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News Briefs

SCDA

The Sutton County Days Association will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 3 at 7 p. m. at the Commercial Restaurant.

All members are urged to attend.

Band boosters

The Sonora Band Boosters will have changed their monthly meeting to Monday, March 15.

All band parents are urged to attend this meeting.

Immunization clinic

The Texas Department of Health will hold an immunization clinic on Thursday, March 11, 1993.

The Health Dept. is located at 211 Hwy 277 N.

For more information call 387-2234

Lenten lunches

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance would like to invite the community of Sonora to participate in Lenten Luncheons, every Wednesday at noon during the season of Lent. The luncheons are held at First United Methodist Church.

At each luncheon a simple meal is served by one of the congregations of the Alliance followed by a brief meditation by one of the local pastors.

The first Lenten Luncheon this year will be held February 24.

Christmas in April

If you want to volunteer your group or your self to work during Christmas in April on April 24th contact Michelle Anderson at 387-3881.

If you want to donate money or materials contact Lewis Allen at 387-2616 or 387-3948.

For more information call Carole Thorp at 387-5657 or 387-3941.

Social Security

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his March visit to Sonora. He will be at the County Courthouse on Thursday, March 18th, between 9:30 a. m. and 10:30 a. m.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

Hotline number

Violence need not be a part of your life. Call the Family Shelter in San Angelo at 655-5774 or 1-800-749-8631. Transportation is available.

Al Anon meetings

Al Anon meetings are held Thursday nights at 8 p. m. Newcomers meet at 7:30 p. m.

Please call 387-5775 for further information.

Library hours

Mondays 9:30 - 6:30
Tuesdays 9:30 - 6:30
Wednesdays 9:00 - 5:00
Thursdays 9:00 - 5:00
Fridays 9:00 - 5:00
Total hours: 42

City's economic development efforts featured in magazine

The City of Sonora and its efforts at economic development are being featured in this month's edition of *Texas Town & City*, a magazine focusing on municipal government in Texas. The article was written by Sonora City Manager John Pape at the request of Texas Municipal League (TML) officials.

The story is entitled "Small City Economic Development" Sonora's Strategy for Success," and is the lead article in the magazine's February edition.

The Texas Municipal League is the second-largest municipal government association in the United States. *Texas Town & City* is published monthly by the TML

and has a circulation of over 25,000, primarily among elected and appointed city officials.

"I was contacted late last year by the TML staff, who had heard about our efforts in the area of economic development," Pape explained. "Other communities were interested in what we were doing, so I was asked to write an article so that our approach could be shared with other cities throughout the state."

Pape noted that the magazine has already expressed interest in a follow-up article, as well as featuring information about Sonora's strategy in TML-sponsored workshops.

Utility assistance available for qualified applicants

When local families fall upon hard times many are not aware that there are three forms of assistance available in Sutton County that can supply much needed help to qualified applicants.

According to Janet Appleton of the Tom Green County Community Action Council elderly, disabled, or low income families may qualify for assistance with utility bills and/or home insulation.

The Weatherization Program is one form of assistance and is offered for elderly, disabled, or low income individuals who are in need of limited repairs to better insulate their homes. Under this program the house must be a sound structure and the repairs must not exceed the amount allotted per house. Caulking and weatherstripping around windows and doors is one example of the repairs funded by this program. Applicants with SSI qualify automatically under this program.

The Energy Crisis Program is also available in Sutton County and helps qualified individuals pay their utility bills. These funds can also be used for the purchase of small heating or cooling units not exceeding \$150 or for emergency fuel delivery up to \$150.

To qualify for the Energy Crisis Program income guidelines must be met. For example if a family

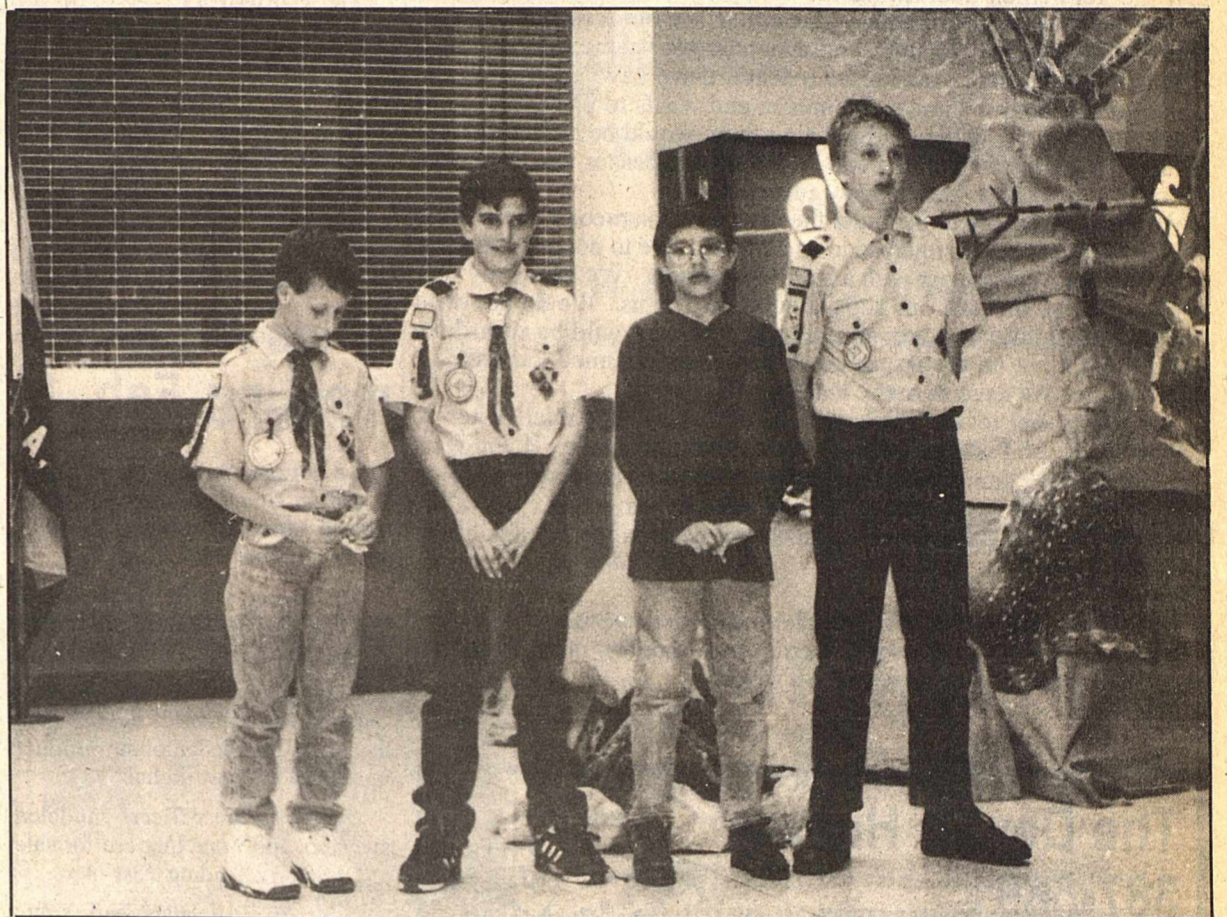
member has been sick, a supporting member of the family has lost their job, there has been a death in the family, or if a utility bill is higher than normal the applicant can qualify for help in paying utilities.

The third program available is the Utility Assistance Program. This program is available in February, March and April to help with heating costs and June, July and August to help with the cost of cooling a home.

Qualified applicants must meet the poverty guidelines and may receive one payment of their utility bill during those designated months. The elderly and handicapped are given first priority for these funds and any remaining funds are then allotted for other qualifying applicants.

To apply for any of these programs the applicant is required to verify their income and supply a copy of a thirty day pay stub. All information supplied by the applicant is confidential.

If interested in applying for assistance under any of these programs you may call the Tom Green County Community Action Council Utility Assistance Program at (915)653-1680. For local assistance, Thelma Huichapa, a representative of the program will be in Sonora on the first and third Tuesday in March at the Sutton County Senior Center.



AWARDS - David Benson, Russell Dempsey, Ernie Perez, and Alan Nicholas were presented with the Arrow of Light Award at the Boy Scouts annual Blue and Gold Banquet last Monday evening. Further information will be available in next week's edition.

First West Texas Border Scouts of the Texas Army to host program at Old Sonora Town

The Texas Army was organized in 1835. It did not receive much encouragement until after the Declaration of Independence on March 2, 1836. Sam Houston was then appointed Commanding General and he issued a call to arms. The small garrison of men at San Antonio had sent urgent requests for help. Houston sent orders to Fannin in Goliad to go to San Antonio to assist. He was then overtaken and his unit destroyed. Houston in the meantime gathered a "civilian" army and started to San Antonio. The Alamo fell on March 6, 1836. Houston did not reach it, however, he did reach Gonzales before he received the news of the fall of the Alamo. He then began to retreat and eventually set up the battle of San Jacinto where the Texas Army defeated Santa Anna and secured the independence of the Republic of Texas.

The Republic lasted 9 years before it became a State in the U. S. A. During this time the Army existed but because of lack of funds

it never did much. One order of the uniforms and a standard code of uniforms was issued in 1839. The new state and the following Civil War left a lot of things undone. One of these is that the Texas Army was never officially disbanded. In 1966 some men from Houston got together and organized a group to perpetuate the memory of our forefathers and their contribution to our State Governor Preston Smith reactivated the Texas Army and officially commissioned all of the members as Colonels aids de camp to the Commanding General. General Carroll Lewis was appointed Commanding General and still serves in that position. In 1989 five men in West Texas petitioned the General for a unit in West Texas. The unit was formed and in early 1990 the First West Texas Border Scouts was organized. The "Border Scouts" now have approximately 30-40 members.

The First West Texas Border Scouts of the Texas Army will hold their annual event and it is a very fitting time since they will be celebrating the 200th birthday of General Sam Houston. March 6th is also Alamo Veterans Day.

The members will have a public program at "Old Sonora Town"

beginning at 2:00 p. m. The public is invited and encouraged to participate. The Auction items are of the type that would have been used during the 1836-45 period in Texas. There will be hunting pouches, powder, knives, powder horns, a pistol, jelly and many other items. In the evening there will be a banquet for the members and wives and guests.

During the day the members will be in their rustic uniforms of the army - buckskins and calico. The ladies will also be wearing the dresses of that period. Have your picture made with a real Texas Colonel or a real Texas Belle. The afternoon is expected to be a fun time and it is hoped many people will come out to meet the army.

The members will be coming to Sonora from many places in West Texas: Andrews, Odessa, San Angelo, Big Spring, Stanton, Fort Davis, Plano, Sonora, and others. All of them are interesting to visit with and many are craftsmen of different sorts. A couple of Gunsmiths (muzzleloading), scrimshander, leather workers and woodcarvers will be in the group as well as many who can "spin a yarn with the best of um."



JUMPING FOR LIFE - Students at the Sonora Intermediate School participated in a Jumpathon to benefit the American Heart Association.



SINK THAT FREE THROW-The Lady Broncos traveled to El Paso last Friday for a chance at the Bi-District title. See story page 6.

My Turn

M. Zimmerman - DRN Publisher

Wow! What a job! Never in a million years did I think I would be accused of being pro-choice. I don't know whether to be honored for fair news coverage or insulted that I could support such an issue.

In Mr. Street's letter to the editor he feels he has a legitimate complaint due to a news article that ran in a January issue of the *Devil's River News*. The article he is referring to is one that regards a court ruling that women would not be entitled to federal protection from anti-choice (*I thought that was pro-life*) terrorism.

Mr. Street's convictions about this issue are admirable and I only wish more people could be as strong as he is about such moral issues. My opinions on the other hand are not the opinions of the newspaper I work for, however, I too am pro-life. I never have been nor never will believe in the senseless killing of unborn children. I'm sure many of the readers will have little doubt of that since I am the mother of five children. On the other hand I know many who believe just as strongly in pro-choice. It can lead to an interesting debate between friends, but no one has the right to force their beliefs on others.

I have other issues I have strong feelings about. At the top of the list is the belief that everyone has a right to their opinion and to voice that opinion whenever they so choose. The newspaper should be an unbiased form of media that anyone may use to get their message out to the public. As for pro-life being a political issue because the comments were placed in a paid advertisement, I should inform you that the gentleman submitting the statement made that choice. If someone comes in with a letter to the editor, we run it without charge, it must not be slanderous and should include your name, address and a phone number where you can be reached if we have any questions. On the other hand if someone comes in and wants to place an ad, we run the ad. Fact is without advertising there would be no newspaper. With the high cost of printing and operational expenses we don't make it a common practice to turn away advertisers.

Mr. Street appeared to be under the impression someone on our staff wrote the article he has referred to and I would like to point out that we are not a large newspaper with a staff of reporters. We have only four employees and most of our copy is submitted to us. We do not even have the manpower to cover all the local news, it would be absurd for us to spend time on the issues contained in the Planned Parenthood articles when we have so many local events to cover.

On a personal level I support you Mr. Street, however, when it comes to my job I will not show favoritism to either side. If you want regular articles concerning the pro-life stand, then maybe you or someone you know can write them and submit them to us.

And as for your last paragraph Mr. Street, when is life not a political issue?

The first requisite of a good citizen in this Republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his weight.

—Theodore Roosevelt

Letter to the Editor

Editor:

Whoa! Hold on there! Wait a minute! Stop the presses! Something ain't right here!

In the January 21, 1993 edition of the *Devil's River News* you ran a pro-abortion promotion disguised as a news article. I was so disappointed in seeing such flagrant, unobjective reporting in the *Devil's River News* that I gave Molly a personal letter expressing my disappointment. I did not expect any response, public or private, to my letter. However, I did hope to never again see such flagrant, one-sided, unobjective reporting in the *Devil's River News*.

The February 11, 1993 *Devil's River News* ran a pro-life paid advertisement! Are you saying abortion is a news story but that life is a political issue? Something ain't right here!

Objectively,
Mike Street

Junior 4-H club holds monthly meeting Feb. 8

by Thomas Schenkel

Sutton County Junior 4-H Club met on Monday, February 8, 1993 at the 4-H Center.

Mr. Jimmy Cahill of OI Sonora Trading Post presented our program for the evening.

He explained how much more a rancher could profit if he was able to sell a finished mohair product instead of just raw mohair.

Some of the officers modeled sweaters and vests that are for sale at OI Sonora Trading Post.

Mr. Cahill also had some beautiful samples of mohair rugs.

The next Junior 4-H meeting will be Monday, March 5, 1993 at 7 p. m.

Distant relatives visit Hardgrave family

Usually when we say "distant cousin," we are referring to a relative distanced by generations or marriages. But for the Hardgrave family, "distant cousin" means distant, as in far, far away. Kathy Hardgrave's family on her father's side all reside in France, and last week, the Hardgraves were delighted to welcome her cousin and family for a long-awaited visit. Christine Gernez, Kathy's first cousin, and her husband, Christian Gernez, traveled to Texas with two of their three young daughters. Maylis, 6 years old, and Anne-Sophie, 3, accompanied their parents on this trip which also included a visit in San Angelo with Christine's uncle, who is Kathy's father. Ten-month old Emmanuelle remained in France with her grandparents.

Children being children, language was no barrier to fun for the French, and American cousins. Maylis and Anne-Sophie speak no English yet, though both will go on to learn two or more foreign languages, probably English and German, before they finish high school. The Hardgrave children, Kristen and Ryan, ages 12 and 10, know a few words of French. But playing frisbee, Barbies, and marbles together takes only a bit of imagination, and the cultural and language barriers are easily broken. Both Christine and Christian speak English fluently, as well as German. Kathy studied French for six years, but concentrated on reading and writing the language in her classes, so being forced to speak French with Maylis and Anne-Sophie was quite a challenge! She said it was frustrating to hear a 3-year old speaking better French than she was able to!

While in Sonora, the Gernez family visited Sonora Caverns, which impressed all of them. After struggling to climb up step after step as they followed the tour guide, Anne-Sophie said to her mother, "I'll really sleep well tonight, won't I?"

Christian would one day like to find employment in the States as an airline dispatcher, so the family was interested in visiting an American school. Sonora's public school came away with high marks from both parents. They were particularly impressed with the computer labs for entire classes to



FRENCH VISITORS - Visiting Sonora last week was the Gernez family of Meaux, France. Pictured all bundled up against the cold are Kathy Hardgrave of Sonora, and her cousin, Christine Gernez, her husband, Christian, and daughters Maylis and Anne-Sophie.

practice skills at one time, at every age level. They were also able to watch the DARE robot program with the second graders, which was a special delight for the two girls. Christian and Christine appreciated the friendly welcome they received from principals and teachers alike. The family joined their 4th grade cousin, Ryan, for lunch in the school cafeteria, the likes of which French children would pay \$3.00 for, according to Christine. Both of the Gernez children attend school full-time, from around 8:30 in the morning until 5 p. m., on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and half-days on Saturdays. The school year runs from around September 7th through July 7th, with fairly frequent breaks of one or two weeks throughout the year.

This spring, Maylis' class, and one other first grade class, will be accompanied by two teachers for a three week stay at the beach! All her class work is done in cursive writing, although she is only 6 years old. And even at this young age, Maylis is required to do a lot of homework. She and her mother spent several lengthy sessions studying while in Sonora, and this is while school is on a two week break in France. It is interesting to see the likenesses and differences in the education systems of the two countries.

The Gernez family was amazed at the pizza buffet ordered at a local restaurant. They had seen nothing comparable before in France, especially at that price and "all-you-can-eat." They mentioned that back home, it costs around \$7 or 8 to rent a video for the evening, and that tickets to a movie theater cost \$8 for adults. Gasoline costs around \$5 per gallon, \$3 of which is a value-added tax common in Europe. Eggs average 1 franc each (20 cents). Because of the declining birth rate in France, families are offered many benefits to have children. Christine stays at home with her 3 small children, and she will receive a monthly payment for doing so until the youngest is 3 years old.

Kathy and Kristen Hardgrave are looking forward to visiting France over spring break in March. Kathy's grandparents are 94 and 88 years old, and in very good health. They live in an apartment building next door to her aunt and uncle in the town of Meaux, about a 45 minute drive from Paris. Another aunt and uncle reside in the same town, and cousins live in various parts of the country. This will be Kristen's first visit to France; Kathy traveled there once 20 years ago. Both look forward to a wonderful time!

The story of John "Humpy" Jackson

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Researcher
Sutton County Historical Society

When reading this story we ask you to keep in mind the following: It begins in the year 1869, the Civil War is still fresh in the memory of men. The southern ranchers, many of whom had fled their beloved South because of the conniving "carpet baggers", were not happy that the government had sent black soldiers to be garrisoned in their area. The only thing they hated worse than the raiding Indians were Yankees, especially black soldiers in Yankee uniforms.

Feelings were running high something was bound to happen. The area was a boiling cauldron of hate and mistrust. Ranchers were divided into several factions over water rights and fencing. Indians were still making raids in the area. There were many former "Sons of the Confederacy" in the area and an active Klan.

Humpy Jackson was born in Georgia and came to the Menard area from Arkansas before the Civil War. He was a product of his time, a true son of the South, a southern gentleman, who believed in upholding the honor of his name and his family. He was an excellent hunter and marksman and knew the surroundings like the back of his hand. Humpy had a large family and many friends in the area. One of his children was a pretty teenage daughter named Narcissus.

Lanky Jim was an extremely progressive, for that time, mulatto soldier stationed at Ft. McKavett. His duties included working at the government sawmill near Humpy's place. Lanky Jim saw the young Narcissus passing by the sawmill on her way to and from school. He became extremely enamored of her. He wrote her a love letter telling her of his feelings and found a way to press it into her hand one day as she passed by. Little did he know the dire consequences this act would perpetrate.

Narcissus was only about 14 and didn't know what to do about the letter from Lanky Jim. She decided to show the letter to her father, Humpy. The innocent young girl had no idea the letter would cause years of trouble for her family and their friends.

Humpy took the letter his young daughter gave him and read it. Needless to say when he found out who it was from he became very angry. He brooded over the "insult" all night and became angrier as the hours passed. The next day he took his gun down and headed for the sawmill. Some say he hid in a stand of pecan trees and waited for his quarry to appear, one account says he simply walked up and shot the first Negro that ambled into his sight.

Anyway, Humpy drew an accurate bead, fired and took off into hiding. The only thing was he didn't shoot Lanky Jim, he killed a Private Boston Henry instead. The word of the shooting was carried to Fort McKavett. On June 9, 1869,

Lieutenant John L. Bullis was detailed to apprehend John Jackson, who the military listed as "a horse thief and murderer."

Bullis, mounted up and headed out after Humpy with six men. But Humpy knew the country well and had dodged Indians there for years. He could not be found. Bullis rode for four days and sixty miles and returned empty handed as did a party from Fort Concho under Lt. George E. Albee that had covered over four hundred miles.

Humpy led the soldiers on a merry chase that continued for months. He managed to return home from time to time and raised a good corn crop on the side. He even dug a cellar at his house and connected it by a tunnel with the river bank to aid his escapes from the persistent army. If he came upon the house suddenly he just popped into the cellar, went through the tunnel and came out along the river safe and sound.

Humpy's daughter Henrietta, would ride around the country at times as a kind of picket, and warn her father of approaching troops as he worked the fields. The soldiers started watching her closely. One day a large group of them chased her back to the corn field. Henrietta pulled up her horse, fired a warning shot for Humpy, who was ill and holed up in the cellar. Humpy heard the shot and managed to get away but the soldiers found his hiding place and he was not able to return home as often after that.

To be continued next week

The Devil's Hotline

387-5691

Now if you have something to say of general interest to the community you can call our hotline at 387-5691 and leave your recorded message.

Please leave your initials and town. You do not need to identify yourself, however, if you do leave your name please spell it and leave a phone number for verification. We reserve the right to edit all comments.



Community Calendar

March

Monday/Friday-8th-12th: Spring Break.
Wednesday-17th: St. Patrick's Day.
Saturday-20th: First Day of Spring.

April

Thursday-1st: April Fools Day!
Sunday-4th: Palm Sunday.
Sunday-4th: Daylight Savings Time Begins.
Friday-9th: Good Friday.
Sunday-11th: Easter Sunday.

May

Sunday-9th: Mother's Day.
Sunday-30th: Memorial Day
Monday-31st: Memorial Day Observed.

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School Menu LUNCH

MONDAY
Steakfingers w/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Fruit Salad
Roll
Honey Butter
Milk

TUESDAY
Tacos
(Beef & Cheese)
Lettuce/Tomato Salad
Corn
Fruit Roll Up
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Pizza Beef Roll-up
w/Flour Tortilla
Pinto Beans
French Fries
Popsicle
Milk

THURSDAY
Turkey w/Dressing
Mixed Vegetables
Sliced Peaches
Fruit Pie
Milk

FRIDAY
Cheese Enchiladas
Refried Beans
Coleslaw
Milk

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
French Toast
Juice
Milk

TUESDAY
Scrambled Egg
Fried Pie
Fresh Fruit
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Biscuit w/Gravy
Sausage
Juice
Milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast Burritos
Fruit
Milk

FRIDAY
Cereal
Pop Tart
Juice
Milk



by Roy Ivy
The Crying Game
Rated R for language, violence, and nudity
FIVE STARS

It's the best thriller of the year. It's the most strangely romantic film of the year. Most of all, it's one of the most unpredictable films ever made. An IRA terrorist (the brilliant Stephen Rea) flees Ireland for London, where his conscience leads him to look up the girlfriend (Jaye Davidson) of a former prisoner. To tell anything else about the story would be a sin.

Movie Review

The Crying Game is loaded with surprises, plot twists that will drop your jaw and keep you spellbound. Every character is crisp, deep, and fleshed out. The players of **The Crying Game** become people that you care about, which I can't say for many other films currently playing. Director Neil Jordan has concocted a masterpiece that strikes at the core of that emotion called love, calling into question it's identity, and simply how deep it can run.

Groundhog Day

Rated PG for language
FOUR STARS

Bill Murray could read the ingredients of a tube of toothpaste and be funny. **Groundhog Day** is truly Bill's best film in years. Given a clever plot - being trapped in one day that has to be relieved over and over again - and lighthearted direction by fellow **Ghostbuster** Harold Ramis, Murray is an absolute hoot. This film is bound to provoke endless discussions with friends about just what you would do if you had to

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1993 LIONS CLUB QUEEN CONTEST - Michelle Barker was named the 1993 Lions Club queen during festivities held January 26, 1993. Miss Barker's escort is Adam Mirike. Other contestants and their escorts were: Seniors--Carmen Chavez and Jerry Maskill, Kathy Cooke and Tracy Crites, Annette Gamez and Shannon Escalera, Jessica Ortiz and Daniel Anderson and Cristina Ramirez and Brian Faris. Juniors--Yvonne Mata and John Lopez, Cherie Morrow and Cole Crenwelge, Adrienne Noriega and Narciso Lira, Jenny Purvis and Wade Spain, Felicia Sentena and Jaime Espinosa, and Stephanie Virgen and Bobby Joe Mogford. Also in attendance were the 1992 Queen Whitney Condra and her escort Shane Keller.

Carrasco attends two-day workshop

Maria Carrasco, RN, Public Health Nurse for the Texas Department of Health located at 211 Hwy 277 North here in Sonora, attended a two-day workshop on breast and cervical cancer control.

Many important subjects were discussed especially statistics showing that in the United States 182,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 1993 and 13,500 will be diagnosed with cervical cancer.

Leading cause of death of women ages 45-84 will be cancer mainly because many of these women feel that since they are not of childbearing age they do not need Pap Smears and a large percentage

have a fear of the diagnosis of cancer.

A woman should have her first mammogram at the age of 40; earlier if a lump is felt. However, every woman should learn breast self-examination and be performed monthly and have a breast exam by her physician yearly.

For more information on learning breast self-exam, Pap Smears and Mammograms, call the Texas Department of Health at 387-2234 or 387-5720.

Loss of appetite prevalent in most cancer patients

Many patients with cancer experience this problem. In fact it's the most common eating problem. Loss of appetite may be caused by the disease process, the treatment, pain, or just not feeling well. It may also be caused by taste alterations, fatigue, stress, depression, or a combination of all of these.

SOME SUGGESTIONS:

- Eat six to eight small meals daily. Choose high-calorie, high-protein snacks or mini-meals.
- Entice your appetite by serving foods that are appealing to the eye and palate (color, texture, garnish with orange or apple slices); use smaller plates so serving sizes do not become overwhelming, or use small portions on larger plates.
- Make eating a pleasurable or fun experience with bright, cheerful surroundings and good companionship. Play soft music, have flowers on the table, set the table with the good china.
- Keep snacks handy. People eat

more when the food is easily available. Leftovers make good snacks. Try eating a snack before you go to bed.

- Increase the calorie content of your foods.
- Add nonfat dry milk powder to milk-based foods.
- Drink juices, milkshakes, nutrition supplements, and regular soda instead of diet drinks or water.

REDUCE YOUR CANCER RISK

BEAT CANCER WITH COMMON SENSE

- Cut down on fats.
 - Eat more high-fiber foods.
 - Eat fruits and vegetables rich in vitamins A and C.
 - Eat less salt-cured and smoked foods.
 - Drink alcohol moderately.
- Call 1-800-ACS-2345. We've got the answers to your questions. We've researched cancer for more than 75 years. What's your question?



DONATION - Westside Lions Club President Mandy Turk presents Fire Chief Carl Teaff with a check for \$200 during the Westside Lions Club meeting held Monday night.

Library news

The Sutton County Library has the following new or donated books available in the library: THUNDER VALLEY, PROMISES, PRIMAL FEAR, FOREVER IN YOUR EMBRACE, DEAD AIR, SWEET LIAR, THE MASK, CONTEMPORARY'S CALCULATOR POWER, CONTEMPORARY'S NUMBER POWER BOOKS 1-6, NEW GED TEST FOR: MATH, LITERATURE AND THE ARTS, SCIENCE, WRITING SKILLS, SOCIAL STUDIES; ACT, AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING PROGRAM and TYPING FOR EVERYONE.

Card of thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers, support, and the many kindnesses that have been shown to us and our daughter Ashlynn.

Your donations of time and money have been greatly appreciated and won't go forgotten.

A heartfelt thanks
Danny, Tammy & Ashlynn Worley
E. J. and Fern Wipff

Tedford Jewelry
Bridal Gift Registry

Sabrina Allison, bride-elect of Scott Snipes
Vickie D. Hooper, bride-elect of Oscar R. Gutierrez

Downtown Sonora -- 387-3839

New Arrival
Mariah Ann Hope
Gonzalez

Michael Anthony and Echi are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Mariah Ann Hope Gonzalez, born February 4, 1993 in Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo, Texas. She weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Ubaldo B. Luna Sr. and Anna G. Luna. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Aureliano Luna and Mr. and Mrs. Raul and the late Esperanza Gonzalez. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eframin and Elvira Lopez and great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Chapo and Anita Samaniego.

Senior Center
menu

Thursday, February 25 - Polish sausage, cabbage, macaroni & cheese, biscuit and 3 bean salad.

Friday, February 26 - Oven fried chicken, blackeyed peas, carrots, biscuits and egg custard.

Monday, March 1 - Cheeseburgers, french fries, lettuce, onions, pickles & tomatoes, chocolate pudding.

Tuesday, March 2 - Meat loaf w/tomato sauce, scalloped au gratin potatoes, broccoli, hot rolls and oatmeal cookies w/raisins.

Wednesday, March 3 - Sweet n sour pork, peas, sliced onions, cornbread and peach halves.

Thursday, March 4 - Oven fried chicken, fried rice, zucchini w/whole tomatoes, hot rolls and peach cobbler.

Friday, March 5 - Fried catfish, corn o'brien, broccoli, bread and best brownies.

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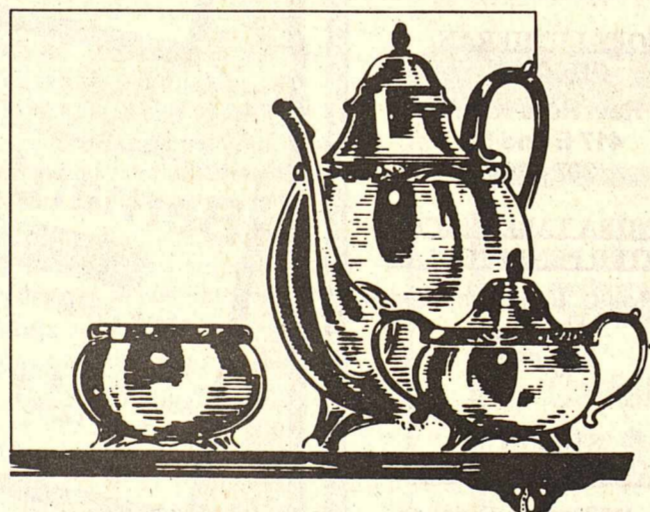
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J T Simpler

J T Simpler, 77, passed away at 6:15 p. m. Friday, February 19, 1993, at his home.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday, February 23, 1993 in Johnson's Funeral Home chapel, Rev. Paul Terry officiated.

J T was born November 5, 1915, in Dill City, Oklahoma. He married Veva Hathaway on July 7, 1936, in Chandler, Oklahoma. He was a member of the Episcopal Church.

He was employed by El Paso Natural Gas Co. for 31 years. At locations where he and his family lived, he was active in community affairs. He served as a leader in the Boy Scouts, Sunday school superintendent, member of the school board, Vestry member and Lions Club member. Upon retirement from El Paso Natural Gas Co. in 1977, he build and managed several mobile home parks in Sonora, Texas. In 1986, he and his wife moved to San Angelo where he pursued art and music.

Survivors include his wife; four children, David Michael and Babette of New York, J T Jr. and Judy of Abilene, Lynn of Sonora and Terri Simpler of Chicago; six grandchildren, Michael S. Simpler and wife, Nancy, Marcus Q. Simpler, and wife, Cristy, Marcellus I. Simpler, Michelle L. Simpler, Reece J. Simpler and Krista L. Simpler; one brother, Alvy Dee and wife, Helen, of Junction City, Kansas; and one sister, Faye Weller of Hilltop, Texas.

The family would like to thank Hospice of San Angelo for the loving care that was given to him. The nurses, the staff and the volunteers were all wonderful people.

Also thanks to the friends who called or came to see him. May God bless them all.

Robert Quante

Robert W. Quante, 89, died Monday, February 15, 1993, in a local hospital.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Baltimore, Maryland. Local arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born June 21, 1903, in Baltimore and had lived in Sonora for three years. He was a retired automobile salesman and a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include a son, Robert D. Quante of Sonora; a daughter, Vera E. Davis of DeLand, Florida; and five grandchildren.

Jim Brown, Jr.

Jim Brown, Jr., age 84, a native of Sonora died in Sacramento, California on February 21, 1993.

Survivors include two daughters, Dr. Delfina Brown Artean of Boise, Idaho and Elizabeth Sanchez of Sonora; one son, Jimmy Ray Brown of Sacramento, California; six grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Cremation arrangements were by North Sacramento Funeral Home.

Wilma West Nicholas

Wilma West Nicholas, 87, died Saturday, February 20, 1993, in Hudspeth Nursing Home.

She was born October 20, 1905, in Miles. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by one son, Don Nicholas and wife, Billie Jo, of Houston; two grandchildren, Nick Nicholas and wife, Debbie, and Vicki St. Cyr, all of Houston; four great-grandchildren all of Houston; a brother, Jack West of Fort Worth; and three nieces, Alice Cox of Sonora, Sue West of Fort Worth and Ann Owles of Longview.

Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm.
—Publilius Syrus

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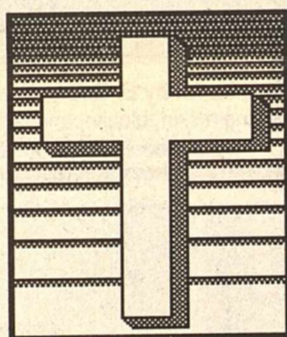
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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK- These students were treated to a pizza for making the honor roll this last six weeks. Shown in no particular order are: Third Grade- Manuel Campos, Kimberly Daniels, Desiree Gonzales, Baldeemar Hernandez, Krista Simpler, and Eddie Wallace. Fourth Grade- Kristina Edmondson, Jennifer Gonzales, Ryan Hardgrave, Nicholas Lozano, Andrea Vasquez, and Bobby Wilson. Fifth Grade- Allison Benson, Mirable Capuchina, Tony Escalante, Tommy Gutierrez, Lorena Hernandez, and Blanca Loera.

School Board minutes

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met in regular session on Wednesday, February 10, 1993 at 7 p. m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, Texas.

Present at the meeting were: Michael Smith, President; Jesse Bustamante, Gary Hardgrave, Sam David Hernandez, Gloria Lopez, Donald Patton and Charles Russell, Superintendent.

Others present were: Rex Ann Friess, William Haltom, Kathy Hardgrave, Kaye Hufstedler, Cynthia Keel and Carol Mayer.

President Smith introduced Carol Mayer, the new board member appointed to fill the vacancy created by Trustee Becky Johnson's resignation. Mrs. Mayer signed the sworn statement of Appointed Officer which will be filed with the Secretary of State. The new member will be given the Oath of Office at the March meeting.

For the convenience of visitors, Mr. Smith moved to item 5 on the agenda. Mrs. Kaye Hufstedler presented information concerning "Little Dribblers", a basketball program designed to teach fundamentals to 3rd through 6th graders. Mrs. Hufstedler requested permission to use the Junior High Gyms for this program during March and early April. The Board restated their philosophy that as long as an activity is non-profit and benefits the students and/or the community, there would be no objection to the use of school facilities.

The minutes of January 12, 1993 were unanimously approved as

written after a motion by Gary Hardgrave and a second by Jesse Bustamante.

Chief Appraiser Rex Ann Friess reported that 96% of the district's 1992 levy and 96.3% of the County Education District's 1992 levy had been collected.

Superintendent Charles Russell reported on various board member training sessions, waivers for 1993-1994, and the recent meeting of "Breakfast Club". He listed enrollment figures as follows: High School 279, Junior High School 251, Intermediate School 231 and Primary School 256 for a total of 1,017.

Current bills in the amount of \$225,043.39 were unanimously authorized for payment after a motion by Donald Patton and a second by Gloria Lopez.

The Superintendent and Board reviewed budget priorities for 1993-1994, in particular the areas of staff development, technology, maintenance of facilities, instructional programs and the restructuring at the High School, and salary schedules.

The Board reviewed each of the Organizational Goals for 1993-1994 which were formulated from the results of the annual Community/School Survey. These goals, along with an action plan, will be adopted at the March meeting.

On motion of Gary Hardgrave with a second by Jesse Bustamante, a resolution ordering the election of Trustees from Precincts 1 and 3 and an At-Large Trustee to fill an unexpired term until May, 1994 was unanimously approved.

Sonora Broncos finish season with win over Colorado City

The Sonora Broncos closed out the season February 16, 1993 with a win against Colorado City, 52-50.

They played well and overcame a 5 point deficit in the fourth quarter to win. This was the second time in two weeks the Broncos had come from behind late to win the game.

Hadley Smith hit a key 3 point shot with 2 minutes left, to tie the game.

"I was very pleased with these young men. We had a great group of Seniors who improved each game and provided leadership on the

court and in the classroom," said Coach Hufstedler.

"Despite losing a good group of seniors I am looking forward to next year. I expect Hadley Smith to be the leader on the floor next year as we have some quality varsity returners who came off the bench this season," added Coach Hufstedler.

"Furthermore, we expect help in the Post are from JV players from this season. I expect John Jones, Casey Fitzgerald, Josh Burnham and Levi Pool to compete for one

or two starting positions at Post in the 93-94 season."

"There is no Boys Basketball Coach in our District prouder of their young men that I am," said Coach Hufstedler.

Point totals for the Broncos were as follows: Wil Trainer, 14; Matthew Smith, 12; Brian Faris, 7; Shane Keller, 6; Hadley Smith, 8; Shannon Escalera, 3; and Jesse Burnham, 2.

Rebounds: Brian Faris, 9; and Wil Trainer, 6.

Assists: Brian Faris, 7. Steals: Wil Trainer, 3.

92-93 Averages
Points: Matthew Smith, 14 and Wil Trainer, 13 points per game.

Assists: Shane Keller, 4; and Brian Faris, 2 assists per game.

Steals: Matthew Smith, 3; and Brian Faris and Shane Keller, steals per game.

Rebounds: Brian Faris, 11 and Wil Trainer, 9 rebounds per game.

The Broncos finished the season with a 7-17 record, and 3-7 District record.

Common sense is not so common.

—Voltaire

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Sonora High Band breaks school record

On Saturday, February 20th, the Sonora High School Band broke a school record by earning 78 first division medals at the Region VII JIL Solo and Ensemble Contest at Angelo State University. The band also earned the distinct honor of bringing home more medals than any high school band at the contest.

Earning a first division on a class (most difficult) solo or ensemble qualifies that student for state competition. Over 50 students from Sonora earned the honor to compete at the state level.

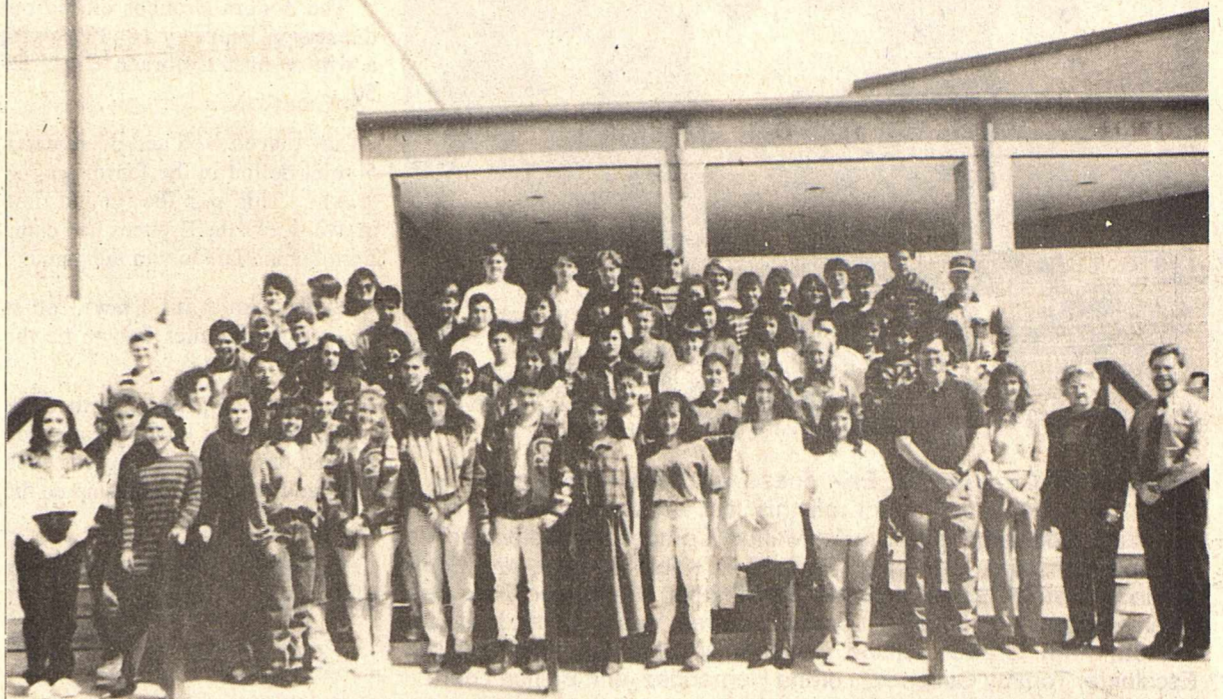
Sonora also earned recognition for having all ensembles earning the coveted first division rating. All students who earned a first division rating will receive a gold medal from UIL. Sonora earned so

many medals that extra medals had to be ordered to supply the band with enough medals.

Those who competed on Saturday were: Trini Banda, Amber Barnes, Leanne Barnes, Brandy Bauldree, Lonnie Berns, Carmen Burch, Leslie Carrasco, Lila Castilleja, Prissy Castilleja, Linda Cervantes, Carmen Chavez, Cindy Chavez, Monica Chavez, Sara Chavez, Josie Cumpian, David Davenport, Curt Dempsey, Vicki Downing, Christina Escamilla, Annette Gamez, Amos Guzman, William Haltom, T. J. Harris, Laura Hearn, Melissa Hearn, Thomas Hunt, Elaine Jimenez, Jodi Johnson, Narciso Lira, Becky Lumbreras, Jerry Maskill, Amy Massey, Kelly

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Piano players for the contest were Ms. Leona Bishop, and Ms. Charlotte Wilson. Chaperones for the trip were, Mrs. Karole Hunt, Mr. Danny Hunt, and Ms. Jeanette Thompson.



WAY TO GO MIGHTY BRONCO BAND!!!- These Sonora High School students broke a school record by earning 78 first division medals.

It is a form of affectation to emphasize the fact that you do not indulge in it.

—La Rouchefoucauld

Lady Broncos lose against Mountain View High

by Kirk Macon
Sports Writer

EL PASO - The Sun City's Mountain View High School didn't prove to be a very gracious place for the Sonora Lady Broncos to be last Friday night for a bi-district playoff game.

The Lady Broncos (20-6), the District 6-AAA runner-up, lost to Clint (13-10), the District 5-AAA champion 54-48.

Sonora fell behind early and tried to play catch-up the rest of the game, but could not overcome Clint's lead.

Clint led the Lady Broncos 16-7 at the end of the first period and led all the way, stretching it to 30-22 at the half. The Lady Lions led at the end of the third quarter 44-31.

For the Lady Broncos, Yvonne Mata and Beth Covington each hit on a three-pointer. Cenisa Cauthorn led in scoring with 12 points, followed by Alma Sanchez, 6; Yvonne Mata, 8; Jessica Ortiz, 7; Anna Teaff, 1; Beth Covington, 5; Stephanie Virgen, 2; Vicky Richardson, 2; and Elaine Ortiz, 5.

"We played a very hard game, but we could never completely catch up," Coach Clyde Dukes said.

He added that Alma Sanchez, Jessica Ortiz, and Cenisa Cauthorn had particularly strong games.

"All the young ladies," he said, "are to be highly complimented on a very successful year," Dukes said.

He said that seniors Cenisa Cauthorn, Jessica Ortiz, and Anna Teaff are to be commended for their

"leadership and hard work."

"They will be missed," he said, "along with Sara Reston, who is moving to New Mexico in a couple of weeks."

Clint played Abilene Wylie in the area round of the playoffs, set tentatively for 6:30 p. m. last Tuesday in Pecos.

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All As, one B - Clint Bowers, Sarah Cook, Amber Gillespie, Zach Kerbow, Crystal Ponsetti and Anthony Renfro.

SEVENTH GRADE:

All As - Charlotte Alewine, Romy Castaneda, Stephanie Daniels, Drew Dempsey, Tracy Escamilla, Cara Jackson, Jason Jacoby, Erin Payton, Clarissa Perez, Amy Torres, Elva Trinidad and Tavia Valliant.

All As, one B - Mayer Anderson, Katy Cooke, Blair Crain, Jesse Crawford, Kellie Downing, Cody Emery, Fernie Emiliano, Lori Herrera, Tracy McKnight and Justin Morley.

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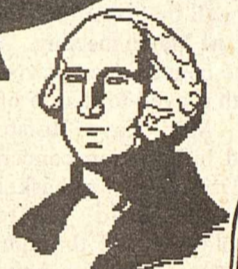
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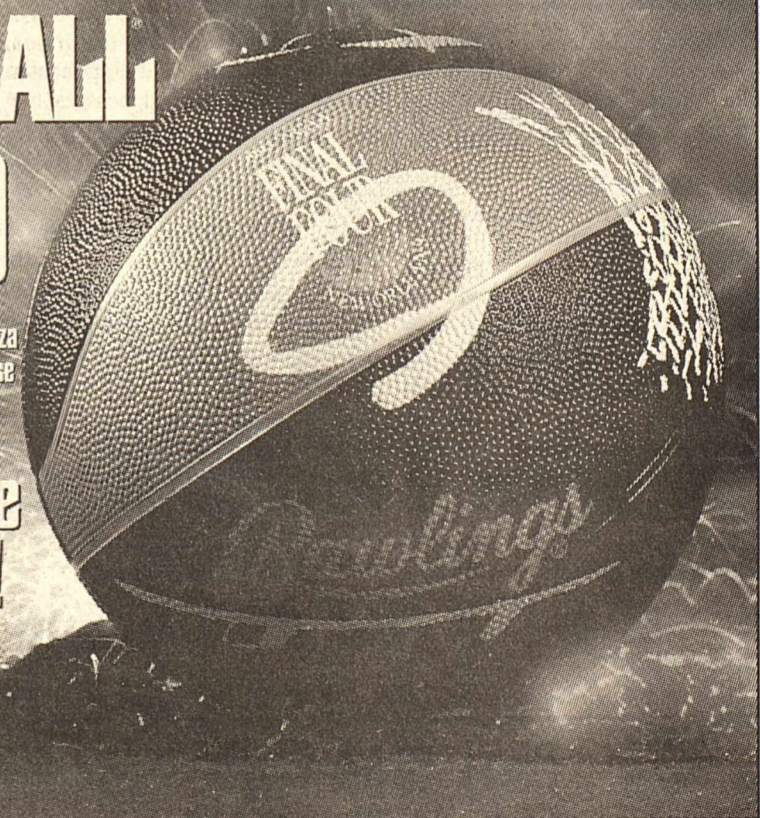
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Junior High band competes in solo/ensemble contest

On Saturday, February 20, 52 students from Sonora Junior High School competed in the Region VII (West Zone) Solo & Ensemble Contest at Angelo State University. Sonora Junior High band students brought home twenty-eight medals for receiving Division I ratings on a solo or an ensemble.

Students making Division I ratings on solos were Yolanda Campos, Lesa Harris, and Pam Jones on flute; Amy Torres and Quirina Perez on clarinet; Charles Moss on saxophone; Dustin Harris and Salvador Trinidad on cornet; Katy Cooke, Michele Cramer, and Kristi Burge on french horn; Erin Payton, Walker Wallace, and Paul Thompson on trombone; and Chris Clifton on tuba.

Ensembles making Division I ratings were Salvador Trinidad, Dustin Harris, Michele Cramer, John Brown, Michele Cramer, David Fisher, J. R. Sanchez, and Chad Bruns for a brass sextet; Tracy McKnight, Dustin Harris, Katy Cooke, and Erin Payton for a brass quartet; and Drew Dempsey, Andy Mirike, and Katy Cooke for a percussion trio.

Other students competing Saturday were Johnna Adams, Casey Aguero, Jason Arredondo, Timmy Bauldree, Ashley

Browning, Armando Castilleja, Becky Clifton, Janea Crowder, Stephany Davenport, Kellie Downing, Justin Eaton, Tracy Escamilla, Heather Floyd, Michele Frye, Maryann Garza, Alicia Gutierrez, Lora Hale, Kristen Hardgrave, Becca Hazelton, Kelly Jones, Erica Kerbow, Rachel Lira, Crystal Martin, Sonia Martinez, Tracy McKnight, Jacob Mendez, Clarissa Perez, Quirina Perez, Elena Velez, Carla Weaver, Kasey Wood and Kris Wood.

Solos and ensembles are an extremely important part of the band program and help to develop ensemble skills such as blending, balancing, and tuning within the section. Students also have the opportunity to develop the poise and confidence necessary to perform under pressure. All students participating are to be commended for their hard work in preparing these musical selections as well as for the outstanding manner in which they conducted themselves the entire day.

Special thanks goes to Sheryl Hall and Virginia Jones for accompanying the soloists and to Letty Campos and Leslie Thorp for chaperoning the students.



SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTESTANTS - The eighth graders shown above were recent contestants in the Region VII Solo and Ensemble contest held last Saturday at Angelo State University.

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTESTANTS - These seventh grade students competed in the Region VII Solo and Ensemble contest held last Saturday at Angelo State University.

High School honor roll

SENIORS:

All As - Michelle Barker, Whitney Condra, William Haltom, Stephanie Roberts, Anna Teaff and Tara Urbanski.

All As, one B - Daniel Anderson, Carmen Chavez, Vicki Downing, Roy Ivy, Shane Keller, Lorna Olenick and Jessica Ortiz.

JUNIORS:

All As - Tina Kohutek and Kimberly Owings.

All As, one B - Anthony Brown, Gloria Escalera, Alfredo Mireles, Jenny Purvis and Chris Scott.

SOPHOMORES:

All As - Martha Alvarez, David

Davenport, Rebecca Fields, Sandra Gonzalez, Callie Moore, Christopher Neal and Victoria Richardson.

All As, one B - Elizabeth Covington, Casey Fitzgerald, Amy Love and David Velez.

FRESHMEN:

All As - Christina Escamilla, Ricki Fort, Gayla Frederickson, John Jones, Sam Odom, Gloria Ortiz, Levi Pool, Laura Purvis and Rachel Ramirez.

All As, one B - Joshua Burnham, William Dempsey, Veronica Gandar, Timothy Harris, Kelly McKnight, Kristie Wallace and Bonner Walsh.

Primary perfect attendance

4TH SIX WEEKS

Pre-Kindergarten: Steven Barthelemy, Tina Covey, Jesse Galvan, Bianca Lozano and Blanca Lozano.

Kindergarten: Diego Cardona, Clint Cearley, Eloy Esquivel, Angela Gonzalez, Catherine Herrera, Alison Higdon, Juan Lugo, Erika McClintock, Sarah Quiroz, Amanda Samaniego, Monica Samaniego, Tracey Worley and Sandra Yorba.

First Grade: Misty Clark,

Elizabeth Elliott, Dacey Fawcett, Esteban Hernandez, Katherine Higdon, Celia Reyes, Nicole Samaniego, Orlando Segura, Natasha Stewart, Cady Taylor, Trapper Valliant, Kelly Kearney, Ariel Marrs and Chris Martinez.

Second Grade: Chase Baker, Shane Benson, Enrique Cabezuela, Amani Capuchina, Caleb Gulley, Amy Gutierrez, Bobby Jackson, Emmanuela Lopez, Abel Salazar, David Sanchez, Luis Segura and Mayra Martinez.

Primary school honor roll

4TH SIX WEEKS

FIRST GRADE:

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All As, one B - Nikki Casillas, Amanda Dungan, Kasey Edmondson, Noemi Fay, Amber Guzman, Marilyn Holman, Kiva

Holt, Anna Lisa Mier, Francesca Samaniego, Crystal Sanchez and Trapper Valliant.

SECOND GRADE:

All As - Koda Armke, Chase Baker, Thomas Bloodworth, Ashley Bounds, Landon Brockman, Elizabeth Brown, Enriko Cabezuela, Sally Flores, Kesha Frasier, Amy Gutierrez, Kara Hard, Josh Hazelton, Katrina Hernandez, Cortney Hill, Mariana Hinojosa, Jenny Hunt, Bobby Jackson, Georgina Maritz, Dustin Martin, Ashley Parker, Stephanie Reddin, Ashley Salinas, Amanda Sanchez, Shannon Vick and Douglas Yocham.

All As, one B - Michele Johnson, Tera Johnson, John Ray Luna, Mayra Martinez, Leandra Perez, Kathryn Russell, Desiree Tumlinson and Sandra Zaragoza.

Lady Broncos receive all-district honors

by Kirk Macon
Sports Writer

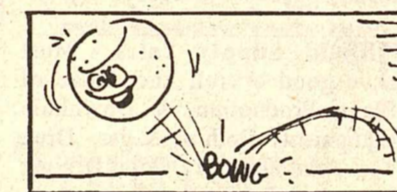
Several Lady Broncos received All-District honors in District 6-AAA, announced last week.

Receiving All-District honors were Yvonne Mata, Cenisa Cauthorn, and Anna Teaff.

Spain/Jones named to SWTSU dean's list

Christi L. Spain and Julie C. Jones, both of Sonora, were among the 1,741 students whose 1992 Fall Semester grades earned them places on the dean's list at Southwest Texas State University.

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Each Eagle Scout was hosted at the banquet by prominent area citizens. Bill Ruth, Council Commissioner, introduced the Eagle Scouts after naming the 1992 class in honor of Ted Hogan.

Those recognized from Sonora were Blakely D. Adkins, son of Jack and Nellie Adkins; Jericho V. Thorp, son of Steve and Carole Thorp; and Jonathan E. Zook, son of John and Evelyn Zook.

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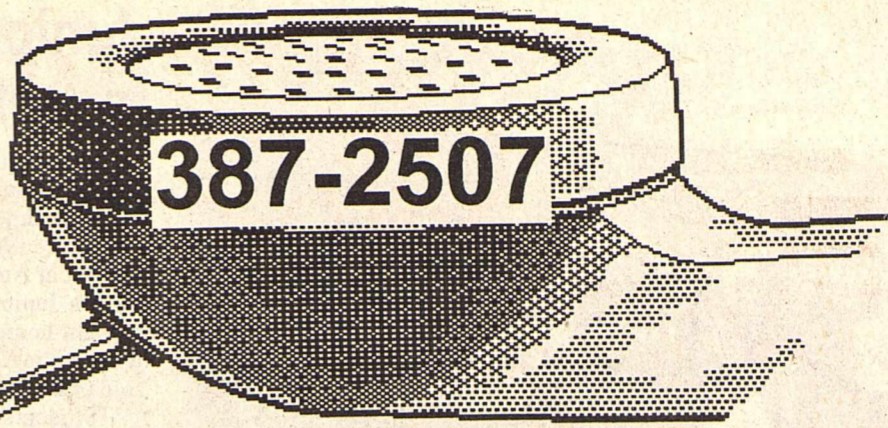
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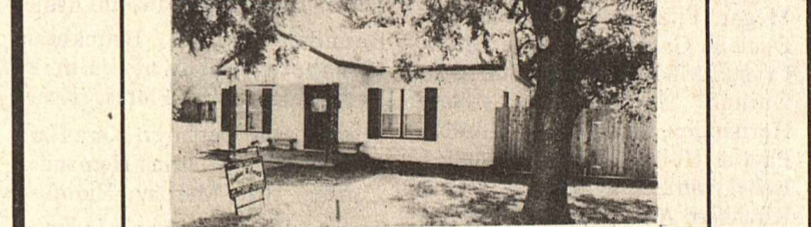


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PROGRESS '93

Progress outlook good for the City of Sonora

by John Pape

The year 1992 was one of change, reshaping, and innovation for Sonora's city government. As our community moves into 1993 and beyond, the city is poised to meet the challenges that lie ahead through an aggressive commitment to future economic growth and stability.

In early 1992, as local businesses began to close and retail revenue percentages were posting double-digit decreases, the Mayor and City Council adopted a strong pro-economic development posture. The goal was to reverse an extended economic downturn and stabilize Sonora's volatile "boom-and-bust" economic cycles.

By mid-1992, a comprehensive economic development strategy had been adopted. The plan focused on a seven-point approach that included the establishment of a small business counseling service, a community assessment, a "Shop Sonora" campaign, and a program to enhance the community image. Also included in the strategy was downtown revitalization, tourism development, and development and support of the ranching and agri-business elements of the local economy.

By the end of the year, the business counseling service had been established in conjunction with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) of Angelo State University. The community assessment had been accomplished with the assistance of the Texas Department of Commerce, and the "Shop Sonora" campaign was launched just prior to the Christmas-shopping season.

The results of the city's efforts were beginning to show. Six new retail businesses, one distributorship, and a federally-sponsored program all opened for business.

Sales tax revenues reflected the increased economic activity. September retail sales showed a 9.74% increase, while October receipts reflected an 18.46% rise. November's statistics posted a noteworthy expansion of 44.76%.

Tourism promotion, another element of the city's strategy, was also stressed in 1992. The city hosted a successful tourism and visitor promotion at the Texas Municipal League Conference in

Houston last October. In December, Sonora hosted the Concho Valley Council of Governments General Assembly.

City officials stress, however, that the job is nowhere near complete. Additional projects for 1993 and beyond are already under way at City Hall.

An Economic Development Committee, comprised of local citizens and business professionals, has been appointed to help in business and industry recruitment. Expanded efforts to promote tourism are ongoing. The city has submitted bids to host a number of regional conventions and conferences in 1993, and those efforts will continue.

To promote downtown revitalization, Sonora is preparing an application to the Texas Main Street Program. The Main Street Program is one of the most successful downtown revitalization initiatives in the country, and would provide state and federal resources to assist in the redevelopment of downtown Sonora.

Other projects on tap for 1993 include a grant application for the construction of a new municipal swimming pool. If funded, this project will involve the building of an entirely new pool facility at the site of the existing pool.

Throughout the year, the city will also continue to seek new, innovative, and efficient ways to provide municipal services. The continuing commitment of city leaders is to ensure a high quality of life for all Sonorans, as well as strong and stable local economy to assure future growth and prosperity.



PROGRESS

THE BEST IS YET TO COME

Tourism: A vital part of Sonora's economy

by Kathy Davis

Tourism plays a vital role in the economy of Sonora and Sutton County. A large portion of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce budget is spent on tourism and its promotion. Thanks to the motel tax that is collected by the local motels, the Chamber has approximately \$50,000.00 available each year for office operating expenses, advertising, activities, hunting promotion, and many other items related to tourism. With these monies the Chamber printed two new brochures in 1992. One is a beautiful full color brochure about Sonora and the other tells of the history of Sonora in a self-guided walking tour format.

We are in a prime location for tourism in that we are at the crossroads of Interstate 10 and Highway 277. We also are home of one of Texas' greatest natural attractions - the Caverns of Sonora. The Caverns of Sonora continues to attract large numbers of tourist each year. According to General Manager Cheryl Chevalier numbers touring the Caverns in 1992 were slightly down, but those attending seemed to spend more while there. The Covered Wagon Dinner Theater held each summer also had a very successful year in 1992. They expect the same for the 1993 season, which will begin on June 19th and continue through August 14th.

Sonora is also fortunate to have other attractions that appeal to the traveler. Old Sonora Town with its windmill, blacksmith, and old buildings attracts many visitors and adds to Sonora's history and old west charm.

Our golf course is one of the best and most beautiful nine hole courses in the state. The Golf Club sponsors tournaments each year which bring quite a few out-of-town visitors.

Several activities also bring in tourists throughout the year. The Sutton County Days Association sponsors the Sonora Sensation and

in coordination with the Chamber sponsors Sutton County Days and Outlaw Pro-Rodeo each year. The Chamber also sponsors the West Texas Championship Bar-B-Que and Chili Cook-off. All of these activities have proved successful and continue to grow every year.

Hunting also continues to make an economic impact on Sutton County. The Annual Game Dinner has grown every year and is a great way to show Sonora's appreciation

of the visiting hunter. The Sonora Chamber attends the Texas Trophy Hunters Extravaganza in Houston each year to promote Sonora and the hunting in Sutton County. Between 1500 and 2000 hunting lease information guides were given out during 1992.

Ongoing efforts are being made to increase tourism in Sonora. Several conventions are scheduled to be held in Sonora in the next few years. These include the Hill

Country Fireman's Association, the Girl Scouts, the National Caves Association, and others. Many tour buses already stop here for meals and a rest stop, but we are trying to learn more about how to encourage them to consider Sonora as an overnight stopping place.

Our friendliness, history, and true western heritage combine to make Sonora a great place for the tourist to visit. With these assets, Sonora's tourism should continue to grow.



The Wild Bunch, well known in Sutton County for their antics, are shown in a performance at the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater in Sonora. The theater is held each summer at the Caverns of Sonora.



Angora goats and the mohair taken from them play a vital role in Sonora's agricultural market.

Agriculture remains key factor in Sutton County economy

by Preston Faris

Agriculture in Sutton County has always played a key role in the economy of our area. The simple fact that we live in a semi-arid rugged landscape means that agriculture will continue to be important. This environment also means that future production will be centered around sheep, goats and wildlife. While cattle now yield our greatest gross revenue the gross margin for goats or sheep per stock unit equivalent is higher than the cow/calf or stocker enterprises.

Agriculture, however, will undergo some major changes over the next five to ten years. The successful agriculturalist must be more than just an animal husbandry expert. He must also be an astute businessman. We are made painfully aware that government supported assistance will probably be less and less available as we continue to read about the closing of our SCS and ASCS offices and the attacks from the uniformed about our wool and mohair incentive programs.

The short term outlook is fairly bright despite a depressed wool and mohair market. With good prices for cattle, lambs and meat-type goats local producers expect gross margins for these enterprises to be over \$225.00 per stock unit. The incentive program will help as both wool and mohair producers will receive a supplement from the tariff

collected on similar products. It is estimated that the total gross income from agricultural production for Sutton County in 1993 will be just under \$20 million.

The long term picture may not be as bright as we look at revised government support programs and major federal policy revision with regard to free trade. I prefer to take a positive approach and look at the things we must do to stay competitive in agriculture. Angora goats and mohair have been and can continue to be important to local producers. Texas is now number

one in world production but we must do a better job of offering a quality uniform product and we must develop domestic markets for our finished products with the producer involved in ownership from start to finish. Some will not choose to put forth the effort improve their Angora flocks and will probably switch to meat goat production. This market looks good in the future as the increase in our Asian population has raised the per capita consumption of goat meat. I recently heard about a fast food restaurant chain on the West Coast which will offer a goat sandwich on their menu.

Sutton County has always been a producer of fine wool. This enterprise, though not especially encouraging for the 1993 market, still looks good in the future. The

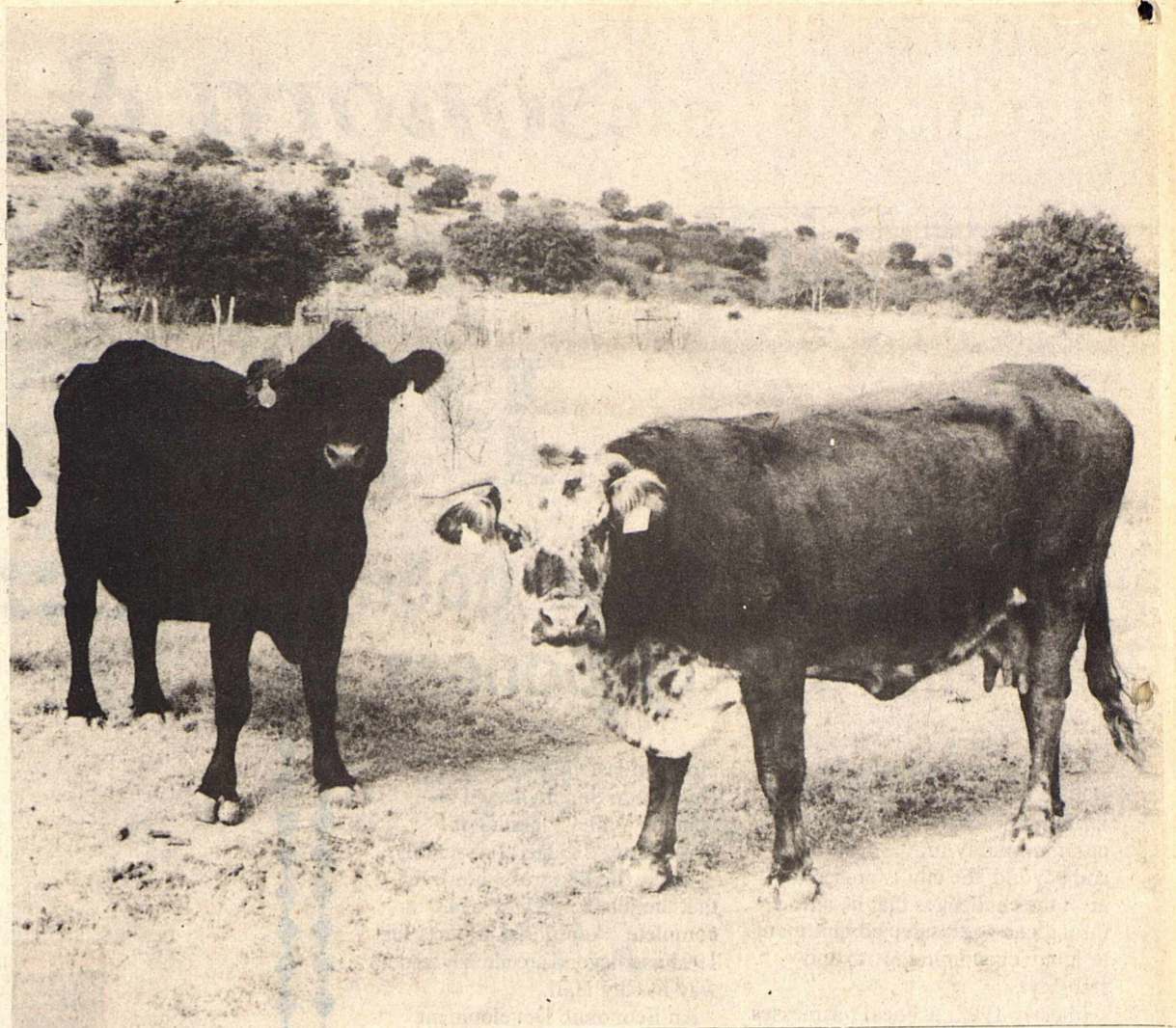
demand for really fine wools and large lean lambs is bright.

Cardiologists have modified their stance somewhat on the value of the proper serving of beef which helps to keep beef strong. Wildlife as an agricultural enterprise has its success tied very closely to the economy.

All of these issues are related directly to proper range management and the conservation of our natural resources. Today's rancher must be the strongest environmentalist but he will no doubt continue to encounter the adversity and ignorance of the uneducated animal rights activist and other environmental watch dogs.

The handwriting is on the wall for those wishing to remain in agriculture. You must take every opportunity to utilize the latest in technology in combination with sound ranch and business management in order to succeed. The public must also be educated and kept informed as we work together to insure that Americans continue to have available the highest quality least expensive food and fiber in the world.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service service people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.



IT'S THAT TIME A YEAR - These cows anxiously watch the camera as they are being fed on the Margaret Galbreath Ranch.



BRR! IT'S SO COLD - These goats were being shorn recently on the Jo Nell Johnson Ranch. This time of year most ranchers leave a small top on the goats to keep them warm.

Wool Show entering its 56th year

The 56th Annual Sonora Wool and Mohair Show will be held in mid-June of this year at the Sonora Wool and Mohair warehouse.

The first Sonora Wool and Mohair Show was held in 1937 when County Agent Clay Atchison and his Sutton County 4-H Club planned and put on the show. The young people exhibited fleeces from their own animals, and many area adults showed up for the judging. From this small beginning, the Sonora Wool and Mohair Show has grown to be the largest held in the United States.

In 1947, the first junior wool and mohair judging contest was added to the show's schedule. It was the first contest of its kind ever held, and young people came from all parts of the country to compete. Junior and adult divisions were both included in the wool and mohair show very soon after its beginning.

As an outgrowth of the Sonora judging contests, many livestock shows throughout the Southwest have added like contests to their annual schedules. The San Antonio Livestock Show and the Texas Purebred Sheep Breeders Association Show are two of the

larger shows which now have fine wool and mohair judging contest each year.

The purpose of the show has been stated:

"To encourage a thorough knowledge of range vegetation. To encourage production of profitable livestock. To encourage profitable production and preparation of wool and mohair. To sponsor a type of club work applicable to the ranching area."

Portions of this article were taken from the Ranch Magazine, June 1963.

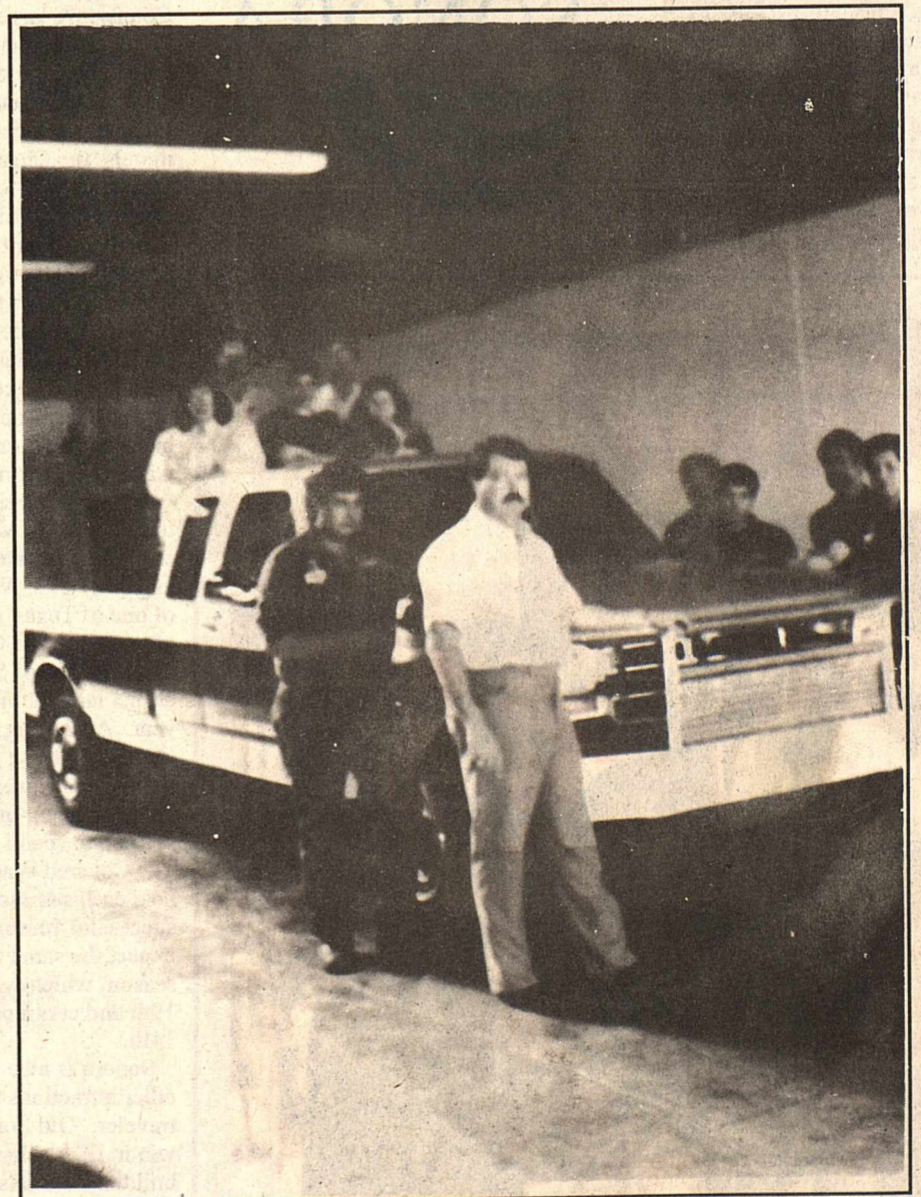
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Sonora schools boast tradition of excellence

by Charles Russell

The Sonora ISD includes 1493 square miles and includes all of Sutton County. Student enrollment is presently 1017 students with 256 in Primary School (PK-2), 231 in Intermediate School (3-5), 251 in Junior High School (6-8), and 279 in High School (9-12). The Sonora ISD has a monthly payroll of \$247,597 with 146 employees including 88 professional and 58 auxiliary personnel.

The following individuals comprise the Sonora ISD Board of Education: Mike Smith, President, and Jesse Bustamante, Gary Hardgrave, Sam David Hernandez, Gloria Lopez, Carol Mayer, and Donald Patton, members.

The Sonora ISD had a budget of \$5,122,691 for 1991-1992 and an average expenditure of \$4945 per student. Expenditures are represented by percentage and, broken down by function as follows:

- Instruction 61%
- Central Administration 7%
- Campus Administration 5%
- Plant Services 12%
- Extra-Curricular 5%
- Transportation 4%
- Cafeteria 6%

The total tax rate for the Sonora ISD is \$1.01 with the County Education District 22 rate of \$.77 and a local rate of \$.24. Approximately 94% of the funds for the Sonora ISD budget come from local taxpayers.

Historically, the Sonora ISD has

been known for strong academic programs and strong community support for quality schools. The district continues to expand its curriculum to meet the needs of all students as they prepare to enter higher education and/or the work force.

The Sonora Primary, Intermediate, and High Schools have recently been recognized by the Texas Successful Schools Award System (TSSAS) and become eligible to become charter members of the Texas Education Agency's new Clearinghouse for Successful Practices. Sonora Junior High School has been selected as a Mentor School for the Middle School Network and they currently are the only small school in the state and the only school in Region XV to receive the status. Also, Sonora Junior High was selected last week as one of only four schools in the state to receive 12 days of staff development through the Texas Education Agency at no expense to the district. In 1992, the Sonora Intermediate School received a monetary award of \$48,000 from the state for improvement in scores on the TAAS Test.

The Sonora ISD boasts and excellent teaching and support staff. The community supports the schools and the Board is committed to the concept of continuous improvement. This combination allows the Sonora ISD to continue its tradition of excellence.



Sutton County Library began as project for the Federated Woman's Club of Sonora in 1920

by Florie Mesa

The public library was originated in the minds of the Federated Woman's Club of Sonora. With the permission and a hearty endorsement of the County Commissioners, the club built a house where the Annex Building now stands. During the first year, 1920-21, 275 books were checked out.

In the early 1970's, the club kept the library open 4 hours a week and circulated more than one book per capita that year. The book budget at that time was approximately \$100 and in 1971, 130 books were purchased to bring the total collection to 8,768 books. In the late 1970's, the Club increased the number of hours open to 10 hours a week and raised the book budget to \$200.

In 1980 the County accepted legal responsibility for the library, and thanked the Federated Woman's Club for maintaining the library for nearly 60 years of their own. The library is still the main project of the Woman's Club. In that same year Sutton County applied for System Membership, and in September of 1981, a grand opening was held in its present building on 212 S. E. Concho Street. The building was donated by Lea Roy Aldwell's Family in memory of Alla M. and Roy E. Aldwell. Four years later the children's room was extended and the librarian's office was moved to the back meeting room.

Some of the librarians who have served and promoted the growth of the library have been: Lura Odom, Lois Duncan, Sandra Cooper, and current librarian Florie Mesa. The ladies that have assisted the librarians have been Judy Edmondson, Florie Mesa, Sandy Aue and the current assistant librarian Maria Castillo. The library also participates as an agency that utilizes the abilities of senior citizens known as the Green Thumb Program. Past library aide was Pauline Thormahlen and now

currently is Joyce Shedrick.

The library is currently open Monday thru Friday with 42 hours to accommodate the community. The circulation is 2.74 per capita and has a total operating expenditures of 38,000. Books checked out in the 1991-1992 year was over 10,000 and 11,000 people visited the library.

The library offers Summer Reading Programs during the summer months, Story Time during the school year for preschool children, extension books from

Abilene, Spanish books, large print books, best sellers, pattern swap, magazines, records, audio cassettes, newspapers, interlibrary loan, computer usage and our very own collection of over 10,000 plus books.

The library has grown to its capacity and needs more room to expand its information and to offer more to the public- with the commissioner's interest and the Sonora Woman's Club main project, a new site has been set for a new future public library.



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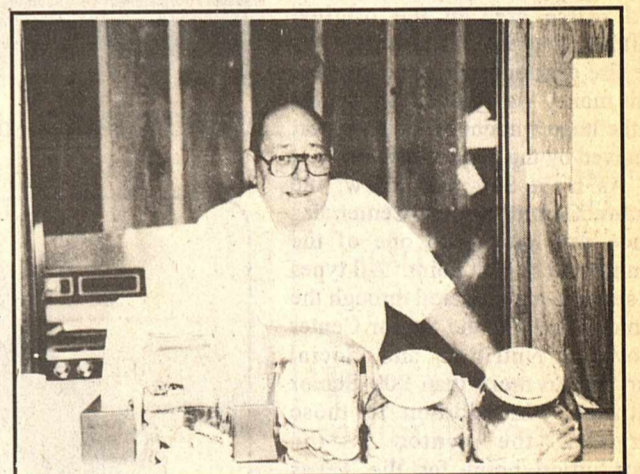
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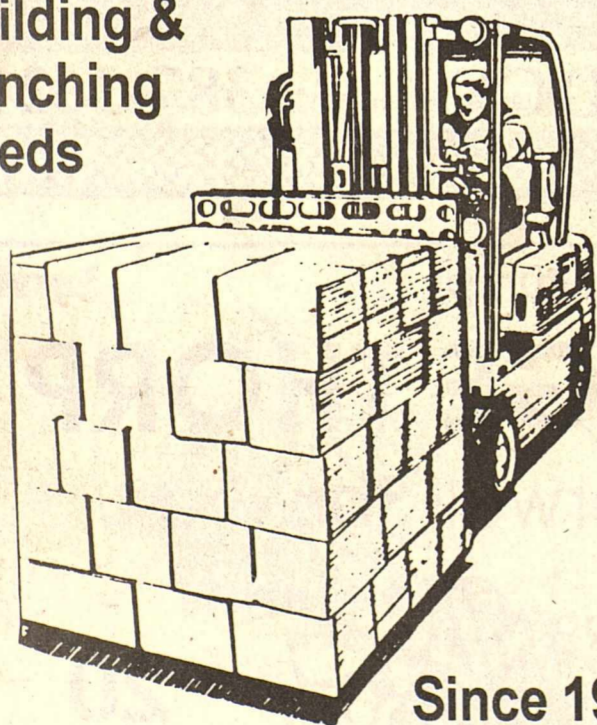
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Senior Center began as a dream to local citizens

by Carole Thorp

The Sutton County Senior Center developed out of very humble beginnings. Several concerned citizens went to County Judge Elliott to request permission to form a Committee on Aging in 1974. With guidance from the Concho Valley Council of Governments, the Sutton County Committee on Aging was formed and incorporated. Jeanne Davenport, Terry Kinard, and several other citizens held a bake sale to raise the money to incorporate.

The senior center building was leased in March 1976 from W. S. Anderson & Son for \$5.00 for a five year lease. In 1979 the Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging granted the Senior Center \$23,000.00 for renovations to the building and another \$4,000.00 in 1981 for the kitchen. The nutrition program providing daily lunches served at the center began in 1980 through a contract with Upjohn Healthcare which also administered the program in Kimble and Menard counties. In 1983, the Kimble County Building Association out of Junction, operating as Tri-County Nutrition took over the administration of the nutrition program.

In 1985, the City of Sonora and Sutton County began paying a third of the cost of each meal delivered in Sutton County and still do so.

The senior center also provides a wide array of services to help older people remain independent. These include information and referral, advocacy, legal assistance, letter reading and writing, outreach, health screening, physical fitness, income support and material aid, recreation, telephone reassurance, transportation, and visiting. The staff is also actively involved in the Christmas in April program which will take place here on April 27, 1991.

In September of 1989, the Committee on Aging asked a local trust for assistance in building an addition to the Senior Center and on December 10, 1989, the John and Mildred Cauthorn Addition was officially dedicated. That addition has been used for everything from case management to commodity distribution to swinging dances and other festive occasions.

This year the Committee on Aging installed a new kitchen floor and the Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging will soon be providing over \$6,900.00 worth of capital equipment such as new flooring for the entire dining room and office area in the original building and a breaker system for the fire extinguisher in the kitchen. This money was granted largely due to the huge amount of local support received by the Senior Center.

As most Sonorans know, the Sutton County Senior Center has since developed into one of the community's focal point. All types of services are rendered through the center. In 1992 the Senior Center provided Nutrition and Social Services to more than 200 Senior Citizens. In addition to those services, the center is the distribution point for the Texas Emergency Food Assistance Program (Commodities). Anywhere from 85 to 125 families receive assistance through that program. As with all senior center programs, strict confidentiality is maintained for participants.

The senior center is a department of the City of Sonora, but is answerable to a host of state and federal agencies that provide funding. Sutton County equally shares all costs not funded by state or federal funds with the City. Any "extra" expenses such as

tablecloths, birthday gifts, excursions, and supplies for extra curricular activities are usually funded by the Sutton County Committee on Aging. The Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging provides funding, training and monitoring of all aspects of Senior Center operations.

A large corp of volunteers provides at least \$10,000.00 worth of "sweat equity" by serving at the center. Volunteers assist with meal deliveries, meal preparation, commodity distribution, center maintenance, recreation, and health maintenance.

Transportation for the entire community is provided by the Thunderbird Rural Transportation program as well as our own vehicles. Nutrition Education is done monthly by Kelly Lewis, Sutton County's new Home Economist and she puts on quite a show! The center has a myriad of recreational and entertaining activities on a regular basis. From Bingo to Ballet, there's something for everyone at the Senior Center!

The senior center staff is Carole Thorp, Director; Juanita Mesa, Van Driver; Amelia Ramos, Head Cook; Lesa Galindo, Nutrition Assistant; Nora Dominguez and Vicky Romero, Green Thumb Enrollee's.

The center provides referral and/or office space to the following entities: MHMR Counselor, DHS Food Stamp Office, DHS Community Care for the Aging and Disabled, the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Agricultural Extension Agency, the Senior Companion Program, LINKS (Options for Independent Living



SONORA'S PRIDE - The Senior Center assures that local senior citizens have a crucial part to play in any local activities.

Program), the Tom Green Community Action Council. They are also the home base for Christmas in April of Sonora, Inc.

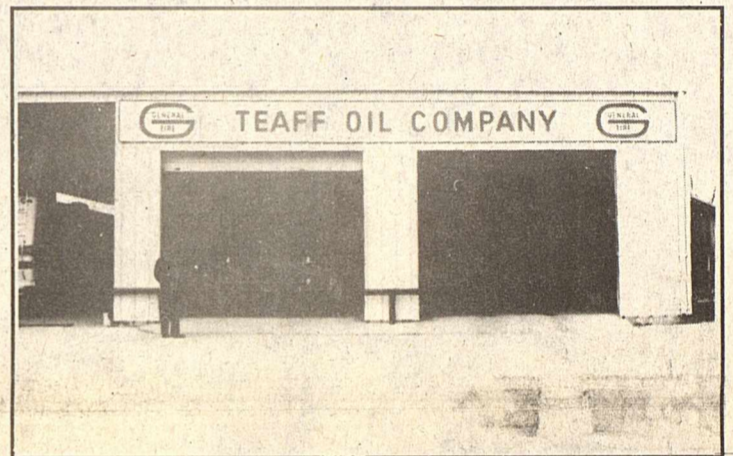
The Sutton County Senior Center is a fun place to visit, whether you want a delicious hot meal, or some companionship, you're bound to have a good time

when you come to the center. Last year, Senior Companion and Center Volunteer, Dolores Salinas received KLST's Regional Jefferson Award for outstanding Community Service. She epitomizes the fine caliber of people who are involved at the Sutton County Senior Center.

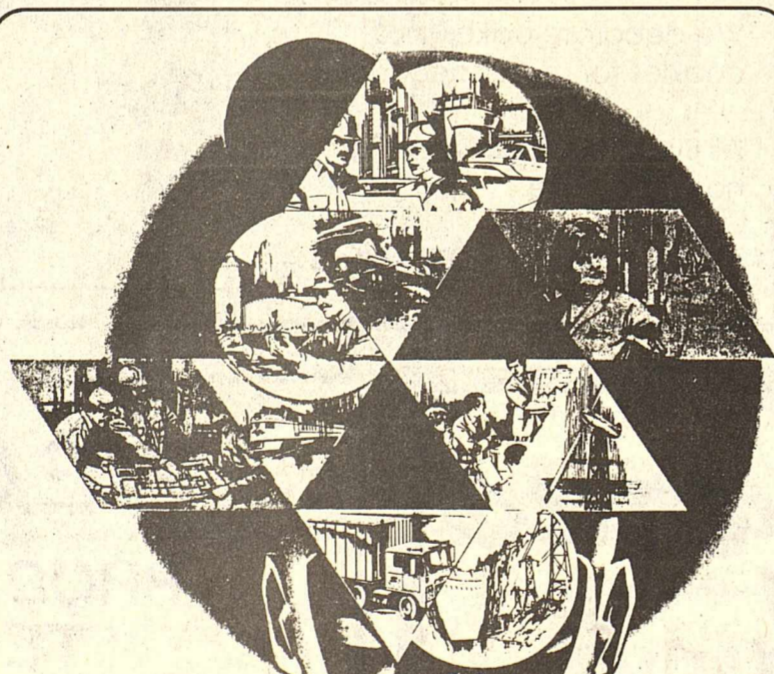


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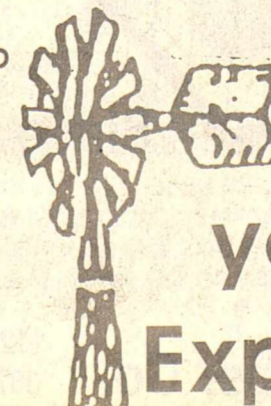
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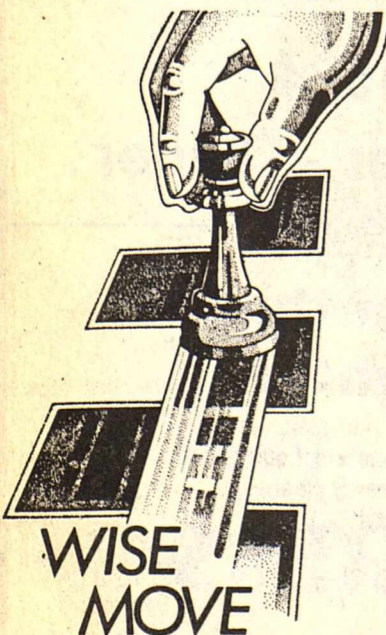
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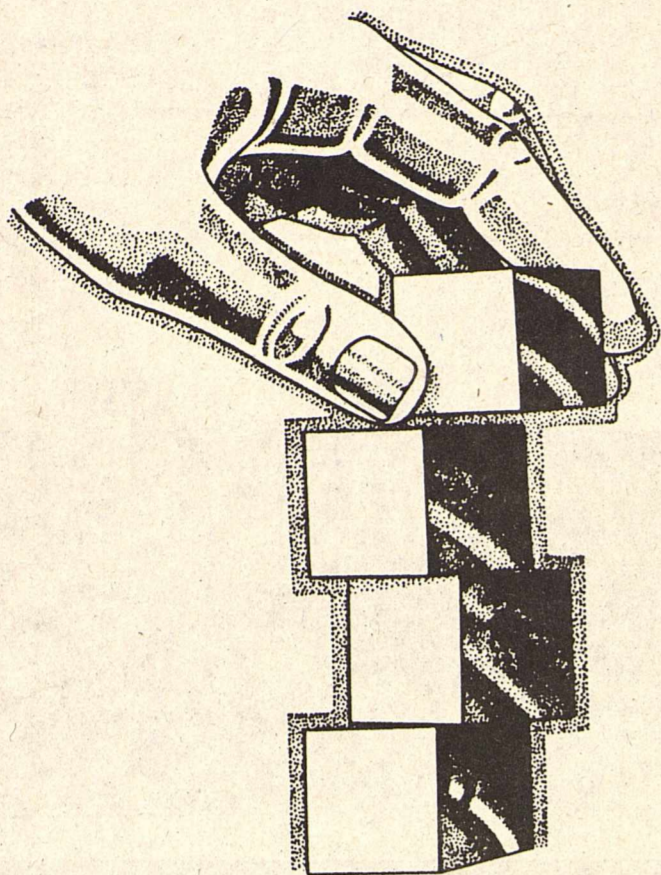
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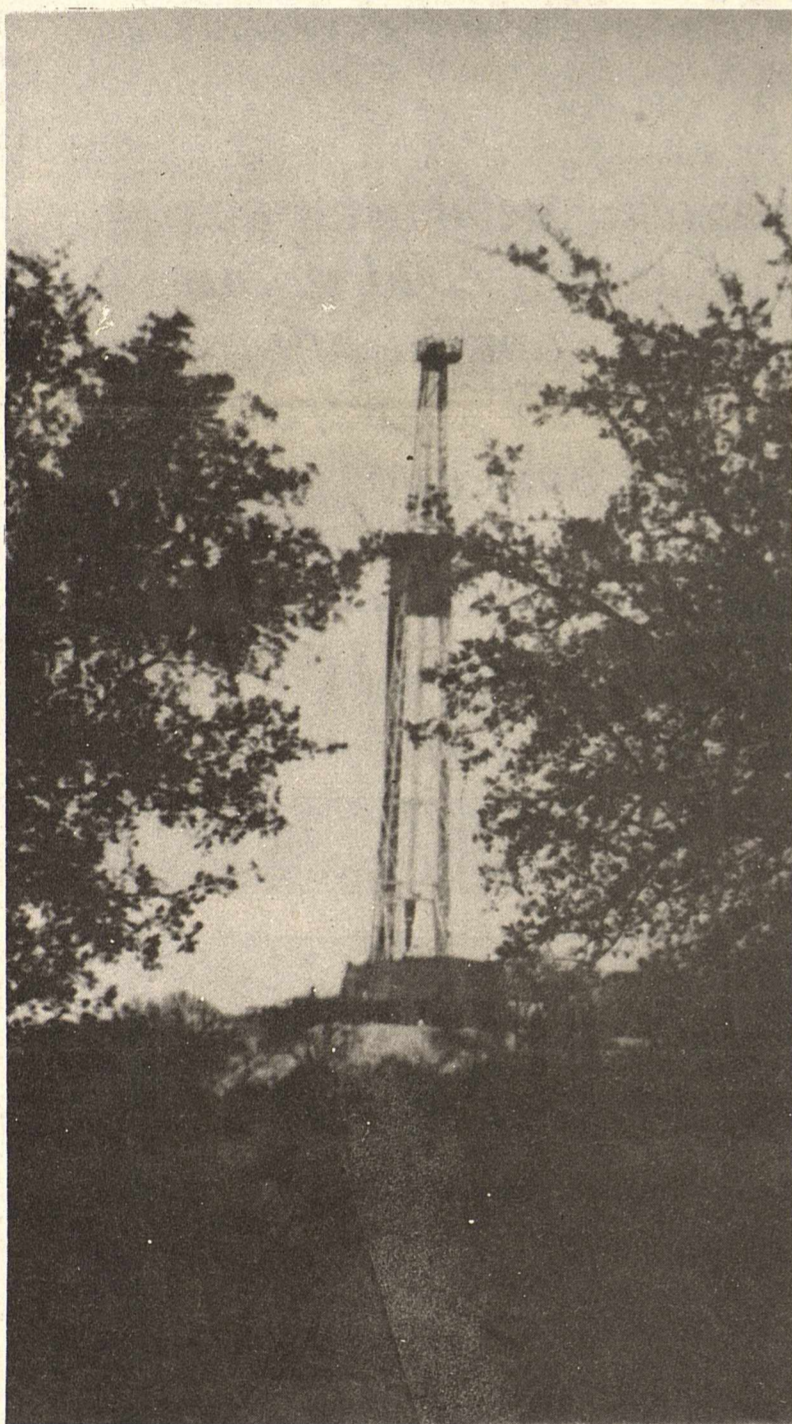
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Ministerial Alliance provides emergency aid to those in need

by Lewis Allen

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance has been in existence for at least the past 25 years. Throughout that time it has coordinated local mission efforts, provided for community worship services, been a forum for common concerns shared by Sonora's pastors, and been a source of Christian fellowship for the pastors and their congregations.

The primary mission of the Ministerial Alliance is to respond to the needs of indigent travelers, in coordination with the Sonora Police Department. A hot meal, a tank of gas, a night's lodging, occasionally some parts and repairs for an automobile - these are provided at all hours of the day or night. No doubt we have at times been scammed, but no doubt also we have at times "entertained angels unawares."

The Alliance also provides for local families in emergency situations with food, with assistance with medical bills, house rental or utility payments.

In recent years the Alliance has undertaken the coordination of the Christmas Food Basket program, with help from innumerable individuals, businesses and clubs in Sonora. Especially helpful to this program, however, have been Cub Scout Pack 19 and Boy Scout Troop 19, who collect a major portion of the food, the citizenship class of the 4-H Club, who sort and box the food, the Student Council of Sonora High School and the high school Youth Group of St. Ann's Catholic Church, who help distribute the boxes. Last year a total of 95 food baskets were delivered to local individuals and families at Christmas time.

A couple of years ago, during Sonora's Centennial celebration, the Alliance was asked to conduct a community worship service on the Sunday morning of homecoming weekend. The response to that worship service was so enthusiastic that we've had a similar service every homecoming weekend since. A tradition is in the making.

The Alliance also hosts Easter Sunrise worship services on Easter morning each year.

Last year the Alliance launched 2 new programs - a Lenten Luncheon series and a deer distribution

program.

The Lenten Luncheons are held each Wednesday of Lent at noon in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church. A simple meal is served, provided by one congregation of the Alliance, and a brief devotional is given by one of the pastors. This year's Lenten Luncheon series begins February 24 and continues through April 7.

The deer distribution program was an effort to share some of the harvest of Sutton County's hunting season with folks who don't have the opportunity to hunt, and to assist area landowners with their deer management programs. In this first year, 87 deer were distributed to over 100 local households.

Congregations which participate in the Ministerial Alliance are First United Methodist, First Baptist, New Hope Baptist, St. Ann's Catholic, Primera Bautista, Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian, St. John's Episcopal, New Life Assembly of God, Templo Jerusalem, and Hope Lutheran.

The Ministerial Alliance does mission and ministry in the name of Christ that individual churches could not do as well, if at all. But more importantly, the Alliance by its very existence, embodies a faith statement held dear by all its members - that the One Lord who unites us is greater than all the differences which divide us.

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Medical Outlook for '93

by Dr. Gene W. Rogers
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The dedicated Staffs of the Hospital, Nursing Home, Emergency Medical Services and Physicians assure continuing high quality care in a local setting.

Prevention is still the purest form of Medical Practice. The decade ahead will continue to address the avoidance of unhealthy life styles such as cigarette smoking, alcohol excesses, overeating and reckless vehicle operation.

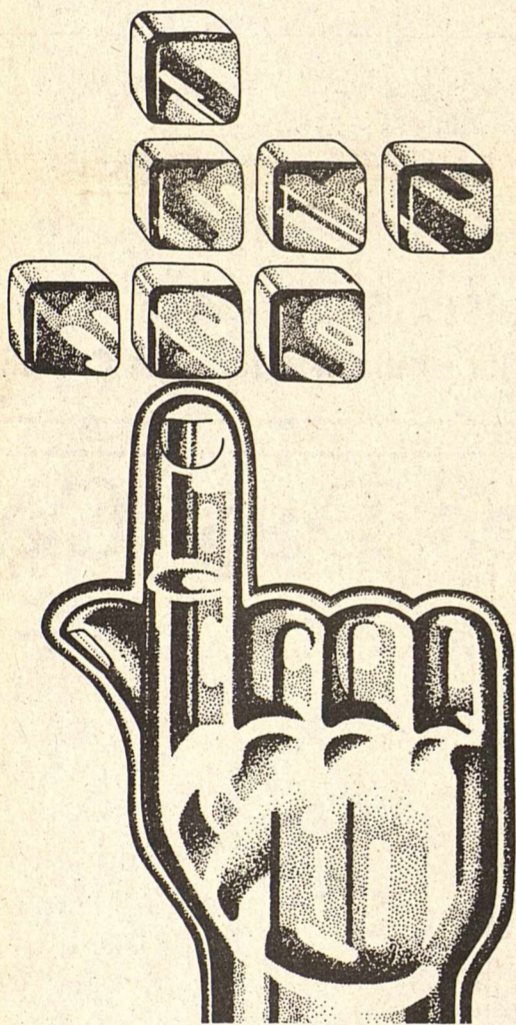
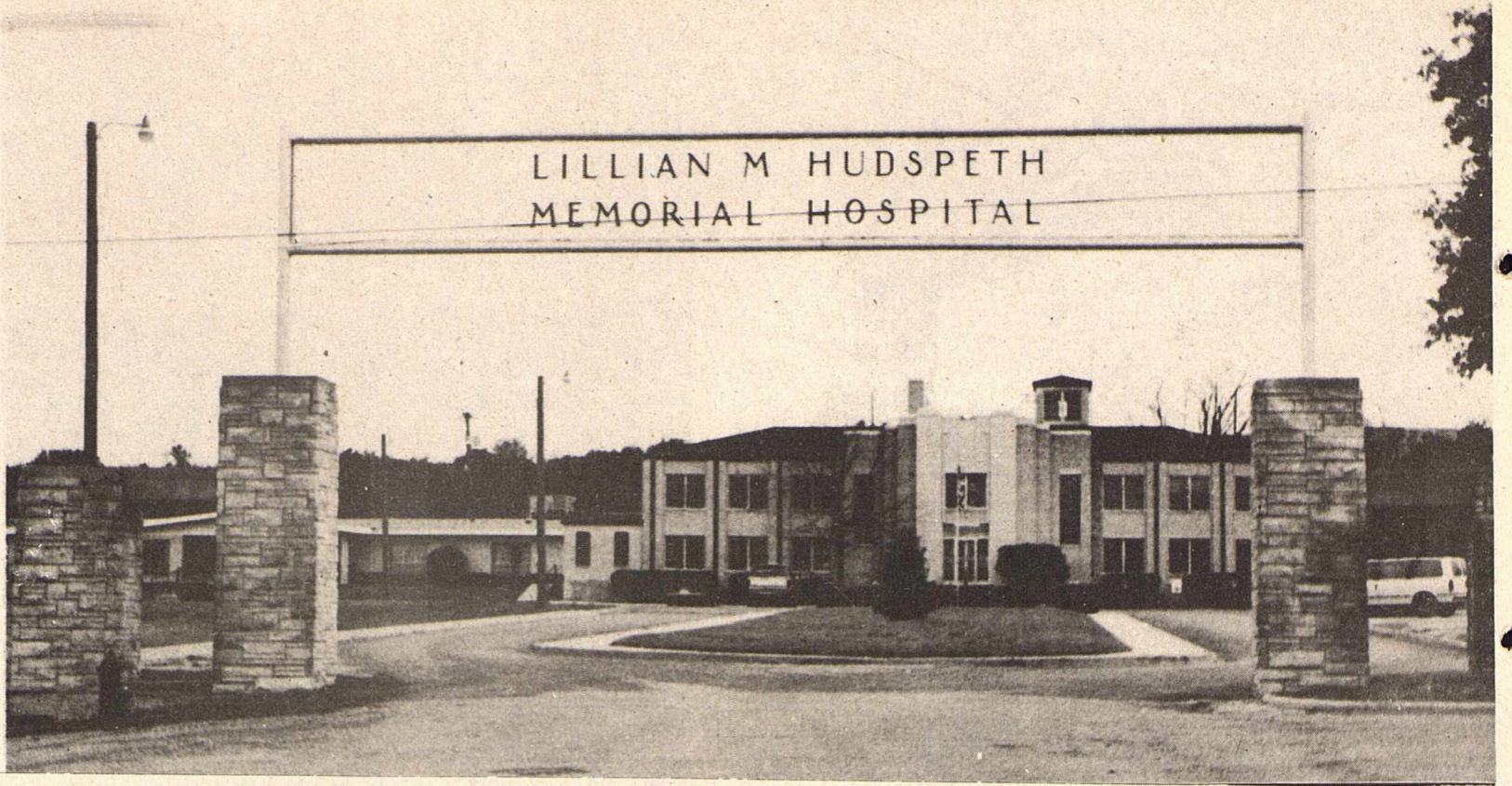
Disease and accidents incurred by willful misbehavior will continue to occur but could spare the individual disability if they were

prevented.

The Board of Directors of the Hospital, who serve the community without pay, are a dedicated group who constantly make improvements in the Medical Facilities to assure that not only the present but the future health care needs of the citizens will be met.

Medical battles rage on the National Front combating AIDS, CANCER, HEART DISEASE and STROKES and before the end of this decade new approaches to the treatment of these conditions will be available to and used by our local Medical Teams.

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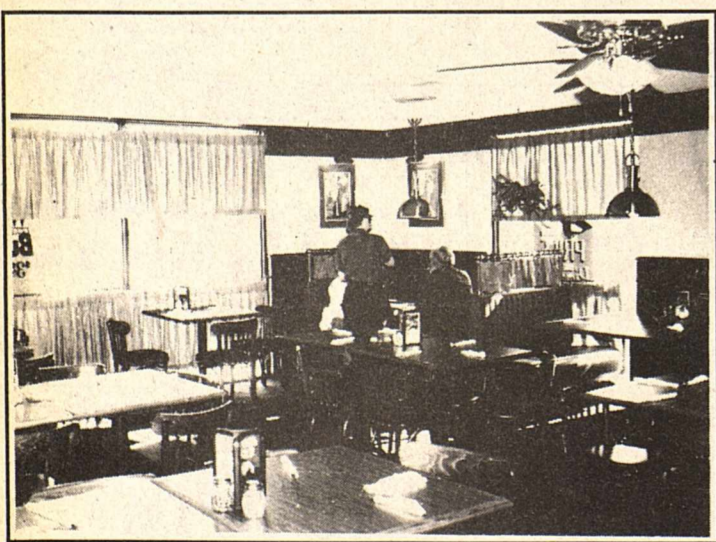
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