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## BRONCOS BATTLE ELDORADO

submitted by Charles Carroll

The Sonora Broncos made a valiant attempt to maintain their undefeated status on Friday night, but ran into a determined Eldorado Eagle team that wanted to send its Homecoming crowd home happy with largely by the back Reagan defensive back the Eagles sent the with the first 1994 season, a

The Bronco offense, moving the ball unable to mount drive it needed to momentum away Eldorado Eagle

The Broncos on offense, and was highlighted by catch from Jason Louis Massey, continued fine Bronco fans saw Friday. The pass and converted a 15 situation, but Bronco drive the the tone for the making the going for the Bronco

carried the ball for tough gains against the Eagles, but were unable to break free from the Eagle defenders and get into the secondary for good yardage. The Broncos were forced to punt, and Louis Massey delivered an excellent kick to the Eldorado 10 yard line.

The Eagles were impressive on their first drive. Faced themselves with a fired-up Bronco defense, the Eagles featured sweeps, but varied their to keep Bronco secondary. These short passes proved weak spot, however. After and linebackers had against a potent running intercepted an errant middle and returned it to line. Broncos playing well series included Shane Deel, Gann, Justin House, Josh who was in on a majority of game.

Despite the best efforts and hard running by tail Broncos were unable to this excellent field position, kept his composure despite on the 4th down punt, field well under extreme pressure from the Eagle defenders.

Eldorado's next drive would end the first quarter and earn the Eagles their first score. Bownds, although, harassed throughout the night by Bronco defenders, led his team on several sweep plays for first downs, then managed to break free on a ragged-looking screen play and ramble 56 yards for a touchdown as the first quarter ended. Initially it looked as though several defenders blocked Bownds' path, but hard running through several arm tackles and a smart cutback move between two Bronco defenders got Bownds into the end zone. The Eagles led after the PAT 7-0.

As the second quarter began the Bronco offense mounted its best sustained drive of the night. Starting from the Sonora 22 yard line after the Eldorado kickoff, the offense, led by fine running from Caleb Barker, Gabriel Perez, and Justin House moved the ball for two first downs before being forced to the air on a 3rd and 7 play. Morley completed another fine pass to Massey for the first down, a 25 yard gain which moved the chains to the Eldorado 36 yard line. Adrian Mata reentered the game at tail back, and his tough running moved the Broncos to the 25 yard line; Barker and Perez again ran well on inside counters and off-tackle plays to move the offense to the Eldorado 13, but an illegal procedure call on 1st and 10 moved the Broncos back, and seemed to rob their momentum. Trini Banda ended this fine drive with an excellent field goal of 29 yards, and the Eagles lead was cut to 7-3 with 6:31 remaining in the half.



Tailback Adrian Mata carries the ball for a good gain against the Eldorado Eagles.



Wingback Justin House shakes an Eagle lineman for good yardage in Friday night's game.

efforts of running Bownds and Cody McCravey, Broncos home blemish on the 14-10 loss.

defense was most of the Bownds, who returned the ball rarely falling on forcing the to make tackles evening. The while occasionally well, was also the long scoring take some of the from a fired-up defense.

opened the game their first drive a fine pass and Morley to flanker both of whom performances against Ozona last covered 31 yards Bronco 3rd and on this first Eagle defense set ball game by extremely tough ground game.

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Carmen Garcia had the "Best Decorated Booth" at Diez Y Sies de Septiembre Celebracion that was held on Saturday, September 17th in Liberty Park.

## ECA COURSE OFFERED

An Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) course will be offered in Sonora beginning

October 5th. Classes will be held at the Sutton County EMS training facility from 7:00

p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday through December 5th.

The ECA Course provides both classroom and skills instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), choking, bleeding and shock, bandaging and splinting, childbirth, injury and illness care for infants and children and various other emergency subjects.

After successfully completing the course, the student will be registered with the Texas Department of Health as an Emergency Care Attendant (ECN).

The tuition for the class is \$65.00. For more information, please contact the Sutton County Emergency Medical Services at 387-5132, or come by 211 E. 3rd Street. Preregistration is required. Register early, the class is limited.

## TOWN MEETING

A town meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School library lecture room. The purpose of this meeting is discussion regarding the school tax rollback election. The rollback election has been scheduled for Monday, October 24th.

All interested community members are encouraged to attend.

## BENEFIT FOR JESSE NORIEGA SET

A benefit lunch will be held for the family of Jesse Noriega on Sunday, September 25th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Elementary Cafeteria. A meal of brisket, sausage, beans and potato salad will be served for \$5.00 per plate. Come one! Come all!

For more information, call Bille at 387-2459 or Maria at 387-5412. Please order early!



Sonora Independent School District Superintendent Charles Russell and Jr. High Principal Janet Patton were presented the Mayors Award at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

## PHOTO BUTTONS

You can buy a Photo Button of your favorite football player, cheerleader or coach for a \$5.00 or greater donation to the Library Building Fund. Purchase yours at the Devil's River News TODAY!

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### Planning Ahead

Bronco Booster Club has chartered a bus to the Kermit game on October 7th. There are 32 seats now available at \$32.50 each. To book a seat contact Ben Pool at 387-3641.

### SWCD Election & Tour

The Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District will hold an election for directors of Zones 1 and 2 on October 6, 1994 at 8:30 a.m. at Sonora Wool & Mohair Co. Donuts and coffee will be served, and following the election those interested will leave the Wool House for a tour of land where juniper has been chained and burned. A catered lunch will be served for \$ 6.50. If you have questions or if you plan to attend please call Tom or Virgil at 387-2730

### Halloween Dance Club

The Halloween Dance Club will meet on Tuesday, September 27th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sutton County National Bank. All members urge to attend.

### Library Donations

Please mail tax deductible contributions for the Sutton County Library Building Fund to Sonora Woman's Club Library Association, P.O. Box 895, Sonora, TX 76950. Cash donations may be taken to the library, located at 210 S.E. Concho, where a receipt will be given. These donations will be designated as going toward the construction of the new library building. Funds from purchases of the brick pavers will provide the sidewalks and landscaping around the new library.

### Electronics Course Offered

Sonora High School is currently offering an electronics class on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 until 9:00 P.M. We have space in the class for several more students and anyone interested in taking the course can contact Mr. Marris at the High School. Mastery of Algebra II skills is recommended as a prerequisite for this class. There is no charge for the class and we would welcome the opportunity to provide this service for members of the community.

# Dear Editor,

Dear Editor:

I just finished reading the "Hospital Board Update" by John Hempel, Hospital Administrator, nice letter, functionally correct, but I still don't know anymore about the search for a physician or the nursing home inspection than I did before reading it. Talk about a politicians double speak, in this case I would consider it non-speak.

I wholeheartedly agree, many issues come to mind when selecting a physician; certainly education, competency and the ability to relate to the citizens of the community are some of the top priorities, but what does "willingness to fit in with our established medical community" mean? That the selected physician must be in the good ole boy brotherhood? The new doctor shouldn't accept assignment of benefits from Medicare or Champus? That the doctor can't be of minority or different ethnic background, can't be a female physician or can't speak Spanish? Has to operate 100% under the cognizance of the hospital board and administrator even when there is a question of ethics or procedural difference? Would there be negotiation and common consent for the good of the community at large?

Then there's the nursing home. After 23 1/2 years in the military, and having stood innumerable inspections myself, not always passing the first time, I can say that I have a fairly more insightful understanding of the inspection process, than the average citizen, and totally concur that the inspectors nearly always find something wrong. I have also found that people of the community can handle truth a lot better than some other people would give them credit for. Instead of rambling about snapshots that don't mean anything, why not just tell us what infractions, problems or paperwork deficiencies were found and what steps are being taken to bring our institution into compliance in the allotted time frame. John Hempel is right - he could give us excuses, but instead, why not just give us our due credit and give us the truth for a change. We can handle it.

Thank you for the grammatically correct but non-informative letter John.

Respectfully submitted  
Richard W. Palmer  
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Sonora, TX 76950-4624  
915-387-2855

## EDITORIAL

by Gary Smith

Last Thursday night, we were blessed with the presence of crews from KLST and the Standard-Times. They seemed to be very interested in the comings and goings of the "Whoopi Saga".

They were very conspicuous. They interviewed local folks. They had cameras, microphones, note pads and tape recorders. All the way from San Angelo they came-- just because they were interested in us. NOT.

Just a mile or so away from the school administration building, about 100 kids were involved in a J.V. football game. Their parents were in the stands, proudly watching their children. Coaches were on the sidelines. Cheerleaders were cheering. It was raining. But don't worry, our San Angelo friends didn't get wet.

Sonora is one of two school systems in the state of Texas that has Mentor status on three out of four campuses. People in Sonora receive awards and honors. We live in a good place. KLST and the Standard-Times seem to miss the good things that happen here. They sure do manage to cover most of the controversial issues.

I guess the reason that I am writing this is to urge you to recognize what the business community of San Angelo really thinks about us. The outlying communities that surround San Angelo are nothing to them but ugly step-children. San Angelo doesn't really want to be bothered by us, but she sure does like our money.

Make a difference. Do something about it. Buy groceries at home. Buy medication at home. Buy clothes at home. Get your oil changed at home. Buy insurance at home. Advertise at home. Eat in restaurants at home. Receive medical treatment at home. Buy cars and trucks at home. Put gas in your vehicles at home. Buy tires at home. Go to the dentist at home. Buy gifts at home.

If you have to buy in San Angelo, buy as little as possible. Buy the rest at home.

If you have to buy a vehicle in San Angelo, get it registered and pay the taxes here at home where it will benefit you instead of the people of Tom Green County.

We need to care for Sonora. You can bet good money (and that is just what you do when you spend it in San Angelo) that the people to the north are not going to come down here and support you.

I have heard some people say that prices are lower in San Angelo. I, for one, am willing to pay a little more to support this community. Each time a dollar is spent in Sonora instead of San Angelo, that is one dollar that supports this economy instead of supporting that community. You may not be able to do a lot, but every dollar counts.

If every citizen of this community would spend \$10 per week in Sonora instead of spending it in San Angelo, that would add about \$1,500,000 per year to our economy. Economists say that each dollar spent in a community "rolls over" eight times. In the words of Sen. Everett Dirksen, "A million here, a million there. Soon you're talking real money."

*P.S. I am happy to report that this week, for the first time in three weeks, the Standard-Times called our football team the Broncos instead of the Bulldogs or the Bronchos.*

## SENIOR CENTER MENU

- Monday, September 26**  
Baked Chicken, Black-eyed Peas, Mixed Vegetable Salad, Baked Custard
- Tuesday, September 27**  
Polish Sausage, Shredded Cooked Cabbage, Macaroni & Cheese, Wheat Rolls, Cherry Cobbler
- Wednesday, September 28**  
Fried Catfish w/Tartar Sauce, Spanish Green Beans, French Baked Potato Slices, Corn Muffin, Applesauce
- Thursday, September 29**  
Sweet & Sour Pork, Peas & Onions, Cornbread, Peach Half, Brownies w/Nuts
- Friday, September 30**  
Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, California Blend, Vegetables, Orange Juice, Brownies

## Our Sympathy

### Altagracia Flores

Altagracia Flores, 80, of Abilene and formerly of Sonora died Thursday, September 15, 1994 at her residence.

Service was at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, September 17, 1994 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery, directed by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Altagracia was born April 29, 1914, in Mexico. She had been a longtime employee of Thorp's Laun-dry and was a Catholic.

Survivors include two daughters, Oralia Guadarrama of San Angelo and Elodia Diaz of Abilene; two brothers, Santos Hernandez of Sonora and Jesus Hernandez of Palo Pinto; two sisters, Luz Ramos of Sonora and Eliza Perez of Palo Pinto; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

### Marjorie Becknell

Marjorie Ritter Becknell, 75, of San Angelo and formerly of Big Lake died Wednesday, September 14, 1994, in a local hospital.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16th in Johnson's Funeral Home chapel in San Angelo. Burial followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Marjorie was born on March 10, 1919, in Grape Creek. She was a homemaker and a seamstress, and had worked for Martin's Department Store in Big Lake. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Big Lake.

Survivors include her husband, Stacy Becknell of San Angelo; a son, Howard Becknell of Sonora; two daughters, Carolyn Weatherby of San Angelo and Ann McCabe of Snyder; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

## OPEN LETTER

Following is an open letter to Mayor Lemuel Lopez from Lynn Womac, Carole Thorp's mother in Houston.

Mr. Mayor,  
My daughter, Carole, considered you as a friend for 20 years and enthusiastically supported your election as mayor. I'm very hurt and shocked that you did not stop the person who has been tearing down one of your best workers.

Your family and the Thorp family are well known in Sonora because of you businesses. You would be surprised how Carole has spread the word about your business throughout the state and used to insist that we always eat at the commercial when we came to town. She also held lots of private and family gathering there because she is an honorable person and loyal friend.

I'm sorry that you have allowed a newcomer of only two years to decide about the life of a friend of more than 20 years. I know your family knew Tommy Thorp, Carole's late father-in-law. He was one of the sweetest, fair-minded men in your town. I do not think he would approve of the actions you are allowing to be taken against his daughter-in-law. I'm sure if one of your ancestors looked down from heaven and saw... (what you are doing)... they would be very disappointed in you.

My daughter is not perfect and openly admits this, but she has never been concerned for her own welfare over that of the senior citizens in Sonora.

I will pray for your welfare and that of your entire community.

Sincerely,  
Lynn Womac  
Houston, Texas

## SONORA WOMAN'S CLUB TO HOST BAKE SALE

The Sonora Woman's Club has set a homecoming bake sale for Thursday, September 29, 1994. The sale will be conducted between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Specialty dishes, pies and cakes will be available at two locations, the Food Center and the Post Office.

Proceeds from the sale go toward construction cost of the new library building. For more information contact Sharon Holman 387-3122, Karen Voight 387-3133, or Brenda Valliant 387-3340.

## Community Calendar

### September 22nd-30th

**Thursday, September 22nd**  
7th & 8th Grade vs. Brady - Here - 5:00 p.m.  
J.V. vs. Brady - There - 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, September 23rd**  
Senior Center Birthday Party  
H.S. Pep Rally - 3:15 a.m. - High School  
**Varsity Boys vs. Brady - Here - 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 24th**  
4-H Pastry & Cake Decorating Workshop - Cynthia's Party Villa - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

**Sunday, September 25th**  
Benefit Lunch for Jessie Noriega Family - 1:00-3:00 p.m. - Elementary Cafeteria

**Monday, September 26th**  
Commissioners Court - 9:00 a.m. - Annex  
Booster Club - 7:00 p.m. - H.S. Library Lecture Room

**Tuesday, September 27th**  
Halloween Dance Club - 7:00 p.m. - SCNB

**Thursday, September 29th**  
Woman's Club Bake Sale - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon - Post Office & Food Center

7th & 8th Grade vs. Mason - Here - 5:00 p.m.  
J.V. vs. Mason - There - 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, September 30th**  
Homecoming Parade - 3:30 p.m. - Main Street  
H.S. Pep Rally - Following Parade - Courthouse Lawn  
**Varsity Boys vs. Mason - Here - 7:30 p.m. (Pre-Game)**

The Community Calendar is made possible by:  
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220 N. Main  
387-2507

## Freelance

# Philosophy

by Gary C. Smith

Mahatma Ghandi, when asked what he thought of Western Civilization, replied, "I think it would be a good idea."

While visiting with friends last week, our conversation turned to ethics. We discussed the ethics of recent actions of local public figures. We discussed business ethics, personal ethics and political ethics. Several times during the evening the term "political correctness" sprang up. We all agreed that many times, many people, including ourselves, speak and behave in ways that seem to be "politically correct", even when those words or actions are not the most ethical.

It occurred to me that unethical behavior may be easier to detect in others than in ourselves. When we do not like someone or when we do not like someone's actions, it becomes very easy to see that person's shortcomings. When we like another person, that person's weaknesses are not all that apparent.

It is easy for me to see the unethical behavior of other businesses and individuals. I am hurt, offended and filled with indignation when I see or become aware of people cheating, stealing and lying to improve their own positions at the expense of others. On the other hand, when I put profits before people, I am probably not as quick to condemn.

Even though unethical behavior might be difficult to see in ourselves and even though we may not want to be caught or exposed, truth remains.

Anytime a person, business or organization knowingly does wrong or abets in the doing of wrong or knows of the wrongdoing and covers it up or fails to confront the wrongdoing, then that person, business or organization is behaving unethically.

We don't have to look very far to find unethical behavior. Some folks reading this don't have to look very far at all. Perhaps I should go ahead and be more specific... but then, that wouldn't be "politically correct".

Until the next time,  
May God Bless  
GCS

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# Ask The Historical Society



by JoAnn E. Palmer, Secretary, Sutton County Historical Society

**Q. What can you tell us about Liberty Park?**

A. Again we turn to back issues of the Devil's River News for our answers.

*Devil's River News*  
July 6, 1945

**Opening of Their New Park, Mexicans Celebrate Fourth and Dinner, Program, Dance Featured**

In celebration of the fourth and the completion of the dance platform of their park, Sonora's Mexican citizens held a dance, dinner and patriotic program Wednesday night at the park. Completion of the platform site was rushed by the citizens who did all the work themselves under the planning and direction of Gabriel Mata.

The Mexican people are rightfully proud of the park, which they planned and for which they raised the money and donated the labor and materials. During the remainder of the summer they plan to complete the landscaping of the site.

A detailed report has been made by Mata and his committeemen, Thomas Zapata and Pablo Favela, of the work, materials and funds donated to date.

Seventy-two men donated 122 1/2 days of labor, amounting to \$612.50, in the construction of the platform, and 13 children worked 12 days, which was figured to be worth \$42.77. Machines, trucks and materials donated for the building amounted to \$301.00. Those who made donations of machinery, trucks and materials included the City of Sonora, Mata, Rafael Gomez, Benito Ramon, the Sonora Lions Club, Manuel Ibarra, State Highway Department, H.V. Stokes and Aurelia Torres.

Donations of money toward the project, at the time Mata's report was made, amounted to \$575.20. Of this amount, \$305.00 was donated by local business houses, \$119.00 by Mexican citizens and \$151.20 by the Mexican Committee.

The expenditures for materials and labor in

construction of the platform amounted to \$451.27.

Completion of the park, Mata believes will take considerably longer than the few weeks work they put in on the dance platform, as both concrete work and landscaping are included in the plans.

When the park is completed, it will be outlined on all four sides by an 8 foot walk, joined to the center platform by a number of smaller lateral walks. Between the walks grass will be planted, with shrubs and flower beds outlining the walks and the dance platform. In the center of the platform a lily pond and flower beds will be built.

*Devil's River News*  
December 28, 1945  
**Landscaping of Liberty Memorial Park Begun; Regulations Defined**

Finishing touches on Liberty Memorial Park, built by Latin-American Sonorans in their section of town, are being started, and a set of regulations controlling the use and upkeep of the park have been made by the executive committee of the park. The committee is composed of Gabriel Mata, Chairman; Thomas Zapata, vice-chairman, and Pablo Favela, secretary.

The park platform was finished some months ago and some shade trees were planted. Remainder of the work, which is to begin at once, includes laying the sidewalks and landscaping. The trees and shrubs have been ordered from a local nursery, and will include 8 pecan trees, 14 shade trees, 10 evergreen shrubs and 20 Ligustrum, total cost of which will be \$165.75.

The trees and shrubs will outline the walks around the dancing platform and the entire park site. Water facilities for the plants and for the fountain that centers the platform have already been installed. (There were ten rules and regulations

that we do not have room to publish here) Article V. states that Liberty Park shall serve as a center of recreation and rest for all residents of the community, neighbors and tourists.

We find benefit dances being held to raise fund. A Cinco de Mayo celebration raised \$539.74 and that through the years Gabriel Mata, Pablo Favela, Thomas Zapata, Jesus Villarreal, Bentura Soto, and Genoveva Soto worked on different fund raising projects to get the funds to finish the park.

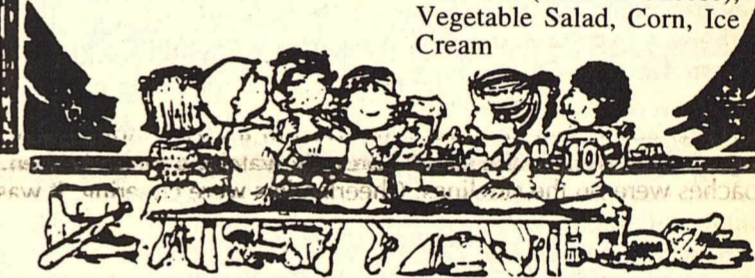
On July 16, 1947, G.C. Allison, Mrs. Donna Stites, C.E. Stites, Mrs. Margaret Schwiening, Alfred Schwiening, S.H. Allison, Clara Allison, H.P. Allison, Mrs. Stella Gertrude McDermott, Jack Allison, Mrs. Margaret Kidd, Gentry Kidd, G.R. Whitehead, Forrest C. Whitehead, Hazel Whitehead Coe, L.W. Elliott and A.C.

Elliott for the sum of ten dollars sold to the City of Sonora for park use only, all of lots 1,2,3,7,8, and 9 of Block A, Hermosa Addition. These were the legal owners of Liberty Park and they transferred all their rights to the city.

Through the years the park was the scene of many weddings, dances and festivals. Unfortunately it also became the target of vandals. Repairs were made many times but finally the city gave up. The lot sat neglected and overgrown for many years. Trees and shrubs disappeared. We sincerely hope that the neighbors will join together and form a neighborhood watch to insure this will not be the fate of the newly renovated Liberty Park. This park has a very special place in the history of Mexican-American Sonora and we would like to see it preserved.

**School Breakfast & Lunch Menu**

- LUNCH**  
**Mon., Sept. 26th**  
 Pizza Pockets, Mixed Vegetables, Ranch Style Beans, Brownies  
**Tues., Sept. 27th**  
 Chicken Spaghetti, Cheese Rolls, Waldorf Salad, Grapes  
**Wed., Sept. 28th**  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Vegetable Soup, Taco Salad, Apple  
**Thurs., Sept. 29th**  
 Chalupas (Bean & Cheese), Lettuce, Tomato, Spanish Rice, Jell-O w/Fruit  
**Fri., Sept. 30th**  
 Frito Pie (Beef & Cheese), Vegetable Salad, Corn, Ice Cream
- BREAKFAST**  
**Mon., Sept. 26th**  
 French Toast, Fruit  
**Tues., Sept. 27th**  
 Scrambled Egg, Tater Tots, Nutri Grain Bar  
**Wed., Sept. 28th**  
 Ham & Egg Biscuit, Juice  
**Thurs., Sept. 29th**  
 Muffins, Sausage, Fruit  
**Fri., Sept. 30th**  
 Breakfast Burrito (Sausage & Egg), Juice
- All meals are served with milk.*

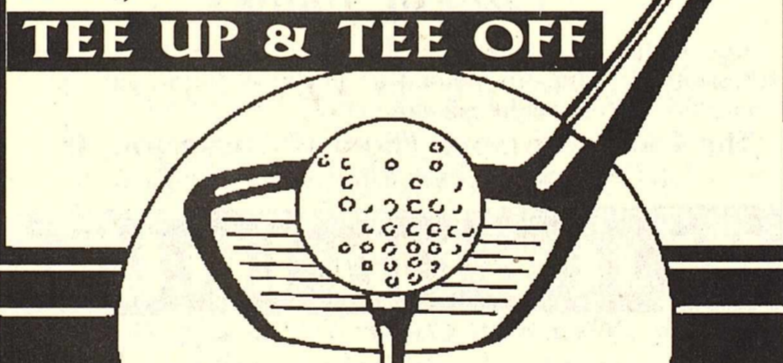


**BENEFIT GOLF MIX SCRAMBLE**

**For Lisa Wagoner**  
**Saturday, October 15, 1994**  
**1:00 p.m. Tee Time**

**\$25.00 Entry Fee** (green fees waived)  
 Supper Served  
 Four Hole Prizes  
 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Team Prizes  
**Margaritas on the Course**

To Sign-up Call (915) 387-3680 or come by the Pro Shop - Sonora Golf Club - Sonora, TX  
 Sign-up Cut-off Time 12:00 Noon, Oct. 15, 1994  
 Call 387-5711 or 387-3450 for questions or donations, or write: P.O. Box 942 Sonora, TX 76950



**BENEFIT LUNCH**

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For more information, call Bille at 387-2459 or Maria at 387-5412. Please order early!

The School tax rate for 1993-1994 was \$.0111 and it will also be \$.0111 for the 1994-1995 school year. The Board granted homeowners a 20% exemption which will in effect, lower their taxes for this year. Landowners, with an increase of the ag value of their land from \$28 to \$31 this year, will experience an approximate increase of \$21 a section even though their tax rate will not change.

Tax Rate \$.0111  
1993-94



\$199.00 per section

Tax Rate \$.0111  
1994-95



\$220.00 per section  
(Increase of \$21 per sec.)

**Attend The Church Of Your Choice This Sunday**

<p><b>NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b>                  C.G. Fuston, Pastor                  306 N. 4th Street                  387-2898</p>	<p><b>THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN</b>                  Lewis Allen, Pastor                  319 NE Mulberry                  387-2616</p>
<p><b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA</b>                  504 Santa Clara                  387-2035</p>	<p><b>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b>                  Fred Darkow, Pastor                  417 E 2nd St.                  387-5366</p>
<p><b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>                  Randy Dunn - Minister                  304 W Water                  387-3190</p>	<p><b>SONORA TABERNACLE UNITED PENTECOSTAL</b>                  Rev. Roy C. Lambeth, Pastor                  501 Fay                  387-5627</p>
<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b>                  Rev. Jim Stephen                  111 NE Oak                  387-2951</p>	<p><b>ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b>                  Rev. William DuBuisson, O.M.I.                  229 Sw Plum                  387-2278</p>
<p><b>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b>                  Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector                  404 Ne Poplar                  387-2955</p>	<p><b>JEHOVAH'S WITNESS</b>                  310 St. Ann's St.                  387-5658 or                  387-5518</p>
<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b>                  Reverend Ron Myers                  201 NW Water                  387-2466</p>	<p><b>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH</b>                  Dana Floyd, Pastor                  511 Cornell                  387-5215</p>

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### AMERICAN SALES OPENS BRANCH OFFICE IN SONORA



Lenora & Ben Pool

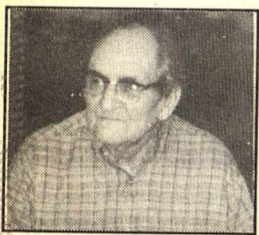
In July of 1994, Ben Pool of American Sales and Services opened a branch office in Sonora. American Sales and Services' main office, managed by Shannon Rushing, is located at 3802 Devonian in San Angelo. The Sonora branch is located at 107 W. Main. American Sales has been in San Angelo for 19 years.

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Ben and Lenora have been married for ten years. They have five children, Shannon Rushing, 25, of San Angelo, Trey Rushing, 24, of Sonora, Rachel Pool, 22, of Odessa, Brian Pool, 20, of San Angelo and Levi Pool, 17, a Junior at Sonora High School.

The Pool's are very active in the community. They are members of the Bronco Booster Club, Sutton County Emergency Medical Service, Sonora Merchants Association, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, and the First United Methodist Church of Sonora. Lenora is also a member of the Ladies Auxiliary at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital.

### Card of Thanks



Modesto Mesa, Sr. With grateful appreciations to all the considerate friends of Modesto Mesa, Sr. for your kindness, food, cards, floral arrangements, well wishes and your prayers. Special thanks to the ladies who prepared the meal for after the funeral, the choir, Father for the mass, Dr. Pajestka and the staff at the hospital. Thanks to all the staff at the nursing home for taking care of him while he was there.

#### Promises Kept

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by Ruth Scarbrough

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## Kelly's Column



submitted by Kelly Lewis, County Extension Agent - HE

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### BRONCO BOOSTER CLUB UPDATE

Boosters decided to reorder "Red Rally Rags." They will be on sale Homecoming night, September 30th. Boosters will also have Bronco caps for sale at that game. If you haven't purchased yours, plan to do so!

Coach Dempsey reviewed the 7th grade Colts game. Every week there are big improvements. With 42 kids on the team it's hard to get enough playing time for them all. Things are working out, though, and we've got a system going now.

Coach Bellard reported that the 8th grade Colts victory was especially gratifying since it was against a team that tranced this group last year.

Coach Heryford said Jr. Varsity played a really good game considering the wet conditions. "One misplayed down cost us the game," he stated.

Coach Bellard spoke on Friday nights loss. "The Broncos will get more positive things from this loss than negative," he commented. "They will learn from it and go forward." Bellard said the Brady team is 0-3. They are a young team having lost 18 seniors last year. It should be a good battle.

There will be a pep rally at 3:15 at the High School. Game time is 8:00 p.m. Plan to be there and bring your "Red Rally Rags!"

Don't forget that the Bronco Boosters have chartered a bus for the Kermit game on October 7th. Call Ben Pool at 387-3641 to reserve your seat. Seats are \$32.50 each.

If you want to order a Bronco game film, come to the Monday night Booster meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the High School library lecture room. Films are \$5.00 each.

### SLOANE LISTED ON DEAN'S HONOR ROLL

Debra Gail Sloane of Sonora is listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the Summer quarter at Texas State Technical College Waco, TSTC Waco.

Sloane, a student in the Occupational Safety & Health Technology program, is the wife of Robert Sloane.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes the scholastic achievement of students with a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.9.

### Card of Thanks

Our thanks to each one of the many friends whose loving expressions of sympathy helped us so much during our recent sorrow. We are especially grateful.

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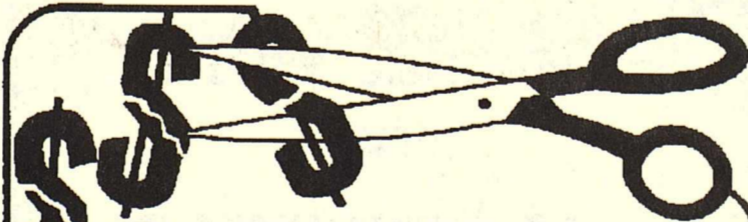
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### SONORA MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD

The Sonora Merchants Association held its first meeting for 1994 on Thursday, September 15th at 12:00 noon.

A total of forty people, representing twenty-seven businesses and entities were in attendance. All enjoyed a light lunch that was provided by the First National Bank of Sonora.

The purpose of this organization is (1) To create an organized and structured group out of the businesses located in Sonora; (2) Promote and market Sonora in order to retain and recruit businesses, using the Main Street Project and the Chamber in a "staff" capacity; (3) Work to assure continuation of organization, promotion and development started by the Main Street Project; (4) Strive to make both the downtown and other business areas in Sonora a thriving well-promoted market whose businesses function well together; (5) Create a network of businesses, which will open up communication in the downtown district in order for issues, problems, solutions, etc. to be discussed.

The following people

volunteered to be on the steering committee for the Christmas promotion: Cindy Hayes, Kelly Cahill, Janell Sparks, Fran Pennington, Cathy Smith, Carmen Ramirez, Ronnie Cox, and Richard Key. They will be joined by the Chamber of Commerce Manager and the Main Street Manager. The first committee meeting will be held on Monday, September 26th, at noon at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

The next meeting of the general membership will be held on Thursday, October 27th, at a time and place to be determined by the steering committee.

Membership in the Sonora Merchants Association includes any Sonora business or building owner, or any individual interested in Sonora. Dues are \$20 per year, per business, and are payable in October.

If you would like to join, or would like more information about this organization, please contact Melett Rowland at the City Hall at 387-2558.

### Card of Thanks

A very big Thank You to everyone who encouraged me during my recent illness. My gratitude goes especially to those who gave special help: The Edmondsons, Greens, James', Floyds, Loves, Pauline Skains, Deb Shurley, Kathy Hearn, Sutton County National Bank, New Hope Baptist Church, and all my friends who helped me these past 6 months. A special thanks to Dr. Pajestka, his marvelous staff, and the hospital staff - Susan's talent with a needle was very appreciated!

This has been a very difficult 6 months that was made bearable by my wonderful husband and sons and the help of those who had or were going through the same experience.

Breast cancer can strike any woman at any age. Don't look at the risk charts and think you are safe. I wasn't. My tumor grew very quickly in one month's time. Please, for your life, do monthly self-breast examinations. And never ignore any type or size of lump. Have it checked by a doctor immediately! If you don't know how to check, then any health care professional will be glad to instruct you. Please, do this for your life.

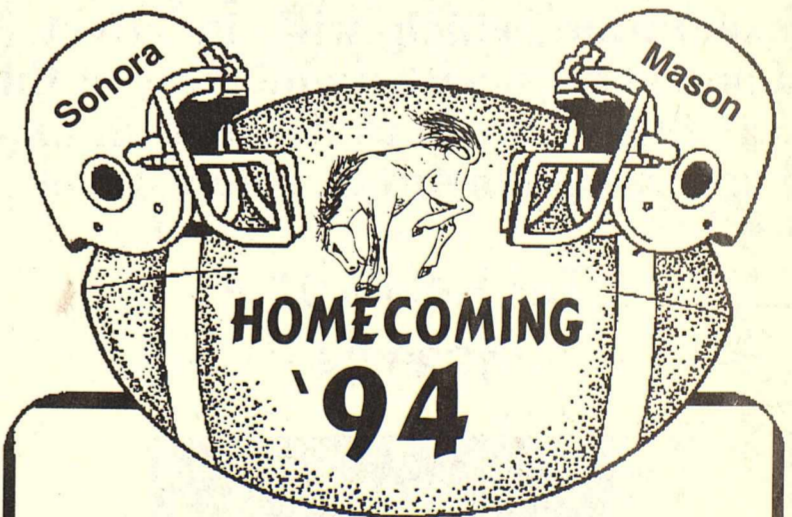
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## MAYOR LOPEZ APPOINTED TO STATE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Sonora Mayor Lemuel Lopez has once again been appointed to serve on the prestigious Texas Municipal League Resolutions Committee. Lopez previously served on the committee during 1993. The appointment was made by Texas Municipal League (TML) President Fred Guerra.

The Resolutions Committee plays an extremely important role in determining the TML's legislative agenda for the upcoming state legislature. Resolutions to block unfunded mandates on local governments, solid waste issues, and other matters critical to local governments will be considered.

"I am pleased and proud to be appointed again this year," Lopez said. "This gives the citizens of Sonora a direct voice in issues that are facing our community."

The Texas Municipal League is a voluntary non-profit association representing over 1000 Texas cities. The City of Sonora is a member of the Texas Municipal League.



Sonora and Rockspring's local chapter, Gamma Phi, of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International elected new officers for the 1994-1995 year. Back row left to right: Recording Secretary - Cindy Feagin, President - Glenda Barton, Parliamentarian - Donna Hill, Treasurer - Elaine Newton. Front row left to right: 1st Vice-President - Pat Russell, Immediate Past President - Carol Love, 2nd Vice-President - Tracey Ferguson. Not pictured is Corresponding Secretary, Mary Perez.

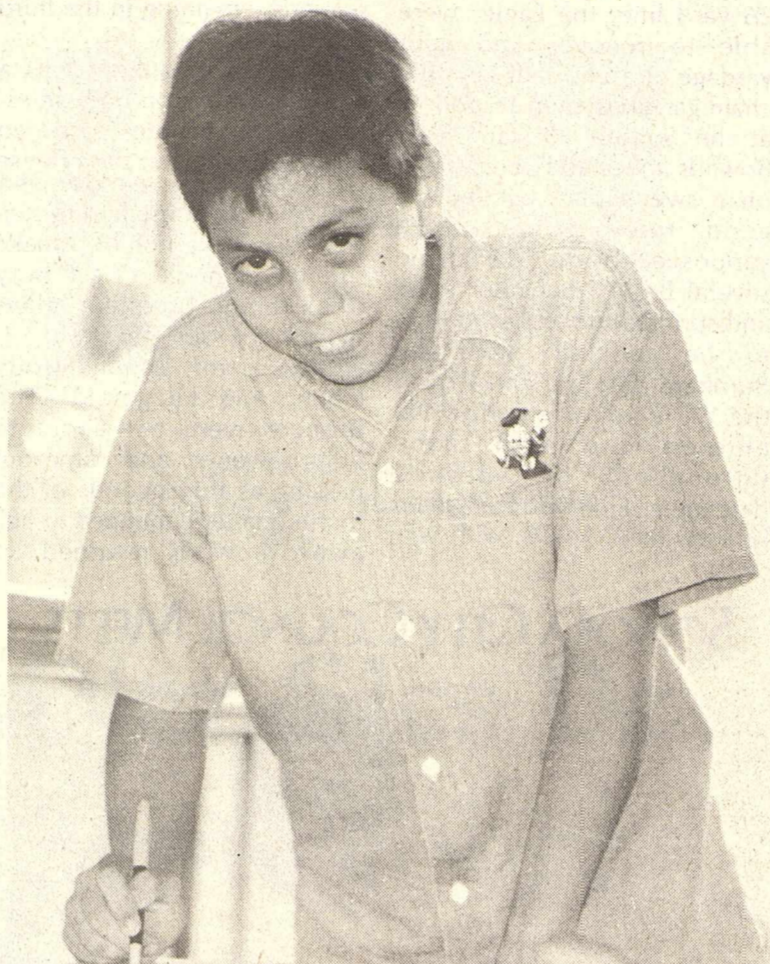
## HOUSING AUTHORITY RELOCATES

The Sonora Housing Authority has relocated their office. The new office is located at 1005 Eaton, Suite A next to the Elementary school in the second metal building. The new phone number is (915)387-3977. The mailing address will remain at City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, TX 76950.

The Sonora Housing Authority is still accepting applications for the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program. Applications can be picked up at either City Hall or the new location between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.. If you have any questions about the programs offered by the Sonora Housing Authority, please contact Amber Martin, Public Housing Director at 387-3977.

The Sonora Housing Authority does not discriminate against any person based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.

## SIS CELEBRATES CONSTITUTION WEEK



Phil Ricks, representing Congressman Henry Bonilla and Scott Keith, representing Senator Phil Gramm, were at Sonora Intermediate School on Tuesday, September 20th to celebrate the 207th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution with a ceremony Constitutional signing. 5th grader Ricky Lumbreras, son of Erasmo and Estella, is pictured above as he signs the piece of parchment representing the Constitution. Several students were selected to sign the parchment, which will hang in Philadelphia alongside the Constitution. This has been signed by representative students all across Texas. The students asked the representatives many good questions including several about Haiti and Cuba.

## 8TH GRADE FOOTBALL UPDATE

submitted

The 8th grade football team played Ozona on Thursday, September 8, 1994 in Sonora.

Anthony Renfro intercepted an Ozona pass in the first quarter and ran it in for a touchdown to put Sonora ahead for good. The 2 point conversion was added as Blaine Wilkinson reached the end zone on a sweep. The final score was Sonora-8, Ozona-6.

"The defense, led by Eddie Maskill, played very well throughout the game," commented a spokesperson for the Junior High Coaching Staff. "The offense, led by quarterback Tanner Fields, played well and consistently despite not scoring. This was a great way to start the year, and we are looking forward to continued improvement and victories."

The Sonora Colts 8th Grade football team met the Eldorado Eagles on the field Thursday, September 15.

The Colts' defense kept the Eagles out of the end zone and provided the game's only score. The punt return team did a fine job of blocking downfield as Anthony Renfro returned a punt 80 yards for a touchdown. Blaine Wilkinson ran the ball in for the 2 point conversion. This was the only score, making the final score 8-0, in favor of Sonora.

The defense was aggressive and led by Jeremy Shaffer's play at defensive tackle.

The offense played well and moved the ball despite not getting into the end zone. The Colts' received excellent blocking from Homer Lozano, Tommy Tiffie, Lupe Ramon, and Breg Hughes. Furthermore, William Joy did well as the Colts kicker and Brad Legan had some great hits on special team coverage.

## 7TH GRADE FOOTBALL

by Ryan Hardgrave

The 7th grade colts faced long-time rivals Eldorado Eagles on Thursday, September 15th in Eldorado. The Colts came out short in the longrun, by the score of 22-0.

Edgar Gonzalez rushed for a total of 35 yards, along with Graham Bloodworth, who came out with a hard earned 21 yards.

The Colts are now pumped up to play their next opponents, the Brady Bulldogs on Thursday, September 22nd at 5:00 p.m. in Bronco Stadium.

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# BRONCOS BATTLE ELDORADO

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Eldorado started its next drive from its own 29 after Trini Banda's kickoff, and on their first play from scrimmage the Eagles fumbled, and the fumble was alertly gathered in by Bronco Pacer Holley. Added to the momentum gained during the confidence-building drive for the Bronco field goal, this recovery by Holley swung the Broncos into gear, and the offense took the field ready to score the go-ahead touchdown before halftime. Hard running from Mata and Justin House led the Broncos to the Eagle 5 yard line with a 1st and goal, and after Morley and House had run wide on 1st and 2nd downs for no gain, Mata took the hand off on 3rd and goal, stepped right and gained four yards to the one-foot line. The Broncos decided to go for the touchdown on fourth and goal, and Mata again carried, this time surging past Eagle defenders into the end zone. Banda's PAT put the Broncos ahead 10-7 with 3:06 remaining in the half.

The Bronco defense was pushed hard down the field by the Eagle rushing attack during their final drive of the first half, but when the Broncos had to hold, they held, finally stopping the Eagles at the Sonora 26 yard line, and forcing the Eagles to attempt a field goal which fell short, and the Broncos took over on downs. Playing particularly well during this defensive series were Pool, Burnham, Deel, Perez, and Caleb Barker from his safety position, who made two saving tackles when it appeared as if Bownds had broken free for long gains.

The second half was not as fruitful for the Bronco offense as the end of the first half had indicated it would be. The Bronco offense managed only three first downs against a stingy and opportunistic Eagle defense, led by Cody McCravey at cornerback. The Bronco offense, plagued by holding and illegal procedure penalties, drowned under a sea of green jerseys, and even during plays where an opening appeared in the Eldorado line, it closed quickly as the Eagle defense pursued to the ball well and tackled Bronco ball carriers with solid hits.

The Bronco offensive effort was led in the second half by senior quarterback Jason Morley, who ran and passed the ball well, but was harassed

by an aggressive Eagle defensive line that sacked Morley three times during the second half and kept steady pressure on him as the half progressed. Adrian Mata also ran the ball well, but the Eagle defense appeared to have his number in the second half, limiting him to short, hard-fought gains on draws and sweeps. Justin House and Caleb Barker also contributed to the Bronco ground game, running hard and gaining yardage through and around a tough Eldorado defense. Davis Hale caught the ball well for the Broncos during the second half, but the Bronco air attack was not as effective in the Eldorado game as it had been in its two previous outings.

The Bronco defense worked hard to keep the offense within scoring range throughout the second half, and except for one drive did an excellent job shutting down one of West Texas' most potent offensive attacks. Josh Burnham, Levi Pool, Shane Deel, and Caleb Barker all made excellent plays during the second half, but the defense was faced with an increasingly difficult job as the second half progressed. Eldorado's offense could move the ball sporadically against the Bronco defense, and slowly the Eagles began to win the battle of field position. The Eagles' average starting point during their second half offensive possessions was their own forty-five yard line, and ultimately this continued great field position paid dividends for the Eagles' offense.

On Eldorado's second possession of the third quarter, Andy Mirike made a great play in pass defense, tipping a ball away from an open receiver that would, had it been caught, resulted in a first down. The result wasn't as good as the Broncos would have liked, however; after an offensive series which could not budge the Eagle defense, Massey's punt was returned to the Eldorado 46 yard line, and Eldorado began the drive that would win the ball game. Good defensive play by Hale, Pool, Deel, and Casey Fitzgerald, making his return from shoulder injury, forced the Eagles to grind their way down the field, converting a 4th and 1 at the Sonora 45 along the way. Even when Bronco defenders were able to make great plays, like Levi Pool's sack for a 6 yard loss on the Sonora

26 yard line, the Eagles were able to recover and gain yardage at a clip that kept the chain gang busy. On 1st and 10 at the Sonora 15 yard line, Bownds appeared to be trapped on a sweep play left, but as good running backs are supposed to do, he made several Bronco defenders miss and sprinted to the 7 yard line, to be tackled there by Burnham. On 2nd and 2 from the 7 yard line, Bownds entered the end zone untouched by Bronco defenders. Eldorado reclaimed its early lead, 14-10, with :47

seconds remaining in the third quarter.

The fourth quarter was a defensive effort on both sides; Josh Burnham intercepted an Eldorado pass, but the offense was again unable to move, and the Bronco defense had to step their play up a notch to make sure the game didn't get away from them. Excellent plays were recorded by Pool, J. House, Trini Banda, Cody Gann, and Fitzgerald. The Broncos were not about to quit, however, and came out passing as the seconds of the fourth quarter continued to tick away. Bownds returned an

interception of a Sonora pass to the Sonora 29, and Eldorado looked poised to score a touchdown and put the game out of reach. The Bronco defense held, though, and led by Senior Jesse Capuchina at defensive end with two outstanding plays, forced the Eagles into a 4th and 17 passing situation, and the completed pass play, although short of the 1st down, was as good as a punt, moving the ball to the Sonora 19 yard line and leaving the Broncos with 81 yards to travel for a winning score. Again, J. House, Morley, Barker and Mata worked hard to get the ball up the field, but the Eldorado defense kept the pressure on Morley and remained tough against the run, as time finally ran out on the game for the Broncos.

There was a fine crowd in Eldorado to see this hard-fought game between Eldorado and Sonora. Even though fans had to endure very blustery winds and cool temperatures

for the first time this year, not mention an incredibly sophomoric announcer who couldn't figure out when to cheer and when to announce, the game was entertaining and another clear indication that Sonora football is alive and well and continuing to improve this year. The Broncos played hard, but suffered defensive inconsistencies for the first time this year, and the offense, while it had trouble moving the ball against a fine Eldorado defense, continued to play with intensity and attempted to score until the last play of the game.

The Broncos play the Brady Bulldogs in Sonora this Friday night. The Bulldogs have faced some quality opponents in their pre-district schedule, and should be another test for the Broncos. Come out to Bronco Stadium and support the Broncos as they attempt to improve their record to 3-1 against a tough Brady team.

## SONORA CITY COUNCIL MEETS



Rev. Monte Jones presents a petition to the City Council during Tuesday's City Council meeting.

The Sonora City Council met in regular session Tuesday, September 20, 1994. Sonora Mayor, Lemuel Lopez began the meeting by awarding Charles Russell and Janet Patton, the Mayor Award of Excellence for their outstanding contributions to the city.

Following the award presentation, the floor was opened for citizen comments. Monte Jones presented the council with a petition of signatures in support for reinstating Carole Thorp as Director of the Senior Center. Brigitte Rogers asked to approach the Council, previous to adjournment, to discuss certain items on the agenda. This request was approved by Mayor Lopez. Gary Smith also approached council members before adjournment, to request an item be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting to discuss citizens role in public meetings.

Minutes were approved for the August 9 special meeting, August 16 regular meeting, August 23 special meeting, August 30 special meeting, and September 6 special meeting. Agenda items approved were the Sutton County Appraisal District monthly report, a request from Chris Garcia for a variance to build a carport in the South Heights Addition, City employees' health, dental and life insurance for \$92,496.24 from Blue Cross, West Texas Utilities interim base rate decrease, purchase of 1/2 of the Christmas lighting for \$1260, convert two or three city vehicles to compressed natural gas on a trial basis, Homecoming Parade set for September 30 at 3:30 p.m., Cal-Tex Riders parade permit on October 15 at 4:00 p.m., the 1994-95 fiscal year tax rate, the 1994-95 fiscal year budget, add \$1.00 to base of sewer and water rate charges, and any changes made to the 1993-94 fiscal year budget. Other items on the agenda were tabled for the next meeting.

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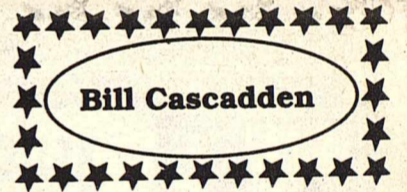


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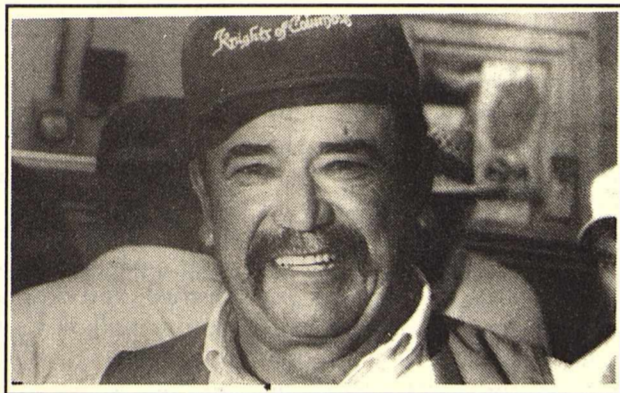
Manuel Parades (Crazy Walls) hosts the Knight's of Columbus' beer booth.



The Cake Walk was hosted by the Guadalupanas. Juanita Robles is pictured here.

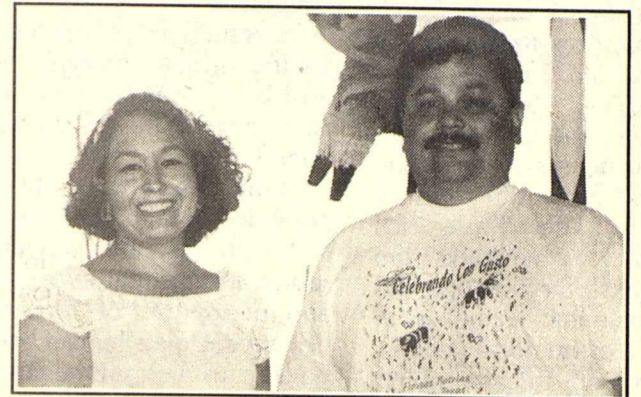


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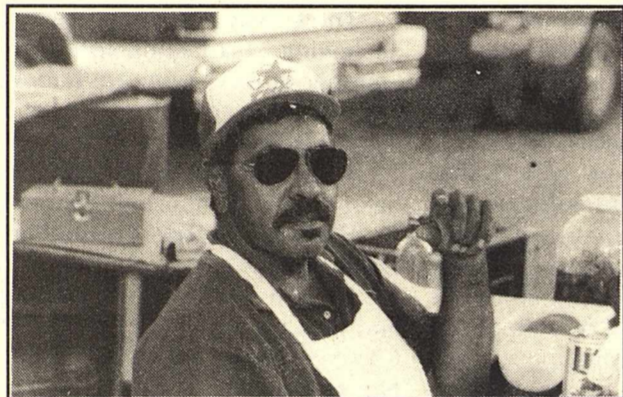


Mike Villanueva works the beer booth and the fajita booth for the Knights of Columbus.

# Diez Sies De Septiembre Celebracion



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by Lewis Allen

The 20th century has afforded profound but bitter lessons about faith - whether they've been learned or not remains at issue. As we stagger toward the close of this century and this millennium, we are witnessing the end of faith in technology as the means of our salvation, the end of faith in government as the means of our salvation, the end of faith in education as the means of our salvation. Each of these endeavors-- technology, government and education--are good and necessary but none solve the essential human problem. We have all marveled at, all benefited from the wonders of technology, but we have learned that technology in the hands of immoral persons simply expands to catastrophic proportions the amount of suffering they can inflict. At the close of this century, we find ourselves not saved but held hostage by our own technology. As Americans, we have all benefited from democracy, but we can now see that democratic government's grandiose attempts to soften the consequences of citizens making unwise decisions has simply encouraged more citizens to make poorer decisions. We have all benefited from universal public education, but we have found that in the field of moral behavior people do not act upon the basis of what they know, but on the basis of what they believe.

The colossal systems of technology, government and education ultimately depend for their success upon the actions and decisions of the individuals within those systems. What is needed most desperately, then, is not better technology, more government, increased education, but better human beings. What is needed is human beings being fair, human beings being truthful, human beings above all being considerate of the welfare of others. In short, human beings being moral. Not only our well-being but the very survival of our species depends upon this. And if we cannot maintain fairness, truthfulness and considerateness, why should we survive? Without these qualities we are more of a blight on the planet than a blessing.

This seems a strange and grim departure from the

beautiful, touching verses of I Corinthians 13, known worldwide as "the Love Chapter". But underlying the velvety poetic masterpiece of Paul's treatise on love is the solid granite of unbending moral reality. All human morality is based upon the three abiding things named by Paul - faith, hope and love. And as in geometry and engineering, the sturdiest structures are built on a triangular base, so in human behavior the base of morality is triangular, founded upon faith, hope and love. Remove or de-emphasize any one of these three bases and the structure of an individual's morality will wobble and crumble, according to the stress placed upon it.

One leg of morality is grounded in faith. We can say that with absolute conviction rooted in personal experience and mountains of historical evidence. Unless human beings believe in a Supreme Being, they will not be moral. And further, the kind of morality a human demonstrates depends upon the kind of god he or she worships. The degree of morality a human being demonstrates depends upon the degree of faith one holds in one's soul.

It must be so, not because preachers incessantly say so, but because of basic changeless human realities. Common logic tells us that without belief in God, there can be no absolutes of right and wrong, good and evil. Without faith, every person simply makes up what seems good to him or her at the time. This is not morality, but barbarity. And the chaotic results of barbarity are the same whether they be acted out among the most primitive Neanderthals or the most technologically advanced societies of our time.

But even deeper than logical reasons are reasons of the heart. Faith in God provides for the faithful a deep sense of meaning. Only in the sight of eternal God do human beings find lasting value in their own brief lives or the lives of others. When humans find no value in human life, it would be ridiculous to expect them to lead moral lives.

The second leg of moral behavior is based on hope. As faith proposes the existence of God, hope proposes the ultimate triumph of God over all the evil, sorrow and folly of the world. There is unquestionably a relationship between the two, but also a crucial difference. We all know countless persons of faith for whom depression is not a

passing mood but a constant characteristic. We know persons of faith for whom life is cast as a grim, dreary trudge from trouble unto trouble. We know persons of faith who are chronically listless, vacant of enthusiasm, dreams or direction. They believe in God, but they have lost hope.

The resurrection of Christ from the dead is the pinnacle of revelations from God that He not only exists, but that He will prevail over all the sins and sorrows of this world. When we focus our thoughts more upon God's mighty acts of salvation than upon our present, seemingly insurmountable woes, our hopes can not be quenched. Hope abides, not because human beings are instinctively inclined for survival's sake to hope, but because God has acted with sufficient power, sufficient love, sufficient clarity and sufficient regularity to sustain honest hope.

Hope sustains morality for obvious logical reasons. Without the soul-based hope that one's efforts can make a difference, no efforts will be made. Only as we believe and hope that our meager efforts will in some way advance the cause of God's triumph over evil will we act in moral, life-affirming ways. Without hope, we abandon the struggle, and wait like oxen in the feed pen for our turn in the slaughterhouse. Or worse, we join the side of evil and exchange what we esteem to be our worthless souls for the temporary pleasures the devil gleefully provides. But when we have hope, we discipline ourselves to struggle on for what is right. We endure in goodness because we trust that the goodness of God will finally prevail.

"But the greatest of these is love." Morality is based on love because love is the essential content of true morality. Many forms of morality exist. In fact, the most unspeakably immoral crimes that human beings commit against one another and God's creation are justified in the name of some moral principle or other. Morality, like all

human values, is prone to corruption. The only pure morality is that which conforms to love.

Those who abuse their spouses and children claim to be enforcing the moral code of family discipline. Those who commit the most senseless acts of crime claim to be avenging some wrong or evening the scales of justice between those who have much and those who have little. Those who condemn their neighbors in gossip or in print claim they only intend to set the record straight, justify their actions by saying the pain they inflict is in return for pain inflicted. All of these deeds are done in the name of morality, but do not reflect God's morality.

Truly moral acts must pass a simple but stern test. For any act to be truly moral, it must be the most loving act that can be done under the circumstances. The love which Jesus teaches and the morality which God expects are both summed up in the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." No matter what justification we might use to paint over whatever deed, we fail morally when we neglect to do the loving thing - when we refuse to look into the eyes of those whom our action will affect and fail to see that each of these persons has the same feelings we have, the same needs, the same value in the heart of God. This is what love is, after all - in its abiding nature. Love which abides is not a fleeting, cozy emotion, but a lasting commitment to the welfare of others, an unchanging regard for the immeasurable worth of another human being. No morality is valid unless it is based upon such love.

But so what, eh? What if all that has been said so far is undeniably true? It is still abstract truth, hanging in the air like a beautiful rainbow up against the clouds. How can we supply the missing link that could bind heavenly truths to earthly realities? That linkage can only be made in the heart of the individual, as he or she determines, whatever else

others may do, whatever storm or tragedy may come, I will live according to faith, hope and love.

In this era of moral chaos, when so many of society's most powerful institutions are so thoroughly corrupt, we ask ourselves, what can one person do? What kind of a question is that? One person can do no more nor no less than one person could do in any generation, in any century of all the long eons of human existence. One person can be true to God, or not.

In this time of moral chaos, our faith, our hope, our love is being put to the supreme test. When has it not been so? When has any human being had any real option other than to do the best he or she could do with the circumstances at hand and leave the ultimate results to God?

So I will state as clearly as possible what one person can do. One person can answer to God, in faith, for every action he takes and every attitude he permits to linger in his soul.

## SWCD ELECTION & TOUR SET

submitted by the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District

The Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District will be having an election followed by a very interesting hour on October 6th. All who are interested in the tour described below are welcome to join us regardless of whether or not they are eligible to vote in the election.

The Edwards Plateau SWCD's election for Zones 1 and 2 will be at the Wool House in Sonora at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, October 6, 1994. All persons owning farm and/or ranch lands within the District boundaries (which includes all of Sutton County and the top portion of Edwards County) who are 18 years of age or older and who reside within this District are encouraged to come vote. Current director for Zone 1 is Edward Earwood, and for Zone 2 is Norm Rousselot.

Coffee and donuts will be served, and following the election those interested will proceed to the Jimmy Powell Ranch near Ft. McKavett for a brush control tour, catered lunch, tree shearer demonstration, and the opportunity to earn 1 CEU for Private Pesticide License. This tour, co-sponsored by the Eldorado Divide SWCD, will show treatment of juniper (cedar) by first chaining to be followed by burning. The tree shearer demonstration will show an apparatus attached to the front of a Bobcat that cuts the tree off at the base, then sprays a chemical on the base, and with the tree still in its grasp allows the operator to stack the trees. This tour should be very beneficial to anyone concerned with brush control.

The Sutton County Steakhouse will be catering lunch for \$6.50 per person. If you are interested, please call Tom Payton or Virgil Polocek at 387-2730 or come by the SCS office at 301 Crockett so that we can get a tentative head count for the meal.

This tour has been planned with the needs of our local producers in mind. We hope to have a good turnout.

## SUTTON COUNTY LIBRARY'S NEW BOOKS

submitted by Florie Mesa

**Non-Fiction:** *How I Got This Way* - Patrick McManus, *Where Miracles Happen* - Joan Anderson, *Depraved* - Harold Schechter, *Before He Walks* - Jerry Blesoe, *Home By Supper Time* - Martha Bennett, *Creative Fire* - Time-Life Books, and *Adult Children of Alcoholics* - Janet Woititz.

**Fiction:** *Seven Days in June* - Howard Fast, *The Proud and the Free* - Janet Dailey, *Lying in Wait* - J.A. Janice, *A Son of the Circus* - John Irving, *Going Nowhere Fast* - Gar Haywood, *Mistress* - Amanda Quick, *Pretty Boy Floyd* - Larry McMurtry, *The Murder Game* - Steve Allen, and *Debt of Honor* - Tom Clancy.

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Tom Clancy is the author of *The Hunt for Red October*, *Red Storm Rising*, *Patriot Games*, *The Cardinal of the Kremlin*, *Clear and Present Danger*, *The Sum of All Fears*, and *Without Remorse*. He is also the author of the nonfiction books *Submarine* and the forthcoming *Armored Cav*.

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# Public Notice

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This 19th day of August, 1994.

C. Michael Roach  
Judge, Superior Court  
Cherokee County

Presented by:  
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the expense of the buyer. Sutton County will consider any and all bids for purchase of this structure. Said bids should be placed in a sealed envelope and given or mailed to the Sutton County Judge, Courthouse Annex, P.O. Box 1212, Sonora, Texas 76950, by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 11th day of October, 1994, at which item bids will be opened and accepted or rejected in a regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners' Court. Anyone wishing to view the inside of the structure may contact Sutton County Judge Carla Garner in the Courthouse Annex during regular business hours.

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## ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Permian Basin Community Supervisor and Corrections Department is accepting applications for the position of Substance Abuse Counselor for Ozona and Sonora. Applicants must submit an application for employment, along with a resume and proof of LCDC or Counselor in Training Status. Applications can be picked up at the Probation Office, Closing date is September 30, 1994 at 5:00 p.m. Forward resume and application to:

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## EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Sonora is now accepting applications for a Laborer in the Public Works Department. Applicant should be able to perform manual labor under conditions involving extremes of heat and cold. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 201 N.E. Main and should be returned to the City Secretary's Office prior to September 30, 1994. The City of Sonora is an equal opportunity employer.

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# SISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEET

The Sonora Independent School District Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Thursday, September 15, 1994 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

The meeting was called to order by President Gloria Lopez and she moved to item 3 on the agenda. The board approved the minutes of the August 9th, August 11th, August 23rd and September 7th minutes.

After President Lopez welcomed all visitors to the meeting, she asked for comments from visitors. Brenda Valliant and Brigitte Rogers were called on first, and each reserved the opportunity to speak after item #17 on the agenda (Freshman Orientation); Christina Escamilla read a letter from the Sonora High School drama students; student Kathleen McManus read comments from her mother; Robert Akins made comments supporting Ms. Rodriguez; Lilia Flores stated that she agreed with Mr. Akins' statement; and Father Bill DuBoisson read a prepared statement.

President Lopez thanked all speakers for their comments and concerns.

Superintendent Charles Russell requested to give the invocation which had been omitted earlier.

Mr. Russell delivered the Superintendent's report, and presented information on the rollback election. After which the board voted to hold the rollback election on Monday, October 24, 1994.

Chief Appraiser Rex Ann Friess reported that the collection rate stood at 98.6%.

The board acted on the payment of current bills, and the approval of the budget amendment relating to mentor school funds.

High School principal Terry Marrs presented a curriculum report for the High School.

The board considered bids for school insurance, and approved State Farm Insurance as the carrier for facilities and vehicles and Doyle Morgan Insurance as the carrier for school board liability.

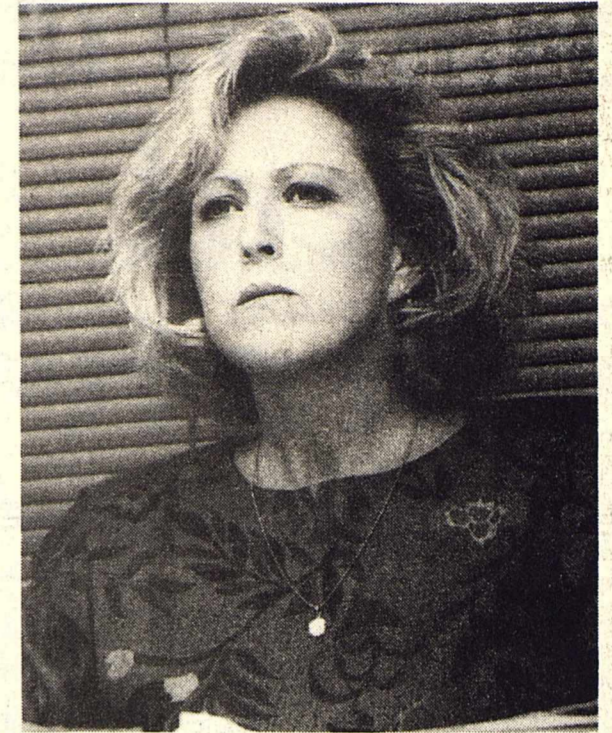
The board voted to approve Continental Casualty as the carrier for risk management stop loss insurance.

Melett Rowland presented a list of business representatives who stated they would like to see the Fall Festival moved back downtown. The board set the Fall Festival for October 18, 1994 and approved to move it back downtown on a trial basis. The board also approved an early dismissal time of 2:30 for the 18th.

The board approved the County Extension Agent and the Home Extension Agent as officials of the school district for the specific purpose of supervising students during 4-H activities for attendance purposes.

Mr. Russell asked that the board vote to accept bids for a student activities van. The board approved.

Comments were heard from Ramiro Perez and Joe Garcia concerning information



Michelle Anderson listens intently as citizens express their views at the School Board meeting.

presented at Freshman Orientation. It was requested that Mr. Perez reserve his comments concerning Paula Rodriguez, High School Drama teacher, for Executive Session. Joe Garcia presented a petition signed by community members in protest of the presentation of "Surfer Chick."

Brenda Valliant and Brigitte Rogers, who had reserved the right to speak until this agenda item, also presented comments concerning the school system and freshman orientation.

After hearing these comments from concerned citizens and parents, the board moved into executive session.

Upon returning from executive session, Mrs. Lopez stated that the board had agreed that a directive would be given

to all administrators to the effect that, in the future, any potentially offensive material would be screened thoroughly in each building before being presented.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

After the meeting, Charles Russell commented, "I think things went very well. We had a very respectful audience who expressed their concerns in a very courteous manner. I feel the board reacted very professionally."

Gloria Lopez stated, "I am very pleased with the way things turned out. I feel that the decision the board made will be very good for the school system." She added "Mr. Russell did his administrative duty and the board backed him all the way."

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3486	Sutton County Appraisal District et al v. Jake Merck and Helen Merck  Lot 5, Block 1, Homeland Addition to the City of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas being that property more particularly described Volume 130, Page 92 of the Deed Records, Sutton County, Texas
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or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

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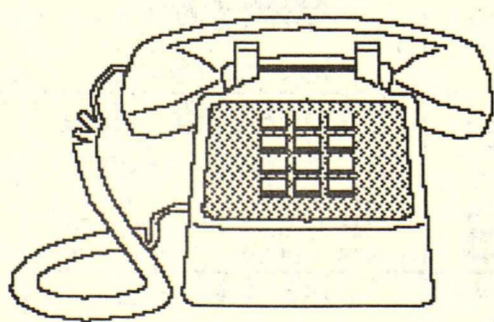
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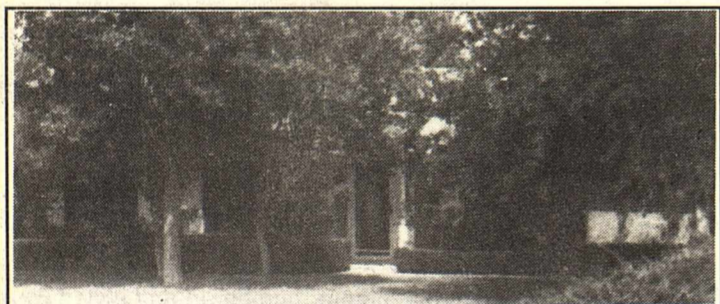
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of G.H. Davis, Deceased, were issued on September 7, 1994, in Docket No. 1065, pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, to:

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