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Briefly

Sonora Homecoming Parade is scheduled for September 19 at 3:30 p.m. Watch for parade entry forms. For more information call 387-5033 after 5 p.m.

Sonora Elementary School is continuing to register eligible students for Pre-Kindergarten classes. Children must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 1997. Eligibility is determined by 1) educationally - a child who does not speak and comprehend the English language according to a home language survey and testing; 2) economically - a child whose family's annual income is below a level prescribed by the state. All children need to have a birth certificate, Social Security card, immunization records, and proof of eligibility for registration.

La Escuela Elementaria todavía esta registrando estudiantes que esten cualificados para las clases de Pre-Kindergarten. Los niños o niñas deben tener 4 años en or antes de Septiembre 1, 1997. Para estar cualificados hay dos modos para este programa. Educacionalmente--su hijo o hija no habla y comprende el inglés despues que se le haga una prueba. Economicamente--la familia de su hijo o hija que gana poco y está bajo el nivel que el Estado requiere. Todos los niños o niñas necesitan el registro de nacimiento, el numero de Seguro Social, la lista de todas las inyecciones que se requieren, y prueba que esten cualificads economicamente para registrarlos.

Don't Forget, Thunderbird Transit is here for you. Moms & dads we want to remind you we can give your child a ride for only 50 cents one way or round trip for \$1.00. We will also be offering transportation to and from school for all ages. For more information or to make arrangements, call Lilia or Glendda at 387-5657 or 387-3941.

Sutton County Commissioners pass 5% raise

Sutton County Commissioners voted to give an across-the-board raise amounting to approximately \$64,000. Bill Keel and John Wade opposed the raise and Commissioner Wade refused to accept his 5% increase.

Mike Villanueva, Belia Castaneda, and Carla Garner voted to adopt the budget with a tax rate of .38236. Keel and Wade opposed. This rate increases the General Fund by 3% and decreases the Road & Bridge by 1¢.

"We can do the tax payers a favor and get our funds much healthier than they were," says Judge Garner.



Ashley Brockman (second from left) was crowned 1997 Miss Sutton County at the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Saturday, August 23. Pictured with her (l-r) is Camille Marshall, 2nd runner-up, Kristen Hardgrave, 1st runner-up, and Blair Crain, most photogenic. Miss Sutton County is chosen by the number of rodeo tickets sold and how well she presents herself in an interview. Over \$18,000 in pre-sale tickets were sold.

Sutton County Days Association wins again

By Stephanie Campbell

Volunteers in our community joined together once again to create a successful weekend for the 22nd Annual Sutton County Days and 23rd Annual Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo.

"It was a great community effort," said Tonya Brown who organized the Sutton County Days portion of the weekend.

Approximately 2500 visited craft booths and enjoyed a wide spectrum of entertainment on the historic courthouse lawn. Pam Haynes, chief organizer for the rodeo, estimated between 4500 and 5000 people attended Friday and Saturday's performances.

Following are results of the weekend's activities.

1997 Miss Sutton County
Ashley Brockman, Kristen Hardgrave - 1st runner-up, Camille Marshall - 2nd runner-up, and Blair Crain - most photogenic

Little Mr./Miss Sutton County
Bryce Smith and Hunter Jennings, Bailey Joe Pennington and Brooklyn Paige Caddell - 1st runners-up, Dustin Crittendon and Courtney James - 2nd runners-up

Sutton County Days Parade
Grand Prize - Island Beauties, sponsored by The Devil's River News; Group/Organization - Suez Temple Fire Brigade - 1st place, 4-H Horse Project - 2nd place; Floats - Middle School Cheerleaders/7th Grade Football Team - 1st place, Nursing Home - 2nd place; "Ugly Truck" Contest - Bad Company - 1st place, Arthur Crittendon - 2nd place

Fiddlin' Contest
Grand Champion Fiddler - Jack

Goff of Mason; 70 & over - 1st Jack Goff of Mason, 2nd Wilford Wagner of Junction, 3rd Patti Strauch of Sonora, 4th George Glynn of Kerrville; 71 & over - 1st Roy Adams of San Angelo, 2nd W.W. Martin of Campwood, 3rd Jim Barton of Hondo, 4th Clyde Jones of Kerrville, and W.A. Nampke of Campwood; Twin Fiddlin' - 1st Roy Adams & W.W. Martin, 2nd Harvey Weaver & Wilford Wagner, 3rd Jack Goff & Patti Strauch

Talent Competition
1st place Laura Aquirre, vocalist of Del Rio and 2nd place Artt Wireman vocalist of Sonora

Ye Ole Bed Race
1st place Pajama Jocks - Jason Jacoby, Blaine Wilkinson, Justin Matthews, Terry Stone, and Kasey Wood donated their winnings of \$150 to Bronco Boosters; 2nd place Team No Fear - Larry Finklea, Guy Cauthorn, Ron Cook, Dan Cook, and Michelle Anderson donated \$100 to Sutton County EMS; 3rd place Bad Company/Cowboy Way Travel - J.W. Snyder, Chad Beavers, Mark Swingler, Smurf, and Mark Callahan donated \$50 to Sutton County 4-H

Sutton County Days Fair
Youth Foods - Candy - 1st Kooper Liverman, 2nd Taylor Liverman, Breads - 1st Taylor Liverman, Best of Show - Kooper Liverman; Adult Foods - Pickles & relishes - 1st Jean Humphreys, Canned fruit - 1st Barbara Earwood, Jellies - 1st Kathy Knight, 2ns Melissa Teaff, 3rd Kathy Knight, Jams - 1st Dorothy Harrell, 2nd Kathy Knight, 3rd Carolyn Earwood, Cakes - 1st Kathy Knight, 2nd Melissa Teaff, Breads (yeast) - 1st Carl Teaff, Pies 1st Melissa Teaff, Best of Show - Dorothy Harrell; Clothing -

Accessories - 1st Judy Edmondson; Needlework - Crochet - Yarn - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places to Jean Humphreys, Thread - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places to Olga Vallejo, Cross Stitch 1st JoAnn Palmer, 2nd Kathy Knight, 3rd Cyndye Batchelor, Embroidery - 1st Jean Humphreys, 1st & 2nd to Judy Edmondson, Best of Show - Olga Vallejo; Hobbies & Crafts Youth - Woodworking - 1st Taylor Liverman, 2nd Kooper Liverman, Best of Show Taylor Liverman; Hobbies & Crafts Adult - Dolls - 1st Shannon Liverman, Toys - 1st Cyndye Batchelor, 2nd Jean Humphreys, Woodworking - 1st Randy Mabry, 2nd Tammy Tidwell, 3rd Shannon Liverman, Holiday decorations - 1st Shannon Liverman, 2nd Cyndye Batchelor, 3rd Judy Edmondson; Jewelry - 1st Jamie Bozeman, 2nd Judy Edmondson, 3rd Jamie Bozeman; Art Work - 1st Robert Lynch, Painted Clothing - Jean Humphreys, Miscellaneous - tie for 1st Vernon Humphreys & Cyndye Batchelor, 2nd Judy Edmondson, Best of Show - Shannon Liverman; Photography - People - 1st Kathy Knight, Scenic 1st Robert Lynch, 2nd Kathy Knight, Best of Show - Robert Lynch; Plants & Floral Arrangements Miscellaneous - Judy Edmondson

Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo
Steer Roping - Guy Allen; Breakaway - (tie) LariDee Guy & Jeni Lawson; Team Roping - Arnold Felts & Casy Cordell; Barrels - Mindy Morriss; Bull Riding - Keith Adams; Bareback Riding - Denny McLanahan; Saddle Bronc Riding - Johnny Pollock; Calf Roping - J.W. Hampton; Steer Roping - Byron Walker; Local Team Roping - Lewis Baker & Chase Wardlaw

Citizens take part in strategic planning process

By Stephanie Campbell

A diverse group of citizens met in two sessions to hammer out a strategic plan for Sonora.

Nick Garza set the tone for the process. "We're individuals but together we can create a better community. We live here because we like it, but there is always room for improvement."

Nick has served as the chairman for the economic development planning group. He introduced Chad Bowie of WTU - Economic Development and Blake Burchard, Area Business Manager - WTU.

The first night's session included writing a vision statement for Sonora, a road map of where we want to go. The group then assessed the strengths and weaknesses of the community.

The second night included brainstorming to determine viable industries to attract to Sonora. A distribution facility ranked at the top of the list, followed by small manufacturing, textile, and factory outlet stores tied with a prison facility.

Five goals were determined, then volunteers verbalized which committees they wanted to participate with to achieve these goals.

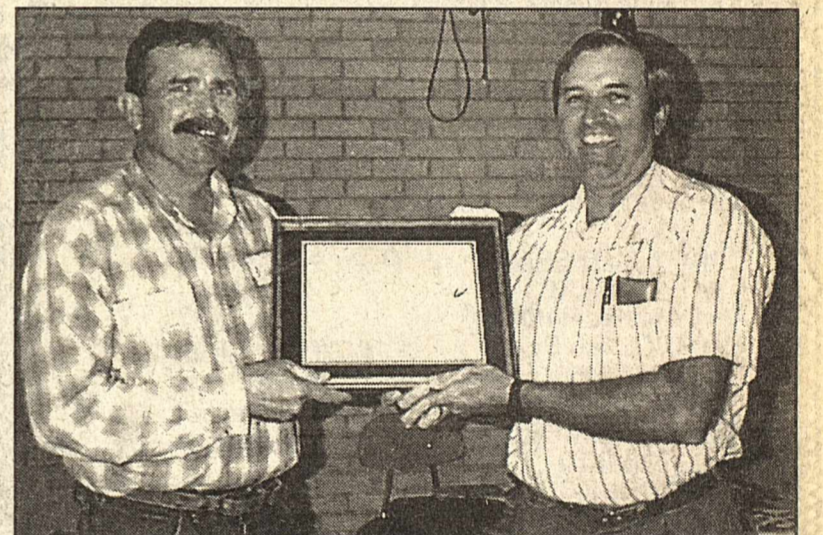
Those present at the meetings were: Kelly Thorp - Extension Agent, A.W. Bishop - Sutton County National Bank, Preston Faris - County Extension Agent, Miguel Villanueva - County Commissioner, Brent Gesch - City Manager, Tim Talley - Lone Star Gas, Jim Garrett -

City of Sonora, Cathy Ball - Vet Clinic, Donald Spiller - rancher, Paul Stephens - Multi-Chem

Michael Hale - First National Bank, Anita Hudson - Main Street Realty, Suzanne Shurley - rancher/accounting, James McLaughlen - City of Sonora, Rev. DuBuisson - St. Ann's Catholic Church, Stephanie Campbell - The Devil's River News, Margaret Cascadden - Mayor, Carla Garner - County Judge, Joe David Ross - rancher/Days Inn, Ram Perez - health care

Randee Fawcett - rancher, Anita Spiller - teacher, Tonya Brown - Assistant Vice-president Sutton County National Bank, Nick Garza - researcher/TAES, John Wade - rancher/County Commissioner, Jerry Wood - manager Food Center, Jack Smith, Jr. - President Federal Land Bank Association, Becky Covington - City Secretary City of Sonora, Diana Condra - Jimco Enterprises, Tommy & Beverly Arnwine - oil field

Barry Limbocker - Louis Dreyfus, Ronnie Cox - pharmacist, Chris Croy - Chief of Police, Alvis Johnson - rancher/Hospital Board, Ray Smith - Sutton County National Bank, Kay Faris - office manager Days Inn, Rex Ann Friess - Tax Appraiser, Lena Belle Ross - retired teacher, Celeste Prugel - retired teacher, Ben Pool - American Sales & Service, Virgel Pollock - D.C. NRCS, Raynette Rogers - Chamber Secretary, Ruth Shurley - rancher



At WTU's Strategic Planning Meeting, Preston Faris presents Nick Garza with a certificate stating: "Texas Agriculture Extension Service - Texas A&M University System, recognizes Nick Garza for exemplary leadership in grateful appreciation of outstanding public service in furthering Extension educational programs."

The Devil's River News office will be closed Monday, September 1 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

The deadline for the September 4th issue is Friday, August 29 by 5:00 p.m.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Hospital Board answers citizens questions about Hudspeth Ranch

By Lewis Allen, Hospital Board

During conversations concerning the recent election to raise the tax cap of the Sutton County Hospital District, many citizens expressed interest in the relationship between the Hudspeth Ranch and the hospital. This article is intended to inform citizens about the past, present, and future of that relationship.

In the fall of 1947, Sutton County banker, rancher and philanthropist Roy Hudspeth proposed a bold vision for the citizens of this county. He would donate \$50,000 to start a hospital building fund, if that amount could be matched by donations from fellow citizens. The addi-

tional \$50,000 was raised, and more.

The following year Roy Hudspeth died, bequeathing to the hospital (not yet under construction) a 12,461 acre ranch located along the Sutton-Crockett county line. Management of the ranch and responsibility for use of ranch income, as well as oversight of hospital construction and management, was placed in the hands of a Corporate Board of Trustees, as specified by terms in the will.

Thus, in January of 1950, the contract for construction of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital was let. The hospital was completed, furnished and opened for service to the public on July 1, 1951.

For many years thereafter, income from the Hudspeth Ranch and revenues from hospital services were sufficient to fund hospital operations.

Services to residents of Sutton County were expanded in 1970 with the opening of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Nursing Home, adjacent to the hospital building. In 1975 the physician's clinic building was constructed.

But as costs of delivering health care climbed and income from the ranch dwindled, particularly following the oil and gas bust of the early 80's, revenues of the Hospital Corporation could no longer keep pace with expenses. Over a period of years the Board was forced to

borrow money against the ranch to make ends meet. Ultimately, the debt grew to a total of \$693,373.

These circumstances prompted the Corporate Board and the community to form the Sutton County Hospital District in 1986. Since that time the hospital and nursing home have been funded by revenues from operations and taxation, and managed by a 7-member Board of Directors elected by the public.

Meanwhile, the Corporate Board remains in existence, maintaining its responsibilities for managing the Hudspeth Ranch and determining the use of income derived from the ranch. Since 1986 the vast majority of ranch income has been used to repay the debt,

with small amounts allocated from time to time for necessary ranch repairs and for capital improvements to the hospital, nursing home or clinic.

Al Elliott, a member of the Corporate Board, reports that "in a worst-case scenario, the debt will be paid off in three years. More likely it will be retired sometime during 1998."

When the debt is paid, income from the Hudspeth Ranch will ordinarily be devoted to fund capital improvements to the hospital, nursing home or clinic; although some ranch income may be used for necessary ranch repairs; and under very limited circumstances, ranch income may be used for operating

Dining Out Directory

Food Center Deli 600 S. Crockett Ave.
387-5616

La Mexicana 240 N. Hwy. 277
387-3401

Pizza Hut 401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe 207 E. Glasscock Ave.
387-5552

Sonic Drive-In 202 Hwy. 277 N.
387-5292


Sutton County Steakhouse 1306 N. Service Rd.
387-3833

Town & Country Subway 610 S. Crockett
387-6181

Town & Country-Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169

Sonora Church Directory

<p>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA 504 Santa Clara 387-2035</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST Tim Dobbs, Minister 304 W. Water 387-3190</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Jim Stephen, Pastor Rev. Paul Cornelius, Assoc. Pastor 404 NE Oak 387-2951</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector 404 NE Poplar 387-2955</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor 201 NW Water 387-2466</p> <p>JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS St. Ann's Street 387-3600</p> <p>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Rev. Charles Huffman 417 E 2nd St. 387-5366</p> <p>NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Brother Rick Brinson 306 N. 4th Street 387-2898</p>	<p>THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN Lewis Allen, Pastor 319 NE Mulberry 387-2616</p> <p>OUTREACH CHURCH OF CHRIST Hwy. 277 S. Glasscock</p> <p>PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE Willie West, Pastor 509 Amistad 387-3236</p> <p>ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I. 229 SW Plum 387-2278</p> <p>JEHOVAH'S WITNESS 310 St. Ann's Street 387-5658 or 387-5518</p> <p>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH Don Sessom 511 Cornell 387-5215</p> <p>COWBOY CHURCH Monty Price The Depot Weekly Starting Sept. 2</p>
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SONORA, TX 76950
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Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Attend the church of your choice. this Sunday.

Our Sympathy

Paula Leal

Paula Diaz Leal, 81, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 1997, in Ozona.

Service were at 10 a.m. Friday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

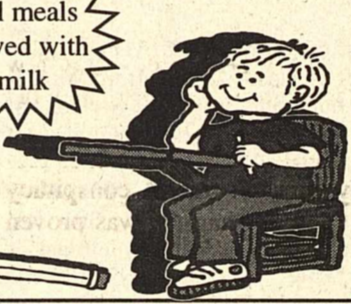
She was born June 29, 1916, in Lorraine. She was a member of the Catholic Prayer Group, the Cursillistas and the Guadalupanas. Survivors include five daughters, Lupe Gomez, Elena Ybarra and Esmeralda Barriga, all of Ozona, Paula Gitan of San Jose, Calif., and Erlinda Lopez of Sonora; five sons, Daniel Leal of Pasa Robles, Calif., David Leal of Elk City, Okla., Domingo Leal, Benjamin Leal and Isaac Leal Jr., all of Ozona; two sisters, Josefa Perez and Anita Fierro, both of Ozona; two brothers, Bekie Diaz of Ozona and Teodoro Diaz of Ashville, N.C.; 39 grandchildren; and 59 great-grandchildren.

Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

SCHOOL MENU

<p>Monday, August 25</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Wednesday, August 27 Pancakes w/Syrup, Ham, Fruit, Juice</p> <p>Friday, August 29 Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Juice</p> <p>Chicken Spaghetti, Corn, Mixed Fruit, Cherry Cobbler, Roll</p>	<p>Tuesday, August 26 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice</p> <p>Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Ranch Beans, Orange Slices, Roll</p> <p>Thursday, August 28 Biscuit w/Gravy, Sausage, Juice, Fruit</p> <p>Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Pears, Roll</p>
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All meals served with milk



SENIOR CENTER

Calendar of Events

August 28-Blood Sugar Counts with Cornerstone Home Health Agency, 11 a.m.-1p.m.
August 29- Run errands and pay bills!
September 1-Center Closed for Labor Day Holiday!
September 2-Bingo!

Lunch Menu

Thursday, August 28
Frito Pie w/Chili and Cheese, Spinach, Tossed Salad w/Croutons, Wheat Bread, Cinnamon Apple Sauce

Friday, August 29
Club Sandwich w/Bacon, Turkey, Cheese, Pea Salad, Wheat Bread, Lettuce, Sliced Tomato, Melon Salad

Monday, September 1
Center closed for holiday!

Tuesday, September 2
Hot Dogs w/Cheese, Sweet Potatoes, Pineapple, Waldorf Salad, Bun, Brownie

Wednesday, September 3
Chicken Strip, Baked Potatoes, Broccoli/Cheese, Roll, Peach Cobbler

Thursday, September 4
Soft Tacos w/Cheese, Pinto Beans, Corn w/Sweet Peppers, Tortillas, Lettuce/Tomato/Fruit/Cantaloupe

Friday, September 5
Italian Baked Fish, Lima Beans, Baked Tater Tots, Cornbread, Strawberries

Guest Meals are \$4.00.
Suggested donation for Senior Citizens is \$1.75.

Cards Of Thanks

Being a candidate in the Miss Sutton Co. contest was definitely one of the most positive experiences in my life. There are so many people that I owe my gratitude to. First off, let me thank the community, businesses as well as the many individuals who year after year purchase many more tickets than they will be needing. Also a special thanks to the clothing stores, Image, Vallree's Bright Spot, B&C Department, Ol' Sonora, and Chelle's, who so graciously allowed us to model their clothes and jewelry at the style show. Another thanks to Tedford Jewelry who donated the beautiful crown, and to Lee Silver Co., Bob Caruthers Real Estate, Quick Bonds, Thorp's Laun-Dry, & King Ranch for donating the wonderful bracelet.

Without Fran Pennington and the Image sponsoring me, none of this would have been possible, or half as fun. Cathy, Katy, Blair, Mary Ann, Kristen, Camille, Nina, Quirina, Raven, Haley and Ashley Henson: you were all so fun to work with and I am thrilled that we all had this opportunity to get to know each other better. To Janell and Andy I want to say thanks for the encouraging words and many fun and crazy times. Dad, mom, and Landon, thanks for always being there for me and supporting me in whatever I do.

I am looking forward to serving Sutton Co. this coming year and know I will have a wonderful time. Once again my, sincere appreciation.

Ashley Brockman

I would like to thank everyone who helped me in the Sutton County Days Queen Contest. First of all, I want to thank Michelle Krieg for being such a great sponsor and for helping me sell rodeo and dance tickets. Second, to Janell Sparks and Cindy Hayes, thank you for all the time and effort you put into this contest and for making it so much fun. Finally, I'd like to thank my family and friends for helping me with my ticket sales and also for all the support and encouragement you gave me.

Sincerely,
Kristen Hardgrave

I would like to thank Helen Scott, Vickie and Keith Wallace, Brother Stephen, Brother Paul, Ruth Ann and Bobby Dickerson, Ginger and Glenn Everett, Wanda Nixon, Karen and Courtney Hill, Bobby Smith and especially Shawna and Steve Stroup. Without your friendship, prayers and helping with my family, I couldn't have been with my mom through her illness. I love you all and please keep my family in your prayers, especially my mom.

Sincerely with love,
Susie Kresta

The Boy Scouts of Troop 19 would like to express their appreciation for your patronage of our Coke & Snow Cone booth during Saturdays event on the courthouse lawn. Because of your generosity the boys reached their maximum sales potential. We ran out of cups!

Nelson Stubblefield was the winner of the raffle for the 25" color television which was donated by Louis Dreyfus/Barry Limbocker.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Thanks to everyone from the Knights of Columbus group. We appreciate all the people who visited our fajita booth at Sutton County Days and bought raffle tickets. Congratulations to Robert Carl Teaff, the winner of the raffle. Also thank you for your patronage at our hamburger stand at the Rodeo. We sure hope you enjoyed yourself.

Words cannot express our gratitude and thanks to the volunteer members of the Sonora Fire Department.

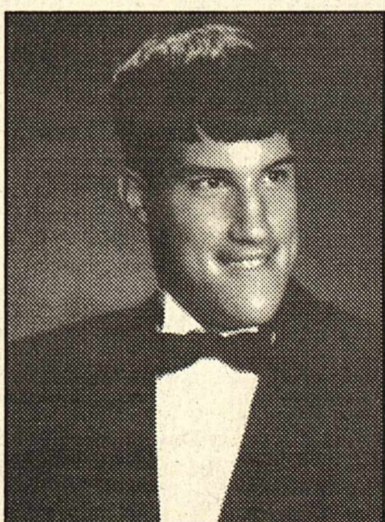
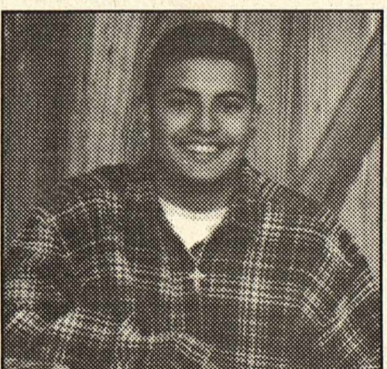
We especially appreciate the kind, considerate and efficient manner in which they handled the Friday and Saturday evening fires at the Ruth Espy Ranch.

We are especially grateful to Trey Rushing, Clay Friess, Stacey Pennington and Clay Hicks for giving up their time at the rodeo to watch over our property.

Thank you Todd Munn for reporting and helping us put out the Sunday morning fire.

If we overlooked someone-We are sorry- and we say thank you-Thank You!

May God Bless You All
Ruth, W.B. and Lucille

William Anthony Mungia a 1996 Sonora High School graduate, graduated from Texas State Technical College August 16, 1997. He received a diploma for completion of Air Conditioning and refrigeration. He also received his CFC Certification. He is employed by Batjer and Associates, a commercial and industrial company of Abilene Texas. He is the Son of Willie and Linda Mungia of Sonora.

Kris Wood a 1996 Sonora High School graduate, graduated July 31 from American Airlines Travel Academy. He is employed at Westin Hotel in North Dallas at the Galleria. Kris is the son of Cindy Hayes of Sonora.

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Community Calendar


The Community Calendar is made possible by:

August 28

Thursday, August 28
7:00 p.m. - SISD Public Hearing- Administration Building
7:30-SISD Special Meeting, Administration building
Friday, August 29
Scrimmage, Ballinger-there

September 4

Tuesday, September 2
11:00 Trauma Center Designation for Hudspeth Hospital
11:30 Sutton County Hospital Tax Rate Vote
Wednesday, September 3
8:30 a.m. Sutton County Underground Water District Public Hearing, District Office



Sutton County National Bank
207 Hwy 277 N



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Ask The Historical Society

By Jo-Ann Palmer

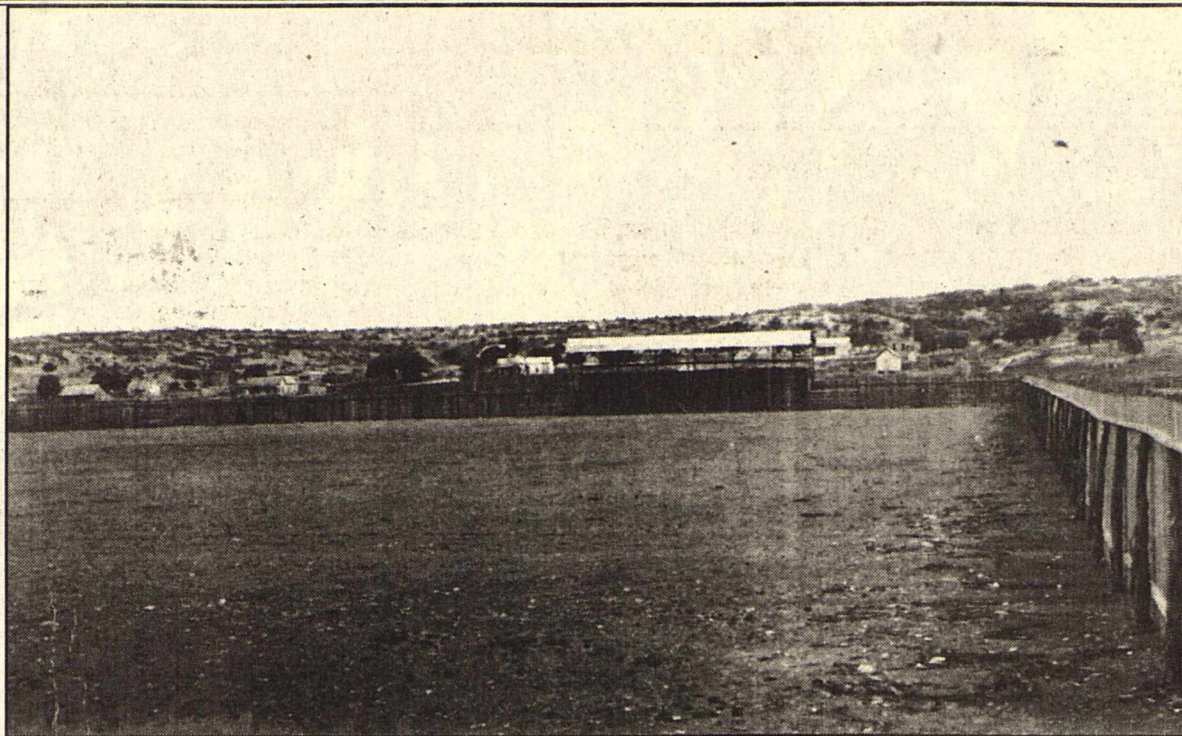
Q. Do you have any information on the killing of Sam Sparks in 1880?

A. This killing did not occur in Sutton Co. but in Giddings. The newspaper account reprinted in the May 1940 issue of Frontier Times goes as follows:

HORRIBLE MURDER Sam Sparks Assassinated on the Streets of Giddings.

Sunday morning, the 11th inst., about 5 o'clock, the lifeless body of Sam Sparks, a citizen of this county, was found in the street in front of Mr. J. T. Wroe's warehouse, where he had been brutally assassinated, about 10 o'clock the night before, by some unknown fiend. His head had been pierced by a bullet, which entered just above where the neck joins, and ranging upward, passed out at the top of the head near the forehead. The line thus described by the ball would indicate that the murdered man was mounted and was shot by someone afoot. When the body of Mr. Sparks was found it was lying upon its left side, about the head was a perfect pool of blood and his brains were scattered upon the ground. On his person was found a pistol scabbard. The pistol was missing, it was at first surmised that he had been robbed as well as murdered, but further investigation showed that such was not the case, as among other articles, twenty dollars in currency was found in his pockets. The justice of the peace and jury of inquest, assisted by the county attorney, continued an investigation of the killing two days when the jury returned the following verdict to wit:

We the jury of inquest, find that the deceased Sam Sparks, came to his death in the county of Lee, and State of Texas, on the night of the 10th day of January, A.D. 1880, about 10 o'clock p.m., from a gun shot wound through the head, at the hands of



Old City Park Sonora showing spectators stand.

an unknown party, or parties. (signed) C. Peery, W. T. Wroe, Franz Hoffman, A. Hirschberg, R.D. McClellan, F. Raube.2

The whole affair is wrapped in mystery. Sparks was last seen by a number of citizens at a bar room about 10 o'clock. The crowd had been drinking but were not drunk. About one hour before he was killed he asked one of the men who were at the bar room with him to go and get his horse, which was hitched to a rack in front of B.L. Zander & Co's. store house, and hitch him to another rack nearer the saloon, remarking at the time that he did not like to go to his horse after dark. The gentleman did as requested and returned to the saloon. Soon afterwards the proprietor of the saloon closed up. Sparks and others went out on the sidewalk, and after a brief conversation with them, he asked where his horse was, saying he would get on him and go home. These men who were with him at the time, and who were summoned as witnesses at court, testified that they then bade him

good night and left, without watching his movements, not thinking that his life was in danger. Ten minutes afterward they heard the report of two pistol shots but no one went to investigate. (Perhaps the reason so little notice was taken of the firing was that the shooting of pistols has become a frequent occurrence in this town of late, without any more obvious cause than that of mere drunken rowdiness or the freaks of sober idiots.)

HS note: further along in the article we found that Ed Meyers was arrested and tried for the murder of Sam Sparks. He was found guilty and given twenty years in the penitentiary. A witness named W.T. Sharman testified sealed his fate. Another man was arrested but jumped bond, named John Carlisle. When Carlisle came to trial, Sharman had just happened to be murdered a few days before. Carlisle had his case dismissed for lack of evidence. Without Sharman to testify he went free. A conspiracy to murder Sharman was proven

and Carlisle was found guilty of conspiracy to murder him and assessed a punishment of death. Another man named Chas. Luttrell had committed the murder. Both men were incarcerated and made many attempts to escape. They even attempted suicide by cutting the arteries in their arms. The death sentence was carried out and Carlisle, age 44, had his body claimed by his children as he was divorced from their mother. Charles Luttrell, age 32 was buried in Woodville

by his sister, a Mrs. Moyer. What had started as an attempt to kill one man had escalated into the deaths of four.

Because a family named Sparks had lived in Sutton Co. at one time I had made a mental note of this particular story. I usually don't do research outside the county but in this case made an exception. There are many old stories in the Frontier Times that deal with relatives of people who settled in Sutton Co. I would ask readers to be very careful when using them in research as we have found many incorrect dates in their material. Be sure to check court records for trial dates and death certificates to make sure you enter the correct date in your family records. It is very hard to publish stories from word of mouth and this was one of J. Marvin Hunters' favorite sources. It never hurts to double check any story to make sure it is historically correct. We urge our readers to do so.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton Co. history send them to Ask the Historical Society 2 P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, give me a call at 915-387-2855 or e-mail me at schs@sonora.digicom.net.

A note to the teachers in Sutton Co. We would be more than happy to answer any questions a student or class might have in this column. Please feel free to call any afternoon or evening.

City Council Report

The Sonora City Council met in regular session August 19 at City Hall.

Among the agenda items included, the monthly tax collection report from the Sutton County Appraisal District that showed 93.25 of current taxes collected through July or payments to date of \$319,501.30.

Mayor Pro-Tem Campbell discussed the easement on Sutton Street currently used for the Bus Station. She explained the city policy concerning easement maintenance and Brent Gesch, city manager, advised that the city had made a special effort to blade the area, however, it was explained that the city cannot go on private property and make repairs. It was then suggested that curb and gutter be installed to help alleviate drainage problems and street deterioration.

Mayor Pro-Tem Campbell opened the public hearing for comment on the proposed 1997-98 fiscal year budget. The council discussed the affect of the proposed tax rate being lower than last year, the amount of capital purchases, the increase in personnel insurance, and the amount of reserves being used to balance the budget. Changes were made to include additional funds for the firemen's retirement fund, rebudgeting the senior citizens van, and reducing the budget line item for council pay. It was announced that the budget would need to be adopted at the Regular Meeting in September.

Beth Wallace, City Attorney, advised the council that the request to annex Highway 277 South cannot be done due to the street not being adjacent and running parallel to the boundaries of the city limits.

Councilmember Perez made a motion to proclaim September 1-7 as "Hudspeth Hospital Week" in recognition of the hospital being declared a Trauma Center Level IV and the quality emergency care it provides.

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Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The Sutton County Hospital District conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase your property taxes by 2.5 percent on August 21, 1997.

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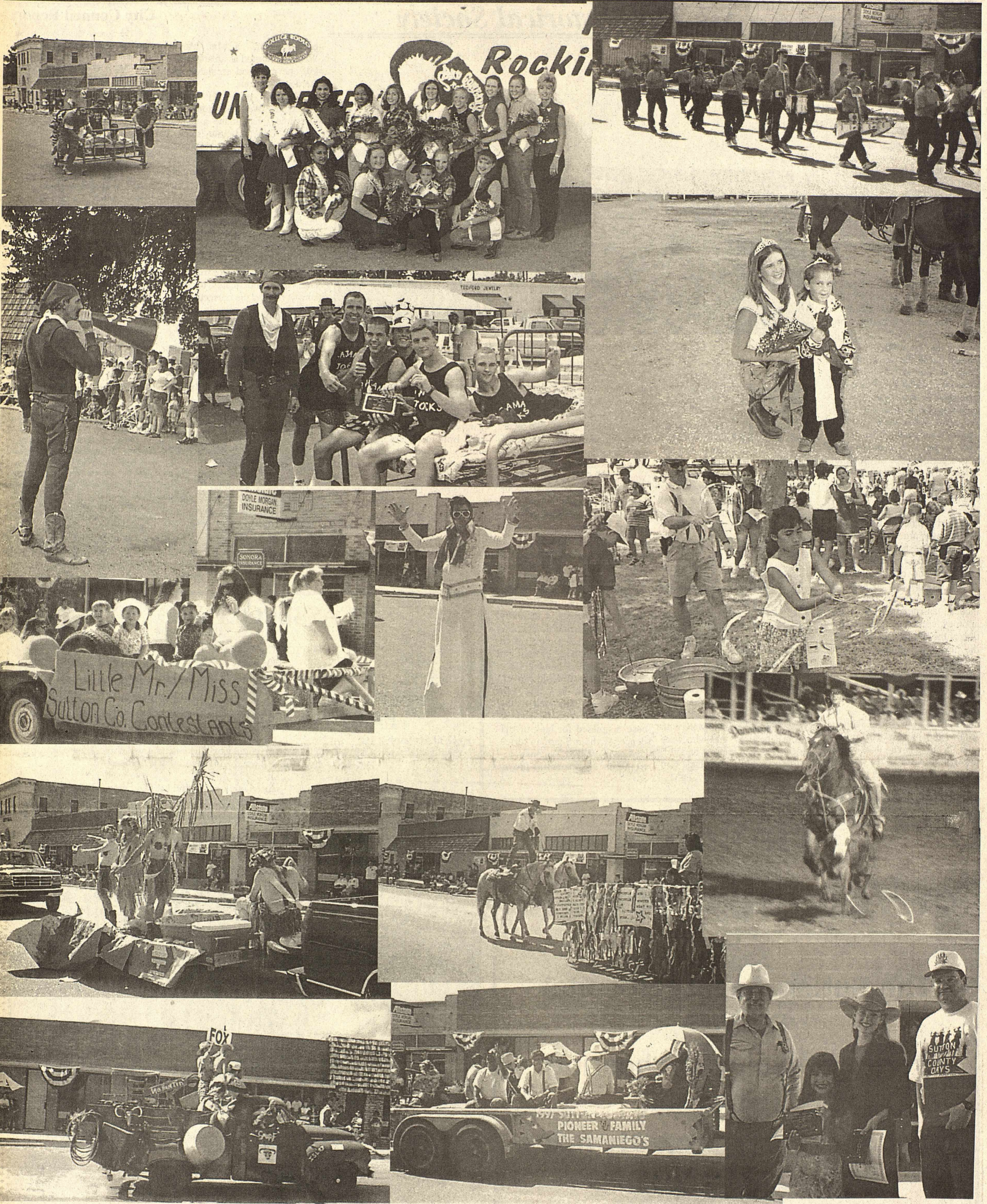
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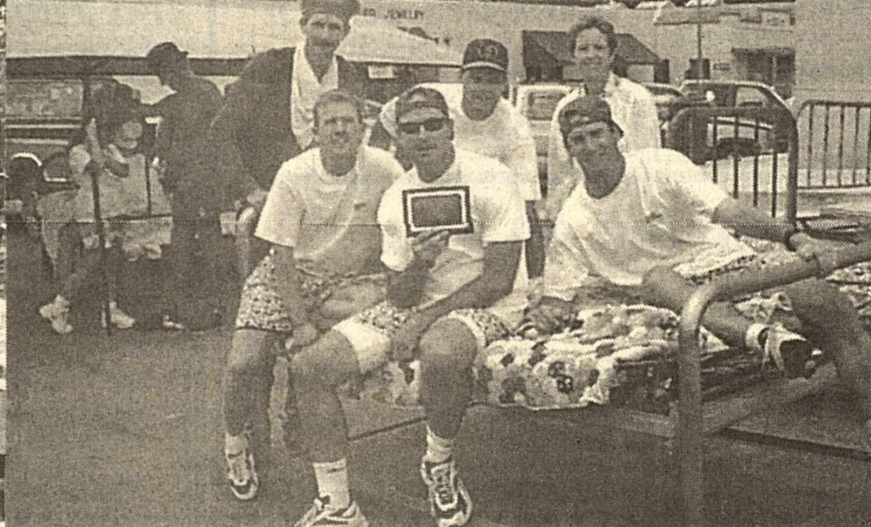
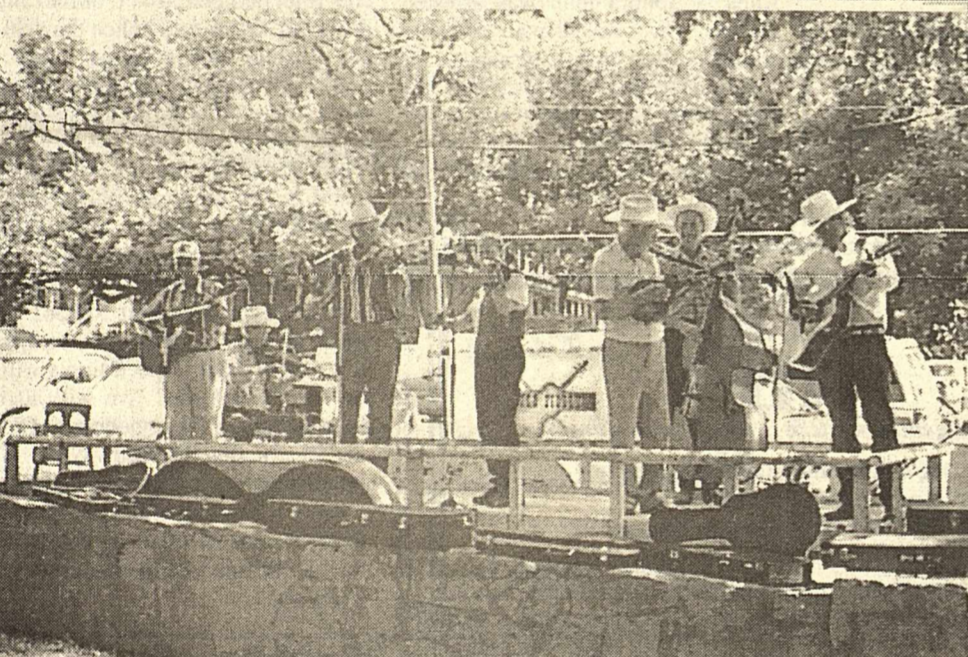
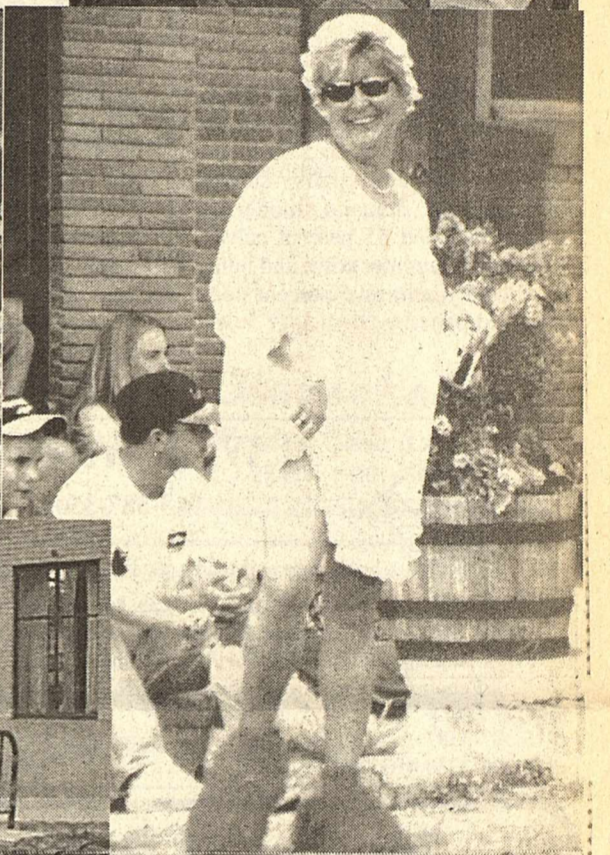
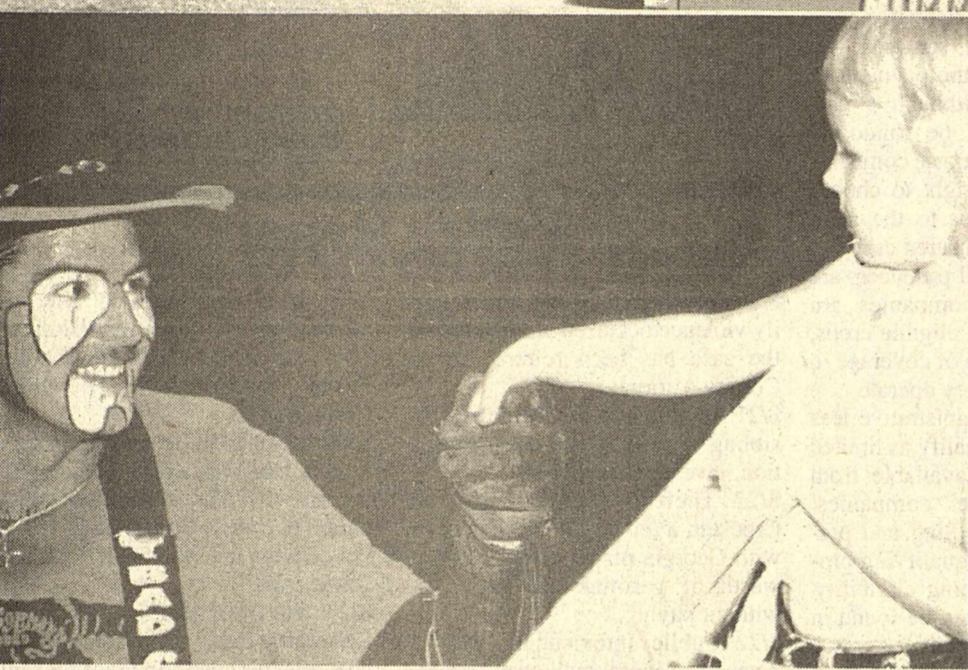
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Producers Livestock Auction

8/21
Compared with last week, feeder steers and heifers steady. Slaughter cows and bulls weak to 2.00 lower. Stock cows and pairs steady. Trading and demand moderate. Supply included 55 percent calves, 30 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 10 percent yearlings, 5 percent stock cows and pairs.

Junction Sheep and Goat Auction

8/25
Compared to last week: Feeder lambs steady to 2.00 lower. Slaughter ewes and bucks fully steady. Stocker Spanish nannies 2.00-3.00 higher. All classes slaughter Spanish steady to 2.00 lower. Stocker angora nannies 4.00-6.00 higher. All classes slaughter angora 2.00-4.00 lower. Supply included around 7 percent sheep including near 150 lambs.

AGRIBUSINESS

Hill Country CattleWomen

Hill Country CattleWomen September 16, 1997 meeting will be held at the Ranch home of Bill and Beth McNutt of Mountain Home.

An Executive meeting will be held at 9:30 with a Social hour starting at 10:00 with the meeting starting promptly at 10:30. Guest speaker will be Susan Combs, speaking about updates on Property Rights. Susan is a fourth generation rancher with a cow/calf operation in Brewster County. Susan graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in Law and was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1992. Susan has served on the Board of the Texas Beef Council, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers, Texas CattleWomen and Texas Agri-Women.

Please make reservations with your local Reservation Chairman listed in the Year Book on page 11 or to Beth McNutt at 915-446-2015, the cost of the luncheon will be \$8.00. Reservations are requested before September 12, 1997.

Membership renewal is due at the September meeting, \$40.00 covers local state and national dues. Dues will be delinquent if not paid as of October 1, 1997. Please consider renewing your membership and become even more active in an organization that is a Grass Roots and hands on activity.

Fun events coming up for CattleWomen will be The Wine and Food Fest held in Fredricksburg October 25, 1997 with a CattleWomen Booth. There is time to sign up and have fun serving beef and handing out award winning beef recipes.

Sales closing dates near for crop insurance

Ron Berryhill, Director of the Oklahoma City Regional Service Office, Risk Management Agency, announced today the sales closing date for crop insurance is September 30 for wheat. Last year in Texas, \$171.5 million in protection (liability) was provided to producers through more than 20,000 policies.

"The freeze of last April is a vivid reminder that eventually everybody will have to cope with crop losses or low prices," said Ron Berryhill. "Appropriate crop or revenue insurance protection will help you survive these hardships."

Sales closing dates are significant because signing up for insurance, changing the crop insured level of protection, and changing insurance providers, must be done prior to the announced date. Sales closing dates vary by crop and location.

Beginning with the 1998 crop year, crop insurance is available

exclusively through crop insurance agents. USDA will continue to subsidize all policies, establish policy terms and conditions, set rates, and guarantee funds for the payment of approved claims. Although a producer's policy will be randomly transferred to an insurance company, producers have the right to choose their own agent prior to the sales closing date for the insured crop.

To ensure that all producers are served, insurance companies are required to insure all eligible crops, and provide all levels of coverage in the states in which they operate.

A waiver of administrative fees for producers who qualify as limited resource farmers is available from all crop insurance companies. Private agents are willing and prepared to assist those qualifying producers with determining eligibility. A listing of agents may be found in all local Farm Service Agency offices.

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U.P.R.; 10,000', H&H Drilling Company #2H, Patterson Drilling.
New Sonat Exp/Midland; 10,000', Hallie Black 4-#1, Patterson Drilling.
Enron O&G/Midland; 9,600', Sealy Hutchins 9-#7, Patterson Drilling.
U.P.R.; 9,500', Union Pacific Montgomery #16H, Cougar Drilling.
Arco Permian/Midland; 8,200', Meadows Ranch 9-#2, Patterson Drilling.
New Primal Energy Corp; 8,200', Laura Hoover Estate 3B-#8, Patterson Drilling.
New U.P.R.; 7,800', Millsbaugh 38-#8, Patterson Drilling.
New U.P.R.; 7,500', Hoover 50-#7, Patterson Drilling.
New Cross Timbers/Midland; 7,100', Montgomery 2-#3, Patterson Drilling.
New Texaco E&P/Denver; 6,600', AR Kincaid B-#28, Nabors Drilling.
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New U.P.R.; 5,100', Phillip Arledge #4101 ??, Patterson Drilling.

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New Burlington Res/Mid; 6,650', Deberry A-#49, Patterson Drilling.
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Police Report

8/20 Assault, 511 Water Street, family violence occurred at the location, the case has been referred to the County Attorney.
8/21 Assault, 105 W. 3rd Street, two sibling were involved in an altercation, investigation pending.
8/22 Theft of Service, 903 NE Crockett, a red Toyota passenger car with Georgia plates pumped \$17.17 worth of gasoline and drove off without paying.
8/22 Public Intoxication, 715 St. Anns, a Sonora man was arrested after an officer was dispatched to the above location on a disturbance call. The subject was given a sobriety test and failed. The subject was transported to Sutton County Jail.
8/22 Public Intoxication/Disorderly Conduct, 407 S.E. Crockett, five

local men were arrested after an altercation at this establishment. This case has been transferred to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.
8/24 Assault, 308 Brookside Dr., a Sonora man was arrested after striking his wife. The subject was transported to Sutton County Jail. Police were able to obtain 9 witness statements.
8/24 Theft of Service, 1001 N. Crockett, clerk advised a black chevrolet pumped \$14.00 of fuel and drove off. Clerk told police the vehicle possibly took a westerly direction. Highway patrol located several miles West did not find the suspected vehicle.
From the Chief: We have five free child Safety Seats for needy individuals. Please contact the Police Department if you need one of these seats. I would also like to remind everyone that school is back in session. Please remember the School Zones, speed limits will be strictly enforced. We will also issue citations for impeding traffic and obstructing the roadway if you choose to park in the roadway when picking up children. Please be courteous of other parents that may be behind you to pick up their children.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1997 by 54.7 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on September 3, 1997 at 8:30 a.m. in District office.

FOR the proposal: Virgil Polocsek, Dean Dermody, Joe David Ross
AGAINST the proposal: Tracy Crites
PRESENT and not voting: none
ABSENT: Ralph Mayer

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the .01827 tax rate that the unit published on August 14, 1997. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$ 34,000	\$ 34,000
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 34,000	\$ 34,000
Tax rate	.01961/\$100	.02827/\$100
Tax	\$ 6.67	\$ 9.61

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would increase by \$2.94 or 44 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$.01 per \$100 of taxable value or 44 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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Scouting News

Boy scouts return from Philmont

Returning to Sonora on August 10th after leaving on July 28th, the eight Philmont campers may have looked a little worse for wear, but everyone agreed it was a great experience.

Boy Scout Troop 19 of Sonora sent four of its Life Scouts on this rugged hiking expedition in northern New Mexico.

Cody Ainsworth, Russell Dempsey, Ryan Hardgrave, and Alan Nicholas were accompanied by Gary Hardgrave, Troop 19 camping co-ordinator and Eagle Scout. Three other Eagle Scouts also made the trip: Will Allen, Joel Cox and Eddie Maskill.

The trip was a character-forming experience which tested the Scouts' perseverance and resourcefulness. At the same time, they were able to experience nature in a way few of us ever will.

Here are some observations taken from their group journal:

- Total miles hiked - 65 miles
- Most miles hiked in one day - 11.5 miles
- Days it rained - 8 out of 10
- Worst meal - on day 1, stew cooked by a ranger in 5 minutes
- There were 4 best meals including the one eaten off the ground after it spilled from the pot!
- Other best meals included



Sonora's Troop 19 at Philmont, New Mexico July 28-August 10. Pictured are front row (l-r): Ryan Hardgrave, Russell Dempsey, Alan Nicholas, Ranger, Will Allen, Eddie Maskill, and Cody Ainsworth. Back row: Joel Cox and Gary Hardgrave

spaghetti, day 5 at the chuckwagon -- real food, and at K-Bob's Steakhouse in Lamesa on the drive home.

Also recorded in the journal was the number of real showers

over the 10-day hike -- 2!

Add great views, tomahawk throwing, creative history lessons, a hailstorm

It was a memory-making ten days, a trip which met and surpassed

all expectations.

It was made possible by the support of the citizens and businesses of Sonora.

Troop 19 is thankful to be a part of this community.

Cub Scout Rally set for September 8

The Cub Scouts of Pack 19 will be conducting a Rally for new Cub Scouts on September 8 at the Middle School Snack Bar.

This organizational meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. for all boys in the first through the fifth grade.

Mark Richardson, District Executive for the Permian Basin District, will be conducting the meeting.

Every cub scout is invited to come with the Den Leaders and bring their friends to join. Every cub scout who recruits a new cub scout will receive a special issue baseball card from Jeff Blauser of the former World Series Champion Atlanta Braves. All boys who join Cub Scouts will also receive this limited edition card.

This rally is for all boys in the first through fifth grade. Boy Scout Leaders will also be available for the boys in the 6th through 12th grade. Parents are asked to come with their sons so that Scouters can tell you all about the program.

Doug Lunsford, Field Director of the Concho Valley Council said that there are camping and fishing opportunities, as well as sports and badges that Cubs can participate in this Fall. "One camping trip is the annual Cub/Dad at Camp Sol Mayer on September 20-21 or October 10-11. The theme is Clowning around. We'll have B-B guns, bows and arrows, and lots of games. There will be a huge campfire with skits, songs and stories. This weekend is for the Cub Scout and his Dad to come camp on the San Saba River and you don't even have to cook!"

If you have questions please

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Answers to questions regarding fall baseball and clinic

There will be fall baseball and a baseball clinic in Sonora for all kids who will be in Major or Minor League in the Spring.

The clinic is scheduled for Saturday, September 13 at 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for Majors and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for Minors.

Fallball is scheduled for Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning September 16 to October 8 or

15 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sign up at The Devil's River News by September 10 for Clinic and Fallball. The fee is \$15 for both.

Many questions have been asked regarding the Clinic and Fallball. These listed below may answer your question; if not, please call Clay Hicks at 387-3286.

Which league is for my child?
- the league that your child will play in this Spring.

- the clinic or fallball leagues

are the same.

- if you are unsure, sign them up in the most advanced league.

What about the clinic?
- based on the fundamentals, a great chance to learn from a coach that has been to the Little League World Series.

Does my child have to play fallball if he is in the clinic?
- no

Does my child have to be in the clinic if he is in fallball?
- no, but don't miss a great opportunity to learn from one of the best teachers in the business.

What about fallball?
- an instructional league, based on fundamentals.

- time - Tue and Wed 4 - 5:30

- date - Sep 16 to Oct 8 or 15

- drills on Tue and scrimmage on Wed in October.

- possible games with other towns.

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Barbara Earwood will be exhibiting her new series of paintings on "Australia-Down Under" at the Sutton County Public Library. Her new collection is painted from a group of slides and drawings taken while in Australia in 1985. Included among the exhibit is a portrait, and paintings of Koalas, Kangaroos, and the Black Swans. Also included in the exhibit are paintings of Angora Goats.

Sutton County EMS advances training

Submitted by Pat Campbell

Nine members of the Sutton Co. EMS recently completed advanced training as Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediates.

The program, sponsored by Columbia Medical Center of San Angelo, and Howard College-San Angelo campus included 75 hours of classroom instruction and 100 hours of clinical instruction.

The advanced training included intravenous fluid therapy, endotracheal intubation and other advanced airway techniques as well as other specialized pediatric and adult

advanced care procedures.

Keith L. Butler, EMT-P, Program Director for Columbia Medical Center, stated, "that the skills mastered by these students will allow them to better care for the citizens of Sutton Co."

"Sutton Co. EMS has long been a model volunteer organization in the Concho Valley and advanced training is just another example of the commitment to quality patient care demonstrated by this dedicated group of volunteers."

This latest training program brings the current Sutton Co. EMS membership to 6 EMT-Basics, 16

EMT-Intermediates and 1 EMT-Paramedic.

The nine Sutton Co. EMS members participating in the EMT-I program included: Glenna Hulsey, Carla Garner, Echi Samaniego, Monica McGee, Tonya Brown, Donna Keese, George Keese, Tim Thorp and Mary Beth Turney.

In addition to the nine Sutton Co. students, the program included 3 Crockett Co. EMS, 2 Reagan Co. EMS, 1 Schleicher Co. EMS members and 2 San Angelo emergency department technicians.

To continue their training commitment, the Sutton Co. EMS is

sponsoring a EMT-Basic program beginning September 4, 1997.

For more information on this program, please contact the EMS office at 387-5132.

The organization has applied for grant funding for a paramedic program to be held in the Spring of 1998.

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HAPPY Birthday!

August 28th
Diana Anderson
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Homer Jolley
29th
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Miranda E. Constancio
Patty Fuentes
Leandra Perez
Candie Sessom
Keeli Taylor
30th
Frank McGee
Stacey Lea Sanchez
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Rhapsody Swyter

Hunter Townley
September 1st
Ramon Capuchina
Emmanuel Lopez
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Miles Sentena
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Elaine Thurmond
3rd
Lisa Creek
Dustin Dillard
Antonio Loroles
Guy Parker
Chapo Samaniego

If you would like your birthday published in the birthday list, please call the DFN at 387-2507.

Sutton county EMS runs for July

07-01-97	Accident	Castlehill Rd. to Hudspeth ER
07-03-97	Accident	Hwy 55 16.5 miles to Kerbow Funeral Home
07-05-97	Accident	West Main Street to Hudspeth ER
07-05-97	Accident	Tom Green Street to Hudspeth ER
07-09-97	Accident	Sutton County Park to Hudspeth ER
07-09-97	Accident	Hwy 189 10 miles to Hudspeth ER
07-09-97	Accident	Hudspeth ER to Shannon Medical Center
07-11-97	Illness	Hudspeth ER to Shannon St. Johns Campus
07-11-97	Illness	Hudspeth ER to Shannon Medical Center
07-13-97	Accident	IH-10 423 MM to Hudspeth ER
07-13-97	Illness	Hudspeth ER to Columbia Med Center
07-14-97	Illness	Hudspeth ER to Shannon Medical Center
07-14-97	Illness	Deerwood Drive to Hudspeth ER
07-14-97	Illness	Hudspeth ER to Columbia Med Center
07-15-97	Illness	Murphy Street to Hudspeth ER
07-15-97	Illness	Hudspeth ER to Columbia
07-15-97	Accident	Hwy 290 East 8 miles to Hudspeth ER
07-17-97	Accident	Dos Street to Hudspeth ER
07-17-97	Illness	St. Anns St to Hudspeth ER
07-18-97	Accident	IH-10 434 MM to Hudspeth ER Unit #100 3 patients
07-18-97	Accident	IH-10 434 MM to Hudspeth ER Unit #101 1 patient
07-19-97	Accident	IH-10 380 MM to Crockett Co. Care Center
07-19-97	Illness	Hudspeth ER to Columbia
07-20-97	Illness	Sinoloa Second to Hudspeth ER
07-20-97	Illness	Hudspeth ER to Shannon Med Center
07-21-97	Illness	Hudspeth ER to Columbia ER
07-22-97	Illness	Ben Juarez to Columbia Hospital
07-22-97	Accident	Concho Street to Hudspeth ER
07-27-97	Illness	Hudspeth ER to Shannon Med Center
07-28-97	Accident	Sonora Drive to Hudspeth ER

Sonora pre-teen to vie for National Pre-Teen Princess

Miss Georgina Caldwell, 12 year old daughter of Samuel and Cynthia Caldwell, and a student at Eldorado Middle School, will represent Texas in the National Pre-Teen Princess Program in Orlando, on November 29.

She and others representing the United States, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, will vie for the title National Pre-Teen Princess on the basis of academics/achievements,



Georgina Caldwell

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Most of my pain is from sports-related injuries. Are there chiropractors who specialize in these problems?

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My chiropractor is using acupuncture on my leg muscle pain and it is working. Are there side effects I might experience?

Side effects associated with acupuncture are very few and rarely of significant concern. Some people experience increased sensitivity around the needle insertion site but these are usually short in duration. Patients re-

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port feeling more mentally alert or more restful immediately after acupuncture treatment. Occasionally, a little bleeding will show after the treatment.

Pregnancy is aggravating an old lumbar injury and I'm wondering if it is safe to have a spinal adjustment in the eighth month of pregnancy?

Spinal adjustments are safe throughout your pregnancy unless otherwise indicated. The adjustment technique will have to altered to take into consideration the altered center of gravity, size of the abdomen, type

and severity of the problem being treated and the comfort of the mother in various positions. Your chiropractor will carefully examine the problem, review previous reports and x-rays, obtain new x-rays only if warranted, and then use a technique that will work for you.

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"The most effective way to conquer these pests is to work together with your neighbors and take a grassroots approach to the problem," says Dr. Genaro López, professor of biology and entomology, University of Texas at Brownsville. "Neighborhood 'watch' programs have often been organized to promote community togetherness, clean up litter in neighborhoods, and fight crime. It's also the best way to rid your home, backyard, and neighborhood of fire ants."

The trickiest part of battling fire ants is knowing how to eliminate the queen, who is the key to reproducing the colony. Some mounds may even have up to 20 queens, which makes the job even harder.

New this season is Raid® Fire Ant Killer, the only granular bait available directly to consumers that contains the key ingredient abamectin, which has been used by commercial fire exterminators for several years. The workers mistake the oil-based granules for food and bring them back to their queen.



Fighting Fire Ants With Teamwork

Once eaten, the queen will become infertile, and may die within a few days — depending on how much product she consumes. The worker ants then begin to die off and the mound is destroyed. This is the only granular bait that has this dual action formula, which ensures long lasting fire ant control.

"With the prospect of so many yards having a relative concentration of fire ant colonies, it is almost futile to treat one yard unless neighborhoods and communities act

together," cautions López. He adds, "It may sound utopian, but if people team up and work together, I really believe we can take our yards and parks back from fire ants."

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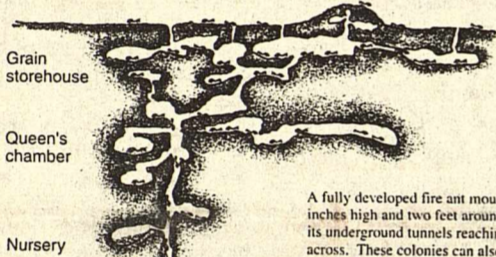
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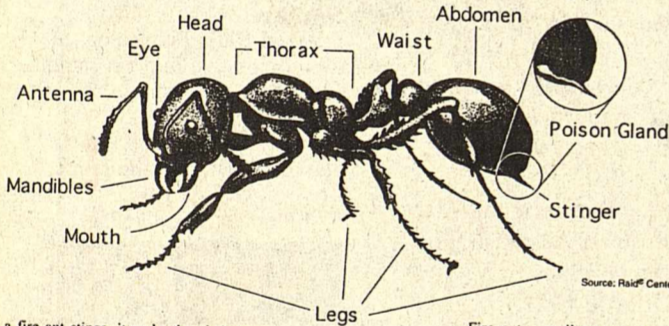


Without the workers bringing the toxic granules down to their queen, it would be very difficult to reach the queen's chamber.

A fully developed fire ant mound can grow up to 18 inches high and two feet around, six feet down with its underground tunnels reaching several more feet across. These colonies can also contain between 200,000 and 300,000 fire ants. A multiple queen colony can have as many as 20 queens, thus making their spread harder to control.

The Dreaded Red Imported Fire Ant

It can be difficult to distinguish a fire ant from a harmless ant... until one stings you.



When a fire ant stings, it grabs the victim's skin with its mandibles, arches its abdomen inwards so the stinger is next to its mouth, and then inserts the stinger. Once this occurs, venom is released which causes a burning sensation. Within 24 hours, an itchy pustule forms that can get infected if broken.

Fire ants usually swarm together on their victim. As soon as one ant stings, a pheromone (communication chemical) is released that signals all the other nearby ants to sting at the same time, with each ant stinging more than once. This makes the area where they sting feel like it's on fire. Hence the name fire ant.

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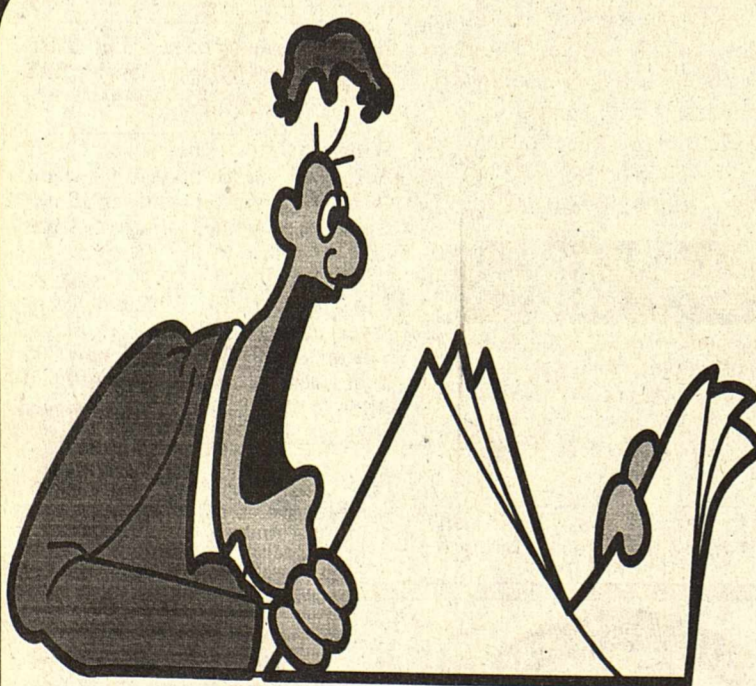
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