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Briefly

Bronco Band Boosters meeting will be Monday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. at the High School Band Hall. All parents of Middle School band and High School band students are asked to attend. New and fresh ideas are always welcomed.

Praise Players youth drama troupe announces auditions for its spring show, *Charlotte Web*. There are parts for boys and girls, and any youth in grades 6-12 are invited to audition. Show dates are planned for May 8-9 and rehearsals will be scheduled soon. All interested youth should come to auditions at the Methodist Church on Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 5 p.m. or call Rev. Steves at 387-2466 for more information. Come join us for theater fun!

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study will begin Jan. 14th at 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall. They will be studying from the book *Lord, I Need Grace to Make It* by Kay Arthur. If you are interested, please contact Vicky Wallace at 387-2831.

La Tarantella Dance Club will hold their annual membership meeting Jan. 20, 6 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall. All members are encouraged to attend. This is a very important meeting for the members of the La Tarantella Dance Club.

Social Security Representative Garland Gregg, has scheduled his January visit to Sonora. He will be at the County Courthouse in Sonora on Tuesday, January 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Anyone who needs to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

The Sutton County Library and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are teaming up and forming a monthly book club for adults. The first meeting will be held on January 29 at 1:30 p.m. at the Sutton County Public Library. If you are interested or just curious, come join us!! For questions or suggestions call Kelly Thorp at 387-3604. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, religion, disability or national origin.

Texas Sheep Dog Association Winter Olympics Dog Trials January 16-18 in Ozona. Hwy 163 North & 1st St. (across from CCNB) daylight to dark.
Friday - Open Class, Nursery Class
Saturday - Nursery Class, Open Ranch Class, Ranch Class
Sunday - Finals, Top 5 dogs
Nursery Class, Top 15 dogs Open Class
For more information, contact: Ozona Chamber of Commerce 915-392-3737

The Fredericksburg Rockhounds will hold their 29th Annual Gem and Mineral Show on Saturday and Sunday, January 17-18, at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park Pioneer Pavilion, located 3 miles south of Fredericksburg on Texas Hwy 16. Admission is free, hours Saturday, Jan. 17 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan 18 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sutton County Jr. Livestock Show Schedule

Saturday, Jan. 17

9:00 a.m. Market Lambs
Meat Goats (following market lambs)
6:00 p.m. BBQ Supper
Auction (following supper)
Awards (following auction)

Allen named Scout Master of the Year

By Kathy Hardgrave

On Saturday evening, January 9, 1998, the Greater Permian Basin District of the Boy Scouts of America held its Annual Banquet at the Circle Bar 76 Restaurant near Ozona.

Honored speaker was author Elmer Kelton, who entertained the crowd with delightful reminiscences of days gone by. Adults and youth from Fort Stockton, Junction, Sonora, Eldorado and Big Lake were recognized for their achievements.

Sonora's Troop 19 Scout Master Lewis Allen was named the Scout Master of the Year from our District. Sandi Ainsworth, Advancements Chairperson for Troop 19, was awarded the "Jay Chancellor Scouter's Community Service Award," which is given to an adult who works not only with

youth in Scouting, but with youth in other areas of the community.

Six young men from the district had achieved the rank of Eagle during the previous year; three of them were present for the banquet. Eric Sittler of Junction, and Cody Ainsworth and Ryan Hardgrave of Sonora, were given a standing ovation and presented with handsome Eagle neckerchiefs. Also present from Sonora were Cyndi Allen, Andi Allen, Eagle Scout Eddie Maskill, Boy Scout Joseph Ainsworth, and Troop 19 Committee Secretary Kathy Hardgrave.

The following was read by Eagle Scout Will Allen at the time his father, Lewis, was named Scout Master of the Year:

What makes Lewis Allen a good scout master?

"He's a fair and honest man."

Ryan Hardgrave, age 15, Eagle Scout.

"A good story-teller; organized and fair." Stetson Hall, age 14.

"Real nice; fun and fair." Wilson Wallace, age 12.

The first three boys interviewed all used the word "fair" to describe Lewis. That's no coincidence; it's a very evident part of Lewis' character, in all his dealings, whether related to scouts or otherwise. If every one of us could honestly say we were fair in all our dealings, wouldn't this be a wonderful world?

"He makes Scouting fun, so you want to continue being involved and advancing," Cody Ainsworth, 14 years, Eagle.

"A great guy to be around, a fun person on campouts." Shane Benson, age 12.

Since assuming the role of

scout master of Troop 19 in 1990, Lewis has helped seventeen young men advance to the rank of Eagle. That is remarkable, but even more so when you realize that there was a period of time from 1983 until 1991 when no boys in Sonora advanced to the rank of Eagle. Lewis has shown a consistency in his scouting program, striving for the best and reaching it!! Presently, there are 20 boys active in Troop 19, and 3 boys who have recently gone on to become Explorers.

Campouts in Troop 19 are held approximately every three months. The canoe trip has been the highlight of each summer, when the boys camped out on the Allen family ranch and then canoed the Llano River. On any campout, the boys' favorite pastime is a game of "Capture the Flag," but only if Mr. Allen is around to join in. He participates with the enthusiasm of the boys, or maybe more so! He leads them in cooking many a meal of tin-can casserole, and his specialty of blueberry cobbler, made over the campfire in a dutch oven, is many a boy's first attempt at making dessert.

When you ask the adults what characteristics of Lewis Allen do they first call to mind, you hear just as many positive comments as from the boys.

Kathy Hardgrave, Troop 19 committee secretary, praises his patience with the boys. He accepts them for what they are... young men, not grown men. He knows they are still learning and are not perfect, and deals with them at their level. In a world filled with reminders to "Hurry up!Hurry up!", Lewis lets the lesson at hand run its natural course, allowing discovery along the way.

Sandi Ainsworth, committee advancement chairperson and Lewis' assistant at many meetings, likes the way Lewis motivates the boys, steering them in the right direction to think something out on their own.

"A professional scouter, very good at what he does" was the first thing that came to mind for Gary Hardgrave, camping coordinator from 1994 through 1997.

All agreed that Lewis Allen is a fine role model for young men, and that they are honored to have Mr. Allen serve as scout master for their sons.

School Board hires two

Sonora ISD Board of Trustees met Monday, Jan. 12. Payment of current bills in the amount of \$217,780.60 was approved.

Donna Hill presented the quarterly District Site Based report and the board approved the District Site Based Decision Making Plan.

A resolution regarding extracurricular status of 4-H members was adopted. This will allow those students participating in 4-H to make up school work. County Extension Agents, Preston Faris and Kelly Thorp were appointed adjunct staff member status for 1997-98.

Dr. Harlan explained the Genesis Partnership proposal regarding meeting ADA requirements.

"We would need to do this period because it's the right thing to do," stated Dr. Harlan.

The buildings will require structural changes for compliance. Board members approved the proposal.

Terry Pipken, of Thomas Y. Pickett, Inc., who performs Sutton County Appraisal District's mineral appraisals was present. He reported on the status of the law suit involving Louis Dryfus regarding a difference in opinion on valuations, stating they may propose a settlement.

Members went into closed session to discuss personnel matters. They reconvened in open session and hired Evie Harrelson, high school teacher and Erma Pincince 2nd grade teacher.

New 4-H civic center fund continues to grow

Submitted

The funds for the construction of a new 4-H Center from private volunteer sources are continuing their upward move as the level topped \$418,000 shortly after the first of the year.

The committee is developing the final bid specifications and the county is set to begin destruction of the old building and site preparation on February 17, 1998. It is hoped that construction will begin in mid March and that the new building will be complete in mid September.

Following is a list of the latest donors to pledge or make donations since the December report.

NEW GOLD DONORS:

George Brockman
Armer and Barbara Earwood
Marie K. Aldwell
Walter and Dorothy Pope
Creek Rental

NEW SILVER DONORS:

Mae C. Ward
Alvis and Patricia Johnson
Ruth Turk Espy
Thomas & Lucy Mae Morriss
Memorial

NEW BRONZE DONORS:

Main Street Realty/Keith & Anita Hudson
Central Concrete Co./Bill & Margaret Cascadden
John Wade family
AAA Tubing Testers, Inc.

NEW COPPER DONORS:

Knights of Columbus
Sonora Chapter #575 OES
Wayne Munn Real Estate
Glen & Rosalie Richardson
Frank & Ruby Mayhew
Memorials
Fannie Wade
Liquid Storage Sales/J.C. & Loma Surber

Tommy & Carol Love
Mike Keller, D.V.M.
Baker Petrolite
Concho Business Solutions
Watson & Associates

UNCATEGORIZED DONORS:

White Buffalo Enviro Service



Philanthropic Santa recently made one more stop in Sonora before his return to the North. On behalf of the Ministerial Alliance, Lewis Allen accepts \$600 donated by Randy Wuest who performed at parties during the Christmas holiday. Last year, Randy donated \$200 to the cause. The Ministerial Alliance assists those in need throughout the year.

Commissioners schedule demolition of 4-H building

Sutton County Commissioners met Monday, Jan. 12. Minutes of prior meetings were approved. Accounts payable were approved with the addition of \$70 for payment to Jaime Chavez for repairing the Sutton County Arena parking lot.

> J.P. Report: December rev-

enue totalled \$27,385.25 with 349 cases.

> Jailer's Report: County man days totalled 211, city 4 man days, collected \$315 from the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Sheriff Webster reported slowdown of federal inmates in the future.

> EMS Report: December

incurred 24 runs. Pat Campbell will attend an EMS Coordinator course in Junction.

> Road & Bridge Report: A 25 ft. cattle guard will be placed on Davis Road. Commissioners scheduled the demolition of the 4-H

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Grant writing seminar scheduled

Submitted by Iris Garza

Concho Valley Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) and Hill Country RC&D will be co-sponsoring a Grant Writing I Seminar in Mason on January 26th through 28th. The Seminar will be held at the Mason County Library. "The cost of the seminar will be \$150.00 per registrant and will include grant writing materials," said Tony Resendez, Coordinator.

The Seminar will be conducted by Dr. Don Udell. Dr. Udell received his Bachelor's and Master's Degree from the University of Arizona and his Doctorate from Arizona State University. Dr. Udell had authorized and published many articles and monographs. He has written and received funds for and directed over thirty federal, state, and philanthropic grants.

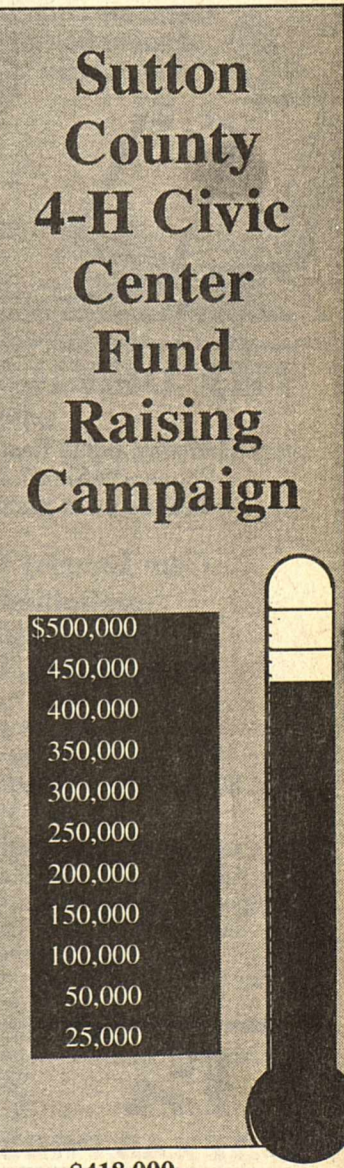
"The Seminar will first teach you the basic steps needed on how to research and prospect for potential funding," added Resendez. "There is a need for grant writers in your communities and this is the perfect opportunity to attend a seminar close to home," he said.

For more information on the registration or the seminar, contact Tony Resendez in Brady at 915-597-1860 or Tori Dutton in Mason 915-347-5749.

Programs and services of Concho Valley RC&D Area, Inc. and Hill Country RC&D Area, Inc. are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regards for race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status or handicap.



1st Chair All-Area, Joe Flores, placed 2nd Chair for All-State Band.



Dining Out Directory

- Dairy Queen 134 N. Hwy 277
387-2118
- Food Center Deli 600 S. Crockett Ave.
387-5616
- La Mexicana 240 N. Hwy. 277
387-3401
- Los Jarritos 104 Glasscock
387-2838
- Pizza Hut 401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540
- 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-Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169



Our Sympathy

Maria Fuentes Rodriguez

Maria Fuentes Rodriguez, 90, of Del Rio passed away Sunday at a local hospital. She was born Dec. 3, 1907 in Langtry. She is survived by her daughter, Carmen Ramirez and husband, Frank Ramirez Jr. of San Antonio and formerly of Sonora; grandchildren Rene Ramirez, Cyndee Jimenez, Sonia Ramirez of San Antonio, Cristina Ramirez of Austin; five great-grandchildren; brother, Frank Fuentes and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Pedro G. Rodriguez. Rosary was Monday at 7 p.m. with visitation until 9 p.m. Funeral services were Tuesday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church with burial at Del Rio Memorial Park. Pallbearers were Humberto Juarez, Raul Galindo, Victor Renovato, Pete Hernandez and Ruben Suarez.

Lorenzo G. Trevino

Lorenzo G. Trevino, 82, of San Angelo passed away Sunday, Jan. 11, 1998, at his residence. Prayer service was held at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Robert Massie Riverside Chapel. Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Primera Iglesia Bautista, the Rev. Robert Cuellar officiated. Burial followed in Belvedere Memorial Park. Lorenzo was born Aug. 10, 1915, in Sonora to Geronimo and Guadalupe Trevino and was a life-long resident of San Angelo. He worked as a sheep shearer and was a member of Primera Iglesia Bautista. He married Elvira Gonzales in San Angelo on April 30, 1946. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Lorenzo G. Trevino Jr. and Eloy C. Trevino Sr.; three sisters, Adela Gander, Jovita Barron and Trinidad Torres; and one brother, Gustavo Trevino Sr. Survivors include his wife, Elvira G. Trevino of San Angelo; a son, Roy G. Trevino of San Angelo; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

William Robert Johnson, M.D.

William Robert Johnson, M.D. passed away Jan. 12, 1998 in Indianapolis, Indiana. A former resident of Temple TX, he had recently moved to Indiana to live with his daughter, Cecilia Burnett. Services are pending. Dr. Johnson was born Feb. 4, 1923 on the Fields Ranch in Sutton County Texas to Alvis Johnson and Thelma Fields Johnson. His grandparents were W.J. Fields and Viola Gibbons Fields, early Sutton County settlers. Dr. Johnson attended the University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M, and served in the armed forces during World War II. He began his medical education at Bowman-Gray Medical School in Winston-Salem NC and graduated from Baylor School of Medicine in Houston, TX. After practicing general medicine for a number of years, he became a board certified psychiatrist and practiced in southern California, where he also served as a court appointed psychiatrist. In later years he was associated in a psychiatric capacity with the County Health Department of Bell County, TX, in Temple. He is survived by his wife Viola Gilliam Johnson of Temple; four daughters, Cecilia Burnett of Noblesville, IN, Cynthia Phillips of Astoria, OR, Leslie Johnson of Santa Barbara, CA, Melanie Moreno of Fremont, CA; four grandchildren, Kyle Burnett, Air Force Academy; Ryan Burnett, West Monroe, LA; Brooke Burnett, Noblesville, IN, Emily Phillips, Astoria, OR; a brother, Dr. Alvis Johnson, Sonora, TX, five nieces and nephews and numerous cousins. He is also survived by former wife Thelma Thompson Johnson, Astoria OR. Dr. Johnson was preceded in death by former wife, Nita Hale Johnson and daughter Stephanie Robin "Daisy" Johnson.



Our Sympathy

Virginia Copeland

On Saturday, Jan. 10, 1998, West Texas lost one of its greatest ladies. Virginia Lee Gay Copeland, 75, passed away suddenly in the midst of participating in yet another of her beloved community's affairs. Virginia was born Jan. 5, 1923 in Bartlesville, Okla., to Alex Gay and Jennie McKissick Gay. She was raised in Cherokee, Texas, and graduated from Cherokee High School. A graduate of Shannon Hospital School of Nursing, she worked as a registered nurse for 35 years and served as director of nursing in Sterling City. Since moving to Sterling City in 1945, she devoted her life to taking care of her community. Virginia assisted with many births in Sterling County and continued to have a positive impact on the health and lives of many in the county, even after her retirement from nursing. Virginia married John Copeland Jr. on Jan. 12, 1945, and lived and ranched on the Divide in Sterling County. John remained the love of her life for 53 years. The center of her family's life, she was an avid supporter of the activities of her children and grandchildren. "Meme" to her grandchildren and their friends, Virginia's oven was always warm and her door was always open to welcome them into her home. Her care and concern will truly be missed along with all the good food so lovingly prepared and shared. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Sterling City and was active in community activities. Virginia enjoyed extensive travel with her many friends and family. Virginia was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Lester Gay. Virginia is survived by a daughter, Janie Copeland Anderson and son-in-law, Roland Anderson, of Dallas; a son, John Gay Copeland of Sterling City; five grandchildren, Christian Gay Anderson and Melissa Jane Anderson, both of Dallas, and Amy Leigh Copeland, Jennifer Kelley Copeland and John Ross Copeland, all of Sterling City; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends. Service were at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Shane Barnes officiating. Burial followed in Montvale Cemetery. Arrangements were by Ross Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Paul Broyles and Robert Broyles of Cherokee, Collin Douthit of London, England, Bill Foster and Gary Foster of Sterling City, Dr. Charles Gaines of Midland, John Littlefield of Bedford and Stanley Mayfield of Sonora. Honorary pallbearers were Johnny Adcock, Billy Vern Davis, Jim Davis, Tom D. Davis, Cotton Frizzell, Ross Foster, Alvin Hay, Randy Hord, Tooter Jameson, Bill McClellan, Winn McClure, Bill Palmer, Martin Reed, Barney Sisco, Jim Terry and Charles Wright.

Sonora Church Directory

- PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**
Rick Sanchez
504 Santa Clara
387-2035
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Tim Dobbs, Minister
304 N. Water
387-3190
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
Rev. Jim Stephen, Pastor
Rev. Paul Cornelius, Assoc.
Pastor
404 E Oak
387-2951
- ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector
404 E Poplar
387-2955
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor
201 N Water
387-2466
- JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS**
St. Ann's Street
387-3600
- HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Rev. Charles Huffman
417 E 2nd St.
387-5366
- NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
Brother Rick Brinson
306 W. 4th Street
387-2898
Attend the church of your choice. this Sunday.
- THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN**
Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 E Mulberry
387-2616
- OUTREACH CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Hwy. 277 S. Glasscock
- PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE**
Willie West, Pastor
509 Amistad
387-3236
- ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Father William DuBuisson,
O.M.I.
229 W Plum
387-2278
- JEHOVAH'S WITNESS**
310 St. Ann's Street
387-5658 or 387-5518
- NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**
Don Sessom
511 Cornell
387-5215
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SENIOR CENTER Calendar of Events

January 15- Birthday party for January, after lunch
January 16-Happy 50th Juana Mesa
January 19- Sr. Center Closed!!! Martin Luther King Jr., Birthday Observed
January 20- Bingo! City Council 2 p.m., City Hall
January 22- Trax Van to San Angelo!
January 23- Birthday Party for January!

Lunch Menu

Thursday, January 15
Oven baked pork chops, noodles, carrots, tossed salad, bread, jello

Friday, January 16
Beef stew, green beans, cornbread, pear halves w/cottage cheese, vanilla pudding

Monday, January 19
Sr. Center Closed for Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday

Tuesday, January 20
Chicken supreme, herb potatoes, broccoli, salad, rolls, cherry cobbler

Wednesday, January 21
Roast beef w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, carrot cake

Thursday, January 22
B-B-Q chicken, blackeyed peas, beets, rolls, pears w/ pineapple, chocolate chip cookie

Friday, January 23
Fried fish, hominy, broccoli, corn muffins, bread pudding w/raisins

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

IT'S A GIRL!

Albert Vincent, Jr. would like to announce the birth of his sister Kelisha Irene. Kelisha was born on January 8, 1998 at 4:24 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs 3 oz. and was 18 1/2" long. Kelisha Irene is the daughter of Teresa and Albert Alvarado of Sonora. The maternal grandparents are Ben & Rudy Perez of Sonora and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Alvarado of Blessing, Texas. Great grandmothers are Beatrice Barron and the late Irene Villegas. Her aunt Pat Perez of Ozona, Texas also welcomes her home.

Ronnie Cox

would like to be your pharmacist.

SCHOOL MENU

Monday, January 19 Scrambled eggs, toast w/jelly, pears or juice	Tuesday, January 20 Sausage on biscuit, cold cereal, peaches or juice
Steak fingers, 1/2 baked potato, mixed fruit, carrots, sliced bread	Seafood nuggets, tator tots, broccoli, pears, chocolate cake
Wednesday, January 21 Breakfast burrito, egg-potato, mixed fruit or juice	Thursday, January 22 Blueberry muffin, scramble eggs, fresh fruit or juice
Meat loaf, macaroni & cheese, fried okra, peaches, roll	Turkey pot pie w/vegetables seasoned rice, tossed salad, orange slices
Friday, January 23 Breakfast pizza, peaches or juice	All meals served with milk
Hamburgers, tator tots, salad, ranch beans, sugar cookies	

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Community Calendar

January 15
12:00 noon January Birthday Party, Sutton County Senior Center
Saturday, January 17
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9:00 a.m. Market Lambs
Meat Goats (following Market Lambs)
6:00 p.m. Barbeque supper
Auction follows supper
Awards follows auction

Sutton County National Bank
207 Hwy 277 N

January 20
Monday, January 19
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
Banks Closed
Tuesday, January 20
2:00 City Council meeting, City Hall
If you have a community event that you would like to put in the Community Calendar please call Susie at 387-2507

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Freeman/Nunn exchange vows

Lori Webster Nunn and James Kevin Freeman exchanged wedding vows December 26, 1997. The ceremony was held at the Presbyterian Church in Sonora.

Following the wedding a reception was held at the Sonora Depot.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Judy Webster of Sonora. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Freeman of Loop, Texas.

The bride is a 1986 graduate of Sonora High School and former proprietor of Lisa's Flowers & Gifts.

The groom is a 1976 graduate of Loop High School and attended Texas Tech University. He is currently a sales manager for Mutual of New York in Fort Worth.

The bride and groom will reside at Possum Kingdom Lake.

Lozano/Barker announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Lozano of Sonora are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer M. Lozano to J.B. Barker.

Mr. Barker is the son of Mrs. Lydia Meija Chavez of Eldorado and Mr. Tony Barker of Dallas. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lozano of Sonora and the late Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel H. Mata, Sr.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Chavez of Eldorado and Mrs. Jo Barker of Dallas and the late J.B. Barker.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to all of our wonderful friends and family for all of your support while Ed Lee was in the hospital. Thanks to each one of you for your many calls, prayers, visits, flowers, cards, gifts and food. We are truly blessed by knowing each one of you!

The Carrasco Family
Ed, Arcelia, Leslie and Ed Lee

The daughters and son of Abelardo Martinez would like to acknowledge all the friends and family who shared in our time of sorrow and loss of our father.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for all the flowers, plants, and words of comfort. Also, to the ladies of St. Ann's Catholic Church for the wonderful meal. We truly appreciate all your thoughts and prayers.

Sulema, Norma & Lalito

Thank you to the town of Sonora for all you have done for my family during our time of need, and for showing us love and friendship.

Thanks very much,
Angel

The family of Betty Renfro Dillard would like to thank all our wonderful friends and family for the flowers, plants, food and donations that we have received in Betty's name.

Special thanks goes to the members of the EMS and Hudspheth Hospital Emergency Room staff, as well as the First Baptist Church who provided so much help and support during this difficult time. We would also like to thank Brother Jim, Betty and Paul, whose words and music paid such a special tribute to Betty's life and death.

All of the countless friends that called or came by the house to lend their support makes us realize what a wonderful community we are fortunate enough to belong to.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Byerl Dillard

Vickie & Ed Lee Renfro & Family Sam & Monte Dillard
Billie & Tony Renfro & Family Janey & Mike Dillard & Family
Suzanne & Michael Badeaux & Family Suzanne & Randy Todd & Family

The family of Maria H. Dominguez would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visitations, flowers and the food prepared by the ladies at St. Ann's Parish Hall after her funeral. A special thanks to Father Bill and Lillian Hudspheth Nursing Home and Hospital staff for the care given to her.

May God Bless,

Campos, Rodriguez and Hernandez
Families

Ask the Historical Society

Editor's Note:

Due to illness, *Ask the Historical Society* has been suspended temporarily but will return in a week or two.

Columnist, Jo-Ann Palmer is home recuperating from a short hospital visit. She is suffering from a bout with pneu-

monia.

In a phone conversation, Jo-Ann explained to me she is concerned about letting down her readers. She asks that you bear with her and keep her in your prayers.

Ask the Historical Society will return when she is well.

Commissioners

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Center to begin February 17.

> Tax Appraisal Office Report: 23% of current taxes collected, adjusted tax value is \$5.4 million

> County Attorney's Report: \$221.91 in County Attorney Trust Fund.

> County Judge's Report: A request was made to move one of the refrigerators in the 4-H Center to the baseball field concession stand.

Commissioners appointed a Salary Grievance Committee consisting of four Grand Jurors, Bobby

Mogford, Linda Robles, James Holman, and Guy Parker. Also serving are the sheriff, county judge, treasurer, and clerk. The committee hears grievances for elected officials.

A request was granted to advertise for a low boy and used street broom for the R&B Department.

A request was denied for the Local Emergency Planning Committee chairman to attend an LEPC conference in Austin in February.

Sonora marine headed home



By Jason Emerson

Even though he is 10,000 miles from America and still months away from seeing loved ones, a Sonora Marine knows he's finally on the way home.

Marine Cpl. Thad M. Scroggins, the 26 year old son of Robert Scroggins of Sonora, is deployed to the Arabian Gulf aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu. The ship is more than halfway through its six month deployment, which means it is making a slow trek back to its San Diego home port.

Scroggins is a rifleman in his unit, which is assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).

Scroggins and other Marines of the 13th MEU have patrolled waters

in the Pacific and Indian oceans, as well as those of the Gulf, during the cruise. Exotic port calls are part of any deployment, and Scroggins has soaked up these foreign cultures.

"My favorite port visit has been Thailand, because of its exotic culture," said Scroggins, a 1989 graduate of Central High School in San Angelo.

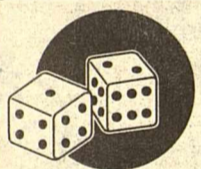
The 40,000 ton Peleliu is operated by a crew of 900 Navy personnel and carries a complement of 1,300 Marines. It is part of a three-ship amphibious ready group (ARG) that could be ordered into action where U.S. interests are threatened.

"It is important that Marines deploy to this region so that the whole world, to include every corner, knows that they would be crazy to even look at the Americans wrong," said Scroggins, a four year Marine veteran.

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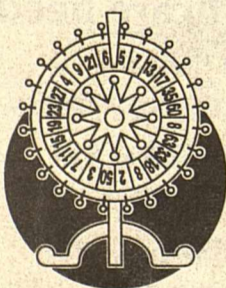
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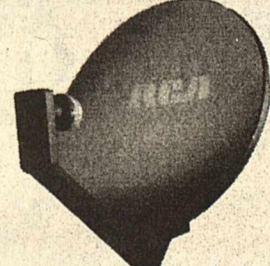
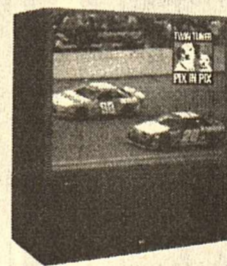
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Tigers do a good turn for the elderly

Submitted
On December 8th, the Tiger Cubs and their partners took to the road to go Christmas caroling. They visited the Lillian Memorial Nursing Home and had a great time entertaining the residents. The Cubs all wore their reindeer hats and sang a wide variety of songs. They also jazzed up the party even more with their homemade instruments and jingle bell necklaces. The Cubs gave each of the residents a candy cane reindeer and wished them all a Merry Christmas.

The Tiger Cubs have also decided to Adopt-A-Grandparent at the Nursing Home. Each Cub decorated a Christmas picture frame for a specific resident and they will continue to do special things for their "Grandparent" throughout the year.

The next Den meeting is scheduled for January 19th at 5:30 p.m. The Cubs need to meet at the Depot to tour downtown Sonora, so please come prepared in case of cold or wet weather.

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Police Report

1/1/98 - St. Ann's Street, disorderly conduct & public intoxication. A local man was arrested for discharging a fire arm in the presence of a police officer 15 minutes into the New Year. Subject was transported to Sutton County Jail.

1/2 - Theft of service, 610 S Crockett. An officer was dispatched to this location. On arrival the clerk advised a subject pumped \$8.50 worth of gas and drove off without paying, clerk advised he didn't know the direction of travel and the theft occurred 10 minutes prior.

- Possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, Water Ave and I-10. A subject stopped on a traffic violation, subject was issued a warning for traffic violation and was asked to consent to a search of his vehicle. Subject agreed by signing consent to search form, subject immediately advised the officer their was marijuana in the front seat of the vehicle. Officer did find marijuana inside the vehicle and a plastic pipe. Louisiana man was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia and transported to the Sutton County Jail.

1/4 - Theft of service, 277 N, officer was advised 2 white males driving a light blue Ford Taurus with New Jersey license plates were stopped after receiving information regarding a theft. Suspects returned and paid for \$10 worth of gasoline

- NW Crockett Ave & 3rd Street, Driving under the influence by a minor, officer was advised by a local convenience store attendant that a subject had bought alcoholic beverages for minors. Convenience store advised description of vehicle and direction of travel. Officer stopped the vehicle at the above location. A Sonora man, the driver, was served with a notice of suspension and given a citation for possession of alcohol of a minor. The only adult in the vehicle was arrested and transported to the Sutton County Jail and booked for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

- Assault, 103 Dollie, officer arrived and spoke with complainant about family violence. Suspect was not at location when officer arrived. A warrant for arrest was obtained.



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Mario Hernandez
John Lopez
Michelle Villanueva
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Sonora Merchants prepare for Valentine promotion

The Sonora Merchants' Association met Thursday, Jan. 8 at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

Old business included the discussion of the holiday style show which showcased Sonora's clothing stores' holiday fashions. Main Street Coordinator, Ann Kay shared that the publication *Texas Main Street Monthly* reported on the event.

Proceeds from Santa pictures taken during the Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade were given to a needy family in Sonora. Justin McGeath said he hopes to increase the number of lights next year and also have more craft booths. Merchant Association president, Fran Pennington, suggested incorporating more food booths.

The Valentine's Day promotion was sketched out and begins Monday, Jan. 26. Customers that make a \$20 or more purchase at par-

ticipating merchants will get a chance to win a prize. Unlock My Heart Sweetheart will allow the customer to select a key from a box of keys. If they choose a key that opens the lock, they win a prize. The prizes will be placed in envelopes and the winner selects an envelope.

Prizes include: a small heart box of fudge and brownie mix from the Caverns of Sonora, a large heart box of fudge and cocoa mix also from the Caverns, 1 flower in a bud vase from Lisa's Flowers, 1 rose with baby's breath wrapped in paper, dinner for 2 at Rosie's Cafe, and dinner for 2 at Sutton County Steakhouse.

Merchant members wishing to participate in the promotion must contact the chamber office by Jan. 16. A list of participating merchants will be published in next week's DRN.

One third of SHS students make honor roll

One hundred seven students in grades 9 through 12 made all A's or A's and B's for their second grading period of the school year.

Those students receiving all A's include:

- 9th grade: Andrea R. Allen, Raymond B. Williams
10th grade: Sarah E. Ball, William T. Gutierrez, Kimberly J. Marshall, Alan J. Nicholas, Ernest A. Perez, Jason West
11th grade: Dustin B. Dillard, Kristen M. Hardgrave, Breg A. Hughes, Zachary C. Kerbow
12th grade: Charlotte P. Alewine, Juan A. Alvarez, Jason R. Arredondo, Andrew S. Dempsey, Kellie D. Downing, Jason P. Jacoby, Zachariah Ramos, Maribel Rivas, Nanette T. Sanchez, Bryden B. Wilkinon

The following students received all A's and B's:

- 9th grade: Brook A. Bolt, Lindsey N. Bowers, Cassi L. Cole,

- Jessica Esquivel, Christopher M. Green, Stephanie N. Hard, Ryan W. Hardgrave, Rosalinda Hernandez, Thomas Jacoby, Angelina Q. Leyva, Lorena Lopez, Jalyn Mathews, Dora C. Mendez, Joseph K. Percifull, Thomas W. Schenkel, Gillom W. Thompson, Ben M. Torres, Christopher M. Weingart, Japha M. Word

- 10th grade: Elizabeth M. Badillo, Graham P. Bloodworth, James R. Dempsey, Kara L. Eaton, Antonio Escalante, John J. Galvan, Sergio O. Hernandez, Cindy L. Jones, Kendra D. Jones, Brady L. Lock, Bradley D. Mogford, Jared S. Percifull, Jon I. Ramos, Caleb F. Taylor, Jacob West, Ruben R. Ynguanzo

- 11th grade: Stacey L. Becknell, Jody R. Boggs, Clint L. Bowers, Ashley Brockman, Rogelio B. Cardona, Sarah L. Cook, Mark Cooper, John Dunn, Lucinda H.

- Duran, Peggy A. Everett, Ty Harrelson, Marisha M. Henson, David E. Mayer, Daisy M. Mireles, Guadalupe Ramon, Anthony W. Renfro, Matthew Routh

- 12th grade: Will W. Allen, Timothy C. Bauldree, Erica L. Beebe, Christian Braly, Katrina M. Cooke, Veronica Coronado, Eddi B. Crain, Janea A. Crowder, Stefany J. Davenport, Fernando L. Emiliano, Brandon C. Faris, Steven Gandar, Kevin Gann, Olga C. Marshall, Justin I. Mathews, Tracy L. McKnight, Michael W. McLaurin, Meagan L. McMeans, Daniel S. Ozuna, Erin E. Payton, Clarissa R. Perez, Melanie R. Perez, Raven L. Rainer, Thomas Ramon, Rito A. Renteria, Johnny L. Rivas, Amy Robertson, Terry M. Stone, Shiloh S. Sykes, Jon E. Talamantes, Joni I. Thorp, Amy E. Torres, Elena P. Velez

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Bronco scoreboard

7th Grade Girls

1-5-98
Sonora: 22 Ozona: 14
Leading Scorers: Courtney Hill-10, Ashley Parker-6, Koda Armke-4, Katrina Hernandez-2.

"The 7th Lady Colts hosted the Ozona Lady Cubs Monday night. Offensively the Lady Colts played a great game, especially after the holiday break. Defensively, Landry McMeans and Kara Hard had several steals. Overall the Lady Colts had a great first game."

Coach: Carol Sessom

1-12-98

Sonora: 30 Del Rio: 22
Leading Scorers: Ashley Parker-10, Courtney Hill-10, Koda Armke-4, Myra Martinez-4, Kara Hard-1 Leandra Perez-1.

"The Lady Colts defeated a tough Del Rio team on Monday night. The Lady Colts showed a lot of hustle in the fourth quarter to come out on top. Other team members are Landry McMeans, Katrina Hernandez, Shannon Vick, Kesha Frasier, Ronda Moore, Mariana Hinojosa, Brelee Drake and Amy Gutierrez.

Coach: Carol Sessom

Freshman Boys

1-2-98
Sonora: 35 Mason: 22
Leading Scorers: Ed Mayfield-10, Matt Torres-8, Jake Trainer-7.

Coach: Lance Powell

1-6-98

Sonora: 48 Ft. Stockton: 42
Leading Scorers: Matt Torres-16, Jake Trainer-10, Dustin Patino-9.

Coach: Lance Powell

1-10-98

Sonora: 47 S.A Edison: 87
Leading Scorers: Matt Torres-13 and Ed Mayfield-8.
Coach: Lance Powell

JV Boys

1-6-98

Sonora: 44 Ft. Stockton: 37
Leading Scorers: Crispin Lira-13, Fernie Ramos-8, Riley Crain-8, Russell Dempsey-8, Alan Nicholas-3, Bryce Williams-2, Sloan Holley-2.

Coach: Brian Lowe

Varsity Girls

1-9-98

Sonora: 45 Colorado City: 61
Leading Scorers: Camille Marshall-19, Kara Eaton-4, Sandy Trevino-2, Cindy Jones-7, Heather Felts-9, Blair Crain-2.

"Unfortunately we did not play well in our opening district game. We turned the ball over too many times to give ourselves a chance to win. Camille Marshall and Heather Felts both had solid games.

Coach: John McMeans

Varsity Boys

1-6-98

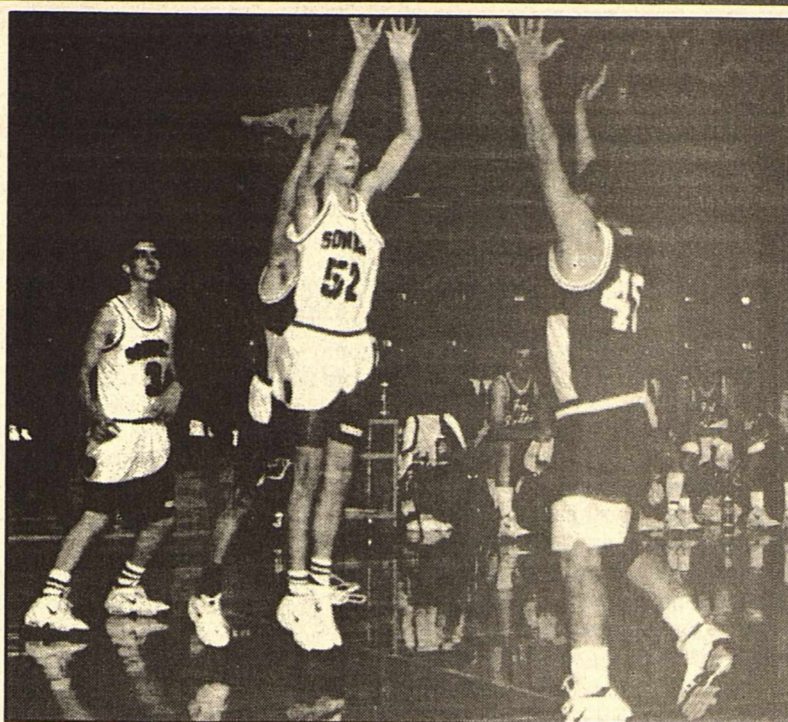
Sonora: 58 Ft. Stockton: 66
Leading Scorers: Ty Harrelson-26, Fernie Emiliano-16, Brad Legan-6, Anthony Luna-4, Drew Dempsey-4, Mayer Anderson-2.

Coach: Scott Harrelson

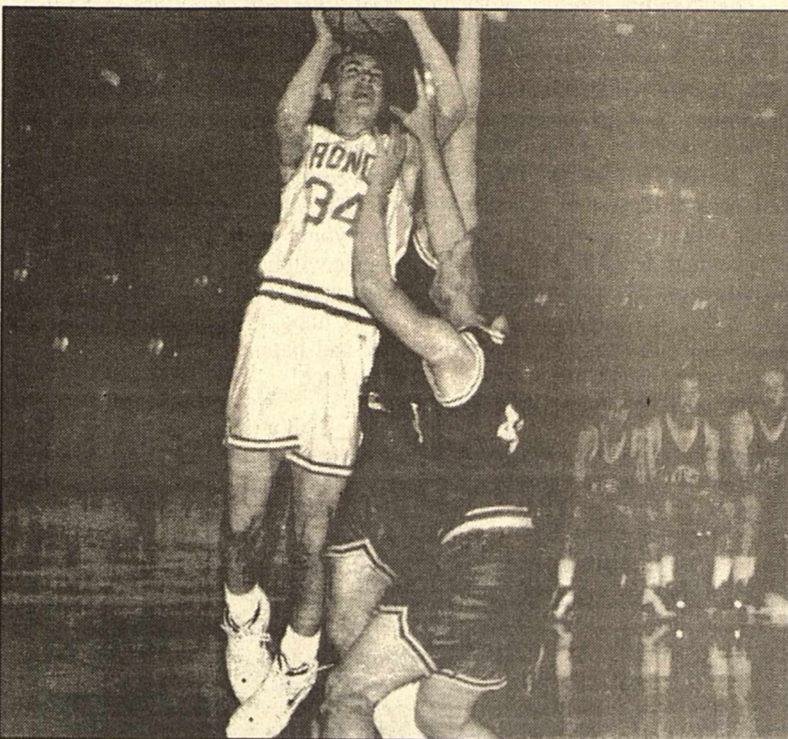
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Sonora: 58 Wimberley: 68
Leading Scorers: Ty Harrelson-30, Fernie Emiliano-8, Brad Legan-8, Mayer Anderson-8, Drew Dempsey-2, David Mayer-2.

Coach: Scott Harrelson



Drew Dempsey puts one up. Ty Harrelson in background.



Cody Ainsworth gets aggressive.

Little Dribblers begin practice

Little Dribbler's Practice Schedule January 1998

January 10th: 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. - 5th and 6th Boys; 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.-- 5th and 6th Girls; 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.-- 3rd and 4th Girls; 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.-- 3rd and 4th Boys.

January 17th: 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. - 5th and 6th Boys; 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.- 5th and 6th Girls; 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.--3rd and 4th Girls; 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.-3rd and 4th Boys.

January 24th: 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.-

- 3rd and 4th Boys; 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.--3rd and 4th Girls; 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.--5th and 6th Girls; 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.--5th and 6th Boys.

January 31st: 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. -3rd and 4th Boys, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.--3rd and 4th Girls, 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.--5th and 6th Girls, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.--5th and 6th Boys.

All practices will be held in the small gym. Sign-up forms will be available from the coaches and must be filled out prior to the practices. Also, sign-up forms must be signed by a parent or guardian.

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1/17	Glenn	Here		2:00		
1/19	Lee	Central		6:00		
1/20	*Reagan Co.	Here			5:00	8:00

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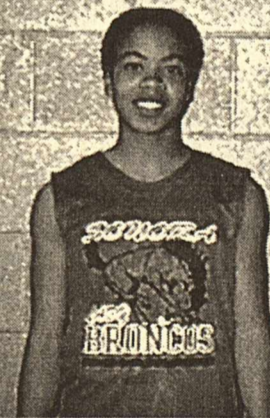


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Mayer Anderson
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Miller's making the move

By Lise Lieder

It's been nine short months since Phil and I stopped in Valree's to get a prize for Jordan who was staying in Houston with her Granny while we went to the State Dental Convention. He had visited the booths on the convention floor and taken Continuing Education Thursday and Friday so we decided to explore the western Edward's Plateau Region.

We hit Sonora at lunchtime and drove to the charming Town Square. The storefronts on Main Street had some photos of some lovely properties for sale including HUNTING acreage in which Phil is always interested. We drooled a little on the sidewalk before a friendly store-

owner tried to call Anita at home. No luck. She also pointed us to Valree's for the proper size attire for Jordan.

While I perused the wildlife puzzle and short sets (bought one of each), Phil and Valree conversed. He mentioned that he was a dentist and we'd been trying for years to move to the Hill Country. She said her daughter worked for the dentist here. Phil asked if he needed an associate and she joked that it couldn't hurt to ask.

We lunched at La Mexicana before heading over to Fredericksburg. Since Sonora was so cute and clean and the people friendly, he decided to ask a broker about contacting Dr. Rust. Offers of

practices in other towns were made to us that weekend but none captured Phil's favor.

We were being extremely particular because we didn't have to make a move. Phil was senior partner in a good firm near downtown Houston and had a great staff and wonderful rapport with patients he had been seeing for 16 years. We had a lovely home in a good suburban school district with my family five minutes away.

Yet, there were still things we disliked, like Houston's growing traffic and crime problem. A man was mugged in the parking garage of Phil's complex and a patient was carjacked in rush hour and shot through the neck. (It was a miracle

he survived.) Even out in Cypress where we lived, spectators had to go through metal detectors to attend the high school football games.

Jordan would be starting Kindergarten in the fall at one of the district's Exemplary Elementaries, also one without overcrowding problems.

We debated the merits of relocating while driving back to San Antonio and decided we would explore that option one last time and if it didn't work out, we would resign ourselves to staying in a place that has about 300 days of 90% or above humidity and in 1997 got over 60 inches of rain.

The complexities and timing were overwhelming. Would Phil's partner in Houston want to buy him out? If not, he would need a broker

and that would take time. We put our home on the market but didn't want to sell if things didn't work out. The uncertainties were quite frustrating.

It wasn't until August that we had a commitment from his Houston partner to buy Phil's practice. We were supposed to leave at noon on Friday for Sonora to have a second look at the home we wanted. The deal was supposed to be ironed out Thursday. It wasn't. Phil said we need an answer Friday or the Houston deal wasn't happening ever. We waited with the car packed all afternoon. It was 4:45 p.m. and I was about to call Anita Hudson and tell her we weren't going to be able to make our Saturday appointment, knowing someone else was making an offer and we would not be able to get the house we had decided we wanted. Phil came back in and said he just reached Danny and the deal was done. We left then and got to the Devils River Days Inn after midnight.

Most of you know things happened fast after that with Phil taking over September 1st. The complications and timing still aren't worked out. The contract we accepted on our Houston home fell through and Jordan and I continued to stay there until December 20th to let her finish out the semester.

Jordan and I are thrilled to live in the same house with Phil. We are all relieved that weekends no longer entail a 686 mile roundtrip for either the gals or the guy. We enjoy the great sunsets and todas las estrellas that the Houston lights hid. I love not having to spray "OFF" all over Jordan and I before going to the mailbox or out to feed animals and still not losing a pint of blood.

Jordan enjoys her new Kindergarten class and I am so glad Sonora Elementary does not send biting little notes home telling parents not to come up for lunch, or that they can't come to the Costumed Thanksgiving Feast and Singing or that parents must drop off cookies for the Christmas party at the front office because parents and siblings are not allowed in the rooms for Christmas parties.

People worry about me missing the shopping but I only hit the mall about three times a year. I sew or order from JC Penney's Tall Collection.

Oh, I do miss my Sam's Club that was 10 minutes away in Cypress. I'm sure I'll miss my favorite Children's Resale Shop for

recycling Jordan's oft outgrown togs but I hear there's a good one in Angelo. I miss the Blue Cheese dressing on the Salad Bar of a certain restaurant and the puffy Chili con Queso appetizer that I always ordered which looked like twin Astrodomes. Jordan will miss her favorite Chinese Buffet but we found an excellent one in Angelo. Since only two of the multitudes of Chinese Restaurants in Houston make Steamed Vegetable Dumplings the way I like them, I may have to make another batch.

I have a distinct talent for copying certain dishes when the recipe or restaurant is unavailable. This will serve me well here. Last week I synthesized a creamy garlic salad dressing that isn't sold here and that I use in a couple of recipes. Phil's staff also liked the copy of a raspberry-filled nut cake that I tried in Indiana seven years ago. One of my best copies was recently reprinted for the second year in the *Houston Chronicle's Best Recipes of the Year Section*. I called it Rodeo Nut because I fell in love with the cinnamon roasted nuts at a booth at the Houston Rodeo sold for \$16 a pound. Even the flops of this recipe were tasty to eat before I got it right.

I hope there's room to share these recipes with you. What I really need now is a recipe for the creamy poblano pepper soup they serve in a cafe in Ruidoso. Otherwise I'll have to experiment a few times and although Phil eats almost anything, Jordan exhibits classic six year old finicky eating except for the most familiar and simple dishes. Can anyone help with a similar recipe? If so, mail or fax it in and we'll share it with everyone.

What I want the Devils River News readers to know is that we came to Sonora because we wanted a safe pretty place to rear Jordan. It hasn't been easy to get us all here but now that we're together, we're enjoying Sonora and the people of Sutton County.

If you see us out at dinner or the Food Center, introduce yourself and please bear with me if I can't remember all the names and faces the first or second time. It would help me match the names with people if folks would wear the exact same outfit every day, but that's not happening? I suppose name tags are out of the question also. Oh well, see you around.

Senior Center News

By Juanita Mesa

Happy New Year! Are there any changes we should know about? New address, phone numbers or did we miss the date of your birthday on our list for each month? We appreciate your help in keeping our records up to date. Thanks!

The Christmas season is past and another year has gone by and we have pulled together to end the year with lots of wonderful memories. I would like to personally thank the staff for all their hard work they have put into making sure things ran smooth especially while I was out recovering from my surgery. Thanks to all for your prayers, calls, cards and flowers. I feel so lucky to have so many friends and relatives who care. Thanks!

I am back to work now so come on over to our Senior Center and see what we have to offer. We have continued to move forward with all projects and even though the road was a little bumpy sometimes, we made it. The Volunteers, C.O.A and everyone else were great and we couldn't do it without you. We must not forget the "Old Thyme Country Band;" they provided wonderful hours of music and entertainment. Busy Bees Day Care Center, Headstart, school groups, all teachers and helpers, Mrs. C. Wilson for playing piano. Many thanks to the boy scouts for caroling for our seniors who are homebound; they loved it!

As the new year begins we must look back on the past year and be thankful for all we have endured. The dedications and concerns that each person has showed has given

strength to all of us here at our Senior Center.

Since the holiday season is past, do you have spare time to fill and would love to learn something new. Come to our Senior Center and help start a new craft, play Bingo or join us on our activities for each month. Volunteer to deliver meals as sometimes this is the only contact homebound seniors have with a person, and a warm meal and the only meal for that day. They really enjoy the visits and say a few words, because they are very lonely and look forward to seeing someone go to their homes. Try delivering meals sometime and see how great the rewards are. Call our Senior Center now at 387-5657 or 387-3941.

Let's start exercise classes for Seniors (or any one else) with arthritis, heart problems, or other conditions which prohibits strenuous exercise. We are in need of someone who can guide a gentle exercise program. Do we have a registered nurse who can help with this program? Call us now! Before beginning any exercise program, please check with your doctor first.

Happy Birthday to all of you "January Birthday Babies." They are Pablo Favela, Gretta Smith, Telesforo Gonzales, Rey Sanchez, Barbara Urbanski, Lionel Samaniego, Juanita Mesa, Vincent Lopez, Pauline Ringgold, Lucy Ramos, Lupe Mendez, Arturo Trevino, Horace Humphreys, Si Loeffler, Baldemas Reina, Marie Aldwell, John (Bill) Roberts. The birthday party for January will be January 23rd after lunch. Everyone is welcome.

The Senior Center will be closed on Monday, January 19th, in observance of the Rev. Martin Luther King's birthday. See you all on Tuesday. In case of emergency call the City Police at 387-3888.

Our Elvis Presley Birthday Party was a big hit at our Senior Center. We decorated with Elvis memorabilia, balloons, and Elvis' music was played at noon. A video about Elvis was viewed, as well. Punch and popcorn was served to those who stayed for the video.

We will be having a Wacky

Tacky Fashion Show at our Senior Center on Tuesday, January 17th after lunch; models will be some of our seniors modeling fur coats. An announcer will describe the fur coats and a few jokes will be told between each fashion. Please join us for a good time and a few laughs. Everyone is welcome to attend. Music will be provided by Charlotte Wilson on the piano.

I hope 1998 brings you much joy and happiness! Good-bye until next time!



WTU hosted an open house for public input on the new line coming into Sonora from the west. Present at the meeting were (front, l-r): Russell Blaschke, Larry Roberson, France Davis, Jerry Paulson, Steve Terrell, and Blake Burchard, (back, l-r): Randy Roper, Louis Hosek, Russell, Draves, John Peterson, Larry, Copeland, and Stan Krause.

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Texas Farm Bureau news

Submitted

The president of Texas' largest farm organization said today that difficulties reported by the state auditor in the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority do not reflect on the ability of the state's farmers and ranchers to repay loans.

"TAFE is set up to provide more than one kind of loan, including those to assist young farmers and ranchers launch their operations," said Bob Stallman, president of the Texas Farm Bureau. "So far, though the vast majority of loans have been to processing and other value added ventures in agriculture, not to farmers."

Stallman, a rice farmer from Columbus, said these kinds of ventures sometimes carry a high degree of risk, thus the involvement of the state loan guarantee program.

"It is not unreasonable to accept the contention of Texas Department of Agriculture personnel that the program will pay off in

the future," Stallman said. "If we look at this as an investment, then it is too early to bail out."

Some state employees and legislators have promised a hard look at TAFE's financial health. Stallman suggested that it is exactly these kinds of ventures that could open new markets and generate jobs in many agricultural areas.

"Very few farm and ranch operational loans, if any, have been made under the program," Stallman said.

The farm leader went on to say agricultural loans are on a much firmer footing than during the farm crisis of the 1980s, and the current troubles at TAFE, temporary or not, should not be viewed as precursors of a debt crisis. "Agriculture is a strong and viable industry that has been and continues to be an economic mainstay in Texas," Stallman said. "I encourage farm lenders to continue their support of farmers and ranchers."

ICA will hold first meeting of year

By Ruth Espy

The Independent Cattlemen's Association will hold its first meeting of the New Year, on Tuesday evening, January 27, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sutton County Steak House in Sonora. The dinner will be Dutch Treat-- and Charles Carter, I.C.A.'s legislative director will be

here to inform the members and interested persons attending--of what is happening in the Legislature on the State and National level, in regard to Agriculture; and other matters of interest pertaining to our Industry. All members are urged to attend.

1998: the year your taxes drop

Submitted by Henry Bonilla



Whether you knew it or not, this New Year's Day rang in more than just a new year. It also rang in a host of new tax cuts.

Important provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 took effect at midnight December 31, 1997. This year will be a better year for Americans as education tax credit, child tax credits, death tax relief and capital gains tax relief take effect.

For the first time in 16 years, 1998 brings some real tax relief to Americans. For too long our tax code has worked against the very fabric of the American dream. Instead of encouraging Americans to have families, work on an education and invest in our economy, the current tax code has done everything to discourage folks. In years past, simply being married or inheriting a family business, has strapped many folks with huge tax bills. Well, the tide is turning and 1998 is just the beginning.

Before the holidays I reminded you about important tax relief in the areas of capital gains taxes and the estate or "death" tax. Now, I want to tell you about 1998's good news for parents and students. Families will now receive a \$400 tax credit for each child under 17. This full credit

applies to middle-income families while it is reduced for higher income families. Families will also see important tax credits for their children's education expenses. Parents will get a 100 percent tax credit for the first \$1,000 for each of the first two years in college expenses such as tuition and books. Beyond the first \$1,000, parents will get a 50 percent credit of the next \$1,000 of expenses. Now, parents will have a leg up on providing for their kids.

Clearly, things are looking up for families this year, but what's ahead? This year, Congress will begin working to eliminate the so-called marriage tax penalty. That's the term used to describe the extra taxes folks pay just because they are married. If you are married, you must file a joint tax return. If you and your spouse earn a full-time income, chances are filing jointly puts you into a higher tax bracket, costing you more taxes. Clearly, this is unfair. That's why I co-sponsored the Marriage Tax Elimination Act. Maybe the next new year will bring the end of this dumb tax.

This year's changes go a long way toward correcting parts of the system, but the future won't be truly bright until the entire tax system is completely gutted. This year, Congress must work toward a fairer, single, low-rate system that lets you keep more of your hard-earned money. Happy New Year!

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Fort Worth Stock Show Rodeo tops on circuit

Submitted

All the reigning champions from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association are among the record entry list of 917 contestants for the 1998 Fort Worth Stock Show Rodeo, which will boast a new high of \$404,325 in prize money.

They will be contesting on stock provided by nine of the sports top production companies when the World's Original Indoor Rodeo gets underway on January 23, 1998 for a thirty performance run through February 8, 1998.

The list of competitors includes the ladies entered in the Invitational Ranch Girls Barrel Race and all-around and bronc riding champion, Dan Mortensen of Manhattan, Kansas; top bareback rider, Eric P. Mouton of Weatherford, Oklahoma; bull rider, Scott A. Mendez of Weatherford, Texas; calf roper, Cody Ohl of Orchard, Texas; and steer wrestler, Brad Gleason of Ennis, Montana. They will compete against the sports other top cowboys for one of the most lucrative purses of the year.

The Stock Show's policy of providing the sports best stock assures each contestant the opportunity to gain high marks toward qualifying for a major share of the purse. Neal Gay of Mesquite, Texas, ProRodeo Hall of Fame honoree and long-time Fort Worth Stock

Show production manager, has established a coalition of rodeo stock production companies that will provide the best rodeo stock in the sport.

The 1998 stock contractors include All-Star Rodeo Company, owned by Kenneth Auger of Farmersville, LA; Bailey Rodeo Company, owned by David Bailey of Tehlequah, OK; Battles Rodeo Livestock, owned by Charlie Battles of Fairfield, TX; Gay's Mesquite Championship Rodeo; Rafter H Rodeo Company, owned by Dell Hall of Tehlequah; Vold Rodeo Company, owned by Harry Vold of Alamosa, CO; Wayne Vold Rodeo Company, owned by Wayne Vold of DeWinton, Alberta, Canada; and Wall Rodeo Company, owned by Terry Walls of Stephenville, TX.

Gay's production management team includes the top men in the business. His son, Jim Gay, serves as stock foreman. Chute boss is John Farris of Addington, OK. Performing the chores of pickup men are John Patterson and Guy Yarbrough, both of Mesquite. Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association judges are George Gibbs of Maxwell, IA; Butch Kirby of Comanche, OK; and Cliff Overstreet of Burleson, TX.

Mildred Farris of Addington, OK, former PRCA Rodeo Secretary of the Year, returns to the secretary's office, along with timekeepers Raine

Patterson of Mesquite, TX, and Penny Walton of Fowler, CO. The rodeo office staff, headed by Kay Gay of Mesquite, include Brandy Cooper of Seagoville, TX, and Jackie Frank and Brenda Gay, both of Mesquite.

Three of the best clowns in the rodeo business have signed. Barrelman will be Jim Bob Feller of Granbury, TX, a newcomer to the Stock Show Rodeo but a well-known face in many of the major rodeo arenas around the nation for more than 30 years. His arena comedy and light-hearted comments are unparalleled.

The two bullfighters will be Rob Smets of Shamrock, Texas, and Frank Newsom of Granbury. Smets, no stranger to Fort Worth Rodeo crowds, having been here several years, was the Bullfighting World Champion four times. Newsom, one of the top bullfighters, will be performing at the Fort Worth Stock Show for the second consecutive year.

Tickets for the rodeo action and a day at the livestock show are priced at \$16 for Friday nights and all weekends, and \$14 for Monday

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My shoulder blade hurts when I move it. Can my back problem be affecting this?

Your head, arms and legs all connect into the spine. In fact, the entire musculoskeletal system of the body acts as a single unit despite being made up of many parts.

If you wore a shoe on your right foot only this would elevate your right leg causing your pelvis to be out of balance. The rest of the back would, over a period of time,

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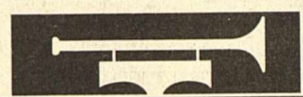


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Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JOSEPH M. VANDER STUCKEN, Deceased, were issued on the 5th day of January, 1998, in Cause No. 1172, pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, to:
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The residence of the Executor is in Dallas, Texas, and the mailing address is: 6981 Forest Glade Circle,

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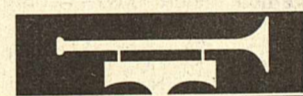


Dallas, Texas 75230.
All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED the 8th day of January, A.D. 1998.

JO BESS VANDER STUCKEN JACKSON, Independent Executor, of the Estate of JOSEPH M. VANDER STUCKEN, Deceased

By: ALBERT C. ELLIOTT
Attorney for the Estate
P.O. Box 586
Sonora, Texas 76950
(915)387-3529
State Bar #06534200

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