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Sonora takes Bi-District -but loses Area play-off Sonora out-plays Mountain-View Lady Broncos fall to Fredricksburg

In an outstanding show of offense and defense the Sonora Lady Broncos outplayed the tough and aggressive El Paso Mountain-View Lobo team. The Lady Broncos jumped out to a 4-0 lead within the first minute using a full court press to defensively take the ball away from the Lobos. In an effort to regroup, the Lobos called time-out with less than 2 minutes gone in the first quarter. The Lady Broncos continued to push and did not allow the Lobos a chance as they shot ahead 8-2.

The Lobos managed another 2 points and with 1:29 left in the 1st quarter, Sonora's Laura Chalk hit the floor with a knee injury that prevented her from returning for the remainder of the game. At the end of the 1st quarter, the score favored the Broncos 10-4.

The 2nd quarter started with Mountain-View taking possession of the ball, however, the Lady Broncos maintained a tough defense. The score continued to climb in favor of Sonora, 15-5 with 4:58 left in the 2nd quarter. Amy Reston, helped tremendously in the efforts of the Lady Broncos with her block of two consecutive Mountain-View attempts.

Mountain-View called another time-out and this time they came out fighting. The Lady Lobos began an attack that could have ended up devastating as with 1 minute left the score was 18-10 Sonora.



Coach Dukes discusses strategy during some tense moments in the Bi-District play off.

When the 3rd quarter began the Lobos took possession of the ball, however, the Broncos came out fired up. The Lady Broncos continued to pound away at the Lobos and run the press to its fullest extent. Sonora continued to steal the ball and score, but the Lady Lobos also began to press. Mountain-View stole the ball several times, but could not capitalize as they fell further behind.

The Lady Broncos continued to capitalize on the Lobos mistakes.

One of the differences in this game, was the personal foul tally. The

Lady Lobos had 5 personal fouls by the 2nd quarter and it took the Lady Broncos 3 full quarters to amass 5 personals. The Lady Broncos were excellent from the free throw line all night and consistently came up with the rebounds needed. In the final 10 seconds, counted down by the crowd, you could feel the excitement, and with Susen McCleery's 3 point shot, the final score was 44-29 Sonora.

Scoring for Sonora were: Dana Evans with 12; Monica Gonzales, 11; Tana Churchill, 6; Cenisa Cauthorn, 5; Susen McCleery, 4; Amy Reston, 4; and Yvonne Mata, 2.

After Friday night's fantastic win over El Paso, the Lady Broncos faced a tall and tough Fredricksburg team. The Lady Billies entered the ball game, coming off of a come from behind win against Merkel Saturday, with a 29-2 record. The Lady Broncos record was 18-9 after last week's bi-district win. The two teams met in the Schreiner College gym in Kerrville Tuesday evening for the area play-off.

After the singing of the national anthem and the introduction of each team, the game began with the tip-off going in favor of the Lady Billies. Fredricksburg not only took possession of the tip-off, but also began to out score the Broncos at every opportunity. At one point in the 1st quarter the Billies took an 11 point lead, but the Broncos fought back and by the end of the 1st quarter were only down by 6 points, 16-10.

The 2nd quarter was more evenly played as the Broncos and the Billies each scored 14 points. Though the Broncos didn't make any headway, their defense helped them to stay within 6 at the end of the half, with the score Fredricksburg 30, Sonora 24.

The 3rd quarter began with the Broncos in control of the ball, however, they did not seem to make the shots needed and before the quarter ended, Anna Teaff checked in for Susen McCleery who was in foul trouble. Fredricksburg out scored Sonora 13-5 in the 3rd and it could have been worse, except the

Lady Broncos began to play super defense.

Sonora began the 4th quarter down 43-30, but they were far from out of the game. Before Fredricksburg could react, Sonora scored 4 points. The Lady Broncos began a run of 13 points and held the Billies to only 5 points with their superb defensive play. Unfortunately the clock ran down before the Lady Broncos could pull this one out. The final score was 48-42, Fredricksburg.

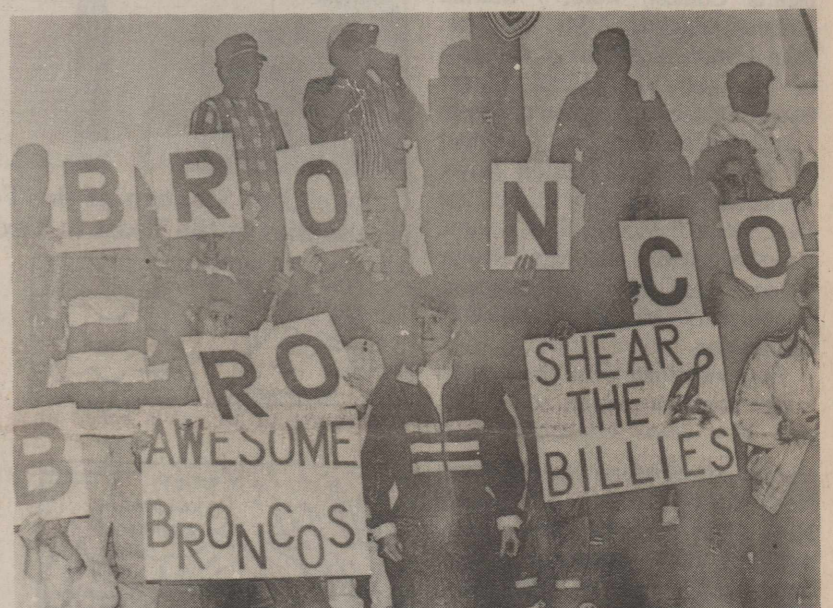
Two problems combined to defeat the Lady Broncos on Tuesday. The first was the lack of accuracy as Sonora shot time after time only to miss and the second problem was

the lack of rebounds. At every shot, Fredricksburg's height showed its advantage as the Lady Broncos were unable to get the rebounds.

Scoring for Sonora was Dana Evans with 12; Tana Churchill and Amy Reston, 10 each; Monica Gonzales, 5; and Cenisa Cauthorn and Yvonne Mata with 2.

The Lady Broncos have nothing to be ashamed of though as this was the fourth year out of the last six that they have won district. This team is young, so they will be back.

We congratulate Coach Dukes and the Lady Broncos on another great season and are looking forward to next year!



These fans show support before the game in Kerrville.

San Angelo Central High captures sweepstakes in Sonora's 45th Invitational Speech Tournament

Leading all entries with 382 points in speaking events, San Angelo Central High School captured first place in the large school division at the Sonora Invitational Speech Tournament held February 8 and 9. Runner-up in the large school category was San Angelo Lakeview with 123 points. Early High School was sweepstakes winner in the small school division with 51 points, closely followed by runner-up Abilene Christian with 48 points.

Host school Sonora High School garnered 134 points to lead the academic event section, but Fort Stockton took home the academic sweepstakes trophy with 102 points. San Angelo Central was runner-up in academics.

Over 300 rounds of speaking events were judged in the two-day event, with entries in some of the 13 events as high as 66 speakers, with the following results:

Informative Speaking: 1) Shawn DeCuir, Central; 2) Chintana Chanthavong, Central; 3) Travis Newport, Abilene Wylie.
Persuasive Speaking: 1) Meichiko Nelford, Central; 2) K.C. Allan, Nueces Canyon; 3) Mac Rust, Rock-springs.

Oratory: 1) Isleen Gimenz, Central; 2) Julie Merson, Central; 3) Shawn DeCuir, Central.

Novice Poetry: 1) Mark Pratt, Ballinger Jr. High; 2) Garnette Bond, Central; 3) Vanessa Jones, Del Rio High.

Poetry: 1) Amy Moore, Colorado City; 2) Marceliana Valenzuela, Lake-view; 3) Hilaire Richey, Central.

Novice Prose: 1) Debbie Tenbert, San Angelo Lee Jr. High; 2) Kristi Meier, Fort Stockton High; 3) Brandi Mathis, Ballinger Jr. High.

Prose: 1) Sara McDonald, Snyder; 2) Emily King, Snyder; 3) Brandi Michum, Lakeview.

Bible Reading: 1) Christa Lopez, Central; 2) Hilaire Richey, Central; 3) Lori Watson, Lakeview.

Dramatic Interpretation: 1) Melinda Allan, Central; 2) Monika Ivarason, Lakeview; 3) Jenny Wyatt, Central.

Humorous Interpretation: 1) Sonja Sampson, Central; 2) Christina Thompson, Central; 3) Zach Villareal, Lakeview.

Duet Acting: 1) Rex Anderson/Jeremy Dodd, Abilene Christian; 2) Amy Moore/Jay Kay, Colorado City; 3) Jennifer Purcell/Erin Rambo, Snyder.

CX Debate: 1) Bill Harlow/Diane Nelford, Central; 2) Crystal Cates/Robert Bays, Central; 3) Brad Mullens/Kenny Rivard, Christoval.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: 1) Meichiko Nelford, Central; 2) Ken Flippin, Central; 3) K.C. Allan, Nueces Canyon.

Academic events and placings were as follows:

Literary Criticism: 1) Blake, Abilene; 2) Moreno, Abilene; 3) Haltom, Sonora; 4) Easley, Colorado City; 5) Fraire, Dunbar-Struggs (Lubbock); 6) Urbanski, Sonora.

Newsriting: 1) Perez, Rock-springs; 2) Bass, Eldorado; 3) Callison, Rock-springs; 4) Perez, Sonora; 5) Collins, Nueces Canyon; 6) Schweining, Sonora.

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Rowland, Lakeview.

Ready Writing: 1) Roberts, Sonora; 2) Lewis, Sweetwater; 3) Kenison, Ozona; 4) Clark, Sweetwater; 5) Luce, Christoval; 6) McCarver, Brady.

Science: 1) Smith, Brownwood; 2) Olson, Central; 3) Lewis, Fredericks-burg; 4) Locklear, Brownwood; 5) McKenzie, Fredericksburg; 6) Owings, Sonora.

Biology High: Lewis, Fredericksburg.

Chemistry High: Locklear, Brownwood.

Physics High: Smith, Brownwood.

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Calculator: 1) Williams, Ft. Stock-ton; 2) Lira, Van Horn; 3) Zuniga, Del Rio High; 4) Kellar, Ft. Stockton; 5) Chan, Dunbar-Struggs; 6) Fernandez, Del Rio.

Number Sense: 1) Perkins, Dunbar-Struggs; 2) Kellar, Fort Stockton; 3) Walker, Dunbar-Struggs; 4) Chang, Dunbar-Struggs; 5) Owen, Dunbar-Struggs; 6) Brown, Del Rio.

Math:

12th: 1) Burroughs, Central; 2) England, Central; 3) Walker, Dunbar-Struggs.

11th: 1) Brown, Del Rio High; 2) Patton, Central; 3) Youngblood, Sonora.

10th: 1) Holveck, Central; 2) Kellar, Fort Stockton; 3) Gerhart, Sweetwater.

9th: 1) Chambers, Ft. Stockton; 2) Urian, Ft. Stockton; 3) Blagg, Brownwood.

Keyboarding: 1) Pina, Eldorado; 2) Green, Ballinger; 3) Heath, Junction; 4) Hodge, Nueces Canyon; 5) Tam-bunga, Ozona; 6) Wallace, Junction.



These students worked very carefully to dig around the tusk so it could be removed.

Partners Canada shoots commercial in Sonora

What was going on downtown Wednesday morning? Sonora was buzzing as three busses filled with the staff of Partners Canada stopped downtown to shoot a Budweiser beer commercial for Canada.

David Gordon, producer for Partners Canada, stated they had been filming in Austin, Texas and were headed to Las Vegas, Nevada. When questioned why he chose Sonora to shoot a commercial, he replied, "I am capturing slices of anywhere, USA, and this is it! I decided to hit small towns through Texas and New Mexico."

Joe Downey, actor, was filmed exiting the Federal Land Bank for the commercial by a camera crew in

front of Westerman Drug.

In an interview after the filming, Mr. Downey said he was self-employed and had done quite a few commercials and magazine layouts. He indicated he would be traveling with Partners Canada until the Budweiser commercial was

completed. Mr. Downey anticipated they would finalize the filming in Madrid, New Mexico on Saturday.

The commercials for Budweiser beer were written by Tony Kerr, Senior advertising executive with DMB&B Canada along with his partner Tim Heintzman. The two men were also traveling with the group.

Jr. High students discover Mammoth Tusk

Sonora Junior High science students were busy Thursday and Friday, February 14 & 15, discovering some of the trails of a good paleontologist. Their big find was quite possibly a mammoth tusk located at the Golf Course. The fossil was probably uncovered by heavy rains washing through the draw. Students took their picks, hammers, brushes, crow bars and shovels and headed out for two days of intense digging supervised by Jim Stephen and Carol Love. Their hard work paid off when an eight foot curved "tusk" was excavated. Proud students carried their treasure off on a plywood board to school where they plan on reassembling it and plans are to have it on display for the community soon.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
Please enter my subscription to the Sonora Observer.

I especially enjoy the Biscuits O'Bryan column. I clip it out and send it to my husband in Baku Russia. The other Americans he works with are not from Texas but they enjoy reading about the Wild West (Sonora).

Thanks,
Lynette Barnes

Dear Editor,
Thank you for coming out and supporting our father-daughter cake bake. We really appreciate your kindness.

Melissa Murr
Unit Coordinator

Burge & Guerra named Sweetest Hearts at Valentine Dance

The Sonora Junior High Valentine Dance was held Friday, February 15, 1991 at the Sutton County 4-H Center. The annual event is sponsored by the Junior High Student Council and is for all Sonora Junior High Students.

In addition to the dance, the winners of the Sweetest Hearts Contest were announced. This contest selects all-school favorites at the junior high. Students who are nominated have endeared themselves to others through their personality, attitude and academic achievements. The student body then votes by secret ballot for the selection of the winner.

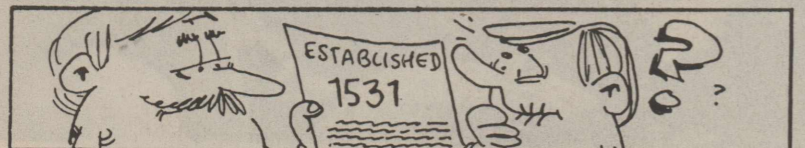
Girls nominated for the Sweetest Hearts Contest were: Martha Alvarez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Alvarez; Katie Burge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Burge; Sandra Gonzalez, daughter of Sandra Luz Gonzalez; Amy Love, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Love; Callie Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah J. Moore; Sara Reston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Reston; and Vicky Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Richardson.

Boys nominated for the contest were: Jesse Capuchina, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Capuchina; Joey Guerra, son of Maria Guerra; Chris Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith Neal; Cody Schenkel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Schenkel; Robert Trevino, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roberto Trevino; and Jeremy Yager, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Yager.

Selected for the Sweetest Hearts were Katie Burge and Joey Guerra.



Ariel Marrs couldn't find a partner small enough so she chose to dance with a balloon.



The oldest stock exchange is said to be the one in Antwerp, Belgium, which claims to have been established in 1531.



The Lancaster Turnpike in Pennsylvania was this country's first macadam road.

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Toast to Texas to be held March 2

Texas Highway's annual Toast to Texas is planned for March 2 (Texas Independence Day) at 2:00 p.m., Central Time. Sam Houston IV will lead the Texas toast in recognition of Texas Independence Day at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historical Park. The location is fitting as the Independence Hall, located within the park, was the site of the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence some 155 years ago. This declaration made Texas a sovereign republic, free of Mexican rule, when 59 delegates met in Washington in March 1836 to draft the constitution for the new province.

The celebration offers Texans worldwide the opportunity to salute the people who forged the Lone Star State and were involved in battles at the Alamo, San Jacinto, Goliad and numerous nameless

battles of will and integrity. After the success of last year's Toast to Texas, participants and readers of Texas Magazine pushed for the event becoming an annual tradition. In 1990, the central toast occurred in Austin, however, Texans also held ceremonies in 42 states and 11 countries.

More than 300 Texans including state officials, a U.S. Congressman, Texas historians and even a few cowboys gathered in the atrium of the Austin Hyatt Regency Hotel to commemorate Texas on March 2, 1990. They recited words written for the occasion by Texas historian, Joe B. Frantz as they lifted their glasses in recognition of Texas Independence Day. In Sonora, approximately fifty people joined in the celebration as well.

Barbara Earwood Gallery and Art School and Bits and Pieces of

Sonora hosted the local event and those present enjoyed Texas-shaped cookies, and a cake decorated like the State of Texas. The ceremony included singing "Our Texas" as well as a toast to Texas along with others across the nation.

Muleshoe, a West Texas town of approximately 4,700 people, also took the opportunity to salute Texas last March. This spirited little town had a turnout of 300 people and along with a toast led by the local mayor, they included songs and speeches. They also feasted on Texas and armadillo-shaped cookies prepared by local Girl Scouts.

The theory is that Muleshoe folks as well as Texans throughout the world agree on a concept. The concept, quoted from the Texas Highways magazine is, "Texas is everlasting in the hearts of her people."

Locally a Toast to Texas will be held Saturday, March 2, at Barbara Earwood Gallery and Art School and Bits and Pieces of Sonora (303 S. Crockett). Colonel Jim Stephen, Texas Army, will be the

Master of Ceremonies and the festivities begin at 1:30 p.m. with the toast at 2:00 p.m. Please come and commemorate the state of Texas and its founders by lifting high your glass of Texas spring-water and proclaiming:

To Texas...
Joyous and sparkling
Evergreen when it rains, enduring
in drought,
Timeless, endless in boundaries,
exciting,
Home to the adventurous of
yesterday and today,
With shrines from the past
And space and spirit for the future.
To Texas,
Everlasting in the hearts of your
people!

Source: Texas Highways magazine



Colonel Jim Stephen of the Texas Army will be master of ceremonies at the Toast to Texas in Sonora on March 2.




The young of an eel is called an elver.



We speak of a herd of cattle; in this manner, we have an army of frogs, a clutter of cats, and a skulk of foxes.



1990-91 Valentines Sweethearts: Katie Burge and Joey Guerra.



Biscuits' Crumbs

By Biscuits O'Bryan

Cast Iron Skillet vs. Wok

A while back, I talked about how cowboys come in all shapes, sizes and colors, but one thing I never saw was a Chinese cowboy. But I did run into a Chinese ranch cook once, and I learnt a few things from him. One of the best-remembered lessons I got had to do with servin' Chinese food (the kind with lots of vegetables and not much meat) to hungry cowhands. The lesson is: DON'T DO IT!!!

That little feller, whose name I never could get straight, told me he thought he was goin' to get strung up for servin' up a mess of chop suey to a gang who'd been workin' calves all day and was ready for beef and beans, not chicken and bean sprouts over rice. He said if it hadn't a'been for that big ol' Chinese knife and a big batch of hot biscuits and ribbon cane syrup, he'd a'been chop suey hisself.

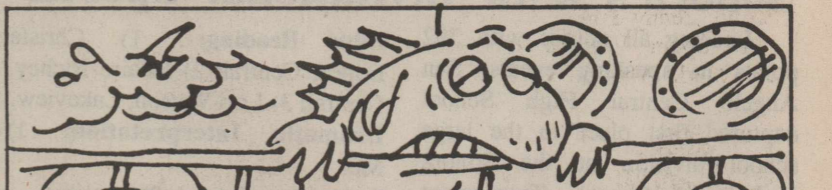
But he did show me how he cooked in a wok, which ain't nothin' but a funny-shaped skillet in the first place, and how, with just a little grease, he could cook up a whole mess of beef in a real hurry. Now bein' kind of an adventuresome eater myself, I kinda took a likin' to some of them oriental delicacies, but I took his word on tryin' 'em out on a bunch of hungry hands. He told me about all kinds of things they cook in China, like octopus and snakes, puppies and a few things that sounded unmentionable as well as inedible. But that feller sure could make that big ol' cleaver-lookin' knife get up and talk. He could whack up a pile of green onions, carrots, and taters afore I could even get set to watch, and he done the same with beef steak, too. But I got to confess that what he done to a whole chicken carcass was almost sinful, just a 'whackin without no regard for joints and regular servin' pieces. His chickens was nothin' but a hacked-up mess, full of bone splinters and done where you couldn't tell white from dark meat. Well, I reckon it takes all kinds.

One receet I got from him that I kind of changed around a bit has

always been a favorite with the boys wherever I've served it, since I revised it so it has a Southwest kind of flavor. 'Course I use my Dutch oven instead of a wok, but it still comes out just fine. The other day, in a cookin' gear store, I seen this big ol' cast iron wok, and I sure was tempted to buy it 'til I seen the price tag. Here's some advice: if you've got cast iron cookin' gear, hang on to it, unless it's a Dutch oven with a handle. If you've got one of them, sell it to me real cheap! Anyway, here's my receet for:

TEXAS-STYLE CHINESE PEPPER STEAK

- Take a good, thick 3 lb. slab of round steak
- Trim off the fat and tissue, leavin' only lean meat
- Usin' a big, sharp knife (why would anyone use a dull one?), cut the meat in real thin slices across the grain
- In a glass or stainless steel bowl, mix the meat with:
 - 2 or 3 cloves of mashed garlic
 - 2 Tablespoons soy sauce
 - 1 Tablespoon Louisiana hot sauce
 - 2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh ginger (if you're lucky enough to be able to get it)
 - 1 Tablespoon corn starch
- Stir the meat into this stuff real good and let it set 10 minutes
- Get a skillet (or a wok) real hot
- Add 3 Tablespoons cookin' oil (peanut oil works best)
- Toss in a coarsely chopped onion and
- 2 coarsely chopped bell peppers
- Keep 'em movin' in the hot oil for a couple of minutes
- Throw in 2 or 3 serrano or jalapeno peppers, chopped fine
- Then dump in the meat with its juices
- Keep everything movin' in the skillet real good
- It cooks fast, so don't overdo it
- Serve this over hot rice or noodles, with some soy sauce on the side.
- You might not want to serve this to little kids, 'cause it's kinda hot. Cowhands enjoy this on a Saturday night when they can drink cold Colorado Kool Ade with it, but I reckon ice tea will work, too. Y'all keep on cookin', and say a little prayer for peace.



Fish can become seasick if kept on board a ship.



Earth was thrown from the side ditches toward the center. They were called highways. Smaller private roads became known as byways.

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School Board approves resolution ordering election of 3 at large trustees

Tuesday, February 12, members of the Sonora I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. Those members present for the meeting were: Gary Hardgrave, President; Jesse Bustamante; Jim Garrett; Becky Johnson, Gloria Lopez; Michael Smith; and Superintendent Charles Russell.

After the meeting was called to order and minutes read from the previous board meeting approved, Mr. Virgil Polocek, of the Soil Conservation Service, presented a proposal intended to solve drainage problems at the Junior High School. He informed the Board that the local C.V.A.E. class, under the supervision of instructor Reggie Williams, could perform the necessary work. The board advised the Superintendent to have Mr. Williams and his class proceed with the project.

The next item on the agenda was the Superintendent's report. He indicated that work on the track was proceeding on schedule and all roofing projects had been completed. He provided enrollment figures which were as follows: Primary, 258; Intermediate, 258; Junior High, 223; and High School, 296. At present, the total enrollment for Sonora I.S.D. is 1035.

Mr. Russell continued with the results of the recent TAAS Test, which was administered to students in grades 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11. He expressed concern about the 9th grade scores and stated that

remediation was planned.

The Superintendent's next item of discussion was the recent District Committee meeting. He informed the Board that several representatives had expressed an interest in forming a cumulative sick leave bank to be used in the event of a catastrophic illness. The Board asked Mr. Russell to gather more information about this program and to report his findings at the March meeting.

Mr. Russell ended his report by telling the Board that District Committee representatives had received a blank calendar for the 1991-92 school year and that each member was working with his/her building to devise a school calendar. The results of the calendars will be presented at the March meeting and the Board will take final action.

The curriculum report consisted of an informative presentation by Primo Gonzalez, high school Spanish teacher and golf coach. He discussed both his Spanish I and II classes and the high school Spanish club. He also gave information about the proposed girl's golf program and the Board agreed to discuss the matter further at the March meeting.

A resolution ordering the election of 3 at-large Trustees on May 4, 1991 was unanimously approved. By consensus, the Board gave permission to the Hospital District's request to share election workers and polling places on May 4 with the stipulation that school appointed judges would be in full

charge of election.

By the consensus of the Board, it was agreed that property donated to the school in 1983 as a possible building site should go back to the owners. This decision was made as a result of the school never activating the deed.

Mr. Hardgrave informed the Board that he had written a letter, applauding the efforts of each Sonora resident serving in the Middle East. The Board agreed the letter be sent on their behalf to each of these Sonora men and women serving in the Gulf.

The board then went into executive session and when they reconvened in open session, they voted unanimously to extend contracts through 1993-94 to Jerry Hopkins, High School Principal; Smith Neal, Jr. High School Principal; Donna Hill, Intermediate School Principal; and Clay Cade, Primary School Principal. They also voted to offer Bob Bellard, Athletic Director, a 2 year contract.

Salaries are to be discussed at the March meeting, due to pending school finance legislation.

No action was taken on the contract of Warren McCarron, Administrative Assistant. The resignation of Forrest Perry, Assistant Band Director, was unanimously accepted and the board voted to employ Janet Nelson as Assistant Band Director.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

High School Band to hold mid-winter concert

The Sonora High School Band will be performing in a Mid-Winter Concert on Thursday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Selections for the concert will include the march "Seventeen Come Sunday" from the English Folk Song Suite by Ralph Vaughan Williams, The Golden Age of Rock and Roll, Exaltation by James Swearingen, The Pink Panther and Peter Gunn by Mancini, Trumpeter's Lullaby featuring Mark Wootton on Trumpet, and Clarinet on the Town featuring Catherine Kepler on Clarinet. The public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy an evening of band music.

Get All A's in Safety



Buckle Up!

Texas Coalition for Safety Belts

Jr. High and High School Bands excel at U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble

On Saturday, February 16, 50 students from the Sonora High School and Jr. High bands competed in the District VII U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble Contest held at Angelo State University. High school students making 1st division ratings on Class I Solos were: Carmen Chavez, Catherine Kepler and Ector Castilleja. Students making 1st division ratings on Class I Ensembles were: Carmen Chavez, Stephanie Roberts, Angie Stewart, Vicky Anderson, Vicki Downing, Annette Gamez, Yvette Gamez, Hollye Gryder, Julie Jones, Catherine Kepler, Lisa Noriega, Jessica Ortiz, Christina Ramirez, Jessica Smalling, Kelly House, William Burch, Michael Campos, Larry Chalk, Chris Hazelton, Jennifer James, Dede Moore, Amy Patton, Jenny Ponce, Cody Black, Wade Spain, Virginia Talamantes, and Mark Wootton. All of these

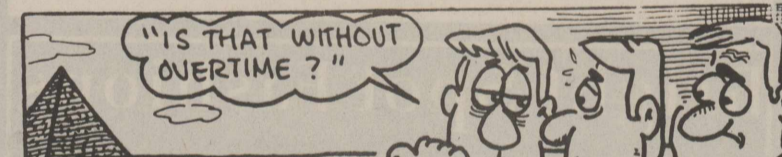
students will be advancing to the State Solo and Ensemble in Austin in June.

Students making a 1st division rating on Class II ensemble were: Jennifer James, Elsa Lumberas, Dede Moore, and Tabby Sanchez.

The junior high students brought home 15 first division medals. Those receiving a 1st division medal for a solo were: Sara Chavez, flute; Gayla Frederickson, clarinet; Melissa Hearn, clarinet; Elaine Jimenez, clarinet; Kristi Wallace, clarinet; Chris Neal, cornet; Vicky Richardson, french horn; Colely Thompson, tuba; and Jeromy Yager, snare drum. Those receiving a 1st division for an ensemble were: Amos Guzman, Davis Hale, and T.J. Thorp, cornet trio; and Peter Noriega, Steven Tackel, and Jeromy Yager, snare drum trio.



Settling up the offense: Tana Churchill drives for the basket



About 100,000 men labored to build a single pyramid in ancient Egypt.

Death Notices

J.C. Berry

J.C. Berry, 67, died February 13, at his home after a courageous battle with cancer. Services were held Saturday at Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Gerald Boerger of Trinity Lutheran Church in San Angelo officiating.

Funeral followed in Sonora cemetery. J.C. was born February 1, 1924 in Seagraves, Texas. He was a World War II Navy Veteran. He worked for Haley transport for 17 years and upon its sale he worked for Pool Company until he retired in 1986.

He was married to Rose Mary McMillan on October 27, 1959 in Hagerman, New Mexico. He was preceded in death by 2 sons, James Calvin Berry, Jr., and Franklin Glen Berry. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Rose Mary; two daughters, Joan Montgomery, and her husband Donald; a granddaughter, Kimberly; and a great-grandson, Sutton, all of Baytown, Texas; Janette Davis and her husband Jerry, a granddaughter Jarrett, and grandson Jason, all of McAlester, Okla.; One son, Darrel Berry of New Orleans, La., a grandson, Heath Belk and his wife, Stacey of Ballinger; twin granddaughters Susan and Sherry Berry of Amarillo, and a granddaughter, Chanel; a daughter-in-law, Jan Berry Markee and her husband Leroy, grandsons Christopher Berry and Jeffrey Markee, granddaughters Candace Berry and Christy Markee, all of San Angelo; one brother, Jim Berry and wife Mary of Lebanon Mo.; several nieces and nephews and many close and loving friends.

Pallbearers were nephews, Troy Berry, Jack Alan Wells, Michael and Lance Marker, Shane and Billy Ralph Gilbert, David and Jim Cornelius, Honorary pallbearers were close and long time friends, Pete D. Haley, J.C. Cornelius, Delmar Jackson, Jim Kolb, Joe Vallet, Gerald Tinney, and Jim Mathews. The family gratefully acknowledges the love and support of his friends and family, the compassionate medical assistance of Dr. Johnny French and his staff, the wonderful supportive staff of hospice and a special thank you to Sandy Fincher. The family requests that donations be made to Hospice of San Angelo.

Survivors include her husband, Dolores Perez of Mertzson; three sons, Celestino Perez and Thomas Perez, both of Mertzson, and Ramon Perez of Eldorado; two daughters, Rosa Elia Suarez of Mertzson and Emma Luna of Sonora; two brothers, Dionisio Gamez of Sweetwater and Emilio Gamez of Sonora; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Emiliana Perez

Emiliana "Emilia" Perez, 64, of Mertzson died Tuesday in St. John's Hospital.

Services were held at St. Peter's Catholic Church with burial in Sherwood Cemetery, directed by Gutierrez Funeral Chapel.

She was born March 14, 1926, in Sonora, and was a Catholic.

Survivors include her husband, Dolores Perez of Mertzson; three sons, Celestino Perez and Thomas Perez, both of Mertzson, and Ramon Perez of Eldorado; two daughters, Rosa Elia Suarez of Mertzson and Emma Luna of Sonora; two brothers, Dionisio Gamez of Sweetwater and Emilio Gamez of Sonora; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Claude T. Driskell

Claude Thomas Driskell, 69, died Sunday in Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

Graveside services were held Tuesday morning, directed by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born September 18, 1921 in Junction. A veteran of World War II, he was a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Driskell of Sonora; two sons, Thomas R. Driskell of Houston, and Eric N. Driskell of Austin; a daughter, Laura Driskell of Miami, Florida, and two grandsons.

Concepcion Valadez

Concepcion Valadez, 99, died Thursday at a local nursing home. Services were held Saturday at Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Sonora Cemetery.

She was born December 4, 1891 in Mexico. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ. Survivors include two sons, Ray Valadez of Ozona, and Pedro Valadez of Pueblo, Colo. A daughter, Tulis Valadez of Sonora, nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.



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Will Allen wins Geography Bee and chance at \$25,000 Scholarship

Will Allen, a 5th grade student at Sonora Intermediate school, won the school's geography bee on February 15, and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level bee, was the first round in the third annual National Geography Bee, which is being sponsored by National Geographic WORLD, the Society's magazine for children, Amtrak®, and KUDOS® Snack.

The bee was kicked off the week of January 28 in thousands of schools around the United States, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories. The school winners, including Will, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their state bee April 5.

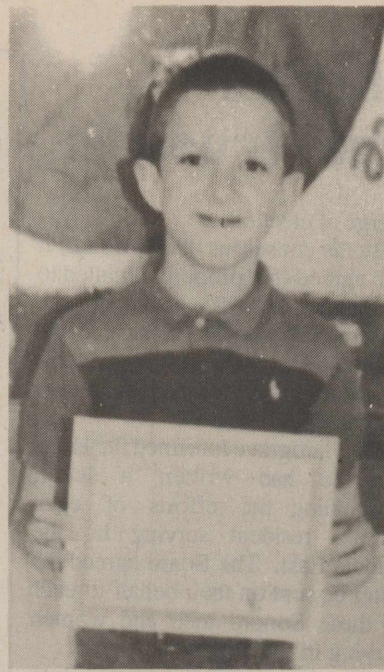
The National Geographic Society with its co-sponsors will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions and their teacher escorts to participate in the National Geography Bee finals on May 22 and 23. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship; the second-place winner, a \$15,000 scholarship; and the third-place winner, a \$10,000 scholarship.

Alex Trebek, host of "Jeopardy!", will moderate the national finals.

The National Geographic Society developed the National Geography Bee in response to a growing concern about the lack of geographic knowledge among

young people in the United States. A 10-country Gallup Survey conducted for the Society in 1988 and 1989 found that people in the U.S. ages 18 to 24, the youngest group surveyed, knew less about geography than young people in any of the other countries.

The National Geographic Society, with more than 10 million members, has as its mission the "increase and diffusion of geographic knowledge." Besides the National Geography Bee, the Society sponsors a number of other geography education initiatives, including the Summer Geography Institute for teachers, the National Geographic Society Education Foundation, and the Geographic Alliance Network, which currently encompasses 40 states and Puerto Rico.



Will Allen displays the certificate he was awarded as the winner of the Geography Bee.

Service held to honor locals serving in Armed Forces

On Sunday, February 17, approximately 200 people gathered on the Courthouse lawn to honor those servicemen from Sonora serving in the Middle East.

With the Rev. Jim Stephen as master of ceremonies, the program began with the patriotic songs America, and God Bless America, led by Scott Gilmore. Prayers for the servicemen and women were led by Virginia Jones, Joe Lane, Lydia Galindo, and Smith Neal. The prayers by Mrs. Galindo were said in Spanish as well as English, which added a feeling of warmth and unity among those present.

Members of the Sonora High

School Chorale added to the service by performing Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A." As Rev. Stephen called the name of each service man, yellow ribbons were tied to an Oak tree on the Courthouse lawn. These ribbons are there as a reminder to keep our thoughts and prayers with those service men and women who are so proudly serving our country, and the ribbons will stay there until they come home.

The service was concluded with "The Star Spangled Banner" played by members of the Sonora High School Band.



Each ribbon tied on the tree has a Sonora serviceman's name in glitter.

Senior Center's Valentine Dinner-Dance Super Successful!!

The Valentine Dinner-Dance hosted by the Sutton County Committee on Aging on February 14, was a smashing success! The dinner was attended by 126 people who dined in romantic ambiance due to the decorating skills of Carol Mayfield. Dolores Salinas prepared exquisite enchiladas served with her own homemade sauce. Fela Perez and Lydia Galindo prepared beans and Sheila Castro made Spanish rice. Lura Sawyer and Jeanne Davenport made scrumptious pralines. Hot sauce, both green and red, was prepared by Nacho Calderon and Beto Duran. Not one complaint was heard regarding the meal except that we ran out of food!! Next year we'll know to prepare for a larger crowd.

Perhaps the main reason for the large turn out was The Old Tyme Country Band! This sonorous group, decked out in white shirts with red bow ties, provided excellent entertainment for the evening. The band is made up of members: Johnny Ringgold, Harley Brooks, Don Sessom, Patti and John Henry Strauch, Mo Salinas, J.C. Surber, Oscar Galindo, and Martha Tomlinson of Ozona.

The Cauthorn Addition was swimming in hearts placed

strategically by Glen Scarberry under the direction of Mary Lou Gilly. Other committee members "in residence" for the event were, Smith Neal, Sue Moore, Mandy Turk, Melinda Crain, Carol Mayfield, Melvin Glasscock, Wilma Patrick, and Senior Center Director Carole Thorp. "Civilian" helpers were Lydia Galindo, Amelia Calderon, Herschel Davenport, and "Superwoman" Dolores Salinas. Thanks to each of these defatigable workers!!

Melvin Glasscock and Wilma Patrick were the winners of the 1991 Senior Sweetheart vote. Each was the recipient of gift certificates from Westerman's Drug and Gosney's Department Store. They will also receive "Support our Troops" T-Shirts from the Devil's River News! The lucky couple danced the first dance to the bands rendition of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

The committee raised \$1,015.00 to benefit the Center! We have already pledged \$500.00 to go to the Christmas in April fund. We'd like to thank everyone in the community who came out and helped us make this special event so successful. A special thanks to our local newspapers for their excellent promotion on our behalf.



Melvin Glasscock and Wilma Patrick share a dance as the Senior Center Valentines Sweethearts.



These ladies enjoy the fine meal before the dance Thursday evening.



Young and old alike enjoyed the Sweetheart Dance.



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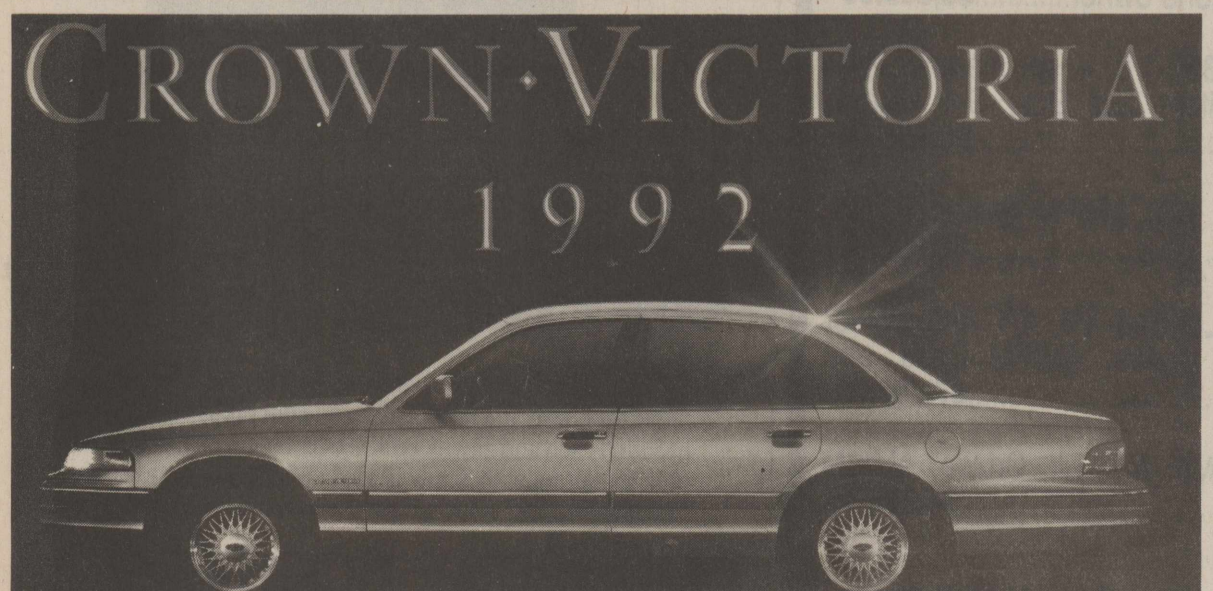
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Pinto Beans
Lettuce & Tomato
Gingerbread
Milk

Friday:
NO SCHOOL

Monday:
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday:
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle
Peanut Butter cookie
Milk

Wednesday:
Hamburger Steak
w/gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Squash
Roll
Chocolate Pudding
Milk

Thursday:
Sausage w/flour
Tortilla
Baked Beans
Coleslaw
Bronco Bars
Milk

One-Act play cast set for *Frankenstein*

Terry Marrs, SHS drama director, has announced the cast of the 1991 entry in Texas Interscholastic League One-Act Play competition. This year's show will be a cutting of Victor Gialanella's *Frankenstein*, based on Mary Shelley's novel by the same name.

Marrs said that despite the fact that over 100 movies have been based on the Frankenstein idea and that there are currently at least 8 or 9 scripts available which trade on the Frankenstein name, few have remained true to the spirit of the original novel, written in 1821.

This play is a more sympathetic view of the Creature and his plight than most of the film versions. It remains true to Shelley's original story by making the main conflict Victor's struggle with his moral responsibility to his creation. Most of us are more familiar with the theme of an evil creature which must be destroyed in order to protect society.

Marrs cautions play-goers not to expect the Frankenstein creature

made famous by Boris Karloff; that makeup is copy-righted and will not be a part of this production.

Dr. Victor Frankenstein will be played by John Russell; the Creature by Adam Richter; Victor's fiancée Eliza-beth Lavenza by April Spiller; Victor's friend Henry Clerval by Roy Ivy; Victor's sister Mina by Amy Moss; her governess Justine Moritz by Laura Barlemann; Frau Frankenstein, Victor's mother, by Lindsey Wentworth; family friends Herr and Frau Müller by Sam Taylor and Julie Jones; the maid Erna by Erica Martinez; DeLacey, the Creature's blind friend by Chris Scott.

Karl Owings will be lighting technician. Alterhates are Shawn Wallace and Carmen Chavez. Additional crew and cast members may be named at a later date.

The district OAP contest will be held this year in Sonora High School's auditorium on Saturday, March 23, with six shows beginning on the hour at 1 p.m.



These students proudly show the map they made that will be entered in the District level of competition in San Antonio for the Discover Early America Contest.



A cut up starfish will regrow into several starfish.

Sonora Intermediate Students compete in National Historical Pictorial Map Contest

Students from Sonora Intermediate will compete in the local level of an outstanding educational program entitled Discover Early America: The National Historical Pictorial Map Contest which is taking place in schools in the #21 Congressional District. The District contest will be held on February 27, in San Antonio, Texas.

Now in its third successful year, the Discover Early America map contest has been highly acclaimed by students, teachers, and administrators. Implemented in every congressional district in the nation, the contest is designed to encourage students to study geography in relation to historical events in early America. Elementary school students compete by class, middle school students by class or in small groups, and high school students in small groups or as individuals.

Mrs. Anita Lane and Mrs. Louise Barlemann, as well as principal, Mrs. Donna Hill, have been instrumental in implementing the contest at Sonora Intermediate, 5th grade. Representative Lamar Smith is responsible for bringing the program into the 21st District, with the assistance of Holly Boyle of Bandera.

Students participating in Discover Early America map contest complete special outline maps of the original thirteen colonies, creating ways to illustrate significant events, persons, and places that shaped the Colonial and Founding periods of our history.

Key criteria of the competition are historical accuracy, artistic

creativity, and imagination. The students participating in the contest are: Charlotte Alewine, Will Allen, Mayer Anderson, Ashley Browning, Fernie Emiliano, Romy Castaneda, Andrew Dempsey, Kellie Downing, Traci Hightower, Cara Jackson, Jason Jacoby, Justin Morley, Erin Payton, Kacie Pruitt, and Amy Torres.

Each winning school at the congressional level receives a \$100 cash award and enters the state level of competition scheduled for March. The winners of the state level receive a cash award of \$500 and enter the national level of competition scheduled for Washington, D.C., in May.

First, second, and third-place winners at the national level will receive awards of \$5,000, \$3,000, and \$1,000 respectively for the purchase of educational materials. In addition, first-place winners and their teachers will be honored at a

reception at the Supreme Court hosted by former Chief Justice Warren E. Burger. National winning entries will be displayed at the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C.

Over six thousand schools participated in the competition nationwide last year. Sponsored by the Commission of the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, the competition is coordinated by the Center of Civic Education in Los Angeles. Commission Chairman, former Chief Justice Burger, has encouraged participation in the program, noting, "Geography and history are closely related, if you do not understand both...you cannot really understand either one."

For more information about the program contact the Center for Civic Education at 5146 Douglas Fir Road, Calabasas, CA 91302, (818)340-9320.



Susen McCleery makes a 3 pointer as the final buzzer rings.

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Sweet and Sour Pork
Buttered Rice
Sweet Peas
Hot Rolls
Tossed Salad
Tapioca Pudding
w/topping

Friday:
Country Fried Steak
w/gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Broccoli
Hot Rolls
Jello w/fruit
Cherry Cobbler

Monday:
Cheese Enchiladas
w/ Chile Sauce
Spanish Rice
Harvard Beets
Crackers
Banana Pudding

Tuesday:
Oven Fried Chicken
Red Beans
Chopped Spinach
Cornbread
Lemon Squares

Wednesday:
Fried Catfish
w/tarter sauce
Herbed Potatoes
Green Peas
Corn Muffins
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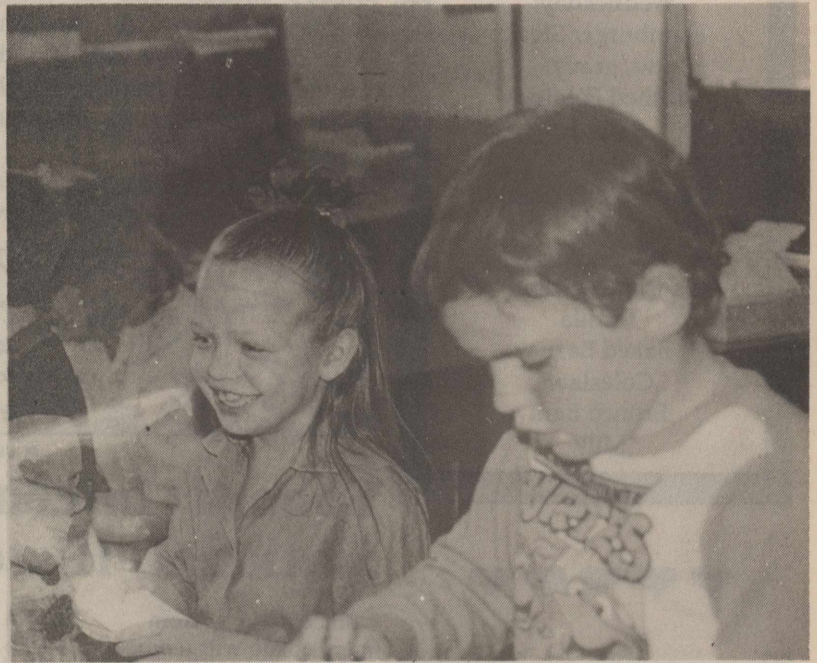
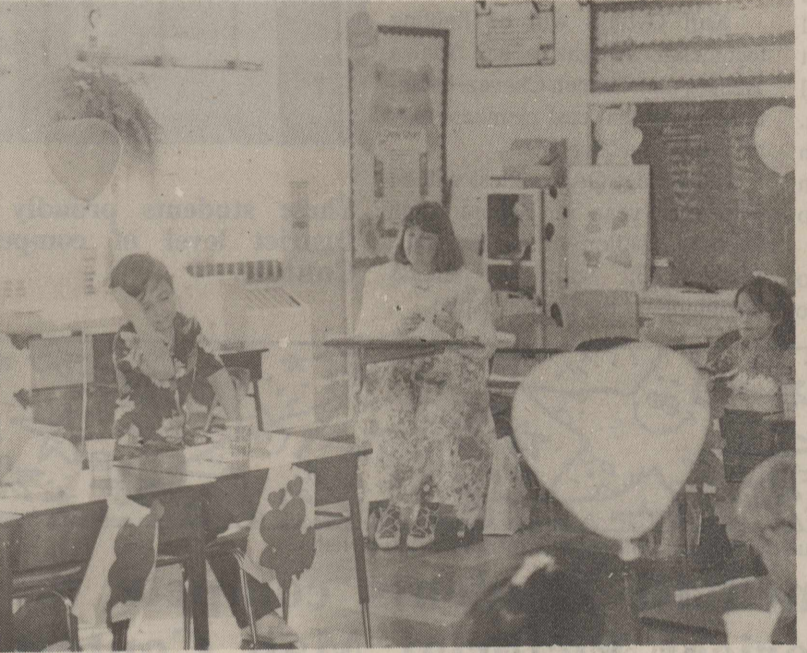
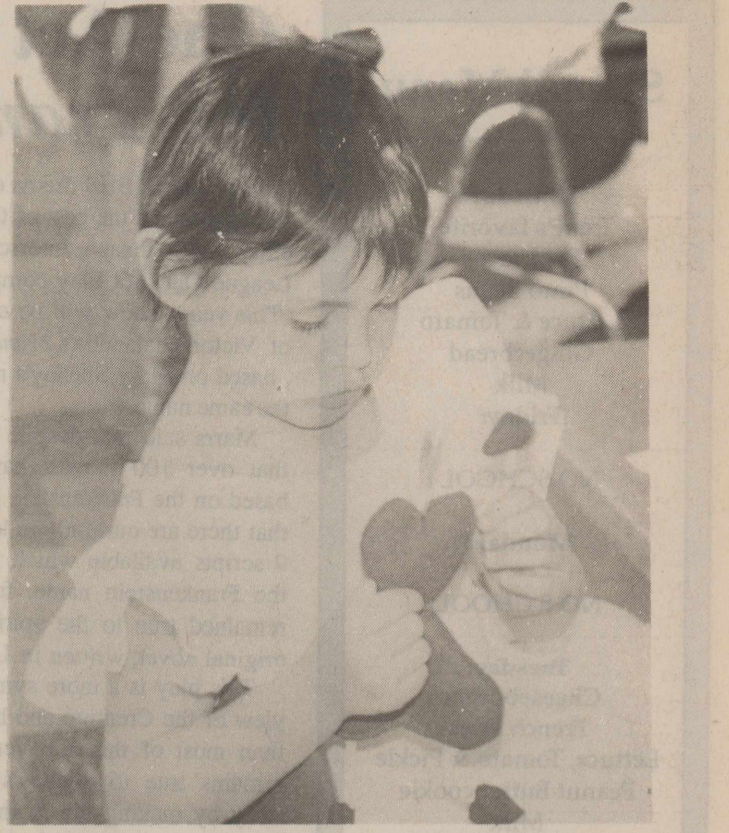
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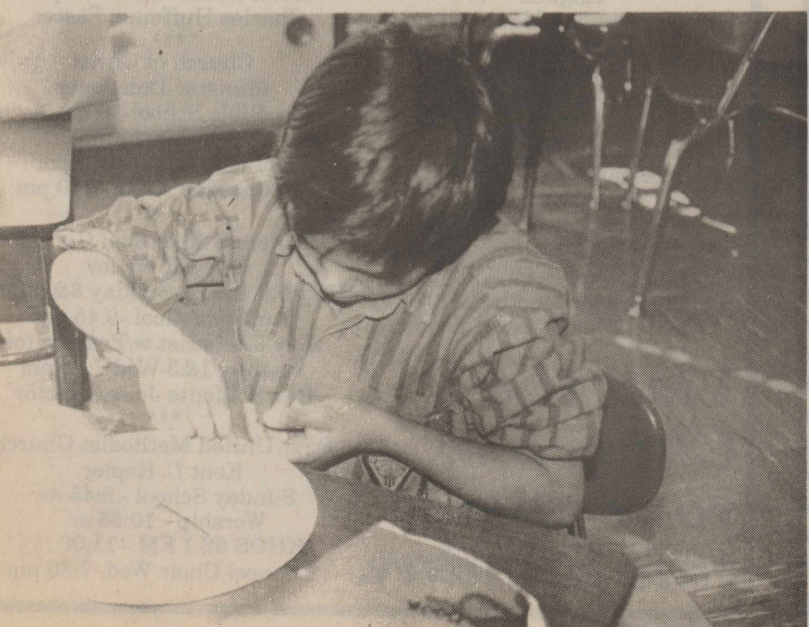
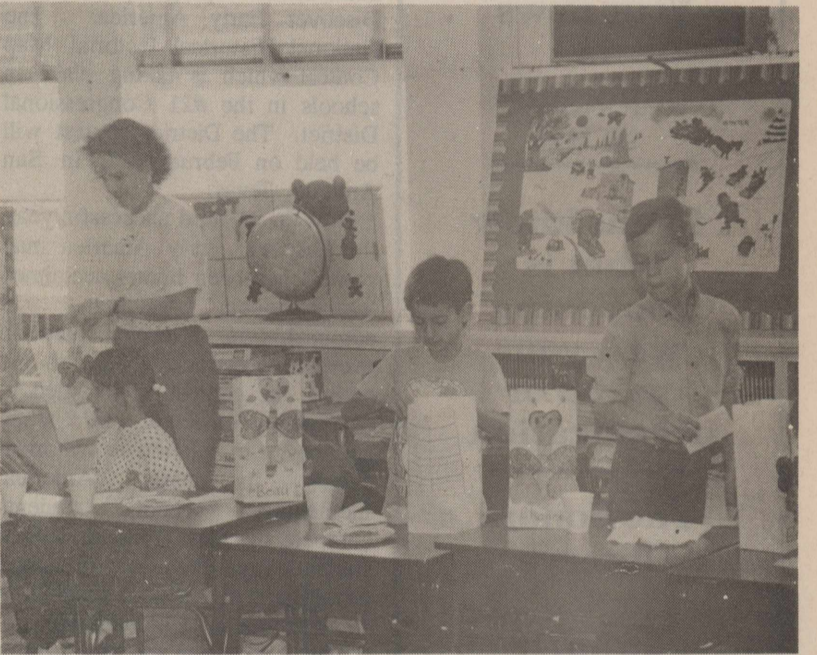
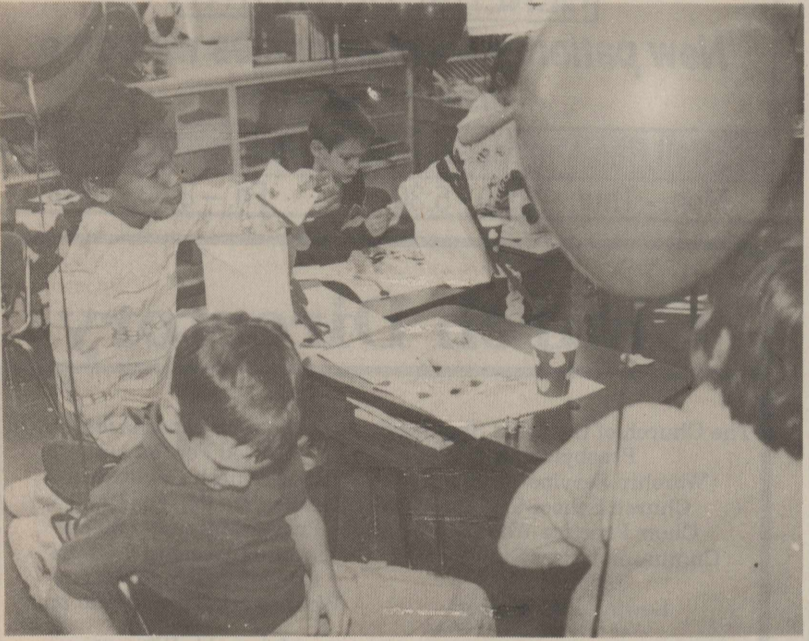
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(NU) - Many homeowners today are protecting their families and property with home security systems.

They're needed, people feel, because an increase in double-income families leaves many homes empty and vulnerable to burglars during the day. And the likelihood of burglaries tends to increase during winter months, when children are at school, darkness comes early and people take holiday vacations.

Home security devices range from simple and inexpensive light timers and alarm bars to centrally monitored systems. Light timers, on-site alarms and smoke detectors are simple to use and available at most hardware stores. But these devices may be ineffective if no one is home, because they do nothing to alert the police or fire department to an emergency.

Centrally monitored home protection systems offer a far higher level of security, with greater versatility and flexibility. They include sensors or contacts at perimeter doors and windows, as well as indoor motion detectors. Around-the-clock central station monitoring assures that any signal from the security system will receive immediate attention.

Few Burglarized

According to a survey by Security Distributing & Marketing Magazine, only 2 percent of homes with electronic alarm systems suffer losses from break-ins.

And centrally monitored systems aren't necessarily complicated to use. Some, like the 2000e from Honeywell, have language displays to tell you exactly what's happening with your system and identify the protected points in your home by name, such as "John's bedroom."

Such features make a system easy



for all family members to operate and comfortable to live with.

Centrally monitored home security systems are more expensive than do-it-yourself systems, but many experts believe that they are a good investment. Because these systems are effective burglary deterrents, several major insurance companies offer substantial discounts on their policy premiums to homeowners who install them.

Prices for security systems range from under \$100 for lighting controls and alarm bars, \$300-\$800 for do-it-yourself alarm systems and \$1,200-\$2,500 for a quality, professionally installed system. When deciding how much to spend, a recommended rule of thumb is to buy a system worth about 2 percent of the total value of your home and the possessions you want to protect.

Unlike most material possessions, the feeling of being safe and secure in your own home is hard to recover once it is lost. For that reason alone, a reliable home security system is worth its price.

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