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Thursday, May 18, 2000

Cook-off and Team Roping Returning to Sonora

After several years of being idle, the West Texas Championship Barbecue and Chili Cook-off will be joining forces with the Sonora Outlaw Team Roping for an afternoon of roping, food and fun. The cook-off is open to cooking teams from across the state to compete in categories like brisket, chicken, pork spare ribs, goat, chili, beans and pies. There will be awards given to the best entry in each category. The team roping, which is sponsored by the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo, is also open to all team ropers with all winnings applied toward the Bad

Company Rodeo tour finals. The afternoon will conclude with a Saturday evening dance under the stars, with *Prairie Fire*.

Make your plans now to be in Sonora on Saturday, June 3, for the return of the West Texas Championship Barbecue and Chili Cook-off. For more information or an entry form for the cook-off, please contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at (915) 387-2880 or contact the Outlaw Pro Rodeo office at (915) 387-5645 for more information regarding the team roping.



Picture above are (L-R) Dairy Queen Mngr. JoAnn Wuest, Danielle and Annette Castro, Sarah and Andy Cariens, Anna and Chelsey Daniels, Charlotte and Madeline Higdon and Main Street Mngr. Ann Kay

Mother of the Year

Dairy Queen of Sonora, The Merchants Association and Sonora Main Street Program recently held a contest for students grade 1 through 5 to write an essay about why their Mom should be Mother of the Year. There were so many wonderful essays written about "Mom" that the contest had to be broken into age groups. In the 10 years old and older group the Grand Prize winner was Charlotte Higdon, mother of Madeline Higdon. Charlotte is Mother of the Year and will receive one combo meal each month from Dairy Queen for one full year.

First Place went to Annette Castro, mother of Danielle, second place went to Sarah Cariens, mother of Andy and third place went to Anna Daniels, mother of Chelsey. All the essays are on display at the Dairy Queen. In the younger age category winners were Kathleen Freeman, mother of Allison, Irma Acosta, mother of Dulce, and Florinda Rivera, mother of Soyla. See page 6 to see more winners and the winning essay.

Hospital Board Sets Date For Swearing In Of Officers

The Sutton County Hospital District held its regular meeting on Monday, May 8, 2000.

The pre-oath statement was given by Kathy Knight, Notary Public, to the four elected Directors, Alvis Johnson, Jr., Ray Smith, Lewis Allen, and Preston Faris.

A discussion was held regarding the setting of a called meeting for the purpose of swearing in of the Directors and the election of officers. A motion was made to set the called meeting for Friday, May 19th at 11:30 a.m. at the Hospital. The motion carried.

Devan Evans addressed the Board stating that he would like to paint the trim on the Nursing Home as his Eagle Scout project. After a discussion regarding the project, a motion was made and approved that the Eagle Scout project could be done by Evans and if need be they would pay for the paint.

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Sonora Boys Golf Team Wins Second At State

For the second year in a row, the Sonora High School boys varsity golf team advanced to the state championship tournament. In a veritable replay of last year's finish, they rallied on day two, finishing once again in second place. Yes, they had dreams of winning the championship. To be only 6 strokes away from first place after two days of play is a bit disappointing, but this team can be proud of its accomplishment.

The Class 2A boys golf tournament was held on May 8 and 9, 2000 in Austin at the Lions Municipal Golf Course. The first day of play - hot, humid and very windy - saw scores posted predominantly in the 80's. This course is known to be difficult for teams from West Texas who are not used to lots of trees. The greens also gave everyone trouble, not just the Sonora golfers. Spectators seemed puzzled to see teams struggling at State after playing so well at Regional tournaments. There were very few rounds of applause or cheers heard around the course during the first day.

Day two of the tournament gave Sonora reason to be cautiously optimistic. There was very little wind, and temperatures stayed cooler until mid-afternoon. As the day progressed, the Sonora players seemed to be improving. When all the teams had posted their scores, Sonora moved from 5th place to 2nd place.

See Golf page 5

National Police Week



Sonora Police Officers (L-R) Bryn Humphrey, Mike House, Mayor JoAnn Hernandez, Chief of Police Chris Croy and Mike Routh met to announce the week of May 14th "National Police Week" Not pictured is Officer Dick Dudley, who is away at Canine Training School.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the congress of the United States of America has designated the week of May 14th to be dedicated as "National Police Week" and May 15th of each year to be "Police Memorial Day," and

WHEREAS, the law enforcement officers are our guardian of life and property, defenders of the individual right to be free men, warriors in the war against crime and dedicated to the preservation of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and

WHEREAS, the City of Sonora desires to honor the valor, service and dedication of its own police officers and

WHEREAS, IT IS KNOWN THAT EVERY 57 HOURS THAT an American Police Officer will be killed in the line of duty somewhere in the United States and 136 officers will be seriously assaulted in the performance of their duties, our community joins with other cities and towns to honor all peace officers everywhere, and

We therefore proclaim the week of May 14th to May 20th to be police week and call upon all our citizens in this community to especially honor and show our sincere appreciation for the police officers of this city by deed, remark and attitude. I call upon all our citizens to make every effort to express their thanks to our men who make it possible for us to leave our homes and family in safety each day and to return to our homes knowing they are protected by men willing to sacrifice their lives if necessary, to guard our loved ones, property and government against all who would violate the law.

Signed this 16th day of May, at the city of Sonora, State of Texas in the witness thereof of the seal of Sonora and signatures of the city are affixed.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Becky Covington
Becky Covington
City Secretary

Jo Ann Hernandez
Jo Ann Hernandez

Air Force Veteran Always Loved Planes

Braulio, son of Pedro and Rosa Galindo of Sonora, had a 40-year career with the Air Force. He was nine when he became interested in airplanes. He was introduced to them by watching movies. He went on to continue his education through the 12th grade, but he did not graduate. Instead he enlisted in the Air Force, at the age of 19, on September 2, 1949. He was sent to Lackland AFB in San Antonio for basic training. He served 18 months in Korea. While there he earned his G.E.D. In May 1951, although he was still in Korea, his diploma was presented to his father in the regular graduation ceremonies of Sonora High School.

He came home to Sonora in February 1952, and was married to Vita Urias of Sonora on February 10. Vita is the daughter of Jesus and Leocadia Urias. Braulio and Vita honeymooned in Florida because he was sent to Elgin AFB and continued to serve there until 1953. He was discharged from the air Force on February 3, 1953. They moved to San Antonio to look for work, but he did not find work so he reenlisted in the Air Force on February 24, 1953.

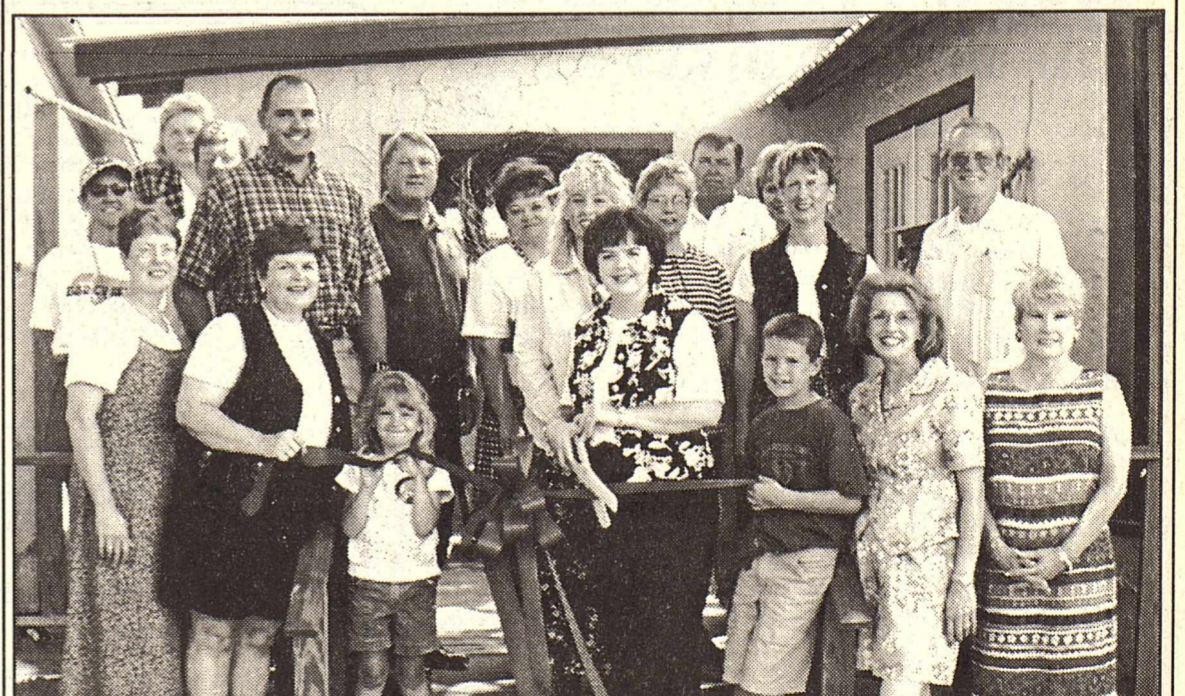
In September 1953 he was sent to Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Oklahoma to study aircraft and engine mechanics for which he

See Veteran page 6



Braulio Galindo

New Owner Has Grand Opening



Lisa Heap, along with husband Marshall and children Katy and Andrew, are the new owners of Lisa's Flowers & Gifts. They held their Grand Opening on Wednesday, May 10, 2000. They are joined here with family and friends, Kathy & John Cashman (parents) Ladonna Snyder, Justin McGeath, Beth Snyder, Patty Prather, Becky Covington, Judy Webster, Lise Miller, Carolyn Welch, Brent Gesch, Mike Hale, Pam Haynes, Carolyn Philipps, Ceil Watwood.

Lap Swimming and Family Nights New at Swimming Pool

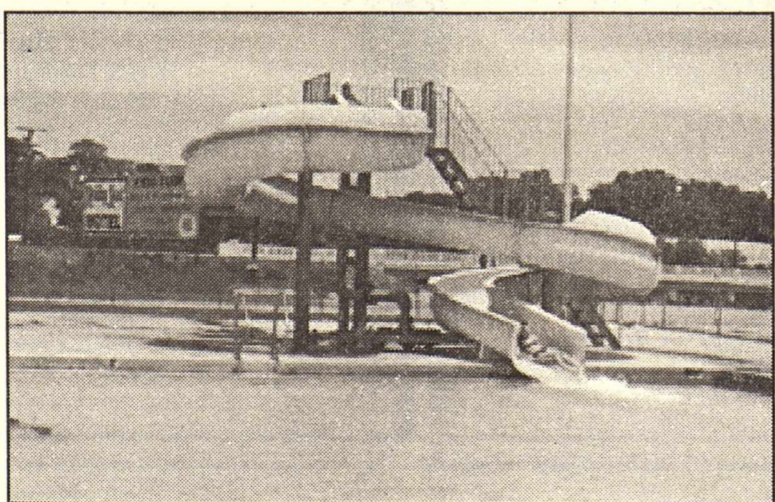
The Sonora Swimming Pool will be opening for business on Monday, May 29, 2000.

This year Melissa Teaff and the pool staff are offering some new swimming fun. Lap swimming will be offered from 7 - 8 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursdays starting June 6th. The cost is \$2 per class. The classes will be based on participation and if there is no interest then they will be discontinued.

There will also be Family Nights offered on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The Family Nights will start on June 4th and the cost will be \$1. Children MUST be accompanied by one or both parents, no exceptions.

Regular pool hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. The pool is closed on Wednesdays.

The entrance cost will remain the same, \$2 for everyone, and this price includes swimming, basketball



and volleyball.

Children 8 years of age and younger must be accompanied by someone 12 years old or older.

Private parties can be booked for evenings, except Wednesdays, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$60, which includes the use of the

pavilion. A \$20 deposit is due upon booking and the remainder \$40 is due the day of the party.

Returning lifeguards include Marisha Henson, Cindy Jones, Kara Eaton and Chandra Hughes. Melissa and all the staff look forward to a great year.

Sonora Church Directory

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| <p>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA Rick Sanchez 504 Santa Clara 387-2035</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST 304 N. Water 387-3190</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. T. Wayne Price Pastor 404 E Oak 387-2951</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Rev. Ted W. Harris 404 E. Poplar 387-2955</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor 201 N. Water 387-2466</p> <p>JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS St. Ann's Street 387-3600</p> <p>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Rev. Charles Huffman 417 E. 2nd St. 387-5366</p> <p>NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER Jerry & Joy Wood 204 E. Main 387-3241</p> <p>LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC. Pastor Hector A. Portillo 807 Orient Ave. 387-6065</p> | <p>THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN Lewis Allen, Pastor 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616</p> <p>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH Don Longoria, Pastor Corner of Hwy. 277 S. and Glasscock</p> <p>PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED Randy Greenwood Pastor 509 Amistad 387-5266</p> <p>ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I. 229 W. Plum 387-2278</p> <p>JEHOVAH'S WITNESS 310 St. Ann's Street 387-5658 or 387-5518</p> <p>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH Don Seigler 511 Cornell 387-3018</p> <p>COWBOY CHURCH Monty Price Cauthorn Memorial Bldg. Wednesday 7:00 p.m.</p> |
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Card of Thanks

The Ladies Golf Auxiliary would like to give a GREAT BIG THANKS to Ronnie Hines and Ed Newton for all their hard work in the kitchen during our 2-Lady Tournament. The snack table looked lovely and lunch was great. Thanks for all your hard work in keeping everything warmed up and the tables full. We would also like to thank Jodie Finklea, Ebbie Sutton and Wanda Neville for their help in preparing the food for us, as well as Julie Hines and Shelly Hughes for the decorations. Everything turned out great. Thanks again for all your support.

Lori Newton
LGA, President

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to each and everyone who helped us through our time of need whether it was a phone call, a visit, food donations, sending flowers or just acknowledging us in our time of grief. Special thanks to the entire nursing staff of Hudspeth Nursing Home and the staff of Hudspeth Hospital of Sonora for all of the wonderful care through the years. Thanks also to Dr. Pajestka and the Sutton County E.M.S. We will miss you JoJo.

May God Bless,
Felix Rodriguez, Marivel Contreras, Travis Osborne,
Anthony Luna and Arianna Zook

The family of Janita Richardson would like to express our appreciation for the prayers, flowers, food, cards, memorials and expressions of sympathy. Everyone has been kind to us through a very stressful time. Our main consolation is that we'll see her again down the line.

God Bless You All!
Mike, Patti, Dan and Families

The kindergarten teachers and students of Sonora Primary would like to say **THANK YOU** to Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas for donating a pair of work gloves for each and every kinder student. The students decorated the gloves and gave them to their mothers for Mother's Day. We sincerely appreciate your generosity!

Kinder Classes of Mrs. Burnham, Mrs. Dutton,
Ms. Nixon and Mrs. Perez

Thank you to the Sonora Golf Club and all those involved in our Benefit Golf Scramble.

The people of Sonora take care of their kids with support and encouragement and we truly appreciate each one of you!

Thanks again,
Caleb Taylor and Jared Percifull
and their Families

The First National Bank Relay for Life Team would like to thank everyone who donated to the Cancer Society during the Bank's Bake Sale, cash donations and those who purchased luminaries. A special thank you to Shanna, Noemi, Chris, and Storie for all their support during the Relay. I appreciate all the help from teammates and spouses in putting up the tent, etc. Thanks to all the team members for participating in the games and being there to walk and cheer our team. I personally thank Roberta for always being there and for all she does. The Relay was a great success this year and it was exciting to see so many people participating in the event. Looking forward to next year.

Thanks to everyone!
Roy Jean Johnson

Obituaries

Arlie Lavern Archer
Arlie Lavern Archer, age 79, passed away May 8, 2000 in a San Antonio hospital. He was a veteran of WWII, retired after 30 years from Gulf Energy and was a member of Castle Hills First Baptist Church. Surviving him is his wife of 57 years, Mona; sons James Archer of Sonora, Allyn Archer of San Antonio, Doug Archer of Hebronville; daughters Carolyn Mills and Sheila Stansell both of Grapevine; 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters Dorothy Daniel and Eulah Mae Chambers. Services were held May 10, 2000 at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel in San Antonio with burial following at Sunset Memorial Park. Family requests that memorial donations be made to Baptist Children's Home Ministries, 8700 Tesoro Dr. San Antonio, Texas 78227.



Engagement

Miller - Arnwine

2nd Lt. Barry Shannon Arnwine and Miss Lorie Lynn Miller are pleased to announce their engagement and approaching marriage on June 3, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. in Harrisonburg, VA.

Tommy and Beverly Arnwine of Sonora, Texas and formerly of Sundown are the parents of the groom and Fredrick and Patricia Miller of Singers Glen, VA. are the parents of the bride.

Arnwine graduated from Sundown High School in 1986 and from Texas Tech University in 1992. He served as catering manager of Marriott at South Plains College in 1996-1998 and has been in the Marine Corp since June 1998, completing bootcamp in San Diego, CA. in October 1998, Officer's Candidate School in Quantico, VA in August 1999, and The Basic School in Quantico, VA in June 2000. Upon completing his training as a Logistics Officer in September 2000, he will be stationed at Cherry Point, North Carolina. Miss Miller graduated from Broadway High School, Broadway, VA in 1985 and is an agent for F & M Shomo & Lineweaver Insurance in Harrisonburg, VA.

Obituaries

Margarito Gamez
Margarito Martinez "Maggie" Gamez, 55, passed away Friday, May 12, 2000 at his home in Sonora. Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 15 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial following in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home. Survivors include his wife Estella E. Gamez, two daughters Yvonne G. Chavez of Stanton and Gina G. Gamez of Sonora, a son Abel I. Gamez of Ft. Worth, his mother Maria M. Gamez of Sonora, four brothers Fidencio M. Gamez of Clovis, CA., Mario M. Gamez, Carlos M. Gamez, Ezekiel M. Gamez all of Sonora and a sister Mary G. Bustamante of Sonora, and three grandsons.

Imogene Cox Parker
Imogene Parker, 87, lovingly known as "Mushie" or "Mush" passed away Sunday, May 7, 2000, at Parks Methodist Retirement Village. Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, at the First Baptist Church in Odessa with Dr. Ernest Easley officiating. Private burial preceded the memorial service.

Imogene Cox was born Nov. 3, 1912, in Grand Prairie Grove, Texas, to Milton Dean Cox and Ima Mae Beemon. She was reared in Mexia, but moved to Lubbock and later to Midland, graduating from Midland High School in 1930. She studied home economics at Texas Tech before marrying Ray Lindley Parker Feb. 10, 1933, and moving to the Parker Ranch in Notrees. After ranching three years, the Parkers moved to Midland and then to Odessa.

In Odessa, Ray and Imogene Parker joined the First Baptist Church where she faithfully served as a Sunday school teacher for many years and was on the pulpit committee that called Dr. John Rasco. In 1953 she was selected First Lady of Odessa. She was responsible for the organization of the local chapter of the League of Women Voters and served on its state board. She had been a member of the hospital auxiliary and was presently a member of the Odessa Study Club and DAR. She and her husband served on the Development Council at Baylor University.

She is survived by sons, James Milton Parker and wife Carol, of Sonora, and Philip Lind Parker, Sr. and wife, Susan, of Odessa; brother, Dean Beeman Cox and wife, Dorothy, of Midland; sister, Louise Scurlock of Scottsdale, Ariz.; 12 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Imogene was preceded in death by her husband, Ray, in 1975; her parents, M.D. in 1959 and Iva Mae in 1974; and two sisters, Mary Zue Cox in 1920 and Juanita Sherrod in 1997.

Family requests that memorial contributions be made to the First Baptist Church of Odessa or to the charity of choice.

The grandsons served as pallbearers. Services were entrusted to Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Ovid Wade Jr.
Ovid "Bud" Wade Jr. passed away Tuesday, May 9, 2000, in Shannon Medical Center. He was the son of Ovid Wade and Myrtle Bray Wade, who preceded him in death.

"Bud" was born Feb. 8, 1918, in Schleicher County and attended school at Eldorado. He was a veteran of World War II having served in the U.S. Army. He had worked for Petty Seismograph Co. all over the United States and Canada and was a farmer and rancher.

Graveside services were held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 11, in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

"Bud" is survived by a sister, Vera Wade Jessup of Sonora; a brother, Charlie Wade and wife, Trixie, of San Angelo; sisters-in-law, Mrs. Jack (Geneva) Wade of Eldorado and Mrs. Bill Wade of Sonora; a brother-in-law, Glenn McDonald of Eldorado; and several nieces and nephews.

Dining Out Directory

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240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401

Los Jarritos
605 S. Crockett
387-2838

Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe
207 Glasscock Ave
387-5552

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181

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

Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

Senior Center News

May 12 - Beltone 11:00 a.m. • Mother's Day program! Choose Senior Mother of 2000! (Noon)

May 15 - Bingo!

May 16 - City Council 2:00 p.m. City Hall

May 17 - Sugar/Blood checks with TDHS... Maria & Noemi 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Senior Center Menu

May 12 -Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, brussels sprouts, wheat bread, juice, brownie with nuts, milk.

May 15 -Chicken salad sandwich, carrots, celery sticks, potato chips, fresh banana, milk.

May 16 -Steak fingers with gravy, juice, mashed potatoes, sliced tomato, biscuit, heavenly hash cake, milk.

May 17 - Glazed ham, cooked cabbage, sweet potatoes with apples, wheat rolls, banana pudding, milk.

May 18 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, vegetable salad, rolls, white cake with caramel icing, milk.

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

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Community

May 19
Open House Appreciation Day
Sutton Co. Senior Center 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

May 21
4-H Horse Clinic
7:00 p.m. Rodeo Arena

May 21
Baccalaureate Ceremonies
8:00 p.m. High School Auditorium

The Community Calendar


Calendar

May 25
Last day of School


May 26
S.H.S. Graduation Ceremonies
Bronco Stadium 8:30 p.m.

May 29
Swimming Pool Opens

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Email us at editor@sonorax.net

Ask the Historical Society



Sonora Main Street around 1898

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Q. You mentioned a Dr. Colson in your column but I was unable to locate a grave for him in the Sonora Cemetery. When did he leave Sonora?
A. Devil's River News, May 12, 1900
Dr. Huston G. Colson died at his home in Sonora Sunday night of consumption after a lingering illness. Dr. Colson was born in Bell County, Kentucky, where his mother still resides, 32 years ago. He began the practice of medicine at Middlesboro, Kentucky, but his health failed and he came to Sonora in 1893 and was successful and actively engaged in the practice of his profession up to last year. He was a member in good standing of the Dee-Ora Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Sonora, Texas and was for several years medical examiner for the Devil's River Camp Woodmen of the World. Personally he was a fine man and his friends were numerous. Deceased leaves a widow and several small children to mourn his loss. The body was embalmed by Jno. S. Miles of San Angelo and shipped to Middlesboro, Kentucky, where interment will be had in the family burying ground. The News sympathizes with the widow and children of deceased as well as the aged mother who was too feeble to be with her son at his last moment.

Someone had called and asked me where they could find the death certificate for Robert Hoffman. In the same issue we found the following: Died at the T. J. Moss Ranch in Edwards County, on Thursday, May 10, 1900, Robert Hoffman, in his 20th year. Deceased was the invalid son of Mr and Mrs. A. B. Hoffman. Interment took place at the Sonora Cemetery on Friday morning, Rev. A. R. Watson officiating. Call Edwards County and see if they have a death certificate on file.
Another time someone wanted to know when O. H. Wood left Sonora. In the same issue we found the following: O. H. Wood, who has been a good and substantial citizen of the Sonora country for many years has closed out his livestock interests and is going to join his family in Amity, Oregon. The News hopes to hear of O. H. doing well always.

Other articles of interest in this issue: Forty-nine votes were cast at the incorporated school district election last Saturday and the following board elected: R. S. Caruthers, G. T. Sharp, Jno. W. Hagerlund, Dr. T. J. Dodson, R. C. Dawson, E. C. Saunders and E. F. Vander Stucken. The board is a good one and will look after the interest of the children and community.
W. L. Aldwell, the stockman and cashier of the First National Bank of Sonora left for his home in Denton Thursday. Lee will return to Sonora in about a months time with his family.

H. Wetjen, one of the best sheep men in this part of the country, was in Sonora Tuesday. Henry is moving his sheep from the R. E. Potter ranch on the Dry Devil's River to the Gentry ranch about 20 miles south of Sonora, he was accompanied by Tom Gentry.

Miss Daisy D. Woodward and Mr. Robert S. Holland were married at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Coleman. There was a very large wedding and the news reported all the wedding gifts and where they came from. If anyone in the Holland family would like a copy please call me.

Kirkland's Restaurant will pay 30 cents for large frying chickens or good fat hens and is selling Hot Chili for ten cents a dish.

Basil M. Halbert of Sonora has been appointed census enumerator for Sutton County.

Geo. Hagelstein of the firm of C. & G. Hagelstein Co. of San Angelo has been in Sonora erecting and starting the Perry McConnell and T. D. Newell "Fairbanks-Morse Gasoline Engines." The McConnell engine has been completed and running for a day and a half when we went to press. It runs smoothly and perfectly. It was put on the 24 inch stroke and pumped just 39 gallons per minute, more water than Perry had ever seen coming out of a well pipe. The total expense of running a

4 horse power is less than \$1 per 10 hour day. It is the cheapest water except for the windmill.

Rome Shields has resigned the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Tom Green County and will engage in the hardware business at Santa Anna.

Gus Wheat, son of Ira L. Wheat, the well known stockman of Edwards County arrived in Sonora Tuesday and left for the ranch Wednesday. Gus has been attending the Medical College at Galveston.

P. G. Hill the mutton speculator was in Sonora Monday and bought the Perry McConnell residence on Main Street for \$700.

Mills Ice Cream Parlor located at the McDonald's Store building in Sonora had confectionery, cold drinks, fruits and ice for sale.

M. B. Atkinson was the representative for the Anderson and Chisholm Brownwood Marble Works.

W. Jack Owens was the proprietor of The Sonora Bakery and had bread, cakes, pies, butter, eggs, etc. for sale.

A. J. Swearingen was the proprietor of the Ranch Saloon and had the finest liquors and cigars in town and San Antonio Pearl Beer always on hand.

You could see Hunt & Sparks at their livery, feed and sale stable where boarding horses was a specialty.

P. Hurst filed as the executor of the estate of the late Gus A. Batte with J. B. Hill at the courthouse in Sutton County.

Pomp Jones died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Shannon in Marfa Monday night. He was one of the best known cowboys in West Texas. He was a liberal and big hearted fellow and a few years ago was regarded as one of the best cow men in this part of the country. He was 40 years of age. - Alpine Avalanche.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net or call me at 915-387-2855. Folks it is going to take money to turn the old Fincher House into the Sutton County Historical Society and Main Street Offices plus an archival storage facility for the society. Please help and send your donations to the above address, care of Al Elliott, Treasurer. Thank you!

Social Security Retirement Age Going Up

The Social Security retirement age is going up and the effects will be felt this year. "Most people do not know about the changes made sixteen years ago in the Social Security Amendments of 1983. The retirement age for those born in 1938 or later was raised in gradual steps from age 65 to 67," said Fredi Franki, Social Security manager in San Angelo, Texas.
If you were born before 1938, you will still be eligible for your full Social Security retirement benefit at the age of 65 and reduced benefits as

early as age 62. However, those born in 1938 who retire "early" this year will find their benefit reduced from 20 percent to 20.8 percent. Beginning in 2003, full retirement age for those born in 1938 or later will increase. For example, the full retirement age for those born in 1938 will increase to 65 years and two months.
"There are disadvantages and advantages to taking your benefit before your full retirement age, so contact Social Security before you decide to retire," urges Franki.

Senior Center Celebrates Mother's Day

Submitted
The Sutton County Senior Center had a special Mother's Day celebration on May 12, 2000. The Senior Mom of the Year for 2000 is Juanita Chavez. Mrs. Chavez received a corsage from Flowers by Irene, a Manicure and a Pedicure from Edna's House of Beauty, a meal from Los Jarritos, a shampoo & set from the Cutting Edge, hair products from the Bright Spot and an Avon set from Sandra Luz Gonzales.

All the Senior moms were recognized and received cards and a corsage that were made and donated by the Senior Center Staff, along with chocolate kisses. The mom's that were recognized were: Marie Allen, Santos Brown, Aurora Cardenos, Juanita Chavez, Ellen Depugh, Alda Duran, Eulogia Flores, Eloida Galindo, Rosa Galindo, Cindi Guerra, Maria Gutierrez, Beverly Howard, Jean Humphreys, Gloria Kerbow, Vicenta Lopez, Lupe Mendez, Amelia Ramos, Tina Hernandez, Victoria Romero, Gretta Smith, Dell Tedford, Rosalia Chavez, Charlotte Wilson, Maria Leija, Dorothy Jungk, Julia Reynoso, Marie Curtis, Shala Cavaness, Anna Eustace, Jean Redman, Jackie Harris, Bernice Hearn, Doris Grantland, Olivia Longoria, Kathleen Moore, Lala Morales, Odell Flores, Barbara Urbanski, Ofilia Torres, Jeannette Cooper, Manuela Artieaga, Lucy Ramos, Elflida Martinez, Lidia Reina. Petra Castaneda was visiting from out of town. Other guests that attended the celebration were Maura Weingart, Adelita Alvarez and Teresa Zeirita

and Mr. Juan Flores, who traveled from Houston to come and be with his mother "Eulogia", who was also the "oldest" senior mother at 98 years young.

Sonora's homebound moms also received cards from the Senior Center. The homebound moms are Antonia Bianuelea, Julia Carbajal, Elida Castro, Shelia Castro, Ethel Olson, Brigida Garza, Petra Gonzales, Maria Ortega, Paula Hernandez, Trevelen Kaplen, Maria Lira, Faye McClelland, May Dell Moore, Nadine Porter, Alicia Noriega, Isidora Ramirez, Maria Ramos, Leonor Reyna, Dean Tittle, Eloida Flores, Lodessa Pope, Felis Solis, Amalia Lumbreas, Rita Lopez, Noemi Sanford, and Esperanza Samaniego.

If your name is not here, you need to register at the Senior Center, just give them a call or go by the Center. If someone was forgotten, Thank You for being there.

Door prize winners were Shala Cavaness, Alda Duran, Anna Eustace, Lupe Mendez, Eulogia Flores and Eloida Galindo.

A special thanks goes to Mrs. Charlotte Wilson who entertained everyone on the piano. She is always ready to help and never says no! A thank you also goes to the Staff at the Senior Center for making this Mother's Day celebration so special, Lesa Galindo, Amelia Ramos, Lilia Flores and Vicky Romero.

Don't forget Appreciation Day on Friday, May 19th from 6 - 8 p.m. The Center will honor the senior citizens, volunteers, businesses and the community for all they do to help the center.

Protect Your Skin from the Sun

Our skin is the largest organ in our body and plays a valuable role in our survival. It not only covers the internal organs and protects them from injury and bacteria, our skin regulates our body temperature and helps rid our body of excess water and salts. It also provides for pain, temperature, and touch sensation - all three of which are clearly present after we experience sunburn.

As the summer months draw near, the American Cancer Society is encouraging us to remember the importance of our skin and to protect it from the sun's damaging rays.

"Most of the 1.3 million cases of skin cancer diagnosed yearly in the U.S. are considered to be sun-related. Those most at risk for skin cancer are people with light skin, fair hair, light color eyes and those who burn easily. However, darker-skinned people can also develop skin cancer, including malignant melanoma, the deadliest form," says Dr. Ramsdell, MD, spokesperson for the American Cancer Society in Texas.

To reduce your risk for skin cancer, the American Cancer Society recommends avoiding midday sun between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. when the sun is at its strongest. When outside, protect your skin by wearing protective clothing, including a hat and using a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a skin protective factor (SPF) of 15 or higher that will block both UVA and UVB type rays.

For more information on UV exposure, skin cancer and ways to protect yourself and your family, visit the American Cancer Society's web site at www.cancer.org. Select skin cancer from the "Types of Cancer" drop down menu and then go to skin cancer prevention.
For those without Internet access, the American Cancer Society is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through their toll-free information hotline at 1-800-ACS-2345. Cancer Information Specialists are trained to provide the latest information related to skin cancer as well as forms of cancer.

Carter Zook would like to announce the birth of his baby sister Trinity Christine.
Trinity was born on May 10, 2000 at 8:57 a.m. at Shannon's Women & Children's Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. 7 1/2 ozs. and was 19" long.
Proud parents are Jon & Arianna Zook of Sonora.
Maternal Grandparents are Marivel Contreras and Travis Osborne.
Maternal Great-Grandfather Felix Rodriguez of Sonora.
Paternal Grandparents are John and Evelyn Zook
Paternal Great-Grandmothers are Dixie Genini of Sonora and Nancy Jones of Washington State.
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"Get Me to the Church on Time"



Omitted in last week's ballet article were ballerinas Katy Heap, Rae Welch, Micaela Moore, Anna Gallegos, Yaricxa Guerrero, Kelsey Favila, Jacinda Sanchez, Valeria Buitron, Whitney Hernandez and Stella Ingham. These beautiful girls danced to "Get Me to the Church on Time" from My Fair Lady.

York/Archer win 2nd Annual Chili Pepper Tournament

On May 6th, 15 teams competed in the 2-Lady golf tournament on Saturday at the Sonora Golf Course. The weather was wonderful but a bit windy. A great time was had by all the women. The winners in the tournament were as follows:

- Championship flight:**
 1st - 72 - Becky York & Jane Archer
 2nd - 76 - Lisa Gonzales & Suzanne Alley
 3rd - 78 - Sue Scott & Geneva McWhorter
- First Flight:**
 1st - 83 - Ebbie Sutton & Susy Walker
 2nd - 85 - Lori Newton & Laurie Smith
 3rd - 86 - Carol Dyal & Bertha Templeton
- Second Flight:**
 1st - 89 - Nancy Jackson & Sandy Armstrong
 2nd - 90 - Julia Hines & LaNell Baily
 3rd - 91 - Rhonda Giles & Marilyn Mayor.

Longest drive to Becky York and Closest to the Pin went to Sue Scott. There was a chip-off at the end of the day for ladies who made chip-ins during the tournament. Four ladies competed in the chip-off, with Frances Tackel winning.

The Ladies Golf Auxiliary would like to extend a Special Thanks to the following people and businesses for their generous donations to the tournament, all of which made it a great success:

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Texas Lutheran University Recognizes Local Scholarship Recipient

Seguin-Texas Lutheran University is pleased to recognize Jeff McCam, who is a recipient of an academic scholarship for the 1999-2000 academic year.

McCam, a resident of Sonora, is the recipient of the Fredlien and Marie Schroeder Scholarship. McCam is a junior business major at TLU.

Texas Lutheran University, offering degrees in 27 academic disciplines and 10 pre-professional programs, has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report as the third best regional liberal arts university in the Western United States.

The magazine also named TLU one of the "best values" in that same group of institutions. An exclusively undergraduate private liberal arts university, TLU is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Flores Selected as All-American Scholar

Joe Flores, a Senior at Sonora High School has been officially selected as an All-American Scholar.

Each year Faculty Members select their top students across America using academic standards for selections. All-American Scholar awards are highly acclaimed because only the top scholars across America are eligible for these prestigious honors.

The United States Achievement Academy has selected Joe for the All-American Scholar At Large Division because he has been hon-

ored in other programs and is among the top academically talented students in America. This outstanding honor is an important national award recognizing Joe's hard work and commitment solely to Academic excellence.

Being chosen for this honor allows Joe to compete for scholarship grants awarded by the Academy.

This is the only award given by USAA which is solely based upon academic scores and academic achievements.

Happy Birthday

- May 18**
 Sydne Robles, Jenny Kneuper, Linda Hernandez, Davey Prather, Federico Romo, Corley Walsh
- May 19**
 Toni Charo, Gabriel Garcia
- May 20**
 Glen Hocutt, Brian Konvicka, Ramiro Perez, Lynda Thurmond, Ram Perez
- May 21**
 Tom E. Valliant, Todd Wolfe, Tasha Hernandez, Adriana Faz
- May 22**
 Kathleen Freeman, Jason Martin, Rito Renteria Jr., Ashley Henson, Jasmine Talamantez
- May 23**
 Bettye Hardegree, Callie McWilliams Scott Badgett, Caleb S. Gonzales, Jessie Paredes
- May 24**
 Jonathan Casillas, Mike Dillard, Luran Schaefer, James Barton

Jon Ramos Awarded American General Character Stars Scholarship

Nashville - Jon Ramos, a senior at Sonora High School in Sonora has been named a winner in the 2000 American General Scholarship program.

The American General Scholarship is unlike traditional scholarships because it rewards Texas public high school students who demonstrate outstanding character. Winners are judged on qualities like kindness, respect, and good citizenship.

To qualify, students must have average to above average academic records, which place them in the top

third of their senior class - but not in the top 10%. They must also present evidence of good character in two letters of recommendation (one from a high school official and the other from a community leader). Students are also evaluated based on involvement in extracurricular activities, and their written response to a question about character.

"American General is proud to award Jon this unique and honorable scholarship," said Joe Kelley, president of American General Career Distribution Group. "The students who received this scholarship have made the right choices in life and have proven that character does indeed count."

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Stroud Joins Air Force

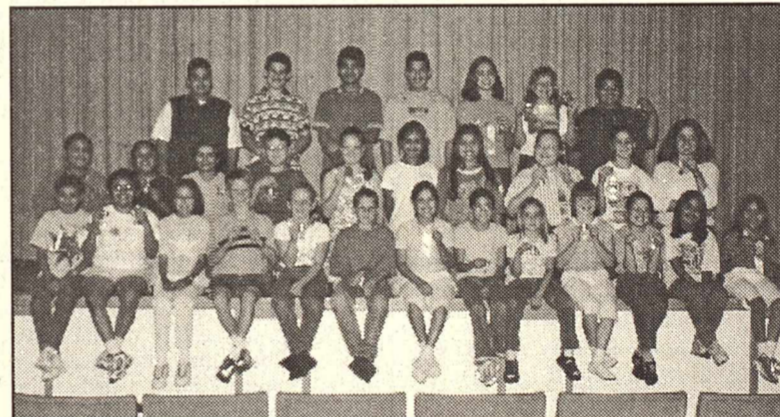
Arlington, Texas - Jennifer Nicole Stroud, resident of Brownwood, TX, daughter of Barbara Stroud, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program, according to Sergeant Garry Myers, Air Force Representative located at Heartland Mall, 300 Early Blvd., Brownwood, TX.

Jennifer, a 1997 graduate of Sonora High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on 17 May 2000. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, she is scheduled to receive technical training in the Operations Resource Management Apprentice career field.

She will be earning credits toward an Associate Degree in Applied Sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training.

Elementary U.I.L. Winners

- The Elementary U.I.L. Meet in Eldorado was a success for Sonora. A big Thanks to all of the students who participated in U.I.L. this year. These students worked hard and represented Sonora Primary and Intermediate very well. The following students placed in their events:
- 2nd Grade Creative Writing - Mario Oliden - 2nd
 - 3rd Grade Storytelling - John Duke Hudson - 1st
 - 3rd Grade Spelling - Vickie Torres - 5th
 - 4th Grade Spelling - Luran Schaefer - 6th
 - 5th Grade Spelling - Cristal Capuchina - 4th, Starlyn Chadwick - 6th
 - 4th Grade Music Memory - Samantha Tidwell, Emily Newton, Chelsea Martinez - 3rd
 - 4th Grade Art - Laura Martin, Kimble Luna, Victoria Fuentes, Whitney Perez - 5th
 - 5th Grade Art - Alison Carroll, Teresa Castillo, Jennifer Gonzales, Luis Lira, Ruben Mendez - 4th
 - 5th Grade Listening - Mackenzie Perez 2nd, Starlyn Chadwick and Travis Valliant - 3rd (tie)
 - 4th Grade Ready Writing - Laura



- Martin - 6th
 - 5th Grade Oral Reading - Marc Hernandez - 1st, Jaimee Duran - 5th, Kayla Fields - 6th
 - 4th Grade Number Sense - Kari Nicholas - 6th
 - 5th Grade Number Sense - Mackenzie Perez - 1st, Madeline Higdon - 3rd, Meghan Krieg - 4th
 - 4th Grade Number Sense - J.T. Downing, Kari Nicholas, Kimble Luna - 3rd
 - 4th Grade Spelling Team - Laura Martin, Luran Schaefer, Heather Hughes - 3rd
 - 5th Grade Spelling Team - Starlyn Chadwick, Cristal Capuchina, Aric McGee - Bronze
 - 5th Grade Number Sense - Meghan Krieg, Mackenzie Perez, Madeline Higdon - Gold
 - 5th Grade Listening - Mackenzie Perez, Starlyn Chadwick, Travis Valliant - Gold.
- All the students that traveled to Ozona for U.I.L. competition will be treated to a swimming party on May 22. (Not pictured above are Mario Oliden and Alison Carroll).

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The Sonora Schools will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. on May 24 and 25. Last Day of School is May 25.

The Child Care services program of the Tom Green County Community Action Council has received funding through the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board from the Texas Workforce Commission to provide childcare for children 0 months - 12 years of age during the summer of 2000. Parental eligibility is based on income, and parents must be employed or preparing for employment through training or education. For more information, call 1-800-326-5440 or 915-653-2411.

4-H Horse Project - Wheelless Baker will conduct a horsemanship clinic on May 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the county arena. She will instruct participants on event rules and patterns. There will be no charge for this clinic. Call the Extension Office for more information at 387-3101.

The Sutton County Senior Center will hold an Open House/Appreciation Day on Friday, May 19th from 6 - 8 p.m. Volunteers, Businesses, and Sr. Citizens from the community will be recognized. Hamburgers & drinks will be served and entertainment will be provided. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place to show off the newly remodeled center. Everyone is invited!

Soccer Clinic to be held June 7th & 8th from 7-9 p.m. Participants should be between the ages of 4-11. The cost will be approximately \$20.00 dependent upon the number of participants. Deadline to sign up will be Friday, May 19th. If interested please contact Bonnie Lou at 387-3174 or Paul at 387-5402.

Bronco Baseball Ends Successful Year

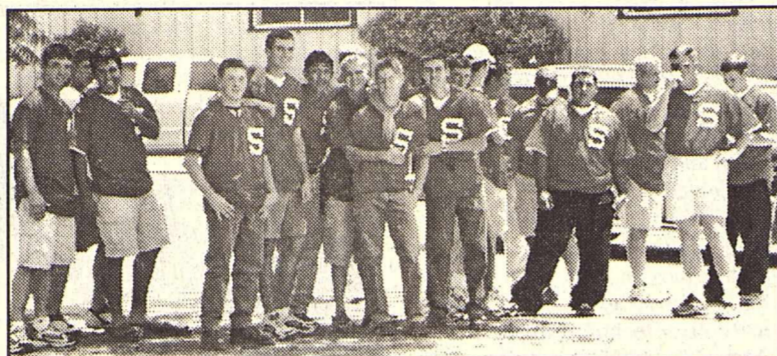
by Tryon Fields

The Sonora Bronco Baseball team ended play this past week-end against the Coahoma Bulldogs.

Though the outcome was not what the Broncos wanted; the Broncos ended the season with their best record since baseball was reinstated six years ago. Under the tutelage of John Creek, the Red Hosses finished the season at 15 and 10.

In the Area round of the play-offs, the Broncos faced a very play-off experienced team from Coahoma. In the first game on Friday, the Broncos faced a left handed pitcher, Delvin White, who struck out 18 Broncos, while giving up two hits and three walks. The two hits were by Russell Dempsey and Bryce Williams. Ultimately, the Broncos would lose this game by ten runs, but it would take the Bulldogs all seven innings to do it. Coahoma 10 - Sonora 0.

On Saturday, the Broncos faced a new day and new hopes. For five innings, the Broncos looked like they might force the series to the



The Bronco Baseball team visited the Elementary School before leaving for the Area game against Coahoma.

third game. However; in the fifth, the Bulldogs playoff experience came through and the Broncos would fall to defeat, 3 to 11.

The 2000 Broncos have everything to be proud of and nothing to hang their heads about. As each year the Broncos baseball program has improved, and this year was no exception. A second place finish in District 2-2A, their second trip to the playoffs in a row, and a winning record of 15 and 10. The down note is that next years Broncos will be

missing the likes of: Jason Surber, Edgar Gonzalez, Ubaldo Vaquera, Russell Dempsey, Brady Lock, Kiko Marines, and Wes Baumgardner; as each of these young men will be graduating. Good luck to you gentlemen in your future endeavors. The up note is that the Broncos will be returning ten lettermen, seven of which are starters. The future looks bright for John Creek and his 2001 Sonora Broncos.

Reflections Of The 6th Grade Culture Fair

Students were asked to write about their recent experience in the 6th Grade Culture Fair. Here are a few of their reflections.

1. "When our teachers first told us about the culture fair, I was thinking, "Oh no, another boring school project". As I became more involved and interested in the culture fair, I began to think that it was going to be fun. As the costume came together and my recipe was being made, the preparation for the culture fair reached its' climax. Then the night arrived. It was time for the culture fair to begin.

As I walked into the Civic Center, I saw all the different costumes and foods from all kinds of different cultures. Now I was beginning to like this culture fair thing! As we all lined up and paraded around, the friends and family cameras began to flash. We

sat down and sang our song. I was also one of the dancers.

As we went to our station, I began to get a weird feeling way deep down in the pit of my stomach. The people began to come down the line and I was thinking, "I hope they like my food," They did! I was out of my apple cake quickly. As I walked around tasting all the extra food, I was thinking back to all the hard work and preparation we put in for this event. The night ended, and everybody left.

The culture fair was a great experience for my friends and me. I am very glad that we did it this year. I can't wait to see the fifth graders next year! Thanks to all that came to the culture fair, and a special thanks to all of the teachers."

2."Have you ever heard of or

been to a culture fair? Well we had one yesterday! We researched a country that we drew from a hat, and drew pictures of the native wildlife, climate, landmarks, and the landscape. We typed it after that and mounted it on our boards. At home we made our costumes and the recipes.

At the culture fair I was astonished. It was like walking through different countries all at once! All the costumes looked good, I did not see one that didn't look like it took at least some time. When we sang, at first I was nervous, but after a little bit it was fine. The dance looked pretty cool too! The food that I got to try was really good even the ham with grapes. Everything that I did not get to try looked good also, I think that all in all the culture fair was a huge success. It really turned out better than

SHS Students Named National Award Winners

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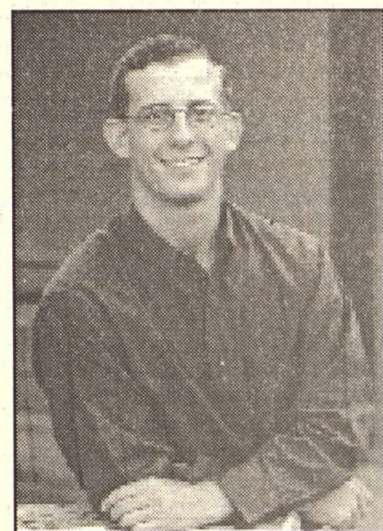
The United States Achievement Academy announced this week that Jacob West, Jason West, Maribel Capuchina, and Joe Flores, all of Sonora, Texas have been named United States National Award Winners. Jason and Jacob were both awarded in Mathematics, Maribel was awarded in Leadership, and Joe received the award in Science. These awards are a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Jacob and Jason were both nominated for this national award by Claudia Dempsey, a Math teacher at Sonora High School. Maribel was nominated by Ms. Bell, a counselor at SHS, and Joe was nominated by Mrs. Ward.

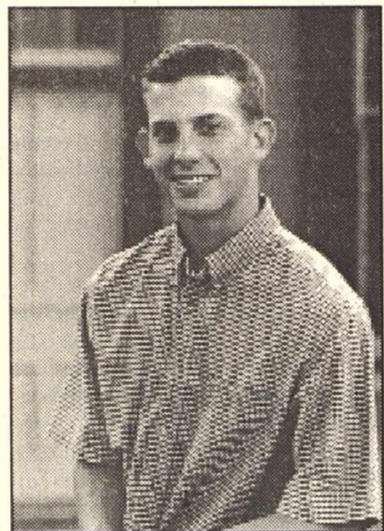
All four student's names will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

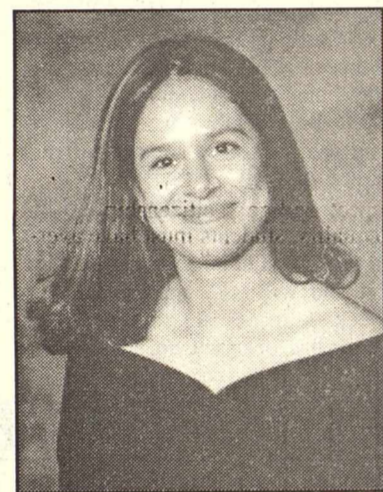
The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative



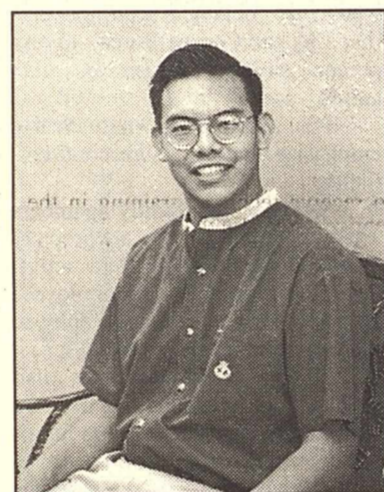
Jacob West



Jason West



Maribel Capuchina



Joe Flores

spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Jacob and Jason West are the sons of Joe David and Laura West of Sonora and the grandsons of Vicki West of Mertzon and Myrtle

Donahoo of San Angelo.

Maribel Capuchina is the daughter of Jesus & Lourdes Capuchina of Sonora and the granddaughter of Jesus & Victoria Capuchina of Sonora and Fernando & Rita Trevino of Eldorado.

Joe Flores is the son of Chris and Joe Flores of Sonora.

Golf from page 1

While they didn't accomplish their ultimate goal of winning State, they were happy to make a comeback and take 2nd. That's reason to celebrate!

Sonora's scores over the two days were Tommy Gutierrez 83-74-157; Ryan Hardgrave 84-76-160; Cole Cearley 82-83-165; Ryan Cramer 87-82-169; and Dustin Matin 88-91-179.

Team scores were Olney 326-320-646; Sonora 336-315-651; Hamilton 329-324-653; Ozona 333-333-666; Pilot Point Selz 333-335-668; Yorktown 348-347-695; Grapeland 351-345-696; and Elysian Fields 356-343-699.

Tommy Gutierrez and Ryan Cramer are both seniors. This tournament was their last high school competition, and they will be missed next year. Returning players are Ryan Hardgrave and Cole Cearley, both juniors, and Dustin Martin, a freshman.

The team was coached by Thomas Hanson and assisted by Clyde Dukes. Coach Hanson remarked, "Playing at State was disappointing in that we didn't play our best on Monday. But the boys did a good job of coming back and playing well on Tuesday, getting ourselves back in it, so we were able to finish second."

D.A.R.E.ing Students Graduate



After 17 1/2 weeks of learning about "How to Say No", dealing with peer pressure, violence and more these students graduated from D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) classes taught by Mike Routh at the Sonora Elementary School.



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Veteran from page 1

received a certificate for "Qualified Engine Mechanics." Authorizing him to work on military and airline aircraft. They moved back to San Antonio to make their home. On March 14, 1955 he went to work for Howard Aero Inc. as an aircraft mechanic. Three months later on July 15, 1955 their first son, Robert, was born. Then on July 6, 1961 their first daughter, Cecilia, was born. He continued to work for Howard Aero for 9 years.

On October 3, 1964, he joined the Air Reserve Technician program. He was a civilian in a military position, which was a dual job. He was assigned as an aircraft flight mechanic at Kelly AFB, the 433rd troop carrier wing. On December 4, 1965 their twins Melinda and Melissa, were born. On October 10, 1968 their second son, Raymond, was born. In 1970, he was assigned as a flight engineer at Kelly AFB. His basic flight training was accomplished at Little Rock AFB in Arkansas. He returned to San Antonio on December 3, 1970 and qualified as a flight one engineer. Then he was sent to Dyess AFB in Abilene, TX, in April 1970 to qualify for aircraft engineer phases 2 and 3. He flew missions hauling cargo, moving personnel and administrative missions to different places

such as - Spain, Germany, England, The Azores, New Foundland, Puerto Rico, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Bolivia, Peru, Guatemala, Ecuador, Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska. On June 7, 1973 he received 1,000 hours of flight time on the C130 Hercules. Active flying status ceased in 1980 at which time he had accumulated 4,884 hours of fly time. He left the Air Reserve Technician Program on February 24, 1974 and was assigned to the Department of Defense contract administration services as a quality assurance specialist. He monitored military contacts around San Antonio for manufacture of aircraft parts for military use. He continued at this position until November 6, 1989 at which time he retired with 40 years of service.

On July 9, 1985, his wife Vita was awarded a certificate of appreciation for the Air Force Reserves for unselfish, faithful, and devoted service.

On March 29, 1990 Braulio was awarded a certificate of retirement from the United States Air Force Reserves for having served 40 years, 2 months and 21 days.

Braulio and Vita reside in San Antonio. Braulio's mother, Rosa Galindo lives here in Sonora.

Who Sees My Census Answers?

Census operations are conducted in the strictest of confidence. They must be, or the census could never be done. As the Census Bureau Director, Dr. Kenneth Prewitz, has often stated, "A serious census cannot be conducted without the trust of the American people."

Even though confidentiality is Priority No. 1 for the Census Bureau, the general public still harbors many fears and misunderstandings about the information they provide to census takers. Some people think their answers are shared with all sorts of government agencies and law enforcement offices. But the truth is, the Census Bureau does not share any information about individuals or households with anyone; and it protects this information for a minimum of 72 years.

Federal law (specifically Title 13, section 214, of the U.S. Code) makes it a federal offense for a Census employee to reveal information

to anyone outside the Census Bureau. The penalty for such disclosure is imprisonment of up to 5 years, or a fine up to \$5,000, or both.

All Census employees are carefully informed of this policy before they're hired; they must take an oath to uphold this policy; and they are frequently reminded of their responsibility in this regard. A recent memorandum from Census Bureau HQ, for example, demands of all employees nationwide:

"Nondisclosure of information contained in the schedules, lists, or statements obtained from or prepared by the Census Bureau to any person either during or after employment."

The memo goes on to clearly emphasize that to ensure confidentiality:

"Friends and family members are forbidden to accompany employees conducting field activities. Only Census sworn employees can accompany a field employee while on Census duty."

Census employees are also reminded in this memo that they are expected to read and become familiar with the administrative guidelines contained in the Census Employee Handbook and other documents. And if that still isn't enough, there is an HQ office that employees can call if they have any questions.

Considering how seriously the Census Bureau treats the nondisclosure matter, it should come as little surprise that in 1990 the Census Bureau processed over 100 million census forms and there was not one single case of breach of its public trust to protect census data. The public should understand that the Census Bureau is absolutely committed to preserving this perfect record through Census 2000 and beyond.

Mother of the Year from page 1



The younger group of essay winners, pictured here with Dairy Queen Mgr. JoAnn Wuest and Main Street Mgr. Ann Kay are Irma and Dulce Acosta, Florinda and Soyla Rivera, Kathleen and Allison Freeman.

The winning essay, giving Charlotte Higdon the title of "Mother of the Year" was written by her daughter Madeline:

My Mom

You want to know what my mom does to be the best mom? Well.... there are lots of things but I will tell you the most important ones. My mom helps me do things that are hard for me, like math and friends. Whenever I have trouble with a friend I can always go to her. When I am sick she takes care of me. If I go to a friend's house and I get homesick she will come get me no matter what time it is. If I am down (sad) she always makes me happy. She is always proud of me no matter what. And she has a smell, not a bad smell, but a nice smell like perfume almost. She only wants us to try our best at whatever we do and grow up responsible grownups. But the main reason is that she loves me and wouldn't let me be in any danger. There is only one name that I think of when I am down, mad, and sad and that is Charlotte.

Hospital from page 1

Mrs. Dower presented a policy requested by the directors regarding Hospital District moneys being spent on contributions/donations. A motion was made and carried, to approve the policy "that no Hospital funds will be spent on contributions/donations in the future".

A discussion was held regarding the bad debt write-off list of \$5,712.82. After reviewing the list the board voted to approve it.

Carol Evans gave the Nursing Home report. At the present time there are 23 residents. There have been three deaths, two admissions and one transfer to another Nursing Home in April.

Dianne Dower reported to the Board that the new x-ray equipment is scheduled to be here around June 1st and will take approximately 4 weeks to install. A temporary x-ray room has been set up and will be

used during this time. Discussion of plaques of appreciation to be put in place for the donations/grants for the new portable x-ray and the R & F equipment was held. Mrs. Dower reported that as of May 1st, there will be an increase in the laundry bill due to the increase in the City's water bills. Dower stated that the Hospital District had received \$94,983.91 from the tobacco settlement.

Kathy Knight gave the financial report for March. Mrs. Knight reported that the Hospital had total revenues of \$112,252 and total operating expenses of \$158,575. The net loss was \$67,473. The Nursing Home had total revenue of \$66,638, with \$110,042 in total operating expenses. The net loss for March was \$43,404.

After a closed session regarding Personnel, the meeting was adjourned.

Police Reports

May 6 - Lost Property - Officer received a call from a complainant wishing to report a lost Nokia phone.

May 6 - Lost Property - Officer received a call from a complainant wishing to report a lost PrimeCo cellular telephone. Complainant advised that while at a local restaurant she had left behind her Prime Co cellular phone. Attempts to locate phone were negative.

May 8 - Fugitive From Justice - Officer received a Warrant of Arrest from the Tom Green County Sheriff's Office for Felipe Flores Estrada. Officer located subject and arrested him for Probation Violation DWI Felony 3rd Degree. Subject was transported to the Sutton County Jail.

May 9 - Telephone Harassment - Officer received a call to contact a complainant in reference to telephone harassment. Complainant advised that someone unknown to her had been harassing her by phone. Investigation continues.

May 10 - Theft - Officer was contacted by a complainant about a stolen bicycle. Complainant advised that someone had stolen her son's bicycle from her front porch. Investigation continues.

May 10 - Theft - Officer was dispatched to the Stadium trailer park to speak to a complainant who advised that someone unknown to him had stolen his son's bicycle from his porch. Investigation continues.

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Sea World Is A Great Summer Vacation

"Shamu Visions", an eye-popping show that combines live action and incredible close-ups on a giant video screen, and other new shows highlight the 2000 season at SeaWorld San Antonio.

The world's largest marine life adventure park's season, which began in March, will continue through the end of October.

"Guests will see new shows and attractions throughout our beautiful 250-acre park," said Michael Catcott, SeaWorld San Antonio's general manager. "Over the past several seasons, we've worked hard to provide new experiences for every member of the family. Our 'fun-for-everyone' approach will certainly be evident throughout the park in 2000."

Using big-screen TV technology, the world's most-famous killer whale splashes into the 21st century in all-new "Shamu Visions." Cameras above and below water at multi-million-gallon Shamu Stadium give guests a larger-than-life vantage point as killer whales and their trainers engage in a thrilling display of precision and strength.

Shamu also stars in another new show, "Shamu's Hollywood Night Magic," the glitzy finale of SeaWorld's new "Hollywood Night Magic" family entertainment celebration presented each evening May 27 through Aug. 6. The nighttime Shamu show puts leaping whales into the spotlight, along with pulsating music from contemporary movies, video vignettes from classic films and special lighting effects.

Other "Hollywood Night Magic" highlights include the glittering Hollywood "Live On Ice" show with professional figure skaters and singers at The Gunn Meadow Theatre and "Clyde and Seamore's Movie Madness," a side-splitting cinematic spoof with comical sea lions Clyde and Seamore.

For those who like thrills, a new "terror of the deep" now lurks at SeaWorld. It's the "Steel Eel," the first hypercoaster in Texas or the Southwest and one of the top 25 steel coasters in the U.S., according to a recent Amusement Today survey.

This voracious new breed of roller coaster dives from 15 stories, reaches speeds of almost 65 mph and quickly defines the meaning of "hypercoaster." Guests experience weightlessness, or "air time," as they race up and over camelback humps. An encounter with the slithery, 3,700-foot beast begins with a heart-pounding 150-foot plunge toward the Water Ski Lake.

SeaWorld San Antonio surprised and delighted coaster lovers with The Great White, the first coaster ever built at a SeaWorld park and the Southwest's first inverted coaster. "Inverted" means guests dangle their legs from the ride and go heels-over-head five times during a thrill-packed series of dives, loops, corkscrews and other high-speed maneuvers.

The agility and athleticism of Pacific white-sided dolphins and the grace and beauty of beluga (or white) whales highlight "Symphony of the Sea," one of SeaWorld's crowd-pleas-

ing daytime shows. Also, back by popular demand, are "Fools With Tools," a hilarious home repair nightmare with sea lions, otters and walruses, and "The Intensity Games," a water ski and sports spectacle at SeaWorld's scenic water ski lake.

Guests who want to get wet can take a trip down the splashy Rio Loco river rapids ride or on the Texas Splashdown, the longest and tallest flume ride in the Lone Star State. Or, they can bring their swimsuits and really take the plunge into aquatic fun at Lost Lagoon, SeaWorld's water park within the park, featuring a huge wave pool, sky-high water slides, a palm-studded beach and the Lil Gators Lagoon water play area for small children.

For animal lovers, SeaWorld offers the new lorikeet habitat in which tiny parrots drink nectar from hand-held cups. Guests can also feed pinnipeds (harbor seals and sea lions), and observe highly endangered Hawaiian monk seals at the Seal and Sea Lion Community Pools; touch and feed playful Atlantic bottlenose dolphins at the Marine Mammal Pool; take an expedition to the Antarctic at the Penguin Encounter, home of more than 200 polar birds; come nose-to-nose with sharks, eels and a rainbow of tropical fish from the South Seas at Sharks/The Coral Reef; and meet world-famous Amheuser-Busch Clydesdales at the Clydesdale Hamlet.

General information about SeaWorld San Antonio is available at (210) 523-3611.

An Appetite For Land



U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla - Last Spring, a man named Chuck Cushman stood before a Congressional committee, trying to explain why the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA), a rather harmless sounding bill, was a threat to more than a million American families who own land on or near federally regulated property. The legislation, which was passed by the House of Representatives last week, puts aside about \$1 billion a year that the government will use to buy land from "willing sellers".

Cushman, speaking on behalf of the American Land Rights Association, told the story of the "willing sellers" in a little community in Ohio, located between Cleveland and Akron. By law, the Park Service was only supposed to buy up 29 homes to create the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area. But after the Park Service bought the homes and farms of owners who did want to sell, the agency began going after families in a financial crisis, such as recent widows and single parents. Next, small businesses and timber owners were bought, which resulted in lost jobs and the closing of most of the remaining businesses. As the situation spiraled downward, tax money was lost, schools and churches

closed, and more families moved. Families that stayed found their children could barely get to school, as roads were closed around the newly sealed-off federal land. When PBS filmed a documentary on the town in the mid-eighties, the town had all but died. In all, more than 300 homes were sold to the federal government. And yet, everyone of the men and women who fled the town's collapsing economy was considered a "willing seller".

We have no shortage of preserved land in our country. The government owns one third of the land in the United States. This immense amount of land is, in many cases, in desperate need of repair and improvement. The repair backlog has been estimated at \$5 billion. Common sense dictates that before the government takes on more land, it should take care of the parks it already owns.

CARA has been hard for many congressmen to resist, in part because it promises a lot of money to states for parks and environmental projects. But this bill is a Trojan horse, built by well-intentioned men and women who don't want to believe their government is capable of tearing a man from his land, or flagrantly disregarding a whole town's rights as it snatches up business after farm after home. I don't want to believe this is possible, either. But as long as it is, we cannot unleash this law on the American public.

Commission Adopts Changes to Hunting / Fishing Rules

Austin, TX-The elimination of a minimum length limit for Guadalupe and spotted bass and expansion of spring eastern turkey hunting into eight more counties top a list of hunting and fishing regulation changes adopted here April 6 by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

Since 1978, state wildlife officials have worked to restore the eastern wild turkey to its native range in East Texas by stocking wild-trapped birds in suitable habitat. The first countywide spring eastern turkey season in Texas started in 1995 in Red River County. With the addition of Camp, Franklin, Hunt, Morris, Panola, Rains, Shelby and Titus counties in Northeast Texas, the spring 2001 eastern turkey hunting season will be open in 32 counties.

Other revisions to the Texas hunting and fishing regulations will take effect Sept. 1, 2000. Following is a brief summary of changes adopted by the commission:

- * Allow use of all legal means for hunting in portions of Henderson County that currently restrict means to shotgun and archery equipment.
- * Eliminate the minimum length limit on Guadalupe and spotted bass. The current minimum for these species is 12 inches, however, biological data indicates these fish infrequently grow beyond this limit.
- * Change the largemouth bass harvest regulations on Buescher State Park Lake and Town Lake to a 14-21 inch slot limit and of the five-fish daily bag limit only one may be more than 21 inches.
- * Change the largemouth bass minimum length limit on Lake Jacksonville, Cleburne State Park Lake and Meridian State Park Lake to 18 inches.
- * Increase the bag limit to five deer, no more than two bucks and implement a special 14-day late season for spike bucks and antlerless deer in 25 counties in the Edwards Plateau.
- * Allow either-sex deer hunting in San Jacinto, Trinity and Walker counties from opening day of the general season through the Sunday following Thanksgiving and increase the total bag limit to four deer, no more than two bucks and no more than two antlerless.
- * A nine-day muzzleloader-only deer season for does and spike bucks following the close of the general season in Angelina, Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery, Newton, Orange, Polk and Tyler counties.
- * Establishing four "doe days" to run from Thanksgiving Day to the following Sunday in Cass, Marion and Harrison counties.
- * Open a 16-day mule deer season in Cochran County and extend mule deer season to 16days in Andrews (west of U.S. Highway 385), Bailey, Hockley, Lamb, Terry and Yoakum counties. The bag limit will be two deer, no more than one buck, antlerless by permit only and no separate archery season.
- * Reduce the daily bag limit for sharks from five in the aggregate and no size limit to one shark and a 24-inch minimum size limit.
- * Modify length limits of billfish in Texas waters so that they will be compatible with rules in federal waters.

The Commission also approved several provisions affecting public hunting in Texas. The 2000-2001 Public Hunting Lands Proclamation included the following changes, all of which will take effect Sept. 1,

2000.

- * Lower from 21 to 18 the minimum age required to supervise youth engaged in hunting activities.
- * Authorize holders of an Annual Public Hunting Permit, Limited Public Use Permit or Texas Conservation Passport (Silver or Gold) to use public hunting lands to access adjacent public waters and to fish in adjacent public waters from public hunting lands.
- * Establish an Antlerless Deer Permit to regulate the harvest of antlerless deer during the general deer season on U.S. Forest Service wildlife management areas where Texas Parks and Wildlife manages hunting.
- * Waive applicable regular permit fees for activities other than hunting and fishing for Annual Public Hunting Permit, Limited Public Use Permit, or Texas Conservation Passport holders.
- * Prohibit the distribution or removal of wood, rock, gravel, sand, soil or shell from public hunting lands, except as authorized by TPW.
- * Conduct public hunts on 42 state park units involving 2,207 drawn hunt positions, of which 217 are youth-only hunts.

In addition to the regulation changes listed above, TPW will seek public comment on several proposals for hunting and fishing licenses, including:

- * A temporary five-year increase in the Saltwater Sportfishing Stamp from \$7 to \$10 to fund commercial fishing license buybacks. The \$3 increase is projected to bring in \$1.5 million annually to reduce commercial shrimp, crab and finfish activity in Texas bays.
- * A discounted senior combination hunting and fishing license and a senior super combo license.
- * Make mule deer tags optional, no-cost additions to the printed hunting license. This measure would shorten the current license and provide more options for future license formats. The commission at its June 1 public meeting will act on these proposals. If adopted, the regulations will be in effect for the 2000-2001 license year.

AGRIBUSINESS

Drought and Taxes

by Phil Gramm, United States Senator

Every farmer I've talked to this year says you can explain the problems of agriculture today in two words: Drought and taxes. Nature inflicts one; government, the other.

Droughts used to be a sporadic and unpleasant fact of life, but the sheer persistence of the current one has, for the first time in most people's memories, made it impossible for agricultural producers to recover in the off-seasons. In fact, Texas is in the grip of a killer drought that hasn't let up in four years. And at a time when our national economy is booming, these year-round arid conditions are robbing farmers and ranchers of their share in America's growth and opportunity.

The numbers are as dry as the land, and they tell an equally depressing story. The Texas Agriculture Statistics Service reports that precipitation in 1999 was 26 percent below normal in the Low Rolling Plains region and 54 percent below normal in the Trans-Pecos area and 40 percent below normal in the South Texas region.

I contacted Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman recently and urged that every Texas application requesting a secretarial disaster declaration be processed immediately so that our agricultural producers could quickly take advantage of the help available through the Farm Service Agency. Since that time, I am told, USDA has reviewed and approved 154 counties for disaster declarations. Producers in these counties can now apply for low-interest emergency loans through the Farm Service Agency, and take part in USDA's Emergency Conservation Program.

Another matter of particular concern right now is the lack of available forage for hay production and livestock grazing. The Texas Department of Agriculture says that 95 percent of the state's ranges and pastures are in fair to poor condition. Since last summer, Texas ranchers have spent almost \$200 million in supplemental feed and water hauling expenses. During previous droughts, in 1996 and 1998, USDA used discretionary authority to provide Conservation Reserve Program

(CRP) contract holders with an option to harvest hay or graze livestock on CRP lands. In early February, I again asked USDA to allow livestock producers and CRP contract holders to employ this practice and use every available resource to provide forage for Texas livestock. Now, 57 counties have been approved for emergency grazing on 2.60 million acres of CRP land.

More funding for livestock producers is on the way thanks to last year's agriculture appropriations legislation. The USDA is releasing payments for grazing losses under the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP). Texas will receive \$40.4 million, 20 percent of the national total of LAP funding, for 42,000 Texas producers.

An additional \$40 million has been set aside to help producers reestablish pasture land that was lost to drought. Established pasture land is eligible if the damage by drought will require re-seeding on land where livestock normally graze. Sign-up for the program began in late March at local Farm Service Agency offices and closed on April 14, 2000.

In addition, in an effort to address the immediate concerns of producers, Congress is working to make managing risk more workable. I have heard from many Texas producers that the current crop insurance program simply doesn't work well as a risk management tool. For that reason, crop insurance reform has received a tremendous amount of attention over the past year. Both the House and Senate Agriculture Committees have worked to develop a plan for an improved crop insurance program that will provide producers with a better means of handling these recurring natural disasters.

We do not, however, have to wait on nature to cure a government-induced problem that can put a farmer out of business even faster than a drought. I'm talking about the death tax, and my top tax priority this year is to repeal it.

According to Robert Howden, executive director of National Federation of Independent Businesses in Texas, nearly 80 per-

cent of failed family businesses go bankrupt following the unexpected death of the founder. Just as the family is mourning, Uncle Sam steps in with his hand out, looking for death-tax rates of 37 percent to 55 percent of the value of the business. Those higher rates force many heirs to sell their businesses -- even if they are family farms -- in order to break them up or liquidate their assets. Agricultural businesses are built by families, and farmers and ranchers should be able to pass the business along to those who have helped build it -- their sons and daughters.

When my great-uncle Bill died, he left me a cardboard suitcase full of yellowed sports clippings. During my life that is the only thing anyone

has ever left me. Yet I recognize that it cannot be right that Texans work a lifetime to build up a family farm, they pay taxes on every dollar they earn, and yet when they die, their children often have to sell their farm to pay the government. That is wrong, and I am determined to eliminate the death tax.

I am optimistic that Texas agricultural producers will overcome these twin plagues of drought and taxes once they have the risk-assessment tools they need, all the help they deserve, and, God willing, a little rain.

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Rig Locations as of May 12, 2000

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New Union Pacific Res; 8500', G U Perry 21-#15, Patterson Drilling.

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EEX E & P Company; 10100', Earwood A-#8, Cleere Drilling.
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Terrell County
Conoco/Midland; 11900', Culbertson #1603, Nabors Drilling.
Jack N. Blair; 12000', Huckaby Ranch #1, TMBR/Sharp Drilling.
Athamor Texas; 9000', Mitchell Unit 1-#19, Cleere Drilling.

Val Verde County
J. Cleo Thompson; 12500', B E Wilson #1, Patterson Drilling.
Phillips Pet/Odessa; 10250', Cauthorn D- #8, Patterson Drilling.
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For complete report contact: **Scott Huggins, Rig Location & Permit Report Service (800) 627-9785**

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For Rent

For Rent: 1B/1BA house. Call 387-3351 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

For Lease: Old Bank Building 216 N.E. Main \$500.00 per month. Contact Michael Hale @ First National Bank, 387-3861

Garage Sale

Garage Sale: Dining table w/4 chairs; bunk beds, twin bed, wicker headboard, 4 tall wicker bar stools, 3 sofas, 2 chest of drawers, antique makup chest. Furniture Annex (pink house behind Second Hand Rose).

Employment

JOBS AVAILABLE - Crockett County Care Center is seeking LVN's & CNA's. Excellent benefits. Contact Donna King @ 915-392-3553 3511b

Help Wanted: Make up to \$2000.00 in 11 days. Looking for enthusiastic adult to manage a fire-works stand outside Sonora. June 24 thru July 4. Phone 10 a.m. thru 5 p.m. 1-800-429-1408 or 1-830-429-3808. Thanks, *Amanda* 4518b

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Help Wanted - Part time evenings. Apply at Mr. D's from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. @ 216 Hwy 277 N. 2511b

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John and Mildred Cauthorn Charitable Trust
 c/o Albert C. Elliott
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 The principle manager is: Michael V. Hale, Trustee

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Public Notice: The annual report of the Allison Educational Trust will be available after May 15, 2000 at the address noted below, for inspection during regular business hours, by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after publication of this notice of its availability.

Allison Educational Trust
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 102 N. Main
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 The principle manager is John R. Childers, Trustee

Guns

CONCEALED HANDGUN School - May 20, 2000, 7:30 a.m. at the E.M.S. Building. For more information call Jim Cusenbary, 387-2093 or 387-3821. 2511b

Lost & Found

Found near Hospital on May 13. A Tackle Box. Call 387-3736

Ozona

HELP WANTED: Experienced ranch hand needed for cattle and hunting operation in Brady area. Job references required. Call (915) 483-5554.

FOR SALE IN OZONA: 1997 Clayton Mobile Home 14x36, 2 bdr., 1 ba. with CH/AC, living room and kitchen, fully furnished. In excellent condition. Buyer must move - \$15,500.00. Call 944-4173.

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Ozona

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TWO FAMILY YARD SALE--157 Santa Rosa St. in Ozona, Saturday, May 20th, 8:00 a.m.-? If raining cancelled. Men's business suits, toddlers' and children's clothes, women's, girls' and boys' clothes. Office. dresses, tennis, shorts, gas stove, sleeper sofa, plus much more. Come and see.

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For Sale: Mauve Recliner \$50; Light Blue Recliner \$75; Multi Colored Couch (Blue, Mauve, & Tan) \$200. Please call 853-4006 for more information.

Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

While we scramble to fit it all in - errands, homework, dinner, exercise - our lives are often bursting at the seams. Time is running shorter and people are moving faster. All the while, agriculture in Texas is working to make things just a little bit easier for the consumers of the world - and perhaps add a bit of calmness to the chaos.

Agriculture has long been responsive to the changing needs of consumers. Over the last few years, the frenetic nature of life spurred the agriculture industry to create convenience foods like pre-made beef patties, peeled fruit and bagged lettuce and boost the nutritional value of many food items.

Adding cancer-fighting properties to fruits and vegetables, breeding leaner meats, offering unique produce like curly endive lettuce and creating novelty items like the maroon carrot have put Texas on the map. And the popularity of these items has kept the industry forging into even greater fields.

Busy schedules and growing concerns about nutrition are determining how people live - and what they buy. Agriculture is charged with forecasting the needs of the world and finding ways to deliver.

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| 8:00 a.m. Tues., May 23 | 2010 E. Orchard Lane | Carlsbad |
| 6:30 p.m. Tues., May 23 | 1000 E. Snyder Fletcher Center | Hobbs |
| 8:00 a.m. Wed., May 24 | 1000 E. Snyder Fletcher Center | Hobbs |
| 8:00 a.m. Thurs., May 25 | 42nd St & Andrews Hwy Ector County Coliseum Building A | Odessa |
| 8:00 a.m. Wed., May 31 | 2 Mi. South on Hwy 163 | Ozona |

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