidt had reviewed the addendum's and there was no problem with the changes. Discussion was held in depth regarding the cost of the remodeling and expansion project. Butler presented the drawing of the Medical Clinic and went over the changes that will be made to the building. He explained how the new addition would be interfaced with the present offices. Sherrill Dannheim made the motion to accept the signed architectural contract; not to exceed the capped figure presented. Mike Healy seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Allen and Mr. Butler approach the Corporate Board for help with the funding of the Medical Clinic project.

Butler gave the accounts receivable report for February. He stated that A/R was down substantially. Butler stated that a new policy had been put into effect regarding payment of accounts after the insurance has paid. Once the insurance has paid, the patient will receive a letter advising that the patient's insurance has paid and the balance owing is their deductible and/or cost share.

Mr. Butler advised that the Sutton County Health Foundation would be meeting on Thursday night, with a guest speaker, and any of the Board that wished to attend was invited to come.

Mrs. Knight have the financial report for January, reporting that the revenue was up due to a busy month. The expense were under budget-by approximately \$20,000, with the Hospital showing a \$7,058 net income from operations for January.

The February expenditures were presented for approval. With a motion by Dannheim, seconded by Pool, the February expenditures were approved.

The Board thanked Manuel Parades for attending the meeting. Mrs. Epps ended the meeting by stating that she had been in the Emergency Room the week prior and that she appreciated the excellent treatment she had gotten from the nurses and Dr. Calderon.

**One-Act Play Takes The Stage Thursday**

The Sonora High School One-Act Play will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sonora High School Theatre. There is no admission, but donations are welcome. The students will be performing scenes from *Threads* by Jonathan Bolt. *Threads* is set in the summer of 1965, about Clyde Owens, a would-be Hollywood actor, returning to the grubby North Carolina mill town in which he had grown up.

The cast consists of:  
**Nash Traylor** - David Owens  
**Landon Brockman** - Clyde Owens  
**Austin Wagoner** - Pete  
**Chelsea Seaton** - Sally Owens

**Shane Benson** - Abner Owens  
**Allison Higdon** - Jasse Sykes  
**Josh Hopkins** - Nub  
**Missy Longoria** - Janine

**Brittany Longoria** is the Stage Manager, with the crew of **Erin Newton, Hanna Allison, Justyn Gray, and Kesa Frasier** as an alternate. **Renee Casey** and **Jerrilyn Miller** are directing.

District competition will be held Saturday, March 29, 2003 at Ozona High School. The first show will begin at 1:00 p.m. Sonora should perform around 4:15 p.m. Performances will be in the following order: Wall, Ozona, Eldorado, Grape Creek, Sonora and Reagan County.

**F.Y.I.**

The T&C Village Market Relay For Life team is having a "Breakfast Sale" on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. in front of the T&C Village Market (Food Center). Come get your muffins, burritos, coffee cakes and more. All proceeds will go to the ACS Relay for Life

T-ball sign-ups are underway now at The Devil's River News. Deadline to sign up is April 11, 2003. Must be 5 years old by July 31, 2003 to be eligible to play T-ball.

The Sonora Ladies Golf Auxiliary is hosting a 3 Person Scramble on March 29, 2003 at the Sonora Golf Club. At least one player on each team must be a woman. 27 Holes - \$105 Entry Fee per team, Mulligans included. Cart Rental \$15. Each team will be flighted after play. Tee time is 9:00 a.m. Cash prizes and hole prizes. Limited to the first 22 paid teams. No refunds after March 27, 2003. To enter call Sonora Golf Club at 387-3680. Brisket burritos will be served.

The Sonora ISD Auction will be March 29, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. on the Elementary Playground. Surplus school supplies and equipment will be auctioned. All sales are final, no refunds, no returns. Bring your lawn chair! A list of items is available at the Administration Office.

Anyone interested in attending Texas ELKS camp can contact **Juanita Gomez** at 450-0245 or 387-5666. Any child with disabilities not requiring one-on-one care, ages 6 to 16, who is a resident of the State of Texas, is eligible. An admissions committee reviews each application. Eligibility disregards race, religion, or ethnic origin. The camp is free of charge. Six 6-day camp sessions available between June 15 and Aug. 2. Donations are needed to pay for travel expenses, a fund has been set up at First National Bank.

Cinco de Mayo Queen Candidate **Vicky Vara** is having a Bake Sale on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at T&C Village Market.

Cinco de Mayo Queen Candidate **Amanda Samaniego** is having a Car Wash and Bake Sale on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in The Bank & Trust Parking Lot. All proceeds go toward the St. Ann's Church Building Fund for a much needed hall with classrooms. \$5.00 per car, \$6.00 for a larger vehicle. Amanda is sponsored by The Bank & Trust, Multi-Chem Group, Los Cerritos, Sonic Drive-In, and E.M. Hobbs, Inc.

Game Dinner Association Meeting will be held at the Sonora Fire Hall on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

A Treasure Sale, sponsored by First United Methodist Church of Sonora will be Friday, April 4, 2003 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (or until it's all gone) in the Church basement. Items for sale include a wide variety of furniture, household goods, clothing and much, much more. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Children's Clothing Fund and Missionary Projects. Rummage sale items may be taken to the Church Fellowship Hall after Tuesday, March 11 or call Keith Butler at 387-2743 or Linda Johnson at 387-3613 to arrange pickup.

Primera Baptist Church, Jimmy Edward, Tejano Style Christian Concert, Saturday 6:00pm. April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003, Free-no charge, Primera Baptist Church, Chestnut & Santa Clara, Sonora, TX 76950.

The Grief Support Group will meet Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at The Bank & Trust Community Room. If you have experienced the death of someone close to you, you are urged to attend. For more information contact Kathy Hearn at 387-2593 or 387-2096.

Senior Seminars on Frauds and Scams - Tuesday, April 1, 2003 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 3536 YMCA Dr., San Angelo TX - Topics will include: Auto Theft Prevention, Homeland Security, Identity Theft, and much more. Seating is limited, so please reserve yours. Contact Lynn Alexander, (915)223-5704. Co-sponsored by Concho Valley Triad/S.A.L.T. Council and Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments.

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance Lenten Luncheon hosted by First United Methodist Church will be at the St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall (404 NE Poplar) on Wed. April 2, 2003 at noon. Everyone is invited.

A Cinco De Mayo Celebration, sponsored by The Knights of Columbus, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Coors Light and Miller Light will be held May 3, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Slab. Bingo, food booths, craft booths, entertainment, games for children, cake walk, pinata and more. Grupo Estilo will play for the dance from 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. For more information contact Mike Villanueva at 387-5300 or the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880.

**Smith Qualifies For All-American At National Swimming**

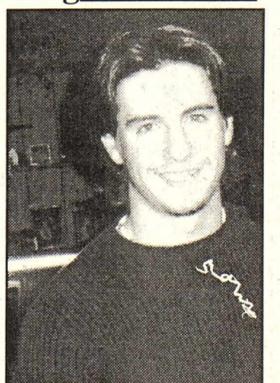
Joshua Duray Smith participated in the National Swimming Finals in Fargo, North Dakota in March.

He qualified for "Collegiate All-American" on the 200 meter relay team from Delta State University, where he attends college as a Freshman.

Josh is also on the Deans list with a 4.0 grade average.

He is the son of Duray and Celia Smith of Cedar Park, Texas and the grandson of Eddie and Venetta Smith of Sonora.

Josh is attending Delta State University on a swimming scholarship and plans to attend there again next year.



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## SMS Tennis Team Begins Season at Home

**submitted**  
The 7th and 8th grade Tennis players began their season at the Sonora Tournament on Saturday, March 22 with five schools participating. This tournament was a double elimination tournament, so each participant or team played at least 2 matches.

The Sonora 7th grade team had 11 students participating. These were Chelsea Martinez, Laura Martin, Elbe Samaniego, Sierra Gomez, Jessica Chavez, Riley Sanchez, Colton Moore, Julio Samaniego, Juan Dominguez, Hunt Wagner and Aaron Gaytan. Martinez played in the girls' singles contest and was defeated in both of her matches. The team of Elbe Samaniego- Martin played in the doubles contest and were also defeated twice, as was the team of Gomez - Chavez. In the boys' singles bracket, Sanchez was defeated in both matches, while Moore won his first match, was defeated in the second match, then returned to win his third match to win third in the tournament. In the doubles' division, the team of Julio Samaniego- Dominguez and the team of Wagner-Gaytan both won their first match, were defeated in the second round then met each other in the final round to decide for third. Samaniego-Dominguez came out ahead and won third. Team

totals for the 7th grade were: Reagan County-25, Ozona-11, Junction and Sonora both with 4 and Eldorado-0.

The 8th grade team had 7 students participating. These were Madeline Higdon, Kaija Valkonen, Jaime Duran, Felisha Gamez, Stacy Sanchez, Starlyn Chadwick, and Shane Love. Valkonen advanced to the winner's bracket in the first round, but was defeated in the next 2 rounds. Higdon was defeated in her first match but came back to win her next two rounds to win consolation. The doubles teams

of Duran-Gamez and Sanchez-Chadwick won both of their first two matches to meet in the championship game. Duran-Gamez came out on top to win first while Sanchez-Chadwick received the second place spot. Love played in the boys' singles division and won his first match, then was defeated in his next two matches. 8th grade point totals were: Eldorado-14, Reagan County-11, Ozona-10, Sonora-9 and Junction 0. Congratulations to all the players and good luck next week!!



Sonora Jr. High Girls Doubles Teams took 1st and 2nd place trophies at the Sonora Tennis Meet - L to R: Starlyn Chadwick and Stacy Sanchez - 2nd; Jamie Duran and Felicia Gamez - 1st.

## Lady Broncos Take Fourth At All-American City Track Classic

The Sonora High School Lady Broncos Track Team competed in the All American City Track Classic in Abilene on March 21 and 22. Out of 13 teams competing, the Lady Broncos finished 4th with 67 points, behind Abilene Wylie with 184, Jim Ned with 109 and Gatesville with 107.

Daniell Fox finished 3rd in the Shot Put with a toss of 32'5 1/2".

In the High Jump, Morgan Hobbs cleared 5'2" for 2nd and Elizabeth Elliott went 5'0" for 3rd.

Elliott won the Long Jump, with a leap of 17'2" and Megan Berry finished 5th, jumping 15'3".

In the Pole Vault, Courtney Caruthers cleared 7'0" for 3rd place.

The 400m Relay team of

Lauren Smith, Elizabeth Elliott, Danielle Matthews and Megan Berry finished 4th with a time of 53.50.

Hobbs was back in the 100m Hurdles, finishing 3rd with a time of 16.18.

The team of Smith, Caruthers, Brea Hughes and Berry ran the 800m Relay in 1:57.44 for 6th place.

Elliott was 3rd in the 400, running a 63.62.

In the 300m Hurdles Hobbs finished 5th with a time of 49.55.

Megan Berry ran a 28.38 in the 200m, finishing 5th.

The 1600m Relay team of Smith, Elliott, Hughes and Hobbs ended the day with a 5th place win, running a time of 4:24.35.

The Lady Broncos next meeting will be Saturday, March 29th in Iraan.

## Junior Varsity Broncos Win Tournament At Home

by Maray Cearley

The Sonora Junior Varsity Baseball team increased their wins by four last week.

On Monday, the Broncos entertained the Miles Bulldogs in a double-header. In the first game, Embré Smith was on the mound for the Broncos, getting the win 6-1.

In the second game, Clint Cearley pitched a no-hitter, leading the Broncos to a 7-1 victory.

On Saturday, March 22nd, Sonora hosted a make-up tournament that had been cancelled earlier in the month due to inclement weather. Junction wasn't able to attend, so the three remaining teams played a Round Robin series.

Sonora's first match-up was against Miles. Brian Payton went the distance with five strikeouts, 2 walks, and 2 hit batters, while giving up only 4 hits.

Hitting well for the Broncos was Cearley with 2 doubles and 3 RBI's. Roland Solis also had a double, and scored 2. Dustin Creek, Nash Traylor, Cullen Parker and Jack Turney all had singles.

A major highlight of the game was a double play by the Broncos. Bases were loaded with 1 out and a grounder was hit to Shortstop Chris Perez. Perez got the force out at home and then Cearley threw the batter out at first. The final score was 13-3 in 5 innings.

The Broncos then played the Ft. Stockton Panthers. Cearley was on the mound, having 10 strikeouts, 2 hit-by-the-pitch and he gave up 2 hits. Three of the Panthers that reached base were later picked off at first with a Cearley-Smith combination. Hitting singles for the Red were Garrett Watkins, Diego Cardona and Solis. Cearley also had a triple. The final score after 7 innings was Sonora 4, Ft. Stockton 2.

Sonora won first, with Ft. Stockton second and Miles third.

## Lady Broncos Finish 2nd At Iraan Invitational



Missy Longoria, Tamika Marshall and Kayla McBride all placed at the Iraan Invitational.

by Drew Cox

The Lady Bronco Golf team finished in second place at the Iraan Invitational golf tournament on Tuesday, March 18th. The Lady Broncos competed well in very windy conditions against a field of six teams. The golfers for Sonora and their scores are as follows: Kayla McBride-97, Tamika Marshall-98, Missy Longoria-109, Candise Martin-115, Sarah Gutierrez-121 and Sara Baggett-130. Kayla McBride was the second medalist for the tournament and Tamika Marshall tied for third medalist. Missy Longoria was also awarded a medal for finishing in the top ten in 7th place. The Lady Broncos will next compete in their first round of district play on Wednesday, March 26th at Quicksand Golf Course in San Angelo.



Second place medalist, Kayla McBride prepares to tee off at Iraan Invitational.

## Loss In Wall Puts Broncos 1-1 In District

The Sonora Bronco Baseball team played an exciting game against Wall on Friday, March 21st. Usually the weather for baseball in Wall is high winds and blowing dirt, which are a key factor in the outcome of the game, but Friday's weather was not that way. Only a slight wind blew and a few raindrops fell, but the decent weather wasn't enough to give the Broncos the break they needed. Wall pushed ahead and took the win 7 to 6.

The Broncos committed 3 errors in the 2nd inning, giving the Hawks 5 runs and the lead. After a long 2nd inning for the Broncos defensively, the boys in

Red made short work of the Hawks with 3 up and 3 down in the 3rd, and again in the 5th and 6th innings.

A Grand Slam hit by Israel Arevalo in the 5th inning put the Broncos within 1 of the Hawks, making the score 5 to 4 Hawks.

The Broncos then took the lead in the 7th inning 6 to 5. The Hawks tied the Broncos with their at-bat and Bronco mental errors lost the game for them in the end.

Justin Sims had 2 singles and Manuel Lopez, Landon Brockman, Scottie Moore and Lance Roberts each had 1.

The loss put the Broncos at 1 and 1 for District.

## Bronco Golfers Win Iraan Invitational



Sonora golfers from L to R: Dustin Martin, Stetson Perez, A.J. Hernandez, Chris Martin and Anthony Longoria (not pictured: Brandon West). Front: Coach Drew Cox.

by Drew Cox

The Sonora Bronco Varsity Boys Golf team finished as Champions at the Iraan invitational golf tournament on Wednesday, March 19th. The boys braved wind gusts up to 45 mph to compete very well against a field of eight teams. The boys competing and their scores are as follows: A.J. Hernandez-81, Dustin Martin-86, Stetson Perez-87, Anthony Longoria-87, Chris Martin-94 and Brandon West-95. A.J. Hernandez was the first place medalist for the tournament. A.J. shot a 34 on the back nine, the only score under par on 9 holes for the day. Dustin Martin and Anthony Longoria also finished as top ten medalists, finishing 6th and 7th respectively. The Broncos will next compete in their first round of district play on Wednesday, March 26th at Quicksand Golf Course in San Angelo.

## Broncos Beat Reagan Co. For District Opener

The Sonora Bronco Baseball team opened District play on March 18th with a 22-3 win over the Reagan Co. Owls. Winning pitcher, Lance Roberts pitched 6 innings, facing 24 batters with 9 KO's. Roberts allowed 3 runs, but only 1 hit. The Broncos committed 2 errors that allowed for the other two runs.

If you are familiar with Big Lake and the baseball field location, you know that there are no wind breaks, just open space. The 25 to 35 mph winds caused dirt and trash to be blown across the field at times. Fly balls were hard to catch because of the wind, but our Broncos were able to complete the task. Reagan Co. players were letting the ball take a bounce in the outfield.

Landon Brockman had the only double for the Broncos. Israel Arevalo and Lance Roberts each had 4 singles, Scottie Moore and Doug Yocham each had 3. Manuel Lopez had 2 and Brockman had 1.

Caleb Gulley had 4 RBI's. Brockman, Arevalo, Roberts and Yocham each had 3, Moore had 2 and Manuel Lopez and Peter Duran each had 1 RBI.

## Spotlight On Sonora Bronco Baseball

This week's "Spotlight" shines on:



Douglas is the 18 year old son of Donny & Kim Yocham. He is a Sr. this year and is playing Right Field and Pitching for the Broncos. Douglas' favorite song is "In Love With My Money" by Paul Wall and he wants to be a teacher/coach after graduation. He says his dream car is a 2003 Grand AM GT. Greg Maddox is Douglas' favorite Professional Baseball Player.

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## 2003 Softball Schedule

**Mar. 28**  
Eldorado • There  
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**Apr. 1**  
Wall • Here  
4:00 p.m.  
**Apr. 4**  
Grape Creek • There  
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**Mar. 27 - 29**  
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## Colt Tennis

**Mar. 29**  
Eldorado  
**Apr. 5**  
Ozona



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## 2003 SHS Golf Schedule

**Varsity Boys**  
\* **Wed. April 2**  
Eldorado  
\* **Wed. April 9**  
Sonora  
**Varsity Girls**  
\* **Wed. April 2**  
Eldorado  
\* **Wed. April 9**  
Sonora  
**JV Boys**  
\* **Wed. Apr. 2**  
Eldorado  
\* **Wed. Apr. 9**  
Sonora  
\* **District**

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## 2003 Track Schedule

**Mar. 29**  
Iraan • VB, VG, JVB  
**Apr. 5**  
Ozona • VB, VG, JVB  
**Apr. 10**  
District @ Ozona  
VB, VG, JVB  
**Jr. High**  
**Mar. 28**  
Ozona  
**Apr. 3**  
District @ Reagan Co.



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## 2003 Sonora Bronco Baseball

**Varsity**  
**Mar. 28**  
Ozona • There  
4:00 p.m.  
**Apr. 1**  
Grape Creek • Here  
4:00 p.m.  
**Apr. 4**  
Reagan County • Here  
4:00 p.m.

**J. Varsity**  
**Mar. 31**  
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**Apr. 7**  
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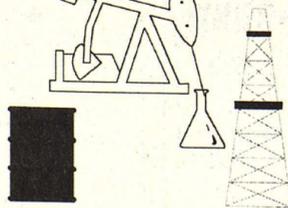
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Crockett County

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New Anadarko Pet.; 10150' Austin Millspaugh - 12 - #15, Patterson Drilling.  
New Texaco E&P; JH Scheuber - C - #1-25, Key Energy.

Terrell

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Phillips Pet.; 9875' Cauthorn - B - #3 H, Patterson Drilling.

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## Texas Water Development Board Visting Sutton County

Staff from the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) Hydrological and Environmental Monitoring Section is visiting Schleicher and Sutton Counties from March 24th through Friday April 4th, to collect groundwater samples from water wells completed in the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifer.

The TWDB is grateful to the private well owners who allow their wells to be sampled. After samples are analyzed, well owners receive a free copy of the analysis with explanatory notes about each constituent dissolved in their water and significance of amounts detected.

This information will also be stored in the TWDB's groundwater database. The database is available by county in report (pdf) or ASCII format under Ground Water Database reports in the Publication section of the TWDB's web site [www.twdb.state.tx.us](http://www.twdb.state.tx.us)

## Texas Farmers And Ranchers Are Urged To Maintain A Heightened Awareness

AUSTIN—Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs today urged Texas farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses to maintain heightened awareness and vigilance for any unusual activity around their farms, ranches or businesses in light of the Level Orange national threat alert.

"With Operation Liberty Shield in place to increase security and readiness in the United States, Texas agriculture must be ready to do its part to make certain our industry and America's food supply are safe," Combs said. "Any assault on American agriculture would be a highly destructive force that could be used against our country."

Following the Sept. 11 attacks, Combs put together the Texas Food Security Coalition, a 57-member coalition of agricultural and commodity groups, to keep the agricultural industry informed of any potential problems or threats.

In a letter to the coalition, Combs said, "While we have been vigilant in the past, now is the time for everyone in agriculture to be even more so. Producers and businesses along the border especially need to be on the watch for any unusual activity."

Combs also reminded producers about appropriate security measures. These include:

- \* Maintain a list of all emergency contacts and numbers and post these throughout your operation.
- \* Review internal security, safety procedures and provide

training to employees.

- \* Report to local authorities all suspicious activities, vehicles or persons.

- \* Report to local authorities all threats against personnel and facilities.

- \* Report to local authorities all thefts, inventory shortages or missing products that could pose a public health or safety risk.

- \* Report to local authorities all burglaries, sabotage to facilities or equipment, and all vandalism or activities that may pose a safety or security risk.

- \* Report any missing blank documentation or identification cards such as shipping forms.

- \* If you notice an unusual occurrence of animal diseases, contact your local veterinarian and the Texas Animal Health Commission at 1-800-550-8242.

- \* Agricultural aviators should contact local authorities if they notice suspicious activity.

In addition, Combs is encouraging all pesticide dealers and applicators to reevaluate their storage practices and pesticide-use procedures and report any suspicious activities or requests immediately to the local authorities.

As a show of support for our troops overseas, Combs wants farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses all across Texas to display the American flag on their fences, gateposts and in their businesses.

"American agriculture is strong, and we must maintain our united efforts," Combs said. "I know that Texas farmers and ranchers will be a vital part in defending our safe and reliable food supply."

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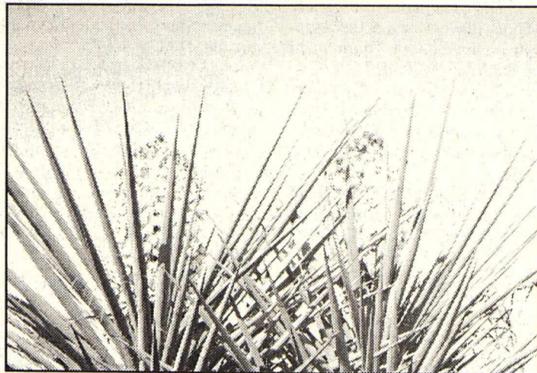
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## Spanish Daggers In Bloom On Eaton Hill



A duo of dueling daggers on Eaton Hill

by Delyse Jaeger

Diverse is the word on Eaton Hill. The bluebonnets are in near peak bloom and a variety of other wildflower are displaying their vibrant colors. By far, the largest bloom on the hill is that of the Spanish dagger. The impressive size is matched by the beauty of the delicate creamy bell shaped flowers that cluster together forming a natural bouquet which crowns a multitude of dagger sharp spines. Known also as Palma Pita, Don Quixote's lace and scientifically as *Yucca treculeana*, our local Spanish daggers are one of 28 species of *Yucca*. A couple of interesting facts about the Spanish dagger have to do with pollination and history. During the pioneer days, the trunks of the plants were used as posts and the leaves were made into rope or used as thatch. Blossoms were pickled or cooked like cabbage. In some parts of Latin America the flowers are still eaten as a Springtime treat and the heart of the plant is an important food source for black bears. Wonder if we are missing something?

As for pollination, the Spanish dagger has an interdependent relationship with the tiny *Yucca* moth. After mating, the female moth will gather a ball of pollen from one plant, carry it to another and deposit, actually stuff, the accumulated pollen in a specific cavity in the stigma of the flower! She will

then lay her eggs in the ovary of the same flower. The offspring of the moth will feed on the seed of the developing fruit, made possible by the deliberate pollination. Interesting that this enormous plant (they can reach 16 feet in bloom) is regenerated by an insect with a 2 cm wingspan. Spanish dagger, cactus of contrasts.

Sonorans are fortunate to live in the relatively small U.S. habitat range of this species. If you have the opportunity to study a bloom up close, it's a delightful display of divine artistry.

Other developments on Eaton Hill include the enclosed birding hut that is ready for use, allowing for closer observation without disturbing the birds. In addition to birdseed, a basket of nesting material has been provided, visible from the hut. The observation room is located at birding station #3, off Zed's Cut, the main trail leading to the flag. This structure is an excellent addition to our birding program and provides visitors with another option within the park. Colorful springtime species to watch for include the Oriole, Painted Bunting, Goldfinch and various hummingbirds.

Conditions are optimal for a hike on the hill!

Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation.



The enclosed birding house is open for visitors on Eaton Hill.

## CPL Retail Energy and WTU Retail Energy Rate Increase Petition Approved By PUCT

Houston - Last month, significant increases in the price of natural gas led CPL Retail Energy L.P. and WTU Retail Energy L.P. to file requests with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) to raise electricity prices in South and West Texas respectively. Today, the PUCT approved the rate increase for CPL Retail Energy and WTU Retail Energy residential and small business customers.

The change will become effective immediately and will increase residential customers' bills by approximately \$14.00 - \$17.00 for usage of 1,000 kilowatt hours per month.

The increase follows other utilities' rate increases due to the dramatic surge in natural gas prices - more than 40 percent

since May 1, 2002.

For more than 75 years, CPL Retail Energy and WTU Retail Energy have provided electricity to residential and small business customers in the South and West Texas regions. CPL Retail Energy serves customers in South Texas, including Corpus Christi, Victoria, McAllen, Laredo, and Harlingen. WTU Retail Energy serves customers in West Texas, including Abilene, Alpine and San Angelo. The companies were recently acquired by Centrica US Holdings Inc. from American Electric Power, and combined, serve approximately 810,000 customers, making them part of the third largest retail electric provider in Texas.

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**City Council from page 1**

commercial zone; a variance for Wayne Webb to build a carport on his side property line at 1209 Mesquite and for James Renfro to sub-divide lot 4 and 3 at 706 Tom Green.

A new franchise agreement with West Texas Gas, Inc. was not considered due to not receiving the revisions to the agreement the council had requested at a previous meeting. Staff was asked to call about the agreement.

A motion was made and approved for the Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc. budget amendments for fiscal year 2002-2003.

Joy Galbreath, Tabby Abrego, and Smith Neal were appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission/Main

Street Advisory Board for a two year term.

Councilmember Miers voiced her objectives for public transportation for tourists, especially for those tourist who fly in at the Airport and want to see the sites in Sonora. It was the council's feeling to further review this item after studying the necessity and feasibility of such a service.

A lengthy discussion was held on the responsibility, financial expense and the liability exposure for installation of the annual Christmas lights. The council discussed various options and it was decided to work on the ideas for the upcoming Christmas season.

It was the consensus of the council to schedule Spring

Clean-up on Saturday, April 12 and April 26. The council agreed to waive fees for three trips to the trash collection site, for customers who pay a monthly trash collection bill to the City of Sonora. Customers who make more than three (3) trips or do not pay a monthly trash collection fee will be charged the current disposal fees. Also, City Manager Gesch informed them of a certified letter from Duncan Disposal, Inc. requesting a two percent fuel surcharge due to substantial increases in fuel cost. Council requested the letter be placed on the agenda for next month's regular meeting to discuss the specific request.

A Resolution was approved appointing the Election Officials

for the May 3, 2003 City Council Election, the maximum number of election clerks for the polling places and designation of the early voting ballot board.

Election officials for Ward 1 are Karen Fincher, Judge; Rosemary Perez, Alt. Judge. Ward 2 election officials are JoAnn Hernandez, Judge and Rosa Hernandez, Alt. Judge. Ward 1 election officials will be the early voting ballot board. The pay rate of \$7.00 per hour was approved, with election judges receiving an additional \$25 for the delivery of the returns of the election. A minimum of two and a maximum of three clerks shall serve.

After a reception honoring Chief House's commendation, Mayor Stephen opened a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. to review the City's program performance including the actual use of TCDP funds expended under TCDP # 721761. Mike Duran, Gary R. Traylor & Associates, gave a detailed review of the project completion report, minority business enterprise report, final wage compliance report, construction report, and fair housing report on the water improvement project - storage tank. No comments were heard from the public, therefore, Mayor Stephen closed the public hearing.

A motion was approved for an Inter-Jurisdictional Mutual Aid Agreement, recognizing the vulnerability of the people and community located within the County to damage, injury, and loss of life and property resulting from disasters and/or civil emergencies and recognize that disasters and/or civil emergencies may present equipment and manpower requirements beyond the capacity of each individual party.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

**School Board from page 1**

expected to be ready to put out the bids at the regular April board meeting.

The Superintendent stated that enrollment at 906 was up slightly and that attendance was down one hundredth of a percent to 96.99. He stated that he was continuing his emphasis on the importance of a high attendance rate to all staff members.

Mr. Myers reviewed the monthly maintenance projects as follows:

Campus - Lockers district wide are scheduled for repair during the summer months and the mixing valves in the gyms have been replaced.

Extra-Curricular - Wiring for the Internet at the High School has been completed; all work on the baseball and softball fields has been done and it included help from a number of parents whom Mr. Myers thanked for donating their time; the new scoreboards are up at both fields; the burned out lights at the football field have been replaced; and the windscreens are up at all district tennis courts. Myers further informed the Board that they would have to be looking at resurfacing the track and refurbishing the restrooms at the track as a 2005 project and he cautioned board members that this would be an expensive project.

Housing - The sidewalks have been re-done at the Castle Hill Apartments and landscaping work is in progress and the district will install a sprinkler system for both sets of apartments (Castle Hill and Mesquite Street), the administrator houses on Brookside and the superintendent house on Castle Hill.

Myers gave information regarding the Lone Star Program which will do a survey regarding energy use at the High School. Although there is a small cost for this survey, the program will then finance at 3% the cost to re-do the heating/cooling system at the High School along with the cost of lights for the renovated buildings. The loan will be paid back from the resulting energy savings. He also stated that the Asbestos Management Plan was in place and on file.

The elevator inspections have been completed and the result was a two page list of repairs/additions to the existing equipment. Myers said that he would be contacting the state agency to see if the repairs could be postponed and then be upgraded through the bond project.

Myers stated that this was the point in the budget year where board members were encouraged to give their input regarding the proposed budget for 2003-2004. A general discussion took place and Mrs. Favila asked that the project of re-doing the football field restrooms be looked at for the coming year, rather than 2005.

A motion was made by Sam David Hernandez to approve Eckert, Ingram, Tinkler, Oliphant, Featherston, and Barr as the audit firm for the year ending 8/31/03. The motion carried unanimously.

Board members unanimously approved the state conforming textbook list for 2003-2004 as presented after a motion by Jesse Bustamante and a second by Tom Payton.

The Superintendent reviewed the proposed calendar which had been developed by the respective campus committees and finalized by the District Site-Based Committee. President Fields expressed his displeasure with having a week long spring break and asked why some Friday school holidays could not be substituted in place of spring break. District Site Based Chairman John Berry stated that the proposed calendar was the result of compromises on the part of the staff members and that spring break was an item the majority of teachers wanted. Member

Sam David Hernandez also stated that he had not approved of the calendar in the last few years.

Following further discussion, a motion was made by Payton to approve the 2003-2004 school calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Jennings. Voting aye were Favila, Jacoby, Jennings and Payton. Voting no were Bustamante, Fields, and Hernandez.

A motion was made by Bustamante, seconded by Favila, to approve an additional transfer student as presented. The motion carried.

Tammy Favila stated that there had been a tragic accident the previous week and another member of the Class of 2002 passed away. Favila stated that she wanted to commend three Sonora teachers who took time out of their spring break to gather financial support among the community for the Rojo family and she named the teachers as follows: Delia Samaniego, Sandra Gonzalez and Eddie Favila. She commented that she was very proud of the three teachers who did not stop being teachers during spring break.

Jesse Bustamante stated that he had received calls from concerned parents regarding the lack of a secretary in the 3rd and 4th grade building and he questioned if the saving in salary was worth the safety of students in that building.

President Fields commented that he had visited with the Superintendent after the decision was made to move the secretary to another building and that he, too, was still concerned with the safety issue.

A general discussion ensued with board members expressing their opinions, along with administrators giving the explanation and rationale for the change. Additionally, Principal; Dermody addressed the communication aspects of the issue.

It was the consensus of the Board to give the new situation a chance since it was an administrative decision but to continue watching the situation and to revisit it if necessary.

After a short break the Board entered into closed session to consider the renewal recommendations for probationary contract teachers. Fields announced that no action would be taken in closed session.

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:29 p.m. A motion was made by Jennings to renew the probationary contract employees as presented in writing and employ those under a one year probationary contract for the 2003-2004 school year. The motion was seconded by Jacoby and carried unanimously.

In anticipation of program needs and aspects of the budget for the coming year, the Superintendent and Board discussed policies and procedures for the identification of a need for Reduction In Force (RIF) and discussed staffing issues that a change in programs would allow for the district to function more efficiently and effectively.

Following a discussion, the Superintendent recommended that the Board determine that a program change, as the term is defined in Board Policy DFF (local) "Termination of Contract: Reduction In Force", requires the discharge or nonrenewal of one or more employees.

A motion was made by Favila, that due to a Program Change including the elimination, curtailment, or reorganization of curriculum offerings, programs, or school operations, that the Board determine that a program change, that may include a change in curriculum objectives, a modification or reorganization of staffing patterns on a particular campus or district wide, or a reduction of financial resources to meet the

education needs of the students, requires the nonrenewal of one or more employees.

The motion was seconded by Jesse Bustamante. The Board President called for a show of hands. Voting aye were all members.

Myers stated that administrators had spent a long time determining staffing needs and that there were two areas that, in the best interest of the district, needed to be addressed and reduction of staff in those areas could save the district \$65,000 to \$75,000.

It was the recommendation of the Superintendent, that due to the determined Program Change, the Board propose a reduction in force in the following employment areas: 1. to eliminate one of the four counselor positions in the counseling program; and 2. to eliminate the special program Dyslexia Teacher position.

A motion was made by Hernandez that, due to a program change in the following employment areas pursuant to a reduction in force under Policy DFBB (Local) and Policy DFF (Local), that the Board propose to eliminate one of the four counselor positions in the counseling program and to eliminate the special program Dyslexia Teacher position. The motion was seconded by Favila. The Board President called for a show of hands and all members voted aye. The motion carried.

President Fields announced that the Board was going back into closed session to deliberate regarding individual term contract employees identified in affected employment areas for proposed reduction in force and deliberate contract renewal or non-renewal proposals and recommendations for term contract employees. Fields announced that no action would take place in closed session.

The Board reconvened again at 9:07 p.m.

The Superintendent stated that it was his recommendation that after applying the Criteria for Decision set forth in policy, that the Board propose to not renew the term contract of Counselor Mary C. (Christy) Bell of the succeeding school year due to reduction in force. Myers further recommended that the Board propose to nonrenew the term contract of Derry Bosch, the Dyslexia Teacher, for the succeeding school year due to reduction in force.

A motion was made by Payton that the Board propose to non-renew the term contract of Counselor Mary C. (Christy) Bell for the succeeding school year due to a reduction in force. Payton further moved that the Board propose to nonrenew the term contract of Derry Bosch, the Dyslexia Teacher, for the succeeding school year due to a reduction in force. Payton further moved that the Board authorize the Superintendent to send the appropriate notice of proposed nonrenewal to Ms. Bell and Ms. Bosch and to schedule a nonrenewal hearing, if requested, and do all other things necessary related to preparing for and holding such a hearing, if requested.

The motion was seconded by Bustamante. President Fields called for a show of hands and all members voted aye. The motion carried.

Myers recommended that the Board propose to renew the term contracts of all teachers and Diane Jacoby, as presented on the letter of recommendation for one year term contracts for the succeeding 2003-2004 school year. A motion was made by Hernandez to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Favila. President Fields asked for a show of hands and voting aye were Jesse Bustamante, Tammy Favila, Tryon Fields, Sam David Hernandez, Barbara Jennings and Tom Payton. Abstaining was Scott Jacoby. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

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