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Local man abducted

Yellow ribbons and balloons adorned much of the community this past Friday to mark the return of Luther Chalk.

Chalk's safe return marked the end of an intensive hunt which was instituted by the Sheriff's office about 12:15 am on Thursday, February 26.

Jimmy Powers had filed the missing persons report on Chalk at approximately 10:30 pm on February 25.

The search, aided by many local persons in both four-wheel drive vehicles and by air, centered around the Powers and Mayfield ranches where Chalk was working at the time of his disappearance.

Chalk told investigators that at the time of his abduction he was out at what is referred to as the "Little Ranch", located eight or nine miles out Miers Road.

In checking the hunters cabin at this location, Chalk found three males and one female, supposedly illegal aliens. Chalk said he asked them to leave the premises which they did but they circled the area and came back to the house.

Chalk then told them to get into his pickup and he would take

them to the highway.

At this point, the older of the three men and spokesman for the group, pulled a rifle on Chalk and told him to get out of the pickup. One of the other assailants also produced a rifle from a trash bag which supposedly contained the belongings of the group.

At approximately 5 pm, on February 25, Chalk was placed in his pickup, still at gunpoint, and the entire group drove off of the ranch to the Fort McKavett exit to IH-10. With the spokesman of the group driving, the vehicle proceeded on to San Antonio, through Austin and on to Dallas.

Just outside Dallas, Chalk was blindfolded and the driver drove around for awhile before stopping at a location where Chalk was locked in a storage type building, along with an armed guard, and left till the following morning.

Chalk was then moved to different locations several times during the day before being taken to an apartment where the group met with other people.

Chalk was kept at the apartment through the remainder of the day until one of the men said that he needed to go to Fort Worth. Chalk

was then placed in his pickup. Followed by a small car, Chalk's pickup was driven out between Dallas and Fort Worth where the abductors got out of the pickup and into the small car.

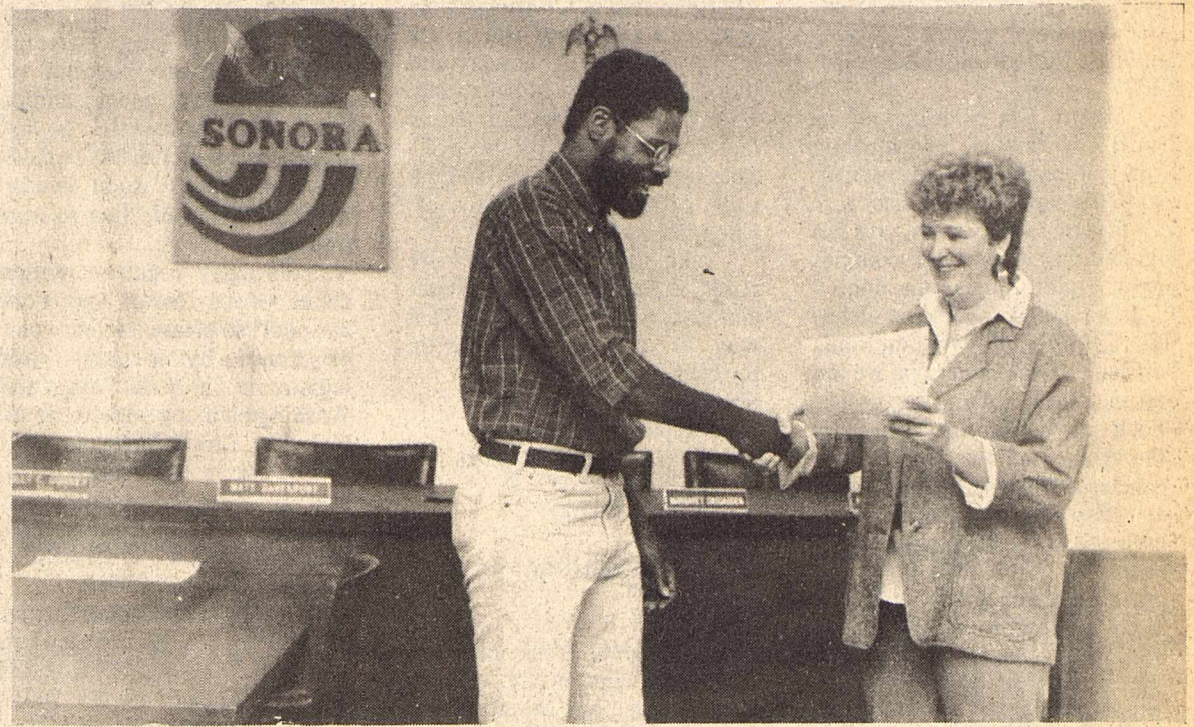
The assailants left seven dollars and the keys to the pickup in the seat before driving away.

Chalk then drove to a service station on IH-20 around Weatherford where about 6 pm that evening he called his family to say that he was safe and to report his whereabouts.

Chalk reported that the oldest member of the group was 26 to 27 years of age, the youngest probably 14 to 15. The female was approximately 20 to 22 years old. Spanish was the only language spoken throughout the course of his time in captivity.

The matter is still under investigation by the Sutton County Sheriff's office and Sheriff Bill Webster seems certain that the group will be apprehended.

Sheriff Webster also wishes to advise everyone to be more cautious when approached by aliens as "they are more aggressive than they have been in years past."



Council woman Margaret Cascadden presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Max Danger on behalf of the City of Sonora in a special ceremony last Tuesday at City Hall.

Danger and Marcus Wayne of KVRN/KHOS were honored for their fund raising efforts for the Nash Arrendondo family. The Radio-a-Thon hosted by the pair raised approximately \$10,000 for the Arrendondo family.

ASCS office to remain

The Sonora Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service office, among some twenty county ASCS offices in Texas threatened with closure, will stay open according to an announcement made last week by U.S. Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Texas, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

When word of the closure was released earlier last week, residents of Sutton County called their representatives and legislators expressing concern about the closure. Judging from de la Garza's announcement, the calls accomplished their purpose.

To understand the need for the office in Sutton County, it may help to understand the function of the ASCS office.

The responsibilities of the ASCS office read as such: Commodity production adjustment and support programs; conservation assistance through cost-sharing with producers; natural disaster assistance to producers through payments and cost-sharing; certain national emergency preparedness activities.

ASCS is administered by the Under Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs, who also heads the Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) and the Office of International Cooperation and Development (OICD).

ASCS is directed by an administrator from national offices in Washington, D.C. and through fifty State and about 2,700 county ASCS offices.

The State and county offices are responsible also to State and county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committees.

ASCS provides operating personnel and information services to the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), a government entity that finances the USDA commodity program.

The local ASCS office is a sub-office of Crockett County. County Executive Director Charles Shannon oversees both offices.

One of the functions performed in the ASCS office is the handling of the Wool and Mohair

Incentives to local producers.

Contrary to some beliefs, the Wool and Mohair Incentives are not paid for out of Federal funds but rather from tariff on imports of wool and woolen products.

The Incentive program is one of the few where the government does not pay a producer to not produce a product but as the name implies, encourages a producer to improve the quality of his product. The higher the grade and selling price of the wool, mohair and sale price of unshorn lambs, the higher the incentive payment made to the producer.

As a matter of interest, there are 96 wool producers and 150 mohair producers in this area, placing in excess of four million dollars annually into the economy of Sutton County. While the services of the ASCS would have still been available to them even if the local office had been closed, they would have not been as conveniently located.

Those working so hard to keep the ASCS office in Sonora open are to be commended for their efforts.

Briefly

Who's filed . . .

School Board

Precinct 1 - Joe Garcia
Precinct 3 - Gary Hardgrave
Gil Trainer

Hospital District

Precinct 1 - V.L. Chavez
Bruce Kerbow
Precinct 2 - Smith Neal
At Large - Ruth Shurley
Alvis Johnson
Tryon Fields

Filing for City Council has closed and candidates have drawn for places on the ballot.

Bridge Benefit

The Hospital Auxiliary will host a Bridge Benefit for Hudspeh Memorial Hospital on Friday, March 6 at the First National Bank Annex.

Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm and play will begin at 7.

The games will be over at approximately 10 pm when prizes will be awarded to winners.

If you would like to play, please bring a partner, man or woman, or contact Sammie Espy at 387-2228 and she will find you a partner.

We need to know how many tables to expect so if you plan to come please call by Thursday, March 5.

Find your phone number

The Devil's River News, each week, will "hide" three phone numbers within the pages of the paper. These phone numbers will be "hidden" in plain view in either stories or ads so you'll have to read the paper carefully.

The phone number will look like this:
387-2507

If you find your phone number and are the first to call after 10 am Friday morning, and before 5 pm on Monday, you win. (Only one winner per week.)

The phone numbers listed last week were:
Jay Dukes 387-5755
Terry Marrs 387-5316
Julio Samaniego 387-5635

The winner of KC for two from the Sutton County Steakhouse was Julio Samaniego compliments of the Devil's River News.

This weeks winner will receive a gift from Western Drug.

Youth to sell cookbook

Pre-sale of cookbooks will start this week by the First Baptist Church Youth Cookbook.

The books will sell for \$6 each with delivery expected in about eight weeks.

S.S. Representative

Edwin Draugon, 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 19 between 9 am and 10:30 am.

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.

Chamber Luau

Tickets for the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet will go on sale March 6, 1987. The theme of this years banquet will be Hawaiian Luau with dress to be in the theme or casual.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and may be purchased at the Chamber office, 706 SW Crockett, or from any of the following directors: Mike Smith, Alvis Johnson, Jeanne Jackson, Diana Trainer, Virginia Jones, Bruce Kerbow, Earl

Johnson, Jo Ann Jones, Smith Neal or Jim Stephen.

All tickets will be by advance sale. This year's speaker will be noted humorist, George McKinney.

The First Baptist Church Choir will also present "The Grasshopper Opera" for your entertainment. The presentation of awards and the announcement of new directors will also highlight the evening.

Please purchase your tickets early as only a limited number will be available. The banquet will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 7 pm at the 4-H Center.

Dance Club to meet

The Halloween Dance Club will be holding a meeting on March 10, 7:30 pm at 405 E. 2nd.

The purpose of the meeting is to plan their Spring Dance which is to be held on April 11.

Club President Wade Fitzgerald urges all members to attend this very important meeting.

Meeting open to public

The 4-H Club will be holding their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 9 at 7pm at the 4-H Barn.

The meeting is open however to all interested parents and youth of the community and there will be a special meeting involving issues critical to youth. An excellent group of speakers is expected to be on hand.

Historical Society

The Sutton County Historical Society will meet on Sunday, march 8 at 2pm in the First National Bank Annex Meeting Room. This is an important meeting. Things are happening in Sonora which will have a direct affect on the Historical Society and the future of the Musuem Complex. Please plan to attend.

Items on the agenda will include voting on the Revised By-Laws which will allow the Society to apply for Tax Exempt status. Also, there will be a discussion of plans for the Sutton County Centennial celebration in 1990.

All members of the community are urged to attend the meeting and become involved in Sutton County's history.

Al-Anon meetings

Al-Anon meets in Sonora on Thursday nights and in Eldorado on Tuesday nights. For more information on the organization or on the meetings, call 387-5775.

UMYF Bake Sale

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship will hold a bake sale on Saturday, March 7 at 9am in front of the First United Methodist Church, across the street from the Post Office.

The youth are raising money to go on a ski trip later this month. Come buy your goodies from us.

Ecumenical Mens Breakfast

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a weekly men's breakfast which will start on Wednesday, March 11 at 6am at First United Methodist Church. The cost will be \$1.50. All men of the community are invited. The breakfast will be over by 7 so men may get to work on time.

The location of the breakfast will change each month. The host church will be responsible for the meal and the devotional, which will be led by a layman. (We will let the pastors help with the cooking, and possibly with the dishwashing.)

We hope you will join us for this exciting ecumenical venture. For the first meeting, we would appreciate it if you could let us know if you are coming so we will have some idea of how many to prepare for. Please notify your pastor, or call 387-2466 between 9 and 12 noon Monday through Friday.

Hands across Sonora

by Charlotte Gilmore

In recent years there have been several movements or groups which have capitalized on the theme of hands reaching out and touching someone with the message being that it is a good thing to do; a healing act, an act of mercy, an act of love. We all remember the "Hand Across America" project to combat hunger in America. The telephone company has successfully used the idea "reach out and touch someone". You may have seen hospitals or nursing homes with logos depicting hands and the message "We Care". Using hands to touch one another is important, using hands to help one another is important. Now is the time when we all as citizens of this great city need to join together, put all our hands on the plow and work together as never before to make our city strong and to keep it that way.

For many months the Merchant's Association of Sonora has been actively involved in

promoting business in Sonora. Why? Well, of course, it is because the merchants want our business. Is that a selfish motive? No, it is a stay alive motive, but not selfish. Can you imagine what Sonora would be like if our businesses all closed,

how dead this town would be, how many people would be out of work, how much more it would cost us all to live if we had to go to San Angelo for all our needs. Every dollar spent in Sonora helps us all because it is
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Pool honored

Lenora Pool, Director of the local EMS was honored recently with a certificate recognizing her accomplishment in completion of the courses which comprise the Professional Development Series in Emergency Management.

In a letter written to Robert Lansford, Chief of Division of Disaster Emergency Services in Austin from Robert Patterson, Deputy Superintendent of the Federal Management Agency in Emmitsburg, Maryland, Patterson says "Mrs. Pool's accomplishment in completing these courses is a notable achievement, signifying her commitment to increased professionalism in the emergency

field." The letter goes on to state "It is the leadership of these individuals who can see beyond the mundane obstacles of the turf problems and financial restrictions that is building, across this country, emergency management systems ready and capable to deal with the multitude of identified hazards."

Lenora is among the first few in Texas to achieve this degree of professional training which qualifies her for special certification by the Emergency Management Institute.

The Certificate of Completion was presented to Lenora by Mayor Gosney prior to the regular City Council Meeting in February.

March 8 Smoke Detector Sunday

March 8 has been designated as Smoke Detector Sunday and groups of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will be in each church throughout the community selling Smoke Detectors after the Sunday morning services. The Scouts will be assisted by members of the Sonora Fire Department.

The Smoke Detector campaign has been instituted by the Sonora Fire Department in an effort to assure the safety of each resident of Sutton County.

The Smoke Detectors will sell for \$6.75 and while this is a non-profit endeavor by the Fire Department, for each unit sold by one of the Scouts, the Fire Department will pay \$1.05 to the Scout organization.

It is the hope of members of the Fire Department to place a Smoke Detector in every home in the county and they may be purchased from the Fire Department or from the Scouts.

According to spokesman for

the group, Louis Olenick, the Fire Department will also assist in the installation of the Smoke Detectors when conditions warrant. If you feel you need assistance in installation, please call the Fire Department or any member of the organization.

For the protection of your loved ones and your property, the Smoke Detector is a very wise investment.

Please fill out the survey on page 2 and return.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

On behalf of El Camino Girl Scout Council, I would like to express appreciation to the City of Sonora and to the Devil's River News for the warm reception we received for the Girl Scout Annual Council Meeting held in Sonora on January 31, 1987.

Sonora can be proud of its local Girl Scouts. The meeting was well organized and smoothly run. The meeting critiques were all favorable to Sonora, and has ignited interest in other counties to host future council meetings.

In a council as wide-spread as El Camino, it is sometimes difficult to remember that we are all members of the same group. Each city tends to fragment from the group and see only its own concerns. A council meeting such as Sonora hosted, with enthusiasm and graciousness, makes us all realize there are other elements to our council. Such a meeting allows us to become acquainted with fellow Girl Scouts, see their cities, and exchange ideas.

THANK YOU, Sonora, and Sonora Girl Scouts for a rewarding, FUN council meeting. Our special thanks to Nelda Mayfield, coordinator of the event; and to the Devil's River News for their generous news coverage, both before and after the meeting.

Very truly yours,
Patricia I. Miller
President

Dear Editor:

I see they are at it again! Someone came by the parsonage with a petition to send to the Federal Communications Commission about a petition by Madalyn Murray O'Hair to stop all religious broadcasting on radio and TV. **DO NOT** waste your money or energy in sending it in.

The whole campaign on this petition is a fraud that has been in circulation since 1974, when two men from Los Gatos,

California, asked the FCC to rule on the fairness of existing radio programs. It was rejected unanimously by the FCC in August, 1985. But the rumor to stop "O'Hair's" petition keeps popping up despite many, many efforts to stop it. Christians have wasted millions of dollars in trying to stop a nonexistent threat to Christian broadcasting. Back in 1977, 7.5 million letters had been received by the FCC. That wastes your money, and the time of the FCC secretaries, whose salary you also pay.

Take the money you were going to use sending that letter and give it to your church. That way it can do something positive.

Sincerely,
Kent Kepler, Pastor
First United Methodist Church

Letter to the Editor:

Is this happening in your community?

Due to recent circumstances in our rural community, Archer City, Texas, our attention has been drawn to the questionable sanctions imposed upon the doctors of rural areas, in particular, by the Texas Medical Foundation's Peer Review Organization. The criteria set down by this organization is so stringent that no physician could possibly be in compliance with all aspects included.

These sanctions in many cases will result in the closing of many rural hospitals, leaving a large percentage of our population without immediate medical care.

I am interested in finding out how many other communities share our same problems.

Only by cooperation of all Texans and their legislators can something be done to rectify this situation. Many of the legislators are aware of the problem and are investigating the workings of the Federally Funded Texas Medical Foundation.

Due to the stigma this imposes upon the physician the public is

not always aware of the situation until it is too late.

We're fighting for our doctor, R.D. Schlomach, M.D. and our hospital, Archer County Hospital. I hope you will be equally as concerned because this could also be pertinent to you, your physician, and your hospital (s).

The number of hospitals closed January 1, 1986 through December 31, 1986 is 25. A large number of Texas doctors have been sanctioned and many more are waiting official sanctions. If the hospital or hospitals in your county and/or town are presently being threatened, or any of the doctors are being investigated and/or sanctioned I would like to hear from you.

This letter could be written about "Your Doctor and Your Hospital" so please let your voice be heard by writing your legislators in both Texas and Washington along with letters to: U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, Attn.: Wanda Garcia, 961 Federal Bldg., 300 E. 8th St., Austin, Tx. 78701 or U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, Room 179 Russell Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510.

Sincerely A Concerned Citizen,
Mary Lee Hawkins
P.O. Box 335
Archer City, Tx. 76351

Editors note: This letter came to the Sonora Police Department but needs to be shared. Both are to be commended-Mike for helping a stranded visitor and the visitor for replying with a check and a thank you.

Dear Officer House,

Thanks so much for your help Sunday evening February 22, 1987. The motel room gave me a good nights sleep. I caught the weather early Monday morning and took off around 8:30 a.m. All the people I come into contact with, in Sonora, were sure helpful. Hope this check covers the motel.

That was the first time I've stopped in Sonora. Hope it will not be my last, the city sure gave me a good impression.

The pilot who forgot the wallet.
Jim Keal

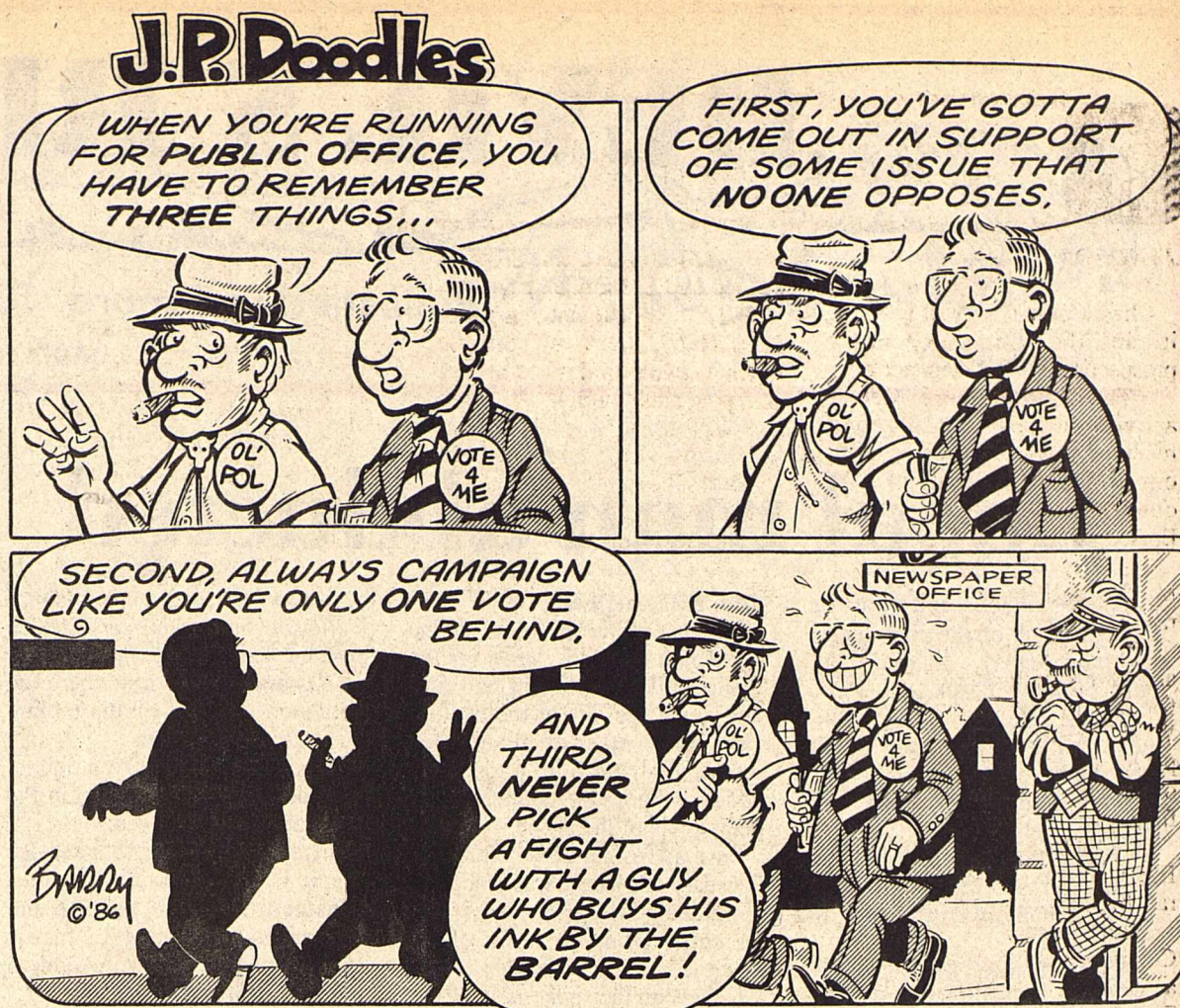
Hands

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spent many times-touched by many hands. Every dollar spent outside Sonora makes our town that much poorer, because once it leaves it never comes back. The merchant's need us and we need them. We need to join hands and help each other-to make the businesses strong, yes! to make our hometown strong, indeed! to make us individually strong and proud, you bet!!

Remember the fun we all had downtown at Christmas-the parade, the Christmas tree with Santa and candy and refreshments, the drawings for prizes? Remember the Sweatheart of Sonora contest and the "I Love Sonora" ribbons?-all of these activities were planned to help you the citizens and the storekeepers and business people in Sonora join hands in working for our common good. The Merchant's Association is going to continue to plan fun activities for Sonora. It would be great if everyone would join in the fun together.

And speaking of fun, the next big event being planned is a PARADE!!! On Saturday, March 14th (just a few days before St. Patrick's Day) a parade is being held-just for fun. It's an ANY THING THAT ROLLS PARADE"-you can enter the parade by filing out the entry form in the paper or pick one up at the Devil's River News or at one of the school offices. The parade will begin lining up at 10:00 a.m. on the Methodist Church Parking lot where the



Foresight

by T. Driskell

Since the beginning of human literacy, men in their forties, fifties and sixties have written that teenagers are degenerating. You can find these writings from 280 b.c. to, and including, yesterday. The modern flow of available data gives a basis for serious questions regarding this eternal hypothesis' validity.

It now appears that the American teenagers will survive under the new morality (Aids) if, and only if, we can develop enough foresight in our mature group to preserve an economic environment for them to survive in. The indications are hardly conducive to optimism. It might be well to take some of the examples apart.

It has been said we cannot afford a tariff on imported oil and it is pointed out that a \$28 per barrel oil price would cost us 100 billion dollars, a perhaps accurate figure. The figure is in the framework of foresight that

almost reaches the end of our nose and ignoring the contemporary environment.

We need to regain our independence on external supply sources, and failing in that, stabilize their internal effect on us. This makes even such tariff calculations an indication of suicidal short-sightedness. A tariff would not induce stability and certainly ultimately would lead to something like the farm program-subsidized internal oil industry; clubfooted at best.

The accomplishments we require can best be achieved by a variable surtax, applied to the imported oil at the point it is metered off the tankers at the point it enters the U.S. by trucks or by pipeline. This surtax could be adjusted daily, based on quote oil prices, to keep the price of our internally produced crude at \$20 to \$22 per barrel. This would allow a constant price which our oil industry planners could depend

on and eliminate the "boom then bust" cycle that has plagued the industry. We need a healthy domestic industry to minimize the catastrophic impact of arab instability.

The source of the oil should control the disposition of the surtax. If it comes from a country indebted, the tax should go toward synthetic fuel production. An embryonic synthetic fuel system is needed, if only as a potential threat against \$40 per barrel.

Political (so called free trade) policy and cheap gasoline have, in effect, made a corpse out of our domestic oil industry. Thus passed our only buffer against the impact of "to much" per barrel. The Iran-Iraq war is every significant to us. Loss of the Persian Gulf oil might raise the world price severely-watch the battle for Basra. Watch also Congressional debate on the oil tariff-it will separate the tomorrow and end-of-the-nose foresighters.

Notes from the Chamber

by Dede Doran

We are happy to welcome two new members to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Finklea Brothers Ranches and Pascal Allison joined last week. We appreciate your continued support in Sonora and your interest in our future.

I am so grateful and happy that Luther Chalk has returned home safely. I know everyone was worried about you, Luther, and you can rest assured that we are all glad to have you home safe and sound!!

If you didn't notice the Chamber of Commerce Awards Ballot in last week's paper, please look for it this week. We have several awards to give at this year's banquet and we want YOU, the public, to help us pick our recipient! Please fill out the ballot and mail it to me (Box 1172) or bring it by my office at 706 SW Crockett. We want these awards to be special and we feel that only you can help us by nominating your choices. Then, be sure to come to the Banquet on March 31 and see who won! The deadline for ballots being in my office is March 13, so hurry and get them to me!

I'll remind you again that you can buy your banquet tickets from any Chamber of Commerce director or from my office. They will be sold in advance ONLY and not at the door, so be sure to get yours before March 27. This is the only way to do it so that we can insure you will have a delicious meal and lots of fun!

The day today (Monday) is so beautiful that it leaves no doubt in my mind that Spring is on the

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Community Survey

This survey is being conducted by the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department in an effort to save lives and property. Please take a moment to fill this out and mail it to the Fire Department or call one of the numbers below.

Do you presently have a Smoke Detector in your home?
Yes _____ No _____
If yes, is it battery or electric? (Please circle one)
If you do not have a Smoke Detector, in the interest of safety, would you be interested in purchasing one?
If you answer yes please fill out the following:

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____

Mail the completed form to Fire Department, Box 801, Sonora, Texas 76950 or call one of the following: Sharon Jardee, 387-5345; Sandy Bebee, 387-5617; Teaff Oil, 387-2770 or Doyle Morgan, 387-2296.

St. Patrick's Day Anything That Rolls Parade

Entry Form

Parade Date: March 14, 1987
Line Up Time: 10:00
Starting Place: Methodist Church
Parking Lot

Name _____ Address _____
Age _____ Phone _____ Parent's Name _____
Which category are you in? (circle one)
Pre-school Pre-Teen Teen Adult
What will your entry be? (bicycle, wagon, etc.) _____
Which one fits your entry? (circle)
People-powered Animal-powered
Motor-powered

Rules: Each entrant must line up in his age category and stay in that group during the parade. Judging will be done on the best St. Patrick's Day decoration and on performance during the parade. Each entrant must sign the release.

Release forms may be picked up at the Devil's River News Office.

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Out of the Past

JANUARY 12, 1905

Chas. Cooper, of Valley Mills, is in the Sonora country prospecting for land and stock.

The Rev. Richard Mercer arrived in town Friday and received a warm welcome from our citizens in general. He conducted services at the Episcopal church on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGonagill were in from the ranch Thursday visiting.

Prof. J.S. and Mrs. Morgan and family will leave on Monday for Temple and thence to the World's Fair. Before leaving the professor entered a subscription of \$25 to the school equipment fund.

Sam Stokes and daughter, Mrs. Harry Sharp, were in from the ranch Friday evening.

Bert Turney of Rockwood, Coleman county, is in Sonora on a visit to his brother, Frank Turney.

Fred Millard was in from the ranch Wednesday on business and paid the Devil his dues.

At the last regular meeting of the Dea Ora Lodge 715, A.F. & A.M. the following were elected for the ensuing Masonic Year: J.J. North, W.M.; R.H. Martin, S.D.; L.J. Wardlaw, J.D.; J. Lewenthal, Secty.; C.D. Smith, Treas.; R.E. Glasscock, Tiler.

J.Q. Sharp has moved to the Sam Stokes residence in East Sonora this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B.M. Halbert and children were in Sonora Tuesday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D.F. Patterson at the Decker Hotel.

Walter Wyatt was in from the F.M. Wyatt ranch in Edwards county Friday for supplies. He reports everything fine down there.

John McKee and John Woolford were in from the ranch Tuesday trading. John says everything is doing well down his way.

The board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District are: Dr. A.L. Taylor, pres., W.A. Anderson, Sec., W.L. Aldwell, S.G. Tayloe and E.F. VanderStucken. The faculty

is composed of five able teachers headed by J.S. Morgan, principal.

W.T.O. Holman and daughter, Miss Ruby, were in from the ranch a couple of days this week shopping and visiting.

W.J. Pittman who is building the Lott Railroad in the Brownsville country, was in Sonora this week enroute to San Angelo and Temple.

Coleman Whitfield, after several starts left for New Mexico via San Angelo Tuesday. At San Angelo he will be joined by Teelie Mills and proceed to the Roswell country and buy mutton. A.W. Mills is now in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Savell and children, and Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Miers and children arrived home Tuesday from a fishing trip to Devil's River below Bakers. Theo. says they would have had a better time only for the rain.

C.F. Adams bought mutton goats from the following parties last week: Brown & Ross, 750 at \$2.50; J.J. Ford, 250 at \$2.40; R.F. Halbert, 650 at \$2.35. The goats are to be delivered at Del Rio, by June 15.

Paul Kirkland, formerly a merchant of Roosevelt, was in Sonora Wednesday on his way to the Mayfield ranch. Paul intends building a store and residence at Pot Hole City right away, and as soon as they get the mail line down there he will apply for postmaster.

Frank Gibbons, aged about 50 years, died suddenly Sunday night June 5, 1904, at the James R. Hamilton, sheep camp, on Carta Valley, 40 miles from Del Rio.

Frank Gibbons was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Gibbons, formerly of Sonora and Bandera, Texas. He had been in the employment of Mr. Hamilton for the past ten years and was well known to the ranchmen of West Texas. He leaves a widow and five children at San Angelo to mourn his loss. Deceased was a brother to Mrs. W.J. Fields of Sonora. The News extends its sympathy to the family and relatives in their sorrow.

Texas Tech News

More than 2,050 Texas Tech University students qualified for the academic honor lists at the end of the 1986 fall semester.

Students on the President's Honor List earned a perfect 4.0 (A) grade-point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork. Students finishing 12 or more hours with

a grade-point average of 3.5-3.9 qualified for the Dean's Honor List.

Students making the honor rolls included the following from Sonora: Ronnie A. Pollard, 201 Murphay, and Preeti N. Patel, 907 N. Crockett Ave., both on the Dean's List.

ASU News

Four Sonora students at Angelo State University were among 230 students to receive degrees during Fall Commencement at the University.

Jacquelyn Jean Johnson received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree with a major in Finance, Julie Lyn

Martin received a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in Art, Bonnie Lou Mayer received a Bachelor of Science Degree with a Major in Animal Science, and Jessica Janice Robledo received a Bachelor of Science Degree with a Major in Health & Physical Ed.

Arbor Day Foundation to give away trees

The National Arbor Day Foundation is giving ten free shade trees to people who join the nonprofit Foundation during March, 1987.

A Sugar Maple, Weeping Willow, Red Oak, Green Ash, Thornless Honeylocust, Pine Oak, Sycamore, Tuliptree, European Mountainash, and Red Maple tree will be given as part of the Foundation's campaign to encourage tree planting.

These trees were selected because they provide flowers, berries and nuts, in addition to shade and beauty, according to John Rosenow, the Foundation's executive director.

The Foundation will give the ten free trees to members contributing \$10 during March. The six-to-twelve inch trees will be shipped this spring between March 1 and May 31 when conditions are right for planting. They will be sent with enclosed planting instructions, and are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free by the Foundation.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, a \$10 membership contribution should be sent to Ten Shade Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, postmarked by March 31, 1987.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. James Cardwell of Austin are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Margaret Ann, born February 10, 1987 in Austin. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz.

Maternal Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Finklea of Sonora.

Paternal Grandparents are Mrs. Margaret Ann Cardwell of Austin and Walter Cardwell of Hunt, Tx.

Maternal Great Grandparents are Mrs. Willie Miers, and Mrs. Andrew Moore of Sonora.

A life saving class

The Concho Valley Council of Governments is sponsoring training classes which will lead to certification as an Emergency Care Attendant. The class will consist of 40 hours classroom and practical training. The course provides basic medical training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), shocking, airway maintenance, bleeding and shock, emergency childbirth, poisoning, and various other subjects. The students are given a skills test and a state written test. If successfully completed, the students will be licensed by the Texas Department of Health as an Emergency Care Attendant. (ECA).

Classes will begin March 24 thru May 5. They will be held on

Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Emergency Service Building, 211 East 3rd.

The cost for taking the course is \$40.00 if volunteering for an area EMS organization, and \$75.00 for the general public. This cost includes books, Concho Valley Council of Government registration fee, and Texas Health Department fee.

If you have any questions or wish to register for this class call the Sutton County Emergency Service Building, 387-5132, or Lenora Pool, 387-5318 after 5:00 p.m.

If you've never considered taking this class...try it for yourself...you might save a life!!

Treasury has millions

The Texas Treasury has about \$80 million in unclaimed money, safe deposit boxes, oil royalties and stocks and bonds that it wants to return to about 100,000 Texans.

"There is no set time limit for making a claim," Treasurer Richards emphasized. "We will hold the account in the owner's name forever."

On Sunday, March 8, many major newspapers across the state will publish a complete list of the names.

Those from Sonora included on the list are: Armando Badillo, James Dixon, Armer F. Earwood, Juan A. Galan, Mark, Scott and Max Gamez, Sam Hardy, James T. Hunt, Cliff Johnson, Clyde Kerr, Lyles and Davis, L.O. Mayfield, J.P. Morris, Patricia Heyman Palmer, Jeff B. Smith,

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Persons who find their name on this list may reclaim their property by calling the State Treasury, toll free at 1-800-321-2274 or by writing to the State Treasury at PO Box 12608, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

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Mrs. Richard MyCue, nee Kari Eustace

Downtown Sonora

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Volunteer leaders to be recognized

The 60th Anniversary Recognition Banquet to honor and recognize volunteer leaders will be held Saturday March 7, 1987 in the Houston Harte Ballroom at San Angelo State University at 7 pm.

E.M. "Mickey" McAllister, Director of the International Division of the Boy Scouts of America will be featured speaker.

Four volunteer Scouters will be presented the Silver Beaver Award for outstanding service to youth, their community and their state.

Of these four, the third recipient of the Silver Beaver Award is Joseph M. VanderStucken of Sonora. As a rancher, civic worker, and churchman, Joseph has served as a member of the Council Honorary Advisory Board since 1981.

Selected as Chamber of Commerce Senior Citizen of

Sutton County in 1978, Joseph has served as a chairman of Lillian Hudspeth Hospital for twenty years. He has also served on Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church of Sonora and Senior Warden.

Joseph is a member of the State and Land Use Planning Board. He was Vice-president of First National Bank and has served on the Board of Directors for the institution from 1929 to present.

Joseph served on the Board of El Camino Girl Scouts, Advisory Board of Concho Valley Home for Girls, is past president of West Texas Boys Ranch as well as on their Board of Directors. He was the first President of the Sutton County Hunting Association.

Certainly worthy of the Silver Beaver Award, Joseph is a man who has dedicated his life in service to his fellowman.



by M. Scott Gilmore Hospital Administrator



THE VALUE OF POETRY

It seems that, in today's world, life has taken on a hard edge. It is every man for himself in the race for power. Our everyday existences seems to have lost some of its quiet, introspective wonder. Instead of stopping to smell the flowers, people are consumed with buying up and fencing in the fields. John F. Kennedy may have sensed this same sort of attitude in his time. He observed, "When power leads man toward arrogance, poetry reminds him of limitations. When power narrows the area of man's concern, poetry reminds him of the richness and diversity of his existence. When power corrupts, poetry cleanses." Everyone is broadened when he

allows in life's softer side to balance hardened earthly concerns.

The nursing home facility at the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, 308 Hudspeth, offer quality care by a staff who knows the people they care for. We provide a home town spirit for our residents. Family participation is welcomed. For more information about our facility, please phone us at 387-2521. You'll find us conveniently located to you.

"Inside every man is a poet who died young."

Stefan Kanfer

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The Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like you, the public to nominate citizens of Sonora for our 1987 Awards. These awards will be presented at our annual Banquet on March 31, 1987. As you can see, we have added several new awards and hope you will respond after giving much thought to your nominees.

Please mail this ballot form to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1172, Sonora, Texas 76950 or bring it by the office at 706 SW Crockett St.

DEADLINE : MARCH, 13, 1987

Retail Business Person of the Year: _____

Oil Related Business Person of the Year: _____

Agriculture Related Person of the Year: _____

Educator of the Year: _____

Citizen of the Year: _____

Organization of the Year: _____

These ballots will be screened by a committee of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. You might want to add a letter telling why you believe your nominee should be selected.

Please answer these questions also

Are you a member of the Chamber of Commerce? _____

Are you interested in joining the Chamber of Commerce? _____

Your name, please _____

We thank you for taking the time to help us out.



Sorry folks, it is not the interest rate . . . but rather the temperature on the day this photo was taken. Sutton County National Bank's new sign is a most pleasant addition to Hwy. 277 N. which we felt worthy of a picture.

2nd Lt. Pope graduates basic training school

Marine 2nd Lt. Walter C. Pope, a resident of Sonora, Tx., has graduated from The Basic Training School.

While attending The Basic School, located at the Marine Corps. Development and Education Command Quantico, Va., Pope was prepared, as a newly-commissioned officer, for assignment to the Fleet Marine Force and given the responsibility of a rifle platoon commander.

The 26-week course includes instruction on land navigation, marksmanship, tactics, military

law, personnel administration, Marine Corps history and traditions, communications and the techniques of military instruction.

Pope was taught leadership by example and the importance of teamwork. He was also required to participate in a demanding physical conditioning program.

A 1981 graduate of Sonora High School, and a 1985 graduate of Texas A&M University, College Station, Tx., with a Bachelor of Science degree, he joined the Marine Corps Reserve in December 1986.

Sonora Kids of America Competition set for March

The National Headquarters for the Kids of America has announced the date of Saturday, March 21, 1987 for the first Sonora Kids of America Competition. The pageant will be held at the old high school, 901 South Prospect, Sonora.

Competition is being offered for beautiful babies age 0-35 mos. for boys and girls. Each child will be presented on stage by a chaperone of their choosing and will be presented in Sunday best in front of a Professional Panel of judges.

A top five finalist will be selected from each of the three age categories: 0-11 mos., 12-23 mos., 24-35 mos., on personality, grooming, and alrtnrdd.

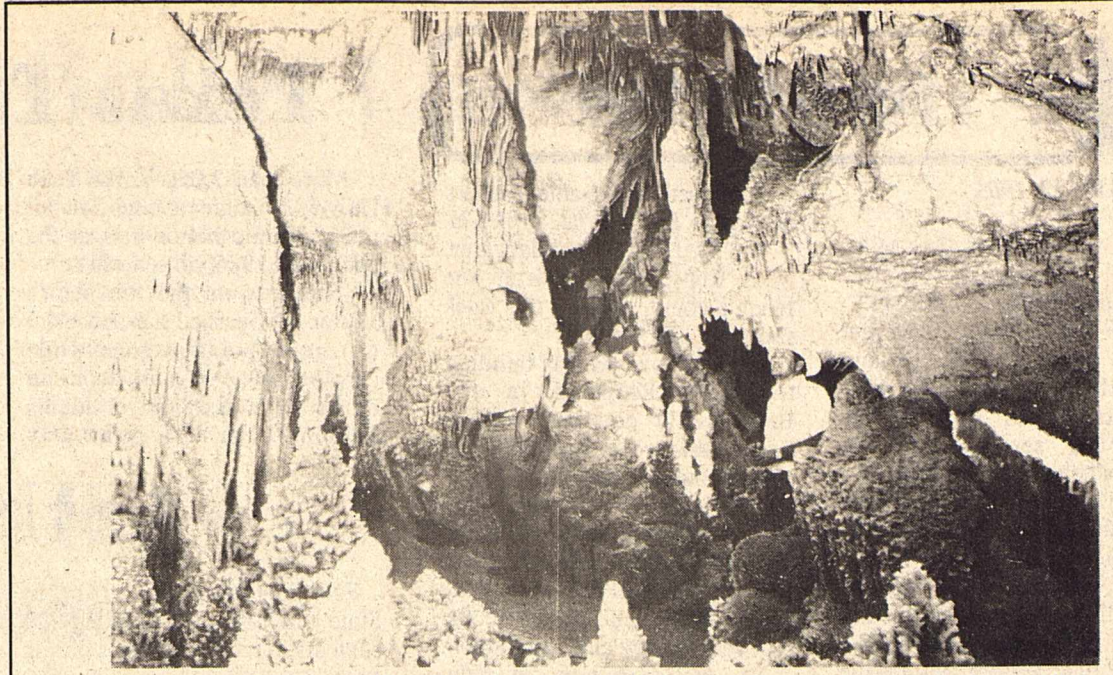
Each winner will advance to national competition to be held Dallas in July where they will recompute with other winners from all over the country.

Talent is another phase of competition that is open to boys and girls between the ages of 3-17 years. Each talent presentation must not be more than 3 minutes. A top five finalist will be selected from each age category and the winners will advance to national finals.

A beauty competition will be offered for girls only. Beauty is made up of interview, casual wear, and formal wear, (short dress ages 3-12 yrs., long dress age 13-17 yrs.)

A top five finalist will be selected per age division. Glamour competition is for young ladies 3-17 yrs. and is judged strictly on facial and physical appearance. Clothing or modeling is not scored.

Age divisions for talent, beauty, and glamour are divided as follows: 3-6 yrs., 7-9 yrs., 10-



The Caverns of Sonora in West Texas have been singled out as "the most beautiful in the world" by many expert speleologists. Unbelievable crystal formations grow in profusion including the one-of-a-kind "butterfly." Exquisite cave coral and coral globulite can be seen throughout the cave, thanks to good trails and well-placed lights. Located about 15 miles southwest of Sonora via I-10 and RM 1989 South. Texas Tourist Agency photo.

The above picture and cutline was included in a monthly packet sent to many newspapers across the state from the Texas Tourist Development Agency in Austin.

We were pleasantly surprised to open the March mailing and find this picture of the Caverns. Hopefully, many of the papers receiving the photo will choose to run it.



Social Security News

Separate checks if requested

A husband and wife may receive separate checks for their Social Security benefits if either requests this, Franklin H. Upp, Social Security manager in San Angelo, said recently. However, monthly benefits payable to a husband and wife who are getting benefits on the same record and are living at the same address are usually combined in one check made out jointly to the husband and wife.

This costs less and is usually more convenient for the husband and wife, Upp said.

Separate SSI checks are sent to

all eligible individuals even if they live in the same household Upp said. If one member of an eligible couple dies, any check that has not been cashed should be returned to the Social Security office. Any payments due the deceased member will be paid to the surviving member if they were living together.

More information about Social Security or SSI checks can be obtained at the San Angelo Social Security Office located at 2214 Sherwood Way. The telephone number is 949-4608.

About the Social Security office

The Social Security office provides a variety of services. A person can apply there for a Social Security number; check on his or her earnings record; apply for Social Security benefits and black lung benefits, supplemental security income payments, and Medicare hospital insurance protection; enroll for Medicare medical insurance; and learn about his or her rights and responsibilities under the law. All of these services are available to the public without charge.

Social Security staff also visiting outlying areas to assist people who live some distance from the office. These visits are made to locations called contact station. A schedule of such visits is available at the nearest Social Security office.

If a person is ill or otherwise

unable to visit a Social Security office, a representative can arrange to make a home visit.

Many people do not realize that much of their Social Security-related business can be conducted by phone at a savings in time and money; however, a personal visit to a Social Security office can be made at any time. The telephone number and address of the nearest Social Security office is listed in the telephone directory under "Social Security Administration" or "United States Government." You may also request an appointment if you wish.

One additional bit of advice: Social Security offices are most crowded during the first half of the month. If you business can wait, try to visit the office during the last half of the month.

An encouraging word

"Being broke is a temporary situation; being poor is a state of mind." So said the famous movie director, Michael Todd.

It seems that the present situation in our economy calls the above saying to be good use. It's wise to avoid becoming 'Poor' by driving ourselves into a state of mind that fails to see the good. Good is almost always inherent, in any situation. "It's an ill wind that blows no good" is an old saw that might stand us in good stead at times such as these.

Sometimes it's hard to find the good in a tragedy, but the looking for it can take our minds off our sorrows and can help us get up and go on with living. It's just as good, in fact it's better to light a candle than 'cuss' the dark." Ralph Waldo Emerson, said it this way:

"Don't hang a dismal picture on the wall and do not dog with stables and glooms in your conversations. Don't be a cynic and disconsolate preacher. Don't bewail and bemoan. Omit the

negative propositions, nervous with their incessant affirmatives. Don't waste yourself with objections or bark against the bad; but chant the beauty of the good. When that is spoken, which has the right to be spoken, the chatter and the criticism will stop. Set down nothing that will not help somebody."

Continued efforts makes us stronger, too. Whether it be physical or mental effort. We will get stronger each day from the exercise of our minds, our muscles, and our willpower. A friend of mine, Buddy Sledge, listened to my complaints about life and how times were harder in that year, 1975, than they had been the year before. He listened, then replied, "Times may be tougher, but so are you! You get tougher and stronger every day."

Buddy had been a tail gunner in a B-17 during the first years of the Air War over Europe. He told me that he was so scared when they flew a mission that he became physically ill. Was it easier when

he flew the last of his fifty missions that it was on the first? "Not really," He said. "I was just as scared, maybe even more so, but I knew better how to handle it. I had gotten a little stronger each day."

Buddy was selling concrete for a local firm the day he attempted to encourage me. He had just lost his Steel Building Erection Company to a bank foreclosure and at age 55 was starting to over a a salesman. I suppose another mark of his character is evident when you know that he was in a life and death battle with cancer. Buddy refused to let a temporary situation become a state of mind. There is no way to know what his bank balance was, but it does not matter; not in the least. He might have been broke...But, He could never be poor.

There are alot of people exhibiting that same strength and character in this part of the country right now. They may be starting over, or fighting back

from a bankruptcy, or struggling to keep their payments semi-current on the house or car. They may have the lowest bank balance they can ever remember, but by golly they are not poor! Not by a long shot; they are not poor and they never will be. Not his breed of fighter. They try and if they fail go right back and try again. That's the spirit! More power to you Mr. and Mrs. Texan. You are of the same mold and fiber of those that landed at Plymouth Rock and spread this great country from there to the Golden Gate. There is now way a little hard times will stop you. There is no way to make you quit, either, not in a million years of hard times, because its not bred in 'ya' to quit. Like my friend, you will just keep on getting stronger each day and you'll take the hard times and spit in it's eye. Because "It's the fire of adversity that tempers the spirit." God Speed, Friend, You will never be poor!

Keep smiling...Patrick James.

<p>Church of Christ Minister-Don Jones Bible School-10 a.m. Worship-11 a.m. Sunday night-6:30 p.m. Wednesday night-7 p.m.</p>	<p>The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian USA Rev. William R. Jones Worship Service-10 a.m. Communion first Sunday of each month</p>	<p>First Assembly of God Rev. Louis Halford Sunday Adult Bible Hour 9:30 a.m. Super Son Bible Hour-9:30 a.m. Morning Services-11:00 a.m. L.I.F.E. (youth) 3 p.m. Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p>First Baptist Church Rev. Jim Stephen Sunday School-9:45 a.m. Morning Worship-11 a.m. Church Training-6 p.m. Evening Worship-7 p.m. Wednesday Service-7 p.m.</p>
<p>Primera Iglesia Bautista Sunday School-9:45 a.m. Worship Service-11 a.m. Training Union-5 p.m. Evening Service-6 p.m. Wednesday Service-7 p.m. W.M.U.-Sunday-2 p.m. Between Santa Clara & Chestnut</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church Kent L. Kepler-Pastor Sunday School-9:45 a.m. Worship-10:55 a.m. KVRN 98 AM-11 a.m. Wednesday UMYF-6 p.m. Chancel Choir-7 p.m.</p>	<p>Hope Lutheran Church Sunday: Sunday School-10 a.m. Worship Service-11 a.m. Wednesday: Adult Bible Class-7:30 p.m. Charles Huffman, Pastor</p>	<p>St. Ann's Catholic Church Rev. Bernard L. Gully Saturday Night Mass- 7 p.m. English Sunday Mass- 8 a.m. Spanish; 11 a.m. English Holy Day Mass-7 p.m.</p>
<p>Sonora Tabernacle United Pentecostal Rev. Kenneth Doyle, Pastor Sunday School-10 a.m. Worship-11 a.m. Evening Worship-7:30 p.m. Wednesday Services-7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Live Oak Baptist Church Rev. Charles White Sunday School-10:00 a.m. Sun. Worship-11:00 Evening-6:00 p.m. Wednesday-7 p.m.</p>	<p>Jehovah's Witnesses 310 St. Ann's 387-2679 or 387-3947 Spanish Language Meeting Public Talk 10:00 Sunday Watchtower Study 11:00 Sunday Theocratic Ministry 7:30 Tuesday Service Meeting 8:15 Tuesday Bible Study 7:30 Thursday</p>	<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 404 NE Poplar Holy Eucharist-Sunday 8 & 11 a.m. Sunday Schools-9:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist w/Prayers for Healing, 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wed., 7:00 p.m. Daily Morning Prayer-8:45 a.m., Monday-Friday The Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector</p>

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"Over the Hill Gang" News from the Nursing Home

by Doris Cahill

Monday and Tuesday mornings we did exercises that stretched muscles we had not realized were there, and target-practice in which even some of the bed-patients were able to participate.

On the morning of the 24th we spent time with Carol Parker studying "The Parable Of The Good Samaritan." It was found only in the book of Luke, and not elsewhere in the Bible.

There were a number of Bingos made Wednesday morning, Reily-2, McLaughlin-2, Knight-2, Hinojosa-2, Cusenbary-1, Cox-1, Hamilton-1, Bruton-1, Drennan-1, and Robertson-1, Lilia called, and Wanda Davidson assisted.

Mr. Gilmore led the "Sing-Along" that afternoon, and Leona Bishop played the piano, Ram Perez and Carolyn Chandler sang with the group.

Doris Cahill was in San Angelo, Wednesday to keep an appointment with her ophthalmologist.

Thursday afternoon Judy and Jimmy Thomas and their children: Waylan, Jammy, Jennifer, Jessica, and Jeanie, from the United Pentecostal Church, presented a program of music and songs at the Nursing Home. Judy played the piano, and was accompanied by Jimmy on the guitar. They told us they all love to "Praise The Lord."

Friday morning Sheryl Lock, Phyllis Jones, Ethelda Holland, Gertrude Webb, and Mary Hoffman gave us "the works" in the beauty shop. Do not know how we ever got along without them.

Debbie House brought "Peepers" to see us Friday afternoon. He is a peach-colored love-bird, and was alternately noisily alarmed, chirrupy friendly, and sulky when someone ruffled his feathers.

Ozelle Jones played the piano again for us Friday afternoon, and she and Alice Hardy sang a number of duets from her old revival hymnal. She and a few other visitors, became concerned about the weather conditions, and "hied the home," ahead of thunder, lightning, and pouring rain, sooner than intended.

Louise Lozano has moved to

Kerrville, and we miss seeing her around. The Nursing Home welcomes a new resident, Lillie Davidson, and Clea Drake, who is back from the hospital in San Angelo.

Lura Sawyer is so nice to know. She visits often, and last week she brought a photo album, belonging to her sister-in-law, Alice Sawyer Jones, filled with school class pictures, taken through the years, also pep-squad, and football team. We had fun making identities, and were successful in most cases.

Bulletins to us each week from the First United Methodist Church are very happily, and are followed on Sunday morning during the worship service over the radio. The morning of March 1st, Doris Cox attended the Assembly of God Church, and we received flowers from St. John's Episcopal Church.

Father Bernard Gully, St. Ann's Catholic Church, opened our Sunday afternoon devotional with a hymn Holy, Holy, Holy, and read a scripture from the book of Isaiah. He spoke in both Spanish and English. We are reminded that the Lenten Season of Repentance begins Ash Wednesday, March 4th and continues until Easter which is the 19 of April.

Out of town guests were: Dick Hamilton-San Angelo, Eugene Patrick Eller-Los Angeles, Calif., Bill Ray-Eldorado, Violet Jarrett-Del Rio, Mary Beth Granger-San Angelo, Dick and Linda Hearn-Del Rio.

Local guests were: Dorothy Baker, Armando Martinez, Jeannie, Jennifer, and John David Lozano, Ruth Lee Eaton, Gerald Gartman, Tina Gallegos, Nadine Porter, Lura Sawyer, Crystal Ponsetti, Yolanda Avila, Jose Noe Fraga, Petra Gonzales, Mable VanderStucken, Lori Ann and Amalia Galindo, Janette, C.G. and Little Albert Borrego, Edwina and Joey Gandar, Sherry Dean, Ozelle Jones, James McLaughlin, Lena Belle Ross, Gretta Smith, Hazel McClelland, Marie K. Aldwell, Carmen Ramirez, and Father Bernard L. Gully.

Did you read about the baboons starting a forest fire by rolling rocks down a mountain side near Cape Town, South Africa?

Bueno Bye-Until next week!

Thirty fisherman will share in a \$25,000 pot at the conclusion of the Silver Bullet Bass Classic slated for April 4-5 and someone will drive away from the event with a \$9,000 fish and ski boat and custom drive-on trailer donated by Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of San Angelo.

The bass tournament,

Sounds to good, it probably is

Each year the American public loses millions of dollars through fraudulent schemes operated through the United States Mails. With the increase of unemployment, especially in the oil related industries, work at home promotions have become more prevalent. These promotions are aimed at the elderly, shut-ins, the employed, and house wives who want to supplement their family income.

Work at home fraud schemes such as envelope stuffing, home addressing, and multi-level marketing sales distributorship always include "opportunities" to earn an unusually high income with relatively small investment and with little or no effort on the part of the customer, and in most cases, by someone they've never even met. They are usually schemes to sell the plan to do the work rather than doing the work itself, and no one has ever become wealthy through such schemes.

Any promotion where the success of any operator (regardless of whether "a product" is offered) depends on recruiting people to recruit more people, etc., to participate in the program is an endless chain or pyramid. These are forms of lottery and violate the Postal Lottery Statute.

There are three elements of a lottery--consideration, prize, and chance. In typical work at home promotions involving stuffing envelopes, the consideration is usually called an "application or introduction fee" or could be the price of a "start up kit." Consideration in multi-level marketing schemes is the money paid to a promoter in order for the participant to become a distributor and to recruit new distributors. The prize is always the promised "big money" that can be made quickly after the promotion has progressed several levels, and the

sponsored by Coors of San Angelo, will pay \$10,000 to the fisherman who brings in a maximum of four large-mouth, small-mouth and/or Kentucky spotted bass (black bass) with the greatest total weight.

Second place prize money is \$5,000; third is \$2,500; fourth is \$1,500 and fifth is \$1,000.

chance is that investors will not recruit all the people necessary to fill the pyramid and recoup the initial investments much less earn the "big money" prize. In fact, the chance that all participants will receive mail in mathematically impossible. If a scheme requires participants to mail to six new participants, who in turn must mail to six, etc., by the eleventh level of mailing, the entire United States population would be exhausted; and by the thirteenth level, the world population (over four billion) would be exhausted.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service, who investigates mail fraud and Postal Lottery Statute violations, says that promoters as well as participants in work at home fraud schemes can be found in violation of Federal law even if they did not realize the promotion was illegal when they first got into it. If you receive information about a work-at-home promotion you feel may be in violation of the law, turn it in to your Postmaster or mail it to the Postal Inspector in Charge, P.O. Box 162929, Fort Worth, Tx. 76161-2929.

Remember, if it sounds too good to be true--it probably is.

Winners of places six through 30 will receive \$200 each. Tournament lakes include San Angelo's three lakes, Lake Spence near Robert Lee and Ballinger Municipal Lake.

Entry fee will be \$100, which entitles the entrant to fish either or both days of the tournament. Specific rules, deadlines for entries and other tournament information is available at West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 3001 South Jackson, San Angelo, Texas 76904 or 4-D Distributing Co. (Coors of San Angelo), 1821 Industrial Avenue, San Angelo, 76904.

The 15-foot Phantom boat donated by Coca-Cola has a 70 horsepower Evinrude outboard motor with tilt/trim, Hummingbird depth finder, Minnkota trolling motor and custom drive-on trailer.

A \$1 donation--which will go to West Texas Rehabilitation Center--is all that's required to be eligible for the drawing to be held April 5 at the Goodfellow Recreation Camp at Lake Nasworthy, headquarters for the Silver Bullet Bass Classic.

Tickets are available in San Angelo at Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Coors of San Angelo and West Texas Rehabilitation Center. You do not have to be entered in the bass tournament to win the boat.

"This is the second year Coors and Coca-Cola have joined together to make this an exciting tournament," said Coors spokesman Brent Scott. "The \$9,000 boat and trailer combined with the \$25,000 guaranteed prize money to be given to tournament winners should appeal to hundreds of fishermen--and make this event profitable for West Texas Rehabilitation Center, which is why we're having it."

West Texas Rehab Center is a private, nonprofit outpatient treatment program which provides rehabilitation services to approximately 11,000 handicapped children and adults of the Southwest through its facilities in San Angelo and Abilene.

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Veterans reminded to check on VA burial benefits

The Veterans Administration reminds former servicemen and women that awareness of VA Burial Benefits can often spare the family of a deceased veterans anxiety and financial hardship following the veteran's death.

Interment in a national cemetery is available to veterans discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Also eligible under certain guidelines, are a veteran's spouse and minor children.

VA will furnish a headstone or marker to memorialize a veteran or mark the grave of a veteran buried in a national, state or private cemetery. VA will also provide markers to eligible dependents interred in a national or state veteran's cemetery.

A memorial marker or headstone for veterans whose remains have not been recovered or identified is also provided by the VA. This includes those who were buried at sea, those whose bodies were donated to science, and those who were cremated and the ashes scattered. A memorial section in national cemeteries

honors these veterans.

The VA provides, if death is not service connected, a burial allowance of \$300 if the veteran was entitled at the time of death to VA compensation or pension payments or died in a VA medical facility. This allowance may also be available in cases of certain indigent veterans whose remains are unclaimed.

A plot of interment allowance of \$150 is also available if the veteran is entitled to the burial allowance, or served during a war period, or was discharged or retired from service because of disability which was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty. A veteran buried in a national or other federal cemetery, however, is not eligible for this plot allowance. The plot allowance may be paid to a state if the veteran was buried in a state veterans' cemetery.

If the veteran's death is service connected, VA will pay an amount not to exceed \$1,100 in lieu of the burial and plot allowance.

VA will also provide:

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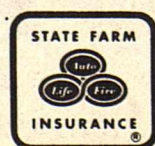
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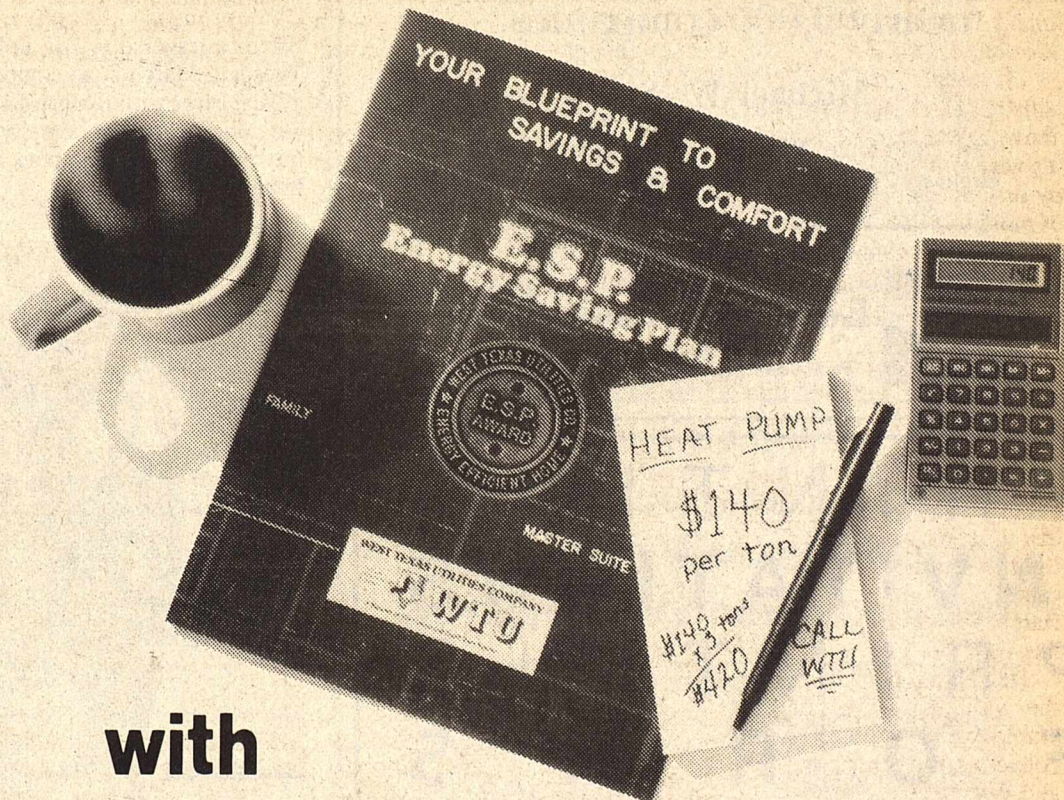


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Sonora Bronco Tennis Team

wins overall team trophy

On February 28th and 29th the Sonora Bronco Tennis Team traveled to Junction to compete in the Junction Tennis Tournament. Other teams competing were Fredricksburg, Junction, Llano, Mason J.V., Ozona, San Saba, and Wall. Overall Sonora won the Team Trophy scoring a total of 96 points. Second was Junction with

92, while San Saba was third with 90 points.

In the girls division Sonora won the trophy with 62 points. The results were: Girls Singles- Angie Carrasco Def. Allen (Ozona) 6-1, 6-1; Carrasco Def. Kolb (Llano) 6-3, 6-0; Carrasco Def. Smedley (Fredericksburg) 6-3, 7-5; Carrasco Def. Davis

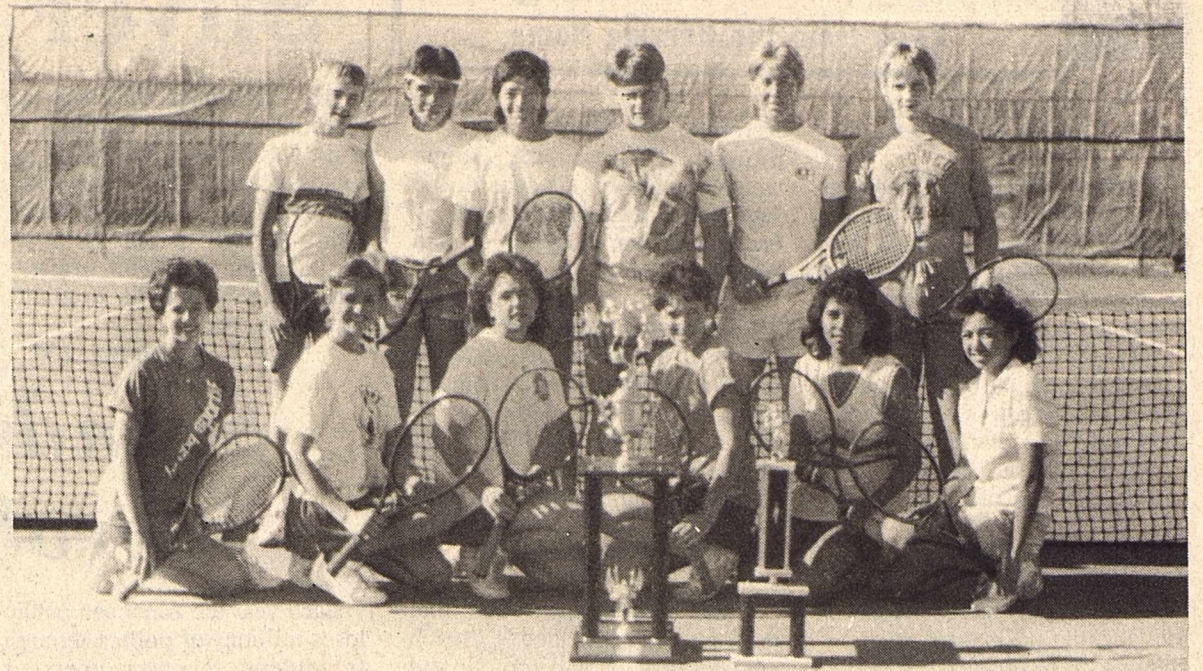
(Junction) 6-2, 6-3. Angie Carrasco won the girls singles division for Sonora. Jennifer Ramirez Def. Heap (Junction) 6-1, 7-5; Shacklette (Ozona) Def. Ramirez 6-0, 6-3; Thompson (Mason J.V.) Def. Ramirez 9-7; Ramirez then defeated Kolb (Llano) 8-0 to win 7th place.

In Girls Doubles-Preccia Miller-Mary Ross Def. Ricketson-Lawrance (Llano) 6-1, 6-0; Miller-Ross Def. Chapman-Ullrich (Wall) 6-2, 6-1; Miller-Ross Def. Davidson-Stockton (Junction) 6-4, 6-0; Miller-Ross Def. Martin-Martin (Junction) 6-4, 6-0. Miller-Ross won the Girls Division for Sonora. Taking third place was the doubles team of Heather Bunkley and Cindy Doran. Bunkley-Doran Def. Flores-King (Ozona) 6-2, 6-2; Bunkley-Doran Def. Redford-Halfield (Llano) 6-0, 6-1; Martin-Martin (Junction) def. Bunkley-Doran 6-4, 6-3; Bunkley-Doran Def. Stockton-Davidson 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

In the Boys Division Sonora placed third. The results were: Boys Singles-Mike Hooper Def. Sellers (Ozona) 6-4, 6-3. Bynum (Junction) Def. Hooper 7-6, 6-2. Hooper Def. Mutchnik (Mason J.V.) 8-2; Thurman (Llano) Def. Hooper 8-4. Mike Hooper placed 6th. Thurman (Llano) Def. Shon Jones 6-3, 6-3; Jones Def. Schmidt (Fredericksburg) 8-4. Shon Jones won the consolation side of the bracket placing ninth.

In Boys Doubles-Rene Ramirez-Mike Ramos Def. Boecker-Salinas (Fredericksburg) 6-0, 6-3; Ramirez-Ramos Def. Heap-Abilez (Junction) 6-2, 2-6, 6-2. Sloan-Amthor (San Saba) Def. Ramirez-Ramos 6-4, 2-6, 7-5; Ramirez-Ramos Def. Heath-Kothman (Junction) 6-2, 6-7, 6-4. Ramirez-Ramos won third place. Riley-Kirk (San Saba) Def. Justin Condra-Jesse Lynch 6-0, 6-1; Condra-Lynch Def. Kellam-Sauer (Fredericksburg) 6-0, 6-3; Burks-Gonzales (Ozona) Def. Condra-Lynch 9-8; Fauley-Powell (Wall) Def. Condra-Lynch 8-2; Condra-Lynch placed 12th overall.

Congratulations to the Sonora Bronco Tennis Team for bringing home the Overall Team Championship Trophy. The Broncos traveled to Big Lake on Tuesday, March 3, to compete in a Dual Meet with Reagan County. On March 7th the Varsity will travel to Iraan to compete in the Iraan Tournament.



Sonora Bronco Tennis Team wins overall team trophy. Pictured front row (l to r) Mary Ross, Preccia Miller, Cindy Doran, Heather Bunkley, Jennifer Ramirez and Angie Carrasco. Back row (l to r) Jesse Lynch, Rene Ramirez, Mike Ramos, Shon Jones, Mike Hooper and Justin Condra.

San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo to begin next week

The San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Association have announced the stars for the 1987 stock show and rodeo. This year's stars start with "The Whites" on Wednesday, March 11 at 8:00 p.m., Thursday will be T. Graham Brown at 8:00 p.m., Friday Michael Martin Murphy at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., Saturday Judy Rodman at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., and ending Sunday "Sweethearts of the Rodeo" at 2:00 p.m.

The Association will include the Horse Show, free to the public, Saturday and Sunday on March 7 and 8 opening at 8:00 a.m. Commercial Exhibits and Creative Arts Exhibits will open Wednesday, March 11 through March 14 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Open Sunday, March 15 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

Again San Angelo will have their parade downtown San Angelo starting at 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 13. If you wish to enter pick up entry blanks at Stock Show Office, 2017 West Beauregard. Entry fee is free. No entries accepted after 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 1987.

The carnival will be opened on Wednesday, March 11 through

Sunday, March 15th. Wednesday night will be "Sneak A Peek" night with one price for all rides.

The livestock show starts Wednesday through Saturday and is open to the public.

All seats to the rodeo are reserved and are \$6.25 each including tax.

Tickets may also be purchased starting March 7 through March 15 at the Coliseum Box Office from 10:00 a.m. through 6:00. Tickets may be purchased at the

Box Office starting Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until last performance of day is underway.



by Cindy Doran

Bronco Tails News from SHS

House Tuesday night. It was the first one in the building.

by Alex Duenes

The Varsity Tennis Team traveled to Junction last weekend to dominate the tournament. The team placed first with the girls winning first and the boys winning third. They traveled to Big Lake Tuesday for a Dual Meet. The first varsity teams travel to Iraan for a tournament this weekend. Good Luck!

N.H.S. met Tuesday to discuss plans on selling visors. All N.H.S. members are selling them so contact one of them.

Report cards went out Wednesday. I hope spring fever is not catching on!

The choir is having a Spring Fling Friday night from 8:00 to 12:00 at the High School Commons area. The dress is casual.

There will be a Literary Meet in Eldorado this weekend. A number of students will be attending the meet. Sonora has done considerably well in the past meets.

The first track meet of the season is this weekend in Junction. The boys varsity and JV teams will be attending. Sonora High School held Open

Well six weeks tests are over with and everyone at Sonora High School seems to be glad. In two weeks, spring break will be here. How time can fly!!

The Seniors had a meeting to plan their senior trip. They will be going to Schlitterbaum in New Braunfels. The National Honor Society met on Tuesday because they are going to be selling Sonora Bronco Sun Visors. Those can be purchased from a member of the Honor Society for \$2.00.

The Choir is sponsoring a Spring Fling. This will be held Friday in the Foyer at the High School. Tickets are being sold but there will be a \$.50 booster on the door admission. It ought to be a fun event.

The Bronco Boys' Track Teams will be going to Junction Saturday. This is the first track meet. Good Luck to all the Tracksters!!

On Saturday, there will be a Literary Meet in Eldorado. This is the last meet before the District Meet. Good Luck to all the participants!

High school choir to sponsor "Spring Fling"

There will be a dance held this Friday night, March 6th from 8 p.m.-12:00 a.m. in the commons area of the new high school. This

will be the first one held in the new building so it should be a special treat.

It will be called the "Spring

Fling" and will be sponsored by the high school choir. Tickets which cost \$3 per person or \$4 a couple are on sale by the choir members.

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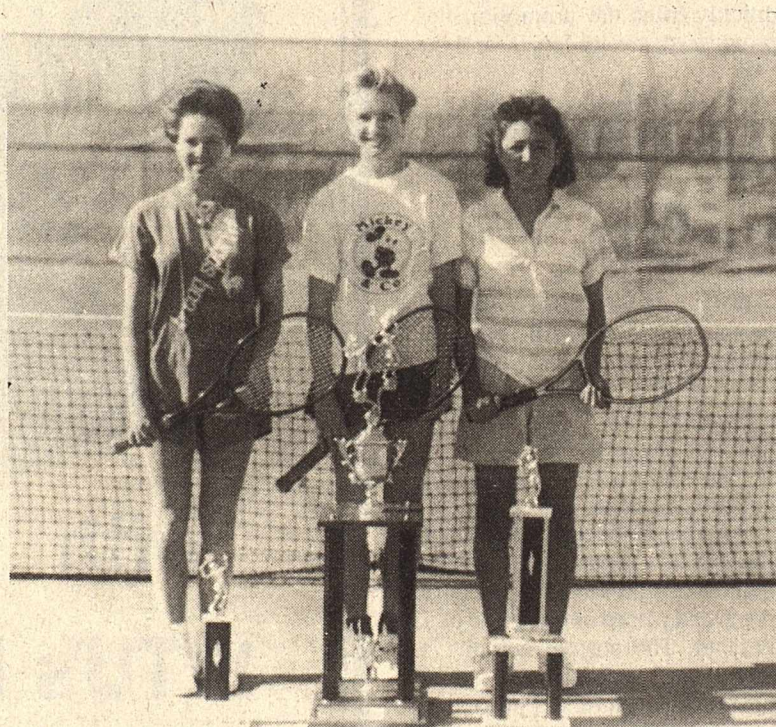
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TAX TIPS

Employees Who Travel May Deduct Certain Expenses

Knowing the proper reporting and recordkeeping requirements is essential for those taxpayers who claim business-related travel, transportation, entertainment and gift expenses, the Internal Revenue Service said.

The primary proof for these business expenses starts with keeping timely entries of what was spent in a log, diary, journal, appointment book, or similar record. These entries must also include the date and location of the business travel or entertainment, along with who was seen, and the business purpose for incurring the expense, the IRS said. A receipt or similar supporting evidence is required for all expenses of \$25 or more.

According to IRS guidelines, all business expenses must be ordinary and necessary in the taxpayer's line of work to be deductible. Reasonable local transportation expenses such as the cost of driving and maintaining an automobile while on business, excluding any commuting and personal mileage, can be deducted.

For a business-related trip outside the area of his or her main place of business, a taxpayer may deduct expenses such as food and lodging, said the IRS. Allowable entertainment deductions must either be directly related to, or associated with, the active pursuit of the taxpayer's business. Business gifts that the taxpayer may deduct are generally limited to \$25 for any one individual for the year. The burden of proof for all business expenses lies with the taxpayer, who must show that a bona fide business purpose exists.

Complete information on deducting these business expenses can be found in the free IRS Publication 463, *Travel, Entertainment, and Gift Expenses*. It is available by writing or calling the IRS, or by using the order form found in the tax package.

Deferred Gain on Home Sale Must Be Reported

Homeowners selling or exchanging a personal residence who then postpone paying taxes on any gain from the sale must report the transaction in the year of sale, the Internal Revenue Service says.

The sale must be reported using the Form 2119, *Sale or Exchange of Principal Residence*, available by using the handy order blank in the tax package. If a taxable gain results, Schedule D (Form 1040), *Capital Gains and Losses*, must also be used.

The IRS monitors the returns of taxpayers whose circumstances suggest a sale which should be reported, such as a return showing a change of address and a real estate deduction, but without the required form attached.

Generally, the gain from the sale of a principal residence is not taxed at the time of sale if a new residence is purchased and the purchase price of the new residence is at least as much as the adjusted sales price of the old residence. The new residence must be occupied within 24 months before or after the sale of your old home.

The tax may be postponed, according to the IRS, but it is not forgotten. Any gain realized from the sale must be subtracted from the cost or basis of the replacement residence, thus lowering the basis of the replacement residence. In the long run, lowering the basis will increase the amount of gain that will result from the eventual sale of the replacement home.

For example: A home is purchased for \$30,000 and sold for \$40,000. The result is a gain of \$10,000. A replacement residence is bought within 24 months for \$50,000. The \$10,000 gain from the first house must be subtracted from the basis of the new house (\$50,000 - \$10,000 = \$40,000). If the

second house is eventually sold for \$65,000 and not replaced, the owner must pay a tax on \$25,000 (\$65,000 - \$40,000), the combined gain from both homes. However, if the owner is at least 55 years of age when the home is sold, he or she may be eligible to elect a special one-time exclusion of up to \$125,000 of the gain.

The IRS points out the sale must be reported to establish a record of the current basis upon which taxes on the deferred gain can be figured.

Additional information in the free IRS Publication 523, *Tax Information on Selling Your Home*, which is available by filling out the handy order blank in your tax package or by calling the IRS Forms/Tax Information number listed in the telephone directory.

Homeowners

Homeowners should keep all records pertaining to costs of improvements to their homes. When the home is sold, the cost of many of these items can be used to increase their investment in the home, thus lowering the profits from the sale of the home and any tax they may have to pay on the profits. More information is available in the free IRS Publication 530, *Tax Information for Owners of Homes, Condominiums, and Cooperative Apartments*.

A Special Tax Break for Working Couples

Married couples who both work are eligible for a special deduction of as much as \$3,000 on 1986 federal tax returns. This deduction may be claimed on either Form 1040A or Form 1040 as a subtraction from gross income, the IRS said.

The deduction is limited to 10 percent of the qualified earned income of the lesser-earning spouse. However, the maximum amount allowed is 10 percent of up to \$30,000 for a deduction of \$3,000. To take the deduction, both spouses must have earned income, such as wages, salaries, and tips. However, income earned by one spouse working for the other does not qualify; nor does such income as interest, dividends, pensions, annuities, IRA distributions, unemployment compensation, deferred compensation or nontaxable income.

More complete information is contained in the tax forms instructions for Form 1040 and Form 1040A.

Moving? Some Expenses May Be Deductible

Taxpayers who have changed job locations in 1986 and moved as a result can deduct certain expenses when they file their tax returns, the Internal Revenue Service said.

Moving expenses which are allowable deductions include the costs of: househunting trips prior to the move; disposing of the old home and obtaining a new one; temporary living expenses at the new location; moving personal and household goods; and traveling to the new home.

Reasonable job-related moving expenses may be considered allowable deductions if the expenses meet the "distance test," "time test," and are "closely related" to the start of work.

To meet the distance test, the location of the new job must be at least 35 miles farther away from the taxpayer's previous residence than the location of the prior job was.

The time test requires that a person be employed full-time at least 39 weeks of the 12-month period following the arrival in the general area of the new job. These 39 weeks do not have to be consecutive or with the same employer. Self-employed individuals must work a

total of at least 78 weeks during the first 24 months following the arrival at a new job location.

If a taxpayer is married, filing a joint return, and if both spouses work, either spouse's employment may fulfill this time requirement, but the weeks of each spouse's employment cannot be added together to fulfill the 39-week requirement. Taxpayers may claim the moving expense as long as the time test will be satisfied, even if it has not been satisfied at the time of filing.

Eligible taxpayers should use Form 3903, *Moving Expenses*, to deduct allowable moving expenses. Form 1040 must be used in reporting job-related moving expenses even if deductions are not itemized.

Details about deductions for moving can be found in the free IRS Publication 521, *Moving Expenses*. Both Form 3903 and Publication 521 are available by calling or writing the IRS, or by using the order blank found in federal tax packages.

Good Tax Records Simplify Tax Preparation

Tax return preparation can be made easier, according to the Internal Revenue Service, if taxpayers keep accurate and complete tax records.

Taxpayers should keep the necessary records to prepare a complete and accurate income tax return for as long as their contents may be material in administering any Internal Revenue law.

Records that support an item of income or a deduction should be kept until the period of limitation for the return expires (generally three years from the date the return was due or filed, or two years from the date the tax was paid, whichever occurs later).

Other records that concern income averaging or property transactions (e.g. the purchase of a home) should be kept for as long as they are material.

Copies of filed tax returns should be kept even after the cancelled checks, receipts, and other records are disposed of, since they may be helpful in preparing future returns. You should keep them for at least three years to cover the base years figured in income averaging.

Additional information on maintaining records is contained in IRS Publication 552, *Recordkeeping for Individuals and a List of Tax Publications*, available free by using the mail-order form in your tax package.

Divorced or Separated Parents Can Both Claim Medical Expense

Divorced or separated parents are reminded of rules regarding their child's medical expenses, the Internal Revenue Service says.

Divorced, separated, or married parents who have not lived together during the last six months of the calendar year, and have supplied more than half of the child's support together, can now deduct the expenses they incurred for their child's medical care. Previously, only the parent who could claim the child as a dependent was entitled to claim medical expenses.

According to the Internal Revenue Service, the child will be treated as a dependent of both parents for purposes of the medical expense deduction. This deduction creates a tax benefit for the parent who is not entitled to the exemption for the child, since without those medical expenses, the 5% medical deduction requirement might not be satisfied.

The deduction does not apply where half of the child's support is treated as being received under a multiple support agreement.

Free IRS Publication 504, *Tax Information for Divorced or Separated Individuals*, has more information on this subject and can be obtained by writing or calling the IRS.

Special Tax Assistance Available for Deaf

Deaf taxpayers in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands can receive special tax assistance through TTY equipment from the Internal Revenue Service.

This help is available to taxpayers who have access to TV/Telephone-TTY equipment. Interested taxpayers should contact their local social service agencies to find out where this equipment is located in their areas.

The special number for residents of Indiana is 1-800-382-4059. Residents of all other states, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico should call 1-800-428-4732. This special assistance for the deaf is available from 8:00 A.M. to 6:45 P.M. E.S.T. during the filing season and from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. E.S.T. during the nonfiling season.

The IRS notes that these special telephone numbers can only be used in connection with TTY equipment.

Reduce Taxes Through Income Averaging

Taxpayers using the income averaging method of tax computation when filing a federal income tax return can save money, the Internal Revenue Service says. This method can be advantageous if a taxpayer's income increased dramatically in 1986.

In income averaging, part of an unusually large amount of taxable income is taxed at lower rates. The easiest way to determine whether a taxpayer can benefit from income averaging is to fill out Schedule G, *Income Averaging*. Generally, taxpayers who were full-time students during any base period year are not eligible for income averaging.

Fewer taxpayers are benefiting from income averaging due to the Tax Reform Act of 1984. Perhaps the most important effect of the law is that it takes substantially more taxable income in the current year than was previously necessary in order to benefit from income averaging. The base period used in income averaging is the 3-year period immediately before the current year.

For detailed information on how to compute income averaging, taxpayers should ask the IRS for free Publication 506, *Income Averaging*, and Schedule G, available by using the handy order form in the tax package.

IRS Will Compute Tax for Some Filers

For individuals who find working with numbers somewhat confusing, the Internal Revenue Service will figure taxes for filers of Forms 1040EZ and 1040A, and certain Form 1040 filers.

Those desiring this assistance must fill in certain items on the return, attach Forms W-2, sign the return, and send it in before the April 15 deadline, IRS adds.

To qualify for this service, taxpayers must have an income of \$50,000 or less, not itemize deductions and not use Schedule G, *Income Averaging*, or Form 2555, *Foreign Earned Income*. Income must include only wages, salaries, tips, interest, dividends, pensions, and annuities, the IRS says.

The agency will figure the tax in the way that benefits the taxpayer the most, IRS stresses. Since eligible persons need only complete certain questions, IRS says they will probably finish their returns faster and with less opportunity for error.

If a refund is due, the IRS will figure the amount and send it to the taxpayer. If additional tax is owed, it will be computed and a bill sent for the balance. Neither interest nor the penalty for late payment will be charged if the bill for additional tax is paid within 30 days of the notice date, or by the due date of the return, whichever is later.

For more information, taxpayers should check the instructions in their federal tax packages.

Special Tax Benefits for Older Americans

Many older Americans can take advantage of special tax benefits offered by the tax laws, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

Single persons 65 or older do not have to file a federal income tax return if their income was less than \$4,640. The limited for a married couple filing a joint return is \$6,910 when only one spouse is 65 or older, and \$7,990 if both spouses are 65 or over. For this purpose, persons are considered to be 65 on the day before their 65th birthday.

Anyone 65 or older is entitled to an extra exemption of \$1,080.

Another special benefit is the *Credit for the Elderly and the Permanently and Totally Disabled*. The credit can in some cases reduce taxes owed by as much as \$750 for single persons and \$1,125 for married couples filing a joint return. Individuals under 65 will be eligible for this credit only if they retire with total and permanent disability and have income from a public or private employer because of that disability.

Senior citizens who are thinking about selling their personal residence should consider the once-in-a-lifetime \$125,000 exclusion of the gain on the sale of their home. An awareness of the tax consequences is essential before selling a personal residence at any age, especially so for those age 55 or older

to whom this benefit applies.

Taxpayers needing assistance with their returns can turn to Tax Counseling for the Elderly, an IRS program through which volunteers from many organizations provide free tax information and assistance to individuals age 60 and over. Contact your local IRS office for locations near you.

You may obtain free publications by using the mail-order form in your tax package. Publications of special interest to older taxpayers include:

- 502 *Medical and Dental Expenses*
- 505 *Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax*
- 523 *Tax Information on Selling Your Home*
- 524 *Credit for the Elderly or for the Permanently and Totally Disabled*
- 554 *Tax Information for Older Americans*
- 575 *Pension and Annuity Income*
- 910 *Guide to Free Tax Services*
- 915 *Tax Information on Social Security Benefits (and Tier 1 Railroad Retirement Benefits)*

Heads of Household Must List Children

Many taxpayers filing as heads of households have unfortunately been needlessly delaying their tax refunds by forgetting to list the names of qualifying dependents or children, the Internal Revenue Service says.

To file as a head of household, a taxpayer must be unmarried or qualify to file as unmarried, and provide more than half the cost of keeping up a home that is the principal home of the taxpayer and the taxpayer's unmarried child (who may be either a dependent or not), or a married child who must be the taxpayer's dependent.

Other qualifying relatives such as uncle, sister, niece, son-in-law, etc., must be the taxpayer's dependents, and must actually live with the taxpayer the entire year. The taxpayer's dependent parents, however, may qualify even though they do not live with the taxpayer. The taxpayer must have paid more than half the cost of keeping up their home in order to qualify for head of household filing status.

To be considered unmarried, the

IRS says, one must be single, legally separated, divorced, married but living apart for at least the last six months of the tax year or widowed. Without a child or qualifying dependent, the IRS stressed, unmarried taxpayers are not eligible to file as head of the household, and if they do not qualify as surviving widow or widower with a dependent child, they must file under the single status.

Library Cassette Tapes Offer Line-By-Line Tax Help

Information to help taxpayers complete a federal tax return may be available at many local libraries on audio cassette tapes prepared by the Internal Revenue Service.

The tapes allow individuals to listen to step-by-step instructions on how to prepare IRS Forms 1040EZ, 1040A, and the Form 1040, Schedule A, B and W, while working on their returns.

Local public library branches usually offer the free tapes through the traditional book loan procedure. A standard cassette tape player is all that is necessary to use the tapes.

To make the best use of the tapes, taxpayers should have their tax forms and instructions on hand to work on while playing the tape. Frequently used forms, schedules and instructions are also available at many local libraries, by calling the toll-free number or by using the order blank in the tax package.

Here's a tip ... a Tax Tip.

Don't Pass up the opportunity to get free information on numerous tax subjects. IRS has over 100 special publications to answer tax questions. In fact, Pub. 910, "Guide to Free Tax Services," describes all of the free tax services available. Call 1-800-424-FORM (3676) or the IRS Tax Forms number in your phone book to get a copy.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed proposals for contract mowing in various counties will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation; San Angelo, Texas, on the date and time indicated below; and then publicly opened and read.

March 19, 1987, 10:00 a.m.
 Contract #077XXM1008 Kimble Co.
 Contract #077XXM1010 Crockett Co., Kimble Co. & Sutton Co.

Plans, specifications and proposals are available at the office of Daniel W. Gower, District Maintenance Engineer, San Angelo, Texas.

Usual Right Reserved.

Sutton County Commissioner's Court is soliciting bids for a riding mower. Specifications may be obtained by writing or calling Carla Fields, Sutton County Judge, P.O. Box 1212, Sonora, Texas 76950, (915) 387-2711, during regular business hours.

The bidder shall use lump sum pricing. Payment shall be by check upon receipt of bill following delivery.

All bids should be received in the office of the County Judge at the above address by 9:00 o'clock a.m., March 23, 1987, at which time said bids will be opened and accepted or rejected in a special meeting of the Sutton County Commissioner's Court in the Courthouse Annex, Sonora, Texas.

Sutton County Commissioner's Court is soliciting competitive proposals for a copier for the Sutton County and District Clerk's office. Specifications may be obtained by writing or calling Carla Fields, Sutton County Judge, P.O. Box 1212, Sonora, Texas 76950, (915) 387-2711, during regular business hours.

The following elements, listed in order of importance, will be evaluated together in determining the best proposals: (1) price; (2) copy quality and copier features; (3) heavy volume capability; (4) guarantee or warranty; and, (5) facility and ease of service.

The award of the contract shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the lowest evaluated offer resulting from negotiation taking into consideration the relative importance of price and other evaluation factors set forth in the above request for proposals.

The proposer shall use lump sum pricing. Payments shall be by check upon receipt of bill following delivery.

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Sonora ISD invites bids on preparation of a lot 500 ft. by 300 ft. For paving as a parking lot for the new high school. Work will include dirt moving to grade, preparation of drainage facilities, and hauling and leveling to finish grade with 6 inches of compacted caliche suitable for paving.

Specifications are available at the Sonora ISD Administration Office, 807 South Concho, Sonora, Texas

76950, Telephone (915) 387-2220.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 12:00 noon on Monday, March 23, 1987, and will be considered by the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 1987, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

NOTICE OF CITY OFFICERS ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION)

To the registered Voters of Sonora, Texas:
 (A los votantes registrados de Sonora, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on April 4, 1987, for voting in a City election, to elect City Officers.
 (Notifiquese por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 am. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 4 de Abril de 1987 para votar en la Eleccion para City Officers.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACE (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

City Hall
 201 N.E. Main

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
 (La votacion en ausencia en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

City Hall-201 N.E. Main-location (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on March 16
 (entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando Marzo 16)

and ending on March 31
 (y terminando el 31 de Marzo)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
 (Las solicitudes para bolletos que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Beky Covington
 Name of Absentee Voting Clerk
 (Nombre del Secretario del la Votacion En Ausencia)

201 N.E. Main
 Address (Direccion)

Sonora, Texas 76950
 City (Ciudad) Zip Code (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
 (Las solicitudes para boletos que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

March 27, 1987
 date (fecha)

Issued this 20 day of January, 1987.
 (Emitada este dia 20 de Enero, 1987)

Billy Gosney
 Signature of Presiding Officer
 (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

REAL ESTATE

Llano River, 10 Acres, \$1,250 down, \$251.22 p/month. Good building site. Nice oak trees. Contact Ron Wiatt, 3-W Investment Co. LREA, 512/681-5387, p.m. 22-4tc

FOR RENT/LEASE

House for rent at 1112 Tayloe. 3 bdr. Contact Maxine Locklin at 387-5680 or 387-5237. 15-tfc

Apartment for rent: Extra nice 1 or two bedrooms available. Both have lofts above living area. Private yards, central a/h. Two blocks to school, one block to grocery. Washer/dryer connections. Newly refinished. Call 387-5244. 4tp

Shurley Enterprises Mini-Storage, 8x12-\$25 monthly and 12x24-\$50 monthly. Please call 387-3619, 8 a.m. until 12 noon Monday through Friday. 21-tfc

For Lease or Rent-3400 sq. ft. building, formerly occupied by Pizzeria at 303 Crockett. Call 387-2659 (or 387-2836 after 7 p.m.) 22-4tc

Large apt. for rent; all bills paid. Also, one trailer house. Call 387-2040 or 387-3672. 15-4tc

MISCELLANEOUS

Crafts "How-To" Videos for rent. Included are videos on Basic Tole Painting, Cross Stitch, Create with Ribbon and Basic Floral Arrangement. Tapes are VHS. For more information call OI Sonora Trading Co. at 387-5507. 4tp

HOUSE FOR SALE

4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,000 sq. ft., fireplace, ceiling fan, 3 car carport, fenced, close to new high school. Call 387-3419. 20-4t

House for Sale-3 bdr., 1 bath, carpeted, carport + storage room. Call (915) 658-3390 after 5 p.m. Asking \$40,000 or negotiable. 4tp

House for Sale - 2 bedroom, 2 bath, carpeted - asking \$22,000. Call 387-3461. 15-tfc

For Sale by owner: 3bdr., 1 1/2 bath home. Carpeted, ceiling fans throughout. Wooden siding, carport, store room. Close to all schools. Call 387-5166 after 5 p.m. Equity and take up low payments.32-tfc

House for Sale: 3 bdr., 1 1/2 baths, paneled central h/a, drapes, new carpet, utility room, ceiling fan, 3 carports, 1 1/2 lots, stove, refrigerator, fire place, dishwasher, garbage disposal, covered patio. Cheap \$38,000. Call 387-3658. tfnc

LOT FOR SALE

Lot for sale - 430 Poplar. Call (915) 689-8417 or call after 5 p.m., 387-2883. 15-tfc

1/2 acre lot for sale, 807 E. 2nd. Call 387-2444.15-tfc

AUTOS FOR SALE

1986 Chev. Nova 4 dr. Air, automatic, power steering, New Car Warranty, 35 miles per gal., low monthly payments. Chaparral Motors, 387-2529. 21-tfc

1979 Olds. Cutlass Cruiser Station Wagon, automatic, power and air. \$1,995.00 \$500 down, \$35.00 weekly. No interest. Chaparral Motors, 387-2529. 20-tfc.

1986 Olds Cutlass Ciera 4-Dr. Sedan, automatic, tilt, cruise, cassette, 6,000 miles left on new car warranty. \$10,700.00 Chaparral Motors, 387-2529. 21-tfc

1987 Chev. 1/2 Ton Silverado <Demo> 350 V8 Automatic overdrive, cruise, dual tanks, chrome grill guard, chrome bumper, Full New Car Warranty. Save up to \$2,500.00, 3.9% G.M.A.C. financing available. Chaparral Motors, 387-2529. 32-tfc

1986 Olds 98 Regency 4 dr. <New> Loaded with all the extras. Midnight Blue with blue cloth interior. Save \$4,000 over an 87. Chaparral Motors, 387-2529. 25-tfc

MOBILE HOMES

1980, 14x70 Festival, central a/h, 2 bdr., 2 bath with kitchen appliances. Call 336-3477. 15-tfc

14x80 3 bdr., 2 bath, 1977 Deerfield Mobile Home. \$1,500 and take up payments. Call after 12 noon, 387-6120. 19-tfc

FOR SALE

For Sale: 1981 Rockwood Pop-up camper. Very good condition. Call 387-2518 or 387-3140 after 5. 4tp

E-Z Go golf cart, new tires, new batteries; 1982 Ford pickup, clean; Call Ray Smith, 387-2593 or 387-5044 after 5:30 p.m. 20-1t

Hammond Elegante Organ, Model 340100. This is Hammond's top-of-the-line, 2 manual, full pedal board organ with every imaginable feature. Appraised value, \$16,000; asking \$12,000. Call 387-2472. 28-3tc

Piano For Sale

Wanted: Responsible party to assume small monthly payments on piano. See locally. Call Credit Manager 1-800-447-4266. 3tp

FIREWOOD

For Sale - Wood by the cord or 1/2 cord. \$65 - seasoned mesquite, \$85 - seasoned oak, \$75 - mixed. Call from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 387-2387. 8tp

LIVESTOCK

For Sale - 2 Reg. Blk. Angus Bulls, 1 3 yr. old Herd Bull and 1 yearling. Top Genetics, growth and calving records available. Call 387-3583-1122, Sam & Libbye Young. 4tp

Angus Yearling and 2 yr. old bulls. Good for heifers. Juno Ranch Co., Frank Fish, call 387-6427. 17-tfc

LEASE WANTED

Wanted: Season hunting lease, deer & turkey. Six to eight hunters. Need water and electricity. Reasonably priced, 214/357-5883. 4tp

PERSONAL

New Credit Card! No one refused Visa/Mastercard. Call 1-619-565-1522 ext. C3558 TX 24 hrs.

PETS

To give away - 1/2 breed labrador puppies. 6 wks. old. Call 387-2508 before 5 p.m., after 5 p.m. call 387-5095. tfnc

LOST/FOUND

-Lost - one female cat, half white & black faced Calico, between Sonora and Junction, wearing white flea collar tied with black tape. Contact Joe Aubin at KOA, Alamo Space L-8, 512/224-9296. Reward. 2tp

HOUSECLEANING

We have good rates! We clean houses, offices, and apartments. Call Angie or Candy Howard. 387-5103. 16-4tc

WANTED

Top dollar paid for oil and gas minerals. Producing and non-producing. Write: Mineral, P.O. Box 7522, Midland, Tx. 79708 or call 915/684-4110. 4tp

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Own your own Jean-Sportswear, Ladies Apparel, Childrens/Maternity, Large Sizes, Petite, Dancewear/Aerobic or Accessories Store. Jordache, Chic, Lee, Levi, Izod, Gitano, Mens, Calvin Klein, Sergio Valente, Evan Picone, Liz Claiborne, Members Only, Gasoline, Healthtex over 1,000 others. \$14,800 to \$26,900 Inventory, Training, Fixtures, Grand Opening etc. Can open 15 days. Mr. Loughlin (612) 888-6555. 1tp

HELP WANTED

Night Desk Clerk Wanted. Apply in person, at Twin Oaks Motel. No phone calls please. 15-tfc.

Hudspeth Hospital is accepting applications for a full time RN or LVN. Call Guy Crippin for appointment, 387-2521. 17-2tc

Rapidly expanding Co. needs consultants. Help women improve their image. We do presentations on the importance on first impressions. Color analysis, cosmetics, wardrobing. Great income. Training available. Call Mrs. Germany 409/567-7643. 3tp

Farm Worker position open. Please contact Dr. Charles Taylor for further information by writing Box 918, Sonora, Tx. 76950 or calling 915-387-3168. 23-1tc

We need a hard-working person to sell our Goodyear roof products. Write Ed Mahon, Consolidated Companies, 1801 East 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44114. 3tp

Federal, State & Civil Service Jobs \$16,707 to \$59,148/Year, Now hiring. Call Job Line 1-518-459-3611 Ext. F-8016A for listing. 24 HR. 3tp

THANK YOU

The Family of Maria Del Refugio Castilleja wishes to express their grateful appreciation to everyone that in some way or another expressed their thoughtfulness during the loss of our beloved Mother and Sister. We will never forget our friends that in our moments of pain and sorrow cared enough to help us! Thanks Again, The Fam. of Maria Del Refugio Castilleja

La familia de la Senora Maria Del Refugio Castilleja desea darles las mas sinceras gracias a todas nuestras amistades y amigos que en los momentos de dolor, fueron tan amables de prestar sus atenciones, las mas sinceras gracias y hacerles saber que sus esfuerzos para servirles jamas seran olvidados, los recordaremos siempre en nuestras oraciones y nuestras mejores deseos seran para ustedes.

Eternamente Agradecidos,
 La familia de Maria Del Refugio Castilleja

SEALED BID SALE

982.25 Acres of Pastureland

Sealed bids will be accepted through March 31, 1987 on 982.25 acres of pastureland located 12 miles northwest of Eldorado, Texas. One water well with submersible pump. Buyer to receive one-half minerals and full executive rights owned. Call 915-655-7141 for information. Seller reserves right to reject any and all bids.

Mail Bids To: Marvin Hall, Jr.
 511 WEST HARRIS AVENUE, SAN ANGELO, TEXAS 76903

FORECLOSURE SALE BY SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The U.S. Small Business Administration will sell at public foreclosure sale the following real estate located in Sutton County

Abstract	Survey	Certif.	Block	Orig.	Grantee	Acres
1426	38	0/234	5	TWNG	Ry Co	640
613	53	0/242	5	TWNG	Ry Co	640
995	56	0/243	5	TWNG	Ry Co	640

Sale will be held at the Sutton County Courthouse, Sonora, Texas on Tuesday, April 7, 1987 between 10:0 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
 TERMS OF SALE: The real estate will be sold for cash to the highest bidder subject to any and all real property taxes due thereon.
 For more information, contact Diana Amador, Small Business Administration, Rm A513, Federal Building, 727 E. Durango, San Antonio, Texas 78206; (512) 229-6290.

Oilfield Directory

The following companies support and appreciate your patronage in helping Sonora grow.

LIGHT ELECTRONICS TWO WAY RADIO SERVICE JOHN HENRY STRAUCH Telephone No 608 S.E. Concho (915) 387-2272 Sonora, Tx 76950	Dresser Atlas 387-3531 302 East 5th St.	CARL J. CAHILL, INC. OILFIELD CONTRACTOR (915) 387-2524 , INC. Sonora, Tx. 76950
Your ad could be here Call 387-2507	ASAY Company, Inc. Oilfield Roustabouts Box 945 Office-387-6085 Duane Davis Jerry Parker Res. 387-2055	Sonora-Ozona Oil Company Exxon Products (915) 387-2400
Jimmy Condra Jimmy Trainer Oilfield Water Hauling RRC Pipehauling 387-3843	Sonora Wool & Mohair 210 S.W. College Tools, steel, pipe, fencing, welding supplies 387-2543	TREY TRUCKS INC 24 Hour Service 853-2186
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For Details 387-2728

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New Listings Daily

- 3 bdr., 2 bath, brick home with fireplace, AC/CH, privately fenced. Price reasonable.
- Beautiful 3 bdr., 2 bath on 10 acres, all kitchen appl., satellite dish.
- 3 br., 1 3/4 bath on corner lot, fenced, price reasonable.
- 3 br., 2 bath family room, on corner lot. Nice!
- 3 restricted lots--Meadow Creek Addition.