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Senior Apartments to open soon

Sonora Seniors Apartments, built by Calhoun Property Management, will be ready for occupancy and available for lease the first week in March. The complex, located at 1901 Tayloe, is financed by Farmers Home.

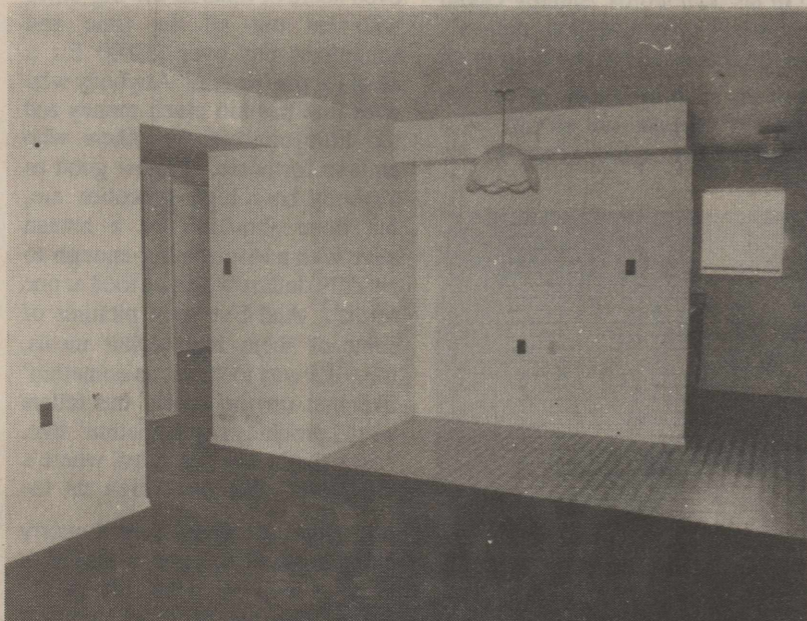
Thirty-two units are available for rent by seniors 62 or older or any disabled or handicapped person. The thirty-two units consist of 26 one-bedroom apartments and 6 two-bedroom apartments. Two of the units are specially designed for handicapped residents. Rental assistance is obtainable and rent costs are determined by income.

The complex features a large activity room complete with living room furniture and a television area. A craft room will also be obtainable for use. Scheduled activities are planned for residents consisting of exercise classes (3 times a week), crafts and games. Ceramics, flower arranging, crochet, embroidery, card games, bingo, scrabble, and other activities of interest to seniors will be offered.

At present, the finishing touches

are being added and landscaping completed. However, Marsha Hodges, manager of the apartment complex is currently collecting deposits in the office. She can be reached Monday through Friday (9

a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) at 387-5628. Beginning the first week of March, she will also be available on Saturday and Sunday (1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) until the majority of the units are rented.



Living area is spacious at the new Senior Apartments.



Pictured are members of the All-District Academic Team. Left to right - front row: Amy Reston, Tana Churchill, Dana Evans, Monica Gonzalez. Back row: Anna Teaff, Whitney Condra, Laura Chalk, Susen McCleery.

Recycling fun: Trash turned Treasure

With recycling becoming a very important issue in saving the earth from destruction, one man in Sonora is not only contributing to the effort but also increasing awareness in children by setting an example as well as teaching them his recycled art technique. Since his retirement from the oilfield last July, Mr. Johnny Ringgold has made his hobby a full fledged operation by creating artistic designs made entirely from recyclable products. His hand-made creations include small windmills,

mail boxes to hold business cards, paper towel holders, bathroom racks, book ends and flag holders.

According to Mr. Ringgold, he likes to do things a little different than most people. He admits to

being very conservative when discarding items and as opposed to adding to the earth's increasing trash build up, he tries to find a good use for them.

His ability to create imaginative designs from "trash" is uncanny. This talent possibly was acquired from his dad who taught him if you need something, then build it. Mr. Ringgold incorporates disposable coke bottles, used spark plugs, tops

and bottoms of aerosol cans, coat hangers, scrap wire, hail screen, frozen juice lids, wooden crates, scrap boards, plastic bleach bottles, tin cans, aluminum cans, broom and mop handles and other recyclable products into his works of art.

"Everything I pick up I find something it can be used for," stated Mr. Ringgold in an interview Monday morning. He added, "Everything my wife starts to

throw away, I tell her 'wait, let me go through it.'" He also mentioned that the only items he purchases to

add to his creations are tools, paint, and solder. However, some of his tools were handed down to him by

his father and are up to 100 years old.

Mr. Ringgold's interest in conservation originated when as a young man, he saw a movie displaying the earth as a trash heap used by people living in a "bubble" in the sky. As a result of this creating a terrifying image in his mind, he is dedicating his time to recycle products he is able to market so that the earth does not become a "dump ground" unfit for

human habitation. He feels if there was enough interest in recycling and people had more time to do so, trash dumps would not even be a necessity.

During Christmas, Mr. Ringgold created doll cradles of vegetable crates for his granddaughters and

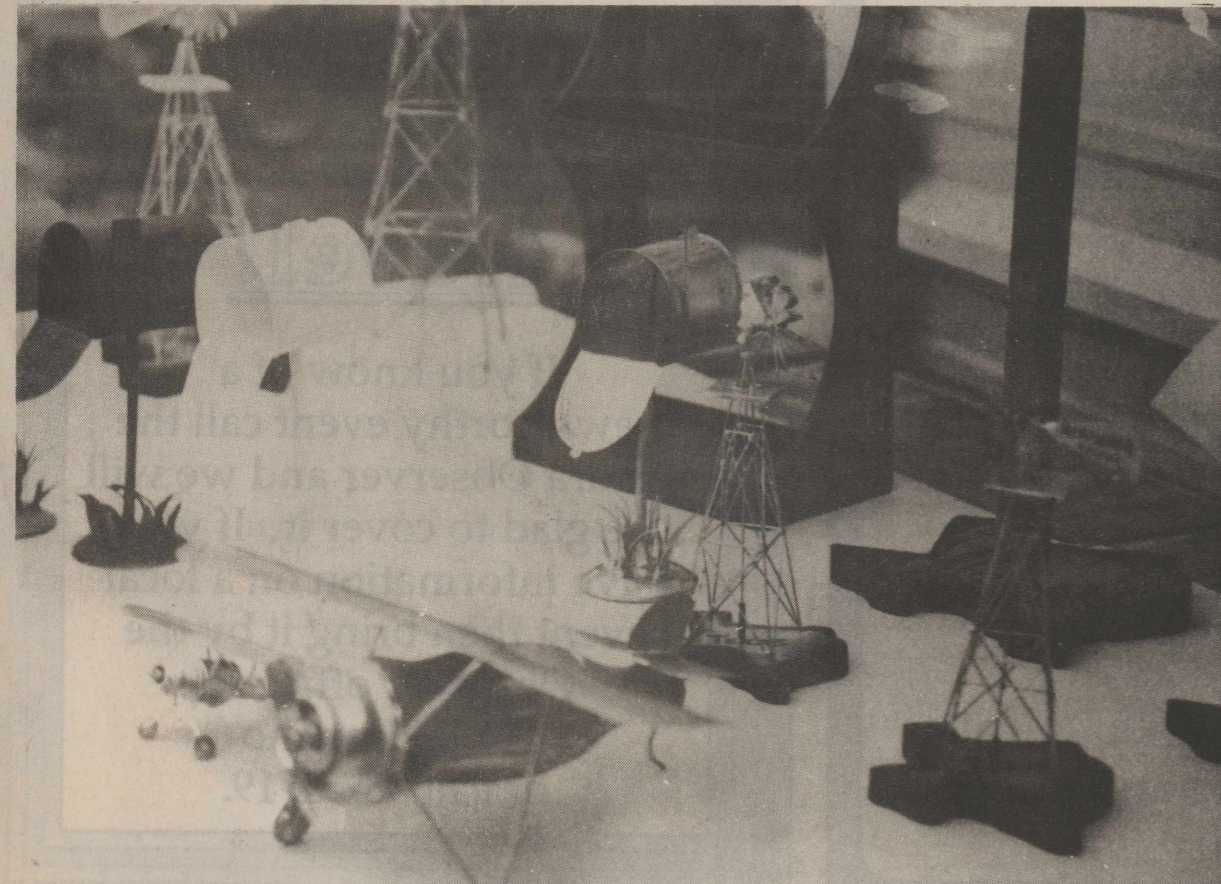
airplanes made from recycleable products for his grandsons. He senses that these handmade gifts are genuinely appreciated. More importantly, he is setting an

example for his grandchildren and children, in hopes that the awareness in their role of preserving the earth will be heightened.

Mr. Ringgold's long term goals include continuing the recycling effort, encouraging young people to recycle by building recycleable art

and working with elderly people who are capable of participating in making works of art. Mr. Ringgold expressed his theory by

saying, "The more we can teach about saving and recycling, the better off our world will be." He also plans to attend arts and crafts shows as soon as he has constructed enough recycled art to make the venture productive.



Some of the many recycled products displayed by Johnny Ringgold. Notice the airplanes made from a soda bottle and sparkplug.

Dukes named 6-AAA Coach of the Year

For the second time this year, a Sonora High School coach has been named Coach of the Year. In the District 6 AAA meeting held last Wednesday, the Lady Broncos Varsity Coach, Clyde Dukes, was named the Districts Coach of the Year. This announcement came as no real surprise as this was the second consecutive year that the Lady Broncos went as far as Area in the play-offs.

Also for the second year, the Lady Broncos named all five starters to the All-District team as members or honorable mention. The members making the All-District Team were: Tana Churchill, senior; Dana Evans, junior; and Monica Gonzalez, junior. Named as Honorable Mention, were: Amy Reston, senior; and Susen

McCleery, junior. The vote for All-District, was a very close one. Coach Dukes explained that there was really no question about Dana Evans, but the other four were a toss up due to the fact that each girl was important in one or more games. One parent made the comment that this team was extremely talented and pointed out that during the year, "If one girl was off during a game, another one was hot." There were no true standouts on this team, however, due to the hard work together as a team, they played an outstanding season.

Another all-district team named was the Academic Team. These ladies must maintain a 90 or above average during the year. The lady Broncos named to this team were:

Tana Churchill, senior; Dana Evans, junior; Laura Chalk, junior; Whitney Condra, sophomore; and Anna Teaff, sophomore.

During an interview with Coach Dukes Tuesday evening, he stressed that the girls did the work, and they deserve the credit. He also said that he "enjoyed" the season and is looking forward to another year.

The Lady Broncos won District and Bi-District this year and were defeated at Area by Fredericksburg, ending their season with an 18-10

record. The Lady Broncos will only lose two seniors this year and should come back strong next year. We congratulate these ladies on their outstanding achievements, awards, honors, and the great 1990-91 season they shared with us.

Lions Club to hold annual broom sale March 12

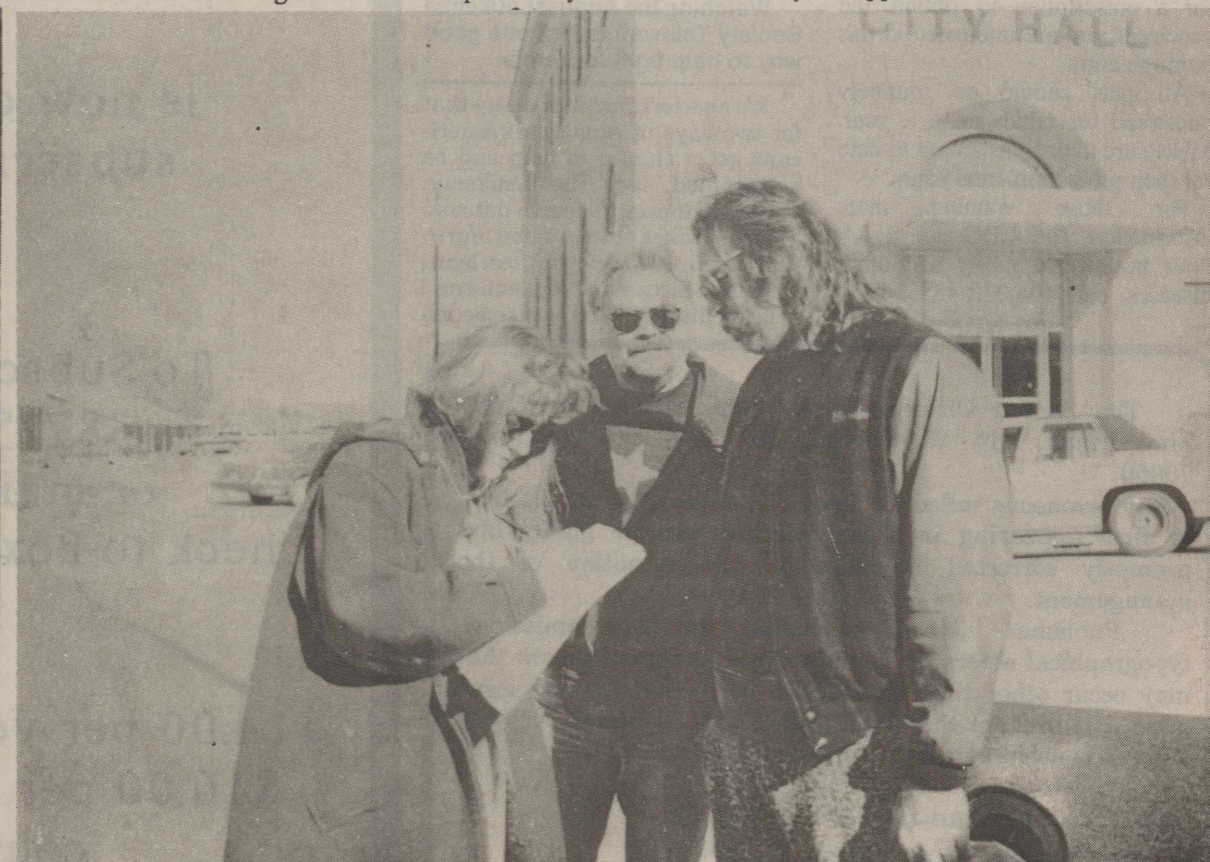
The Sonora Downtown Lions Club will conduct an all-out drive on March 12, 1991 to sell quality Blind Made Merchandise to residents and local businesses. All of these items are manufactured by blind and visually-impaired workers in the Lighthouses for the Blind.

The entire membership of the Lions Club has been organized to

supply friends and neighbors with these quality items. The Broom and Mop sale will be located at the Post Office and City Hall where citizens may purchase directly from the Caravan truck, or contact Ray Smith at 387-2593 to have your order delivered.

Sales of Blind Made Merchandise in previous years have been very

successful and Lion Smith expressed his confidence in reaching a new all-time goal this year. "Every home and business can use some of these cleaning aids, and every item purchased helps to provide dignity and the security of regular employment for our Blind citizens." Thank you for your support.



Observer reporter Susan Crowder interviews David Gordon, producer for Partners Canada, and Tony Kerr, who wrote the commercials for Budweiser that were filmed downtown Wednesday, Feb. 20.

Letter to the Editor

"A man for all seasons"

Dear Editor,

by Joan Lata

We would like to take this opportunity to offer everyone a personal invitation to join us in celebrating Texas Independence Day. We hope to follow the tradition, which was begun last year, by raising a glass of Texas spring water on Saturday, March 2 in a "Toast to Texas."

The Toast will occur at our joint business place at 303 S. Crockett. Colonel Jim Stephen, Texas Army of the Republic will be Master of Ceremonies.

The ceremony will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m., concluding as we raise the Toast at 2:00 p.m., joining with fellow Texas all over the world.

We hope you will be able to attend and will invite others to attend with you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Earwood, B. Earwood Gallery and Art School -- Charlotte Gilmore and Ruth Spaulding, Bits and Pieces of Sonora.

Methodist Church renovation completed

Sunday, February 17, approximately 120 people attended a dedication service at the First United Methodist Church. The dedication was a result of the finalization of renovations in the sanctuary of the church. L.L. Sams, of Waco, Texas, initiated the project on January 7, 1991, and completed it February 6, 1991.

The renovation includes new carpeting, painting, a safety glass partition in front of the balcony, new lighting, new chairs for the choir, splitting the chancel, adding a lecturn and a new altar. Chairman of the local building committee was Glen Fisher.

Former pastor, Paul Terry, and his wife, Catherine, attended the dedication service. Following the service, those attending enjoyed a covered dish dinner.

More rabies cases confirmed in Sutton County

There have been two more confirmed cases of rabies in Sutton County in one fox and one raccoon. This brings the total confirmed cases since January 1, to three foxes, one deer, and one raccoon.

Rabies is on the rise in adjoining counties also. Crockett County (Ozona) reported a case of rabies in a cat which exposed two people. (These people have just finished their rabies treatment).

A note for persons wanting to protect themselves from rabies: A new vaccine is available. It is a very small dose - 0.1cc - and is administered like an allergy shot into the skin with a tiny needle. The vaccine costs \$20.00 per dose at Angelo Community Hospital and takes three doses to immunize you. Of course, you should add the variable costs of a medical professional administering the vaccine to you. Once immunized, a booster every one to two years will continue the protection. The new vaccine is almost painless, even a small child can take it with no problems. Contact your physician for a prescription to obtain the vaccine if you are interested in this immunization.

All pets should be routinely boosted for rabies once a year. Make sure their shots are up to date for their protection - and yours.

For those wanting more information, the CDC has a 24-hour hotline on rabies and other diseases, call (404)332-4555.

"A man for all seasons" is a phrase which fits Sammy Odom to a tee. Sam Merck Odom, Jr. is this year's unanimous choice by the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department as their "Fireman of the Year."

This man, a seventeen year veteran of this vital community service organization, gives generously and willingly of his time and skills, despite the fact that he is raising his three young sons alone. Sammy is employed as mechanic with the City of Sonora, and those mechanical bents serve to keep the fire department's fleet in top operating condition at all times. His leadership abilities are reflected by the three terms both as vice-president and as president since he became an active member of the force in 1974.

A second generation native born Sonoran, Sammy was born on October 10, 1947, to Sam Odom, Sr., and Louise. One of his earliest memories relating to the fire department involves a field trip while in elementary school. As Sam remembers it, one-half of the class rode the fire truck to Eldorado from Sonora and returned on the train, while the other half rode the train to Eldorado, some twenty miles distant, and returned on the fire truck. That trip made a forceful impression on young Sammy, and perhaps laid the groundwork for his adult dedication and interest in all

phases of fire fighting.

In addition to his very practical contributions as head mechanic for the department, Sammy has won the perfect attendance award many times for regular meetings, and has twice been honored for fighting more fires in any one year than any other member. He freely donates his time and work to all fund-raising events, and has been a member of the six-man pumper team on many occasions over the years. He holds the basic, intermediate, and advanced fire fighter degrees in fire service, and is a certified emergency attendant. In that capacity, he served as an ambulance attendant for a number of years.

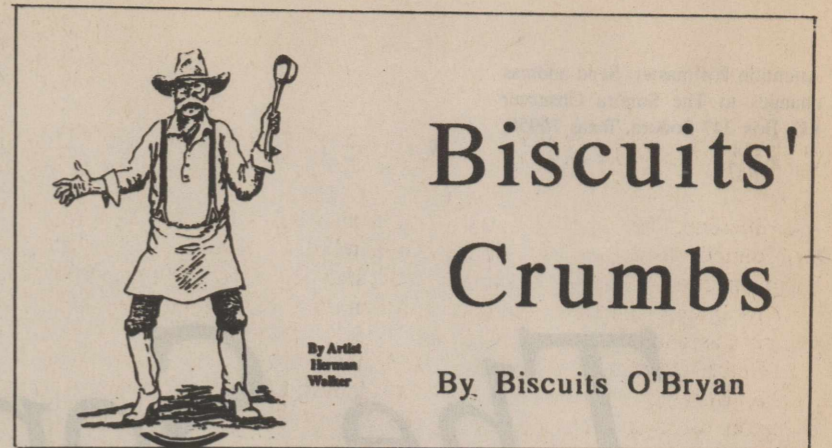
Sammy's natural mechanical skills began to show at an early age. He indulged in drag racing as a very young man, just prior to serving two years active duty with the 24th Infantry Division, United States Army, from 1968 to 1970, followed by six reserve duty. During his years in the Army Reserve, he embarked on both his vocation as City of Sonora mechanic, and his avocation as volunteer fire fighter. Both give every evidence of being long-term commitments.

One of Sammy's major sources of satisfaction is the fact that during his 17 years with the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department, there have been no serious accidents or

injuries to personnel, despite trips ranging from Del Rio to Menard County battling grass and range fires, and local forays fighting everything from vehicle fires to dreaded house fires to fires in commercial buildings. The fire fighters have been called out in all kinds of weather at any time of the day or night on a wide variety of emergencies, and have always returned safely. He attributes this to excellent training and good equipment, well-maintained.

Sammy's memories of his fire fighting career encompass both the good, (the department's many successes), and the bad, (finding dead children in a fire-gutted trailer), but all told, he looks back on his nearly two decades of service with a feeling of thankfulness for whatever he and his fellow volunteers have been able to accomplish in making his home town a safer, healthier place to live. To this end, he takes part in a local school program aimed at educating children about fire dangers, and acts as instructor at the San Angelo Fire School. He feels strongly that public awareness is one of the best deterrents to fire danger and destruction.

In his own words, Sammy Odom "wouldn't give a million dollars" for the friends he has made from all over the state of Texas, or for the sense of purpose his service as a volunteer fire fighter gives to his life.



There Ought 'To Be a Better Name

I need you to help me think up a better name for left-overs. Did you know there's some who won't eat food after the first time it's served? My own personal point of view is that this may be because that food's called "left-overs." 'Course when you was brought up the way I was, never to waste nothin' and always eat what's put before you and clean your plate, left-overs pose no real problem, 'cause just like with the mountain men's saying, "Meat's meat," with us, Food's food, and we are jus' thankful to have somethin' on the table."

But with some folks, that just ain't the way it is. Shoot, I've even heard of folks in the big cities who eat out all the time and sometimes pay over \$50.00 for a meal for one person! Anybody who does that has too much money and too little concern for others who ain't so fortunate. I know good as anybody how high groceries are, but there shouldn't be a human alive with a stomach big enough to eat fifty dollars worth of food at one settin'.

And I've seen pictures of some of them high dollar meals, too. If I was to serve up somethin' like that on the ranch, the fellers would probably say somethin' like, "Now that's real purty, but where's the food?" But them high on the hog folks sure don't have to worry about left-overs, except maybe a swig or two of wine left in the bottle, and they're too embarrassed to shove in the cork and take it home.

Personally, I like to be sure to cook enough to have food left after everybody's done ate his fill. For one thing, I can be sure that no one's leavin' hungry, and for another, it gives me a chance to play around and be creative, kinda like that feller in ol' Ace Reid's cookbook who stirs up a batch of chocolate gravy to eat on his hot biscuits. For instance, the other day, I fixed this great big ol' pot roast, and I had a fair sized hunk left over to use for dinner the next day ("dinner" in cowboy talk is the

noon meal, for the sake of all you foreigners from places like Ohio and Missouri). I had made up a big bunch of flour tortillas, so I took that roast, whacked it up into little pieces, heated up my skillet and chunked in a good size lump of butter and a fair batch of chopped

onions. When the onions got soft, I tossed in a mess of green chiles (not jalapenos or serranos, but New Mexico green chiles, like you use to make chiles rellenos [you do make chiles rellenos, don't you?]), along with a bit of chopped up garlic and some comino. When

that got hot, I tossed in the beef, heated that good, then fixed up

burritos. They was mighty larrupin', if I do say so myself.

You can mix up left-over vegetables, dependin' on what they are, of course. Sauerkraut don't blend in too good with other things, but things like green beans, peas, corn, and most of that kind of stuff goes good together, especially if you add grated cheese and maybe put it in a cream sauce made with butter, flour and milk. You can stuff bell peppers with near about anything, glob on some tomato sauce, garlic, and that stinky grated Italian cheese, and bake 'em. Cut left over corn off the cob, put it in a custard and bake it and you ain't sure if it's a vegetable or a dessert, but you know it's good.

My favorite of all left-overs is:

- HASH**
- In a Dutch oven or heavy lidded skillet,
- Melt 1/4 cup butter
- Stir in 1/4 cup flour and cook over medium heat for 3-6 minutes
- Add a cup of cold water, stirrin' real good
- When that's good and thick, add more water, up to 3 more cups
- Throw in 2-4 Irish potatoes, peeled and chunked,
- dependin' on how much roast beef you have
- Add 1 or 2 onions, chopped up
- Toss in your left-over roast, cut in dice-size cubes
- Season with Salt, pepper, garlic, and thyme
- Stir ever once in a while to be sure it don't stick on the bottom
- Cook covered over the lowest heat possible 'til the taters are done.
- Serve with hot biscuits or corn bread
- I like to sprinkle chili powder on my hash.

Now this ain't fancy, but it tastes good and it stays with you to get you through a hard day's work. But it is a form of left-overs, and because of that, some folks are goin' to turn up their noses and refuse to try it, so why don't you write to me and let me know if you can come up with a better name for left-overs. "Next-to-new," and

"previously owned" don't really seem to cut it, but I can't think of nothin' else. Tell you what, the one who comes up with the best idea will get one of my books as a prize, so send your thoughts to: Biscuits O'Bryan's Left-Over Contest--P.O. Box 1103--Sonora, Texas 76950-1103.

In the meantime, y'all keep on cookin', and don't throw that food out. Be creative. Even if it don't come out so hot, at least you tried. I remember once my Mama tolt me to eat my boiled cabbage, 'cause there was a million little Chinese kids starvin' to death. She wasn't real happy when I come back at her

with, "Name three!" Say a little prayer for peace.



First United Methodist Church certainly has something to be proud of with the completion of their renovations to the sanctuary.

PROGRESS IN MEDICINE

Closing In On Cancer

In the last hour, if it was like most hours, eight Americans learned they have leukemia or a related illness. Fortunately for them, and the eight who will learn of their leukemia in the next hour...and the next...science is gaining on the disease every minute.



Watching the August Leukemia Society Televent is just one good way to help fight leukemia.

It's also fortunate for many that for two days in August all Americans get a chance to help and be entertained, too. The Leukemia Society of America's fourth national Televent takes place August fourth and fifth in 1990. Viewers can learn the latest facts about leukemia and related diseases and see some ex-

citing entertainment from Televent host Shirley Jones, Steve Allen, Gordon Jump, Monty Hall, Jayne Meadows, Martin Landau, Harvey Korman and Frank Bonner.

Leukemia's symptoms include: easy bruising, fever, continual weakness, chronic fatigue, bone and joint pain and loss of weight and appetite. You should see a doctor if such problems persist.

You can learn more about the Televent, the Leukemia Society and how to help with a tax-deductible contribution by writing Leukemia Society of America, National Headquarters, 733 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017.



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City Council reviews new drug abuse policy

On Tuesday, February 19, the City Council of Sonora met for a regular meeting. Billy Gosney, Bob Mooney, James Trainer, Margaret Cascadden, Lemuel Lopez, Jaye "Butch" Campbell, Elizabeth Wallace, M.H. Gildon and Becky Covington were present for the meeting.

The first item on the agenda was a report by Rex Ann Friess. She indicated that the Appraisal District had collected \$276,470.09 as of January 31, 1991. After the monthly financial reports were given to the Council for review and comments, bids were opened for a new tractor/mower to be purchased for the street department. After review of the bids, a motion was made to purchase the tractor/mower from Concho Valley Implement Company for the amount of \$14,726.00. The vote carried unanimously.

Next, bids were opened for the installation of a supervisory control and data acquisition system for the water department. During discussion the Council asked that consideration be given to the problem of high and low water pressure. The Council requested David Todd, Engineer, to present a cost estimate and plan at the Special Meeting to be held on March 5, 1991. A motion was then made to approve the bid from Hydro-Con System for the amount of \$23,900.00 and the measure was unanimously approved.

A planning and zoning case was

the next topic of discussion. Julio Hernandez, 602 Glasscock, requested a zone change from residential to commercial to operate a video game room. Upon recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board, a motion was made to grant a special use permit for the video game room business. However, should the property be sold, the permit would be void. All members present voted

unanimously in favor of granting the special use permit.

Jim Garrett, Public Works Coordinator, reported that upon removal of the underground fuel tanks at the airport, it was found that the soil was contaminated and soil testing was needed to satisfy the Texas Water Commission. A motion was made to hire the firm of Enviro-Tech Lab out of San Angelo to test the soil and clean up the contamination. The Council voted unanimously involving this issue.

Due to the fact that the Texas Water Commission is requiring the City to obtain an engineering report and/or plans and specifications that clearly show how the treatment system will meet the final permitted effluent limitations required from the Water Utilities Division, a motion was made to hire Todd Engineering, Inc. to do the necessary work. The work would comply with the Commission regarding the request for a discharge permit for the

installation of new lights at little league field and swimming pool repair of leaks.

A motion was made to authorize the staff to purchase the meter reading system from Incode, Inc. on an approval basis. All members of the Council voted in favor of the motion.

The final item on the agenda was a review of a Drug Abuse Policy involving City employees.

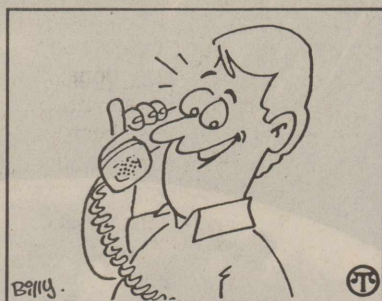
wastewater treatment plant. The council voted unanimously to hire Todd Engineering, Inc.

Next, a motion was made to call the city election on May 4, 1991, to elect three alderpersons to serve a two year term on the city council. All members of the Council voted unanimously in favor of the election and to appoint Karen Fincher as the Election Judge for the May 4, 1991, election as well as for her to hire the necessary clerks. The City Secretary was authorized by the Council to hire a temporary clerk to help with absentee voting and approve the request from the hospital and water districts to conduct their absentee voting.

Public works projects for the City were discussed by the Council and staff. Projects which were discussed were the airport, fuel and runway shoulder; golf course, paving of cart paths; landfill, location problem being in the watershed; streets, seal coating and drainage cleaning; and parks,

New Telephone Service Features "Opening Lines"

It's a problem that has plagued men for years. It usually happens at bars and parties and can turn a confident, articulate man into a blubbing idiot.



We're speaking, of course, about the all-important "opening line." Some never work up the courage to say anything, but most men rely on the old unoriginal lines like "What's a nice girl like you doing in a place like this?" or "Don't I know you from somewhere?"

But now, thanks to St. Pauli Girl Beer, men who want to break the ice with fetching females won't have to resort to these tired, old stand-bys any longer. For a mere 85 cents, anyone can dial 1-900-990-MTRG (that's for Meet The Right Girl), a new telephone service that provides witty opening lines. The service is accessible from all 50 states, and since there's no telling when a man might need a good opener, the service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A new one-minute message is offered each week and each message is delivered by Felice, this year's St. Pauli Girl Beer poster girl.

Let's face it, unless you're Tom Cruise or Paul Newman, you could use a good opener.

Death Notice

Carlos Gonzales Mijares

Carlos Gonzales Mijares, 64, of 104 Penrose in San Angelo, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 1991, in the V.A. hospital in Kerrville.

Rosary was Monday at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass was Tuesday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Fater Ray Corr officiating. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery.

Mr. Mijares was born Jan. 25, 1927, in Hobbs, Texas, to Gregorio Mijares and Juanita Gonzales Mijares. He attended Hobbs High School and San Angelo Business College, and was a veteran of World War II.

Mr. Mijares married Orosia Losoya in 1947. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and was a charter member of the G.I. Forum in San Angelo. He was the owner of Carlos's Little Mexico Restaurant in Snyder, and was active in many civic and church organizations in Snyder, including the Chamber of Commerce, Gold Coaters Selective Service Board,

West Texas Council of Governments, Knights of Columbus, Pastoral Council of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church and the Scurry County Democratic Party.

Survivors include his wife, Orosia L. Mijares; a son, Charlie Mijares of San Angelo; three daughters, Nita Rodriguez of San Angelo, Mrs. Alfred A. (Mary) Perez of Sonora and Mrs. Jim (Elizabeth) Moses of Waco; his father, Gregorio L. Mijares of El Paso; a brother, Ruben Mijares of El Paso; a daughter-in-law, Rosalinda Mijares of San Angelo; 11 grandchildren, Nita Fernandez, Jaime Rodriguez, Charlie and Greg Mijares, all of San Angelo, Michelle, Pete, Clarissa and Ernie Perez, all of Sonora and David, Catie and John Moses, all of Waco; and a great-grandchild, Trae Fernandez of San Angelo.

Pallbearers were Charlie Mijares, Jaime Rodriguez, Pete Perez, Chindo Soto, Raymond Lossoya, Jr., and Richard Fernandez.

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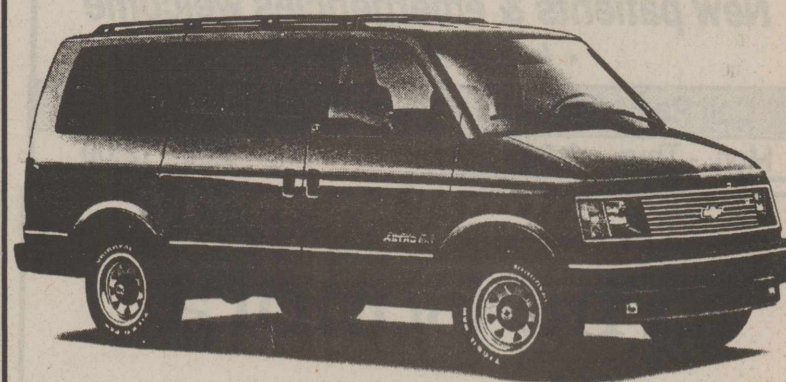
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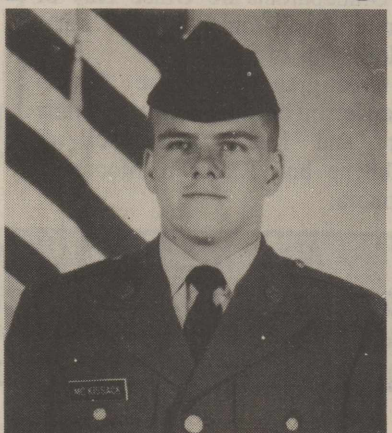
McKissack completes training

Private Frank Edward McKissack has completed eight weeks of basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, and nine weeks of Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

There he has learned skills in being a personal management specialist.

Eddie joined the Army on October 2, 1990 and graduated A.I.T. on February 14, 1991.

McKissack's wife and baby Amy, live in Crane. He is the son of Tommy and Darla McKissack of Sonora.



Pvt. McKissack

Ladies Golf Auxiliary meets

On Wednesday, February 20, twenty members of the Sonora Ladies Golf Auxiliary met for a monthly luncheon and meeting at the Sutton County Steakhouse. Hostesses for the luncheon were Marla Percifull and Fae Morgan.

Following a delicious meal of southern cuisine, minutes from the January meeting were read and a financial report given. The first item on the agenda was a discussion in reference to feeding 10 or 15

volunteer workers involved in the Christmas in April Project. The group voted unanimously to provide a meal for the volunteers during the workday in April.

Repairing the auxiliary's ice machine and making it more accessible to golfers was the next topic of discussion. The ladies agreed to pay for the repairs as well as making the machine readily available for use in the near future.

At this point, Teresa Henson, member of the Sonora Golf Club, volunteered to paint and decorate the rest rooms located on the golf course. The auxiliary voted to furnish the supplies and were thankful to Ms. Henson for volunteering her time to help with improvements.

The ladies auxiliary then conferred about purchasing golf ball washers for each tee box on the course. Although the project will be costly, the consensus was the ball washers were in bad need of replacement. The final decision was that the organization would replace each ball washer.

Prior to the completion of the monthly meeting, dates of tournaments in Brady, Ft. Clark

Springs, San Angelo and Del Rio were mentioned so that interested members could consider participation.



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Golf teams compete in Ft. Stockton

Nineteen high school golf teams, ranging from 4-A classification to 1-A, competed in the Ft. Stockton Open Invitational Golf Tournament on Friday and Saturday. The Sonora Boys' golf team comprised of Edward SanMiguel, Blake Adkins, Wade Spain, Eric Sanchez, and Pete Perez, participated in the event.

On Friday, the team score totalled 356 and as play finalized that afternoon, Sonora held 12th place in the tournament. The group improved their score by ten strokes on Saturday but were unable to stay for final results of the tournament.

According to Primo Gonzalez, golf team coach, Edward SanMiguel was leading the Ft. Stockton tournament with a score of 72 along with four other players after Friday's round. Then Saturday, he scored a 78, for a two-day total of 150. He was the top medalist among the District 5-AAA teams present.

In reference to his team's individual performances on Saturday in the Ft. Stockton Tournament, Coach Gonzalez stated, "Edward SanMiguel played extremely well and I expect him to continue to do well every week. I have expectations of him qualifying to go to Regional because in the span of six different rounds, he will probably play more consistently

than any other golfer in the District. I was extremely pleased with Blake Adkin's performance during the Ft. Stockton Tournament, also, and the most pleasant surprise was Wade Spain, freshman, shooting a 90 and an 89. Eric Sanchez, who experienced competition for the first time, learned quite a few aspects of the game. Senior player, Pete Perez, made a good effort having not played golf before."

The Sonora Boys' Golf Team will compete in a round-robin tournament, consisting of six District rounds, and the first round will be held March 2 in Sonora. Approximately 75 to 80 high school students will tee off in a shotgun start at 10:00 A.M.

The Sonora Girls' Golf Team, although not sanctioned by the U.I.L. and not officially a team this year, is preparing for next year. They will participate in Sonora on Saturday and possibly in two other tournaments as well.

The Girls' Golf Team is comprised of Stephanie Roberts, Becky Lumbrellas, Elsa Lumbrellas, Shawn Wallace, and Stephanie Virgen.

Other high school boys involved in the golfing program this year are Papo Sanchez, Eric Geske, and Lance Castro.

Choir participates in U.I.L.

On Saturday February 23, the Sonora High School and Jr. High Choir students travelled to Granbury for U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble competition.

The Jr. High students competing with solos were Jennifer Gallion, Kathy McManus and Jr. Odom. Both Jennifer and Kathy received Division II ratings and Jr. Odom received a Division I. This is the first year for a full choral program at the Jr. High and the first time these students have competed in a U.I.L. event. According to the U.I.L. definitions, a Division I is a "superior" rating; a Division II, "excellent"; Division III, "average"; Division IV, "below average"; and Division V, "poor."

The High School students competing with solos in Granbury were: Carmen Burch and Monica Chavez, both receiving Division II ratings; and Sherry Hocutt,

Division III. Sounds Unlimited, the high school pop choir, competed in the ensemble competition received a Division II rating. The choirs success is directly related to the pride and diligent efforts by the students involved.

Mr. Zimmerman would like to express his gratitude to those participating in the event (even though it came in the middle of spring break), and to Karen Fincher, Joe Fincher, and Jeryl Fields for their help.

Members of Sounds Unlimited competing were: Norma Alvarez, Carmen Burch, Ector Castilleja, Carmen Chavez, Monica Chavez, Shari Franklin, Gina Gamez, Frank Guzman, Sherry Hocutt, Ramiro Luna, Kendra McAnally, Debbie Mata, Cristina Ramirez, Jessica Smalling, Virginia Talamantez, and Ramon Zartarain.

CREATIVE COOKING



PINEAPPLE-TOMATO SALSA AND FISH

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- 1 green bell pepper, seeded, diced
- 1 tomato, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, pressed
- 1/2 red onion, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped cilantro
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon dill weed
- 4 white fish steaks (1/2-inch thick)
- 1 tablespoon margarine

Twist crown from pineapple. Cut pineapple into quarters. Cut fruit from shells. Trim off core and cut fruit into bite-size pieces. Combine pineapple with next 12 ingredients. Saute fish in margarine until browned. Spread pineapple salsa over fish. Cover, simmer 10 minutes until fish is tender and flakes with a fork. Serves 4.

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Johnny Ringgold shows a windmill he made out of "trash".

It's a girl!

Pvt. Frank Edward and Jennifer McKissack announce the birth of their daughter Amy Diane, born Saturday, February 2, 1991.

Amy weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces and is 20 and 1/2 inches long.

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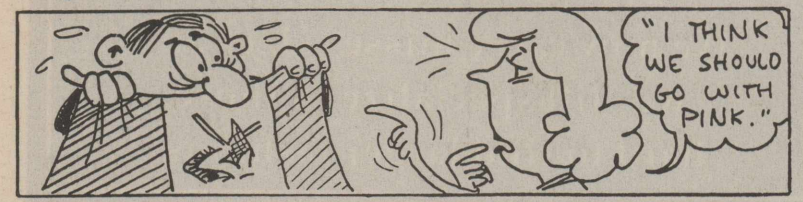
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State witness fee reinstated

During a county commissioner's meeting Monday morning, the state witness fee which had been revoked by the commissioner's court in January was reinstated. This policy allows state witnesses to submit their expenses (relating to Sutton County trials they participate in) to the courthouse and receive immediate reimbursement from the county. In turn, the county submits the expenses to the state and the state reimburses the county.

The motion for reinstating the state witness fee, was due to the inability of some of the state's witnesses not being able to afford

expenses which occur as they testify in court in Sutton County. In an effort to protect future cases, the policy was approved. However, the vote did not carry unanimously as Commissioners Keel and Wade were in favor of the measure and Commissioners Barrera and Villanueva opposed. The tie was broken by County Judge Carla Fields.

Other items on the agenda included approval of the minutes from the February 11 meeting and acceptance of current bills for payment.

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Somewhere in Saudi Arabia

by John Ferguson

At first glance, a newcomer to the desert invariably thinks the place is completely devoid of all life. But on looking closer, one sees a few bushes, some of which actually turn green if there is a heavy dew for a few days, as there sometimes is along the coast.

Pretty soon one notices the flies - lots of flies. Big slow flies, little pesky fast flies, flies that crawl on your arms, flies that try their best to go up your nose. It doesn't take long to develop an intense hatred for them. The flies start buzzing at daybreak, and are a constant irritant until dark. One wonders how they survive way out in the middle of the desert with apparently nothing to eat. But then it must not take much to keep a fly healthy. Everyone hopes the fly problem will lessen somewhat when it gets a little cooler. Until then we just keep swatting and cussing. It seems kind of funny to see a grown man, a rough and tough marine or soldier, cursing at an insignificant little fly. But then you find yourself doing it, and you have to question your own sanity.

Every now and then we see a small desert fox off in the distance or around a garbage dump. They are about the size of a Central Texas gray fox, but sandy colored, of course. Every once in a while, at night, we can hear them howling off in the far reaches of the desert. We didn't really know foxes howled, but it must be them, as we have seen nothing resembling a coyote. If one looks closely around some of the low-lying bushes, one might spot a small rat, similar to kangaroo rat, hopping around. They are often seen along the roads at night.

There are a few birds here. Gulls can be found along the coast, and small hawks are seen circling out in the desert, looking for the little kangaroo rats, no doubt. But the most prevalent bird is, believe it or not, the ubiquitous English sparrow. They must inhabit the entire globe.

There are several types of snakes in Saudi Arabia, most of them small and most of them poisonous. There are carpet vipers, Egyptian cobras, horned desert vipers, puff adders, and Levantine vipers. The ones we have seen were less than a foot long, but the Egyptian cobra can grow to seven feet or so. There have already been a few cases of service members being bitten, requiring hospitalization for the victim.

At night the spiders and scorpions are on the prowl. We haven't seen a great number of them, but they can be rude surprise if a fellow forgets to shake his boots out in the morning. Some bored souls have been known to catch scorpions and put them in a box to watch them fight. Entertainment is pretty scarce out here.

But the undisputed king of the night is the lowly dung beetle. These little creatures materialize by the hundreds, nay, thousands, at night to toil away at their disgusting business. They roll up little balls of manure to lay their eggs in, and roll these vile nurseries to their homes in the ground. They are a constant companion to the

lonely sentinel on guard duty. Somehow, through their ceaseless efforts, they remind us how insignificant man is. They were here before us and will be here after we're gone. One gets the feeling that man is the intruder in this landscape. Let's hope we're not the intruder for too much longer.

Dec. 14-On the Eastern Coast of Saudi Arabia

Today was a good day. We have been at our present location for a week, a sandy plain on the Eastern coast of Saudi Arabia near a gas plant. This morning two employees from Aramco, the Arabian-American Oil Company, dropped by to say hello and welcome us to the area. As it turns out, the two men, Neal Sinclair from Port Arthur, Texas, and J.O. Peavy from Longview, work at the gas plant

about two miles away. In spite of our clever camouflage, they had spotted us, and decided to come by for a visit. They stayed for thirty minutes or so, then had to go, but they said they would be back around noon.

Twelve-thirty rolled around, and we were about to give up on the boys when they finally showed up, and what gifts they were bearing! Honest to goodness cheeseburgers, piles of French fries, and ice cold soft drinks. Those two displaced Texans made some friends for life.

So the afternoon was spent eating cheeseburgers and fries, and talking about home. The two men sent their families back to the States long ago, so they can share our loneliness. Having experiences they've had living in a foreign country, and of course we told them about life in the Marines.

As the afternoon passed and evening approached, J.O. and Neal had to leave, but not before inviting us to come visit them. It seems they live just a few miles away in a compound with several other American and Europeans, all employees of Aramco. The two men offered us the use of their

homes, showers, laundry facilities, and perhaps best of all, telephones for calls back to the States. True Texas hospitality. A simple gesture perhaps, but one that filled us all with gratitude and appreciation. There are good people the world over.

Holidays are a special time, a time to be spent with one's family and closest friends. A Christmas spent in the service is often a lonely time, but a Christmas endured in a foreign land like Saudi Arabia can really give one the blues.

Our small unit of about thirty-five Marines spent the holidays at an isolated desert outpost, far from any celebrations or festivities. No chaplain was able to make his way out to our little band of brothers to bring us any Christmas message, and it was easy to get the feeling that we had all been forgotten during the celebration of the birth of Christ.

Christmas Eve started out on a downward spiral when the two officers of our unit packed up and headed South to the rear, no doubt for some "important meeting." No formation to wish everyone a happy holiday, no morale boosting speech or anything. So it was pretty much a routine day with everyone going about his usual tasks, though the place was brightened up a little by a Christmas tree that the wife of one of the boys had sent, and some colorful Christmas cards sent by an elementary school in Baird, Texas. The heavens treated us to a beautiful sunset, but it didn't do much to raise anyone's spirits.

A little after sundown several of the boys got together, and Jason McAnear of Houston read us the Christmas story from the second chapter of Luke. Being an accomplished singer, he then entertained us with several songs. Afterward, several of the Marines wandered from tent to tent singing Christmas carols, but strangely it just added to the melancholy feeling everyone had.

Christmas day dawned bright and pretty, and we all received the good word that our First Sergeant had arranged to have hot chow delivered to us for Christmas dinner. Remembering our recent Thanksgiving feast (spent in the rear), we all had visions of turkey, ham, dressing and all the trimmings. Shortly before noon

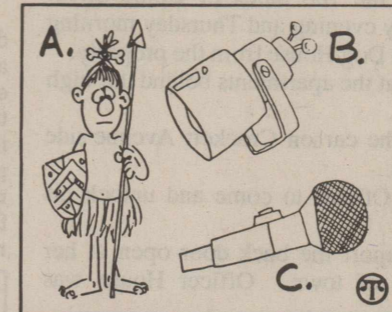
our Company Commander called on the radio and said he would deliver the holiday meal when he returned. Noon came and went, and most of the Marines figured the Captain must have lost his way. Then along about three o'clock in the afternoon he made his appearance,

and we all gathered around the truck to partake of the feast. Imagine our disappointment when the thermos containers were opened to reveal mashed potatoes and corn. Nothing else. So much for visions of turkey and ham.

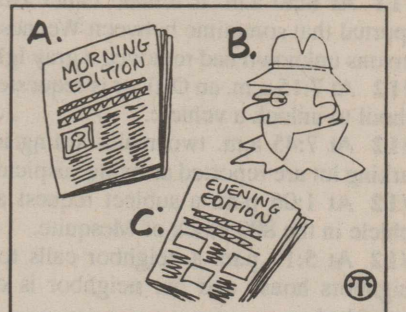
The day closed on a bunch of blue, unhappy campers. This is one Christmas we won't soon forget, even though we'd prefer to. I guess it will make our next Christmas seem that much more merry.

QUICK QUIZ

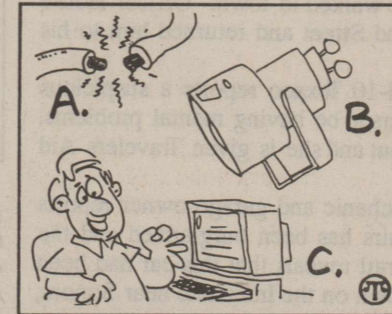
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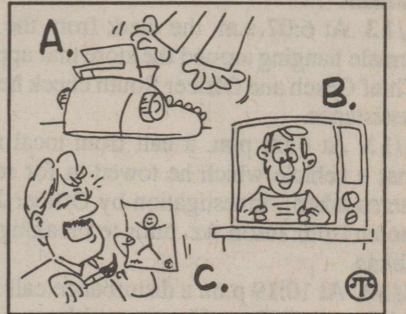
1. A dingalinga is a. an African tribe. b. a low-power spotlight. c. the most widely used microphone?



2. The term bulldog refers to a. the earliest edition of a morning newspaper. b. an uncooperative media source. c. the last edition of an evening newspaper?



3. Etaoin shrdlu is a. the generic term for a leading component of electrical cable connectors. b. technical name for a low-power spotlight. c. words used by operators of Lintotype equipment to test hot-lead typesetting machines?



4. An interrobang would be most often used by a. print journalists. b. broadcast journalists. c. artillery officers?

Answers
1. b. It's also called a dinky. 2. a. 3. c. The term is used for testing because it contains the five vowels and seven common consonants, according to *Webster's New World Dictionary of Media and Communications* (Simon & Schuster, New York). The new reference book by Richard Weiner, a renowned practitioner of public relations, defines over 30,000 slang and technical terms, including old and new ethnic and British words. The book covers 27 fields including advertising, broadcasting, computer graphics, film, journalism, library science, marketing, newspapers, photography, videotex and more. Each definition is written so that the user can understand it even if he or she is not a professional working in the field. It's available at local bookstores or you can send a check for \$29.95 plus \$3.00 for postage and handling (total: \$32.95) to: Public Relations Publishing Co., 1633 Broadway, New York, NY 10019. 4. a. It's a punctuation mark, combining an exclamation point and question mark.

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Broccoli & Cheese
Carrot Sticks
Pickle spear
Applesauce Cake
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Monday:
Steakfingers w/ gravy
Mashed potatoes
Corn on the Cob
Lime Jello
Roll
Milk

Tuesday:
Chicken Spaghetti
Green Beans
Sliced Peaches
Garlic Bread
Milk

Wednesday:
Tamale Pie
Seasoned Peas
Broccoli & Cauliflower
w/ dressing
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Milk

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French Fries
Lettuce, Tomato, & Pickle
Rainbow Cake
Milk

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Meat Sauce w/ cheese
Lasagna Noodles
Carrots
Garlic Toast
Tossed Salad w/dressing
Oatmeal Cake

Friday:
Roast Beef
w/brown gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli
Hot Rolls
Gingerbread
w/ topping

Monday:
Beef Stew
w/vegetables
Sweet peas
Crackers
Tossed Salad
Chocolate Pudding
w/topping

Tuesday:
B-B-Q Chicken
Blackeyed peas
Harvard Beets
Cornbread
Pears

Wednesday:
Pepper Steak
Hot Rice
Buttered Spinach
Cornbread
Pineapple Upside Down
Cake

Thursday:
Salmon Patties
w/tarter sauce
Scalloped potatoes
Broccoli
Hot Rolls
Brownies

Police Reports

2/10 At 9:30 p.m. the man called from the 600 block of Tayloe Avenue and reported that persons had shot out the window of his Chevrolet Suburban with an air rifle.

2/11 At 8:50 a.m. a female caller from the 100 block of Dollie Street reported that sometime between Wednesday evening and Thursday morning persons unknown had removed a gray Igloo Dog House from the property.

2/12 At 7:15 a.m. an Officer is requested at the apartments behind the high school to unlock a vehicle.

2/12 At 7:45 a.m. two males sitting in the car on Crockett Avenue side parking lot are reported as being suspicious.

2/12 At 1:06 p.m. a subject request an Officer to come and unlock his vehicle in the 800 block of Mesquite.

2/12 At 5:19 p.m. a neighbor calls to report the back door open at her neighbors house and her neighbor is out of town. Officer House was dispatched.

2/12 At 7:45 p.m. the clerk from the Town & Country at 610 Crockett Ave. reported that a customer had failed to pay for \$5.36 worth of gasoline.

2/12 At 9:19 p.m. a female caller reports that her son has been gone from home for four hours and that he might have walked to town. Officer House located the young man walking on East 2nd Street and returned him to his mother.

2/13 At 6:07 a.m. the clerk from the IH-10 Texaco reports a suspicious female hanging around the store that appears to be having mental problems. Chief Gesch and Officer Routh check her out and she is given Travelers Aid Assistance.

2/13 At 6:00 p.m. a call from local mechanic and garage owner reports that a vehicle which he towed in for repairs has been burglarized and the stereo taken. Investigation by Officer Jarratt reveals that this car had been stolen from Tucson Az. prior to breaking down on the Interstate near Sonora, Texas.

2/13 At 10:19 p.m. a disturbance call is reported in the 200 block of West 5th Street. Officers House and Jarratt responded.

2/14 At 11:03 a.m. caller from the 500 block of Poplar reports that there are people turning their yard into a junk yard in back of their house. Officer Routh was dispatched and advised the man of a City Ordinance Violation.

2/14 At 2:24 p.m. the keys are reported locked in a 1990 Dodge at the Circle K Store. Officer Routh responded.

2/14 At 3:05 p.m. the keys are reported locked in a jeep at the Houston Headwear Store on Crockett Avenue, Officer Routh responded.

2/14 At 3:30 p.m. a female caller reports a lost child five years of age, red hair, wearing a black and white dress with a red collar. The child was located by family members after walking to Teaff Oil Company.

2/14 At 3:45 p.m. Animal Control Officer and Officer Routh are called to the Hudspeth Hospital Emergency in reference to a dog bit. A child was bitten on the upper lip by the dog in the 500 block of East 2nd Street. The victim was transferred to San Angelo by the mother. The dog was quarantined.

2/15 At 9:45 a.m. the owner of a local feed store reports that during the night someone had broken in at his business and stolen a large amount of cash. Officer Humphrey and Jarratt are investigating this case.

2/16 At 10:20 p.m. a male subject is arrested at a local bar for Public Intoxication and because he was wanted by the Texas Department of Corrections for a Parole Violation Charge. Officer House and Jarratt effected the arrest.

2/17 At 8:30 p.m. a resident in the 500 block of Chestnut reported that someone had stolen the windshield wipers off of her car while it was parked at Church.

2/19 At 9:12 p.m. a male subject is arrested in the 200 block of Glasscock Avenue for Public Intoxication.

2/19 At 2:30 p.m. keys locked in a vehicle at the Caverns.

2/20 At 3:15 p.m. a complainant reports there are some abandoned vehicles in the yard of the house in the 500 block of Poplar Street and that the young men there are turning the yard into a mechanic shop.

2/20 At 4:05 p.m. Chief Gesch and Officer Jarratt are called to the alley on Cornell between Glasscock Avenue and Tayloe Avenue to assist the City Manager Pete Gildon in the investigation of City Ordinance Violation regarding garbage and sanitation.

2/20 At 5:30 p.m. a complainant reports that a TV Enterprise cable has been burglarized at the Sonora Sage Apartments.

2/23 At 7:05 a.m. the owner of a local feed store reports that his business has been broken in to again.

2/23 At 4:00 p.m. a complainant in the 100 block of Deerwood Drive reports that someone has spray painted their names on the steps of her rent house in the 700 block of Rock Avenue. Officers Humphrey and Jarratt investigated.

2/23 At 11:30 p.m. a Savell Street resident reports that her 17 year old daughter has run away from home. Officer Routh investigated and Daughter was located in Ozona, Texas and advised to call her mother at home.

2/24 At 6:15 p.m. a caller from the 100 block of Prospect reported that two males in a black 1982 Pontiac had stopped in front of her residence. One of the men made an obscene gesture toward her son. The man then gestured for the son to get into the car with them. The initial search of the area did not reveal the suspect vehicle, but the police are still looking for the vehicle. Anyone seeing a black 1982 model Pontiac bearing Texas license plates 082BXY please contact the Sonora Police Department at 387-3888.

2/25 At 9:10 a.m. the store manager of a local supply company reported that someone had broken into their warehouse during the night. Officer Humphrey investigated and investigation revealed that nothing was missing from the building.

2/25 At 5:15 p.m. the manager at Sonora Ford Sales reported the theft of a hub cap off of a F-250 Pickup located on the lot on the west side of Crockett Avenue.

2/25 At 7:50 p.m. a red Chevrolet Monte Carlo bearing Texas license 810VWW is impounded because it has been left unattended on Crockett Avenue near the bridge and is a traffic hazard.

2/26 At 4:30 p.m. a caller reports that the men at 568 Poplar are racing their engines and disturbing the neighborhood. Officer Humphrey investigated this incident.

FACTS & FIGURES

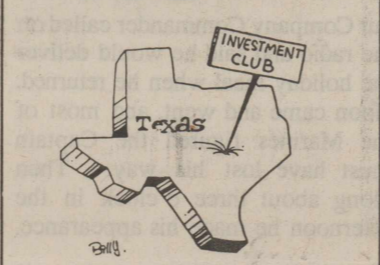
A recent government survey discovered some interesting facts about people who use tape recorders at home. For one thing, nearly three out of four taping "occasions" involve taping things other than pre-recorded music, such as family member voices, home musical performances and answering machine messages.



For another, 77 percent were not in favor of manufacturing new audio recorders so they can't copy commercial recordings, 73 percent said they were not in favor of selling audio recordings that can't be copied, nearly eight in ten were not in favor of adding a fee on blank audiotapes to compensate copyright holders for home taping and 79 percent disapproved of charging a fee on audio recorders to pay copyright holders.

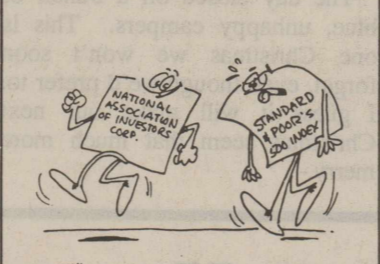
Nevertheless, that's just what some in the music industry want Congress to do. You can let your legislators know what you think by writing to the U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510 and the House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515. You can also call the Home Recording Rights Coalition, at 1-800-282-8273.

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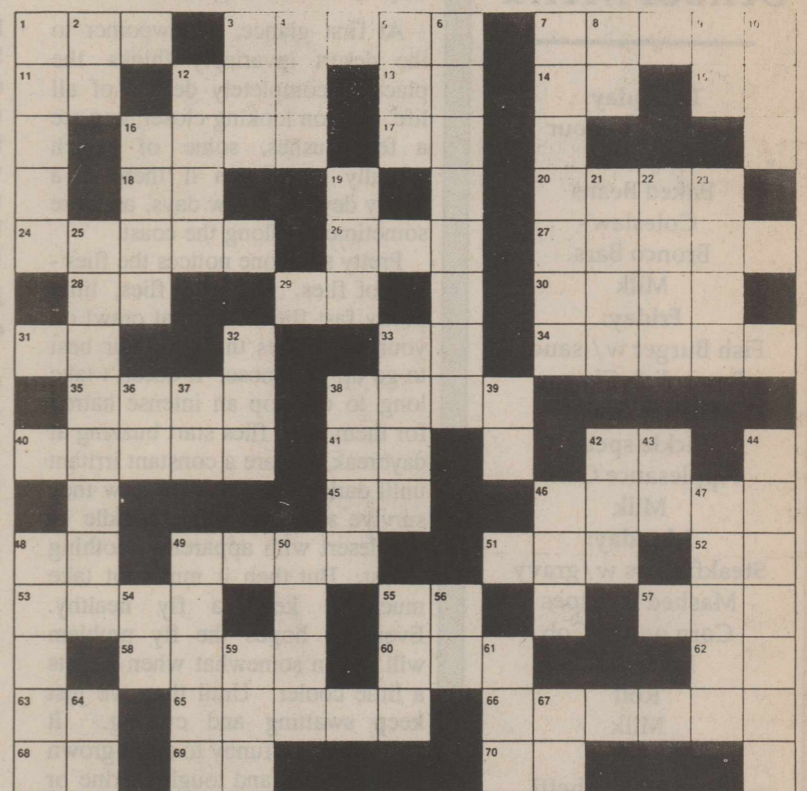
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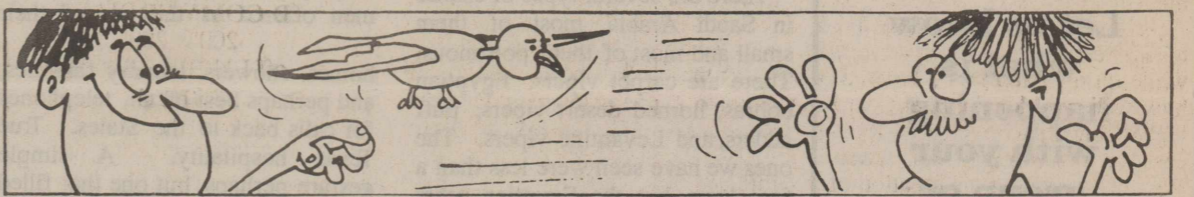
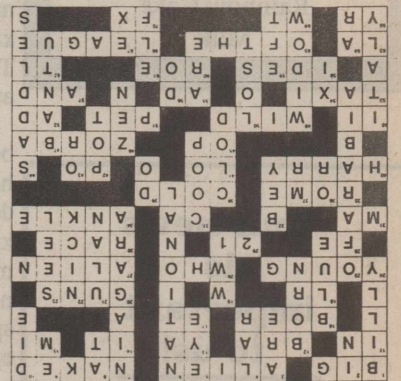
MOVIE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

All the movie titles in the crossword below are some of the 145 films which are shown each month on Cinemax as part of its tenth anniversary celebration. See how many you can get.



- Across**
- Tom Hanks charmer
 - Sci-fi monster flick
 - "The _____ Jungle"
 - "Gorillas _____ The Mist"
 - "Tootsie" prop
 - _____ Tittle (init.)
 - "_____ Takes Two"
 - Scale tone _____
 - _____ War
 - Eastern time (abbrev.)
 - Living room (abbrev.)
 - "Young _____"
 - "_____ Einstein"
 - Rock group (with "The")
 - "_____ From L.A."
 - Santa _____
 - "Bat _____"
 - Speed contest
 - _____ and Pa Kettle
 - Movie state (abbrev.)
 - Walk, Hollywood style
 - "Gidget Goes To _____"
 - "In _____ Blood"
 - "Dirty _____"
 - Biblical word
 - Italian river
 - _____ Ed
 - "_____ The Greek"
 - "Ghostbusters _____" (sequel)
 - "The _____ Bunch"
 - "_____ Sematary"
 - Date
 - "_____ Driver"
 - Public notice
 - "Blood _____ Sand"
 - Ancient date
 - Fish eggs
 - Total loss (abbrev.)
 - Movie city
 - "Shadow _____ Hawk" (2 words)
 - "Major _____"
 - Time period (abbrev.)
 - Watertight (abbrev.)
 - Special effects or movie title
- Down**
- "_____ Budd"

- "Sunday _____ New York"
- "Animals _____ Beautiful People"
- Household god
- "_____ Of The Needle"
- "_____ Lampoon's Vacation"
- Film noir, starring Marilyn Monroe
- Near
- Printer's measure
- "_____ Hard"
- "_____ To Race"
- "_____ Lagoon"
- World war (abbrev.)
- _____ Bator
- _____ and Nora Charles
- To close a hawk's eyes
- "Lawrence _____" (2 words)
- Turhan _____
- "J.W. _____"
- Choice word
- "_____ Smith Goes To Washington"
- Clumsy person
- "The Evil That Men _____"
- Container
- Coffee _____ Tea
- "Blazing _____"
- Meditation
- African language
- Fellini country
- "Black _____"
- "_____ Command"
- Roman numeral
- "Where _____ The Children?"
- Action word
- Electronic Funds Transfer (abbrev.)
- Lively creature
- Et _____, Bruté
- Accts. receivable
- Former wife



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EVALUATING THE PRESIDENT

President Bush: A Midterm Report Card

By Keith Geiger
President, National Education Association

(NU) - Last month, an Associated Press reporter asked me to assign a grade to President Bush's performance as the "Education President." I gave the President an "incomplete." That may have been overly generous.

More than two years have passed since Candidate Bush declared his intention to become the Education President. More than a year has passed since President Bush convened the Education Summit. And more than six months have passed since the President and our nation's 50 governors pledged their commitment to six national education goals.

Today, those pledges are beginning to ring hollow. Where are the initiatives that would give life to those goals? Where is our national leadership? Where is the performance that gives meaning to promises?

The answer to all these questions is the same. With a few exceptions, initiative and leadership are "missing in action" -- or, more precisely, missing in inaction.

Before assigning President Bush his midterm grade, I reflected a good while on the examples I've seen of how dedicated local citizens, working in concert with school employees, are transforming their schools. We are witnessing the creation of a powerful and widespread citizens' alliance for educational progress. And the results are impressive.

Goals Are Within Reach
Precisely for that reason, the national education goals that the President and our nation's governors have championed are now within our grasp. Why?

The most obvious answer to this question is also the most accurate. One partner within America's citizens' alliance for educational progress just isn't doing its part. One partner is too passive, too idle. And this foot-dragging by the federal government (and by more than a few state governments) is making things tough on our local communities.

As advocates and activists for education reform, the American people deserve an A. They've earned it. And every day they're continuing to earn it. It's not too late for President Bush to become an active member of this national alliance. But unless he joins the team and completes assignments long overdue, his incomplete must become an F.

The President is only halfway through his term. He has time to turn things around. Like all Americans, I hope he does. And I know that ability is there. But the President will have to buckle down and do his homework. We need a president whose final grade, despite midsemester difficulties, is a solid A.

(Keith Geiger is president of the National Education Association.)



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