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Texas Lamb and Wool Days Set

San Angelo...Texas Lamb and Wool Days, set for May 3-4 in San Angelo, is designed to show the public the importance sheep and wool play in our economy. Fort Concho National Historic Landmark will host the event, and most of the activities are free to the public.

Sponsors include the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, the TS&GRA Auxiliary, Fort Concho National Historic Landmark and Museum and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The event will officially begin May 3 at 8:00 A.M. when a wool-hauling wagon train under the direction of wagon boss L. P. Bloodworth of Sonora and John Vaughan with Fort Concho leaves for San Angelo on a 25-mile trail ride. The ride starts at the Lee Pfluger Ranch southeast of San Angelo on the Susan Peak Road. Just before reaching town, a bank of sheep will be turned over to the trail riders who will then trail them down Oakes Street to the Fort grounds.

"We are striving for authenticity throughout the ride," said Dr. George Ahlschwede, TAEX sheep and goat specialist here. "No rubber-tired wagons will be allowed, and we hope all riders, whether on horseback or in wagons, will wear clothing appropriate for the early 1900's. The whole event is designed to highlight some of the fascinating historic and current aspects of the industry."

The trail riders and wagons are expected to reach the Fort late in the afternoon where they will circle the wagons and camp for the night, enjoying a lamb dinner, storytelling, "pickin', fiddlin'" and singing around the campfire. The public is invited to the campfire entertainment.

The activities May 4 will kick-off with a campfire breakfast featuring lamb sausage at 6:30 A.M. The breakfast is followed by the sheep dog trials at 7:30 A.M. under the direction of Tom Latham, San Angelo Sheep Dog Trial Master.

Also on tap will be the Texas Sheep Shearing Contest set for 8:30 A.M. in the Fort's old Arc Light Saloon. "We're having the shearing contest and sheep dog trials in May this year instead of later in the summer as we have done in the past," said Ahlschwede. "The May 4 date more closely coincides with our normal shearing season. It's cooler and the dogs will work better, the sheep are in better condition, and the shearers will be fresh from shearing on area ranches. Overall, we think this will make for much better contests."

At 10:00 A.M. and again at 12:00 P.M., the public will be treated to a wool style show presented by the Texas Food and Fiber Commission, the TS&GRA and Gabriel's. Four models from the Dallas Apparel Mart will show the latest wool fashions along with ten local models and the state's

adult, junior and senior Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool winners. The models will also be wearing many of the fashion design winners from Texas Women's University at Denton as well as the most current wool fashions from today's top designers. There will be no charge for the style shows which will be held in the Fort Commissary.

A special attraction after each style show will be a lamb cutting demonstration conducted by Tim Bauer with the American Lamb Council. Lamb promotion will play a prominent role throughout the day's activities.

The Texas Lamb and Wool Days Lamb Cook-Off will get under way at 6:30 A.M. Saturday, featuring entries from throughout the San Angelo area. Entries will be judged at 2:00 P.M. Prizes are: 1st-\$125; 2nd-\$100; and 3rd-\$75.00.

Awards presentations will take place between 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. for the Lamb Cook-Off, Sheep Dog Trials and Shearing Contest. Prizes in conjunction with the Wagon Train will be given during the campfire entertainment.

For further information contact: Dr. George Ahlschwede, Texas Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 7887 N. Hwy. 87, San Angelo, Texas. Phone (915) 653-4576.

For information on entry fees, contact Sandy Whitley at the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers', (915) 655-7388, or Chris Holt, Special Events Coordinator at Fort Concho, (915) 657-4441.



Approximately 50,000 pounds of freshwater fish, mostly catfish, a box of live crabs and several boxes of iced oysters ended up in the Sonora landfill April 17 following a truck accident on I-10 near the Sutton-Crockett County line.



Members of the National Junior Honor Society.

National Junior Honor Society Induction

Seventeen Sonora Junior High School students were inducted into membership of the National Junior Honor Society in a formal ceremony at the school, Wednesday, April 17.

Members were selected by the faculty for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Students inducted were: Tonni Balas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Balas; Lila Castilleja, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Castilleja; Jesse Crain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcom Crain; Chris Crowder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Crowder; Curt Dempsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dempsey;

Christina Escamilla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Escamilla; Ricki Fort, daughter of Rick Fort and Sandy Fields; Gayla Frederickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duke Frederickson; Davis Hale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hale; Sam Odom, III, son of Sam Odom, Jr., and Linda Odom; Elaine Ortiz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ortiz; Laura Pf Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Purvis; Bonner Walsh, son of David Walsh and Maggie Davis; Martha Alvarez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Alvarez; David Davenport, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Davenport; Casey Fitzgerald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Fitzgerald; and Cody Schenkel, son

of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Schenkel.

Guest speaker was Lemuel Lopez, a Sonora High School graduate. He is a City Councilman and owns and operates the Commercial Restaurant.

Principal Smith Neal presented certificates to the new members.

Following the ceremony, members and guests attended a reception prepared by the mothers of the eighth grade members.



John Ferguson cuts the ribbons off of a tree in front of the Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian following a luncheon Sunday to welcome him home.

Sonora to host H.S. Rodeo Region II finals

Thanks to the people and the good facilities, Sonora will be hosting the High School, Region II, Finals.

Participants from about 25 West Texas schools have traveled long and worked hard to accumulate points at each rodeo. The six individuals with the highest points in each event after 10 rodeo sessions will be eligible to compete in the state finals.

Several local boys and one girl will be performing on Saturday and Sunday. They are Lewis Baker, Kelly Kiowski, Mike Merrill, Mathew Smith, Chase Wardlaw, and Mack Wardlaw. Rodeo events include, cutting, calf roping, breakaway roping, steer wrestling, pole bending, goat tying, saddle

bronc riding, bareback riding, team roping, and bullriding.

The Saturday performance will begin with cutting at 2:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. Members will also be selling tickets for a chance on a pair of Justin boots.

The Sunday performance will begin at 10:00 a.m. After the Sunday performance there will be an awards presentation.

The local High School Rodeo members invite everyone to come out this weekend and enjoy the final High School Rodeo.

A concession stand will be available with Bill Keel serving great food. And yes, Bill Keel will have "Breakfast Burritos" Sunday morning.



Javier & Angie Galvan stop to smile showing their appreciation and pride in being home following a ceremony in their honor at the Courthouse.

WHISPERS IN THE WIND

by Jim Fish

From the San Angelo Standard, dated June 18, 1898:

"In the last issue of the STANDARD was published a vivid account of the hold-up of the Santa Fe train at Coleman Junction at 11 o'clock on Thursday night, June 9th, by four or five masked robbers, in which Fireman Lee Johnson was mortally wounded. Mr. Johnson died from the effects of his wounds about twenty-four hours after he was shot. The officers of Coleman County assembled at the scene of the attempted hold-up eight or nine hours after its occurrence and then took up the trail of the desperadoes...

"On Friday morning, Sheriff Jerome W. Shield, of Tom Green County, received a telegram from W.T. Knox, sheriff of Coleman County, stating that two packages of dynamite, one bearing the mark on the wrapper Hagerlund Bros., San Angelo, and the other package, Hagerlund Bros. & Co., Sonora. Possessed of this valuable information, Sheriff Shield telephoned Sheriff Perry J. McConnell, of Sutton County, to find out who bought the dynamite from Hagerlund Bros. & Co., and also gave a description of the horses and men seen by Mr. Dozier (a cattleman who saw four suspicious hombres on his place prior to the attempted robbery)."

The lawmen's trail ended on the Taylor Ranch in eastern Sutton County and the ultimate capture of all four involved. Two of those charged were from Sutton County, one of Kimble County and Bud Newman of Langtry, whose father ran a ranch on the Dry Devil's River in Val Verde County.

The Killing of Bud Newman

After the aborted train holdup at Coleman Junction, our Sutton County bandits rode almost non-stop back to the Cone Well where the Taylors had a camp, just northeast of where the Ross Road intersects IH-10. Bill and Jeff Taylor were Sutton County boys. Pierce Keaton had served time in the pen for cow theft in Kimble County. Until a few years ago the house where he was raised was still standing about a mile on the Sonora side of Junction. Bud Newman was raised at Langtry and his folks had a ranch on Devil's River.

In the gunfight during the attempted holdup, Pierce Keaton had been shot through both hips. Jeff Taylor had one of his arms broken above the elbow.

After getting a description of the horses they were riding and learning of the dynamite wrapper with Hagerlund Bros. & Co., Sonora, San Angelo lawmen called Sheriff Perry McConnell, over the then new telephone. The well known frontier sheriff of Tom Green County, Jerome Shields, made an educated guess who the culprits were. He and a U.S. Marshall by the name of D.R. Hodges caught the next stage to Sonora. They arrived after dark, at which time horses were saddled and waiting. The posse rode through the night to arrive at the Cone Well at daybreak. Bill Taylor was already up and outside the tent and when he saw mounted horsemen he kept walking. Sheriff Shields wanted to

go after him, but Perry McConnell, who was a friend of the Taylors said, "No 'Rome, he ain't one o' them, he lives here." So Bill Taylor was not captured. The rest were brought to our new jail in a wagon. The doctor met the wagon on its way through town and administered morphine to the wounded. A crowd gathered at the jail and there was talk of a lynching, which did not take place.

After sweltering in the jail for quite some time, Bud Newman agreed to an arrangement with the authorities to help bring in Bill Taylor for leniency in court. A jail break was set-up and Bud was soon back amongst his compadres.

According to Willie Miers' story (Bill Taylor was kin to Willie's mother, perhaps first cousin), Bud and Bill were riding together one day. A trap was laid and Rangers were waiting ahead. Bud said, "Bill I shore admire that gun o' yours, let me look at it."

Bill said, "Shore," pulling the Winchester from the scabbard and handing it to him.

Bud levered a cartridge into the chamber and levelled it on Taylor. When Taylor saw the Rangers, he turned to Newman and said, "Bud, one of us will die for this."

Taylor was taken to a new "escape-proof" jail in Brownwood, where he soon escaped and came back to this country.

Some men were dipping sheep where the Armer Earwood Ranch is now, Wilbur Miers was there, so was Bud Newman. Someone noticed a lone horseman riding up the draw and as he drew near they recognized Bill Taylor. Bud told the rest of them, "We might as well get this over with now," and went to meet Taylor.

Bud shot first and his bullet was deflected by a soto stalk. It hit Taylor in the leg. Then Bill Taylor shot and killed Bud Newman.

When they brought the wagon around to load Bud's body, they asked Taylor if he minded riding beside him. Bill said, "Nope, I've slept beside him many a night beneath the stars." Newman was taken to the family ranch where the Dry Devil's River runs into the Devil's River and buried. Taylor was sent back to the "escape-proof" jail in Brownwood. After he recovered from his wound, he escaped a second time and was never seen or heard from in this country again.

Bill Miers knew of his whereabouts but never told. Supposedly, Taylor went into Mexico and became a rancher. One of Bill Miers' brothers, George, became a Mexican citizen and was in Mexico during the Madero revolution and, in time, owned over 1,000 sections of ranchland in the state of Chihuahua. If he was ever in contact with Bill Taylor, no one knows ---- Quien Sabe.

- Bill Stewart

Bill; I was talking to a mutual friend of ours' tonight and he has it on good authority that Bill Taylor held up around Juno the rest of his life. He says that Taylor made it look as if he had gone to Mexico. I'll check it out.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It's hard to say goodbye after almost 5 years of living, breathing, crying and loving Sonora.

We will never forget the friends we have made here, not the trials and successes we have had. About a year after we had moved here, our daughter who was going to college at East Texas State University, said she wanted to come down and visit "the place where miracles happen."

Sonora has truly been a miraculous place. I suppose some people who have lived here for a long time may not know or have forgotten what a wonderful place it really is! Nowhere else in our lives have we lived where we could accomplish so much, give so much, or feel so welcomed. The

Hospital, the Dinner Theater, the Nursing Home, Bits & Pieces...all have been a large part of our lives, waking and sleeping.

After making the decision to leave, we found it much harder to live with the reality of leaving. Someone once said, "it's not the divorce I mind so much, it's leaving the kids behind!" That's how we feel.

To all of those who have befriended us, we give you our thanks and our love, and the promise that we will return often and that you occupy a permanent place in our hearts.

Go with God,
Scott & Charlotte



Biscuits' Crumbs

By Biscuits O'Bryan

Church Cookbooks

If you're a recet reader like I am, it's purt-near impossible to pass up a cookbook put out by a small-town church. They're fun to read, even if you don't know any of the mostly-ladies or occasional-fellers who contribute the recets. It's always surprisin' and kinda fun to see what you can figger out about the people who get their favorite stuff put in these locally-put-together books.

There's almost always at least one person who wants to appear to be real high-fallutin' and puts recets in that she's probably never tried but found in some fancy cookin' magazine. When you spot these, you can feel pretty dum sure you don't want to serve these dishes to a bunch of hungry cowhands. I usually spot these under "Appetizers" or "Desserts," or maybe "Salads." Only one of those three would hold any interest for a bunch of owlhoots, anyway, and I bet you can spot which one that is, right? Some of the ones I've run across but never tried include Swedish Fruit Soup, Diet Applesauce Cake, Asparagus almost-anything, Yum Salad, Curried Sea Food Salad, Bubble Gum Tea Cakes and the likes.

Then there's folks who don't really cook but didn't want to be left out, so they look for things that sound like they might be good, but in copyin' the recets, get things so messed up nobody could ever figger out what the recet was meant to be like. Them's the kind you start out to fix without really havin' read through 'em real good and don't discover the problem 'til you get half way into stirrin' it up. That shore makes you want to get on the telephone and tell somebody what you think, but it wouldn't do no good, even if you did get ahold of the recet contributor, 'cause she (or he) wouldn't have the foggiest notion of what you're complainin' about, 'cause they'd a'forgot about ever sendin' in a recet, and they sure never would've tried it out or even recollect where it come from in the first place. That ought to be a lesson to us who cook to really check out a recet real careful, but I know I'm probably goin' to make that mistake again now and then.

But the joy of these home-grown cookbooks is that ever one of 'em is goin' to have some really good ideas that you never heard of, and even if it's only one or two, they make gettin' the book worthwhile, 'cause if you stop and think about it, how many recets you read that really sound good do you really fix? I reckon if I'd a'tried out ever recet I've read that sounded like it had some promise, I'd be cookin' 'til I was at least 256 years old, and I'd probably still miss a few.

I seen a recet recently for somethin' called Beaten Biscuits, and my ears always perk up when I hear somebody mention biscuits, so I tried it out, even though it sounded kind'a funny. This recet said the quick way to make these was to run the dough through a meat grinder 2 or 3 times, whereas the old-fashioned way was to take a hammer and beat the dough for about an hour. Well, I didn't have nothin' handy but some fencin' pliers, and I had a good idea where they might'a been dropped once or twice, so I tried the meat grinder instead. Besides, I didn't want nobody comein' in and findin' me settin' there with a pair of fencin' pliers hammerin' on a pile of dough. They'd probably've carted me off to the funny farm in one a'them white coats with tie-behind sleeves. Now I follered that recet real careful, even down to makin' real thin biscuits, which I don't particularly like. What come out of that oven wasn't fit for nothin' but chunkin' at armadillos. Them things was hard as rocks and dryer'n Big Spring in August. I could rightly picture some of them genteel Old South ladies and gents tryin' to appear real sophisticated while at the same time figgerin' out

to do with the teeth they'd broke on them critters!

One recet I run across from some feller name of Jones was for a cheese ball to end all cheese balls. I guarantee you everbody from cowhand to chorus girls will like this, but you'd better figger on havin' a crowd when you fix:

- MONTE'S MOTHER'S GIANT CHEESE BALL**
Grind together in a meat grinder with a medium blade:
- 1 lb. sharp cheddar
 - 1 pound pimento cheese
 - 1 lb. longhorn or colby
 - 2 cups pecans
 - 4 medium onions
 - 12 cloves garlic
 - 12 jalapeno peppers
- Stir in (with a big, heavy-duty spoon):
- 4 Tablespoons wooster sauce
 - 4 Tablespoons fresh lemon juice
 - 2 8oz. packages of room-temperature cream cheese
- Wrap in foil or plastic and refrigerate several hours or overnight.

The only problem besides size with that recet is that once somebody starts eatin' it on crackers, he can't quit 'til he's plumb founedered, so if you've got a friend or boss or somebody who's on a diet or eats too much and pays the price later, maybe you'd better not fix this. If you wrap this up real tight in plastic and then in foil, it will keep in the freezer for 2 ro 3 months. After that, it kinda looses somethin', but why fix it in the first place if you ain't gonna share. Try this at your next big gatherin', and keep on cookin'.

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We will miss you Scott & Charlotte and wish you all the best!

Thank you for all you have done!

From the members of the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater



These Tiger Cubs recently visited the nursing home to visit with some of our Senior Citizens.

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The five most popular sports activities for American adults are swimming, fishing, bicycling, bowling and running.

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Have Camera will travel!

If you know of a newsworthy event call the Sonora Observer and we will be glad to cover it. If you have information on a local event then bring it by the Observer office at 114 W. Concho or call 387-5719.

Forthcoming "Christmas in April" effort means homes & hope

Washington, D.C....In the aftermath of America's recent international crisis, it appears that a national sense of community is being energized.

Take Christmas in April*USA, a coalition of volunteers across the country.

On Saturday, April 27th, 46,000 men, women and children in 133 cities and towns will pitch in to repair and rehabilitate 1,800 homes of low-income, elderly and disabled neighbors.

This return to the American barnraising concept of yesteryear makes the Christmas in April*USA one-day effort the single most productive day in home rehabilitation history.

Communities from Connecticut to California will turn out volunteers from law-firms, banks, labor organizations, colleges, civic and community organizations, and endless other public-spirited individuals to make this housing miracle real.

While Americans are among the best-housed people in history, the dream of homeownership is at risk for many vulnerable citizens who, because of age, physical or financial limitations, cannot maintain their homes. Over 22% of homeowners can now be defined as "shelter poor." Millions are only a step away from foreclosure, institutionalization or the streets.

By taking steps to alleviate the

housing needs of entire cities, Christmas in April*USA provides compelling evidence that American neighbors are caring more and more about the well-being of their communities and about each other.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 28, 1991

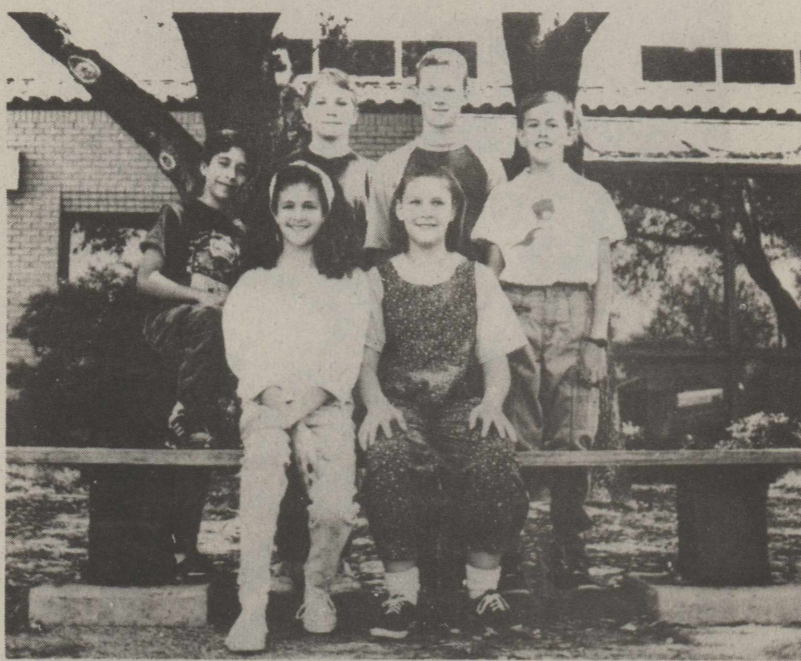
I am delighted to send greetings to all the volunteers participating in this year's "Christmas in April" program.

One of our Nation's greatest strengths is the spirit of generosity that guides the efforts of concerned

individuals and service organizations throughout America. Since its inception, "Christmas in April" has presented thousands of Americans with an ideal opportunity to give something back to their communities; and judging by the success of this annual event, it is obvious that the American tradition of neighbor helping neighbor is alive and well. Each of you is making a real difference in your community, and I commend you for your enthusiasm and hard work.

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes for a successful and enjoyable program. God bless you.

George Bush



Sixth grade students who attended the District U.I.L. Literary meet in Colorado City. (not in order) David Fisher, Charles Moss, John Brown, Andy Mirike, Michele Cramer, and Sarah Marrs.



Seventh Grade students who participated in the Literary meet: (not in order) Curt Dempsey, Bonner Walsh, Tonni Balas, Ricki Fort, Ben Taylor, Laura Purvis, and Elaine Ortiz.



Eight Grade students who participated in the Literary meet: (not in order) Casey Thorp, Casey Fitzgerald, Javi Weingart, David Davenport, Callie Moore, and Vicki Richardson. Not pictured is Sandra Gonzalez.

Jr. High Students attend District U.I.L. Literary meet

On Saturday, April 20, Sonora Junior High students attended the District U.I.L. Literary meet in Colorado City. The results are:

Sixth Grade

David Fisher, 1st in Number Sense; Charles Moss, 5th in Ready Writing; John Brown, 6th in Ready Writing; Andy Mirike, 3rd in Calculator; Michele Cramer, 2nd in Spelling; and Sarah Marrs, 6th in Oral Reading (7th grade division).

Seventh Grade

Curt Dempsey, 1st in Number Sense; Bonner Walsh, 6th in Number Sense; Bonner Walsh and Curt Dempsey tied in a 3-way tie

for 3rd in General Math; Tonn Balas, 1st in Ready Writing; Rick Fort, 2nd in Ready Writing; Ben Taylor, 4th in Science; Bonner Walsh, 2nd in Science; Laura Purvis, 5th in Calculator; and Elaine Ortiz, 5th in Oral Reading.

Eighth Grade

David Davenport, 5th in Number Sense; Casey Thorp, 2nd in Science; Casey Fitzgerald and Javi Weingart tied in a 3-way tie for 5th in Science; David Davenport, 2nd in General Math; Callie Moore, 6th in General Math; Sandra Gonzalez, 4th in Dictionary Skills; and Vicki Richardson, 2nd in Ready Writing.

ENVIRONMENT

Earth Day Year 'Round

Americans Join Associations Working to Save Planet

News USA

(NU) - As the nation approaches its 21st Earth Day celebration, millions of Americans are doing more to protect the environment than save aluminum cans and old newspapers for recycling.

They've begun joining one or more of the thousands of associations working to help save the planet. Today, nearly three out of four associations consider themselves environmentally conscious or responsible, according to the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE).

By joining associations that support their point of view, many are realizing they can create a powerful, unified voice for environmental concerns. When people band together for a common cause, they achieve far more than they could individually, says ASAE.

Whether it's global warming or protecting green spaces in a neighborhood, there's an association for every interest area and point of view. National, regional and local associations are involved in a wide array of environmental issues.

Associations such as Sierra Club, National Wildlife Federation, Air Pollution Control Association and

their numerous local chapters are all fighting for America's environment. They are conducting extensive public education campaigns, lobbying government officials at all levels and organizing events like community clean-ups.

Community Groups Active Too

Many community- and business-related associations are also helping to protect Mother Earth. Rotary International recently launched the "Preserve Planet Earth" project, encouraging its 1.1 million members to address ecology issues in their communities and use environmentally sound practices in their own lives. Some local clubs have started environmental resource centers in their communities.

In addition, large national associations that represent entire industries are involved in establishing safety and performance standards that protect consumers and the environment.

"By joining associations in their communities, Americans can continue to support environmental issues well into the coming decade," says ASAE President R. William Taylor.

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Cub Scouts earn honors

Eight Boy Scouts of Troop 19, plus three Webelos Cub Scouts earned numerous honors during the Permian Basin District Camporee held at Texon on April 12-14.

The Dakota Patrol, consisting of Sam Odom, Jr., Casey Fitzgerald, Casey Thorp, Curt Dempsey and Jon Zook placed first in physical fitness and in emergency preparedness, second in communication and in citizenship, and third in first aid and in football throw.

The Eagle Patrol of Timmy Bauldree, Chris Clifton, Josh Hunt, and Drew Dempsey, Will Allen and

Matt Routh, placed first in communication, first in basketball shooting and in football throw, and also received the President's Award for camp cleanliness. Andrew Dempsey was recognized as one of the most spirited Scouts at the Camporee.

The Dakota Patrol finished third overall in the Camporee competition, falling just five points short of the first place patrol from Rankin.

Accompanying the Scouts during this year's Camporee were John and Evelyn Zook, Steve Bauldree and Lewis Allen.

Community Calendar

April

- Friday-26th:** Region II High School Rodeo finals.
- Saturday-27th:** Region II High School Rodeo finals. Cutting 2:00 p.m.--Rodeo 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday-27th:** Christmas in April work day.
- Sunday-28th:** Cowboy church service 9:00 a.m. in the grandstands of the Rodeo arena. Region II H.S. Rodeo Finals 10:00 a.m. --Awards program to follow rodeo.
- Sunday-28th:** Kristen Hicks Ballet School dance recital at 5:00 p.m.-High School Auditorium.
- Monday-29th:** End of year Cub Scout Graduation at the Jr. High Snack Bar 7:00 p.m. Drinks and refreshments will be served. Families are welcome and urged to attend this important event.
- Monday-29th:** High School band pre-contest concert at 7:00 p.m. Sonora High School Auditorium.

May

- Friday-3rd:** Deadline 5:00 p.m. for signing up to run for an office in the Sutton County 4-H Club.
- Saturday-4th:** DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!
- Saturday-11th:** Talent Show sponsored by the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater at the Amphitheater.
- Saturday-11th:** Miles for Meals walk-a-thon sponsored by the Sutton County Committee on Aging and the Tri-County Nutrition at the high school track 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday-12th:** MOTHERS' DAY
- Monday-13th:** American Diabetes Association Great Texas Bike Ride from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. to begin at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

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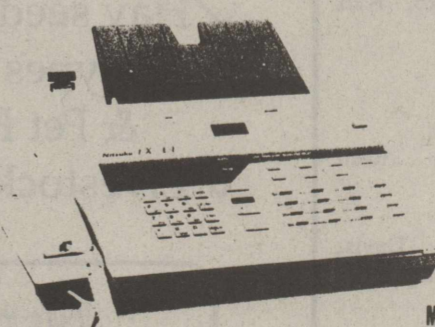
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Setting the record straight

by Jim Fish

Appearing in the San Angelo Standard Times on Sunday, April 21st, within the insert *USA WEEKEND*, was an article entitled, "Are Cowboys Killing the West?" The author, Jim Robbins, cites a dilemma in regions whose public lands and parks are being abused. He contends there are ranchers in 11 states who are overgrazing, polluting and otherwise stripping the state owned properties and wild game habitats of their resources and wildlife for personal gain and private enterprise.

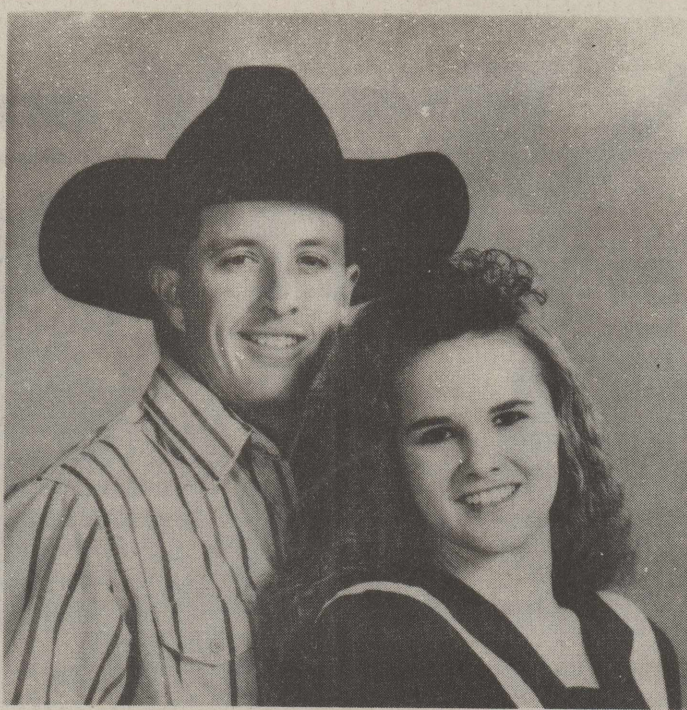
Robbins quotes an environmentalist, engineer and former resident of Sutton County, Jim Fish, "We need an end to all public lands ranching. We can't tolerate their political, economic or ecological abuse any more." Fish is quoted further on in the article and Robbins presents a strong case in support of the environmental side of the issue.

In a phone conversation with Fish, from his home in New Mexico, I was told that his quote may have been taken out of context. He added that he could not

be sure until he had the opportunity to read the article.

However, Jim Fish of Placitas, New Mexico should not be confused with the Jim Fish (James M. Fish) of Sonora, who is president of the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater, contributing writer for The Sonora Observer, publisher of Encino Magazine, a cowboy poet and promoter of the cowboy culture. Though Jim Fish (James M. Fish) supports his cousin from Placitas in his efforts to end public lands ranching (if they are in fact occurring), he strongly objects to Robbins' generalization that cowboys are killing the West. Furthermore, Jim Robbins'

supporting figures are grossly in error and should be amended in order that the environmental side of the issue be better represented.



Bolt-Badgett announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bolt of Sonora, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Chris Anne Bolt, to Mr. Michael Scott Badgett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dois Badgett of Sonora, Texas. Miss Bolt is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holmes and Mrs.

Mary Swihart of Sonora. A June 8, 1991 wedding is planned.

Miss Bolt will be graduating from Sonora High School this May. Mr. Badgett attended Angelo State University and is now employed by Graham Resources of Sonora.

Lions host dinner for Child Welfare Board

In keeping with April's theme of Child Abuse Prevention month of the West Side Lions hosted a dinner for the Child Welfare Board and members of the Child Protective Agency.

Representing the Child Protective Agency was Ben Mossberg, regional director, and Lynn McFadden, caseworker. They presented a short and yet to the point program on child abuse noting that child abuse includes, physical, neglectful, and sexual abuse. Mr. Mossberg and Mr. McFadden both explained that they prefer working in the smaller towns such as Sonora. "I prefer the smaller towns because of their community base, strong churches and high moral standards," said Mr. Mossberg. McFadden added that "small communities work together there by making it easier for the case workers in the area." Both gentlemen explained that their main goal is to keep families together however there are some instances where it becomes unavoidable and they have to move a child. In these

cases the child is placed with foster parents, however, this can only be done through the courts.

McFadden stated that without foster parents, Child Protective Services could not exist. At this point, Maxine Locklin, member of the Child Welfare Board of Sonora, presented a plaque to Alan and Sharon Alexander, recognizing them for becoming the first foster parents in Sonora.

Other presentations given were a lifetime membership to the West Side Lions Club for Chaldo Salazar and a \$50 gift given by the Lions to Salazar to help curtail medical expenses during his illness. The Lions also presented the Child Welfare Board with a gift of \$50 to be used as needed.

Also receiving an award was Janea Crowder, for the best poster depicting a happy, healthy family in observance of C.A.P.M.

If you suspect any child abuse situation or have an interest in becoming a foster parent you are urged to call 1-800-252-5400 and they can direct your call.

Lions Camp helpful to handicapped children

The Texas Lions Camp will hold sessions near Kerrville this summer to provide handicapped and medically-dependent children with fun and enjoyment, as well as instruction on how to deal with their disabilities. Activities include swimming, horseback riding, camp-outs, and a whole host of others. Additionally, every child will be permitted and encouraged to study nature, go fishing, play tennis and other field sports.

The first session, for children 7 to 12 years of age, will be from July 29th to August 7th. Deadline for applications is May 29th.

The second session, 13 to 17 years, is from August 11th to the 17th and that deadline is June 1st. Sessions are also planned for

deaf, blind and physically handicapped children. They are: June 9 - 15, June 16 - 29, June 30 - July 13, and July 14 - 27.

Guidelines call for insulin-dependent children to be between the ages of 7 and 17 years old. Priority is given those who have not yet attended a camp and for diabetics whose special health needs require guidance.

Visually impaired youths from 7 to 16 are eligible for handicapped sessions.

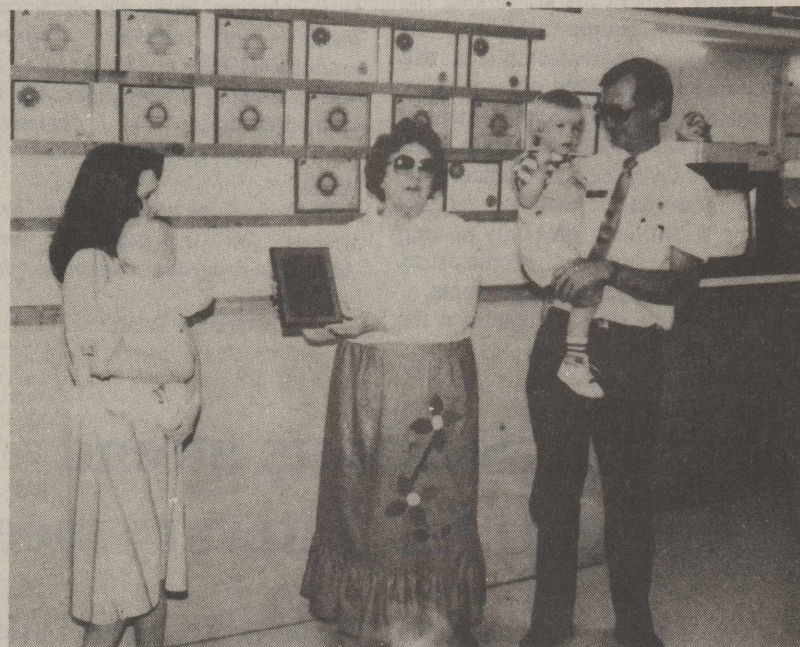
For more information contact any Lions Club member, Jerry Perry at 653-0135, Gary Hardgrave at Box 105, Sonora, 387-2227, or the Texas Lions Club, P.O. Box 247, Kerrville, Texas 78029-0247, (512) 896-8500.



Janea Crowder receives a \$10 award for the best poster depicting a happy, healthy family in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month.



Maxine Locklin receives a donation for the Child Welfare Board from the Lions Club.



Maxine Locklin presents a plaque to Alan & Sharon Alexander.

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Eleventh Grade All A's

Robert Gallion and Adam Youngblood.

All A's 1 B

Blake Adkins, Jimmy Davis, Dana Evans, and David Kemp.

Tenth Grade All A's

Leslie Carrasco, Whitney Condra, Kathy Cooke, Shannon Escalera, Shane Keller, Anna Teaff, and Tara Urbanski.

All A's 1 B

Carmen Burch, William Haltom, and Jessica Ortiz.

Ninth Grade All A's

Tina Kohutek and Jenny Purvis.

All A's 1 B

Gloria Escalera, Narciso Lira, Rebecca Lumbreras, Chris Scott, and Wade Spain.

It's a boy!

Andrea Sanford and Brian Cascadden are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Brianna Rae Cascadden, born Friday, April 19, 1991, in Kerrville, Texas. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 22" long. Fraternal grandparents are Bill and Margaret Cascadden of Sonora.



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Food Fight against cancer makes financial sense

The American Cancer Society is picking a fight, the Great American Food Fight Against Cancer, to make the American public aware of lowering risks of certain cancers through simple, inexpensive changes in diet. According to Lou Faulks, the Great American Food Fight Against Cancer can offer financial rewards, too.

"Of course, the financial savings in medical costs can be significant, for following American Cancer Society guidelines is in line with good nutrition practices recommended by dietician and other health organizations," says Faulks. "Our guidelines will make an impact upon reducing risks for heart disease, diabetes, and other diseases related to diet."

But the Great American Food Fight Against Cancer will also add a few extra dollars to consumers' pockets on a weekly basis, Faulks says. She points out that the money saved by making small changes in diet will quickly add up over a year's time.

Great American Food Fight Against Cancer recommendations are simple: choose a variety of foods rich in vitamins A and C, low in fat, and high in fiber, as well as cabbage-family (cruciferous) vegetables. American Cancer Society nutrition guidelines also include avoiding obesity and being moderate in consumption of alcoholic beverages and salt-cured, smoked, and nitrite-cured foods.

"These are easy-to-follow guidelines," says Lou Faulks. "The American Cancer Society does not ask the public to buy any special health or diet foods or dietary supplements, all of which can be expensive. A well-balanced diet, all that we are recommending, comes from the foods we buy everyday."

The American Cancer Society

asks that people buy more fresh fruits and vegetables, which are inexpensive in season. The Society also suggests smaller amounts of fats, which will reduce costs. Recommended substitutions when dining out—for example, fresh fruit for dessert or iced tea instead of a milkshake with lunch—offer savings, too.

Methods of preparation will save money, according to Faulks. She says that poaching, steaming, and broiling meats, poultry, fish, and vegetables without expensive fats and oils can be quite economical.

"It's important to note that the Great American Food Fight is not about denial," Faulks says. "The American Cancer Society wants people to make positive changes without feeling as if they are punishing themselves."

Consumers can call the American Cancer Society's toll-free 1-800-ACS-2345 for special tips about saving money. Other tips on shopping, cooking, and dining out according to American Cancer Society guidelines are available.

"We started the Great American Food Fight Against Cancer so that everyone can be a winner," says Faulks. "The financial savings make healthy eating even more attractive."

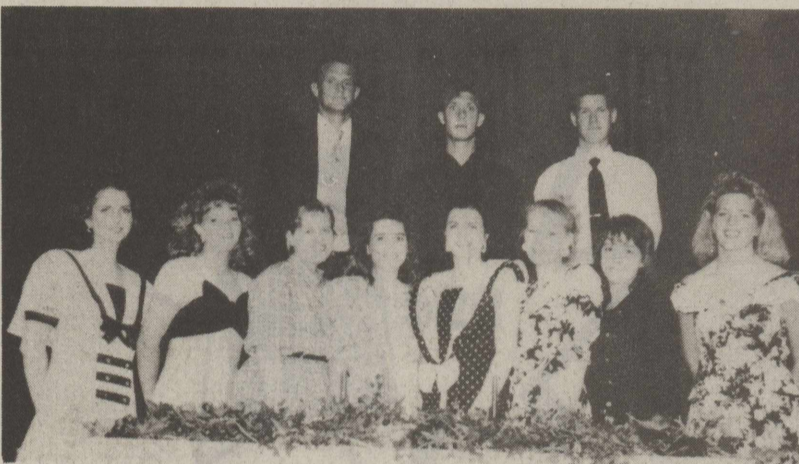
Please remember that a volunteer will be calling on everyone with an educational message about nutrition. The leaflet contains recommendations that could reduce a person's risks for certain cancers. The A.C.S. wants people to choose foods rich in vitamins A and C, low in fat, and high in fiber, as well as vegetables from the cabbage family. When the volunteer calls on you, please make a generous donation to continue the fight against cancer.



Sophomore members of the National Honor Society: Roy Ivy, William Haltom, Shannon Escalera, Brian Faris, Vicky Downing, Christina Ramirez, Anna Teaff, Leslie Carasco, and Cathy Cooke.



Junior members of the N.H.S.: Adam Youngblood, David Kemp, Robert Gallion, Blake Adkins, Susen McCleery, Lindsey Wentworth, and Dana Evans.



Senior members of the N.H.S.: David Mirike, John Russell, Mark Wootten, Catherine Kepler, Vicki Anderson, Lisa Allen, and Tana Churchill.

Cowboy Church Service

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. there will be a Cowboy Church Service which will feature Dennis McKinley of Keller, Texas. His ministry is called Western World Missions, and it takes him to all levels of rodeo from our area in West Texas to Australia, Canada, and Panama. Dennis was raised in New Mexico in a ranching family and was called to help minister the "good-news" of Jesus Christ to the western oriented world. He also spends much time in Mexico helping set up orphanages, churches, and gives food and clothing to the poor. He

is a P.R.C.A. calf roping, and won a National Calf Roping title in Australia in the mid 80's.

The music for the service will be presented by the New Creations of Lamesa, Texas. Gary and Judy Jones are cotton farmers and have been supporters of high school and college rodeos. Their music and song writing talent is unmatched in our area. Everyone is invited to "come-as-you-are" to these services which will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the grandstands at the arena with the rodeo performance following at 10:00 a.m.



Kelly Kearney with the trophy she won at Busy Bees Day Care Center. The children colored as many kisses they could in ten minutes to raise funds for Kids For Conservation and Kelly took home the trophy for coloring the most kisses in 10 minutes.

Donations needed for Welcome Home Fund

To celebrate the return of those Sonora men and women who served in Operation Desert Storm, we need some money. We already have bills that exceed our contributions. We anticipated that we would need \$2,000.00. We have collected only \$792.90.

If you would like to contribute to

this fund so that we can make these men and women feel welcome back home and feel that we really do appreciate what they did for us, you may give your contribution (great or small) to JoAnn Jones at First National Bank, to Reverend Kent Kepler, to Joe Garcia at Chavarria Grocery, or to Smith Neal.

Historical Society to meet

The Sutton County Historical Society will be meeting at 7:00 p.m., April 30, at the Depot. Officers will be elected during this meeting.

The Historical Society is currently attempting to reconstruct the cemetery records and need help in locating unmarked graves. If anyone knows of an unmarked grave please call the Historical Society at 387-5144 or best yet, come to the meeting.

Mrs. Palmer recently attended the County Commissioners meeting in

order to discuss platting problems at the cemetery which stem from over 60 years ago. In an interview with Mrs. Palmer she stated, "Mr. Kerbow's records and the way he conducts business is totally above board. The discrepancies have been caused by the lack of paperwork in the county system from 1889 up to when the Kerbow's took over." The County plans on looking into the matter and attempting to correct any problems that may exist.

The matter will be discussed further during the next meeting of the County Commissioners.

Great Texas Bike Ride

The American Diabetes Association will host The Great Texas Bike Ride in Sonora on Monday, May 13, to help raise funds for diabetes. The event location will be at St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and concluding at 6:30 p.m. The length of the ride will be 6 miles.

Participants of The Great Texas Bike Ride raise funds for diabetes by enlisting sponsors, who pledge a certain amount of money for every mile the participant completes on the day of the event. Prizes will be awarded to participants who collect a minimum of \$35.00 from A.D.A. sponsors. The participants who collect money in the community will win locally donated prizes.

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All A's and 1B

Ashley Browning, Romy Castaneda, Katy Cooke, and Lori Herrera.

Wool & Mohair producers and conservation work

If you participate in the Wool and Mohair Program, ACP, or any other program administered by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), please be advised of changes that may affect you. Provisions of the 1990 Farm Bill recently signed into law include sodbuster/swampbuster provisions (highly erodible land determinations). Producer eligibility for ASCS programs, and Payment Limitation provisions as they may affect county ranchers. The Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 contains several new program provisions that make wool and mohair producers subject to regulations that are consistent with limitation provisions for other ASCS payment programs.

Some of the specific provisions are the following: (1) Spouses considered separate "persons" for the payment limitation purposes for 1991. (2) The May 1, 1991 Status Data (Established date when partnerships, joint ventures, or other entities are to be formed or

"set" for incentive and other payment purposes). The status date is used to determine if individuals or entities are formed and what shares each member had as of the status comparable to the inputs a person makes to the ranch operation. (4) For Incentive, Wool and Mohair will EACH carry a payment limitation for 1991. (5) Under the 1991 Act, wool and mohair producers are also subject to a non-refundable one percent deduction from price support payments earned, up to the payment limitation, beginning with payments on 1991 marketings. It is important that agriculture producers become acquainted with these options and program changes. The "Spouse" provision is especially important for consideration in 1991. After 1991, any spouse interested in obtaining a separate payment limitation must

be able to show a separate and distinct interest in an operation that is separate and distinct from any other person.

A moment for mission

(as delivered at the Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian) by Scott Gilmore

Any of you who saw "The Civil War" a few months ago may remember the vivid scenes of pain, blood, and waste that made up the health care of 100 years ago. But that health care was also composed of charity, love, and service.

Since then, many things have change. In many places, health care has become "big business." Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital was first opened in July, 1951. Its charter, first signed on November 24, 1947 says: "The purpose for which this hospital is formed is for the acquisition, erection, maintenance and operation of a benevolent, charitable, scientific and educational hospital in the city of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas, for the purpose of administering to the sick, to the infirm, to the helpless, to the maimed and to the afflicted of all creeds, colors and nationalities, as may be brought to or presented at such hospital for treatment and nursing care; to alleviate the ills and sufferings, pains and afflictions of all such persons as are included, as set forth above, and to restore them, so far as possible, to the best condition of health; and for training young women in the field of nursing;... and doing of all acts and exercising of all powers and assuming all obligations necessary or incidental thereto."

A moment for mission? Our mission is still to heal the sick, the infirm, and the helpless. We are still a charitable, benevolent, scientific and educational institution. We still "care" first.

Time was when taking care of the sick was automatically labeled "charity care." Now, across the state, every time a Medicaid patient is admitted to a hospital, the hospital (on the average) loses

\$1,300. For every Medicare patient we take care of we lose approximately 50%. The State of Texas and the Federal Government require minimum staffing and minimum requirements for certification of employees that is almost impossible to maintain in a rural setting. Texas requires all hospital districts to care for "indigents" because the Hospital District can tax to make up for the loss. But our Hospital District was conceived and came into the world at its maximum tax already!

Is the hospital going to close? Maybe.

The answer to that question is up to the voters of Sutton County. There is a bill in the legislature increasing our maximum taxing ability from 10 cents per hundred dollar valuation to 20 cents. Does that mean that we're going to tax you twenty cents. Almost all hospital districts were created with a maximum cap of 75 cents. To get it past the voters, our was created with a cap of ten cents.

Big Lake currently charges its citizens 13 cents for their Hospital District, Winters 28, Colorado City 30.4, and Eldorado 46.5, while Sonora charges only ten. The cost of supporting the hospital in Eldorado is \$251 for every man woman and child in the county; in Sonora only \$78.

In July or August there will be an election in Sonora to allow or deny an increase in our tax cap. If it passes, we keep the hospital open. If it fails, we do something else.

Without the hospital we all run the risk of one day having 45 minutes of life left, when it's a 60 minute drive to San Angelo.

Do we need a hospital? You bet your life!

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All A's and 1B

Kristi Burge, Michele Cramer, and Pamela Jones.

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Tonni Balas, Lila Castilleja, Curt Dempsey, Christina Escamilla, Ricki Fort, Davis Hale, Elaine Ortiz, and Laura Purvis.

EIGHTH GRADE

All A's

Amy Love, Callic Moore, and Vicky Richardson.

All A's and 1B

David Davenport, Casey Fitzgerald, and Jason Morley.

It's Beginning to look a lot like Christmas

by Carole Thorp

The spirit of Christmas is descending upon our community through the people and organizations taking part in Sonora's first ever Christmas in April. This much-needed home repair program will benefit 21 of Sonora's low-income senior citizens who, otherwise, would have to go without home repairs. Repairs will range from replacing screen doors to renovating an entire house.

Approximately 260 volunteer workers will do the actual repairs using materials bought by Christmas in April of Sonora, Inc. All money for this project, with the exception of a mini-grant from the Texas Department on Aging, was raised from private sources throughout our community. So if anyone thinks that the government is paying for this endeavor, think again! Not only have we received workers and funds from within our own community, we also have an army (being led by Linda Johnson and Virginia Jones) of women

preparing food, drinks, and snacks for the entire work day. Also, Belia Castaneda is supplying free day care for volunteers on the 27th.

On Saturday, April 27th, each team will gather at their respective worksite and the work will begin (of course, some advance work has already been completed by professionals). Headquarters for the workday will be the Sutton County Senior Center where Lewis Allen and other board members, as well as the sandwich crew, will be on call for anything needed by the teams. If a team member needs to be located or materials are needed, call 387-5657 or 387-3941 and help will be dispatched.

All selected homes will be easily recognized as each home will display a banner which identifies its team. If you would like to experience the true spirit of Christmas, drive around town on Saturday, April 27th. You will see people giving freely of themselves to help others less fortunate than most of us.

Sonora Primary Perfect Attendance

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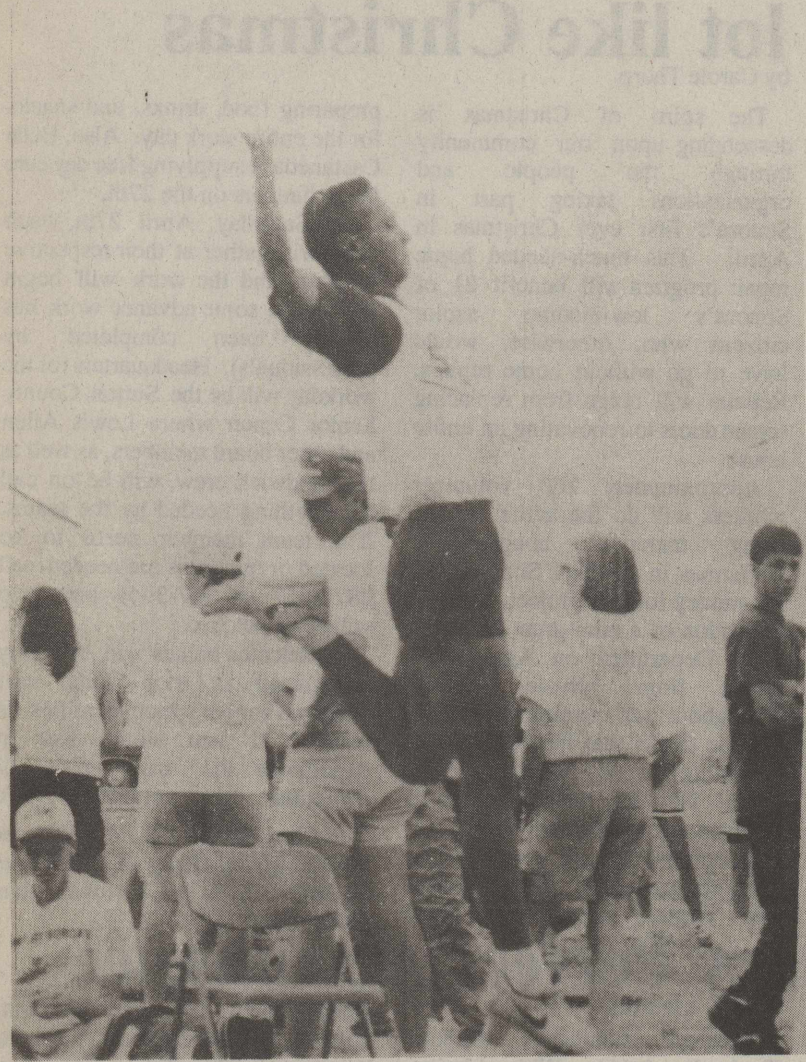
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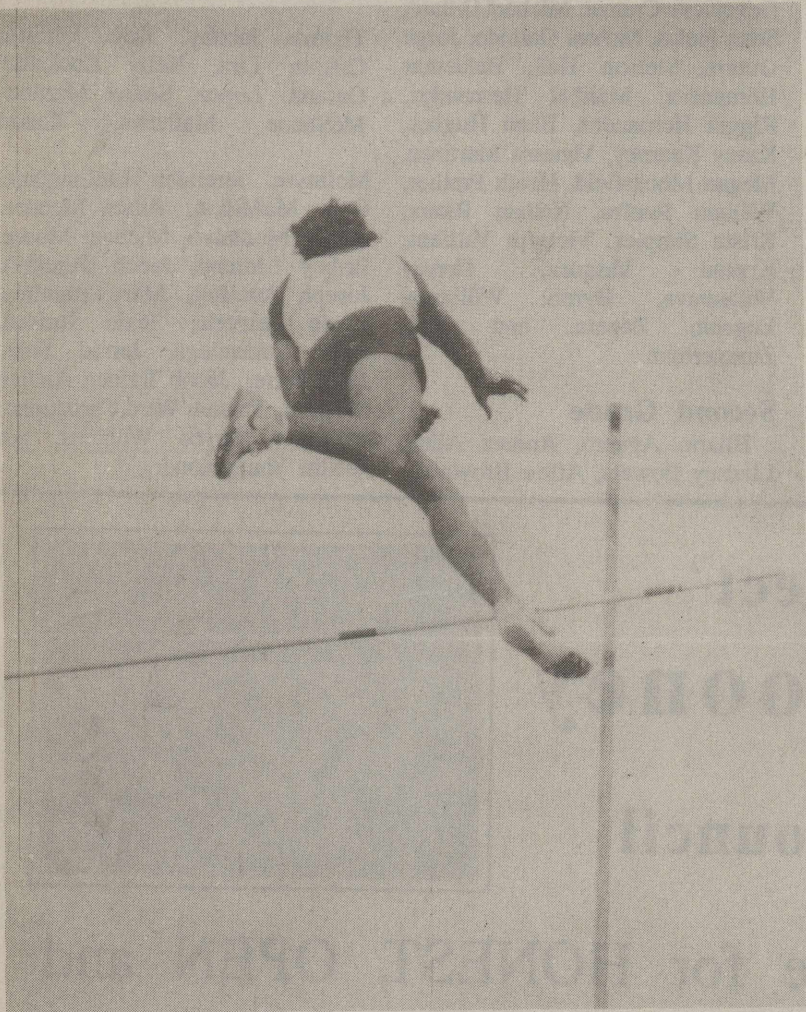
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