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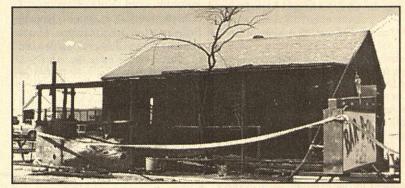
### **3 Injured** in Rafter L Fire

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A three year old boy, his mother and one other victim were burned in the fire, believed to be caused by a butane bottle near a bar-b que pit outside of Rafter L Bar-B-Que Restaurant, late Monday. There were two other people inside the building at the time of the blaze, but they escaped unharmed. The small boy and his mother were both flown to the St. Mary's Hospital & Texas Tech Medical Center in Lubbock, to be treated for burns that are believed to cover from 60% to 70% of their bodies. At the time of this report the boy was in critical condition. An investigation is still pending.



Local Firemen fight to douse the flames that engulfed the Rafter L building.



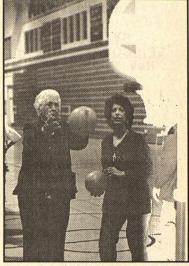
Rafter L is practically just a shell after burning Monday evening.

### Lillian M. Hudspeth Nursing Home Residents Participated in the 3rd Midwest Play Day

#### Submitted

On April 17, 1999 the 3rd Midwest Play Day was held at the A.S.U. gym. The Play Day is an Olympic style competition for Nursing Home residents. Gold, Silver and Bronze metals were given for each event. Lillian M. Hudspeth Nursing Home was one of many nursing homes in this area that participated. This was a great opportunity for nursing home residents to have fun and get away from the facility for a day. Competing from Sonora were residents, Virgie Rowland and Oralia Galindo. Attending staff were Administrator, Joe Hendrus, Assistant Director of Nursing, Diane Clarkson, Activity Director, Terry Surridge and Nurse's Aide, Robin Vela. Mrs. Rowland cap-

tured a bronze medal for the basketball throw. Oralia Galindo and Mrs. Rowland also received medals for attending.



Above: Mrs. Virgie Rowland shoots for her bronze medal in the basketball throw.

Left: Oralia Galindo takes her best shot in the basketball throw competition.



## PTA Elects New Board

#### PTA Submitted

Sonora Elementary PTA held their quarterly meeting on April 19, 1999. Mayor JoAnn Hernandez opened the meeting with the invocation and Vice-president Martha Perez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Marissa Faz read the minutes from the last meeting. The Treasurer's report was given by Sherry Ingham. She announced there was presently 112 members. Ingham also stated that \$500.00 was made from the family portraits that were taken on March 27th.

Several fund-raisers were discussed and once they are decided on, they will be announced to the public.

The PTA members discussed and approved the sale of school supplies before the beginning of the next school year. More information will be given later in the year.

Fundraising The Committee is also in need of volunteers from the community. The more to afford medical insurance for chilpeople that are involved, the less work each individual has to do. So

1999-2000 school year was held, with the results as follows: President - Bonnie Lou Campbell, Vice-president - Martha Perez, Secretary - Susan Burnham, Treasurer - Sherry Ingham. Congratulations to all that were elected.

It was then discussed and approved that \$300.00 would be allocated for Teacher Appreciation Week activities. (They deserve so

much more!) May 25th is designated "Splash Day" at Sonora Elementary. Call Mrs. Dermody if you can volunteer to help during this fun event. There will be a Summer

Leadership Seminar in Austin on July 16-18 for anyone interested in becoming an officer in the future. The cost will be \$75.00 per person, paid for by our organization.

Ram Perez & Texas Healthy Kids Corp. makes available insurance for people who may not be able dren. Applications are available at the Hospital in English and Spanish. For more information contact Ram Perez at the Lillian Hudspeth Hospital.



# Ribbon Cutting Celebrates New Home For Post Office

We'll soon be checking our mail at a new address, but this isn't the first time the citizens of Sonora have found their mail at a different delivery spot. Following is a story from the 75th Anniversary Devil's River News that tell of all our Post Office locations.

The Devil's River News on August

issued here in April, 1891. For a number of years a record was made of money orders issued, listing each day the persons buying them and the places where they were sent. the Post Office today has one of these books 50 years old.

William C. Cusenbary became

if you can, please volunteer to help this committee by calling Mrs. Hirt at 387-5669 or Mrs. Dermody at 387-2414.

Hospitality Rita Mesa, Chairman, announced that there will be a breakfast held for the teachers the on Tuesday, May 4th.

From the Membership Committee, Carla Crites spoke of Membership the need for more PTA members. If you are interested, please contact the school. The membership fee is only \$3.00 per person. Please join for the children!

Old business was discussed and noted that the Wild West Day was very successful. Thanks go out to everyone who volunteered their time and to all who came out to enjoy the festivities. Bonnie Lou Campbell made a video of the event, which can be checked out of the Elementary School if you were unable to attend the days activities. The election of officers for the

After the business meeting was held, the Sonora Pre-K - 2nd grade students performed for the audience. The Pre-Kinder and Kindergarten classes sang "Blue Bird" and "Jump it Jody, Jump It". The 1st grade students sang "Each of us is a Flower" and "Sunshine Melody", followed by the 2nd graders singing "Down, Down Baby" and "My Father's House". Everyone had a wonderful time, especially the children who performed! What makes a more enjoyable evening, than to watch your children having such a splendid time! So PLEASE, become a PTA member and support your kids and teachers. They ARE our future.

19, 1965

One of the most mobile organizations in town has been the Post Office. It has moved ten times in its 76 year history.

In the early days the Post Office followed the Postmaster, and the Postmaster changed with each new administration in Washington.

The first postmaster was Robert W. Callahan, who operated the post office in his general store. He was appointed September 19, 1889, and served until February 15, 1890, when Pharis Hurst was named to the office.

While Mr. Hurst ran the Post Office, it was in its second locationat his stage stand near the large oak tree still standing on the corner of Main and Water Streets. A picture of the old building is displayed in the current post office.

The first money orders were

Postmaster July 2, 1891, and the office moved again, this time to Cusenbary and Briant's Drug Store. There it stayed through Mr. Cusenbary's term and the term of his successor, Elijah S. Briant (who held office from May 19, 1893 to June 10, 1897).

Then the Post Office went to the Devil's River News in 1897 for a nine-year stay while Mike Murphy was Postmaster. At that time the news office was located where Westerman Drug is now, and several old pictures show the building with its large sign on the roof saying "The Devil's Retreat" and a smaller sign below saying "Post Office."

Mr. Hurst became Postmaster again on October 27, 1906, and once again the Post Office found a new home. Mrs. Manila Trainer remem-

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Judy Phillips was sworn in as the new Postmaster on Wednesday, April 21, 1999 in front of the new Post Office.

### Tim **Thorp** Named Firefighter of the Year

#### Submitted

Hill Country Fireman's Association wishes to nominate Tim Thorp for State Firefighter of the Year. Tim, winner of the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department's award for Firefighter of the Year in 1998-99, has been a member of the Fire Department since 1972, having completed 26 years of service on September 13, 1998. He is a second generation fireman, as his father was a member of the Sonora department from 1947 until sometime in the 1960's.

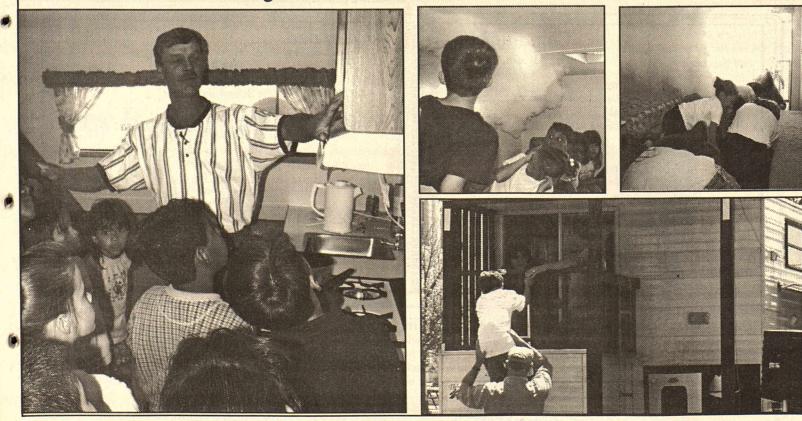
Tim has served the Sonora Fire Department in many capacities over the years, and has been a tireless worker. He has been a Trustee of the Pension Board for 5 years, has served as President and has served as Assistant Chief, providing innovative leadership to the Department for 10 years. He served on the Fire Station Expansion Committee in 1976 and headed the committee to upgrade the engines to carry 5' hoses in 1998. Tim was recognized as Sonora Fireman of the Year in 1973, 1988 and again in 1998. Sonora Volunteer Fire Department is a member of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas and Tim is personally a member of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas.

Tim has served the Fire Department in many other ways during his 26 year tenure. He was instrumental in building and outfitting three grass rigs in the early 1980s, which are still in use today. He participated in building the Fire Station wing, digging out dirt for the extension foundation and welding. He has served as an Instructor at the San Angelo Fire Training School. Additionally, Tim is definitely the pump operator expert for the "Big Red Truck," the engine used primarily for structure fires.

Tim Thorp has served his community tirelessly in many ways in addition to his active membership in the Fire Department. He is a Senior Charter Member of the Sutton County E.M.S., having entered the E.M.S. in 1982 when it was still

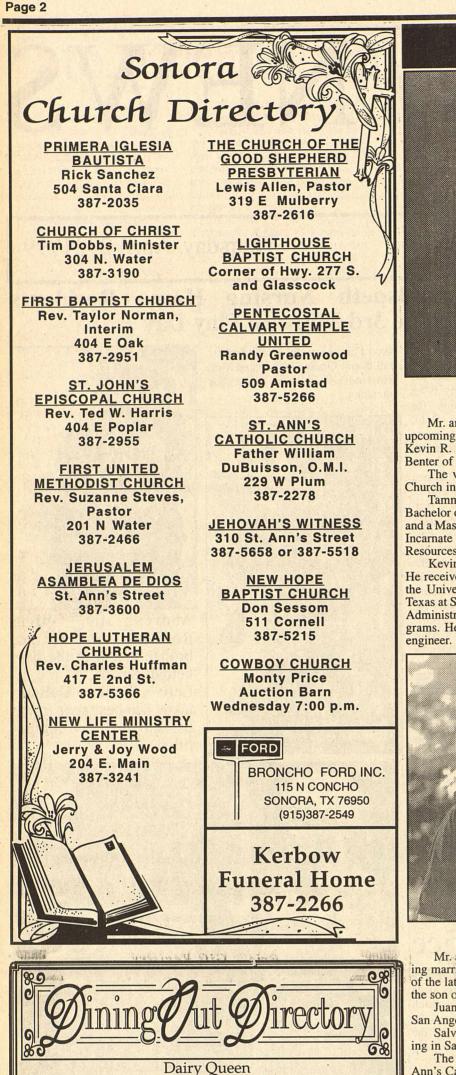
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Elementary Students Learn Fire Safety The Sonora Volunteer Fire

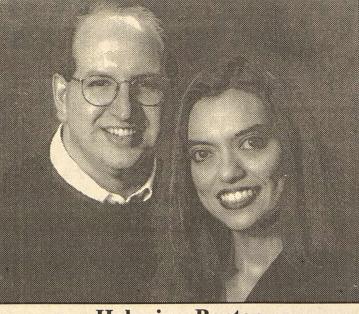


Department, joined by Gary Dodson, brought this model of a home to the Sonora Elementary School last week, to teach children about fire safety in the home.

Since June of 1996, when this display came into being, it has seen over 55,000 kids come through its little doors and tour the living area, kitchen and upstairs bedroom. In each area the volunteer fireman gives a lesson on safety and fire hazard in that area of the home. The program is free to the community and is a great learning tool. Some examples of what the children are taught include fireplace hazards, electical outlets and cords that produce a danger, objects left on stairways that can cause injury when trying to get out of a burning home, and what to do when a smoke alarm goes off. At the end of the tour, in the mock upstairs bedroom, an actual smoke alarm begans to sound and smoke begins to fill the small room. The children are taught how to get on their knees and crawl to a safe exit, where they are helped down a ladder. Valuable lessons are learned while having fun.



### Engagement



### **Holguin - Benter**

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Holguin are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Tammy Lee Holguin of Austin to Kevin R. Benter of San Antonio. Kevin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Benter of Reedsville, Wisconsin.

The wedding will be June 26, 1999 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in San Antonio.

Tammy is a 1987 graduate of Sonora High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from San Angelo State University and a Master of Business Administration Degree from The University of The Incarnate Word at San Antonio. She is employed at the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission in Austin as a program administrator. Kevin is a 1986 graduate of Roncalli High School in Manitowoc, WI.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin Plattevill. He is attending the University of Texas at San Antonio where he is pursuing degrees in the Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Management of Technology programs. He is employed at York International in San Antonio as a project



### **Gandar - Barrera**

Mr. and Mrs. Santana Noriega announce the engagement and approaching marriage of Juanita Gandar to Salvador Barrera. Juanita is the daughter of the late Matias Gandar and Elida Noriega of Sonora. Salvador Barrera is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Barrera of Del Rio, Texas.

Juanita graduated from Sonora High School and is presently living in San Angelo, Texas.

Salvador is a graduate from Del Rio High School and is presently living in San Angelo, Texas.

The couple is planning a June 19, 1999 wedding to be held at the St.. Ann's Catholic Church and a reception will follow at the Sutton County 4-After their wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico the couple will reside in San Angelo, Texas 

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# Obituaries

### James W. Bearden Sr.

James Whitley "Dub" Bearden Sr., 77, of San Angelo died Monday, April 19, 1999, at his residence after his courageous battle with cancer.

Services were held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 22, in Robert Massie Riverside Chapel with the Rev. Brad Winchester, pastor of Grape Creek Baptist Church, officiating. Burial followed in Grape Creek Cemetery.

James was born November 27, 1921, in Anson. He was a Army Veteran and had been a San Angelo police officer for six years. He married Shirlene Connaly on October 2, 1962, in San Angelo.

Following his retirement from Halliburton in Rankin, he moved to San Angelo.

Survivors include his wife, Shirlene Bearden of San Angelo; three daughters, Mary Boggs of Monahans, Marie Brock of Eldorado and Lula Casillas of Sonora; four sons, James Ronald Bearden, Lonnie Bearden, James Whitley Jr. and Robert Bearden, all of San Angelo; two sisters, Ethel Snell of Rankin and Nell Thorn of Malvern, Arkansas; 22 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

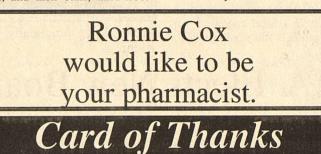
The family would like to thank Dr. John Hunt and Dr. Johnny French, and their staff, third-floor nurses at San Angelo Community Medical Center, and Dr. Charles Roeth of San Antonio and Family Hospice for being so kind and giving the best possible care.

Mr. Bearden will be missed very much by his friends and family. He has never met anyone that he didn't leave a lasting impression on. He was loved by all.

> God Saw You God watched as you suffered And knew you had your share. He gently closed your

weary eyes And took you in His care. God has you in his keeping, We have you in our hearts. Your memory is our keepsake And with that we'll never part. God saw you were getting tired And a cure was not to be, So He put His arms around you And whispered "Come with Me." With tearful eyes we watched You surrender And saw you fade away. Although we loved you dearly, We could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, Hard-working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.

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The Sonora Outlaw Gang would like to thank the following people for helping to make the 1999 American Cancer Society Night Golf Tournament so great: The Sonora Golf Course for donating the course and the glow balls; Gail Smart for everything she did to get us going smoothly; Wayne Webb for cooking the great meal; the Edmondson Family, Houston & Jimmy Powers & T & C Village Market for donating the meat, 4-D Distributing, Rodeo Wild & Cellular One for donating prize; and especially all of the golfers for braving the cold to help fight for a cure! We raised more money than ever in the past tournaments! See ya'll at the Relay and Thanks Again!.

Dr. L. Jay Oliva, President of New York University, is proud to announce that Bonnie Ellis Neel has been named a New York University Honors Scholar.

Ms. Neel was designated a Founders Day Honors Scholar at a special onvocation held on Sunday, April 18, 1999 at the Jerome S. Coles Center, 181 Mercer Street, New York City. Ms. Neel is the granddaughter of Marie Aldwell.

Ms. Neel will be graduating on May 11, 1999.



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# Senior Center News

April 30 - Birthday Party for April Babies! After lunch. May 3 - AAA reports due. Bingo! May 4 - Culture Fair - Jr. High School 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Sign up now! May 5 - Cinco De Mayo! May 6 - Crafts...anyone!

## **Senior Center Menu**

April 30 - Beef & cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, coleslaw, fruit salad

- May 3 Hamburgers, lettuce, onion, tomato, oven french fries, carrot salad, hamburger buns, apple
- May 4 Chicken & rice casserole, broccoli, roll, peach half, chocolate cake
- May 5 Pork chop with gravy, baked potatoes, yellow squash, cornbread, pineapple - waldorf.
- May 6 Roasted chicken, pinto beans, spinach, cornbread, cherry cobbler.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 noon. \$1.75 donation

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#### Breakfast

Mon. - Pancakes, syrup, fruit, juice Tues.-Biscuits, sausage or ham, fruit, juice Wed. - Muffins, juice, fruit Thurs.-French toast, syrup, fruit, juice Fri.-Egg & potato burritos, fruit, juice

#### Milk and cereal offered with all breakfast

### Lunch

Mon.-Sloppy Joe on bun, onions, pickles, ranch style beans, fruit

Tues.-Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, cookies Wed. - Fajitas/flour tortilla, tossed salad, peppers, onions, rice, salsa

Thurs.-Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls, baked apples

Fri.-Hamburger/Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, potato wedges, cake

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Calendar Community May 4 Culture Fair 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. May 2 Middle School Snack Bar Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance Ballet Recital • 3:30 p.m. May 7 Sonora High School Auditorium Women of St. John's Episcopal Church Bake Sale May 3 9:00 a.m. - Noon Sports Banquet 6:00 p.m. May 14 - 15 Sonora High School Commons Area Relay for Life Bronco Stadium is made possible by : The Community Calendar SUTTON COUNTY - NATIONAL BANK THE BANK&TRUST S.S. (15) 387-3881 Member FDIC 207 N Hwy 277 N • 387-2593

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# Hate, Grace, and Yugoslavia

#### by Andi Allen **Guest** Columnist

Imagine your life. Think of our warm, safe home with pantries filled with food. Think of your living room with a TV, big, soft chairs, and a nice plump couch. Think of your bedroom with perhaps another TV, a stereo, a closet full to overflowing with clothes, shoes, etc.

Think of your bed, cozy and comfortable, with thick blankets and pillows to snuggle into at night. Think of your friends, the people you've grown up with, the people with whom you've shared secrets, laughs, and tears. Think of your family, the rock-solid foundation of love who supports and encourages you in all that you do.

Now imagine this. It's 3 a.m. and you're asleep when police barge into your home. They put a gun to your head, and force you to go outside, dressed as you are, where you see hundreds of people just like you being forced out of their homes. Some are sobbing, some are screaming, some are so utterly in shock they can only stare. Some are being blown to bits right before your eyes.

You and the hordes of oth-ers are forced to walk miles to get to a train station where you and 300 strangers are shoved into a single train car.

You go for a long, stifling ride on the train. There is no food, no water, and it's hard to breathe. Babies are crying, and one woman in the corner is actually giving birth. When at last the train

grinds to a halt, you are relieved to get out into the fresh air, only to find that you have no idea where you are. A new wave of panic hits when you hear that you are in a whole different country, and you must build your own shelter. Makeshift tents of twigs and dingy sheets are set up all around. It takes a few moments to realize that this will be your new home.

"But where's my mom, my dad my brother?" you scream. You realized that no one even heard you.

Love for Sonora

In March 4, 1999, Mary Curtis was spotlighted in the Distinct

Westlake Picayune Newspaper.

Mary told of the wonderful time she had during her visit to the 1998

Sutton County Days celebration.

She expressed how proud she was

when the city of Sonora honored

less and defeated, and cry. Imagining such an event takes

your breath away for a moment, then you snap back into reality and realize you are safe and nothing like that could ever happen to you. But believe it or not, that very thing is happening in Yugoslavia. It's called ethnic cleansing.

Thousands of people are forced out of their country or killed because they are not of a certain race. In Yugoslavia, the Serbians are forcing the ethnic Albanians to flee to surrounding countries, including Macedonia and Albania.

One man in Yugoslavia recounts that Serbs doused 60 men with gasoline, then burned them alive. There are rumors that the Serbian army has set up "rape camps" where women of all ages are taken and raped, sometimes in front of their families and friends. The Bosnian warlord Vojislav Seselj's idea of how to treat a Muslim is, "You gouge their eyes out with a spoon." That's the kind of logic of the people who have mil-lions of ethnic Albanians, and three American soldiers, in their mercy.

What about GIs? The Serbs say they're being treated humanely, but the footage of the soldiers that was broadcasted all over the world show three badly beaten and bruised men. The Serbian government is also not supposed to be able to put prisoners of war on trial, which they are threatening to do.

Where does that leave us? Our government is helping NATO bomb Yugoslavia to try to stop Slobodan Milosevic, but so far that hasn't accomplished much. At any rate, bombing and destroying must not be all we do to help the helpless.

"When human lives are involved, indifference is not an answer," Elie Wiesel wrote in Newsweek. "Not to choose is also a choice. Neutrality helps the aggressor, not his victims.'

One way of helping the refugees is to give monetary sup-

Main Street News

You sit down on the ground, help- port. The addresses of relief organizations are listed at the end of this article

have you seen?

ry that got blown up.

hide there.

bombs hit?

the day?

TACT:

hope this will end soon.

and supplies?

If you are a religious person, you could pray for the safety of the refugees and the POWs.

Of course, nobody is obligated to do either of those. But all Americans do have a responsibility to uphold. We must all learn as much as we can about this crisis and think of its tragic consequences. Then we all must vow never to let anything like that happen here in America or to anyone else in the world ever again.

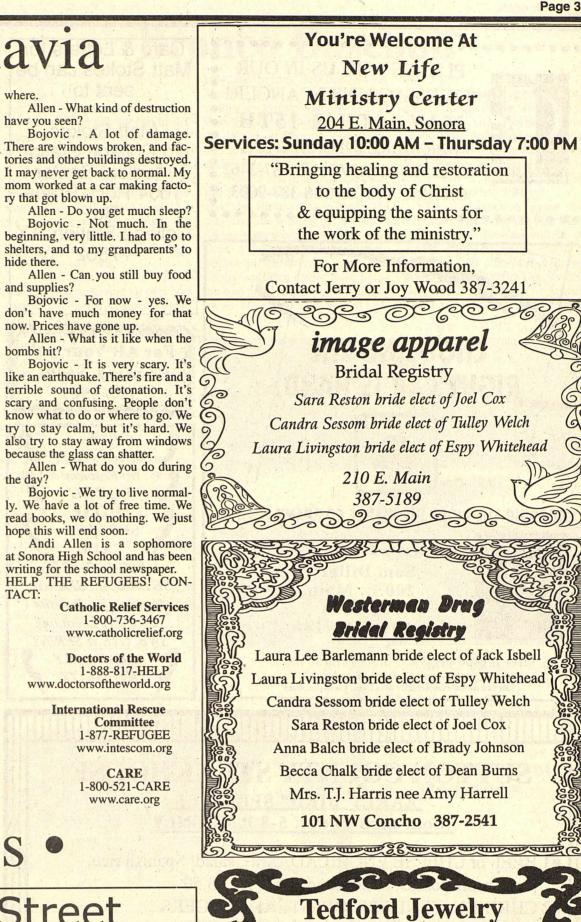
Now think again of your nice, warm house, your soft, cozy bed, and your refrigerator and pantries full of food. Compare it with a makeshift tent, freeze-dried beans, and a hole in the ground for a toilet. Then thank your lucky stars for the fortune of simply being an American!

About a year ago, I began corresponding with Ana Bojovic, a teenager from Serbia in Yugoslavia. We have become fairly close friends over the past few months. In our letters to each other, we'd compare the differences in our lifestyles, and we even exchanged gifts. Little did we know that the U.S. would aid in air strikes on Yugoslavia, and conse-quently change Ana's life forever. I recently got the chance to interview Ana over the phone, and she told me about how her life has been altered since the war in her country began. Following is an actual phone

interview that was held between Andi and Ana: Allen - How has your life

changed in the past few weeks? Bojovic - Well, a lot. We live in

fear. We don't know what's going to happen. My town was attacked four times. I live beside the factory which is the heart of our town, and it's been bombed. This is the fourth week that I haven't been in school, and I don't know when I'll go back. We're not allowed to walk downtown. There are danger signs every-



### Bridal Gift Registry

Anna Balch bride elect of Brady Johnson Becca Chalk bride elect of Dean Burns Sara Reston bride elect of Joel Cox Laura Livingston bride elect of Espy Whitehead

proud to have been a part of her life. Mary was very generous to Sonora last Sutton County Days and donated \$1670.00 to the Incentive Grant Fund to be used for improvements on the Miers' home. The Main Street Program will be placing the Ranch Women of Sutton, Schliecher, Crockett, and

Main Street Welcomes New Members

Sonora Main Street Program would like to welcome four new members on the Sonora Main Street Advisory Board: Roy Jean Johnson from the First National Bank, Ron Plaster - Manager of Alco, Vivian Miears from KHOS Radio Station, and Joy Galbraith from The Bank & Trust of

her with the key to the city. There were twenty years of rewards that she related to the Distinct Picayune and she was constantly sharing the love for her home in Sonora, Texas. Mary shared her photos of riding in the 1998 Sutton County Day Parade, her Old Pecan Street Spring Arts Festival held in 1991; childhood photos in Sonora, and of her and Bob Curtis just after they married in 1946. She is always sharing her time, talents, and love with her friends in Sonora and the art world.

The Main Street Program would like to express to Mary Curtis that we are always happy to hear about her adventures in the art world. The city of Sonora is very

the surrounding counties Exhibit on display in the Miers' home for this summer's tourism. The Main Street Program and the friends of Sonora always love to read about where Mary is sharing her talent and her love of Sonora. She is a great PR person for us in all her travels.

The Main Street Program would like to express our appreciation to Jodie Finklea and her family for sending the newspaper story about Mary Curtis, our great artist from Sonora. This is one of the ways to spread the word on how wonderful and interesting Sonora truly is.

Sonora. The Sonora Main Street Advisory Board Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at the Cauthorn Memorial Building (Old Depot). The Sonora Main Street Board would like to express our appreciation to the members who are going off the Main Street Advisory Board. These members are: Kelly Owen, John Tedford, and Ronnie Cox.

The Sonora Main Street Advisory Members are Roy Jean Johnson, Ron Plaster, Vivian Miears, Joyce Chalk, Joy Galbraith and Fran Pennington.

Chair-person of the Board - Shelly Hughes

Ex Officio Members - Ann Kay - Sonora Main Street Manager, Justin McGeath - Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Kelly Owen - President of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and JoAnn Hernandez - Mayor of Sonora

### Thank You Note

Sonora A Winner

Mary Curtis Sharing Her

The Texas Downtown Association has a publication that is called the Texas Downtowner. In the photo our representative from the Sonora Main Street Program with Matt Young. In the Spring issue there was a photo of the 1998 TA Award Winners. Sonora was one of the winners that was represented in this photo and story in the Texas Downtowner. The Texas Downtowner was sent out over to 125 cities in Texas. The Texas

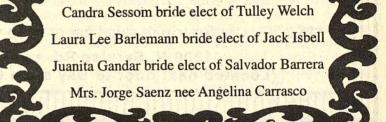
Downtown Association Award was the Bank Vault Park for the Best Public Improvement Project (small city). The Sonora Main Street Program is very proud of the Bank Vault Park and all the people who worked on making this dream become a reality. If you have not taken a moment to stop and enjoy the flowers and the sounds of Spring, go by the Bank Vault Park today in downtown Sonora.

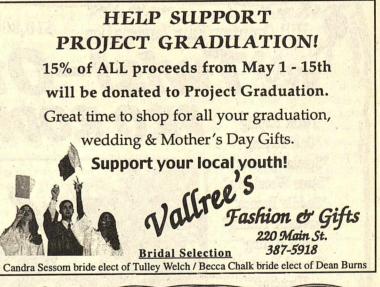
The Sonora Main Street Program would like to express our appreciation to all the families that gave so generously to the creating of the Ranch Women Exhibit of Sutton, Schliecher, Crockett, and the surrounding counties. The families of this exhibit will always be remembered with great appreciation because of the wonderful stories and photos that they have shared with the Sonora Main Street Program. The Miers' Home will be opening soon for all the visitors to tour and enjoy.

The Sonora Main Street Program would like to express our appreciation to these people: Cherry Matchus, Warren

Hemphill's family, John Tedford family, and Jim Kay family for the loan of the saddles, tools, quilts and everything else that we used to display the Ranch Women Exhibit. We would like to express our

appreciation to these people that helped move the Ranch Women Exhibit: the City of Sonora employees, Louis Dreyfus employees, and the employees of First National Bank and The Bank & Trust of Sonora. We would like to express our appreciation to the Devil's River News and KHOS Radio Station for all the help they have given in making this project a great success.







50% OFF

#### Bridal Registry

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### James R. Butler to Show Work at The Bank & Trust

#### Submitted

James "Bob" Butler is a tremendous talent. His paintings have a freshness and spontaneity that reflect his enthusiasm and deep feelings for his native surroundings. His subject is color, denoting himself a colorist.

Considered a master of color by art connoisseurs and collectors, his love for color is a natural consequence of persistent work, spiritualism, and study under masters of color such as Marilyn Bendell, • Manual Cia and Robert Ordunio.

His work is innovative if not ground breaking, using his own theories, methods, and concepts to create total harmony.

His accomplishments are many,

fronting well known magazine covers, winning numerous awards, and showing in prestigious galleries across the southwest from San Antonio, Austin area to Santa Fe, NM to Beverly Hills, CA.

James Butler's work is best summed up noting his major influence, God!

The Bank & Trust will be hosting a public showing and sale by renowned artist, James R. Butler, to begin Monday, May 3, 1999 and run through Friday, May 7, 1999. There will be a Come and Go Reception held in the bank lobby on Monday, May 3, 1999 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. The public is invited to come by and visit with Mr. Butler and view his unique approach to artistry.



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#### Regional Qualifiers Run at Southwest Texas

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The Sonora Bronco Regional Qualifiers competed against class 5-A through class A and competed well. Most of the Broncos either had equal or better time due to strong competition.

Leading the pack was junior Andy Sanchez who bettered his throw by 1/2 inch and placed second with a throw of 53'1/2" in the shot put. His previous bet was at the San Angelo Relays. Placing eighth place in his field events was Sophomore Riley Crain who jumped a 42'1/2" in the triple jump. Freshman Stetson Hall threw a personal best 132'05" in the discus to place thirteenth.

The running events were started off by the 3200 meter runners as Cody Ainsworth ran a 10:53.20 to finish 7th place. Zacharias Rojo who's been hampered by a leg problem managed to place 9th place

On April 21 the Mighty Bronco

Band participated in the Annual

U.I.L. Competition which was held

at Coleman H.S. The judges were:

Mike Lewis-Bastrop ISD, Dennis

Teasdale- Denton ISD, Louis

Thornton- Abilene ISD in concert.

In Sight-Reading the judges were:

Rodney Parker- Lubbock ISD, Dan

Schrieber- San Antonio ISD, and

Judges comments were, "Nice look-

ing group, nice uniforms, nice char-

acteristic band sound, overall a very

nice job, a little precision problems,

most of the sounds are good, good

In Concert-- some of the

Darryl Trent- Frisco ISD

with a time of 11:06.78. The only disappointment in the day came when the 400 Meter Relay Team was disgualified because of a handoff infraction. Zane Smart ran a 2:03.04 to place eighth in the 800 meter run. Jason Moore also running the 800 meter run placed sixteenth with a 2:11.68. In the 110 meter hurdles Riley Crain ran a 15.82 and placed ninth. Shane Mathew also running the hurdles placed seventh with a time of 17.30. Graham Bloodworth ran an 11.60 in the 100 meter to finish eighteenth. Bill Renfro running the 100 meter placed twentieth with a time of 11.65 and Tom Jacoby ran a time of 11.87 to place twenty-third. Riley Crain came in eighth place as he ran a 41.55 in the 300 hurdles. James Elliott ran a personal best in his specialty with a time of 22.35 to finish fifth in the 200 meter. Anthony

fourth in the same event. Curtis Sanders running his best time of the year ran a 4:47.54 to finish ninth in a strong field of 1600 meter runners. The 1600 meter relay team of Bill Renfro, Anthony Renfro, Graham Bloodworth, and James Elliott ran a 3:26.37 to place seventh in their race. That time was a personal best for the group this year.

The Bronco Tracksters competed well against some real stiff competition and were able to run, throw, and jump against the bigger schools. The trackster saw some different competition, different weather conditions, and a regional life atmosphere. The Broncos are now ready to compete against their regional competition in. The Broncos will compete in Abilene starting on Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1. Good luck Broncos.

#### Submitted April 21, 1999

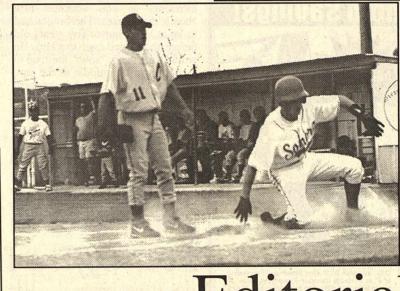
The Bronco baseball team fell short in a comeback attempt in the top of the 7th inning against the district-leading Eldorado Eagles on Tuesday afternoon. After crucial defensive errors by the Broncos combined with timely hitting by the Eagles allowed Eldorado to build a 6-0 lead through 6 innings, the Broncos rallied for four runs in the top of the 7th. All four runs were scored after two outs.

Homer Lozano was the pitcher for the Broncos, giving up only one earned run in his complete game effort. Leading hitters for the Broncos were Tanner Fields, Jason Surber, and Breg Hughes.

The Broncos travel to Ozona Friday for a 5:00 game. A victory against Ozona clinches the 3rd playoff spot for the Broncos. "Although we have to beat Ozona to go to the playoffs, the Eldorado game was not a playoff quality game," said Coach Savell. "We are making too many mistakes at crucial times on defense, too many base running mistakes, and our hitting has really struggled. We are going to have to turn those things around and get consistent if we are to meet our goals."

April 27, 1999

The Bronco baseball team took two big steps towards reaching their post-season goals by defeating the Ozona Lions on Friday by a score of



# **Bronco Baseball**

14-4 and beating Junction 7-4 on Monday in the district finale. The victory on Friday clinched the 3rd Place spot for the Broncos, allowing the Broncos to relax and look at several different players and pitchers against Junction.

For the first time since the baseball program was started five years ago, the Broncos have made the playoffs. The winning pitcher in the Ozona game was David Mayer, who fired a two-hitter. The winning pitcher in the Junction game was Edgar Gonzalez, one of three pitchers who picked up some work in that game. Mayer raised his record to 4-3 on the season, and Gonzalez is

now 3-3.

At the plate, in the Ozona game, Tanner Fields was 3 for 4 with 2 RBIs, and a double and two stolen bases. Jason Surber was 2 for 2 with 2 RBIs and two stolen bases. Breg Hughes was 2 for 3 with a triple and 3 RBIs and Russell Dempsey also had 2 RBIs.

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In the Junction game the Broncos banged out nine hits. Next action for the Broncos will be on Friday, April 30 against Llano at Llano at 7:00 p.m. in a warm up game for the playoffs. The playoffs begin on Friday, May 7, against either Van Horn or Reagan County.

**Above: Homer Lozano** gets ready to pitch the ball.

Left: David Mayer slides into base.

### Shannon Health System Scholarship Accepting Applications

#### Submitted

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Shannon Health System is accepting applications for the Margaret Shannon academic scholarship to be awarded June 1.

The scholarship program was initiated in 1997. Two \$500 scholarships are awarded annually, one for the fall semester and another for the spring semester.

"These scholarships are designed to provide educational

things very well, I can tell you have a lot of skill and talent, keep up the hard work. This is a fine band. I enjoyed hearing you play today, you and your directors did your hometown proud. Congratulations." In Sight-Reading some of the

Renfro ran a 24.28 to finish twenty-

U.I.L. Concert & Sight-Reading Contest

endings. Band, you are doing many

judges comments were, "attentive group, many good players in this band, I enjoyed most of your performance. Again good looking group, very nice in the chorale section of the piece, keep working."

The Band received in Concert a rating of I, II, II- II division. The Band received in Sight-Reading a rating of: II, II, II- II division.

thy, physician assistant or health

for at least nine semester hours,

maintain a 2.5 grade point average

overall and 3.0 in major courses,

and be residents of Shannon's 19-

county service area, which

includes Brown, Coke, Coleman,

Concho, Crockett, Howard, Irion,

McCulloch, Menard, Mitchell,

Nolan, Pecos, Reagan, Runnels,

Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom

Green and Val Verde counties.

Additionally, applicants will be

required to provide a college or

technical school transcript and

write an essay describing their

perceived role in the medical field,

why they chose such training and

vative pioneer family who

believed in helping their neigh-

bors," Vaughan said, "These

scholarships are another way the

Shannon's legacy continues to

assist the citizens of our area in

achieving goals and better lives."

The scholarship winner will be

named December 30. For more

information or an application, call

Shannon Marketing at (915)657-

5064.

Deadline for entry is May 15.

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other pertinent information.

Students need to be enrolled

administration.

In the 98-99 Constitution and Contest Rules Book a II division is defined as (Excellent). An unusual performance in many respects but not worthy of the highest rating due to minor defects in performance.

The directors would like to thank our Band Booster Organization for all of their support throughout the year, all the school board members and all administrators. A special thanks goes out to all the parents, families, and community for their continued support of the Mighty Bronco Band.

"A big congratulations and thanks to all our MIGHTY BRON-CO BAND STUDENTS."

Teacher/Student To Attend The 39th Annual Texas Energy

### Science Symposium

Submitted Sonora High School student, Cindy Jones and Science teacher, Jerrilyn Ward, have been chosen to attend the 39th Annual Texas Energy Science Symposium at the University of Texas in Austin, June

1-4, 1999. The Symposium is sponsored by the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation and the University of Texas. West Texas Utilities Company is one of the sponsoring companies in the Foundation and will pay all expenses for 50 students and teach-



When I started serving on this board three years ago, the environment in this school district was very different than today. TAAS scores were in a downward spiral. We had no direction and we were spending to justly convey the message he most of our time paying lawyers to from day one on the Board. Last year we had a surplus budget of over 300 thousand, our largest surplus in many years. We enacted a rental policy in our school district. There will be no more special favors in regards to housing. We

funding for students pursuing careers in health care. They honor benefactor, Margaret our Shannon, who, with her husband, J. M., were ardent supporters of higher educations and who were committed to providing health care for the citizens of this area," said Jo Vaughan, Shannon Health System marketing director.

To qualify, students will be enrolled in one of the following educational efforts:

\* as juniors or seniors in a college-level allied health science degree, such as a bachelor of science in nursing or pharmacy;

\* in an accredited technical or vocational school leading to certification in an allied health field, such as LVN, medical records, radiography or respiratory therapy;

\* in graduate studies, such as medical doctor, doctor of osteopa-

# Scouting News

#### Submitted

Boy Scout Troop 19 held a Court of Honor on Tuesday, April 20, 1999, to advance some of the scouts in rank and award merit badges to those who had earned these achievements.

Masters of Ceremony were Tom Valliant, Justin Odom, Zed Snodgrass, and Wilson Wallace.

Advancing in rank to Tenderfoot were: Steven Barthelemy, Wesley Carpenter, Cameron Cox, Will Crittendon, Steven Duhon, Frank David Gallegos, Justyn Gray, Ty Love, David Luna, Liano Luna, Brandon Munn, Trent Reiner, Embre Smith, Roland Solis, Tyler Talley, C.J. Turney, and Warren Wallace. Advancing to First Class Rank were David Adkins, and Laramie Hall. Advancing to Star Rank were Norbert Ortiz, Tom Valliant, and Devon Yearout.

Merit badges earned were: David Adkins- Citizenship in the Community; Joseph Ainsworth-Communications, Camping, Personal Management, and Safety; Shane Benson- Communications, Laramie Hall- Citizenship in the

Community, Justin Odom-Citizenship in the Community, Emergency Preparedness, Golf, Metalwork, and Personal fitness; Norbert Ortiz- Communications, and Personal Management, Tom Valliant- Camping; Devon Yearout-Emergency Preparedness, Golf, and Personal Management.

Camp

have a yearly physical.

today.

Congratulations to all of these boys who worked hard to achieve these awards.

During the ceremony, the new troop officers were also announced: Sr. Patrol Leader- Israel Mendoza; Asst. Sr. Patrol Leader- Stevie Hernandez; Troop Historian-Laramie Hall; Librarian- Devon Yearout; Chaplain Aide- Justin Odom, Troop Guide- Wilson Wallace, Quartermaster- David Luna, Scribe- Tom Valliant, Bugler-Zed Snodgrass; Viking Patrol Leader- Joseph Ainsworth, Viking Asst. Patrol Leader- Norbert Ortiz, Diamond Back Patrol Leader- Tyler Talley, Diamond Back Asst. Patrol Leader- Embre Smith, Cobra Patrol Leader- David Luna, Cobra Asst. Patrol Leader- Liano Luna.

Elections for Order of the Arrow were also held at this time.

ers from their service area. Cindy and Ms. Ward will be among 400 outstanding high school Science students and teachers throughout the state attending the session in Austin. Participants will tour some of the finest scientific facilities available and attend lectures and workshops conducted by leading professionals in the scientific field.

According to WTU area business manager, Sharon Tinsley, "the symposium is a chance for WTU to help students and teachers learn more about science and energy out side the classroom."

was trying to get across. The letter read as follows:

In regards to last week's article

on the SISD Board meeting, board

member Tom Clifton has requested

that the letter he read at that meet-

ing be printed in its entirety, so as

"I love every child in this school district. That has been my motivation these last three years. I leave my seat on this board knowing that I helped the children of this school district these last three years.

First, I must say that I appreciate our board members. You are all very special. I have enjoyed working with you. It has been very special.

I leave with mixed feelings. I enjoy helping kids and I feel like I can better help kids being off this board. Heck, I lost what I thought was my best friend while I was on the board. Heck, I lost by barber who had cut my hair for over 10 years. I now understand why business people are not on the Board. But, the bottom line is I don't care about those people. I care about the kids and I have helped kids these last three years.

correct past mistakes of our administration. Then, in the middle of the battle, our leader walked out. It was an intelligent decision by him, but left a void in our school district.

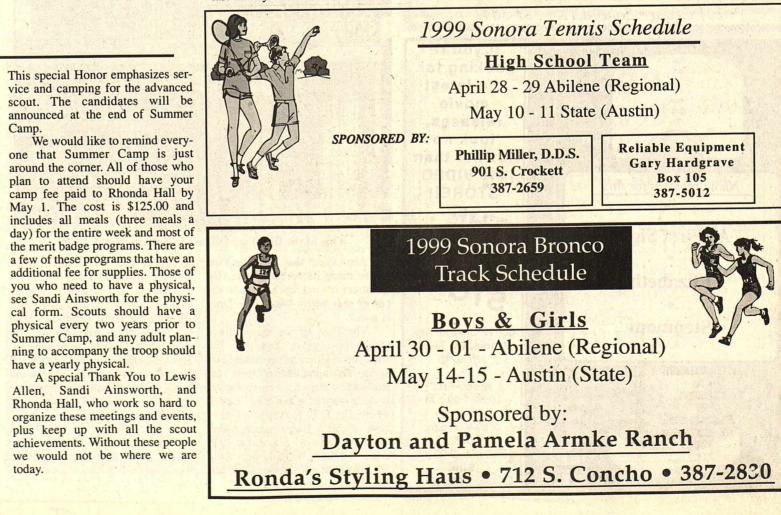
We began the long road back. Our district was not destroyed in a day. We had been in a downward spiral for about five years. We had no policies and no direction. We knew it would take time.

We established a five year plan for our district (something that had not been done in this district in many years). We updated our policy book (something that had not been done in over 20 years). We made positive changes in our athletic department with a discipline policy unmatched in our area, and it shows. We put in an administrative team that has pointed us in the right direction. TAAS scores are going up. Parent-teacher organizations have been established at all campuses - something that I argued for now have guidelines. We have changed our teacher pay structure. We are now more competitive.

I could go on but it is obvious we are headed in the right direction. I am proud of that.

I would also like to comment about our teachers. Before coming on the Board, I was more critical than supportive of our teachers. Folks, we have the best teachers in the world. They are underpaid and definitely under appreciated. I love our teachers, all of them.

I close by thanking my supporters. I would also like to thank those of you that were critical of me. You made me a better board member. I will continue to do what I have done while on the Board. I will encourage and support every child in this school district. Because - I love them. Thanks.'

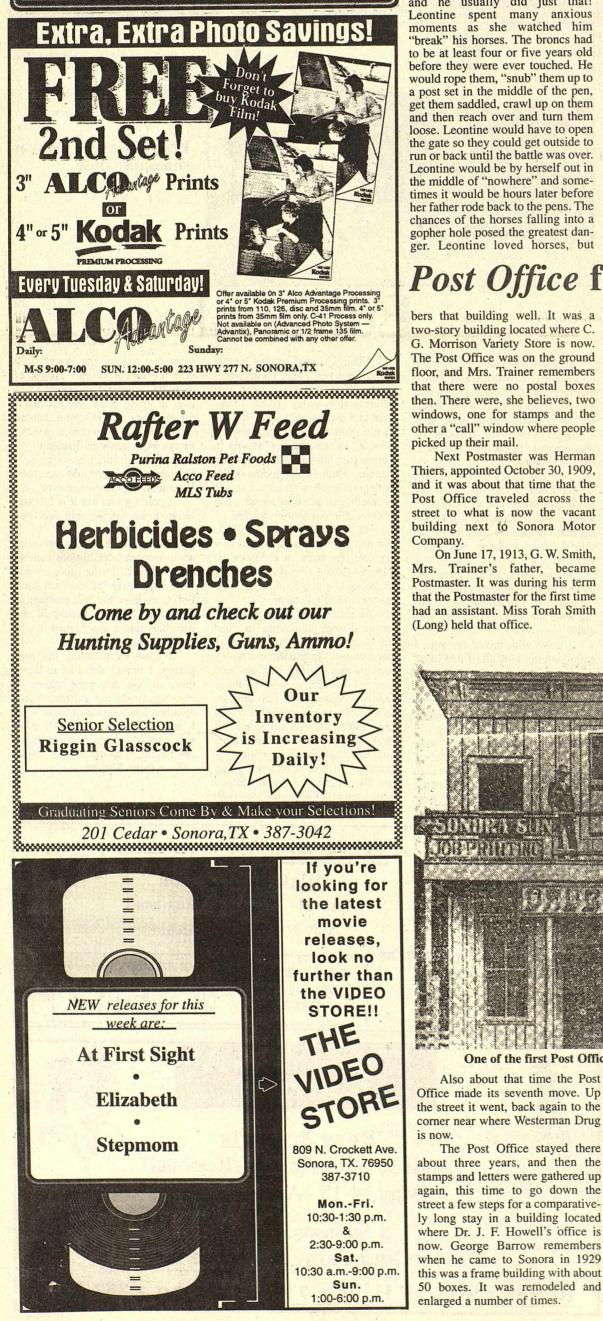


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# **Ranch Women**

### **Mary Leontine Watson Espy**

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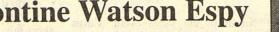
Mary Leontine Watson Espy was born on November 13, 1916. Her parents were John Tully and Medora Fowler Watson of Van Horn, who had come as children with their families from Tennessee and Missouri, respectively to Wise County, Texas, where they were married in 1896. They moved West to Culberson County where they homesteaded and bought land, and lived there until their deaths. Leontine's early years in Van Horn were divided into regimented school months in town and the exciting and sometimes scary summertime spent on the ranch as her father's constant companion. Her father ran a cattle herd that roamed from high on the mountains to down in the gramma grass flats. When checking on the cows they usually had to spend several days camping out at night as it took much too long to ride back to the headquarters each evening. Leontine never forgot how thirsty she would get, "cottonmouthed" she called it. She remem-bered the ground getting so dry that it, cracked wide open into a deep ditch that was wide enough for a cow to fall into it, and it ran on for miles. She helped her father work his mules and wagon as he repaired his windmills and polled the pipe. Mr. Watson believed that he could do all the ranch tasks by himself, and he usually did just that! Leontine spent many anxious moments as she watched him "break" his horses. The broncs had to be at least four or five years old before they were ever touched. He would rope them, "snub" them up to a post set in the middle of the pen, get them saddled, crawl up on them and then reach over and turn them loose. Leontine would have to open the gate so they could get outside to run or back until the battle was over. Leontine would be by herself out in the middle of "nowhere" and sometimes it would be hours later before her father rode back to the pens. The chances of the horses falling into a gopher hole posed the greatest danger. Leontine loved horses, but

## Post Office from page 1

bers that building well. It was a two-story building located where C. G. Morrison Variety Store is now. The Post Office was on the ground floor, and Mrs. Trainer remembers that there were no postal boxes then. There were, she believes, two windows, one for stamps and the other a "call" window where people picked up their mail. Next Postmaster was Herman Thiers, appointed October 30, 1909, and it was about that time that the Post Office traveled across the street to what is now the vacant building next to Sonora Motor On June 17, 1913, G. W. Smith, Mrs. Trainer's father, became Postmaster. It was during his term that the Postmaster for the first time had an assistant. Miss Torah Smith (Long) held that office.

Sonora's first woman Postmaster, Mrs. T. C. Murray, was appointed November 21, 1918. She served until her death, and her husband became Postmaster April 5, 1927.

During this period employees in the Post Office included Mrs. Trainer and Mrs. Finis Hamby. George Barrow served as



never really enjoyed watching the men riding the broncs in later years. When Leontine was fourteen, she and her mother moved to Abilene so that she could attend McMurry College. Finishing college at age eighteen, she taught school until her marriage to Howard

Espy two years later. Familiar with ranch life in cow country, she had much to learn about sheep and goats- not to mention cooking and other household skills. She gave much credit to a patient husband very accomplished in "bachelor" housekeeping. Howard and Leontine had the perfect marriage for just twenty short years until his untimely death in 1958, at age fiftyfour. Leontine continued to operate the ranches in Sutton and Culberson Counties for many years. Howard and Leontine had two

daughters: Tom Elaine and husband, Walter Linn "Bud" Whitehead, of Sonora and Mary John and husband W. L. "Bill" Phinizy, of Gail. They were blessed with five grandchildren, Espy Whitehead of Sonora, Lea Whitehead Baze and husband, Arlis of Midland, Kelly Whitehead Waight and husband, Rob of Fredericksburg, William Espy Phinizy and wife, Michelle, of Dalhart and Mary Kate Phinizy of Agua Prieta, MX.

In addition to her active interest in ranching and conservation, Leontine generously gave her time and wise guidance to community and school activities, always being supportive of many enriching and worthwhile programs. She was a member of the St. John's Women Auxiliary while in Sonora. After she moved to San Angelo, she was active in the Planned Parenthood Program and served on the Board of Directors of the Harvard House Condominium Association for many years.

Her entire life was always deeply influenced by her love and deep appreciation of her ranching heritage. This legacy has been passed on through her family. Leontine Espy died October 8, 1995, in San Angelo at the age of 78.

> operated out of the Fire Department. He received his ECA certification in 1982; E.M.T.- Basic in 1984; E.M.T.- Intermediate in, 1997; and most recently, E.M.T.-Paramedic in 1998.

> Tim Thorp's energy and industry do not stop with the Fire Department and E.M.S. He is the General Manager of Thorp's Laun-Dry, a family owned laundry business started by Thomas B. Thorp after World War II, that has been in business for more than 50 years. He is President of Thorp Ranch, Inc., a ranching and hunting operation, and is active in St. John's Episcopal Church of Sonora. Tim also serves as a Director of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Tim Thorp has been married for 23 years to his wife, Leslie. They have two children of whom they are very proud- a son, T.J., age 21, who is an E.M.T.- Paramedic for Washington County E.M.S., and a daughter, Joni, age 19, who is a student at Angelo State University, majoring in Biology.

Department as much now as he did then. If anyone ever has a question, Tim is the one to ask. If fire trucks or the rescue unit are needed, Tim is there. He is willing to drop everything to come to the aid of his community. Tim leads by example, and has been the source of many innovative ideas that have furthered the professionalism and performance of the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department.

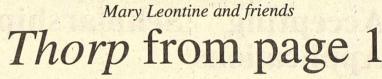
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Leontine Espy





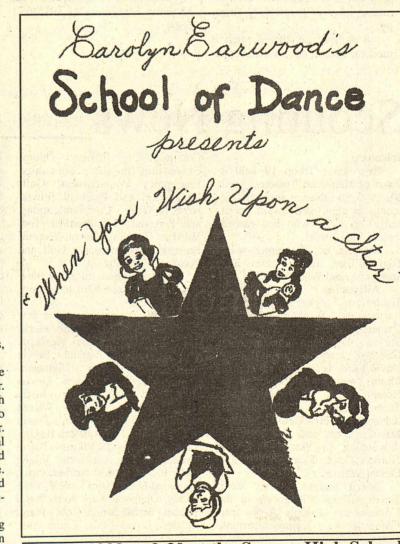
Postmaster from 1942 to 1944, when Dewitt Lancaster was appointed. James D. Trainer, the current Postmaster, took the office in April, 1946.

Up the street came the Post Office in 1950, and Sonorans began picking up their mail in the building where Sonora Gas Company is now.

Then in December, 1959, it made its tenth move, settling in the new red brick building on the

> Tim has had a long, distin-guished career in the Fire Department, constantly striving to upgrade his abilities and knowledge. It began 26 years ago, and he participates in and works with the

volunteerism with the Fire Department, often under-staffed, fighting long, hard grass fires and large, dangerous oilfield fires, together with his activism and leadership in other community organizations, make Tim Thorp an ideal person to be named State Firefighter of the Year. He reaches out every day with his heart and his hand to help others, often at his own expense, and never out of thought for personal gain. No task is too big or too small if it benefits even one person. Tim is ready to help with whatever is needed, be it with ideas, time, funds or physical labor. He exemplifies the ideal of the Fireman devoted to his community and his fellow man, which is surely what Fireman of the Year is all about.



May 2, 1999 at 3:30 at the Sonora High School

One of the first Post Office's in Sonora - early 1890s Also about that time the Post corner of Oak and Water streets, where it is located now.

the street it went, back again to the corner near where Westerman Drug The Post Office stayed there

about three years, and then the stamps and letters were gathered up again, this time to go down the street a few steps for a comparatively long stay in a building located where Dr. J. F. Howell's office is now. George Barrow remembers when he came to Sonora in 1929 this was a frame building with about 50 boxes. It was remodeled and enlarged a number of times.

James D. Trainer, Reggie Trainer and Alfred Schwienning Jr.

all made the latest two moves with the Post Office, having started to work when it was located where Dr. Howell's office is now. Other postal employees now are Horace Hill and Larry Behrens, summer employee. Bo Trainer is mail contractor and Dick Hamrick is cleaning contractor

The Post Office is now getting settled in its new home on Main Street.

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# The Fight In Kosovo - Not in America's Interest - Part II



their homes within the past month at gunpoint. One young lady told me they were living a normal life in Pristina before the Serbs forced them out. She told me her father was a police officer. Another family said their father worked as an electrician before they were kicked out.

I toured this area for a briefing on our operations related to Kosovo. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, it is part of my job to make decisions about funding our military.

America's humanitarian effort in the Balkans is called Operation Shining Hope. We are part of a multination effort providing food and shelter for ethnic Albanian refugees. As I toured the camp I thought of the contrast to what was happening back home at the same moment. While hundreds of people stood in line here for bread and fruit, back in the U.S. people stood in line to buy CDs and new clothes at the malls. It reminded me of how lucky I am to be an American, to live in a country where we have reached heights that not too long ago seemed unattainable. I am so proud to be a United States Representative, elected by Americans to look after their best interests.

That is the philosophy that guides me in Congress. While I support doing our share to support a humanitarian relief effort, I do not support our military involvement in Kosovo. That is a flawed policy that could threaten our national security and our way of life. Our military is already under-

manned and thin. stretched Introducing ground troops in Kosovo would expose our troops in other parts of the world to attack. For example, rogue leaders in Iraq and North Korea are looking for opportune moments to strike. Those leaders would recognize the weakness of the leadership in the White House in making a decision to escalate our efforts in Kosovo.

Those rogue leaders also know the administration has been negligent in funding our military in recent years. Spare parts are short. Many troops are demoralized because they are constantly deployed on vague peacekeeping missions. We are short of recruits in the Army. And we are around 1,000 pilots short in the Air Force.

Weak leadership in countries around the world has led to their demise. Weak leadership in other countries has never even allowed them to develop. As long as I am a member of Congress, I will always keep American interests first. Our nation has come too far to allow its foundation to whittle away because of weak leadership.

There are human tragedies all over the world. Societies in Algeria, the Rwanda and Indonesia have seen thousands of people oppressed or slaughtered. The fall of Kosovo is a tragedy. But we must watch our backs as we deal with this situation. Let us never forget how America got to this point in history. Let us never forget how one day we could lose it all if we don't pay attention to those forces who would threaten our existence.

Let's offer our hand to the refugees but remember, neither fighting faction in Kosovo wants us in their country. This situation is not a threat to our national security. Our military should get out of the fight now before it's too late for our country.

Spanish Goats: Nannies 35.00-

Angora Goats: 55-65 lb nannies

Spanish Goats: Choice and Prime:

Nannies: 75-140 lb fat nannies

Muttons and Billies: 75-145 lb mut-

Angora Goats: 65-80 lb fat nannies

15-35 lb kids 78.00-90.00; 35-65 lbs

85.00-100.00, Good 15-35 lbs 70.00-

50.00-65.00, thin nannies 38.00-48.00.

tons 62.00-75.00; 85-195 lb billies

40.00-49.50; 35-50 lb kids 65.00-79.00;

thin nannies and muttons 35.00-41.00

CWT. Source: Texas Dept of Ag Market

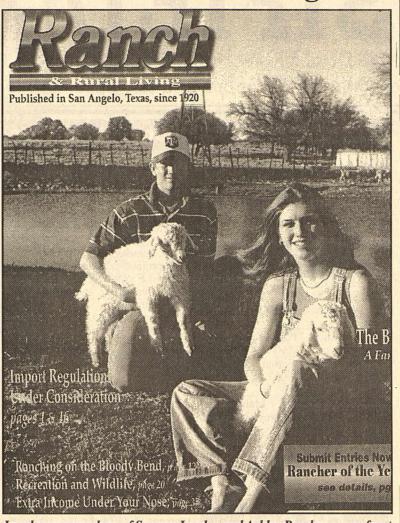
77.00, Good 35-65 lbs 70.00-84.00.

47.00, nannies and kids 25.00-31.50 per

head; half Boer kids 40-50 lbs 104.00-

**Local Ranch Family Featured in Ranch Magazine** 

AGRIBUSINESS



Local young ranchers of Sonora, Landon and Ashley Brockman, are front and center of the April issue of Nationaly distributed "Ranch" magazine. Inside the Brockman family discuss their heritage in the ranching industry.

#### Junction Livestock Auction

35.00-43.00 CWT.

110.00 CWT.

46.00-49.00 CWT.

**Slaughter Goats:** 

61.00-72.00 CWT.

**Stock and Feeder Goats:** 

#### 4/26/99

Compared to last week: Feeder lambs mostly steady. Slaughter ewes and bucks steady. Stocker Spanish nannies steady. Slaughter Spanish muttons and billies mostly steady. All other classes slaughter Spanish 2.00-3.00 higher. Stocker Angora nannies 3.00 All classes slaughter Angora lower. 2.00-3.00 higher. Supply included around 10 percent sheep including near 225 lambs

#### Stock and Feeder Sheep:

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1: 60-90 lb springers 79.00-91.00; 60-100 lb old crop 60.00-79.00 CWT.

Stock Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2: Few yearling ewes 59.00 per head. Barbadoes: Bucks 50.00-150.00

per head. **Slaughter Sheep:** 

Slaughter Ewes: Utility 2-3 40.00-43.00; Good 2-3 50.00-53.00; Bucks News-USDA

**Producers Livestock** 

### Ranchers Advised to Protect Warm-**Season Grasses from Overgrazing**

Recent rainfall brought a flush of green spring growth to pastures and rangeland across the Texas Rolling Plains. Even so, cattle ranchers should practice guarded spring grazing to preserve their warm-season forages, said a Texas Agricultural Extension Service range scientist.

"We've received some beneficial rains lately, but in most cases our pastures still are short of moisture," said Dr. J. F. Cadenhead, Extension range and brush control specialist here. "The rains caused a of spring weeds to contend with, flush of green growth, but don't let especially in the eastern Rolling that fool you when it comes time to stock your pastures. Most of that green growth is from cool season grasses and broadleafed plants. "Warm-season grasses such as

rains helped replenish soil and stock tank moisture, but if we get a repeat of last year s weather, we may need to defer grazing again this year, too." Moving cattle onto improved grass pastures that have recently been fertilized is one option for ranchers who need to defer grazing from moisture-short native pastures

this year, the specialist noted. Bumper weed growth following spring rains is another factor to consider, he said.

'We could have a bumper crop Cadenhead said. Plains," "Remember that eight or more broomweed per square yard is

enough to justify weed control treat-

sary, try to get it done in April when

weeds are small and when lower,

are feasible and effective. The next

best window for weed treatments

occurs in June, but at a higher appli-

shouldn't be used if preserving

wildlife is part of a rancher's man-

promotes weed growth as well as

forage growth, but those weeds do

provide food for quail and other

wildlife," he said. "I wouldn't prac-

tice fence-to-fence weed control if a

pasture or piece of land is leased for

Pasture-wide weed treatments

"Spring and summer rainfall

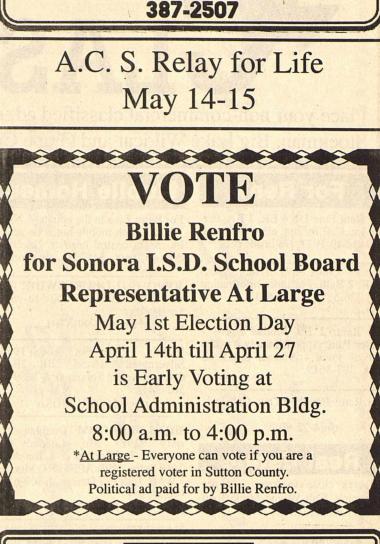
less-expensive application rates

"If a weed treatment is neces-

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cation cost.'

agement strategy.



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### **Vote Tom Payton** for School Board. I am seeking the At Large position on the S.I.S.D. Board of Trustees. I would appreciate your vote. Political ad paid for by Tom Payton.

**Precinct 2 Voters: Vote Joe Casillas** May 1, 1999

#### Auction Co.

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers weak. Slaughter cows weak to 1.00 lower, slaughter Soulls steady. Stock cows and pairs firm to slightly higher. Trading and demand moderate. Quality plain. Supply included 55 percent calves, 25 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 15 percent stock cows and pairs, 5 percent yearlings.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 118.00-122.00; 300-400 lb 99.00-104.00; 400-500 lb 89.00-95.00; 500-600 lb 79.00-84.00; 600-700 lb 73.00-76.00; 700-800 lb 69.00-72.00.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 90.00-109.00; 300-400 lb 84.00-98.00; 400-500 lb 77.00-88.00; 500-600 lb 69.00-79.00; 600-700 lb 60.00-

73.00; 700-900 lb 57.50-68.50. Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 90.00-94.00; 300-400 lb 80.00-88.00, set 95.00; 400-500 lb 76.00-81.00; 500-600 lb 70.00-79.00, set 81.00; 600-700 lb 69.50-75.00; Market News

700-800 lb 63.00-67.25. Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 80.00-90.00; 300-400 lb 70.00-80.00; 400-500 lb 66.00-76.00; 500-700 lb 59.00-70.00; 700-800 lb 58.00-

63.00. Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1400-2200 lb 45.00-48.50; low-dressing 1100-1600 lb 38.00-45.00. **Pregnancy Tested Stock Cows and** Heifers: All sold by the head.

Medium and Large 1-2 500.00-590.00. Medium 1-2 380.00-500.00. Cow/ Calf Pairs: All sold by the pair:

Medium and Large 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 620.00-720.00. Medium 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 500.00-620.00.

**Stocker and Feeder Cows:** Medium and Large 1-2 (young) 800-1075 lb 50.00-55.50 cwt; (young and middle age) 800-1175 lb 40.00-50.00 cwt; (middle age) 775-1100 lb 33.50-38.00 cwt. Source: USDA-Texas Dept of Ag

**Rig Locations** 

as of April 23, 1999

**Crockett County** 

New Union Oil/Midland; 11,350', Jess Marley #3, Patterson Drilling.

J. Cleo Thompson; 9,500', University 31-31N #3, Patterson Drilling.

Schleicher County

Sutton County

Val Verde County

**Terrell County** 

Mobil E&P Midland; 15,000', Goode Estate C-Unit #8H, Tmbr/Sharp

New Phillips Pet/Odessa; 10,350', Cauthorn B-#7, Patterson Drilling.

New Texaco E&P; 8,100', CE Davidson JR C-#5, Cleere Drilling.

New Louis Dreyfus; 8,400', Mayer 47-#5, Patterson Drilling.

New Louis Dreyfus; 6,000', Fields 20-#8, Patterson Drilling.

TXP, Inc; 6,600', Whitten 31-#1, Cleere Drilling.

sideoats grama, blue grama, buffalograss, windmill grass and the bluestems aren't yet greening up. They were hammered pretty hard by last year's drought."

Cadenhead advised producers to assess the condition of their pastures -- especially the warm-season forages -- before turning cattle out to graze or before buying more cattle.

"Keep tabs on how the warmseason forages are growing as it continues to warm up. They may start up normally, but they still may not be fully recovered from last year's drought," he said. "Use lighter stocking rates on stressed pastures this year -- give the grass some more recovery time.

"Don't take on more cattle than hunting." your pastures can support. Recent

### **Three-In-One Activity Planned By Extension Office/Water District**

#### Submitted

In support of activities of Water Week May 3-7 the Extension office calls your attention to three activities happening on Wednesday, May 5, 1999 at the new 4-H Civic Center. The Sutton County Predator Management Association will hold its annual meeting and election of officers and directors beginning at 10:00 a.m.

As an item of interest for this meeting at 11:00 a.m. Mrs. Cindy Cawley manager of the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District will present a program which should be of interest to all area landowners and users of water for irrigation or other purpos-

The program will be an update of requirements brought about by Senate Bill 1 with respect to requirements for Regional Water Planning

Following a lunch break the Sutton County Extension Program Council will meet to discuss the water planning and other activities of interest dealing with agriculture and natural resources in Sutton County.

All persons are invited to come and hear the presentation by Mrs. Cawley which is co-sponsored by the Extension Service and the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District.

#### **Extended Forecast** 4/28 - 5/2

Wednesday - Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms late. High around 90. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent. Wednesday Night - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunder torms. Low in the mid 60s. Thursday - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thun derstorms. High 75 to 80.

Friday and Saturday - Cloudy, a chance of showers and thunderstorms

Lows in the 50s. Highs in the upper 60s to lower 70s. Sunday - Partly cloudy. Lows in the 50s. Highs near 80.

### Sonora Middle School Gym

I would appreciate your vote in the Sonora School Board Elections on May 1, 1999. We have a big challenge in front of us in providing our children with the best education possible. It takes the involvement of our educators, parents, and the community to accomplish this. We have made a lot

of progress in preparing Sonora ISD for the new Millennium and there is still work to be done. I firmly believe that my support on the following issues will help us achieve our goal of providing academic excellence for our students.

• Management of budget issues · Faculty training that brings value to our school district • Placing our children's education first Early Voting April 14 - 27th at the Administration Building 807 South Concho, Sonora, Texas. Political ad paid for by Joe Casillas

## Saturday May 1, 1999 CAST YOUR VOTE

FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF SUTTON COUNTY

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### **For Rent**

For Rent June 1st: 6 BR, 2 BA, corner lot. Call for apt. after 5:00 p.m. at 940-549-1937. No inside pets!

Sonora Court Apts. (Hunt Apts.) 2BR, 2 Bath. For more information call 226-5577 or 650-6413.

For Rent: 2 BR Mobile Home -Water Paid. Approximately 4 miles out of town - Sonora Industrial Park. 387-3619.

For Rent: 106 West Oak. Call 387-2629

tfn(4-22-99)b

### Real Estate

acres close to town - owner financing. Call Wayne Munn Real Estate. 387-2171.

For Sale: 20.8 acres overlooking golf course. Electricity, 2 good water wells, good road and beautiful view! Call 915-387-2480.

Property for Sale - Eldorado City Lot - adjacent to .42 acres set up for mobile home, shed, partially fenced, fruit trees & shade trees. \$8,000.00 for both. 387-6066

Sonora Stock Pens - 8.4 acres includes 2 sets of scales & office. \$205,000.00 Call for Details Scott Jacoby - Main Street Realty, 215 E. Main, 915-387-6115 or 1-888-613-3496

For Rent: Live in the country - Nice 3 BR, 2 Bath mobile home on nearby ranch, central heat/air. No children or pets. \$450.00 per month.

REPO 1997 DOUBLEWIDE like new CHEAP. Call 1-800-618-9629 for details tfn(4-15-99)b RH

Mobile Home For Sale. 1995 Silvercreek - 16x56, 2BR, 2BA, CA, Located in Sonora. 650-2089 or 387-3441.

tfn(9-24-98)b HUSA

BIG 4 BEDROOM Doublewide only \*295\* Mo. Loaded not stripped. Del/Set Up & 4 Ton A/C. 10% D.P. - 7.5% APR - 360 Months - WAC. Call For Details. 1-800-618-9629.

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**Bob Caruthers** R **Real Estate** REALTOR 309 Del Rio - 2 Bdr. 2 Bath, Large Lot. Owner Carry. Bloodworth Rd. - 3 Bdr. 2 Bath. 2.75 Acres Striegler Addition - Small Tracts - 5 miles from Sonora Small Hunting Acreage - Remote 118 Acres. Val Verde County BROKER

### **Office Space**

For Rent: Executive Office Suite. 222 E. Main - Historic Mercantile Building - Suite 101. For more information call 387-2504 or 396-2276.

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#### **Commercial Property**

225 E. Main - Building approx. 1958 sq. ft. with large adjacent lot. Currently leased. \$45,000.

109 N. Water - Post Office Bldg. with approx. 3560 sq. ft. of Building Space, Corner lot, abun-dant parking. \$80,000

Mercantile Building - Main Street Sonora. Historically restored with 448 sq. ft. of office space. \$250,000.

> Call Main Street Realty Anita Balch Hudson, Broker 915-387-6115.

### **For Sale**

Videotapes Available of Spring Events in Sonora. Ballet Recital May 2; High School Athletic Awards Banquet, Academic Awards, National Honor Society Induction, Baccalaureate, Graduation. 387-2227 - Kathy Hardgrave.

For Sale: 1996 Suburban (61,000) miles), trailer package, rear air conditioner, luggage rack, very clean. Call 387-3048 after 7:00 p.m. 2(4-22-99)b

### Miscellaneous

Wanted: If anyone who has a "Trumpet Vine" will dig up two or three pieces with roots, put in water and bring to my house, I will be happy to pay for them. Nadine Porter

1304 S. E. Crockett Sonora, TX 2(4-22-99)b

St. Jude's Novena - May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever Sacred

### **Request for Bids**

The City of Sonora will receive bids for Water & Sewer Line Improvements until 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 18, 1999, at City Hall, Sonora, Texas. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the City Council meeting at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 18, 1999. The project includes approximately

2,340 LF of sewer line and 1, 200 LF of water line and all necessary appurtenances. Bid/Contract Documents, including Technical Drawings and Specifications may be examined at

Sonora City Hall or at the following location:

HIBBS AND TODD, INC. 2500 S. Willis Ste. 202

Abilene, Texas 79605 Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained from HIBBS AND TODD, INC., P.O. Box 5052, Abilene, Texas, 79608, (915/698-4330) upon payment of \$50.00 (non-refundable) for each set.

A Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, issued by an acceptable surety, shall be sub-mitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Sonora, or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value), may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

This project is financed with City funds. The successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The City of Sonora will consider all bids on a line-item basis and reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Sonora for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the bid opening for the pur-pose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifica-tions prior to the contract award. 2(4-29-99)b

Sutton County Extension is requesting for sealed bids on a 1999 3/4 Ton Extended Cab Pickup. Formal bid opening will be a the Sutton

# Eldorado

For Sale: E-Z-Go Golf Cart. Excellent Condition. First \$1,000 gets it. Call 853-2330 or 853-1660.

Want to Buy ANVIL - Any size. Mort Mertz. Call 650-5366.

1996 Buick Century Custom V-6; 4DR, Excellent Condition. 43,000 Miles, A/C, Automatic, Power Seats, Etc., \$11,395. W. Bunton. 853-3375.

Custom Hay Bailing - Large & Small Patches around Eldorado and Sonora. Call Martin Valis 949-6541 (Day) - 853-2199 (Night).

For Sale: Pop up Camper, Good Condition, Sleeps 6. Call Rita at 853-3505

Company

**For Rent** 

### Ozona

For Sale: E-Z-GO 4 wheel golf cart with all-weather enclosure, new batteries, light blue color, excellent condition. Also golf trailer 2 wheel drop end - gate ramp for easy loading. \$3,000.00. 392-3059. Pete Jacoby.

Rambouillet Ewes: 2 to 4 ready to breed. Call 656-7944 or 658-6878.

Front Yard Sale - May 1, 157 Santa Rosa, 9 a.m. until ? No sales before 9. Girls', toddlers', babies', women's, boys', and men's clothes. Large roll away bed, candy machine, dishes, twin bed with bed underneath and a lot more.

For Rent





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	\$100 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP TO BE PAID: BILL:MONTHLYQUARTERLYSEMIANNU ANNUALLYBANK DRAFT MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SONORA CHAMBER OF O MAIL TO: SONORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, P.O. B SONORA, TEXAS 76950 MEMBERSHIP BEGINS AS OF DATE OF APPLICATION WILL BE BILLED ACCORDINGLY.	COMMERCE BOX 1172,

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HOLLYWOOD An Evening With

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1999 Sonora Chamber of

The Stars

Commerce Banquet

April 22, 1999

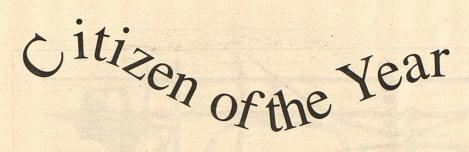
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Lifetime Achievement.



One of the most coveted awards in the entertainment industry is the Lifetime Achievement Award. This award, based on contributions to the industry is reserved for the very special. The Sonora/Sutton County Academy of Community Performing Services elected a real "star" for special recognition. This is not his first award in fact, the certificate of appreciation and service plaques could cover a wall. Thus the Academy considered the

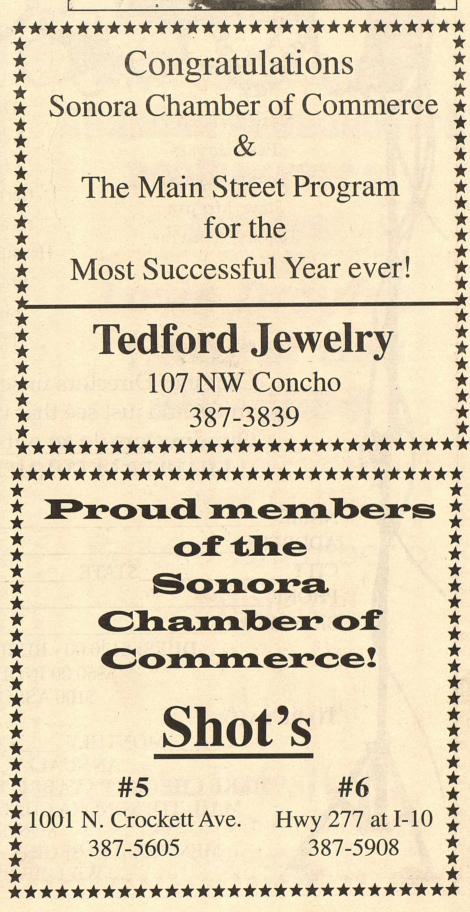
Born in Sealy, Texas and some childhood years in Frio County turned his attention to agriculture. He tried Alpine- way out yonder and Alice- way down yonder before choosing to hand his star on the dressing room called Sonora. This was 1974. Some experience in Sunday School teaching and Methodist youth work in Alpine honed his service skills along with girl scout work, working to develop a City Park and presiding in the elementary school P.T.A. All these activities worked for the benefit of Sonora, Texas. When our "star" came to Sonora, he immediately fell into service planning and helping labor in our local park. Became a sponsor for Soil Conservation Essay Contest. Original "Cast Member" of the Sonora Christmas in April. Pushed tourism with participation in the Wild Bunch. Chairman of local Lions Queen Contest. School extra-activities driver for bank, U.I.L., athletics, church activities, Booster clubs and he still finds time to advise citizens on range problems, water problems, and he is pretty good conversationalist over a cup of coffee, if you can catch him still long enough. Birthdays come every year- even to a "star" so this one retired recently from the Natural Resources Conservation Service. He leaves behind a special accomplishmentthe annual sixth grade ranch field tour that he helped establish. He can't stay still- he is now associated with the Underground Water District- still a Sonora serving citizen. Virgil Polocek is the choice of the Academy tonight to receive an Oscar for his performance in Sonora and he's not through yet. A repeat performance if you will, but when you're outstanding in your service, the people want to recognize your achievement. A Lifetime Achievement award and an Oscar to Virgil Polocek as Citizen of the Year for 1999

Thank You! We extend our gratitude to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for all the time and effort they put into benefiting our community.



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Thank you Sonora Chamber of Commerce for all the hard work you do in supporting our community and local businesses!

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CBS, NBC, ABC had been notified I'm certain they would have been here to televise the celebrities and the "stars". The spotlight on Sonora focuses right here tonight. On a "star" and an Organization.

you think about it, in the movie industry, a production seldom gets only one Oscar for maybe best actor or best score or best direction. It's difficult to separate the Best from the Best so we've had difficulty sepa-rating the "star" from the Organization of

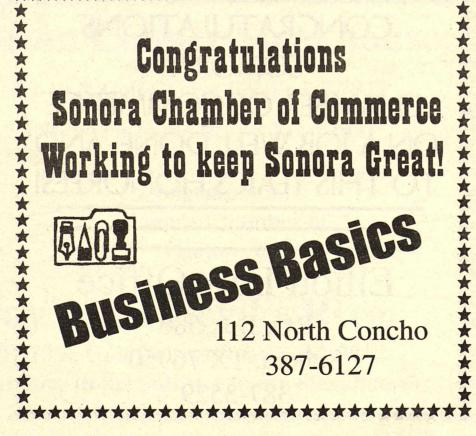
The spotlight on Sonora shines on the "star". The "star" is a native Texan- started really shining as Valedictorian of his high school class in Lorenzo, Texas. A B.S. in Agricultural Economics from Texas Tech polished him up and our star shined even righter as husband and father. Family ties drew him from the extension service in Uvalde to Sonora to work on the Halbert Ranch. Management positions in the Wool and Mohair industry won our star acco-lades as an expert in the industry.

A natural progression led to various esponsible positions in the Texas Sheep nd Goat Raisers Association and being a

delegate to the American Sheep Industry. Past chairman of the Methodist Administrative Board, Past President of Lions Club and this Chamber of Commerce. A member of the Soil and Water Conservation Board. Instrumental in the negotiation leading to the local Depot development. This guy we're talking about- this Glen Fisher is a "star" talent extends over to "Direction" of a cast and there is the "Rest of the Story" on the Spotlight on Sonora! We're in this beautiful building

honor many citizens but no one "star" out shined Glen in the fruition of this dream facility. His motto was "We'll get it done." He was the chief tour guide and an advocate for the citizens of Sonora in discussing the financing of this facility. This is truly a Sonora/Sutton County achievement. According to Henry Bonilla and Bob Turner, we're the only community in their districts that took on a project of this magnitude with out their hand out for governmental help. Glen Fisher was the guiding

The spotlight on Sonora Award- an Oscar ement- belongs to him for Achiev



serving local needs.



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# **Outstanding Chamber Member**

Three things necessary for successlocation, location and location! In the context of our theme this Chamber member wins Honorable Mention for location- Right here in Sonora. Established in 1929 to provide a vital service to the area ranchers in acquiring supplies and marketing the world's wool and mohair. Local folks

Only three men have held the Presidency of Sonora Wool and Mayfield served from 1929 to 1959. That name is still a part of the Wool and Mohair family. Fred Earwood took the reins from Mr. Mayfield and held the position until 1968. The Earwood name remains a part of the unfolding Wool and Mohair business as Armer Earwood is currently serving as President.

Presently, one million pounds of wool and mohair pass through the ware-

house annually. In 1938, that figure was 5 million. Wool grading became a part of the service in 1936. The war years 1942-1946 saw a period of ungraded wool.

If a filming company chose to film a documentary on location- it could be titled "Finally" or maybe "Rescue". The local lumber company decided Sonora's lumber/hardware business was not to their Corporate liking so they shut down a few months ago. "Finally" the same group that had rescued the community in 1929 came to the "Rescue" again by combining their True Value Hardware, established in the 70s with various lumber store items and moved into the remodeled lumber yard location. Six new employment positions by unanimous decision of the Academy of Performing Community Services. The Oscar for Outstanding Chamber Member for 1999 goes to Sonora Wool and Mohair/True



# Los Jarritos

would like to express our "Thanks" to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Keep up the good work!

605 Crockett 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. everyday 387-2838

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# **Business Person of the Year**

"Oil field"- "Black Gold", "Come and take it", "The Dream". This could be the title of a movie starring the 1999 Businessman of the Year as chosen by The Academy of Community Performing Services.

A native Texan- born in the valley into an oil field family. He worked about 4 years in gas

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ground. He was educated at wondered why anyone would Victoria College, Midland College and U.T. of the Permian Basin, all the while, the bowels of West Texas urged him to 'Come and Take it." Texans are Dreamers. Oil patch folks are really dreamers. Our "star" had a dream. A dream of his own busi-

**Thorp's Laundry** 

congratulates the

Chamber of Commerce

on a job well done!

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plants extracting gas from ness in the chemical division. want to go into the oil field "Black Gold" found far under- Even his oil field savvy father chemical business. The recipient of this award starred in sales and



service of production treating chemicals- salesman, alliance analysis and audit team member. Then to district manager- 13 years "starring" in some one else's show. His dream was selling good products, giving good service and applying the Golden Rule to employees.

September 27, 1993, he cranked up his one car, oulling one trailer, and pplying the Golden Rule his one employee- himself. He was in business. He was starring in his own show as Headliner. Producer. Financier Advertising Agent and chief head hunter. Night work in the garage, on the back porch and some sleepless nights in lonely motel rooms to realize his Dream". He moved his family to Sonora and in March 1995, his Dream business really began to grow with stores in Texas and Oklahoma. Eighteen trucks, twenty trailers, twenty-two golden rule employees selling good products, giving good service. A real Oscar Winning Performance by the Multi-Chem "Star", James Archer- Our Business Person of 1999!



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success.

Sincerely



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## **Thank Your Lucky Stars!!**

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce banquet committee would like to thank

everyone who were in costume and who participated in this year's banquet.

Without your willingness to participate, the banquet could not have been a

Justin McGeath, and The 1999 Banguet Committee



Thanks to Ann Kay & Mike House for all that they do for our community. Congratulations on receiving the Mayor's Award of Excellence



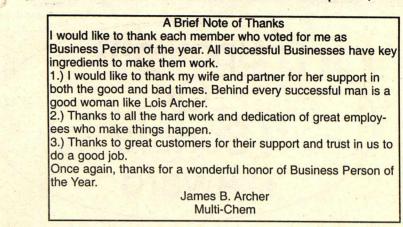
Thanks to Joe Lane for his continued support as the M.C.



CONGRATULATIONS SONORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON A JOB WELL DONE, AND TO THIS YEAR'S HONOREES!



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Sonora

Chamber of Commerce You are doing a Fantastic Job!

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Our hats go off to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce on a job well done!

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# **Employee of the Year**

"An Evening with the Stars" is filled with the Glamour done it all at work, but has and Glitz of Hollywood, found time to serve and thus Everyone who is anyone she is recognized tonight by wants to be here to see and be seen. Our next recipient could "star" in a movie called aside for an Oscar past trea-"Take it to Bank" or surer of Game Dinner "Energy". In 26 years of

experience she has pretty well Fling Ding Club. She is on the should be a part of the Dr. the Academy of Community Performing Services, set Association, Treasurer of the that no one but a top "star" She helps light our Christmas

Congratulations

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advisory board of the Howell Memorial Fund. She Pastoral is a ruling Elder in the Counseling Center, the Relay Presbyterian Church- and a for Life, Helping Hand Fund member of Hospice of San and Christmas in April all get Angelo. Her peers and super-assistance from this "star". visors consider her a big Year for 1999. Local citizens would agree hearted unselfish individual.

Tree for our community Christmas and she shines as a top star in this Community-Roberta James, Assistant Vice President of the First National





**Sutton County Steakhouse** 

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(Next door to the Devil's River Inn)

Congratulations Sonora Chamber of **Commerce!** 

## **Day's Inn Devil's River**

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Each year the Academy o Performing Services present those many awards- this year we're calling them Oscars. Our next recipient receives an award much more satisfying than an Oscar. He receives the thanks of a community, the admiration of former students, the respect of current students and thats bound to give one a warm fuzzy feeling inside. Born in Comanche in 1937, the eldest of four, receiving his high school education in Brownwood as the highest ranking boy. A Bachelor's Degree from Howard Payne in Chemistry launched him on a teaching career. He had a good supporting cast member in Barbara, his wife of 35 years. This star began performing in the Blanket School system in 1959 and developed an interest in coaching. Sonora was lucky to get this star in 1961. The community watched his two sons grow up and we were saddened by the passing of Barbara in 1992. How many lives has he touched? We can't figure that one, but in 40 years of teaching, the numbers would be stagger ing. Physics, Chemistry, Math coaching, tutoring, counseling and scolding. He has done it all This Community has entrusted him with our most prized possessions, our children, even a few "mullets". We could star him in a movie called "Life with Grandpa" co-star his grandson Zedekiah. Maybe the other grandchildren, Elizabeth and Gunther could add something. Maybe most everyone here could contribute something to the story line. It boils down to this. This community wants to say thank you, Bob- and the way we'll do it is: On behalf of The



Sonora/Sutton County Academy of Community Performing Services we present you with this Oscar Bob Snodgrass, Educator of the Year for 1999.

Proud Supporters of our Community and Sonora Chamber of

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# Educator of the Year

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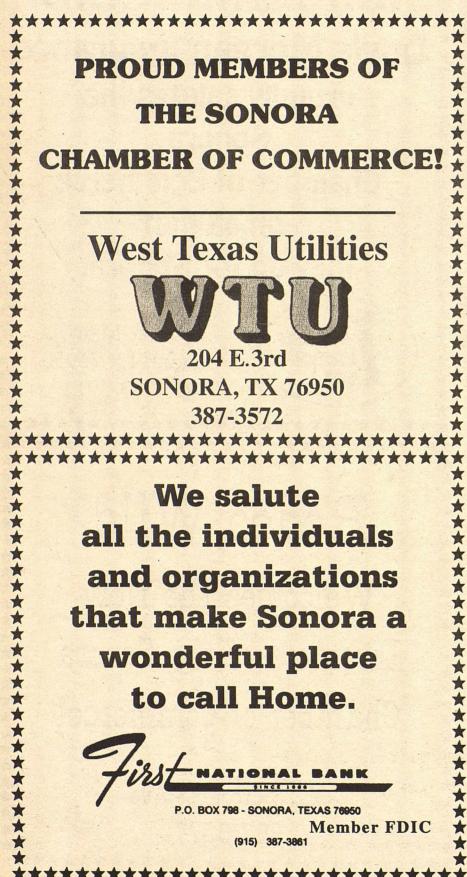
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# Organization of the Year





MGM, Fox, RCA, Disney- all well known names of organizations in the film making business. All developed "stars" for their productions and success is measured by box office draw and Oscar nominations and awards.

The Academy of Community Performing Services wants to follow this lead by recognizing an organization in this community. This organization is a little different than some. It's kind of a volunteer thing. When it became apparent that Sonora wanted a Civic Center-4-H Building to replace the old facility, the cream of the crop began to surface. A good basic plan had been developed through the efforts of many- notably Preston Faris and his "cronies". Glenn Fisher came forward to "Direct" the group in raising funds, finalizing plans and directing contributions. If a movie was shot about this, it could be titled "Center Realized." The supporting Cast includes: Claire Richards, the money-in, money-out, note taking, information gathering lady. George Wallace as always had a solid down to earth approach to all problems and decisions. Barry Limbocker, a real heavy weight in this movie business knew a few people already and met a few more that were willing to be persuaded to help out. I can look at Barry and imagine him starring as an "enforcer" in a good violent flick. Diana Condra best served as a "Director's" Director or Director's Damperoccasionally Glen needed redirecting and Diana was there. A knowledgeable cast member about many building problems. Sarah Wade provided a degree of consideration for everyone's desire. Her past experiences in 4-H work served the community well. Bob Caruthers was there to tackle any project from locating and hauling rock to raising money. He did everything quite well. Oscar Galindo knew more about Sonora's needs and past history than you can imagine. He seemed to know what would work and what would not. Preston Love brought a wealth of information about food service requirements and crowd control. The Committee received help from County Officials and the County workmen. Preston Faris, Kelly Thorp, Janalyn Jones and the 4-H manager, Tom Payton.

The committee sought advice from interested community leaders- put it together and here it is! Quite an organization- Quite a group of stars. A lot of time and effort went into this building. Unlike most organizations I suppose the Sutton County 4-H Building Committee will dissolve soon now that their job is about complete, but every time we gather here, we'll remember their work and dedication. The box office draw should be tremendous. Have you told them Thank You? The Sonora/Sutton County Academy of Community Performing Services say Thank You by awarding an Oscar to the 4-H Building Committee as the Organization of the Year for 1999.

## We salute the Chamber of Commerce and wish continued success.



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