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Briefly

Water District Election Filing Deadline Set For March 19

The Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District will have an election on May 3, 1997, to elect a director for Precincts 1, 3, & 4.

Those wishing to file for a position on the ballot may do so at the Water District office in the Mercantile Building, 222 NE Main, Suite 101. The filing deadline for a place on the May 3rd ballot is Wednesday, March 19, 1997.

First Baptist Youth Invasion

First Baptist Church will hold revival services starting this Friday night at 7:00 p.m. Evangelist Lane Franks from Scottsdale, Arizona, will be preaching in each of the services. You can hear Pastor Franks from Friday, February 28, at 7:00 p.m. through Sunday night, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. For more information please call 387-2951 or 387-5964.

Lenten Luncheons

Lenten Luncheons, sponsored by the Sonora Ministerial Alliance, are held each Wednesday at noon through Holy Week at the Parish Hall of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Attention 1987 Grads

Our 10 year reunion is upon us. If you have not been contacted please write or call Shaunamarie Sims, PO Box 1204, Cloudford, NM 88317, 505-687-3197; or Kate Jennings at 915-327-5504.

Library Story Time

Every Wednesday of the week from 10:00-10:45 a.m. at the Sutton County Public Library, 306 E. Mulberry. Ages 3 -preschool. For more information call 387-2111.

L.M. Hudspeth Hospital & Nursing Home Auxiliary

Meeting will be the second Monday of each month at 3:00 in the basement of FUMC. Any interested persons are invited to attend.

New Life Assembly Special Service

The congregation of New Life Assembly will be holding a special service with nationally known evangelist Mike Davis on Sunday, March 2, at 10:30 a.m. New Life Assembly is located at 306 North Fourth in Sonora.

Broncos Win Our Hearts



The Broncos celebrated their Bi-District win against Monahans Friday, February 21. Pictured above after the ceremonious cutting of the net are Andy Mirike, Caleb Barker, David Fisher, Shiloh Sykes, Robert Teaff, Brad Legan, Fernie Emiliano, Drew Dempsey, Kasey Wood, Justin House, John Paul Hudman, Ty Harrelson, Kris Wood, and Mayer Anderson.

photo by Patti Rainer

TxDOT To Hold Public Meetings

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct public meetings to solicit public input concerning project selection for the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and to disseminate information about the United Transportation Plan and the TIP.

Projects within the 15 county San Angelo District will be considered. The San Angelo District is composed of the following counties: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Edwards, Glasscock, Irion, Kimble, Menard,

Reagan, Real, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, and Tom Green. Meetings will be held at the following locations and times:

San Angelo-Texas Department of Transportation District office, Assembly Rm. 4502 Knickerbocker Road-1:30 p.m.-Monday, March 3, 1997

Eden-Burn's Bldg., Chamber of Commerce Room, 106 Paint Rock St. 10:00 a.m.-Wednesday, March 5, 1997.

Written comments concerning projects will be accepted through

March 17, 1997, and should be addressed to: Walter G. McCullough, P.E. District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation, 4502 Knickerbocker Rd., San Angelo, Texas 76904

All interested citizens are invited to attend and participate in these meetings. Persons attending the meetings who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the Public Information Officer at (915) 944-1501. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the meeting.

County Commissioners Discuss Bank Depository

The Sutton County Commissioner's Court met Monday, February 24. Accounts payable were approved with the exception of a change entered to the general fund from the Road & Bridge Department.

Commissioners agreed to advertise for bids for fuel farm or fuel contract. Also approved to advertise for bids for health insurance.

The commissioners approved the tax assessor's bond. Carol Parker was appointed lay representative to the Big Country Library System.

Discussion was held regarding the bank depository. Villanueva stated he opposed First National Bank's bid at the previous meeting held this month. He also said he didn't understand the figures at the time and felt more explanation was needed from the facilities before a decision is made. He made a motion to the effect that in the future if this situation arises to seek professional counsel from a CPA. After studying the figures, he felt Sutton County National Bank was the better choice and made a motion to that effect. Motion died due to lack of second. Harold McEwen of First National

Bank stated his institution had a better rate for long term investments while Sutton County National Bank had a better short term rate. County Auditor, Charles Graves, made the comment that if the county builds on long term investments, then the tax rate is too high. Judge Garner made the motion to keep the depository at First National Bank. John Wade seconded, Belia Castaneda voted yes, Mike Villanueva opposed, and Bill Keel abstained.

The court then went into executive session to discuss an employee grievance by John Chambers.

"Never give up"... and they didn't. The Sonora Broncos finished an outstanding basketball season Tuesday night against #2 ranked Tulia in the area competition. The final score, 77-63.

Despite turnovers, the Broncos held their own in the first half, with rebounds by Kris Wood and J.P. Hudman, great hustle from Fernie Emiliano, behind the back passes and one armed shots from Ty Harrelson, and a great drive by

Caleb Barker before the half time buzzer sounded. At the end of the first half, the Broncos were down 28-33.

Harrelson came out blazing in the second half with a three pointer. Hudman on the inside gave the Boys the lead 38-37. The Broncos continued to fight hard and proved they could stand their ground with a state ranked team.

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Preparations Underway For Christmas In April

Board members of our local Christmas in April program are preparing for this year's project. They have already met to review applications and will soon make final decisions as to which houses the work groups will be able to repair. Work day is set for April 26.

This community has always supported the Christmas in April program in Sonora since its birth in 1991.

If you or your group would like

to help this year in a work group, contact Jim Stephen at 387-2951, Smith Neal 387-2826, or Pete Samaniego at 387-5657.

Donations of materials are always welcome and can be made by contacting Jim Stephen or Smith Neel. Monetary donations may be mailed to Christmas in April of Sonora, Inc., P.O. Box 63, Sonora, TX 76950, or contact Jack Smith at the Federal Land Bank, 387-2777.

Senior Connections Community Meeting

submitted by Liz Elliott

Sutton County Senior Center and the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments are hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, March 5, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sutton County Senior Center, 106 Wilson Street in Sonora.

"Senior Connections" is a community meeting designed to provide information about services and programs available to older individuals. A brief introduction to the Area Agency on Aging will be followed by a question and answer session. Senior citizens, their families and friends, and other persons who are interested in issues affecting the aging population are invited to share their insights, concerns, and thoughts for solutions to the unmet needs of Sutton County's older population. A wide variety of printed information covering various topics will also be distributed. Concho Valley Rural Public Transportation

officials, as well as Area Agency on Aging representatives, will meet with community members for "Coffee and Conversations" from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Additionally, representatives with expertise in the areas of information and assistance, benefits counseling, nursing homes, long term care, and employment and training will be available from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for individual, confidential appointments.

Persons wishing to schedule individual appointments may contact Juanita Mesa at 915-387-5657 or the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley toll free at 1-800-728-2592.

Make plans to attend this important event at the Sutton County Senior Center and let the Area Agency on Aging staff help you get...connected! Services of the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley are funded by the Texas Department on Aging.

New Life Assembly To Hold Special Service

The congregation of New Life Assembly will be holding a special service with nationally known evangelist Mike Davis on Sunday, March 2, at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Davis will have a message from the Lord as he ministers in word and song. A special highlight

will be the children's sermon where Rev. Davis illustrates the message to kids of all ages. This is sure to be a service you will not soon forget. Come and experience a new life in Christ.

New Life Assembly is located at 306 North Fourth in Sonora.

Revival Weekend At First Baptist Church



Rev. Lane Franks

by Paul Cornelius

First Baptist Church will hold revival services starting this Friday night at 7:00 p.m. Evangelist Lane Franks from Scottsdale, Arizona, will be preaching in each of the services. Pastor Franks left a successful business in the oil fields of Texas several years ago in surrender to the

call of God in his life. Lane now travels the United States speaking to people of all ages. As an exciting speaker, he is often invited to speak not only in churches, but often in public schools and community events.

You can hear Pastor Franks from Friday, February 28, at 7:00 p.m. through Sunday night, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. This family emphasized revival is open to anyone. Friday night, a special emphasis will be placed on teens. Saturday night will be family night with a free hotdog supper at 6:00 p.m. for kids ages 12 and under. A concert by Michael, James, and John from Eden will follow the service on Saturday night. Sunday will be Victory Day with a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. and services immediately following. Transportation and a nursery are available for all services. For more information please call 387-2951 or 387-5964.



Opening Ceremonies the Spirit of Relay

Cancer patients and survivors become very involved in Relay For Life. The opening ceremonies Friday evening will honor those who have battled or are in the battle against cancer. Survivors will kick off the Relay with the Victory Walk (the first lap around the track). We are searching for anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer. Our goal is to have more survivors at this event than any other event in the nation. You can help it happen! If you know someone who has had cancer, please contact Erica Morris at 387-9003 or Shanna Johnson at 387-3378. They'll have the time of their lives and the opportunity to see and meet others who have fought the same battle!

Dining Out Directory

- Food Center Deli 600 S. Crockett Ave.
387-5616
- La Mexicana 240 N. Hwy. 277
387-3401
- Pizza Hut 401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540
- Rafter L Bar-B-Q 506 N. Crockett Ave.
387-5246
- Rosie's Cafe 207 E. Glasscock Ave.
387-5552
- Sonic Drive-In 202 Hwy. 277 N.
387-5292
- Sutton County Steakhouse 1306 N. Service Rd.
387-3833
- Town & Country Subway 610 S. Crockett
387-6181
- Town & Country Deli 903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169

Sonora Church Directory

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| <p>NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
James Lee, Pastor
306 N. 4th Street
387-2898</p> <p>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAPTISTA
504 Santa Clara
387-2035</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST
Tim Dobbs, Minister
304 W. Water
387-3190</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Jim Stephen, Pastor
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387-2951</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector
404 NE Poplar
387-2955</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Ron Myers, Pastor
201 NW 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>THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN
Lewis Allen, Pastor
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387-2616</p> <p>OUTREACH CHURCH OF CHRIST
Hwy. 277 S. Glasscock</p> <p>PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE
Willie West, Pastor
509 Amistad
387-3236</p> <p>ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I.
229 SW 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 Sessom
511 Cornell
387-5215</p> <p><i>Attend the church of your choice, this Sunday.</i></p> |
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- Cornerstone Home Health Agency**
116 N Concho
(915)387-2505 (800)593-8222
- Kerbow Funeral Home**
387-2266

Our Sympathy

Virginia Brisbin
Virginia Phyllis Brisbin, 58, of Sonora died Sunday, February 23, 1997, in a Del Rio hospital. Service was at 10:00 a.m. Thursday at St. John's Episcopal Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home. She was born March 22, 1938, in Omaha, Nebraska, and had lived in Sonora since 1986. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Cletus James "Jim" Brisbin of Sonora; her mother, Phyllis Hicks of Beaumont; four daughters, Phyllis Brisbin of Pecos, Cheryl Knoblock of Honolulu, Dorry Batchelder and Kathy Brisbin, both of Carlsbad, New Mexico; two sisters, Martha Walker of Beaumont and Margorie Hicks of Austin; and three grandchildren.

In Loving Memory of Jericho Ramos for His Birthday February 16, 1979 - May 4, 1996



And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He only takes the best.
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never get well
Upon this earth again.
He saw the roads getting rough
And the hills harder to climb,
So He closed your weary eyes
and
Whispered in your ear, "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
We'll meet you in Heaven,
We love you and we'll miss you.
Love, Mom & Dad
Brothers & Sisters

Texas A&M Announces Honor Roll

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 1996 fall semester. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 student credit hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period. Among those recognized were: Whitney Baggett Condra of Sonora with a major in Biomedical Sciences and Victoria Hella Richardson of Sonora with a major in Business Administration.

Today God looked around His garden
And found an empty space.
He then looked down upon this Earth

A Time to be Thoughtful in Memory of Daniel T. Garza



all; just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part."
We sincerely appreciate the calls, prayers, visits, food, flowers, memorials, and your words of comfort and support on our behalf. Your out pouring of love has helped sustain our faith during this most difficult time. Thanks Father Bill, the choir, ladies who prepared the meal and to all who donated to make the meal possible, and Sal and Ruben Castilleja for singing Daniel's songs and music that he loved so much.
Daniel is gone from our sight, but not our memories, gone from our touch, but never our hearts.
God bless each and everyone of you, and if you love someone, tell them today.

From his family:
"Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray. If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest word, as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at

In Concert
Michael, James & John
First Baptist Church of Sonora
Saturday Night March 1, 1997 8:00 p.m.
REVIVAL 7:00 p.m. February 28-March 2nd
Special Guest Evangelist
LANE FRANKS

SENIOR CENTER

Calendar of Events

- March 3- Bingo
- March 4-Decorate Center for St. Patrick's Day and Easter
- March 5- Blood Pressure Chks. w/ Housecalls
- March 6- Easter Crafts
- March 7- Visit Nursing Home

Lunch Menu

Thursday, February 27
Sweet & Sour Pork, Hot Rice, Sweet Peas, Tossed Salad, Bread, Fresh Orange

Friday, February 28
Roast Beef w/Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Hot Rolls, Carrot Cake

Monday, March 3
Pepper Steak w/Rice, Au gratin Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Peach Half

Tuesday, March 4
Oven Baked Chicken, Lima Beans, Broccoli, Bread, Cranberry Crunch

Wednesday, March 5
Baked Ham, Yams, Green Beans, Carrot Raisin Salad, Hot Rolls, Jello w/Fruit

Thursday, March 6
Chicken Stir Fry, Hot Rice, Chinese Vegetable, Bread, Tossed Salad, Sugar Cookie

Friday, March 7
Crabcakes, w/Tartar Sauce, Sweet Peas, Okra Gumbo, Hot Rolls, Applesauce

Guest Meals are \$4.00.
Suggested donation for Senior Citizens is \$1.75.

Ronnie Cox

would like to be your pharmacist.

School Lunch Menu

BREAKFAST and LUNCH

Monday, March 3 Pancake, Ham, Fruit	Tuesday, March 4 Egg, Tater Tots, Toast w/Jelly	Wednesday, March 5 Pig in a Blanket, Fruit
Chili Dog, Pork-n-Beans, Corn Chips, Apple Half, Rice Krispie Treat	Fish Nuggets, Macaroni-n-Cheese, Coleslaw, Pineapple Tidbits	Hot Turkey Sandwich, Glazed Carrots, Scalloped Potatoes, Fruit Cobbler
Thursday, March 6 Waffles w/Syrup, Juice	Friday, March 7 Scrambled Egg, Cinnamon Toast, Fruit	
Cheese Burgers, Burger Salad, Pickles, Tater Tots, Pudding w/Topping	Soft Burritos (Bean & Cheese), Vegetable Salad, Mexicali Corn, Peanut Butter Bar	

All meals served with milk

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Community Calendar

28 February

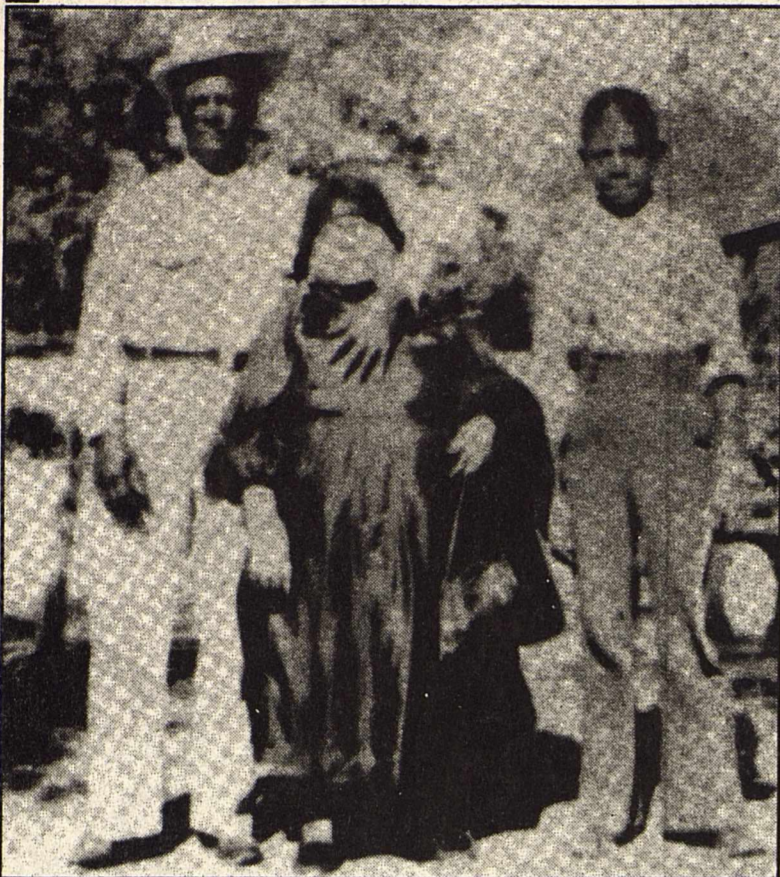
- Sunday, March 2**
Rev. Mike Davis 10:30 a.m. New Life Assembly
- Monday, March 3**
Little Dribblers: 5:30 p.m. Nike Chicks vs. Raiders & Jammers (g) vs. Super Sonics, 5:30 p.m. Bulls vs. Rockets & 6:30 Panthers vs. Hot Shots

March 7

- Tuesday, March 4**
5:30 p.m. Jammers (g) vs. Nike Chicks & Blue Sharks vs. Panthers 6:30 p.m. Raptors vs. Wolverines & Sonics (b) vs. Jammers
- Wednesday March 5-7**
Science Fair
- Wednesday March 5**
Lenten Luncheon Episcopal Church Senior Connections Community Meeting, 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Center

SCNB Sutton County National Bank
207 Hwy 277 N

First NATIONAL BANK
Member FDIC 102 N. Main 387-3861



Pictured above are Andrew and Maria Castro Fay and their son, Fred during the 1930's.

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer

February is Black History Month. I have been asked several times about Black history in Sutton County and felt this month was the best time to answer the questions.

The earliest record of Black people in Texas I have found is that of very early Spanish expeditions. There were black slaves, servants, and even a Black priest with the troops. From there, we find Black slaves before the Civil War; some who stayed and became paid workers after the war. Many Black families moved out of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana to Texas looking for a better life after the war.

Most people know about the Buffalo Soldiers up at Fort Concho. What many don't realize is that these Black men dubbed Buffalo Soldiers by the Indians were also at Fort McKavett. It was these men that helped tame the Western frontier and defeated the Indians making this part of the country safe for set-

tlers.

Through the years, there have been many Black ranch hands in and out of Sutton County and for a while it was popular to have Black house servants. This caused quite a bit of friction with the Mexican/American community who lost their jobs to the Blacks. Just as the Anglo-Americans would not let the Mexican children attend their schools, the Mexican/American community refused to allow the Black children to attend their school. A special building, an old quonset hut was erected to be the Black school and a special teacher hired to teach the Black children. In later years this was replaced by a wood frame building that is now part of the Sutton County Senior Center. Finally integration came to Sutton County and all the children are now educated together, equally regardless of race.

In the 1930's there was a lot of

bad blood between the Mexican and Black communities that erupted into some pretty violent confrontations. On top of that there were several murders among the Black community committed by their own members. About this time there was a re-emergence of the KKK in Sutton County, and all but a few of the Black families moved away. This is very clearly shown in back issues of The Devil's River News.

About this time a Black family came to Sutton County that still has family members here today. According to From Muskets to Mohair: The History of Ft. Terrett, "Francisco Andrew Fay, a Black cowboy originally from Mexico, worked for Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Evans (at the Ft. Terrett ranch) for about ten years. He and his family arrived around 1935. At different times, they lived in both the bunkhouse and in the commanding officer's quarters. The family consisted of five children: two girls, Lupe (Lucy) and Francisca (Francis); and three boys, Tony, Alfredo (Fred), and Felipe. The children did not attend Cedar Hill School with the white students but were taught at home, first by their mother, Maria Alvarez, and later by Edna Adams. Their mother made all their clothes, and the family earned money to buy shoes by selling the pelts of ringtail cats, raccoons, and rabbits which they trapped on the ranch. Maria also at times cooked for the ranch hands.

Andy Fay was the "straw boss" and did everything from breaking horses and shearing sheep to chauffeuring Mrs. Evans home after he overindulged at the local picnics.

Francis Fay worked in the house for Allie Evans, and her brother all grew up helping their

father with ranch chores. Even as a little boy Fred took part in shearing which was always held in the shearing barns near Lissa Bluff. By age thirteen he joined the shearing crew. He was an expert clipper and could shear up to two hundred animals a day. He left Fort Terrett Ranch as boss of his own shearing crew when he was 18....Andy Fay left Fort Terrett Ranch just before World War II and ranched his own property where oil was discovered. He moved to Sonora and married his second wife, Alma. They had five children. Some of you might know members of his family that still live here.

Some Black families stayed here for quite a while. Two names that stick in my mind are the Mitchell and Brown families. One of the Mitchells worked at Hull Motor Company, and Otis did work for many ranches around town. On and off through the years there have been other Black families here from time to time, working on ranches, as cooks, teachers, the oil field, DPS and INS officers, and highway workers. One of these families, the Marshall family, has made some wonderful contributions of their time and talents to help Sutton County. This concludes a very abridged Black History in Sutton County in honor of Black History Month.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," PO Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950, fax them to 915-387-5691, drop them off at The Devil's River News office or give me a call at 915-387-2855, after noon please, thank you!

OPEN LETTER

Dear Sonora:

Like hundreds of travelers in the past, last night (Saturday) my daughter, her young son, and myself pulled into your town after 3 full days on the road from California. Our destination is Houston, which is where we fully intended to be by Sunday (today) nightfall!

Last night we had dinner next door to where we are staying at the Sutton County Steakhouse (by the Days Inn). Just before leaving we meet officer Edward House in the dining room. My grandson loved meeting him and being very kindly brought him some coloring books and stickers later.

First thing this morning we jumped in the car for a "7:30 get-away" and had major car problems as we pulled onto I-10. After a call to 911 for help, a kindly deputy followed by Black's Wrecker who took my car to the GM lot, came to our rescue. At the lot we saw Sgt. House, who once knowing our plight, went off to find someone to help-back he came with Bennie Fraiser, owner of NAPA Auto Parts, who along with a mechanic from GM who happened to be there confirmed the problem and identified the needed part which Mr. Black had recognized. A short time later Mr. Fraiser came by and said his manager, Kirk Joy, was in San Antonio and was going to look for it and would call when he got back-Officer House called to confirm.

So for the next few hours while I waited for word, I decided to walk

around Sonora and get to know this town that had so many nice people in it. I walked down to the supermarket, the historic area, and much of the main streets.

What a great town to befriend a stranger and go so far to help and and on a Sunday too!

Later this afternoon Mr. Fraiser called. Mr. Joy found the part. He came by to get the car and said he would have it finished in a little while. Several hours later he called. It was ready. His wife came to pick me up and take me to pick up the car.

What great people! What a great town! My thanks from the bottom of my heart for all the help and concern shown to us within our 24 hours in Sonora!

We will leave Monday morning early, but you must know how wonderful these people were to us, just travelers, stopping for a night that turned into a blessing.

My thanks to the Days Inn, Officer House, Bennie Fraiser, Barry Black, the deputy, the GM mechanic, the GM manager, and so many lovely people I met on my walk. It was no accident stopping in Sonora and no accident meeting Sgt. House and the rest of those kind people. I will always be grateful for my Sunday in Sonora, for each one of you! You should all be proud of your town. NAPA will have special meaning in my heart too!

Thank you, and God's Richest Blessings on Sonora.

The Bowers

I truly wish to extend my thanks to the loyal wool and mohair customers, to the conscientious retail patrons, and all of my good friends for the high measure of understanding and support while I was employed at Sonora Wool & Mohair Company. It has been a pleasure, and I am deeply honored to have developed many trusting business relationships with the customer.

My wife pleasingly intends to continue teaching for Sonora Independent School District. In fact, she has stated that in all of her 17

years of teaching in other communities, the Sonora school system has by far been the best. I will continue to oversee my ranching operation, additionally, these recent changes will give me a broader opportunity to expand my career.

Again, thank you very much.
Bill Ferguson



Meghan Blair Hernandez
Whitly Nichole Hernandez is proud to announce the birth of her sister, Meghan Blair Hernandez. She was born in San Angelo at the Shannon Women's and Children's Center, January 24th at 1:33 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 19 inches long. Her parents are Arturo and Jennifer Hernandez of Sonora. Maternal grandparents are Wayne Tankersly of Sonora and Linda Tankersly of Sonora. Paternal grandparents are Arturo and Rufugia Hernandez of Eldorado.

Dear Editor,

Dear Editor:

Last week the Fifty-First Speech Meet sponsored by the Sonora ISD was held bringing several hundred students and sponsors to town for two days and overnight for many. Three weeks ago a group of some 80-90 concerned citizens met to discuss revitalization of the Sonora economy. One of the items mentioned was attempting to attract "events" to Sonora to bring in revenue to the town. I wonder if those concerned citizens realize that the Speech Meet is in danger of folding due to lack of local support in the area of available judges? Several years ago TEA or the legislature ruled that the day of judging could not count as a teacher workday or inservice day. As a result, there were not enough judges, and it became very difficult for the event to proceed. I realize that many local people were not contacted, but as students are in charge of much of the planning and coordinating, they simply do not know just who wants to help. It would help if those who are willing would call the school now and ask that their name be put on a list for the future, or if there is a meet next year, call and offer to judge. The point I am making is that citizens must make known their support for the events that already exist if we are to expect to attract other events. Besides, our youth are worth supporting, and they certainly benefit from managing this meet and in turn, benefit from similar events in other places.

Thank you,
Anita Spiller

HAPPY Birthday!

February 27th
Michelle Faz
Jorge Gaytan, Sr.
Jesus Hernandez
Lacy Ragsdale
Matt Routh
29th
Leap Year Birthday
Jose Angel Buitron
March 1st
Bea Gandar
Mike Miller
2nd
Maria Hernandez
Paula Hernandez
3rd
Chris Davis

Zeke Gamez
Zac Kerbow
Antonia Sanchez
Tammy Sheldon
4th
Kimberly Bustamante
Joe Flores
Dickie Wood
5th
Albert Chavez

Happy Anniversary
2nd
Rusty & Norma Crawford

**Westerman Drug
Bridal Registry**
Shanna Patton, bride elect of Nick Hart
Tammy Fisher, bride elect of Stephen Jung
Jennifer Cutler, bride elect of Craig Hopper
Amy Fields bride elect of Adam Youngblood
101 NW Concho 387-2541

**Tedford Jewelry
Bridal Gift Registry**
Shanna Patton, bride elect of Nick Hart
Jennifer Cutler, bride elect of Craig Hopper
Amy Fields, bride elect of Adam Youngblood
Tammy Fisher, bride elect of Stephen Jung

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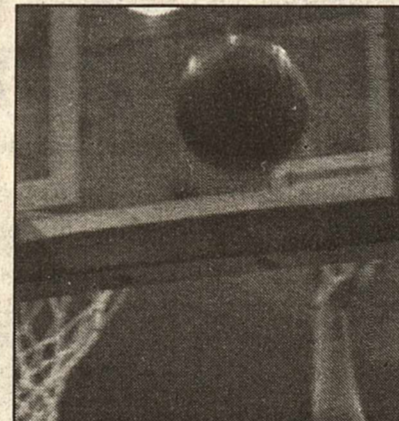
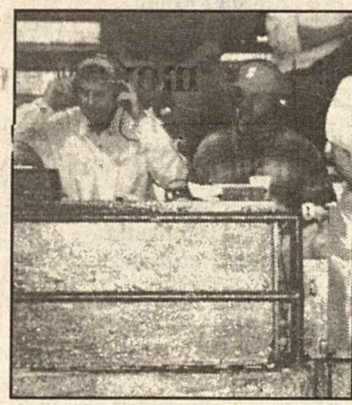
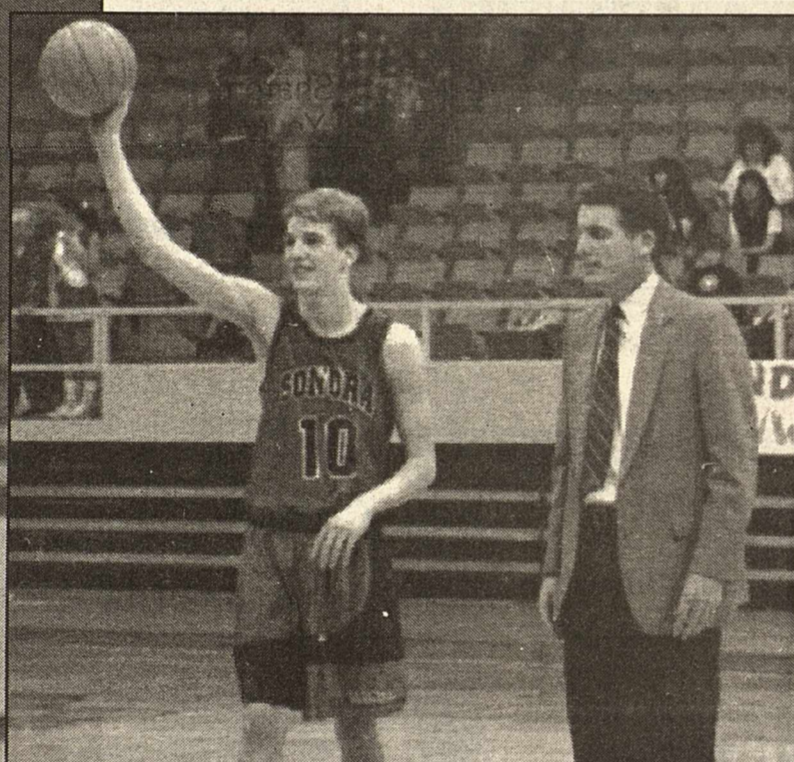
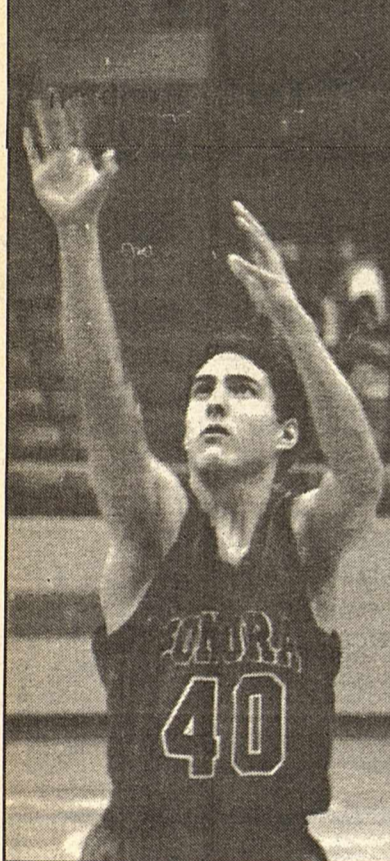
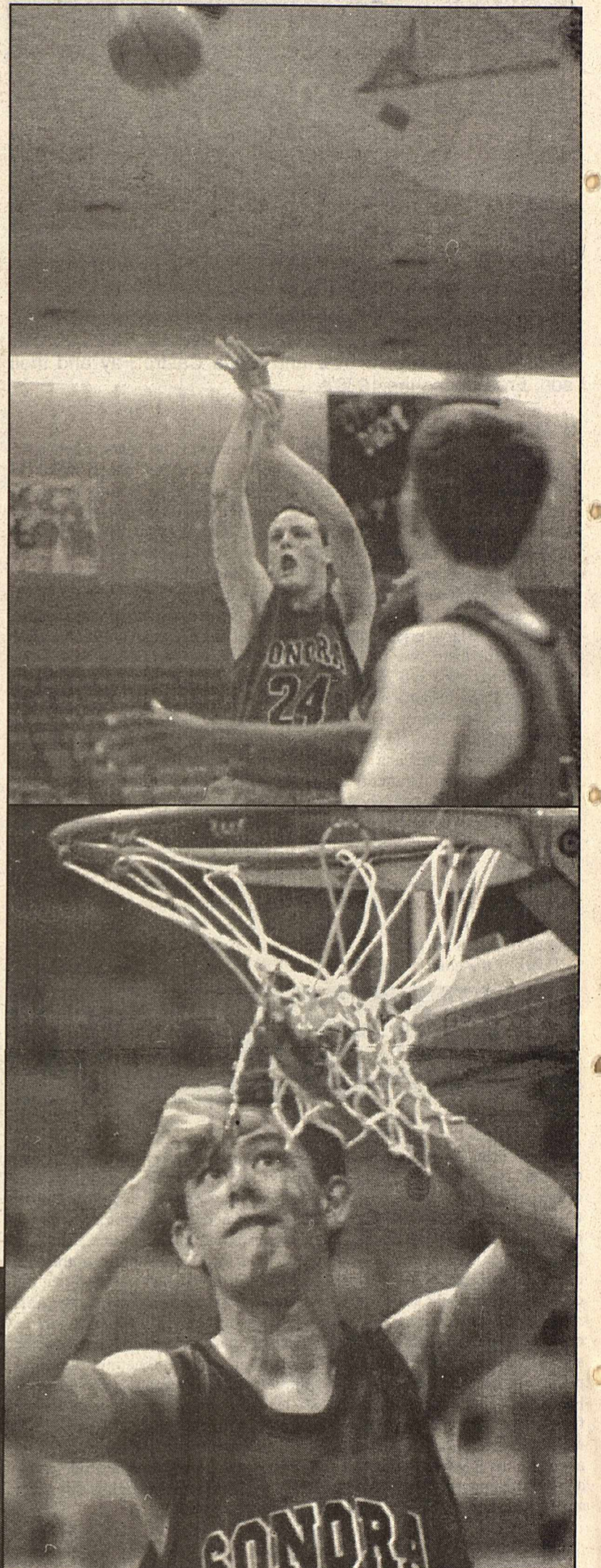
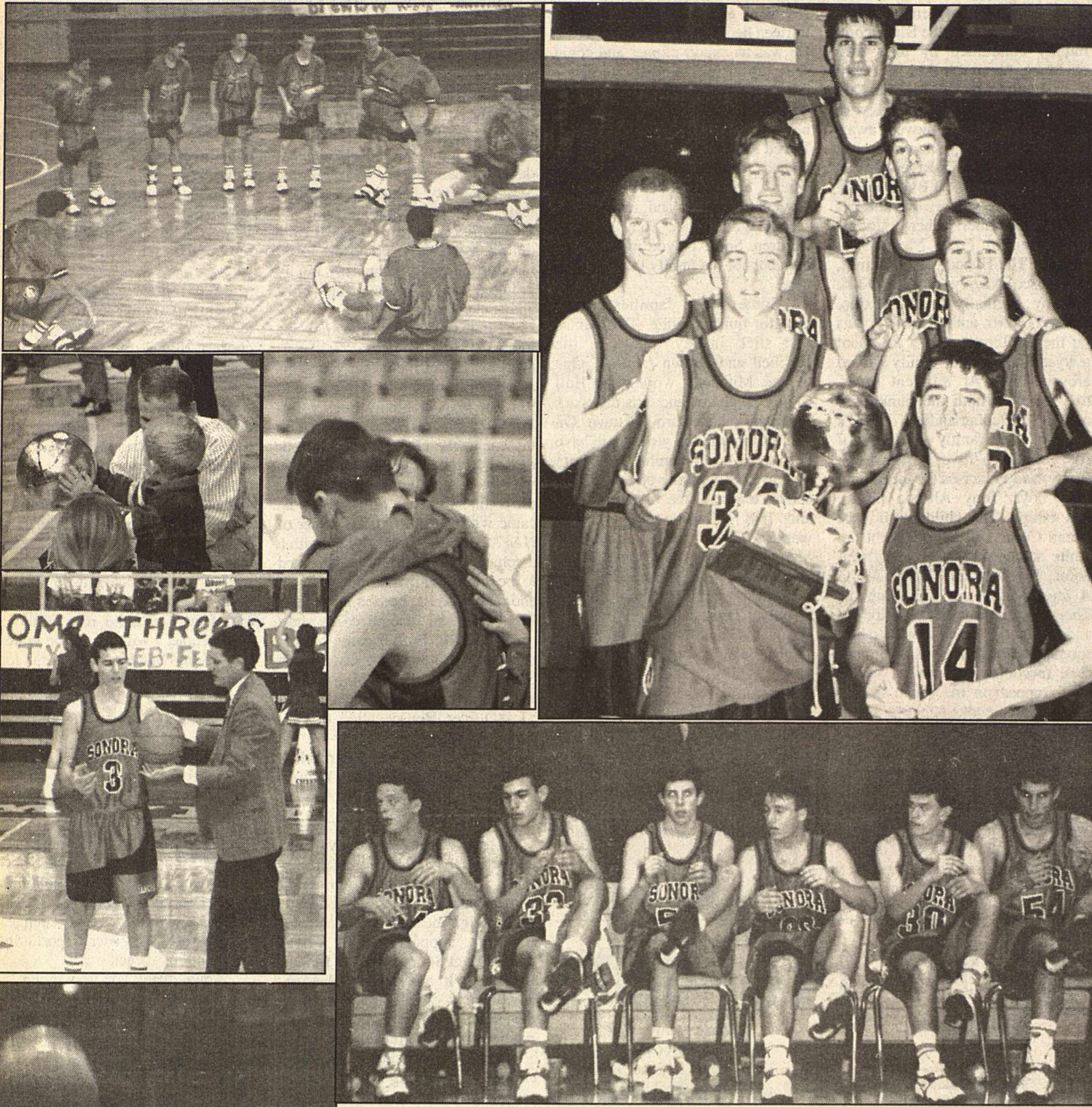
Congratulations Bi-District Champs

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Stats: Ty Harrelson 26, J.P. Hudman 15, Fernie Emiliano 4, Caleb Barker 7, Justin House 7, Kasey Wood 2, Kris Wood 2.

The Broncos grabbed the Bi-District trophy by defeating the Monahans Lobos Friday, February 21, 75-65. The game highlights were the presentations of game balls to J.P. Hudman and Ty Harrelson for scoring 1000 career points.

Stats: Harrelson 20, Hudman 19, Emiliano 13, Barker 12, Anderson 2, Dempsey 2, Kris Wood 5, Kasey Wood 2.



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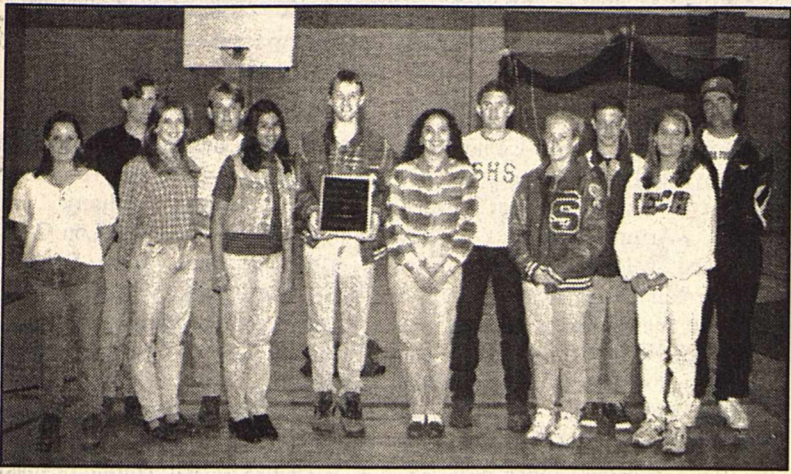
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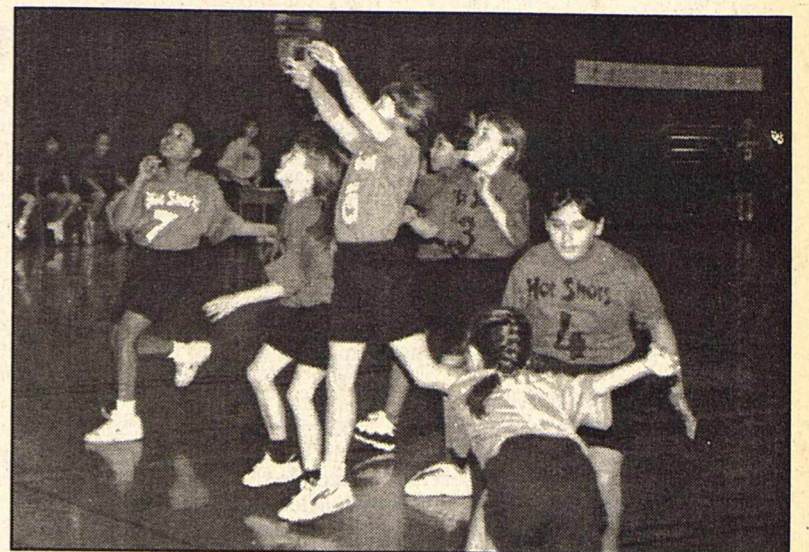
Varsity Tennis Team Wins 1st



The varsity tennis team won first place in the Irion County tennis tournament last weekend. Pictured (front row, l-r) are: Angela Mayfield, Ashley Brockman, Lizzie Chavez, Clint Bowers, Crystal Ponsetti, Katie Key, and Kristie Burge. Back row, l-r: Reece Simpler, Dustin Dillard, Matt Routh, David Benson, and Coach Larry Jennings.

6th. The match between Dillard and Simpler was exciting and good experience for both players. Sophomore Dustin Dillard came away with 5th place while freshman Reece Simpler took 6th. In girls singles, both Angela Mayfield and Ashley Brockman successfully won their 1st two rounds. Mayfield went on to win her 3rd round against Reynolds from Eldorado in split sets with a score of 3-6, 6-3, and 6-2. In the finals, Mayfield met up with Talamantes beating her with scores of 7-5 and 6-4. Brockman faced an upset in the course of the 3rd round when playing Talamantes from Reagan County, losing in two tie breakers. When playing for 3rd place, Brockman also faced Reynolds, splitting sets and taking 4th in the tournament. Boys doubles found no problems in the first round, but one team had harder times in the second round. Clint Bowers and Matt Routh won their 1st and 2nd rounds but lost to a team from Wall during 3rd round. Coming back strong in the last

round, Bowers and Routh played a grueling match for 3rd place and won with split set scores of 6-2, 5-7, and 6-3. Two new freshmen, Brad Mogford and David Benson faced the team that took 1st in the 2nd, but fought for their placing. A long match against a team from Reagan County determined that Mogford and Benson received 8th. The girls doubles did an exceptional job of holding placing and showing their ability. In all 3 first rounds, Kristi Burge and Katie Key had outstanding wins. In the finals the girls faced rivals from last year, the Reagan County team of Trujillo and Graves. The match ended with the scores of 6-6 (7-5) and 6-3, Burge and Key taking first. The other doubles team of Crystal Ponsetti and Lizzie Chavez played Guzman and Nixon from Eldorado and did an outstanding job receiving 4th. The Sonora Tennis team did an outstanding job this weekend, and we are all looking forward to having an excellent season.



These Little Dribblers started the season last Wednesday. The schedule runs through March 26, and games are played at the Jr. High gyms.

"Little Dribblers" Scores

The 3-4 Boys Bullets and Bulls played. The Bullets had a score of 14, and the Bulls had a score of 8. Scoring for the Bullets were Hall 6, Adams 2, Hicks 4, and Wagoner 2. Scoring for the Bulls were Galindo 2, J. R. Solis 2, and Roland Solis 4.

The 3-4 Boys Rockets and Sonics played. The Rockets had a score of 28 and the Sonics had a score of 13. Scoring for the Rockets were Larva 4, Cearley 17, Cox 2, Ferguson 1, and Parker 4. Scoring for the Sonics were Barthelemy 1, Payton 4, Talley 2, and Creek 6.

The 3-4 Girls Blue Sharks and Hot Shots played. The Blue Sharks had a score of 14 and the Hot Shots had a score of 12. Scoring for the Blue Sharks were Chelsea S. 4, Adriana 8, and Catherine H. 2. Scoring for the Hot Shots were Jennifer H. 4, Beth 2, Felicia

4, and Kristina 2.

The 5-6 Boys Wolverines defeated the Raptors 16-15. Scoring for the Wolverines were Jed Leal 2, Seth Prather 2, Heath Prather 4, and Scottie Moore 8. Scoring for the Raptors were Manuel Lopez 12 and Thomas Bloodworth 3.

The 5-6 Girls Spurs defeated the Jammers 16-15. Scoring for the Spurs were Denebra Gloria 7, Keshia Frasier 1, Brelee Drake 6, and Paola Gloria 2. Scoring for the Jammers were Landry McMeans 4, Kelly Kearney 2, and Jenny Hunt 9.

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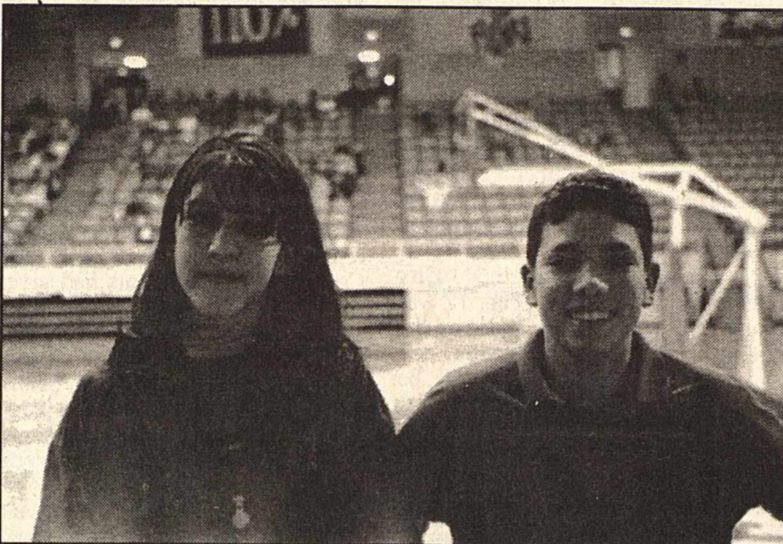
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Hanks, Andrews, Pecos 1, Monahans 1, Sonora, Alpine, Ft. Stockton, Monahans 2, El Paso Irvin, Marfa, McCamey, El Paso High, Pecos 2, Reagan County, Rankin, Kermit, Sanderson, and Midland Christian.

Individually, two of the Sonora team members placed in the top twenty for the two days with Farrah Virgen placing 11th and Ashley Henson placing 17th. Also participating for the Broncos were Johnna Adams, Kim Bustamante, and Marisha Henson. These girls are to be congratulated on a really fine tournament showing.

Next action for the girls golf team will be on Monday, March 3, as they travel to Alpine. The girls then host their own tournament on Saturday, March 8.



Mary Jo Galvan and Pete "Pokey" Samaniego will proceed to the Knights of Columbus State Free-Throw Contest March 22 at St. Edward's University in Austin. Also advancing in the district are Kristi Avila from Ozona and Manuel Hernandez from Eldorado.

The Scout Report

The following Scouts completed a Catholic Scout religious emblem program during 1996 and received the emblem at St. Ann's Church in Sonora on February 2, 1997, during the Sunday Mass.

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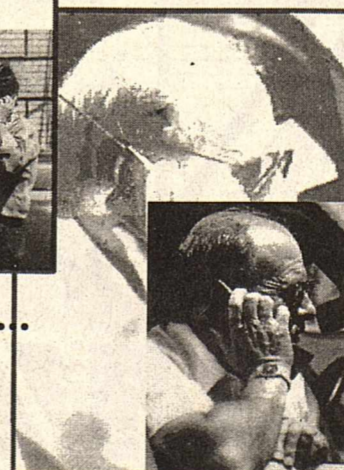
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City Council Minutes

On February 18, the City Council of Sonora met in Regular Session. Mayor Cascadden called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and the invocation was given by Judge Locklin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The tax collection report from the Sutton County Appraisal District was reviewed for the month of January. It showed collections being at 84.7%.

Brent Gesch, City Manager, explained that the Houston Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program is a service available state-wide. The benefits derived from participation in HGAC's Program include volume purchasing power, discounts, and state-wide distribution and state-wide availability for sales and service. A

motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to approve the interlocal cooperative purchasing agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blackman and carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Blackman to approve the low bid of \$30,373.20 from All American Chevrolet, San Angelo, for two new 1997 1/2 ton pickup trucks for the Animal Control and Water Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Donaldson and carried.

Melinda Gentry, 1101 S. Crockett, Block 19E, Lot 12, Sonora Addition requested a Special Use Permit to operate a small tanning

bed business in her home. Concerns were voiced on customer parking and the licensing of the business. Mrs. Gentry advised that the vacant lot next door would be used for parking and a permit, which she has, was required by the Health Department. Upon recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board for approval, a motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to grant the Special Use Permit. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Perez and carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to Order an Election to be held on May 3, 1997 for the purpose of electing a full term Councilmember from Ward 1, a full term Councilmember from Ward 2, and an unexpired term Councilmember from Ward 2. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blackman and carried.

Upon recommendation from Mayor Cascadden to appoint Chris Croy as the Asst. Fire Marshal, a motion was made by Councilmember Donaldson to approve the appointment. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blackman and carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Donaldson to approve an Ordinance annexing 2.50 acres of land out of and a part of survey 91, Block B to the City of Sonora located on the south side of Crockett St. requested by Zivota Nikolic. Councilmember Perez seconded the motion and the vote carried with Councilmember Campbell abstaining.

Becky Covington, City Secretary, reported that Feb. 17 was the first day to file for a place on the ballot for the May 3 election. She advised that applications will be accepted until March 19. Becky reported that she had received a letter from the Sutton County

Underground Water District requesting to share election expenses for early voting and advised that she did not place it on the agenda at this time, pending results from the filing of application for a place on the ballot. She presented the monthly financial statements for January for review.

Jeanne Morriss presented a letter of application to lease the "Morriss" hangar at the Sonora Airport that reverts back to the city in March to hangar planes of consultants and legal counsel who help her administer the Estate of W.L. Morriss that fly private planes to Sonora. At the last regular city council meeting the request to extend the lease was denied due to personal belongings being stored in the hangar and the concerns the city had with the liability of non-aircraft storage. Due to the item not timely received to be placed on the city council agenda for action, the request was not considered. The city secretary was asked to place it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mayor Cascadden reported that she had attended a Legislature Update and would like to encourage everyone to offer support for HB78 concerning a portion of the lottery proceeds coming back to Sutton County. Also, she reported that she had attended a Safe Drinking Water Seminar and Sonora's water was reported as very good. The Valentine's party at the Sr. Center had been a success and was enjoyed by everyone. She announced that there would be a ribbon cutting ceremony for Christian Outfitters. It was reported that the Concho Valley Council of Governments had given the city a grant in the amount of \$26,000.00 for landfill scales and installation.

Brent Gesch advised that he had met with Al Elliot and Albert Ward concerning the landfill and sewer farm and potential options concerning the expiration of the lease agreement. He reported that Al Elliot and Beth Wallace, attorneys, were working on the best course of action and the process to accomplish the negotiations for the lease agreement. He advised that the water leak on Poplar St. had been repaired and the fire plug at the county park had been installed.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Donaldson. Mayor Cascadden closed the meeting at 3:05.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

by Juanita Mesa

1997 Senior Sweethearts at the Sutton County Senior Center were Johnny and Pauline Ringgold. They were crowned by last year's sweetheart, Arturo Trevino. They received Valentine's candy from Westerman Drug (Ronnie Cox), a corsage and boutoniere (Flowers by Irene-Irene Friess), a shampoo and set (A and C Beauty Shop-Carmen Ramirez), a haircut (Perez Barber Shop-Sam Perez), and 2 meals (Rafter L-Bar-B-Q-Linda Fish).

Our February Fiesta Mexican Dinner Fundraiser (our famous Valentine Dinner-Dance) was a huge success. We had a full house. Some stayed and enjoyed music by Old Country Thyme Band; they enjoyed having "Celebrity" wait persons wait on them, others took plates to go. Everyone had a good time.

This is one of the Committee on Aging's fundraisers for the Senior Center. We only have two a year, the Sutton County Day Bar-B-Q and the Valentine Dinner-Dance. The C.O.A. spends monies on improvement for the Senior Center that would not have been possible out of the regular budget. They supplied all materials for crafts and recreational activities, paid for excursions, and bought all parts, supplies, and new units for this community's ERS System.

Right now we are saving money to remodel the Center's kitchen: replace the old dishwasher with a commercial type that is faster, sterilizes, and sanitizes. We hope to maybe build a storage room in the future. Whatever is needed the C.O.A. will be there for the Senior Citizens of Sonora and Sutton County.

On behalf of the Senior Center Staff and the Committee on Aging, we would like to say a big "Thank-you" to all who made this fundraiser possible.

*Old Thyme Country Band members, *our "Celebrity" wait persons: Commissioners John Wade and Mike Villanueva; Mayor Margaret Cascadden; EMS Donna Keese; and City policeman Mike

House. *C.O.A. members who worked (sold tickets) and the Volunteers (made pralines): Johnny and Pauline Ringgold, Mary Lou Gilly, Carmen Sanchez, Lura Sawyer, Betty Hardegree, Vicenta Lopez, Alivia Longoria, Iris Garza, Maura Weingart, Charles Graves, Carmina Trevino, Vivian Crites, Marie Aldwell, Mandy Turlik, and Terry Surridge.

Thanks to Beto Duran for making hot sauce, Teresa Zurita and Maggie Mesa for table decorations and for decorating the party room, and Kit with Sysco for donating the beans.

Thanks to the following for buying books of tickets: Dr. Charles R. Pajestka, Pool Co. (Sonora District Office, Erasmo), Westerman Drug (Ronnie) Creek Swabbing and Roustabout Ser., Inc., Jimco Enterprises, Inc. Kerbow Funeral Home, Sutton County National Bank, First National Bank, Doyle Morgan Ins., Federal Land Bank Assoc. of Sonora, Keller Vet Service, Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas, Tedford Jewelry, Joe Longoria, Jr., and Lura Sawyer.

Welcome back to the Senior's Volunteer, Nell Wallace. It's so nice to have you back!

Get well wishes go to Sheila Castro (a Sr. companion) Hope you are feeling better. We miss you, hurry up, and come see us.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program went to Austin to the TEFAP Contractors Annual Meeting (Commodities) on Feb. 19th at the Thompson Center on the University of Texas.

It does not look good at all. Overall funding food was reduced by the amount of the TEFAP allocation. Several of the contractors have gone with food banks, depending on what's available, never knowing what is offered on other foods or non-foods. In most cases the community gives support and gets involved to take care of those in need, not only Sr. citizens but the homeless on the streets, and young mothers with children. In our community as compared to others like Dallas, Houston, and McAllen (Valley), I found out we are very lucky to have the support and help of the city and county. It made me feel very good to live in the town of Sonora because we take care of our own.

TEFAP Welfare Reform Legislation and Issues for 1998 are: Impact of Welfare Reform, a need to develop priorities for service, a need for statewide service, a lack of predictability of administrative funding, and a need to be efficient and effective.

Right now it looks like funding is set through the year 2002 on services we do or carry.

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My recent experience with a chiropractor left me wondering how the ethical practice of chiropractic is regulated?

All licensed chiropractors are reg-

Back Talk Chiropractic Care Questions & Answers

ulated by a Board of Examiners located in Austin. If you have a question about your care or the ethics of a doctor that you went to, you should contact the Board of Chiropractic Examiners at 333 Guadalupe Tower II, Suite 825, Austin, Texas, 78701. You can call them at 512/305-6700. You may discuss the specifics of your concern with someone at the Board office.

Why is it that different chiropractors will both treat two patients with the same apparent condition in different ways?

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college to another. There are in fact some 150 - 200 different procedures that are used to adjust the spine. A doctor usually chooses the procedure that they use based on their strength, education, and, most importantly, on their exam of the patient. Your own physical condition and the procedure that is best suited for you may differ from visit to visit.

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said territory to the City of Sonora, Texas. Now, therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Sonora, Texas: That the following described property, to-wit:

Exhibit "A" Field Notes

2.50 acres of land out of and a part of Survey 91, Certificate 148, Abstract 318, Block B, H. E. and W. T. RR. Co., Sutton County, Texas, said 2.50 acres of land being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a 4" iron pipe fence corner post found in the southwesterly right-of-way of old U. S. Highway No. 290 (also I-10 Frontage Road and an extension of Crockett Avenue) for the east corner of this tract from whence a 1" G.I.P. marked "SW86" found for the southeast corner of said Survey 91 and the southwest corner of Survey 86, Block B, H. E. and W. T. RR. Co., Sutton County, Texas, bears S 28°09' 52" E 26710.84 feet and an "X" in concrete on the southwesterly right-of-way line of said old U. S. Highway No. 290 bears S 41° 16' 43" E 1810.66 feet;

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Thence S 41° 16' 43" E 260.00 feet along the northeasterly line of this tract and the southwesterly right-of-way line of said old Highway No. 290 to the place of beginning and containing 2.50 acres of land.

Surveyed on the ground by Myrl G. Sudduth, Registered Professional Land Surveyor No. 2928, on the 30th day of September, 1996.

Whereas, said tract of land is contiguous and adjacent to the City of Sonora, Texas and is not more than one-half (1/2) mile in width, and Whereas, said petition was presented to the City Council on the 19th day of November, 1996, and Whereas, after hearing such petition and the arguments for and against the same the City Council has voted to grant such petition and to annex

be and the same is hereby annexed to the City of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas and the same shall hereafter be included within the territorial limits of said city, and said land and the future inhabitants thereof shall hereafter be entitled to all rights and privileges of other citizens of the City of Sonora, Texas and shall be bound by the acts and ordinances of said city.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to file with the County Clerk of Sutton County, Texas, a certified copy of this ordinance.

Passed by an affirmative vote of all members of the City Council, this the 18th day of February, 1997.

CITY OF SONORA
BY: MARGARET CASCADDEN
Mayor
ATTEST:
BECKY COVINGTON
City Secretary
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
ELIZABETH WALLACE
City Attorney
1/27/97B

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West Texas Locations as of February 21

Crockett County:
Union Pacific Res. Horizontal - 10100' University 32-18-#3H DW - Nabors Drilling (M) 537 - 01/13/97 - 40-Drig Ahead
Union Pacific Res. Horizontal, 10100' Vada Bean 31A-#3H D W Cougar Drilling 63, 01/25/97, DRLG Ahead
Union Pacific Res. Horizontal 10000' Couch 2-30 #1H DW Nabors Drilling (M) 730,02/06/97, DRLG Ahead
J. Cleo Thompson/Dal Horizontal, 10000' Henderson 27#1, FT Clint Hurt Drilling 7,02/08/97, DRLG Ahead, 9105'
Sonat Exp/Midland, 10000' Jack Riggs #3002, FT Patterson Drilling/A 39,02/12/97, DRLG Ahead
Union Pacific Res. Horizontal, 10000' Union Pacific #60H DW, Wes-Tex Drilling 14, 02/11/97, DRLG Ahead
Burlington Res/Mid Horizontal, 8500' University Bk 42 #0121CH DW Patterson Drilling/A 36 01/21/97 32 DRLG Ahead
Union Pacific Res., 7600' Henderson B-#8, DW Wes-Tex Drilling 7 02/11/97 DRLG Ahead
Union Pacific Res., 7600' Union Pacific #71, DW Wes-Tex Drilling 702/22/97, Rigging up
Union Pacific Res., 7600' Tom Mitchell-State 20D-#5 DW Wes-Tex Drilling 1, 02/22/97, Rigging up
Venus Oil Company, 7600' Chambers CSL #2, FT Patterson Drilling/A 38, 01/28/97, DRLG Ahead
Union Pacific Res., 7600' Crystelle Childress #6, DW Wes-Tex Drilling 10, 02/22/97, Rigging up
Tamarack Petroleum, 6800' FT Sutton #1509 FT, Patterson Drilling/A 35, 02/17/97, DRLG Ahead
Southwest Royalties, 5900' Roy Harrell #1101, DW Wes-Tex Drilling 19, 02/14/97, DRLG Ahead
Sutton County
Louis Dreyfus Gas, 9800' Johnson #4, West-Tex Drilling 2/18/97, DRLG ahead, 3500'
Louis Dreyfus Gas, 8300' Minnie H. Mayer -C#3, Patterson Drilling 42, 2/12/97, DRLG ahead
Louis Dreyfus Gas, 7950' Shurley-123-16, West Tex Drilling 8, 2/08/97, DRLG ahead, 6900'
Ozark Exploration, 6900' Rip Ward #8-100, Patterson Drilling 40, 2/18/97, DRLG ahead
Terrell County
UPRC, 15,000' Altered State #1, Wes-Tex Drilling 17, 2/04/97, DRLG ahead
Conoco/Midland, 14,000' Culberson-9-41, Parker Drilling 232, 1/04/97, DRLG ahead
Chevron/Midland, 12,250' University-32-#3, Nabors Drilling(M) 715, 2/13/97, DRLG ahead
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Mohair Council News
The Mohair Council of America has changed its office location in San Angelo to help ease future budget requirements and to strengthen overall industry support, according to an announcement by Lanny Leinweber of Mountain Home, council president.
Leinweber said relocating the council office to the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association building at 233 West Twohig Street, San Angelo, was completed before the office lease expired in the Northwest Bank Building. He said the move would put representatives of the sheep and goat industry under one roof, thus making it more convenient for producers.
DA Harral, president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, said he was pleased that the Mohair Council decided to relocate their office to the Twohig Street location.
The office relocation was among options open to council leaders who are seeking ways to provide more money for promotion and product development work.
"The move was for economic reasons," Leinweber said.
An income shortfall due to the loss of the National Wool Act and decreases in production because of a soft market for mohair has affected overall council operations, Leinweber said.
Mohair Council leaders believe that some future industry value-added benefits will be derived from the Sheep Industry Center, which Congress created last year and funded with \$20 million. Two Texas sheep and goat producers, Pierce Miller and J. Mark McLaughlin, both of San Angelo, have been named to the center's seven-member board of directors.

Dates For 15th Conservation Reserve Program Sign-up Announced
Sign-up dates for the 1997 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) are March 3rd through March 28th as released by Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.
"CRP is a voluntary program designed to encourage producers to plan long-term, resource-conserving vegetation on eligible cropland to improve soil, water, and wildlife resources," said Harold Bob Bennett, State Executive Director of USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA). "If eligible, producers may receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish the approved cover," Bennett added. He stated that the length of the contract is 10 to 15 years and that certain activities which have long-term environmental benefits may qualify for incentive payments.
"Those who wish to apply must have owned or operated the land being offered for at least 12 months prior to March 28, 1997, and meet several other FSA requirements," concluded Bennett.
"In addition to FSA's requirements, the cropland also must meet additional requirements administered by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)," said John Burt, NRCS State Conservationist. "Factors such as the erodibility of the land, evidence of scour erosion, and the land's proximity to noncropped wetlands are a few of the eligibility factors examined by NRCS," Burt continued.
"Also considered in determining CRP eligibility are practices which are highly beneficial to the environment. Practices like buffer strips on riparian areas, grass filter strips, grass waterways, shelter belts, and the protection of areas around well heads all have long-term benefits to the environment long after a CRP contract expires," concluded Burt.
To sign up for the 15th CRP, contact your local FSA office for an appointment. Absentee landowners interested should contact the FSA office in the county where their land is located.
According to Bennett and Burt, both FSA and NRCS are working closely to insure a successful sign-up. For more information, contact your local FSA or NRCS office.

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