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Fire claims life of seven year old boy

Sonora was the scene of tragedy Wednesday, March 27, when a young boy lost his life in a fire. At 11:47 p.m. the fire department received a report that a mobile home was on fire. Within five minutes the department responded only to find the home completely engulfed in flames. The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department worked quickly and had the fire under control within minutes. "The pumper was turned off at 12:15 a.m.," said Fire Chief Carl Teaff.

Though the fire department quickly extinguished the flames, the trailer was a total loss. Most trailer houses that catch on fire are completely destroyed within 10-15 minutes of the original fire. "Flames spread quickly in mobile home fires," stated Teaff. The cause of the fire has not been determined at this time, however, fire investigator, Steve Kenley, is still investigating.

The hardest thing to accept in this tragedy is the loss of life that occurred. Seven year old Michael Shane Nichols lost his life in the

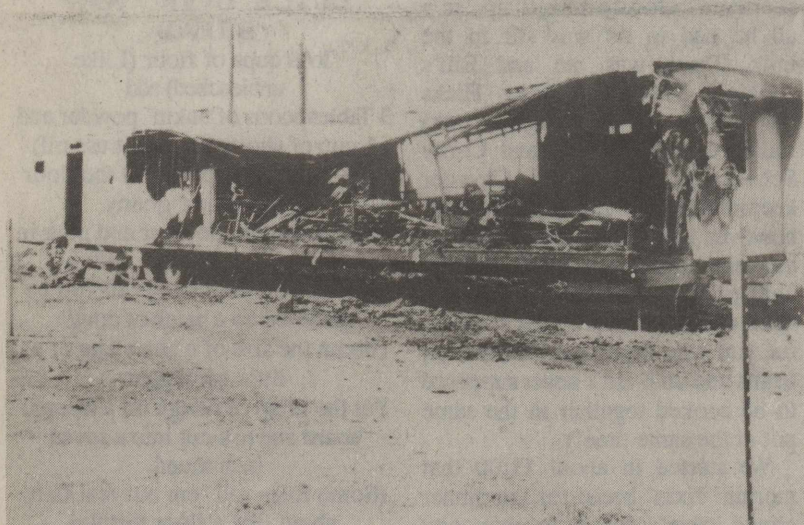
fire. The bedrooms in the home were on opposite ends and the fire started in the living area blocking the parents access to their son. The Nichols proceeded to exit out the back door and in an attempt to rescue his son, Mike Nichols broke a window in the front of the mobile home only to be driven back by the intense heat and flames. According to Fire Chief Teaff, mobile home fires get as high as 2000° on the floor level and 3000° at the ceiling.

The child's body was removed to the Bexar County Coroner for autopsy and then returned to Sonora for burial. The cause of death has not been released as yet. The trailer house was not equipped with smoke alarms.

Tammy Nichols was admitted to Hudspeth Memorial Hospital for smoke inhalation while her husband, Mike was treated for burns and released. Mrs. Nichols was released following observation. Also taken to Hudspeth Memorial Hospital were George Keese for smoke inhalation and Sam Odom.



A scene of tragedy and despair as the mobile home engulfed in flames burned bright against the evening sky last Wednesday evening.



The end result of Wednesday evenings fire that took one life and left a family homeless.

Sonora Cook-off just around the corner

The Dry Devil's River Bar-B-Que and Festival of Sonora (formerly the Sonora Hoot 'n Holler Cook-off) will be held April 13, 1991 at the Sutton County Park.

The Bar-B-Que will begin at 6:00 p.m., April 12th, with a "Cook's Supper" for the bar-b-que entrants and their families. The cooking will begin at sun-up Saturday, April 13th. The bar-b-que categories being Goat, Brisket and Chicken with a cost per team of \$25.00 for one category and an additional \$5.00 per extra category entered. Trophies will be given for Showmanship, with other specialty plaques and trophies to be awarded.

A first for Sonora will be the Pie Baking Contest with an entrance fee of \$3.00 per entrant per category. Categories will be Cream, Fruit and Specialty, with ribbons given for first, second and one Grand Prize

overall ribbon.

Saturday will also be busy with Horse-Shoe and Washer Pitchin' (trophies awarded), Games for Kids (Prizes and ribbons given), a drawing for a Basketball Backboard, and food and drink booths. A dance will be held Saturday night on the County Park Slab, featuring "South 67" with a cover charge of \$5.00 per head.

Sponsors include Coors Distributing Company, Coca Cola Bottling Company, The Sonora Chamber of Commerce and local citizens and businesses of Sonora.

So mark your calendars to come cook, play or just party! Lots o' fun for all ages.

For more information contact: Gene or Jeannette Thompson, PO Box 743, or call 387-5585 after 6:00 p.m.; or the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 706 SW Crockett, 387-2880.

The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department will be sponsoring a Walkathon for Cystic Fibrosis on Saturday, April 20, starting at 8:30 a.m. The walk will be out Miers Rd. 2 1/2 miles and back. Refreshments will be served. Pledge sheets are available at the schools or you may call 387-3521 or 387-3313.

"Fisherman's Crew" comes through Sonora

Friday evening a group of high school students from Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming and Washington made a pit stop in Sonora. These young ladies and gentlemen had been in Mexico working with the people and sharing their love in mission work. Most of the kids had never realized how fortunate we are as a society until they participated in this trip. The communication gap was difficult to handle but not impossible according to one student. They all made note that the people were all very friendly and after one week, they had learned to communicate in ways other than speaking.

Each sponsor, with the exception of one, had been on these trips more than once and the general consensus was once you go you are hooked for life. One sponsor, who has been four times, made the

comment that it was "truly refreshing to go with high school students rather than college aged kids."

This group is called the Fishermans Crew and is coordinated by Clifford Shaw who is the minister of a church in Littleton, Colorado. "At first I took only college age students. One time however, I took my son and a friend of his with us. I noticed the great impact it had on those two boys and realized that high school kids could also receive a great benefit from participation," said Mr. Shaw.

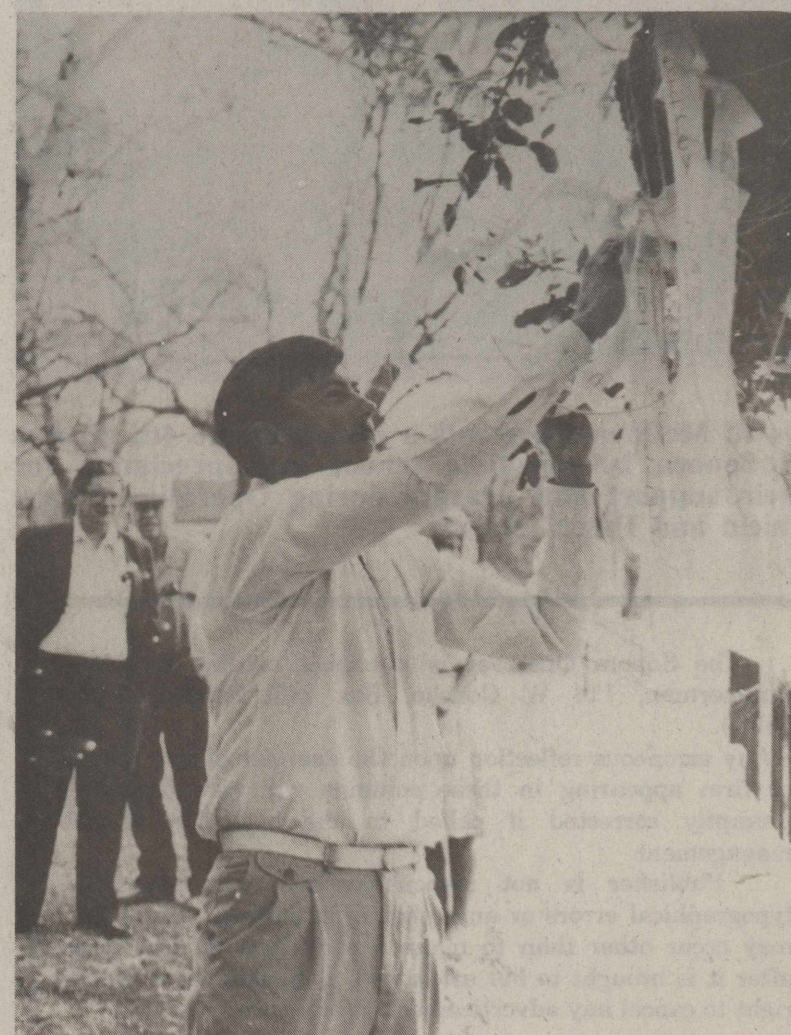
He has been doing this for several years and feels it has made a difference in many students lives. The "crew" is planning another trip in July and if anyone is interested they may contact him by mail: Clifford Shaw - 7249 S. Garland Port - Littleton, Colorado 80123.



Victor Lira smiles after he cut down the ribbon with his name last Thursday.



Alfredo Gonzalez cuts down the ribbon bearing his name from a tree on the Courthouse lawn.



Louis Olenick proudly cuts down his ribbon during a ceremony Monday.

WHISPERS IN THE WIND

by Jim Fish

"BAD HAND" AT FT. MCKAVETT

When G.A. Custer graduated from West Point in 1861, he was at the bottom of his class and the academy's 1966th graduate. The 1967th graduated at the top of his class the following year, he was Ranald S. Mackenzie. Today, Custer is widely remembered and even revered in spite of his numerous failures, while Mackenzie is virtually forgotten, although he has many successes attributed to his record.

In 1865, three years after his graduation, Mackenzie was the youngest Brevet Brigadier General in the Regular Army and Major General of volunteers. Already wounded several times in his many campaigns and losing the index and middle fingers of his right hand, he fought continuously since leaving West Point. He would later earn the name "Bad Hand - Chief of the Long Knives" by the Indians.

At the end of the Civil War, Mackenzie was mustered out as Brigadier General, U.S. Volunteers on January 15, 1866. Six weeks later he was recommissioned as Captain of Engineers. On May 26th he assumed command of the 41st Infantry Regiment, an all-black contingent (the "Buffalo Soldiers") at Baton Rouge and moved them to the Lower Rio Grande a month later. The 38th and the 41st were merged into the 24th Infantry on April 1, 1869 at Ft. McKavett.

According to a report in War Department Circular No. 4, by acting Assistant Surgeon Redford Sharp, "When occupied... the post was found to be one mass of ruins - only one house being habitable, and the whole command was compelled to go under canvas..."

"Until March 1869, very little work had been done, owing mainly to the lack of mechanics and the extreme slowness with which material was supplied. At that date, Company A, Fourth Cavalry, and one company of the 35th Infantry were relieved by headquarters and two companies of the 41st U.S. Infantry and Company F and M of the Ninth Cavalry, under the command of Brevet Brigadier General R.S. Mackenzie, colonel 41st U.S. Infantry. Almost immediately the work of rebuilding the post commenced..."

"There is no more healthy post on the Texas frontier than Ft. McKavett. The dryness of the atmosphere, the height above sea-level, the pure bracing winds that come here divested of everything noxious, or even damp or unpleasant, all tend to make it a paradise for any one suffering from any weakness of the air passages."

Ft. McKavett had been abandoned in the Spring of 1859 and

reoccupied on March 30, 1868, but little work had been accomplished when Mackenzie arrived a year later. He immediately began the task of making it "the prettiest post in Texas," as described by Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman.

At that time, most operations were limited to routine scouts and patrols but troops from the fort participated in significant campaigns in the 1870's to tame West Texas and free it for settlement.

Col. Mackenzie, in command of the 4th Cavalry, moved his headquarters to Ft. Richardson in 1871. Two companies remained to carry on routine duties and provide protection to local settlers against raiding Comanches and Kiowas.

In the Autumn of 1871, the colonel received an arrow in his leg while chasing Quannah Parker across the uncharted Llano Estacado. He took 400 troops and his "Buffalo Soldiers" into Mexico and destroyed a band of Kickapoo Indians that had been raiding in Texas, in 1872.

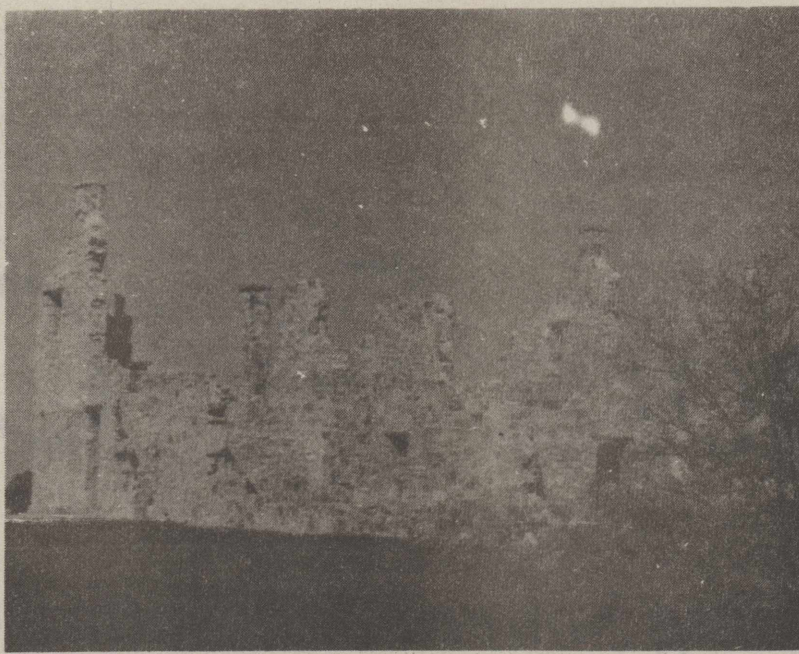
In August 1872, companies A and H of the 4th Cavalry stationed at Ft. McKavett joined about three thousand troops in the expedition north toward the Freshwater Fork of the Brazos River, to battle the Southern Plains Indians. When they returned four months later, the Comanche and Kiowa supremacy over the Southern Plains had been completely destroyed.

Mackenzie's most noted operation came in 1874 at the Indian refuge in Palo Duro Canyon. He ordered 1,148 horses and mules killed to immobilize a large band of Comanches which he had trailed and engaged. He kept 376 of the best animals for his troops.

Peace in the Rio Grande border area marked the end of Mackenzie's career on the Texas frontier in 1875. In the eight years that followed he was responsible for destroying the Northern Cheyenne's power in the Powder River Valley, capturing Chief Red Cloud of the Oglala Sioux who was a veteran of the Little Big Horn, clearing the Utes out of western Colorado, and calming the Apache and Navajo uprisings in New Mexico.

He was promoted to General in 1883 and, two months later, committed to an asylum in New York as a result of wounds and exposure received in the line of duty. On Saturday, January 20, 1889, Ranald Slidell Mackenzie won eternal peace.

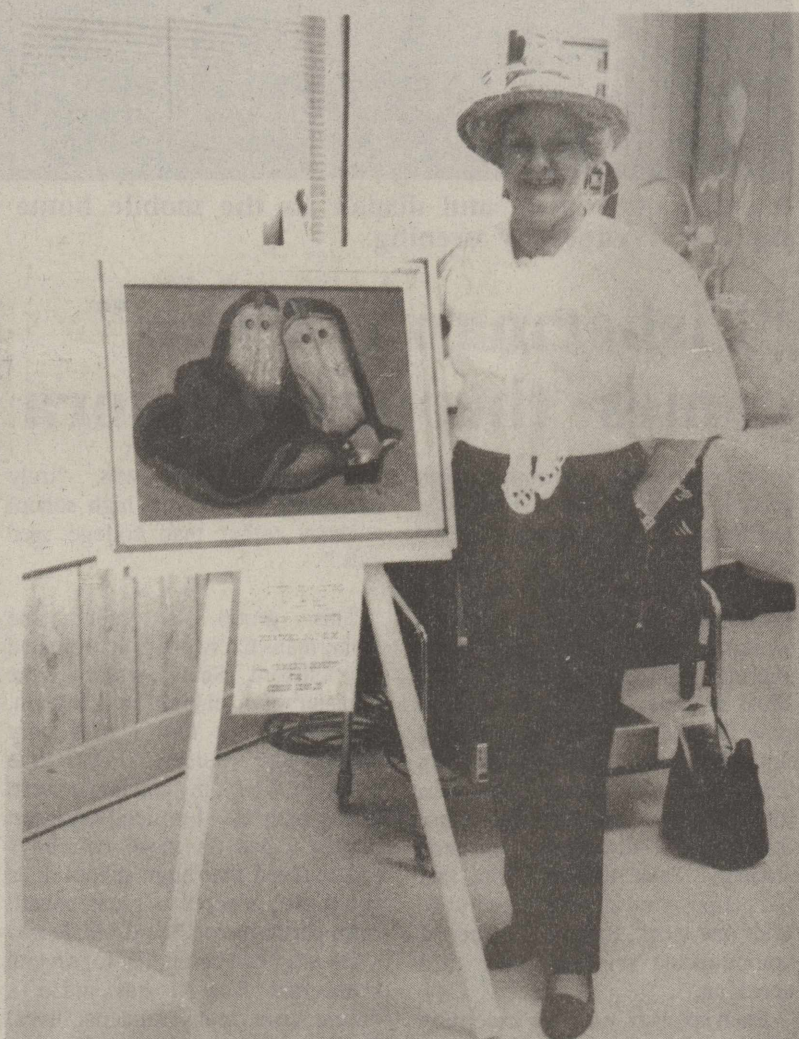
Mackenzie was one of the greatest horse soldiers in American history and one of the most significant factors in taming West Texas.



This shell and a pile of rubble are all that remain of the commanding officer's quarters, in which Col. Mackenzie was billeted.



Some of the winners of the Hat Day Contest pose for a photo.



Mary Lou Gilley poses by the painting she donated to the Senior Center to be given away. The winner of the painting was Billy Caveness of San Angelo. This painting donated by Gilley raised \$350.00 for improvements at the Senior Center.



The Easter Bunny came to town Thursday during Miss Nixon's class Easter party.



Biscuits' Crumbs

By Biscuits O'Bryan

DUTCH OVEN BREAD

You'd be surprised at how many folks there are who ain't never tasted camp bread cooked in a cast iron Dutch oven made just for that chore. I never really known that 'til last year when I helped out at the Sonora Game Dinner. Man-alive, that was a sight to light up a cook's eyes, with all them different kinds of meat bein' fixed out at the rodeo grounds. There was fellers cookin' wild boar, buffalo, doves, quail, venison, goat fries (my favorite), and I helped with the beans, chili, and camp bread whilst keepin' a sharp eye on Bill Stewart's son-of-a-bitch, noticin' that it didn't have no gut in it. 'Course ever cook has his own way, but I would of had gut and more red chile peppers in it, but that wasn't none of my doin'.

I'll guarantee you one thing: by the time dinner (which was really supper) was served, there wasn't enough room in this ol' tummy for one more bite, 'cause in addition to the steaks they fixed us at noon (dinner), and afterwanderin' around samplin' everybody's doin's, includin' a right fair servin' of my good venison chili and Bill's gut-less stew, I had eat enough goat fries to sink a boat. I couldn't think of a better place for a cook to be than out there in the open air with good friends, good company, cold beer (only a couple), and all them good vittles. I could only copy ol' Justin Wilson and say, "Hoo, boy!"

But most of our time that evenin' was took up with fixin' camp bread, Bill Stewart is the official camp bread maker for the Game Dinner, and he brung along one a'them big ol' plastic garbage bags with his dry ingredients and shortenin' already mixed up, so's all he had to do was stir in the milk. There was me and Bill's cookin', Bill and Honey Hicks (she'd make a fine wagon cook) rollin' out the dough, and Corky Schwiening and Jimmy Crowder keepin' the fire built up and helpin' however it come to be needed in between stirrin' the beans and the chili (you noticed how I separated them two, don't you? That's 'cause, for you who don't know no better, beans and chili ain't never supposed to be cooked together in the same pot at the same time!).

We started in about 11:00 that mornin' fixin' bread for the dinner crowd (that's lunch to you city folks), then we took a break 'til about 3, when we started in gettin' ready for supper, where they was expectin' to feed near a thousand hungry hunters, tourists, and town folk. Let me tell you somethin',

that's lots of camp bread to be cooked in 2 Dutch ovens, but somehow, cookin' pretty steady from 3 'til about 7:30, we got 'er done, but my feet was about ready to get up and leave me standin' there in stubs from standin' on that hard-packed ground all day.

When the hunters begun arrivin', that's when I come to the notion that there was lots of folks out there who didn't know nothin' about camp bread. Them fellers from Dallas and Houston was plumb fascinated watchin' us cook in them ovens with the coals on the top. (I still think about ol' Robert Duvall in "Lonesome Dove" reachin' down with that little piece of rag and takin' the lid off that oven without no coals on top and pullin' out them golden brown biscuits. If I ever get the chance, I'm goin' to ask him how he

managed such a neat trick.) There ain't no real secret or even a trick to fixin' good bread like that, unless the secret is that the way to learn is to jump in and do it, 'cause you learn by practice. There are a few things you probably ought to know 'fore you tackle makin' camp bread in your back yard. First, you need a #8 bread oven, That's different from some other kinds of Dutch oven, 'cause a bread oven ain't as deep as a roastin' oven. Then the oven needs to be seasoned. You do that by first of all washin' it with good hot water (don't ever use soap in a Dutch oven, 'cause you can't never get it all out), then dryin' it out real good. Take some shortenin' or cookin' oil and wipe the inside of the oven and the lid real good, then put coals over and under it and let it get good and hot. Dump your coals and wipe out the oven and lid real good and do the greasin' and heatin' all over again. Then ever time you use it, be sure to wipe and grease it, and the more it's used, the better seasoned it gets and the better it cooks. As for your fire, you need lots of coals if you're goin' to cook much bread, so get your oak fire burnin' real good at least a hour before you plan to cook. You'll need a gonch hook for liftin' the lid off the oven, and a shovel for movin' coals from fire to lid, and a long fork or somethin' to lift the cooked bread off the bottom of the oven. You cook only with coals, never with fire. The bottom side don't take much heat, while the top takes about all you can pile on. When you're ready to start cookin', get the oven kinda' hot and the lid real hot by puttin' 'em both on the top of the fire. Don't leave 'em too long or they'll crack. Now, here's my recet for:

DUTCH OVEN CAMP BREAD

To 6 cups of flour (I like unbleached) add
3 Tablespoons of bakin' powder and 1 cup of shortenin (don't use oil)
Mix in the shortenin 'til the flour looks kinda' grainy
Make a dent in the flour and pour in some mild, stirrin' with a fork or with your hand, 'til you've gathered up a batch of dough about the size of a hen's egg or a little bit bigger
Put the lump of dough on a floured board and roll out into a seven inch round,
(Some folks roll 'em out real thin, about like a flour tortilla, but I like mine about twice that thick)

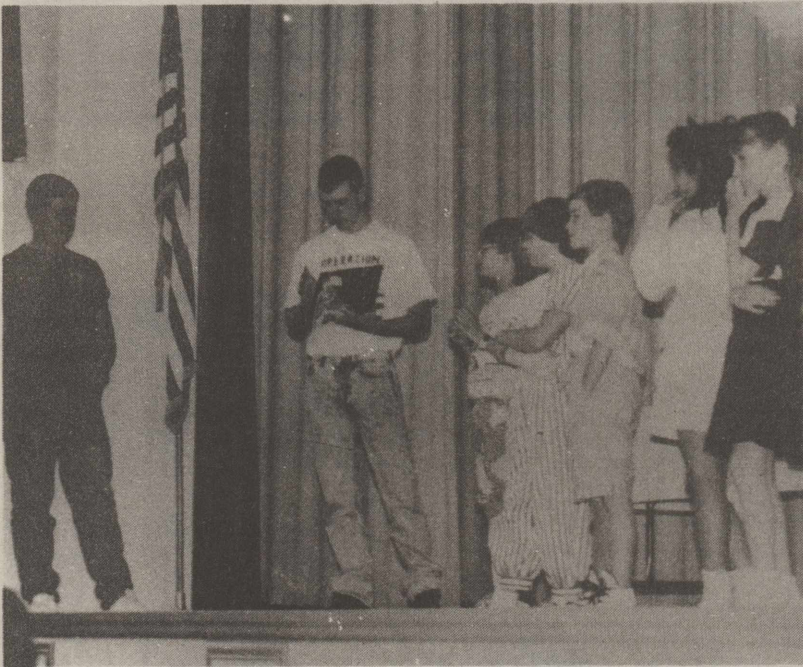
With a rag or paper towel, grease a hot Dutch oven and toss in the dough
Cover with the lid, bein' sure it's good 'n hot and the top's filled with hot coals.

Now comes the hard question: How long do you cook it?
The answer, of course, is: 'Til it's done!

You do that by lookin' and by adjustin' your coals
(If this is your first try, you probably put too much heat underneath)

As the bread comes out, keep it warm by wrappin' it in a dish towel and settin' it in a dishpan close enough to the fire to keep the pan warm but not hot.

A warnin': If you get real good at doin' this, don't let too many folks know about it or you could end up spendin' all your spare time out in the back yard slavin' over a hot oven. 'Course you'll sure make lots of new friends as the word get out. Y'all keep on cookin'.



David McDonald presents a plaque to the 4th graders at Sonora Intermediate school in appreciation for their support and prayers during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

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Benefit dance for Chaldo Salazar
April 5 - 8:00 'til 12:00
4-H Barn
Featuring the "Fabulous Five" from Sonora
Admission \$5.00

ACS encourages investigation of look-alike charities when giving

Residents of Sutton County who want to be certain that the money they donate to cancer research is used in the most effective way, should be aware of look-alike cancer organizations.

Kent Kepler, President of the American Cancer Society Sutton County Unity said, "When you contribute to a charity, it makes good sense to find out exactly where your money is going and how it will be spent. Contributors have the right to know if their donations are being spent in an efficient way."

The term look-alike is used because some organizations may include words such as "National," "Society," "Institute," "Research," or "Foundation" in their names in an attempt to be mistaken for organizations like the American Cancer Society (ACS) or the federal government's National Cancer Institute (NCI). Look-alikes may actually spend an overwhelming proportion of the donations they receive on their fundraising and administrative expenses. ACS relies primarily on volunteer-run fund raising.

*Check to see if the organization produces an annual report. This report might be helpful in informing the contributor how much money the organization spends on research, fund raising and other expenditures.

*Find out the organization's administrative costs. The NCIB recommends that these costs should not exceed 15% of the budget. The ACS's administrative costs are among the most effective at 9%.

*Learn if the group has a solid management and an identifiable board of directors. It's important that the board consists of several medical and scientific professionals.

ACS can be identified by its copyrighted Sword of Hope symbol. The Society works with more than 2.5 million volunteers nationwide.

According to Lou Faulks, a Sutton County volunteer, ACS and other highly respected charitable organizations rely on the generosity of the public in order to continue their work. "If the public knows exactly where its charitable dollars are going, and contributes wisely, we'll all benefit," Faulks said.

Kent Kepler emphasized that there are many reputable organizations that sponsor legitimate cancer research and offer services to cancer patients. "We do not want to discourage people from contributing to other organizations but would just like to take note of how their funds are being distributed," he added.

ACS urges all donors to ask questions before writing a check to charity. The ACS and the National Charitable Information Bureau (NCIB), a charity-rating agency located in New York, have both developed a set of guidelines for donors to follow:

*Check to see if the organization's fund-raising efforts are cost-effective. The National Charities Information Bureau stipulates that a charity should not spend any more than 30 percent of one dollar on fund raising. The ACS spends 15 percent.

According to Kepler, ACS distributes approximately \$12.50 for \$10.00 of its income in Texas to actual cancer control programs. The 125% expenditure reflects increased research allocations to Texas by our national society.

Thank You

Dear Town & Country Employees: The emergency workers appreciate your generosity at the fire scene during the early hours of March 28.

We were thankful for the drinks, telephone, and a place to get warm. You were all very kind.

Sincerely,
Sutton County Emergency Medical Service
Sonora Volunteer Fire Department
Law Enforcement Department

Committee in need of money

The Welcome Home Committee still needs money to defray expenses. Checks can be made to Sutton County Community Trust and given to Jo Ann Jones at First National Bank, Smith Neal, Kent Kepler, Joe Garcia or Charlie Graves.

Death notice

Michael Shane Nichols

Michael Shane Nichols, 7, died Wednesday in Sonora.

Service were held Monday at New Hope Baptist Mission with burial following in Sonora Cemetery, directed by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 27, 1984, in San Angelo. He was a first grade student at Sonora Elementary School.

Survivors include his parents, Mike and Tammy Nichols of Sonora; a sister, Dana Mechell Nichols of Sonora; maternal grandparents, Bill and Louise Hulsey of Sonora; paternal grandfather, Sam Nichols of Sonora; and maternal great-grandparents, Jauana and Roy Elmore.



Church News

Benefit for Nichols family

The United Youth Fellowship will hold a carwash on Saturday, April 13th from 9 a.m. at the Pizza Hut to benefit the Mike Nichols family. Your cars will be washed for a donation.

Methodist to hold rummage sale

First United Methodist Church will hold a spring cleaning rummage sale on Saturday, April 13th in the church yard starting at 9 a.m. Monies received will go toward our renovation project. Bring your donations to the church. Children's clothing accepted, but please, no adult clothing.

UYF Spaghetti Dinner

The United Youth Fellowship will hold a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for their trips and projects on Sunday, April 14th at St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall right after worship. Come enjoy the food and the entertainment.

Q&A

Q. Why is my automobile insurance so high and what can I do about it?

A. One reason is drunk driving—even if you never touch a drop. Statistics show alcohol is a factor in an estimated two million accidents a year, at a cost of nearly \$15 billion. The insurance industry supports laws empowering police to suspend the licenses of drunk drivers on the spot (already the law in 24 states). Tests found a single drink is enough to impair driving skills. If you plan to drink, plan not to drive. You can also support stricter drunk driving laws and their enactment. The Independent Insurance Agents of America co-sponsors a toll-free number to answer questions about all types of insurance. To call this insurance helpline dial 800-942-4242.

Blood Drive at Graham successful

by S. Crowder

Residents of Sutton County united together for a very worthwhile cause Wednesday, March 27, as United Blood Services of San Angelo was able to collect 148 units of blood during a blood drive sponsored by the local branch of Graham Resources, Inc. This was the third year Graham sponsored the drive to contribute to the blood bank and an attempt to win the coveted "Top Gun" award.

Competition for "Top Gun" honors involves each area of Graham Resources in the Houston Division. The employees of the area collecting the highest

percentage of blood not only have the satisfaction of giving the "gift of life" but are also presented a beautiful rotating plaque to keep for the year. Only one area of Graham is able to win the award, however, in cases such as this there are no losers.

Locally the blood drive sponsored by Graham contributes more units of blood to United Blood Services than any other conducted in Sonora during the year. Undoubtedly Graham offered great incentive to interested donors by giving away caps and chances to win ten ice chests. Employees of the company prepared delicious barbecued goat and brisket to serve with beans, potato salad and all the trimmings to those donating blood.

Blood drives, and this one was no exception, are made successful not

only by volunteer donors but by those working behind the scenes. Wives of the Graham employees baked delicious home-made cookies for donors to feast on after they donated blood. Dorothy Harrell, Glenda Lowe and Jo Ann Wilkinson worked tirelessly throughout the day in an effort to provide assistance to donors and help United Blood Services in every possible way.

United Blood Services will be in Sonora again to collect blood in June. If you are able to do so, won't you donate blood and give the most precious gift of all, "The gift of Life"?

SCDA elects officers for '91

During a meeting February 14 of the Sutton County Days Association officers were elected for the 1991 season. Those elected are as follows: Mickey Powers, president; Libb Wallace, Vice-president; Claire Powers, secretary; Joyce Chalk, treasurer; and Susan Henderson, reporter.

The season will include four main events with the first being the Region II High School Rodeo finals to be held April 26 & 27.

Sonora Sensation is scheduled for May 17 through May 19 with bull-riding put on by Bad Company rodeo on the 18th. Team roping will be the 17th, barrel racing and calf roping on the 18th, senior steer roping, barrel racing and steer roping with a Texas Draw Pot, on Sunday the 19th. A dance will be held the evening of the 18th with entertainment provided by Carolyn Steele.

The third event planned for the season is the AJRA rodeo which will be held June 6-8. More information on this event will be published at a later date.

The final event for the season will be the Sutton County Days. This will include the parade, rodeo, dance and many other events.

In an effort to support our community, SCDA attempts to keep monies raised at these functions in Sutton County. Many contributions are made to local organizations including the local DARE program and in 1990 SCDA spent over \$12,000 in local businesses.

4-H Club Meeting
The Sutton County 4-H Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. on April 8, 1991, at the 4-H Center.

So Long! Chow! Sayonara! Goodbye!
Adios! Farewell!
Vaya con dios! Toodle-oo, old chap!
See ya round! It's been fun!

Gotta be mosyin' along, podner!
And now, the rest of the story...

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 Banana Pudding
 Milk
- Friday:**
 Barbeque Sandwich on bun
 Pasta & Vegetable Salad
 Pickles
 Sliced Peaches
 Peanut Butter & Chocolate
 Delight
 Milk
- Monday:**
 Hamburger
 French Fries
 Lettuce & Tomato & Pickle
 Rice Krispie Treat
 Milk
- Tuesday:**
 Fishsticks
 Macaroni & Cheese
 Coleslaw
 Fresh Fruit
 Hush Puppies
 Milk
- Wednesday:**
 Chicken Fried Steak
 Mashed Potatoes w/ gravy
 Squash
 Pudding
 Roll
 Milk
- Thursday:**
 Tamale (1)
 Enchilada (1)
 Pinto Beans
 Salad
 Ice Cream
 Milk

Where to start: Storm damaged homes

RESTORING YOUR HOME

Before entering a storm-damaged or flooded home to begin the restoration process, make sure there is no structural damage and that the building is not in danger of collapse. Don't smoke or use open flame until there is no danger of escaped gas. Do not activate any electrical switch or appliance until it's declared safe. Watch for broken power lines. If there has been flooding, be on the lookout for snakes in places where they are not usually found, especially above the high water mark.

1. Open all doors and windows to dry out the house. Both air and heat are essential.
2. If the basement has been flooded, begin pumping out water. Do so in stages, about 1/3 per day. This will ease water pressure and minimize further structural damage.
3. Pump or bail out water and shovel out the mud while it is moist to give walls and floors the opportunity to dry.
4. Scrub all woodwork and floors with a stiff brush, plenty of water and a detergent to remove mud and silt from corners, cracks and crevices. Always start washing a wall at the bottom and work up. Starting at the top is likely to result in water streaking.
5. Take furniture outdoors and remove drawers and other working parts as soon as possible. Clean off mud and silt with cold water. Do not leave wooden furniture in direct sunlight; it may warp.

6. Upholstered furniture--especially any which has been submerged or badly damaged--should be cleaned, dried and examined by an experienced upholsterer.
7. Clean metal as soon as possible. After cleaned and dried, wipe with a cloth saturated with kerosene.

8. Valuable papers, works of art, paintings, etc., may be placed in cold storage to prevent mildew until they can be restored by an expert.
9. Wall-to-wall carpets should be raised to allow air to circulate. Draperies, upholstery and clothing

should be laundered or sent to professional cleaners immediately.

RESTORING AUTOS

1. Don't try to start or operate the car.

RESTORING FARM EQUIPMENT

1. Drain and dry out all compartments. Remove all water-absorbing material such as foam, insulating materials, etc.
2. Fog all compartments which were flooded with a non-rust agent through both drain and filter openings. Replace the drain plug and apply the rest of the material as a liquid.
3. If a tractor engine has been completely submerged, no attempt should be made to start it. The engine should be disassembled immediately.
4. Do not allow the equipment to stand any longer than necessary. Delay may allow rusting and corrosion, and the sticking of cylinders or other engine parts that might not occur if the machine were cleaned promptly.

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It's a boy!

Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Brown proudly announce the arrival of their second child, son Jeffery Daniel. His birth was recorded at Shannon Medical Center March 15th at 7:27 p.m., weighing nine pounds and 4 1/2 ounces.

Mrs. Brown is the former Laura Breazeale. Maternal grandparent is Leona Gill of Covington, Louisiana.

Paternal grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. Harold D. Brown of Covington, as well.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Althea Ory of Luling, La.; Mrs. Katherine Ramin of Ocean Springs, Mississippi; Mrs. Boyce Rose of Baton Rouge, La.; and the late Mrs. Dolly Russium of Forrest, Miss.



Jai alai is often called the fastest game in the world. When in play, the ball can travel at 150 miles per hour.

Crusade includes a Food Fight

April is the month to highlight the fight against cancer. At the forefront is the American Cancer Society's Community Crusade. It's annual education and fund raising campaign has added a new and exciting event to the calendar, set for April 18th, The Great American Food Fight Against Cancer. This light-hearted event has a serious message; healthier eating choices might lower the risk for certain cancers.

The kick-off for Sutton County's crusade will be held at the annex of the First National Bank, April 10th from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served and Jessica Davies, District IV Representative, will show a film and ensure volunteers receive their kit. More than sixty five trained volunteers--The American Cancer Society's "foot soldiers"--will distribute a Food Fight leaflet to Sonora and Sutton County residents.

The Rev. Kent Kepler, president of the ACS in Sutton County, is looking for a good fight. "As many as 35% of all cancers may be attributed to diet," say Kepler. "By

making simple and inexpensive changes in daily habits, many people can reduce their cancer risk. Our message is, how you live may save your life."

Watercolors by Leach to be exhibited in Sonora

Watercolors by Vernell Leach of San Angelo will be on exhibit in the Earwood Gallery of Sonora, located at 303 Crockett Avenue, during the month of April. The Gallery will be open Monday through Friday, 9 am to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



A native Texan, Leach grew up at the foot of the Texas Plains near Lubbock. Her past twenty years have been devoted to studying, painting, teaching and exhibiting art. Her watercolors share her West Texas experiences, and are enriched by extensive travels and studies.

A graduate of Abilene Christian University, she has continued her studies at Angelo State University and in workshops and classes with nationally known artists.

While she has studied and worked in other media, she definitely prefers watercolor. With strong color and with strong contrast of values, she paints varied subjects--

from still life to landscape, from realism to non-objective.

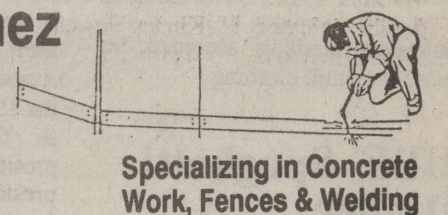
Her fifteen years of teaching have shared her philosophy and style with many other developing artists. Her cheerful and bright paintings extend her pleasant nature into many private collections. These collections adorn the walls of banks, oil companies, businesses, medical and dental offices and many homes in San Angelo, as well as throughout the nation. Brown;

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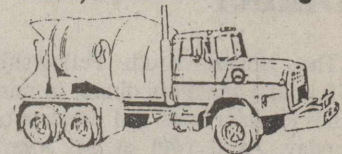
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Senior Center Menu

- Thursday:**
 Salmon Patties w/tarter sauce
 Scalloped potatoes
 Broccoli
 Hot Rolls
 Brownies
- Friday:**
 Baked Pork Chops w/cream gravy
 Mashed Potatoes
 Buttered Carrots
 Hot Rolls
 Peach Cobbler
- Monday:**
 Spaghetti Sauce w/cheese
 Spaghetti
 Spinach
 Garlic Toast
 Carrot & raisin salad
 Banana Pudding
- Tuesday:**
 Chicken A La King
 Hot Rice
 Buttered Carrots
 Hot Rolls
- Orange Jello w/ oranges
 Sugar Cookies
- Wednesday:**
 Meat Loaf
 Macaroni & Cheese
 Okra Gumbo
 Cornbread
 Tossed Salad
 Cherry Jello w/fruit cocktail topping
- Thursday:**
 Oven Fried Chicken
 Potato Salad
 Green & Yellow Squash
 Bread
 Lemon Squares

Keeping you posted from the post!

by Carole Thorp

HAT DAY AT THE SENIOR CENTER

More than fifty people attended Hat Day at the Senior Center on March 28, 1991. Over 21 senior citizens wore their most creative designs to the annual event. This year's celebration was made even more special by the attendance of Alfredo "Freddie" Gonzales who has just returned from his tour of duty with the Navy.

Gonzales was presented a Certificate of Merit by the Sutton County Senior Center in appreciation for his part in Operation Desert Storm. David McDonald and Victor Lira were also given Certificates of Merit, though they were unable to attend the noon ceremony.

Mrs. Dolores Salinas was given an award and a gift certificate to the Food Center by Committee on Aging Secretary, Jeanne Davenport. Mrs. Salinas single-handedly prepared all the enchiladas for the Dinner/Dance held in February.

Judges Lewis Allen, Molly Zimmerman, and Griffin Cole had the harrowing task of selecting 12 winners in four categories. They also left everyone with the distinct impression that we'll need a new set of judges next year!

Winners are as follows with the business name supplying gift certificates:

MOST ORIGINAL

- 1st - Mary Lou Gilly Edna's House of Beauty
- 2nd - Lou Faulks Commercial Restaurant
- 3rd - Carrie Morrison Perry's Dept. Store

MOST BEAUTIFUL

- 1st - Luz Ramos Edna's House of Beauty
- 2nd - Eloisa Gamez Commercial Restaurant
- 3rd - Maria Dominguez The Bright Spot

FUNNIEST

- 1st - Eulojia Flores Edna's House of Beauty
- 2nd - Maria Leija Commercial Restaurant
- 3rd - Gretta Smith Perry's Dept. Store

MOST UNUSUAL

- 1st - Mandy Turk Edna's House of Beauty
- 2nd - Winnie Allen Commercial Restaurant
- 3rd - Maria Barrera Perry's Dept. Store

All contestants and senior citizens present at the event received "55+" cards from Allen Alexander, manager of the Sonora Pizza Hut.

Winner of the Western Oil Painting by Mary Lou Gilly was Billy Caveness of San Angelo. He purchased his ticket from Many Turk. The Committee on Aging and Center Director, Carole Thorp thank everyone who bought tickets for this drawing. Over \$350 was raised for improvements at Senior

Center!
A heartfelt thanks goes also to the judges and especially to all the local businesses who donated prizes for the winners. All the special extras here at the center would be impossible without the generosity of our hometown merchants.

CAROLE'S CORNER

Gas prices in Houston over the Easter weekend were 87.9 cents!! Wonder why prices here are so different?! Bluebonnets, Indian Paintbrush and Buttercups carpeted the shoulders of IH-10, between San Antonio and Houston. Lush green grass and beautiful flowers were all over the Houston area. Spring must only be a breath away for Sonora!

Got together with an old school chum to hash over plans for our 20th (!!*%#) high school reunion. She's been everywhere covering various events for newspapers in Austin and Houston. Now I haven't been that many places and don't have much to show for myself materially, but I had the distinct impression she'd like to be in my shoes. Of course, she doesn't know

Steve the way I do! I guess I have a lot more going for me than I realize. At least I don't have to worry about my biological clock at this point.

But the way, my mom's doing great after recovering from open heart surgery. She doesn't return to the doctor until July. She sends her thanks to all you well-wishers out

there. Me, too!!

COMMODITIES

Commodities will be distributed at the Senior Center, 106 Wilson, on Wednesday, April 10th, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. This month qualified recipients will receive green beans, veg. beans, raisins, canned beef, cheese and rice. The Senior Center does not discriminate due to race, religion, age, sex, handicap or ethnic origin. Due to the unusually large amount of items to be distributed, the center will need some extra volunteers. Please contact Carole Thorpe at 387-5657 or 387-3941, if you can assist with this month's distribution.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are a much needed and greatly appreciated source of manpower at the Sutton County Senior Center. The center is operating with the same number of staff (three full-time) as when it first began operating in 1979. Funding through various government sources has remained stagnant or been cut over the years. Sonora is fortunate due to the fact that the city and county governments are willing to provide exemplary services for their own senior citizens.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the Senior Center, please contact Carole Thorp or Gina Gamez. They will provide you with job descriptions, training and a work schedule.

Some of March's volunteers who

kept things running smoothly throughout our various programs from arts and crafts, fundraising, office assistance and meal delivery are; Lou Falks, Mandy Turk, Pat Street, Nell Wallace, Mary Lou Gilley, Romona Noreiega, Grace Hernandez, Lura Sawyer, Maria Domingez, Eulojia Flores, Wilma Ulbricht, Rosario Ibarra and Eloisa Gamez. These volunteers will tell you that not only do they help us, but they receive much in return for their service.

TOURS OF PAVE PAWS

On Thursday, April 25th and Thursday, May 2nd, the Senior Center will tour Eldorado Air Force Station. Arrangements have been made with Sergeant Heil of the AFS to visit the ten-story facility at 2 p.m. on each of the tour dates. If you have signed up to go on one of the tours, please try to wear red, white and blue on that day. Also, check with Gina or Carole regarding any rules we will need to observe. We do know that cameras are not permitted in the facility, but pictures may be taken from outside the fence. We'll leave the Senior Center at 1:15 p.m. on each of the tour dates.

Sorry to say that all tours are full right now. Please try not to make any changes in the schedule, we have already submitted everyone's social security numbers for clearance.

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL

For those of us who have been involved in this project since the

seed was first planted in July 1990 during the White House Conference on Aging Local Forum, this is a very exciting and intensely rewarding time! Every time we talk to one another to discuss yet another member of this community wanting to donate their time, efforts or money; you catch a delighted twinkle in the eye or a special lift in the voice. It's hard to believe that the April 27th work day will soon have come and gone! It is like Christmas! If we feel this way, imagine how all those senior citizens who actually receive home repairs are going to feel!

House selections by team captains will take place April 4th. As always, if you have questions about

Christmas in April, contact Lewis Allen at 387-3948 or 387-2616, or Carole Thorp at 387-3941 or 387-2322.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- Alma Simmons - 3rd
- Charlotte Wilson - 6th
- Alfredo Sanchez - 9th
- Esperanza Samaniego - 9th
- Encarnacion Gutierrez - 10th
- Leonor Reyna - 12th
- Nellie Moore - 16th
- Engracia Hernandez - 16th
- Torbio Chavez - 16th
- Dolores Gonzales - 17th
- Aniceto Ramos - 22nd
- Eloisa Gamez - 23rd
- Elida Martinez - 25th

This month's birthday party will be held on April 17th, following the noon meal.

Tennis team competes in 2 tournaments

On Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23, the Sonora High School Tennis team competed with 14 other teams in a tournament here in Sonora. The Broncos placed 3rd overall for the competition.

In the girls doubles, Amy Fields and Christina Ramirez fell to a tough Wall team while Allison Schwiening and Susen McCleery beat teams from Greenwood and Mason. The ladies then fell to Martinez-Evans from Eldorado and finally defeated McKinney-Sewell from Ozona to take 3rd place.

In the girls singles competition, Lisa Noriega fell to Gipson from Junction and Jenny Ponce lost to Childress from Ozona. Jessica Johnson defeated opponents from Eldorado and Menard, only to fall to Evans from Ozona. Johnson finished 4th after being defeated by Holley from Eldorado.

In the boys doubles, Larry Chalk and Bobby Mogford defeated Willman and Jennings from Menard and then fell to a tough Irion County team. Jesse Burnham and David Kemp defeated teams from Greenwood and Junction before falling to Sanchez and Barrell from Ozona. The team of John Russell and Ronnie Woodard defeated teams from McCamey, Ozona and Reagan

County before losing to Kohutek-Askins in the final 6-4,6-3. Russell and Woodard placed 2nd in the doubles division.

In the boys singles matches, Mark Wootten defeated Gonzales from Junction and Campbell from Ballinger before falling to the eventual winner, Flores from Reagan County. David Rotter lost to Ulrich from Wall. David Mirike defeated Chazel from Crane and Brooks from Junction before he

was defeated by Bennie from Reagan County who finished 3rd. Joel Cox defeated Tramel from Ozona, only to lose to Cuba from Reagan County.

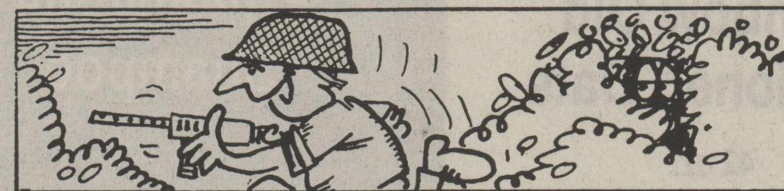
In the Mason Tournament, March 29 & 30, the varsity tennis team all played in the A division against teams from Austin-Travis, Mason, Lake Travis, and 15 other teams.

Jessica Johnson won consolation in the girls singles and Amy Fields and Christina Ramirez also won consolation in the semi-finals doubles.

Mark Wootten made it to the semi-finals for the boys singles division B while 9 other team members qualified for the 2nd day of competition. Coach Jennings said, "Everyone from Sonora played well."



During the Middle Ages, the year began at various dates in different times and places. In England it was not until 1751 that January was restored to its place as first month, as it had been during the Roman era.



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CHURCH GUIDE

<p>The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Worship Service-11:00 am Church School-9:45 am U.Y.F. Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice-Wed. 7:30 Communion first Sunday of each month Lewis Allen, pastor</p>	<p>Sonora Tabernacle United Pentecostal Sunday School, etc.-10:00 am Prayer Meeting-6:30 pm Evening Worship-7:00 pm Prayer Meeting-6:00 pm Wednesday Service-7:00 pm Rev. Kenneth Doyle, Pastor</p>	<p>Church of Christ Bible School-10 am Worship-11 am Sunday Night-6:30 pm Wednesday Night-7:00 pm Don Jones, pastor</p>	
<p>New Life Assembly of God 306 N. 4th Street Sun. Worship 10:30 am Sun. evening worship 6:00 pm Weds. Study 7:00 pm Daniel Timmerman, pastor</p>	<p>Jehovah's Witness 310 St. Ann's 387-2679 or 7-3947 English Meeting Public Talk-10 am Sun. Watchtower Study-11:55 Sunday Theocratic School-7:30 pm Wed. Service Meeting-8:15 Wednesday Bible Study-7:30 Monday Spanish Meeting Public Talk-1:00 Sunday Watchtower Study-1:55 Sunday Theocratic Ministry-7:30 pm Tues. Service Meeting-8:15 Tues. Bible Study 7:30 Thurs.</p>	<p>Hope Lutheran Church Sunday School-10:00 am Worship Service-11:00 am Thursday: Adult Bible Class-8:00 pm Charles Huffman, Pastor</p>	
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 404 NE Poplar Holy Eucharist-Wed. 7:15 p.m. U.Y.F. Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Morning Prayer M-F 6:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 am The Rev. Monte Jones, Rector</p>	<p>First Baptist Church Sunday School-9:45 am Morning Worship-11:00 am Church Training 6:00 pm Evening Worship-7:00 pm Wednesday Service-7:00 pm Rev. Jim Stephen</p>	<p>St. Ann's Catholic Church Deacon E. Samaniego Saturday night Mass 7 pm English Sunday Mass 8 am Spanish 11 am English Holy Day Mass 7 pm Rev. Lawrence D'Mello</p>	
<p>New Hope Baptist Mission 708 SE Crockett Sun. morning bible Study-10 am Sun. morning Worship-11 am Sun. evening Worship-7 pm Weds. Childrens Bible Study-7 pm Dana Floyd, pastor</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church Sunday School-9:45 am Worship-10:55 am KHOS 92.1 FM-11:00 am U.Y.F. Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Kent L. Kepler, pastor</p>	<p>Primera Iglesia Bautista Sunday School-9:45 am Worship Service-11:00 am Training Union-5:00 pm Evening Service-6:00 pm Wednesday Service 7:00 pm W.M.U.-Sunday-2:00 pm Between Santa Clara & Chestnut</p>	
<p>Visit the Church of your choice this Sunday.</p>			<p>Templo Jerusalem Asamblea de Dios St. Ann's Street Sunday School-10:00 am Sunday Evening Serv.-5:00 pm Wednesday Serv.-7:00 pm Friday Prayer Meeting-7:00 pm Daniel Diaz de Leon, pastor</p>

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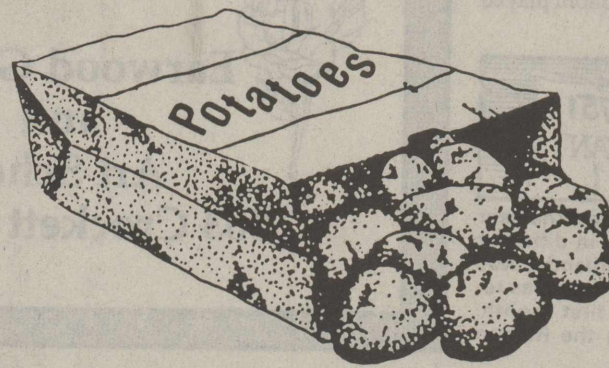
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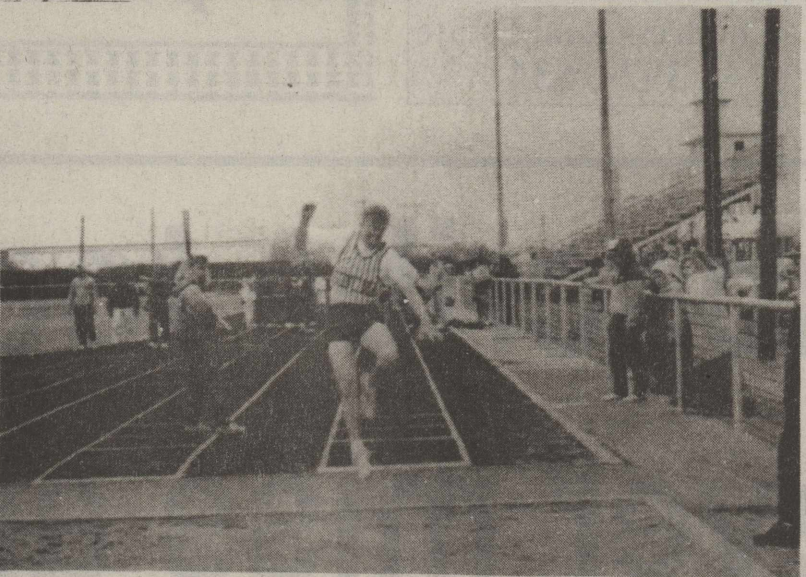
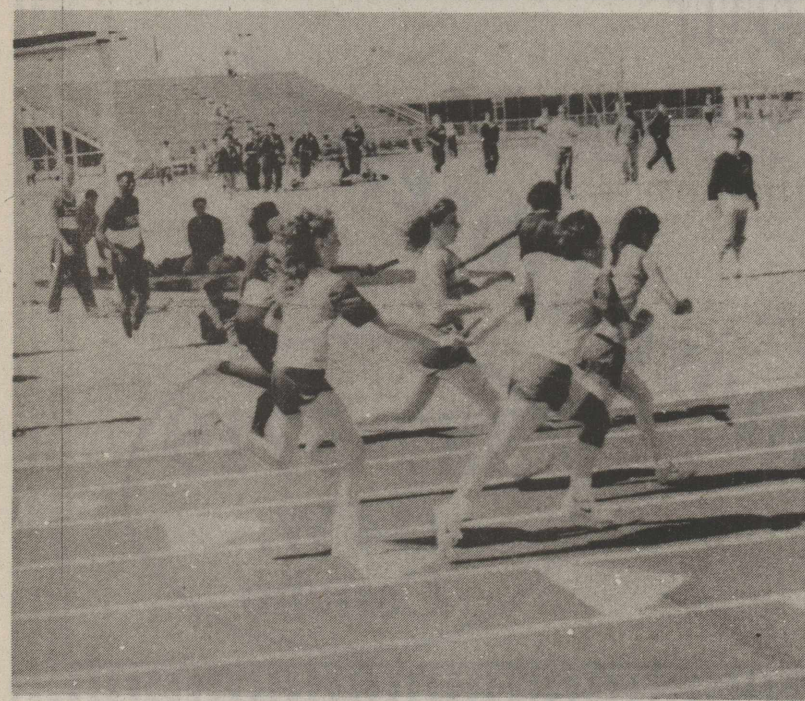
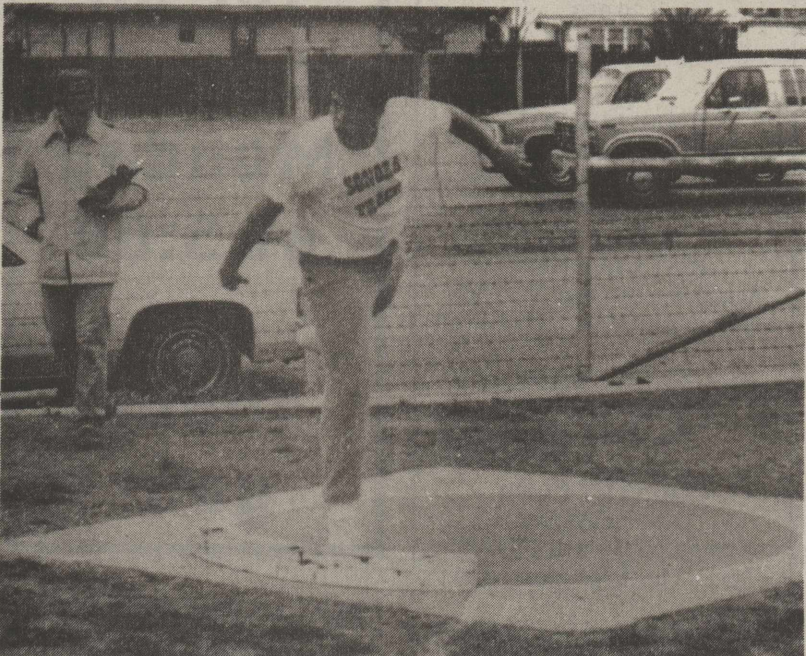
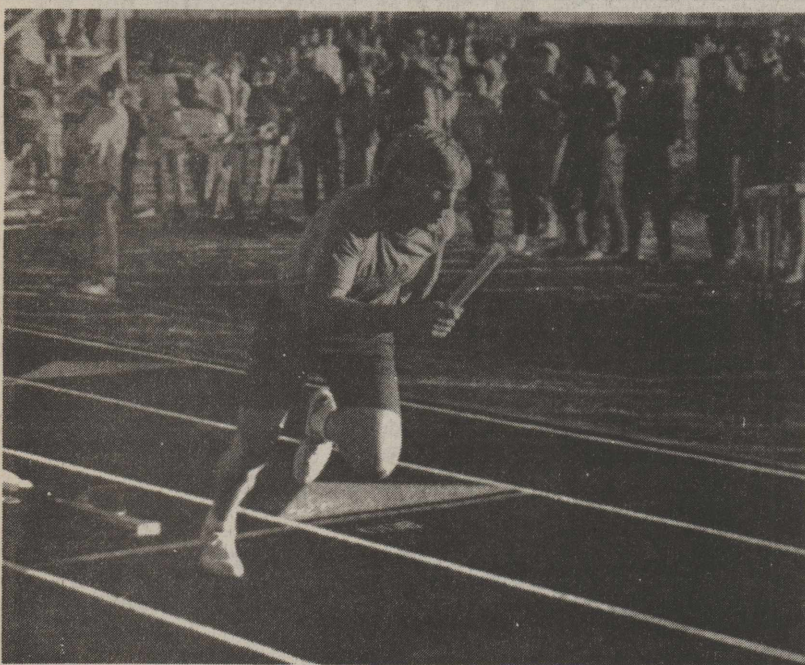
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You qualify for a homestead exemption if you owned your home on January 1 and used it as your primary residence on that date. It doesn't matter whether your home is a house, a condominium, or a mobile home.

Exemptions are available to all homeowners to lower their school taxes. Additional exemptions are available to homeowners who are disabled or age 65 and over. And, if you receive the over-65 exemption, you also qualify for a ceiling on school taxes. Other exemptions may be offered to homeowners by school districts, counties, cities, and special districts.

Who should apply? If you received a homestead exemption on your home in 1990, you won't need to re-apply for 1991 unless your chief appraiser requires it. If you became 65 or disabled before January 1, file a new application to receive the additional exemptions. If you haven't received an exemption on your present home, or if you've moved to a new home, make a new application for 1991.

The last day to file for applications is April 30, 1991. Contact your appraisal district before then if you need more time to file.

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Usted puede recibir una exención de residencia si usted era el dueño de su casa el primero de enero y la usaba como su residencia principal en la misma fecha. No importa si su residencia es una casa, un condominio o una casa remolque.

Hay exenciones que cualquier persona que es dueño(a) de su residencia puede usar para rebajar sus impuestos escolares. Exenciones adicionales se ofrecen a dueños de residencia que están incapacitados o tienen 65 años o más. Si usted recibe la exención porque su edad es más de sesenta y cinco años, usted califica para un límite en los impuestos escolares. Otras exenciones pueden ofrecerse a propietarios por distritos escolares, condados, ciudades y distritos escolares.

Solicite todas las exenciones que usted puede recibir en la oficina local del distrito de valoración en la dirección que se cita abajo.

Si usted recibió una exención para su residencia actual en 1990, usted no necesita solicitarla para 1991 a menos que el jefe de valoración pida que haga una nueva solicitud.

Sin embargo, si usted cumplió 65 años o quedó incapacitado antes del primero de enero haga una nueva solicitud para recibir exenciones adicionales.

Si usted no ha recibido una exención para su residencia actual o si se cambió de casa haga una nueva solicitud para 1991.

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(space for appraisal district address, telephone, hours)

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Notice is hereby given that the
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on May 4, 1991 for, voting in a
Water District election, to elect 2
Directors: 1 Director from Precinct
1 and 1 Director from Precinct 4.

Location(s) of Polling Places

Precinct 1:4-H Center

Precinct 4: Fire Station

Absentee voting by personal
appearance will be conducted each
weekday at Sonora City Hall, 201
N.E. Main, Sonora, Texas between
the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00
p.m. beginning on April 15, 1991
and ending on April 30, 1991.

Applications for ballot by mail
shall be mailed to Becky Covington
201 N.E. Main Sonora Texas
76950. Applications for ballots by
mail must be received no later than
the close of business on April 26,
1991. Issued this the 26th day of
February, 1991. Joe David Ross,
Sutton County Underground Water
Conservation District.

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A los votantes registrados del
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Notifiquese, por las presente, que
las casillas electorales sitados abajo
se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta
las 7:00 p.m. el 4 de Mayo de 1991
para votar en la Eleccion para elegir
2 Directores: Un Director de Precinto
1, and Un Director de Precinto 4.

Direccion(es) de las casillas
electorales

Precinto 1: 4-H Center

Precinto 4: Fire Station

La votacion en ausencia en persona
se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes
en Sonora City Hall, 201 N.E.
Main, Sonora, Texas entre las 8:00
de la manana y las 5:00 de la tarde
empezando el 15 de Abril, 1991 y
terminando el 30 de Abril, 1991.

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Butch Taylor accepts Wildlife Conservationist of the Year award for the Texas A&M Experiment Station.



Gwen Kordzik receives award for Educator of the Year.



We express our gratitude to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for putting forth the time and effort for our community. We deeply appreciate the tremendous amount of work by the Chamber during our Centennial Celebration!

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*A Tribute to the
Sonora
Chamber of Commerce*

April 1991

Awards presented at Chamber Banquet

During the Annual Sonora Chamber of Commerce Banquet Tuesday, March 26, awards were presented to the following: Business person of the year, Carl Teaff; Oil Related person of the year, John Adams; Agriculture Related Person of the year, Sharon and Jimmy Holman; Educator of the year, Gwen Kordzik; Organization of the year, Sutton County Days Association; and Citizen of the year, Ronnie Cox.

Awards were also given by the Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District for: Wildlife Conservationist of the year, Texas A&M Experiment Station; and Conservation Rancher of the year, Sharon and Jimmy Holman.

New directors who will serve on the board for '91-'93 are: Carl Teaff, Ray Smith, Bernard Rust, Albert Ward, and Jimmy Cahill. They will join Tim Thorp, Claire

Powers, Carol Parker, Charles Russell and Johnny Jones.

The new officers for 1991-92 are: Johnny Jones, president; Claire Powers, vice-president; and Ray Smith, treasurer.

Joe Lane served as Master of Ceremonies and presented the awards for the Chamber, while Glen Fisher presented the awards for the Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District.

The meal was catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse

and others participating in the evenings events were: Kent Kepler, Invocation; Miss Sutton County, Tana Churchill, Pledge of Allegiance; Janet Nelson and Leona Bishop, entertainment; and The Ross Family, entertainment. Plants for table decorations courtesy of Jane's Floral & Gifts, Petal Pushers, and Flowers by Irene.

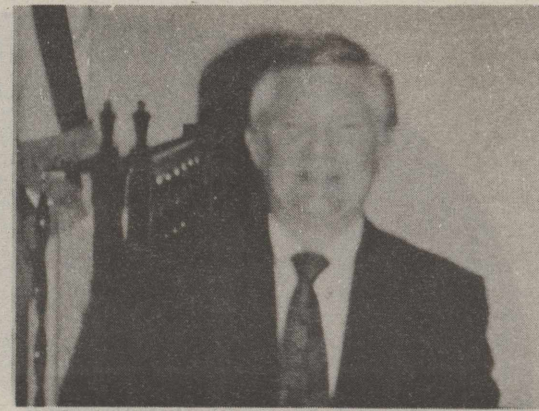
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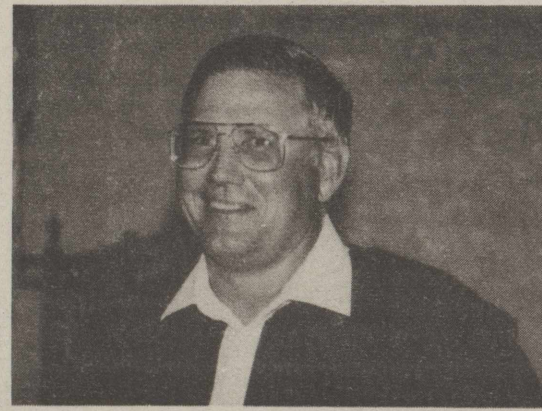
Ray Smith



Carl Teaff



Dr. Bernard Rust



Jimmy Cahill

(not pictured) Albert Ward

Edwards Plateau SWCD Awards Presentation

The Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District is proud to present an award for Wildlife Conservationist of the Year in memory of Edwin E. Sawyer. The directors have chosen the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Sonora to receive this award due to their deer management program as well as their wildlife research programs. The Experiment Station has for many years, beginning with Leo Merrill and continuing now with Butch Taylor and his staff, had a well-planned harvesting program which also includes keeping detailed records of all animals harvested.

Their continuing wildlife research programs include all forms of wildlife native to this area. As cooperators with the Edwards Plateau SWCD, the Experiment Station has shared its valuable information with all producers in this area through field days and public information programs.

Jimmy and Sharon Holman have been selected as Conservationists of the Year for 1990. This Award is provided by the Sonora Downtown Lions Club, but the recipient is selected by the Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation board of directors.

The Holmans have been cooperators with the Edwards Plateau SWCD since they began ranching ten years ago. They were deemed deserving of this award because they are practicing good range management; not just financial management. They have improved their land and the quality of their wildlife by a continued brush control program, proper grazing use, and flexible stocking rates.

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Joe Lane presents Ronnie Cox with award for Citizen of the Year.



Jimmy and Sharon Holman, and Butch Taylor display awards presented to them by the Chamber of Commerce and the Edwards Plateau SWCD.



Mickey Powers accepts the Organization of the Year award in behalf of the Sutton County Days Association.



Carl Teaff receives Chamber award from Joe Lane for Business Person of the Year.

We extend our gratitude to the Chamber of Commerce for all the time and effort to benefit Sonora.

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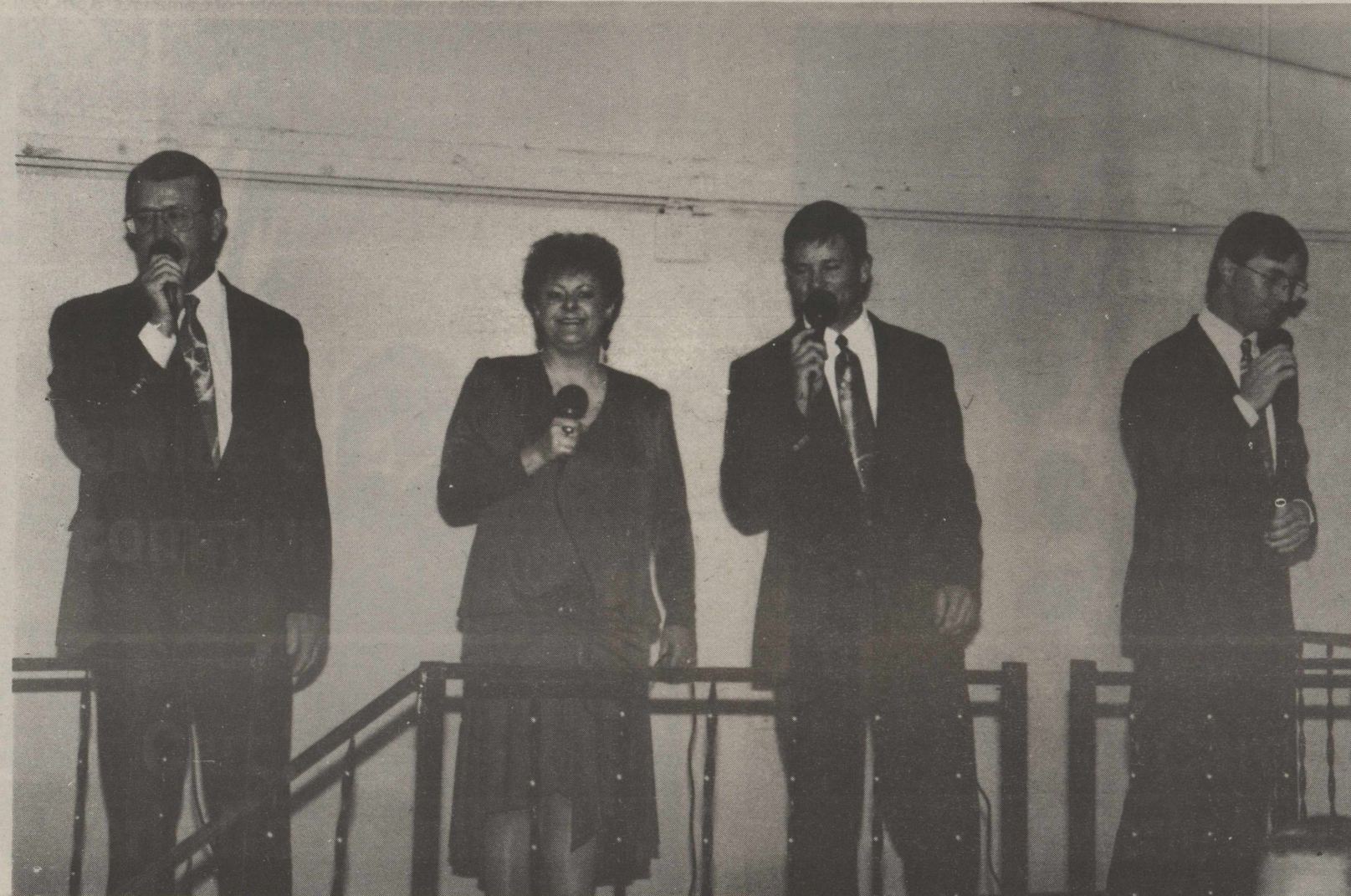
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