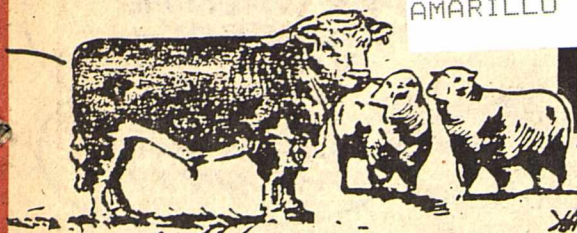


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Board agrees to retirement program for employees

The Sutton County Hospital District Board meet in regular session on January 9 tabling several of the items on their long agenda.

In a quarterly review of doctors weekend staffing contract, Dr. Lind informed the Board that beginning this month he would be on call one weekend of each four weeks starting he wished for more time with his family. Currently Dr. Lind and Dr. Pajestka are on call three weekends out of eight. The hospital brings doctors in from out of town to provide patient care the remaining two weekends.

After noting the needs of the hospital, it was the consensus of the Board to call a Special Meeting to discuss the issue.

Dictation of patient's charts was discussed with the board concurring to suspend admitting privileges to doctor if the charts were not completed in the four week time limit. In the case of two doctors, if both are behind on charts, the doctor with the largest number of delinquent charts would have their admitting privileges suspended. In many cases, payment for services rendered by the hospital is withheld pending completed patient charts.

A ban on smoking on the second floor of the hospital was discussed but tabled pending further investigation of smoke removal systems or a Smoking Plan to be implemented.

Needs of the hospital include a

new emergency room examining table and a portable X-ray and Hospital Administrator Scott Gilmore was asked by the Board to price both items.

Gilmore noted the hiring of Luan King to handle collections of past due accounts of the hospital. He also said that in checking with Matt Wall of the Texas Hospital Association, he found hospitals not requiring doctors to carry Professional Liability Insurance could be found to be negligent in credentialing.

A retirement program for employees is to be implemented with employer and employee contributing equal portions. A committee of employees is to be appointed to go to Austin to learn the facts of the program returning to explain the program to fellow employees.

Bids were opened for the purchase of a hematology machine with the bid awarded to Scientific Products on the recommendation of the lab personnel. Though Scientific Products was the high bidder on the equipment at \$36,500, it was pointed out the cost of operation

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Court votes to join in housing program

The Sutton County Commissioners received a favorable report from their outside auditing firm as they met in regular session on January 9. While it was noted that revenues were down, the County was commended on reduced spending.

Rex Ann Friess, Chief Tax Appraiser, reported that twenty percent of the current tax levy had been collected comparing the figure to last year's twenty-six percent collection for the same period.

Following reports from the various County Departments, the

Commissioners heard a presentation by the County Judge Carla Fields and Auditor Charles Graves concerning an FHA housing assistance program.

Currently fifty rural communities

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Sheriff's department recovers stolen items

Sheriff Bill Webster announced that his department has been investigating several burglaries and

thefts that occurred east of Camp Allison at the North Llano Estates subdivision.

Webster said that two landowners reported that residences on their property had been broken into the week before Christmas. Both landowners were reported to live in San Antonio. Chain saws, refrigerators, and camping gear were stolen along with a large deer feeder.

Two Kerrville men, Rodger Dale Goodall and Danny Joe Peschel were arrested in Kerrville by members of Sheriff Webster's department and charged with the two burglaries and the theft of the deer feeder. All items stolen were recovered.

Sheriff Webster said that Peschel had posted bond and had been released and Goodall remained in the Sutton County Jail under \$22,500 bond.

Opps! We goofed again 4-H auction and awards this Saturday

In the issue of the Devil's River News dated January 5, we gave incorrect dates for the upcoming 4-H Livestock Show.

The correct schedule of activities for the event are as follows:
Thursday January 12, 1989 7 p.m. Arrival deadline for Lambs
Friday January 13, 1989 3:30 p.m. Market Lamb Show
Saturday January 14, 1989 11:30 a.m. Barbecue Lunch
12:00 p.m. Auction
1:30 p.m. Awards Presentation

The lamb carcass and the angora goat show were held as reported on January 7.

We regret any inconvenience the incorrect information may have caused and sincerely hope that you will each support these young people in their efforts.

Christi Spain to be among those honored

The San Antonio Livestock Exposition and the Kiwanis Club of San Antonio will honor forty 4-H, Future Homemakers of America and Future Farmers of America youth at the 34th annual Rural Youth Banquet February 10.

The banquet will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom at the Gunter Hotel. Each honoree will receive a plaque, guest badge, two rodeo tickets, souvenir program and a San Antonio newspaper with a feature article and photographs. Honorees also will be recognized at the 10 a.m. rodeo performance on Rural Youth Day on February 11.

Twenty 4-H members will be invited to attend and participate in the special activities. 4-H members who will be honored, and the areas they represent, include:

Far West Texas, District 6--Trey Rose, Hudspeth County; and Nikki Dawn Ramsey, Ector County.

West Central Texas, District 7--Eric Zimmerman, Menard County; Andrea Eilers, Gillespie County; and Tonya Johnson, Callahan County.

South Central Texas, District 10--Shana Whiteley, Travis County; Lori Winklemann, Guadalupe County; and Jimmy Henson, Robertson County.

South Texas, District 12--Cindy Garza and Jason LaDuque, Webb County; and Brenda Lefner, Cameron County.

Southwest Texas, District 13--Misty Pfeiffer, Kerr County; Justin Stieler, Kendall County; Jody Jones, Uvalde County; and Christi Spain, Sutton County.

Coastal Bend, District 14--Michael Selzer, Gonzales County; Trey Wimberly, Goliad County; Wendy Moritz, Victoria County; and Tamyra Lynn Lyssy, Karnes County.



Fourth grade Gifted and Talented students Sarah Marrs, David Fisher, Walker Wallace, Michelle Cramer and Charles Moss work on their activity book for the naming of the next orbiter. Staff photo/Ann Cates.

Fourth grade selects the name Phoenix

The fourth grade Gifted and Talented class, Michelle Cramer, David Fisher, Sarah Marrs, Charles Moss, and Walker Wallace have selected the name Phoenix in the N.A.S.A. national contest to title the next orbiter.

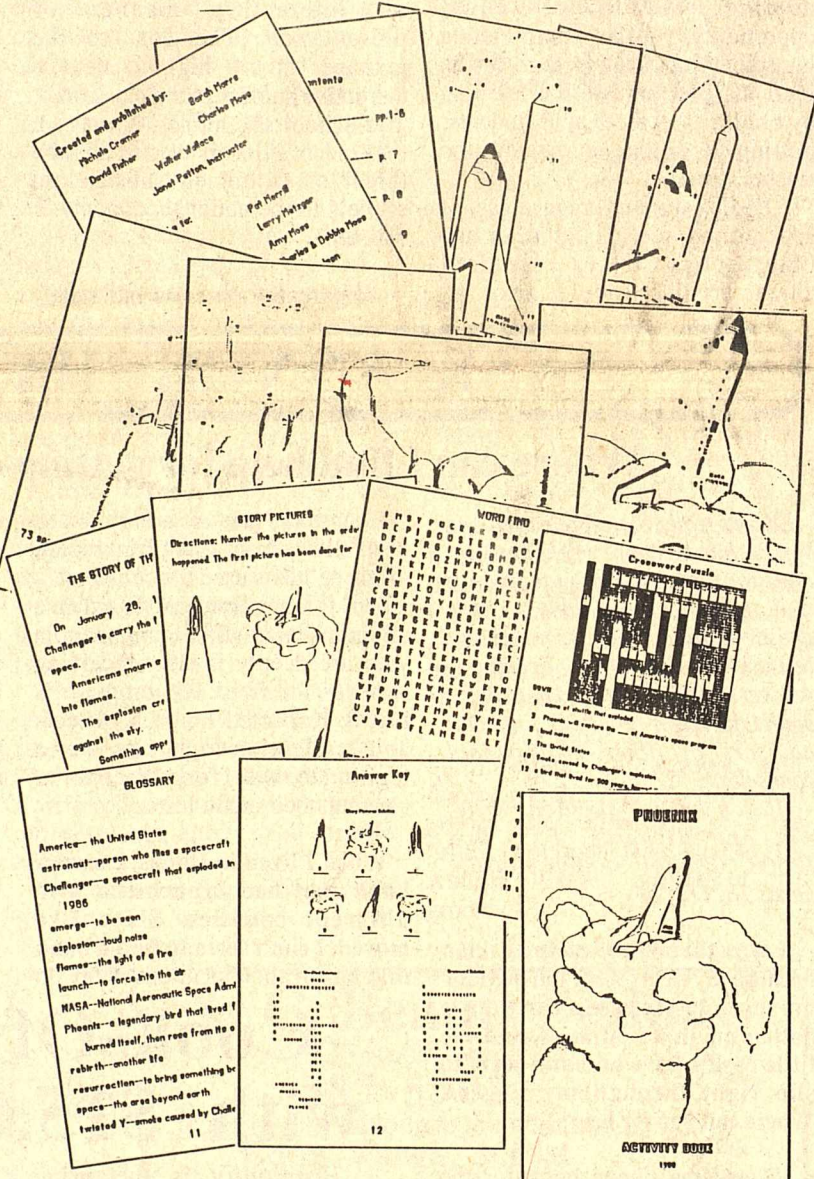
To illustrate their reasoning for the name, the class decided to create a children's activity book. This decision was made after an attempt to fashion a flip book failed.

The activity book is composed of six pages of dot to dot pictures illustrating the launch of Challenger, the explosion, and the rising of Phoenix from Challenger's ashes. Each dot to dot page has a caption describing the picture.

The book also contains a story, written by the students, about the launch of Challenger, the explosion, and the rising of Phoenix from the Challenger's ashes. Following the story, there are six frames of pictures on a page. Based on the story, the child is to number the pictures in order of occurrence.

The ninth page of the book is a word find puzzle using key words related to the shuttle story with page ten a crossword puzzle also utilizing words associated with the space program.

In addition, the book contains a credit page, a table of contents, a glossary and an answer key page. Each page in the book is laminated so the child can use the book many times.



Briefly

Beef raffle

The West Side Lions Club is raffling off a half of beef to be given away on January 24. The proceeds of the raffle are to benefit the Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

Tickets are \$1 each and may be obtained from Jim's Thriftway, Country Fried Chicken 'n Fish, Live Oak 66 or any West Side Lions Club member.

Cookies on sale

Girl Scout cookies will be on sale beginning February 13. To place an order, please call 387-5617.

Mother's Day out

Mother's Day Out at the Methodist Church will be running regularly on Friday's from 8 am to 4 pm.

If you would like to bring your child, please call Molly Zimmerman at 387-2304 or call the church office at 387-2466 for more information.

Attention ranchers

The 1989 Hunting Guide, compiled by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, is in process and requests are already being received for available leases. If you would like to have a listing in the guide, please call the Chamber office at (915)387-2880.

Over 5,000 of the 1988 edition were distributed. The Hunting Guide works! And it could be working for you!

Fibers showcase

Entry forms are available at the Sutton County Extension office for the Natural Fibers Showcase. The contest will take place at Amon G. Carter Exhibit Hall Round-Up Inn in Fort Worth on Saturday, March 4, 1989. The purpose of the contest

is to promote cotton, wool and mohair industries.

There are five competitive divisions. All entries are due no later than February 6, 1989.

For more information, please come by the Sutton County Extension office and pick up a copy of the form.

EMT class scheduled

An Emergency Medical Technician Course will begin in February in Sutton County.

This course is 100 hours of classroom and practical training in the field of emergency medicine. A Texas Department of Health EMT license will be issued if the student successfully completes the course and passes the state written exam.

The classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights. For more information call 387-5132 weekdays from 9 am to 4 pm.

Predator problems

Ranchers of the area need to be aware of an increasing predator problem in some areas.

If you would be interested in joining a trapping club or if you have questions regarding predator control call John Wade at 387-2908.

Al-Anon meetings

Al-Anon meets in Sonora on Thursday nights and in Eldorado on Tuesday nights. Ozona also meets every-Tuesday night.

For more information on the organization or on the meetings call 387-5775.

Have you adopted?

Adopt one square foot of the old Santa Fe Depot roof for just \$4. Help weather-in the Depot in 1988. All donors names displayed in the Stationmasters Office. Make checks to SCHS-Depot Roof and mail to Depot Roof, Box 885, Sonora, Texas 76950 or drop your contribution by Westerman Drug or the Devil's River News.

Campbell selected EMT of the Year

Pat Campbell was selected as EMT of the Year for 1988 and his name will join the three others on the Gene West Memorial Plaque.

The presentation was made to Campbell by Mona Simpler and Jonnie Hodges during the Christmas party on December 18.

Campbell joined the ambulance service in 1975 as an EMT. He served as Vice President of the organization in 1985, President in 1986 and again as Vice President in 1987.

Described as a vital part of the organization, he responds many times to emergencies even when he isn't on call as he realizes how crucial time is to patients. Campbell also gives much time being on call, training and encouraging others that are learning. He could easily be called "one that cares."

Members of the organization say "Congratulations Pat, and thank you for being a part of the Sutton County Ambulance Service."



Pat Campbell, center, receives his EMT of the Year award from Mona Simpler, left, and Jonnie Hodges. Contributed photo.

Junior Firefighters collect for WTRC

Fourteen Junior Firefighters from Sonora collected a total of \$551.96 for the West Texas Rehab Center during the months of December and January.

Those who participated are Brady Lock, Drew Dempsey, Justin Morley, Zac Kerbow, John David Lozano, Chris Presley, Michael Floyd, Jamie Floyd, Matt Routh,

David Benson, Marty Roberts, Brad Mogford, Brandi Bible, and Charlie Alewine.

The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department wants to thank each one of these youngsters for taking their time to help someone else.

A special thank you goes to Claudia Dempsey for her help and organization of this group.

New rates due in February

DEAR COMMISSIONER NABERS: When will the Texas Employment Commission be getting our rate notices out this year, and do you know yet what the minimum and maximum tax rates will be? Is it true that the taxable wage base will be \$9,000 instead of \$8,000?

T.B.
Beaumont, Texas

DEAR T.B.: Target mailing date for rate notices is February 6, 1989. The minimum rate will be 0.64% of the first \$9,000 of each employee's wages. The maximum rate will be 8.34%. These rates are down from 1.41% and 8.77% respectively in 1988.

DEAR COMMISSIONER NABERS: The company I work for has recently cut back our hours to essentially 20 a week. I cannot live on this but, at the same time, I don't want to give up what I have. Dose a person have to be totally unemployed to draw benefits?

F.B.
Ozona, Texas

DEAR F.B.: No. You need to go down to your local Texas Employment Commission office and file a claim. You will be entitled to draw partial benefits until you can find other work to take up the slack.

Commissioner
Mary Scott Nabers



Texas Business Today

Ms. Nabers represents 336,000 employers throughout Texas. If you have any questions you want answered, please write Commissioner Nabers at: TEXAS BUSINESS TODAY, 614 Texas Employment Commission Building, 15th and Congress, Austin, Texas 78778.

Letters

Dear Editor,
The members of the Sonora Chapter of the Independent Cattlemen's Association would like to thank everyone for the support of our recent raffle for the two hunts.

A special thanks to Chavarria Grocery, Gosney's, Live Oak 66, Vivian's Modern Way, Branding Iron Smokehouse and the Bright Spot for their assistance.

Thanks also to Bill Whitehead and David Shurley for making the hunts possible.

The help we received from all of you made this fund raiser possible for us.

Ruth Espy,
Secretary, ICA

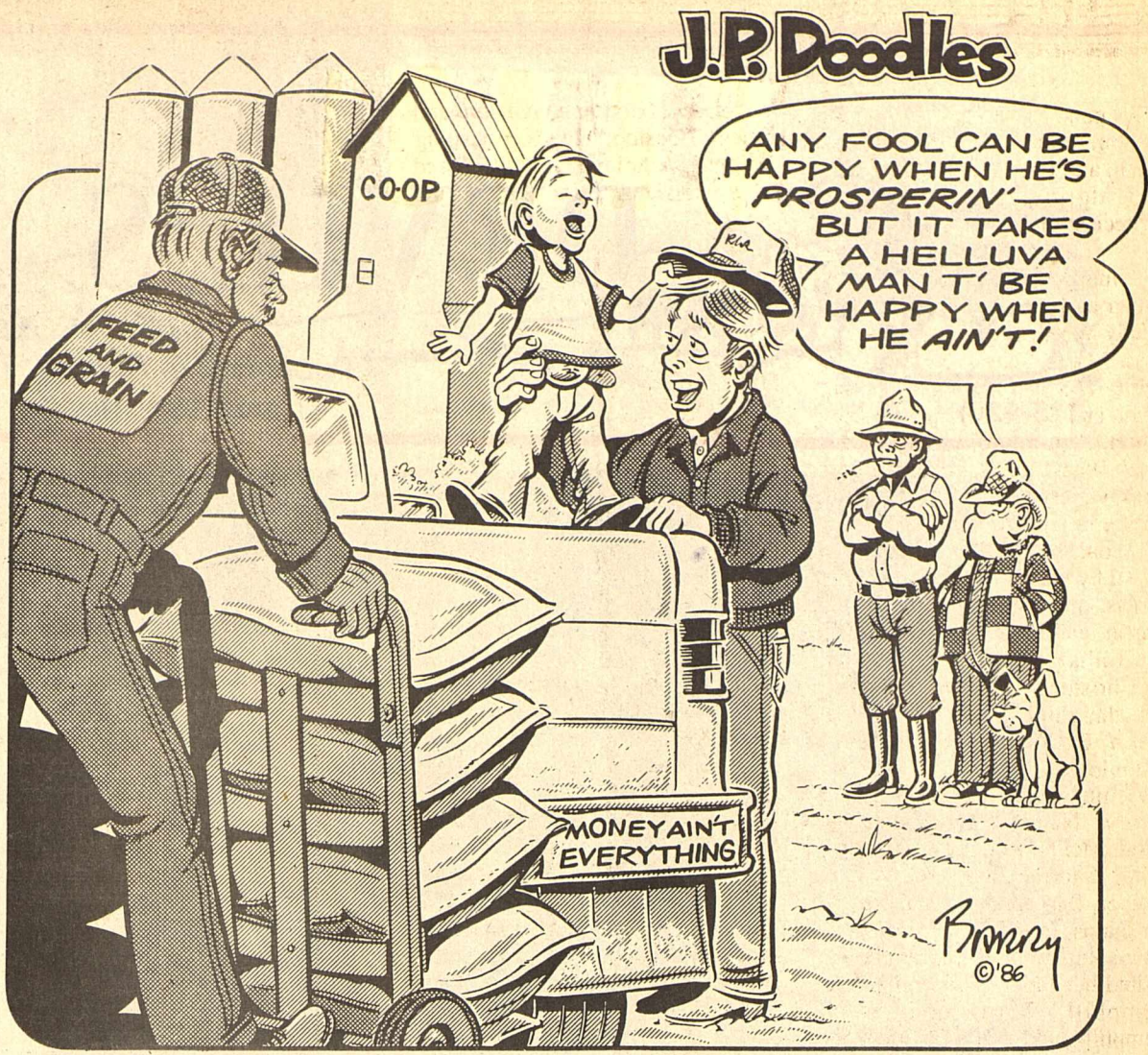
Fire Department Thank You's

The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department would like to give a hearty "Thanks!" to all the citizens and businesses who supported the Department in 1988.

Without each and every one who helps through out the year, our Department would not be the successful organization that it is.

Fuel shortage

More than a third of the world still relies on wood for cooking and home heating.



ONE MAN'S OPINION

by T. Driskell

I hate to beat a dead horse, but it is noted that the students of the Minneapolis-St. Paul School System were shown to be below the poorest Japanese Schools in Math, Geography, and Physics. How long is it going to take our people to see it? Our interpretation of the Constitution is faulty in the Education area. Equal rights is a misinterpretation of equal opportunity, yet that interpretation is used as justification to allow an inert mass to impede the learning by brighter and more avid students; putting a millstone around the teacher's neck.

Every student, regardless of background, race, religion, or any other physical or acquired characteristics should have an

inalienable right to an equal opportunity for an education, but only so long as he or she exerts genuine efforts to achieve the goal of the educational program. This requirement is a two edged sword: The student has to work to learn the subject matter. The instructor and planner of the course must have definite achievable objectives and an interesting manner of presentation. The cost to the taxpayer is too high to have a disruptive student in the classroom. The school tax money is wasted, the student's time is wasted and the threat of continued substandard schools to the national economy is disaster.

Apparently the slow but steady

self-preservation movement of industry into the after-hours education in industry will induce our educators to eradicate the Spock and Montessorian premissiveness from our schools above Kindergarten. Everything looks more or less up and then Bob Bullock, the State Comptroller turns on the beacon and remind us of our politician's misguidance of our school system by indentifying piles of brick (buildings) with quality of education. It was suggested that the State help with more bonds to facilitate school construction projects. My prayers are: Just once, let me see us put our money in education and teachers, not stacks of inanimate brick and mortar!

Snips, Quips, and Lifts

by Lottie Lee Baker

It's easy to have a balanced personality. Just forget your troubles as easily as you forget your blessings.

The road to success runs up hill, so don't expect to break any speed records.

Experience is what tells you to watch your step, and it is also what you get if you don't.

We grow old not so much by living, but by losing interest in living.

Many a politician who considers himself farsighted is a poor judge of distance.

The difference between antiques and junk depends on who's selling what to whom.

Tolerance gets a lot of credit that belongs to apathy.

Never argue with your doctor, he has inside information.

Medical doctors measure physical health by the way the tongue looks. The great physician measures spiritual health by the way the tongue acts.

The man who treats himself has a fool for a physician--but at least he doesn't have to wait for an appointment.

The time is coming when the American people will elect two presidents one for the White House and one for the road.

There's one good thing about politics-it beats working.

Love conquers all things except poverty and toothaches.

Money may not be everything, but it's a pretty good cure for poverty.

A LIFT FOR THE WEEK
Prayer can KEEP us out of trouble a lot easier that it can GET us out of trouble.

ASK ANN RICHARDS

Where can I find help for getting out of debt

Editors Note: State Treasurer Ann W. Richards each week answers questions about personal finance and state government. These questions are compiled from various letters to the State Treasury. Answers are not intended to take the sound advice of reputable financial advisers or other professional counselors.

If you have a question, write: Ask Ann Richards, P.O. Box 12608, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

I was turned down for a loan because my debts were too high for my income. My credit cards have gotten me in a real mess, and the little cash I have on hand seem to slip right through my fingers. Where can I go for help?

Check the phone book for the Consumer Credit Counseling Service center in your town. Their non-profit program helps people with debts and credit problems, and guides clients in setting up a new budget.

Homeowners who are behind on their mortgage payments, college graduates who default on their student loans, people who have found themselves unable to handle credit cards and senior citizens swamped by medical and hospital bills are typical clients.

Counselors can use arbitration to keep clients from filing bankruptcy or losing items used for collateral.

Fees for the service are based on a sliding scale, with many people who are deeply in debt receiving services for free. The program is highly respected by loan officers and collection agencies as a legitimate way for someone to clean up their credit history.

When I lived in Dallas, I used a bank that had branches in two different counties. Since I've moved, I can't seem to find a bank that has branch locations. Why do

some banks have branches and others don't?

A constitutional amendment allowing Texas financial institutions to branch was passed by voters in 1986. In October new banking regulations were approved allowing branching across the state and out-of-state for the first time in Texas.

Branches provide easy access to your money around town and even in another county. Each financial institution makes the decision whether to branch.

Cook-Off spiced with \$15,000 prize

Hospitality is the prime ingredient in each year's Texas and National Beef Cook-Offs. Of course, there's also two top cash prizes--\$3,000 and \$15,000--that add some spice to the whole affair.

Texas CattleWomen host the Texas Beef Cook-Off and the American National CattleWomen host the National Beef Cook-Off in cooperation with the Beef Industry Council.

This year's Texas Beef Cook-Off will be held April 27-28 at Prude Ranch in Fort Davis. Ten finalists will be selected and will compete for the \$3,000 top prize. Second and third prizes will be \$2,000 and \$1,000, respectively.

The Texas winner will join sixty-two other contestants at the 16th National Beef Cook-Off, to be held September 17-19 in Portland, Oregon. The CattleWomen are offering a top prize of \$15,000 for the year's best beef recipe, one of the highest cash awards on the contest circuit.

The 1989 National Beef Cook-Off will again feature three separate entry categories--traditional indoor, outdoor barbecue and microwave. Contestants may enter recipes (utilizing any cut of beef) in any category as often as they wish. To advance to the national contest, contestants must first win state and/or regional contests.

To enter, send a typed copy of your recipe(s) specifying the appropriate category to: Mrs. Elizabeth Horwood, P.O. Box 724, Sterling City, Texas 76951.

To obtain a free copy of "Win

\$15,000 With Beef," send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Texas CattleWomen, 9132 Elm Tree Circle, Tyler, Texas 75703.

Hospital Notes

In the Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital from December 25, 1988 through January 5, 1989:

Thelma Phillips-Sonora
Bill Yarborough-Midland
Benancio Garza-Sonora
Bobbie Fawcett-Sonora
Emery Harris-Sonora
Edna Crittenden-Sonora
Cathy Dietz-Sonora
Adele Carpenter-Sonora

Center Menu

Friday, January 13-Baked Turkey Roast w/Giblet Gravy, Cornbread Dressing, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Creamy Coleslaw, Cherry Cobbler

Monday, January 16-Beef Tips w/Mushroom Sauce, Rotini Noodles, Spinach, Hot Rolls, Fruit Cup

Tuesday, January 17-Chicken Creole, Red Beans, Broccoli, Corn Bread, Tossed Salad, Apple Cobbler

Wednesday, January 18-Meat Loaf w/Tomatoes, Macaroni & Cheese, Okra Gumbo, Corn Bread, Pears, Jello w/Fruit & Topping

Thursday, January 19-Liver & Onions, Potatoes AuGratin, Harvard Beets, Hot Rolls, Pineapple Up-Side Down Cake

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CHAT with ANNE

by Anne Karnes May

It's good to be back writing this column again. I've missed it so much, and I've missed seeing all of you during the holidays. I appreciate all of you.

Thumb-Nail Sketches: Visiting Oliver and Annabel Wuest and the Randy Wuest family for Christmas were Mike, Sandy, Marshay and Scott Wuest of Fredericksburg, David and Diane Wuest, Dustin and Devin, Seguin; and Gary, Jill and Jacob Wuest, of Seguin. Lena Belle Ross visited her daughter, Besty Buita, in Austin.

Leona and A.W. Bishop were joined by their children, Mike from Dallas, and Deborah and Cynthia, Austin; and Leona's parents, Ralph and Lillian Gillette, Ft. Stockton; for Christmas. Ruth Shurley visited her daughter and family, Kay Bosch, Bridget and Allison in San Antonio.

Visiting Elizabeth Neill were her family, Nancy Law, Doug and Judith McPherson, Jack Neill Law, Sandi Sherra, Jane and Richard Cooper, San Antonio; and Joe and Liz Davis, from Uvalde. Karen and David Rooker and children, Dallas; visited her family, Liz and Warren Hemphill, Mark and Sheila Hemphill and Lucille Coleman over the holidays.

Guila Vicars is in Del Rio visiting her sister-in-law, Mae Lowrey, who is ill. Nelson Stubblefield has had his daughter and family, Selma Nelle and B.C. Glasscock, Audrey and Jessica, and his brother, Wayland Stubblefield, Nashville, TN., visiting recently.

Nicky Nicholas, Allison and David, Houston; have been visiting Wilma Nicholas, Granville; and Margaret Baker and Peggy and Albert Fowler. Pat and Leo Merrill have had their daughter and family, David, Pattie and Camilla, Monahans; visiting recently.

Martha and George Wallace have had as guests, their son, Drew, from Lubbock, and his friends, Lisa Sones, Houston; Mike Manos, Dallas; and Shakell, from Tanzania, East Africa. Jayne Powers, Pam and Heather Felts, Becca Powers, Anita Balch and Louise Davis spent a week skiing at Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

Elizabeth Hemphill was hostess to the Sonora-Ozona Sewing Club at her home on January 3rd. Attending from Sonora were Joan Cusenbary, Marcia Rioux, Sue Smith, Frieda Cooper, Annabel Wuest, Leona Bishop, Vicki Shannon, Barbara Savell, Midge Shurley and Jerry Wallace.

Pat Merrill was hostess to the Tuesday Night Bridge Club on January 3rd at a local restaurant. Attending were Guila Vicars, Ruth Shurley, Lura Sawyer, Doris Rousselot, Lena Belle Ross, Celeste Prugel, Marti McLain, Jo Nell Johnson, Sammie Espy, Leora Bishop, Vivian Crites and Allie Askew.

Leona won High, Sammie won Slam and Doris won Bingo.

Til next week, remember to Take Care and God Bless!



MELANIE MILES and ROBERT MAYER

Miles, Mayer engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley C. Miles of San Angelo are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Melanie Marie, to Robert Sol Mayer. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph P. Mayer.

The wedding is planned for April 8 in the First Baptist Church in San Angelo.

Miss Miles is a 1985 graduate of Central High in San Angelo graduating from Texas Christian University in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She is also a member of PSI CHI Honor Society, Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority Officer, San Angelo Panhellenic Officer, and an Outstanding College Students of America Member. She currently is a substitute teacher in the San Angelo school system.

She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Virgil L. Cottingham, and the late Virgil Cottingham of San Angelo;

and the late Mr. and Mrs. Carson C. Miles of San Angelo.

Mayer graduated from Del Rio High School in 1981 and Texas A&M University in 1985. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science, a Karl Scholarship recipient, member of Alpha Gamma Rho Agricultural Fraternity and of the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department. He works as a Legislative Assistant in Austin as well as ranching with the family.

He is the grandson of Mrs. F.H. Whitehead, and the late Mr. F.H. (Tuff) Whitehead of Del Rio; and the late Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Mayer, Sr. of San Angelo and Sonora. He is also the great grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sol Mayer of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. R.L. (Bob) Miers of Del Rio. All were pioneer ranching families in their respective areas.

Wedding vows renewed

With God's blessings, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Avila renewed their wedding vows on December 31, 1988, in a double ring ceremony that took place at the Ozona Catholic Church.

The wedding party consisted of Padrinos-Alvino and Olivia Hernandez; Matron of Honor, Gina Esquivel sister of the bride and best man Armando Avila, father of the groom.

Ring bearers were Jessica Esquivel and Michael Galindo, pillow carriers, Crystal Ponsetti and Frank Esquivel all nieces and nephew of the couple, and escorting the bride was her brother David Reyna from Van Horn.

A reception was held at the Sutton County Steakhouse with family members of the bride and groom. The traditional toss of the brides bouquet was caught by Andrea Virgen, cousin of the groom.

Out of town guests came from

Van Horn, Sterling City, Beeville, Abilene and San Jose, Ca.

New Arrivals

Justin Lee Northcott

Jerry and Delma Northcott are very happy to announce the arrival of their son Justin Lee. Justin was born December 30, 1988 at 1:37 p.m. He weighed in at seven pounds eight and one-half ounces and was twenty and one-fourth inches long.

Welcoming Justin home ate his sisters Crystal Michelle and Brooke Ashley. The proud maternal grandmother is Mrs. Frank Reyna of Sonora and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James L. Northcott of Snyder.

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Financial management skills help young couples get ahead

When every penny counts, as it does for an increasing number of young families, knowing something about financial management becomes very important.

Two recently released studies based on U.S. Census Bureau data have underscored the fact that America's young families are struggling financially.

According to a report by the Children's Defense Fund, in terms of constant dollars, the income of families with children which are headed by an adult under age 30 fell by about one-fourth between 1973 and 1986.

Another study from the Economic Policy Group indicated the incomes of young families are growing much more slowly than their parents' income did when they were young. For example, the average income of a family headed by someone between 25 and 34 is nine percent lower than a similar family in 1973.

Nancy Granovsky, a family economics specialist who has been designing educational programs for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service since 1978, said these figures don't surprise her.

"Most of the skills we taught in the 70's for stretching family budgets to cope with inflation or survive unemployment still apply to young families, even when both spouses work," she said.

"Today's young families have to spend a higher percentage of their income for housing, medical care

and child care than did their parents, which means they have to find ways to economize in other areas."

Granovsky, who is currently directing a project to teach financial management to young couples in 57 Texas counties as part of a statewide Extension study, said certain skills have become a necessity for couples who want to get ahead.

Although 20 percent of take-home pay, not counting house payments, is considered a safe debt load, Granovsky said many young couples can easily exceed this limit by overusing credit cards.

"It's also important to have a plan for savings to meet emergencies and future goals, such as a downpayment on a house," the home economist said.

"Young couples may feel like they don't make enough money to save, when in fact, they can't afford to not save. When every penny of take-home pay is spent and there are no savings, the family is very vulnerable in case of even a minor emergency, like an unexpected car repair or medical bill."

The specialist said young couples may also realize cost savings by informing themselves and making better consumer decisions about credit card finance charges, auto loans and insurance or food buying.

The Extension Service offers workshops, publications and study-at-home lessons on basic family financial management. Check your county Extension office for information on local offerings.

HOME EC BRIEFS

by Micki Miller, CEA-HE

Are our Texas children at risk?

Children are dependent on their parents to provide them with the nurturing they need to become contributing citizens.

All children need parents who will give them the care and love they need to feel confident and capable, the guidance they need to be responsible and the cooperation, support, and instruction they need to achieve in school.

As research becomes more sophisticated, there is increasing evidence of the importance of parenting practices on children's development. Unfortunately, in Texas, there are signs that many families are not able to give their children the care and direction they need.

A significant number of Texas children are living in families that are experiencing poverty; child abuse and neglect reports are increasing; and academic achievement is low for many children. In addition, quality child care is not available or affordable for many children whose parents are employed outside the home.

According to a 1988 report by the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, here are some of the facts about Texas families and children:

Families in Poverty. In 1980, the proportion of Texas families living in poverty was 11.1 percent. Almost thirty percent of

the state's population is comprised of children and twenty-four percent of this number live in poverty.

Child Abuse and Neglect. In Texas in 1986, an estimated 419,000 Texas children were reported as being at risk of being abused, neglected or both. Of the 71,000 cases that were investigated, eighty-six percent were confirmed.

Educational Achievement. Current data indicate that one out of every three Texas students does not graduate from high school. For each generation of dropouts in Texas, the long-term cost to the state is estimated at more than \$17 billion.

Child Care. Nearly eighteen percent of the Texas labor force represent families with children under six. Failure to spend money on child care, especially for low-income families, will be reflected in costs to Texas later.

The environment in which Texas children grow up is crucial to their future and to the future of the state. There are programs which can make a difference in what happens to children but they need public support to exist.

The future is determined by the present. Can we afford to leave Texas children at risk?

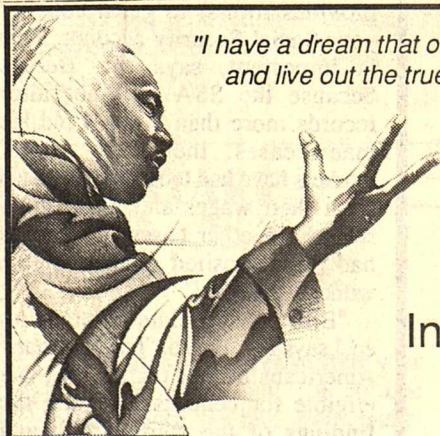
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In observance of Martin Luther King's birthday all facilities of First National Bank and Sutton County National Bank will be closed

Monday, January 16, 1989.

All banking facilities will re-open at regular time on Tuesday, January 17, 1989.

A Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God,
Wherever flames may rage,
Give me strength to save some life
Whatever be its age.

Help me embrace a little child
Before it is too late,
Or save an older person from
The horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert
And hear the weakest shout,
And quickly and efficiently
To put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and
To give the best in me,
To guard my every neighbor
And protect his property.

And if according to my fate
I am to lose my life,
Please bless with your protecting
hand,
My children and my wife.
Author unknown



Things to remember:

What? Covered Wagon Dinner Theater

Where? Sutton County Steakhouse

When? January 21 at 7 p.m.

Why? To relax, have a good time and enjoy Cynthia Ward perform a selection from "Love is a Wild Assault" before Sherri Gomez offers some musical selections. Great entertainment!! Sounds like a fun evening.

This would be a good time to ask our friends to join us--we can order from the menu filled with delicious food prepared the way only the Steakhouse can fix them. The cost of the show is only \$4 plus the cost of our meal and there are even going to be door prizes!

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'SELF' CONTROL

by J. Michael Fish

The "Wagging Tongue"

When a friend told me I should write a column on "tongue wagging," a throng of ideas occurred to my creative mind. Examples and lessons-to-be-learned were multitudinous. Many of my own experiences were recalled that could have illustrated the folly of gossip.

However, I couldn't think of a thing that has not been said before.

Gossip has been around since the earliest of verbal exchanges. I'm sure early man started and spread rumors about fellow cave members as they sat around the fire, tiring of the endless speculation from season to season about who clubbed J.R. on Dallas.

Seriously, it is safe to say there is little hope of ending this idle inclination of many. Therefore, we would do well to adopt realistic attitudes in order that we not suffer the repercussions of our reactions or from the gossip itself.

Most gossip is harmless and can be dismissed as idleness, not requiring action. Some "tongue wagging" is malicious and meant to damage a person's social standing, influence opinions of others, or achieve some perverted sense of satisfaction.

Before you react, ask yourself, "Does it really matter? Will it matter in ten or twenty years?"

Many objections and reservations to gossip stem from unrealistic concerns of "what others will think." All that should matter to a personality are the opinions and beliefs of that person. Actions, mistakes, failures and experiences of yesterday give us insight in the present and future. It is the actions of today and tomorrow that determines who and what we really are.

In most cases, it is your reaction to the idle information that decides validity and significance. Often, no reaction at all allows it to slip into nothingness and be forgotten.

That individual who worries what others will think is usually very inhibited, their true personality is never really known. They fear

mistakes and failures; making a mistake means people will speak unfavorably about them--something they probably do with regard to the mistake of others.

Excessive negative feedback can be a problem at times. Having a firm grip on reality and a healthy self-concept is always the best defense. Don't be so egotistical you will not listen to the opinions of others nor so modest you will not consider your own. Carefully appraise all opinions and reject all that are not consistent with the self-concept.

Certainly we should and do concern ourselves with what family, friends, employers, and supervisors might think; but if they know you well enough, you need not be concerned and you needn't worry about making a good impression.

Nine out of ten times, not trying to make a good impression leaves one with a better impression than if one tries.

At all times be yourself. Always exhibit your true personality--change it if you don't like it--it will grow and be refined with experience. People who appreciate your type of personality will naturally gravitate toward you and any gossip about you should be favorable.

Don't worry about idle gossip, it flies away on the wings of time.

Our economic destiny: In whose hands?

by Texas Attorney General
Jim Mattox

The State song "Texas Our Texas" may someday have to be changed to "Texas Their Texas" if we do not act soon to reverse the trend of foreign ownership of Texas businesses.

In the last twelve months, we have seen control of our major banks move from Texas to New York, Chicago and North Carolina.

MCORP, the last of Texas' large bank holding companies, is struggling to remain a Texas property. The other gigantic Texas bank holding companies, that faced massive loan defaults, fell to bailouts by out-of-state banking interests.

Now an even more ominous cloud is on our economic horizon.

Recently, the Antitrust Division of the Attorney General's Office received complaints regarding Texaco's sale to Saudi Arabia of half of its refinery operations, including its Port Arthur refinery.

This sale will adversely affect the ability of independent Texas businesses to compete in local markets and put thousands of employees at the mercy of foreign interests with no lasting ties to our state.

However terrible the results of such an acquisition, there are no state laws designed to stop or even detect such takeovers by foreign interests and the state's antitrust laws do not provide the answer to this problem.

This is just one of many

significant acquisitions by foreign investors in our state. The economic downturn in the Texas economy has resulted in bargain-basement prices for our businesses and property, and has made them easy targets for anyone with money to invest.

Internationally, as the dollar becomes weaker and weaker, and our trade balance worsens, the result will be increased foreign ownership of the vital industries of our state.

The solution to the problem of foreign ownership of our vital industries will not be easy. A recent bill in the United States Congress by Rep. John Bryant would have required reporting of foreign ownership. Unfortunately, the bill died in the Senate.

State Representative Paul Colbert announced that a similar bill will be introduced in the Texas Legislature. Other approaches are also possible. However, the time to act is now.

We must require the reporting of foreign ownership. It is not a solution in itself, but such information is necessary if the extent of the problem is to be understood and an immediate remedy is to be found.

Of course, the ultimate solution is a strong Texas economy built on a diversified industrial base. A strong economy will be disinclined and resistant to foreign ownership.

A cooperative effort by the citizenry, business, industry and government can keep Texas our Texas.

DEATH NOTICES

Mayan Mesa

A private service was held for Mayan Michele Mesa, three month old daughter of Darren and Roberta Mesa, Medford, Oregon, who died December 14, 1988. The child was born August 22, 1988 in Ashland, Oregon.

Survivors include the parents; grandparents Ralph and Lola Mesa and William and Joyce Aslin, all of Medford, Oregon and great-grandmother, Imogene Hobson of Grants Pass, Oregon and Modesta Mesa, Sr. of Sonora.

Thomas Wuest

Thomas Edward Wuest, 33 died Wednesday, December 28, 1988 at his residence.

He was born December 12, 1955, in Fredericksburg. He was a graduate of Fredericksburg High School, and was a mechanic at Camp Mabry.

Survivors include his wife, Desiree Wuest of Austin; his

parents, Raymond and Estella Wuest of Fredericksburg; two sons, Edward Thomas Wuest and Eric Jake Wuest, both of Austin; four brothers, Gerald Wuest of Austin, Stephen Wuest of San Antonio, William Wuest of Fredericksburg and Daniel Wuest of San Angelo; and one sister, Tina Merz of Fredericksburg.

Santos Guerra

Santos Espinosa Guerra, 77, died Friday, January 6, 1989 at Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, January 9 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery directed by Kerbow Funeral Home.

She was born August 21, 1911, in Austin. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Survivors include five sons, Jesse Guerra, Juan Guerra, Ernest Guerra and Joe Guerra, all of Sonora and Frank Guerra of Fredonia, Kansas; four daughters, Josefa Garza, Amelia Ramos, Margarita Duran, and Noelia Guerra, all of Sonora; two brothers, Jose Espinosa of Sonora and Jesus Espinosa of San Diego, Texas; one sister, Marcos Martinez of Sonora; 41 grandchildren and 52 great-grandchildren.

Aaron Wall

Aaron E. Wall, 71, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, January 7, 1989, at Kerrville Veterans' Hospital. We will miss his presence in our lives.

Graveside services were held at 4 p.m. Monday, January 9 at the Sonora Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Stephen officiating. Kerbow Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Wall was born November 22, 1917, in San Angelo, to R.E. "Ed" and Nellie (Kuykendall) Wall of Sonora. He was married to Perley Mae Jones in Sonora in August of 1941.

He served his country in World War II overseas for four years. He was wounded in action and received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. After the war, he came back to Sonora where he made his home for

the next several years. He was employed by the city and county for several years before going to work for Mr. Joseph Vanderstucken where he worked before going to work for an oil company in Bangs, Texas.

He later left the oil company to live on a small farm that he operated. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Ollie Potts.

Survivors include his wife, Perley Mae Wall, of Bangs; five brothers, Ira Wall of Alliance, Ohio, Robert Wall of Henderson, Eddie Wall of Ozona, E.W. "Dub" Wall and Nig Wall, both of Sonora; two sisters, Thelma Louise Olson of Henderson and Mandy Turk of Sonora; one uncle, Henry Wall of Sonora; several cousins; and many nieces and nephews.

SOCIAL SECURITY

1989 earnings base to increase

The annual earnings base--the maximum amount of earnings that counts for Social Security--will increase to \$48,000 for 1989, up from \$45,000, the 1988 base, Franklin H. Upp, Social Security manager in San Angelo, said recently.

The increase is based on the change in average earnings levels from 1987 to 1988. The Social Security tax rate will be 7.51 percent, same as the rate for 1988.

Other Social Security figures are scheduled to increase in 1989 as well, Upp said. The annual exempt amount used in the annual earnings test will increase. The annual earnings test is the measure used to determine whether a person who works will receive benefits during the year.

The 1989 annual exempt for people over 65 or over will be \$8,880--up from the 1988 amount of \$8,400. The 1989 exempt amount for people under 65 all of 1989 will be \$6,480 up from the 1988 amount of \$6,120.

A person whose earnings do not exceed the annual exempt amount will receive all benefits due for the year. A person's benefit is reduced \$1 for each \$2 of earning above the exempt amount. The annual earnings test does not apply once a

person reaches 70.

The amount of annual earnings needed to earn a quarter of coverage--the measure of Social Security work credit--will be \$500 from 1989, up from \$470 for 1988. In 1989, worker will earn four quarters of coverage if his or her annual earnings are \$2,000 or more.

More information about Social Security taxes and benefits can be obtained at the San Angelo Social Security Office located at 2214 Sherwood Way. The telephone number is 949-4608. Free publications can be obtained there which give more information.

Birthdays

- January 14
Kathy Cooke
- January 15
Bill Savell
- Gary Hardgrave
- Misti Kramer
- January 16
Juanita Mesa
- Bill Stewart
- January 17
David Wallace
- January 18
Phillip Cooper
- January 19
Ruby Brotherton

Lone Star files rate change

On January 5, 1989, Lone Star Gas Company Representative Stan Walker, filed for a rate change that will raise the average monthly residential gas bill by \$2.50.

"This rate change is necessary to continue the high performance levels our customers are accustomed to receiving," says Walker. "It will cover necessary operating expenses, such as maintaining and improving the local pipeline distribution system, all vital to dependable service."

The last time Lone Star filed for a rate change in Sonora was in October, 1984.

"Lone Star will continue to work for reductions in the cost of the gas purchased for our customers, and any savings achieved are passed on to customers each month through the gas cost adjustment," says Walker. "General increases in the cost of doing business make this request necessary," he said.

"No one likes rising prices, but any business must earn enough money to cover its cost of service. Even though our expenses have gone up, Lone Star still has the lowest average operating cost per customer compared to the five major gas utilities serving Texas. We will always strive to provide the best possible service to our customers," Walker concluded.

Many Americans unaware of Social Security benefits

There is more to Social Security than benefits for persons over 62 years-of-age.

Consumer Education Research Center, a national non-profit group, has been researching the Social Security system and the benefits it provides, since 1972. One finding is that, of the over-400 million persons now collecting SS benefits, more than 10 million are under 62 and their average age is only 30.

Robert L. Berko, consumer writer and executive director of the Center, says the organization has been updating and publishing a complete list of available benefits (and how to qualify for them) each year. They have just issued the 11th update, a 144-page book entitled 1987 Consumers Guide to Social Security Benefits.

The guide offers consumers of all ages an awareness of the benefits they are entitled to under the latest laws. All benefits, requirements and figures have been updated to their 1987 levels.

The book shows how (and provides forms) to get a copy of your Social Security account. This is important, says Mr. Berko, because the SSA will not alter records more than 3 years old. In many cases, the study found, workers have had too much deducted from their wages and were due a refund. In other cases, employers had not deposited enough in the worker's account.

"Billions of dollars go unclaimed," says Mr. Berko, "because many Americans do not realize they are eligible for benefits." Among the findings of the study group and included in the 1987 guide are:

•In some cases parents of a deceased worker are eligible for benefits even if they never paid into the fund.

•Many children are eligible for benefits even though their parents never paid into the system.

•Minor children and surviving spouse of a person who has worked under the SS system for as little as one day in each of six annual quarters can collect benefits.

•Income from investments, interest, annuities, rentals and royalties are not considered in determining eligibility--nor is income from a business in which a person was a partner if payments are made as a retirement benefit.

•The Supplementary Security

Income Program (SSI) provides benefits to aged, blind, and disabled which can be collected by recipients who own cars, homes or other assets. No lien is taken on these assets and a person cannot be disqualified because relatives are financially able to support the recipient.

•A divorcee is eligible for benefits when her ex-husband starts collecting retirement or disability payments if she is 62 or older and was married to him at least 10 years.

Mr. Berko tells us that, "Even if you find you are eligible, you will not receive checks unless you apply." For that reason the book tells how to apply for money--whom to contact and what to say.

The study and the book were done, the consumer leader says, because so many persons contacted his organization for information they could not get easily from the Social Security Administration. People complained of not being able to contact the Social Security office because the phone lines were constantly busy.

Strangely, the agency does not publish a comprehensive book for consumers that would advise them of all benefits due under Social Security and who is eligible. In past years there were many pamphlets available which described various phases of the program but, under the new austerity budget, many of these are discontinued and plans for new booklets scrapped. To make things worse, no office has a complete set of the ones that are in print.

"The fact that these pamphlets are longer available and there are less employees answering inquiries makes it vital that everyone have a book which reveals well-known and little-known benefits," says Mr. Berko.

1987 CONSUMERS GUIDE TO SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS can be obtained by sending (\$8.00) eight dollars (including postage) to CERC-SS, 439 Clark St., South Orange, N. J. 07079 or calling 1-800-USA 0121 (with credit cards).

"There is not risk in buying this book. The risk lies in not having the guide and losing an untold amount in benefits for which you may be entitled," says Mr. Berko.

Church Directory

<p>Church of Christ Minister-Don Jones Bible School-10 am Worship-11 am Sunday Night-6:30 pm Wednesday Night-7 pm</p>	<p>The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Worship Service-10 am Communion first Sunday of each month</p>	<p>Somebody Cares Ministry Rev. Louis Halford Sunday Adult Bible Hour-9:30 am Super Son Bible Hour-9:30 am Morning Service-10:45 am L.I.F.E. (youth)-3 pm Evening Service-6 pm Wednesday Bible Study-7 pm</p>	<p>First Baptist Church Rev. Jim Stephen Sunday School-9:45 am Morning Worship-11 am Church Training-6 pm Evening Worship-7 pm Wednesday Service-7 pm</p>
<p>Primera Iglesia Bautista Sunday School-9:45 am Worship Service-11 am Training Union-5 pm Evening Service-6 pm Wednesday Service-7 pm W.M.U.-Sunday-2 pm Between Santa Clara & Chestnut</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church Kent L. Kepler Sunday School-9:45 am Worship-10:55 am KVRN 98 AM-11 am Children's Choir-Wed. 4:30 pm UMYF-Wednesday 6 pm Chancel Choir-Wednesday 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Hope Lutheran Church Sunday School-10 am Worship Service-11 am Thursday: Adult Bible Class-8 pm Charles Huffman, Pastor</p>	<p>St. Ann's Catholic Church Rev. Lawrence D'Mello Saturday Night Mass 7 pm English Sunday Mass 8 am Spanish 11 am English Holy Day Mass-7 pm</p>
<p>Sonora Tabernacle United Pentecostal Rev. Kenneth Doyle, Pastor Sunday School-10 am Worship-11 am Evening Worship-7:30 pm Wednesday Service-7:30 pm</p>	<p>Jehovah's Witness 310 St. Ann's 387-2679 or 387-3947 English Meeting Public Talk-1 Sunday Watchtower Study-11 Sunday Theocratic Ministry-7:30 pm Tue. Service Meeting-8:15 Tuesday Bible Study-7:30 Thursday</p>	<p>Jehovah's Witness 310 St. Ann's 387-2679 or 387-3947 English Meeting Public Talk-10 Sunday Watchtower Study-1:55 Sunday Theocratic School-7:30 pm Wed. Service Meeting-8:15 Wednesday Bible Study-7:30 Monday</p>	<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 404 NE Poplar Holy Eucharist-Sunday 8 & 11 am Sunday School-9:45 am Holy Eucharist w/Prayers for Healing, 1, 3, & 5 Wed., 7 pm Daily Morning Prayer-M-F 8:45 am Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector</p>

The following businesses urge you to attend the church of your choice

<p>Westerman Drug COX DRUG, INC. 387-2541</p>	<p>SW Texas Electric Co-op 853-2544</p>	<p>Food Center Home owned and operated 387-3438</p>	<p>Kerbow Funeral Home 387-2266</p>
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December Fire Department report

The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department reported a total of nine calls for the month of December including four grass fires, one structure, one trash, one vehicle, one false alarm and one mutual aid to Eldorado. These fires resulted in 198.5 hours firefighting with an average of thirteen members responding to each fire.

Fourth quarter totals, including December, are as follows: fifteen grass, one structure, one vehicle, one trash, one rescue-live, three false alarms, one other, and two mutual aid to Eldorado and Rocksprings for a total of twenty-five fires. An average of thirteen

people responded for each fire logging 607.5 hours.

In case you didn't notice, fifteen of the twenty-five fires in the last three months were grass fires. The current dry conditions make any type burning a dangerous threat to humans and pasture land alike. Please keep this in mind while going about your daily activities.

The Department would like to thank Mrs. Ralph Mayer for her generous donation to the organization. These contributions do a great deal to help the Department with much needed funding.

Heartburn? What to do

Nearly everyone experiences heartburn now and then. Temporary relief may be found in antacids. But if you suffer from heartburn more now than then, you may be able to change some habits to better control the problem, says the Texas Medical Association.

Heartburn is a form of indigestion. It usually is described as a burning sensation in the chest, which can last for many minutes, and it typically occurs after meals.

What causes heartburn is

"gastroesophageal reflux," the backup of stomach contents into the lower esophagus.

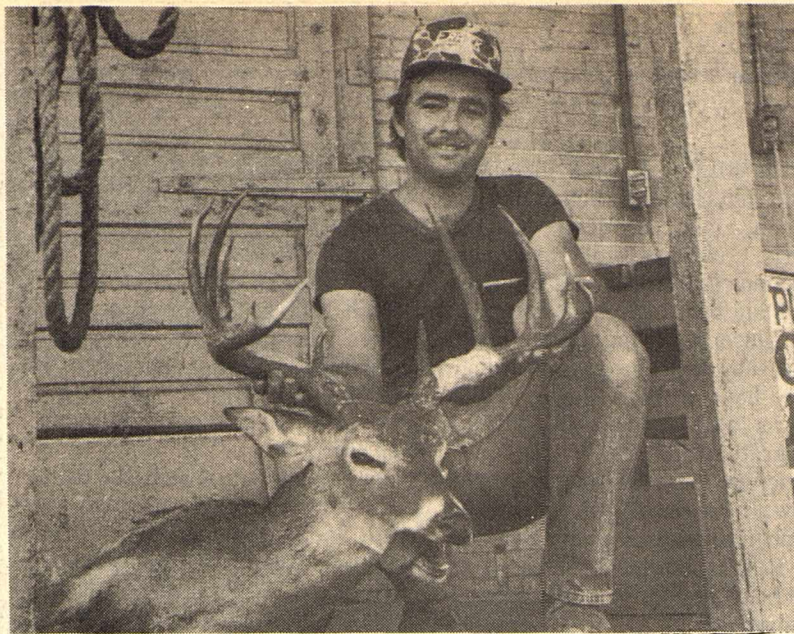
Don't overeat, and watch what you eat.

Don't lie down after eating. Many people find it helps them relieve heartburn if they stay upright for several hours after eating.

Heartburn is rarely serious, but repeated refluxes can lead to injury of the esophageal lining. So if your heartburn persists or occurs frequently, see your doctor.



Judy Sheppard-winner of the Sutton County Resident Division Best Buck. Photo courtesy of Royce Mears.



Stan Brant-winner of the Overall Best Buck Over 17 years of Age Division. Photo courtesy Royce Mears.

Sheppard/Matthews local winners in contest

Judy Sheppard has won the Best Buck and Sean Matthews the Heaviest Doe in the Sutton County Resident Division of the 1988 Big Buck Contest sponsored by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

Sheppard killed her fourteen point buck weighing 120 pounds on the Harrison Ranch. Matthew's killed his 66 pound doe on the Black Ranch.

Winners of the non-resident categories are:

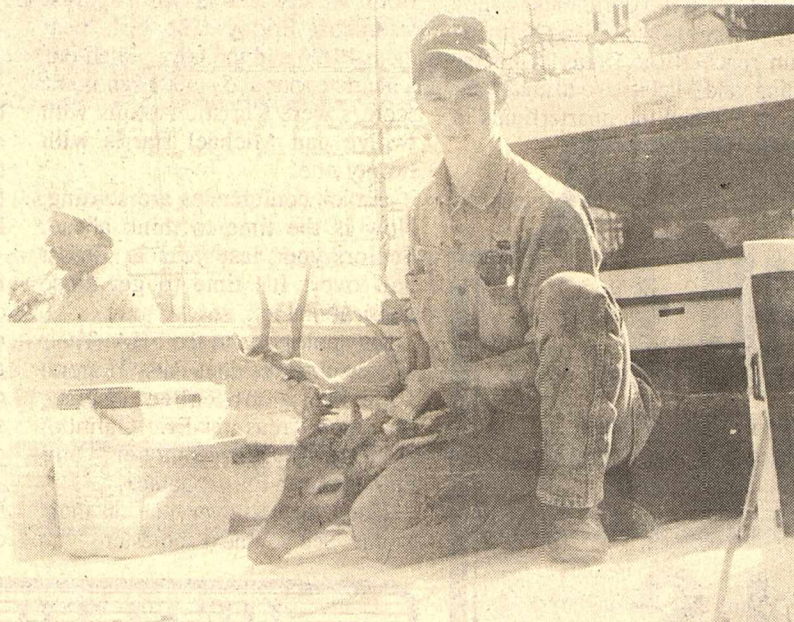
Longest Spike-James R. Howard, Fort Worth, killed on the Ray Ranch.

Heaviest Doe-Norman Lutz, Iraan, killed on the Askev Ranch.

Best Overall Buck-over 17 age division-Stan Brant, Universal City, killed on the David Shurley Ranch. The eleven point buck had an outside spread of 19 1/2 and weighed 122 pounds.

Overall Best Buck-under 17 age division-Trey Hanover, Elgin, killed on the Wesley Sawyer Ranch. At 120 pounds, the thirteen point buck had an outside spread of 14 1/4 inches.

Grand Prize Give Away-W.G. Meredith, Dallas.



Trey Hanover-winner of the Overall Best Buck Under 17 years of Age Division. Photo courtesy Royce Mears.

Gem and mineral show in Fredericksburg 21 and 22

The 20th annual Gem and Mineral Show of the Fredericksburg Rockhounds will be held in the Pioneer Pavilion at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park in Fredericksburg on Saturday, January 21 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sunday, January 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Exhibits will show the handcrafts of lapidarists and jewelry makers from throughout Texas and nine craftsmen will be on hand to continuously demonstrate their skills and to answer questions. Several dealers will have booths, providing an ample supply of tools, books, materials, and finished jewelry.

This show is one of the outstanding Gem and Mineral Shows in the United States and was attended last year by nearly 3000 visitors from thirty-three states and several foreign countries.

An entertaining and educational time is assured for all ages.

Admission is free and everyone is eligible for the hourly drawing of valuable door prizes. There is ample free parking, and RV hook-ups are available in the park.

The ladies of the Fredericksburg American Legion Auxiliary will serve their famous home-cooked meals and snacks.

October figures show increase in Texas gas production

Railroad Commission Chairman James E. (Jim) Nugent announced that Texas oil and gas wells produced 471,679,212 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas in October, compared to the September gas production total of 449,928,981 Mcf. October production increased 2.97 percent compared to October 1987 production of 458,066,164 Mcf.

The state's top producing counties, rank ordered by preliminary October production were: Webb, 23,552,847 Mcf; Zapata, 23,529,736 Mcf; Pecos, 19,642,601 Mcf; Hidalgo, 16,011,033 Mcf; Panola, 11,892,910 Mcf; Hemphill, 8,276,079 Mcf; McMullen, 8,216,797 Mcf; Matagorda, 7,258,944 Mcf; Crockett, 7,115,564 Mcf; Moore, 6,158,131 Mcf and Sutton County's production was 5,024,054.

Texas gas production in October came from 191,288 oil wells and 45,863 gas wells.

Texas crude oil production

averaged 1,867,181 barrels daily in October.

This figure compares with preliminary September production of 1,857,951 barrels daily. Final production reports for September indicated average production at 1,871,812 barrels daily.

The preliminary Texas oil production figure for the month of October is 57,882,623 barrels, up from 55,738,519 barrels in September, according to Nugent.

The state's top producing counties, rank ordered by preliminary October production were: Gaines, 3,509,647 barrels; Andrews, 3,384,260 barrels; Ector, 3,380,692 barrels; Pecos, 3,151,802 barrels; Yoakum, 3,030,026 barrels; Hockley, 2,758,798 barrels; Gregg, 2,614,729 barrels; Crane, 1,672,569 barrels; Scurry, 1,361,413 barrels; Wood, 1,116,329 and Sutton County's production was 2,681.

Texas oil production in October came from 191,288 wells.

Many factors influence decision, start planning early for retirement

People who are thinking about retiring at the end of the year should start making some serious plans now, Franklin H. Upp, social security manager in San Angelo, said recently. And, those plans should include Social Security, Upp said. There are several factors a person should consider.

First, a person under 65 considering retirement should remember that his or her Social Security benefit will be permanently reduced if received before 65. The amount of the reduction depends on the number of months a person receives benefits before 65. The reduction amounts to 20 percent at 62, 13 1/3 percent at 63, or 6 2/3 percent at 64.

Other factors can influence a person's decision to retire, Upp said. Availability of a company pension could be a factor. So could the person's ability to continue working. At any rate, a person should contact Social Security two or three months before reaching 65 to arrange Medicare health insurance protection even if there are no plans for retirement.

A person should have certain information ready when applying, Upp said. The person needs his or her Social Security card or a record of the number. Next, a person needs proof of his or her date of birth. An official record of birth recorded before age 5 is best, but other documents can be used if this is not available.

A Form W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement) or self-employment tax return for the past year should be available. This is needed so that all of a person's earnings can be considered in figuring benefits.

A husband or wife who is also applying should have the same documents. Birth certificates of any eligible children are also needed. Do not delay applying if all this evidence is not available. Call the Social Security Office. The people there can tell you what other evidence can be used.

The San Angelo Social Security Office is located at 2214 Sherwood Way. The telephone number is 949-4608.

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DON'T START EATING... Because you've stopped smoking!

Concern about gaining weight is one of the most common rationalizations for smoking again. Just because you have decided to save your life by quitting cigarettes doesn't mean you have to resign yourself to gaining unwanted pounds. You can be cigarette-free and maintain your normal weight. Here are some suggestions to help you:

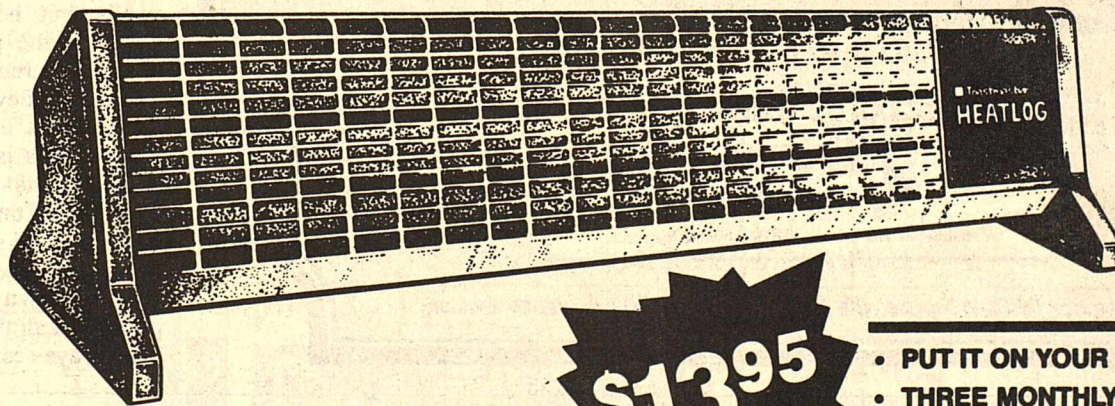
- If you find it easier to cope with tense situations when you have something in your hand, make that something light, like a carrot or celery stick instead of a three-pound cheeseburger.

- If you can't resist raiding the refrigerator, make sure that your have healthy, low-fat snacks prepared. Too often we eat junk food just because we want to eat now, and it's the only food ready to be eaten.

- If you haven't been stuffing your face, but you've still put on five pounds since you quit, don't panic. Nicotine is a stimulant which affects the body's metabolic rate. When you quit smoking, your metabolic rate slows. If caloric intake and/or activity level is not altered, some weight-gain is likely after quitting. A slight alteration of your habits to counter this is all you need: Cut down on your intake of fatty foods and increase your exercise level. This doesn't mean take up marathon running tomorrow. A brisk walk after dinner will help you burn off the calories.

For more tips on how to stay cigarette-free without gaining weight, call **The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Cancer Information Service** at 1-800-4-CANCER.

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BRONCO TAILS

by Cynthia Kepler

SCHOOL MENU

Monday, January 16-Fish Nuggets, Macaroni w/Cheese, 3 Bean Salad, Corn Bread & Milk
Tuesday, January 17-Beef & Corn Casserole, Vegetable Salad, Carrot Cake, Milk
Wednesday, January 18-Baked Chicken, Broccoli w/Rice, Carrot Sticks, Banana Nut Bread, Milk
Thursday, January 19-Beef & Bean Chalupas, Shredded Cheese, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Oatmeal Cookies, Milk
Friday, January 20-Beef Tips w/Noodles, Okra, Orange & Pineapple Jello, Rolls, Milk

The end of the semester is near, and students are studying hard for exams. At least, that's what they're telling me. On top of exams, activities are coming back stronger than ever!

The semester exam schedule will be: Thursday the 12th-1st, 3rd, and 5th; Friday the 13th-2nd, 4th and 6th; and Monday the 16th-7th. Good luck.

Juniors and seniors have selected their Lion's Club Queen candidates. The candidates for 1989 are Kay Williams, Kim Cooke, Norma Sosa, Wheless Baker, Lisa Martinez, Rosa Madera, Christie Spain, Christie Adkins, Tammie Adams, Donna Varner, Shawna Patton, Debra Harris and Abby Samaniego. The Queen will be chosen at the Lion's Club Banquet on January 23. Good luck to all the candidates.

The Mighty Bronco Band has some outstanding members. In Austin, last weekend, Chuck Harris, Catherine Kepler and Mark Wooten competed for places in the All-State band. Although they did not place high enough to make state, they all had a good showing. They have worked hard on their music and are to be highly congratulated. This weekend, Catherine, Mark, Chuck, and Angie Stewart will be travelling to Stephenville to participate in the All-Region concert. The concert will be at 7:00 in the Tarleton State Auditorium.

Students from Sonora High participated in the San Angelo Central Speech Tournament. They made a very good showing. Christie Spain reached the finals in poetry reading, and Michael Todd and Mark Rogers reached the quarterfinals in

CX debate. Chris Penney and Jon Lind also reached quarterfinals in CX debate. Sonora placed 2nd in the small schools.

This weekend, the entire U.I.L. speech and academic team will travel to Colorado City to participate in a tournament. This will be the first full scale tournament of the year, so good luck everyone.

Basketball and more basketball. Last Tuesday, teams traveled to Wall. Scores were: Varsity Girls-Wall 48, Sonora 20; and Varsity Boys-Wall 77, Sonora 55. High point scorers were Christie Adkins and Anna Balch with six and Michael Harris with twenty-three. Both varsity teams won against Iraan last Friday. The girls beat them 48-20 and the boys pulled out a heartstopper at 51-50. High point scorers were Christie Adkins with twelve and Michael Harris with twenty-one.

Junior conferences are starting. Now is the time to think ahead. Seniors-your last year is almost half over! It's time to get those applications in.

My apologies to the FHA. Their officers are President-Patsy Herrera; Vice-President-Ruben Mesa; Secretary-Treasurer-Eric Galindo; Historian-Sylvia Sanchez; and Photographer-Evette Gamez.

Good luck to everyone on their exams. See you next semester.

Hotline to assist students and parents

College-bound students and their parents are faced with many decisions in selecting the "right" college and meeting college costs.

Without accurate and timely information, the process can be both confusing and frustrating. The Texas Association of College Admissions Counselors (TACAC) and First City Texas will provide toll-free telephone HOTLINE in January to assist Texas students and their parents.

On Saturday, January 14 and Sunday, January 15, the HOTLINE will be in operation from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The special toll-free number established to serve our callers: 1-800-253-8989.

Teams of college admission directors and high school guidance counselors will be answering the phone lines. Financial aid officers from Texas collegiate institutions will round out the staff of "experts". Nearly 1,000 calls were answered last year on topics such as requirements, ACT/SAT testing, college costs and scholarships.

With over 3,000 higher education institutions to choose from and over \$14 million in financial aid available, selecting the right one is truly a challenge. The goal of the 1989 HOTLINE project is to provide immediate answers to all the people of Texas who have questions about college.

Smart food choices

This summer U.S. Surgeon General, C. Everett Koop, issued a report on nutrition and health that cites scientific evidence indicating that people's food choices may be linked to specific diseases.

Of the 10 leading causes of death, five have been associated with diet; coronary heart disease, some types of cancer, stroke, diabetes, and atherosclerosis. Another three-cirrhosis of the liver, accidents and suicides-have been associated with drinking too much alcohol.

Incidentally, if you are adding them up, the other two leading causes are chronic obstructive lung

diseases and pneumonia with influenza. All ten causes are from things put in your mouth by yourselves!

Here are the surgeon general's recommendations for smarter eating and drinking-

Cut down on fat and cholesterol. Choose foods relatively low in these substances, such as vegetables, fruits, whole grain foods, fish, poultry, lean meats, and low-fat dairy products. When preparing food, add little or no fat.

Maintain desirable weight. To do so, choose a balanced diet in which energy intake (calories in food) is consistent with energy expenditure (exercise and physical activity).

Eat lots of complex carbohydrates and fiber. Discover the good taste of whole grain foods and cereal products, vegetables (including beans and peas) and fruits.

Reduce sodium intake (salt and soda). Choose foods relatively low in sodium (read the labels) and limit the amount of added salt in cooking or at the table.

Drink moderately, if at all. To reduce the risk of chronic disease, limit alcohol consumption to two drinks per day. Avoid drinking any alcohol before or while drinking, operating machines, taking medications or doing anything that requires judgement. Do not drink any alcohol while pregnant.

Board . . .

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was approximately two to four times less expensive per test and the machine also performed a larger variety of tests. Other bidders included Baker Instruments with a bid of \$31,500 and Coulter with a bid of \$28,000.

With no bids to purchase an old B-80 computer no longer in use at the hospital it was decided to dispose of the equipment. One bid to purchase a 1974 Ford pickup for \$100 was received from Moses Zamora with a unanimous decision to accept the bid.

A notice of election was called for by the board with positions in Precincts 1 and 3 and two members at large to be included in the election May 6.

Court . . .

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across the state participate in the federal program which has designated The Department of Community Affairs (TDCA) as a Public Housing Agency. The program is administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A community's eligibility is based on local estimates of the number of standard rental units available in the community which are owned by property owners willing to participate and the number of eligible families seeking assistance. The program is strictly voluntary on the part of the landlord.

In order to be included in the TDCA's application to HUD, a local unit of government must first pass a Resolution of support endorsing the Statewide Housing Assistance Program and authorizing the execution of a contract with the Department which the Commissioners did unanimously.

The Commissioners Court meets the second Monday of each month and the fourth Monday if need warrants.

Strain of grass owners dream

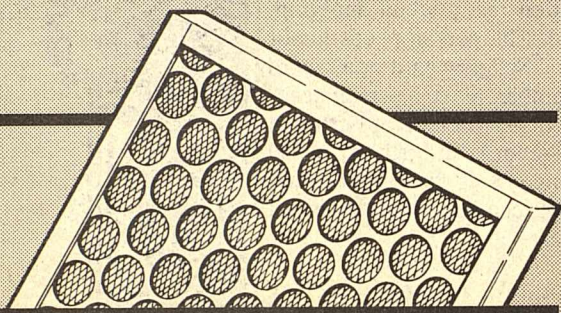
Scientists have developed a miracle strain of grass that could someday make lawn mowers obsolete. *International Wildlife* magazine reports that the new grass grows only two to eight inches a year.

This new grass comes up early in the spring and is greener than most other varieties. It also gives off substances that keep weeds from invading its territory.

TAKE THE CHILL OUT OF WINTER HEATING BILLS.

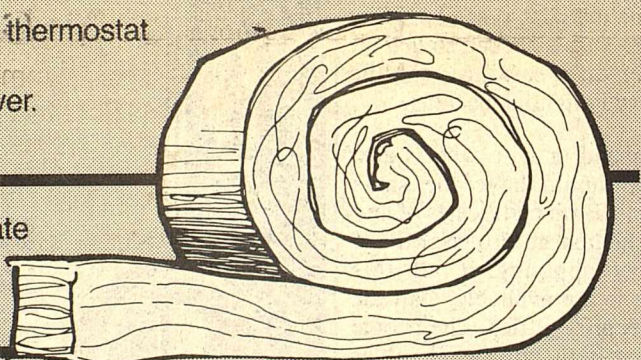
WTU has these suggestions for lower energy bills.

Clean or replace filters monthly in your heating unit.



Set the thermostat at 68° or lower.

Check the attic for adequate insulation; R-30 is recommended.

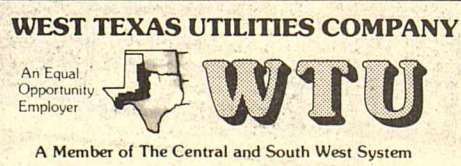


Caulk and weatherstrip around windows and doors to help prevent excessive heat loss.

Tightly close the damper in the fireplace when not in use.

Open drapes and blinds during the day to let in sunlight and close them at night to hold in warm air.

For a more comfortable home and an electric bill that won't give you a chill, contact your local WTU office for more conservation tips.



Remember, REDDY supplies the energy — but only YOU can use it wisely.

HEALTH NOTES

by Edwin D. Rathbun M.D.,
Texas Tech University Health
Sciences Center

Ear infections

Because anatomy divides the ear into three parts, infections of the ear are designated as inner, outer or middle. Inner ear infection involves the nerve of hearing or of balance and most commonly is seen in the family doctor's office as an episode of dizziness with nausea that follows a bad cold and is a troublesome, temporary complication we call vestibular neuritis or labyrinthitis. When dizziness becomes long term and is associated with hearing loss, we think of Meniere's disease.

External ear infection appears between the eardrum and the floppy thing on the outside, frequently designated "swimmers ear" for its frequent occurrence when the external ear canal loses its protective ear wax coating in a swimming pool or dirty pond, but also wearing ear phones or hearing protectors for long hours at work, or trying to remove earwax with some sort of instrument (I think soaking with peroxide works best for this).

Seldom does a person run fever or feel very sick with an external ear infection, but because the skin of the external ear is so tightly attached to the cartilage and bone of the canal, swelling from infection causes severe pain when the floppy part of the ear (Pinna) is pulled about or when the little bump in front (Tragus) is pushed about. Bad swelling pus may come from the ear and when the canal completely swells shut, hearing may be lost. Early, in the game as a country doctor, I learned to tell these folks to come back every week for two or three weeks until they get well, because this is one time doctors' prescriptions seem to take an awfully long time to work and early in my career I saw a lot of patients who were dissatisfied with the doctor down the street who prescribed all the right medications but always seemed to be too busy

for people who came back with the same old problem.

Middle ear infections are most common in infants and young children, but they can occur at any age. Germs from the nose and throat seem to migrate through the Eustacian tube or by way of other vessels surrounding it to the middle ear cavity, a half inch diameter spherical "room" behind the ear drum. They multiply, causing an infection called otitis media. Irritation and swelling of the eustacian tube, a passage way from the middle ear into the throat, keeps fluid from draining out of the middle ear causing pain as pressure builds up behind the ear drum. Ear infection should be suspected in a youngster who becomes irritable with no apparent reason, especially if the child repeatedly pulls at the ear, has a bad cold, congestion, poor appetite, crankiness, and fever. Older children may complain of an earache or be unable to hear. Occasionally, pressure from increasing infected fluid pressured may rupture the eardrum causing pus to drain from the ear. In the days before antibiotics, this development was applauded because draining of pus anywhere in the body generally meant resolution of the illness. Antibiotics work a whole lot better and quicker, and there is less deafness these days because of our ability to heal ear infections with antibiotics.

Unless your two year old comes to you and says "Mother, I seem to have a decrease in my auditory acuity where I recently had otitis media, and this results in an unacceptable persistence of egophonia", then the child with a middle ear infection should be brought in to see the doctor a week or two after the prescription to be sure that the eardrum moves well, and that normal hearing has returned with absorption of any fluid in the ear. I think this visit is even more important than the visit at the onset of the disease, and if forced to choose I have phoned a prescription early in order to guarantee that I could certify that a child is indeed well from otitis media (!) Occasionally, allergies cause the tissue of the middle ear to weep and become congested in the same manner as the hay fever sufferers' nose and sinuses weep and this requires special treatment for the allergies that cause middle ear fluid accumulations.

Twenty-five years of knowing medicine have taught me at least one interesting wrinkle—all seven month old babies pull at their ears. Apparently, they all get smart enough around that age to find their ears and may spend several weeks playing with them and pulling at them for the entertainment it offers them. All that time hasn't taught me any way to reassure the mother expect to look in the ear, and sometimes even seven month old babies have middle ear infections.

REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS, OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM October 1, 1988 TO December 31 1988

FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	TRANSFER IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERRED OUT	BALANCE
General	585,016.58	218,615.63		477,395.11		326,237.10
Payroll-General	1,192.82		226,534.20		226,534.04	1,192.98
FMFC	561,596.63	49,586.16	4,059.36	131,569.45	1,536.35	482,136.35
Payroll-FMFC	2,652.58		61,164.85		63,651.67	165.76
Flood Control	13,994.72	-0-		53.84		13,940.88
Law Library	321.37	160.00		296.50		184.87
Interest & Sinking, 19	76,046.80	8,563.61		66,517.50		18,092.91
Revenue Sharing	32,224.03	575.15		27.90		32,771.28
Lateral Road	4.74	17,341.86		-0-		17,346.60
State Trust Funds	9,633.05	13,257.85		12,753.45		10,137.45
State Arrest Fees	2,382.00	4,139.00		4,176.00		2,345.00
Juvenile Probation	11,891.70	6,578.59		9,059.58		9,410.71
					Total	913,961.89
Checking-State Arrest Fees						2,345.00
Checking-FMFC						24,625.66
Checking-Juvenile Probation						9,410.71
Checking-Operating						56,481.21
Checking-Revenue Sharing						4,611.47
Checking-Interest & Sinking						2,907.15
Money Market Accounts (General)	312,558.67	(FMFC 177,883.89)	(I&S 15,185.76)	(Rev. Share 28,159.81)		533,788.13
Certificates of Deposit		FMFC				279,792.56
TOTAL					Total	913,961.89

Fashion hazardous to your health

We no longer bind women's feet as in ancient China or pinch waists with whalebone corsets, but modern fashion has its dangers, too:

- *Tight jeans have been linked to lower back pain.
- *Pointed toes and high heels in shoes have caused corns, ingrown toenails, shortened muscles, and an occasional fracture.
- *Flowing sleeves and flammable fabrics in the kitchen catch more than admiring glances—they can also catch fire.
- *Tight elastic, as in girdles or knee-high hose, can worsen varicose veins.
- *Nylon crotch underwear and pantyhose can promote yeast and fungal infections. Choose cotton-crotch instead.
- *Sunglasses in a darkened room may look mysterious, even chic, but with visibility reduced to near-zero, watch out for accidents.

Fashion promotes health when it provides comfort—layers for insulation in cold weather—or safety—reflective tape on garb for night runners.

Watch for a new boon to fashion and health—fabrics with a built-in thermostat to keep you warm or cool depending on the weather.



Grand opening . . .

Mayor Pro-tem Thomas Adkins cut the ribbon this past Monday for the Grand Opening of Sonora's Farm Bureau Insurance Agency.

Holding the ribbon on the left is Preston Love, President of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and on the right, Jane Alexander, Sonora's Farm Bureau Agent.

Well wishers in attendance for the ribbon cutting include Pete Gildon, Kathy Spain, Ronnie Bowers, Jerry Landers, Craig Bell, Clara Brooks, Martha Wallace, Debbie Farrar, James Alexander, Ray Smith, and Jane's mother and cousin, Dixie Belk and Pearl Enochs, Bureau secretary Edie Wootton and Bill Bird, manager of the Farm Bureau Agency in San Angelo. Staff photo/Susan Henderson.

Improving Texas economy seen in home loan figures

Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro said the Texas Veterans Housing Assistance Program has doubled the dollar volume of loans to Texas veterans during the first quarter of fiscal year 1989 as compared to the same period of fiscal year 1988.

"The increased market activity reflected in these home loan figures is a welcome signal of a recovering Texas economy," said Mauro, who serves as chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board.

Mauro released figures showing that the low-interest home loan program for Texas veterans made 388 loans totaling \$7.7 million during the period, a 96 percent increase over the same quarter a year ago. The state fiscal year runs from September 1 to August 31.

The home loan program makes \$20,000 fixed-rate, low-interest loans to qualified Texas veterans to apply toward the purchase of a new or existing home. The loan can be blended with a conventional or VA home loan to provide Texas veterans with a lower overall mortgage rate.

"This is also a clear indicator that Texas veterans know that the Texas Veterans Housing Assistance Program (VHAP) is far and away the best deal in Texas for veterans searching for affordable housing," Mauro said.

"In today's market, a veteran buying a \$70,000 home can save \$5,800 over the life of the loan by combining a 9 percent Texas VHAP loan with a 10 percent VA home loan. The blended rate will give them a lower monthly payment," Mauro said.

Mauro said the anticipated rise in mortgage rates brought about by this week's increase in the prime rate to 10 1/2 percent will make the savings offered to Texas veterans even greater if they finance their home by combining a Texas VHAP loan with a federal VA home loan.

"Since there are no discount points charged on our portion of the loan, there's also an immediate savings that averages \$550 in closing costs," he said. "When you include lower monthly payments totaling \$5,256, you have a real savings of \$5,800 over the life of the loan."

Mauro predicted that a continued rise in interest rates will have no immediate effect on the veterans home loan program since it is financed by state bonds approved by the Texas voters.

"Since we still have \$250 million to loan at 9 percent, the savings and competitiveness of the Texas Veterans Housing Assistance Program will only be greater," Mauro said.

WATCHIN' and WONDERIN'

with Zeke Smith

Howdy! Boy it sure has turned off cold, ain't it? I been shaking' all over. Me and good weather has never been on good relations.

Old Zeke sure has had a busy last month. Fact is, ain't even got to go to no high school basketball games, which I sure miss considering I love them kids and all so much. But in some ways it may be better I ain't been able to go, I sometimes tend to embarrass myself. You see, sometimes, I get upset and yell at those fellows wearing those striped shirts. And I ought to outgrow that kind of behavior.

Somehow we accepted it as proper to yell at officials as if our price of admission entitled us to it. I don't cotton to that way of thinking. We paid to watch a game, not make fools of ourselves. And yet I'll do it if I ain't careful, just sure as the world.

And everytime I do, I'll look around and see some little boy or girl looking up at me. I got to wonderin' what kind of example I was settin' for them kids.

So, this year I've decided that I'm gonna try harder to act more like an adult than I have in the past and remember that a game is a game. Anyways, most officials I know say that when somebody yells it tends to make 'em want to call against that fellow's team rather than for it. So I don't think it helps, much less being very

becoming for me to act like that. I ain't got enough mind to give folks a piece of it anyway.

See you at the game.

ICA - Working together for a better tomorrow

The Sutton County Chapter of the Independent Cattlemen's Association held its first meeting of 1989 on January 2 with a dutch treat dinner at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

Attending were Mike Keller, DVM; Mason Shurley; Ben and Virginia Epps; David Shurley; Larry Finklea, Chairman; Lawrence Finklea; Mrs. Adele Wilson; and Mrs. Ruth Espy.

The drawing for the Fallow Deer Hunt and the Four Horned Barbado Hunt were postponed until the following day as all of the tickets had not been turned because of the holiday.

On January 3 Larry Finklea, Mike Keller, Bill Whitehead, Mason Shurley, Adele Wilson and Ruth Espy gathered at the Whitehead-Powers office to draw the winning tickets.

The winner of the Fallow Hunt to be held on January 28 was Kevin Schneider of Sonora and the winner of the Four Horned Barbado hunt was Harlan Hatcher of Beaumont.

The State Legislature will convene in the next few weeks with

many bills that will involve agriculture. Our organization will be working for the best interest of agriculture.

The next meeting of the Sonora Chapter of ICA will be on Monday, February 7, 6:30 p.m. at the Sutton County Steakhouse. All members are urged to attend.

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"Passport provides my clients competitive yields that can be used for everyday or as a holding place for their money in between investments," Bell said. "I'm proud to have the opportunity to offer this financial service to my clients."

Passport, also known as the firm's Money Market Fund, has grown in popularity because of its flexibility and convenience for instant availability of funds. Also popular is the flexibility it offers through a variety of optional features such as check-writing, direct deposit and a VISA debit card. The number of investors in Passport has increased dramatically

since it was introduced in January 1980, growing from 7,000 investors to more than 160,000 in 1988.

"Even though we have attained \$1 billion in investments to Passport, we will continue to recommend it to all our clients for the conservative and beneficial features it offers," Bell said.

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Public Notice

CONSTRUCTION INVITATION TO BID

The Board of Directors of Kimble Hospital District in Junction, Texas has authorized the construction of an 1800 square foot metal storage building to be located on the west premises of Kimble Hospital in Junction, Texas.

The building will be completed with insulation, ventilation, guttering, lighting, and walkways. It is anticipated that construction could begin in mid or late February.

Insured contractors are invited to pick up specification packets from Tom Tull, Director of Maintenance, at Kimble Hospital. Office hours are 9 to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Scaled bids are due in the Kimble Hospital Administrative Office no later than 4 p.m. on February 3, 1989.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lone Star Gas Company, in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, hereby gives notice of the Company's intent to eliminate the Rate Schedule for Public Schools-N and to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to the residential and commercial customers in the City of Sonora, Texas effective February 10, 1989.

The rate schedule is expected to furnish a 1.61 percent increase in the Company's revenues from residential and commercial customers in the City of Sonora.

A Statement of Intent has been filed with the City of Sonora and is available for inspection at the Company's business office located at 111 W. Twohig St., San Angelo, Texas.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING

"Notice is hereby given that Stalex Petroleum, Inc. as applicant, pursuant to the provisions of the ordinance known as the Sonora Oil and Gas Ordinance, did on the 20th day of December, 1988 file with the City Secretary an application for a permit to drill and operate a well upon Stalex Sonora Townsite Gas Unit Well No. 202, under drilling Block F. Said application and map showing the lands comprising said Oil-Well Drilling Block (or Gas-Well Drilling Unit) and the exterior boundaries thereof are on file in the office of the City Secretary and are at said office subject to the examination of all persons during regular office hours. A hearing upon such application will be held at the City Council on the 24th day of January, 1989, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., and at such continued hearing or hearings, if any, as the City Council may, in its discretion, designate."

Real Estate

3 bedroom, 2 bath with fireplace & kitchen built-ins. Great location on 1 acre bordering city limits and high school, \$50,000. Contact Jack Hearn, Jr. (817) 594-0388. 26-tfc

505 College..Behind Junior High. Part of Lot 6 and 8, City of Sonora, Sutton County, TX \$21,000.00
...
302 S. Crockett..2 story, across from O'Bryan's. Lot 1, Block T, Sonora, Sutton County, Texas \$60,000.00
...
See JoAnn Jones, Mike Hale or Harold McEwen at



or call (915)387-3861

Call Agents: Anna & Wayne Munn 387-2171

Doyle Morgan Real Estate We offer:
• Personal Service
Buying or Selling
• Property Management
Rental Services

UNDER CONTRACT!
2nd Street: Extra large 3-2, den, carport. \$60,500
Deerwood St. 3-2-2, fireplace, store room \$55,000
Good Location: 3 room house with 2 car garage. \$16,000
3rd St: 3 B, 1 B, large lot. Good financing. \$27,000
Mobile Home Lot: 100 x 100 corner lot, storage building. Call today!
Taylor St: 4 BR home with nice large mobile home.
Deerwood St: Beautiful 3-2-2, spkr. sys., lg. lot, fireplace \$64,000.

Sawyer Dr: 3 BR, 2 B, Brick \$59,000
Water St: 4 BR, 3 B, was \$85,000 now \$75,000
Taylor St: 4 BR, 2 B, Stone const. \$1,500 paid in closing. Bargain \$26,900
Crockett Ave: Brick, 4 BR, 2 B. \$52,700

Deerwood St: 3 BR, 2 B, Brick-Relo Co. pays up to \$3,000 in closing. \$46,900
Taylor St: Nice 2-1 home. Lots of trees + a mobile home to rent. \$20,000 Cash

Glasscock St: 3 BR, 2 B, Good buy Mid \$30's.
Crockett Ave: 3 BR, 2 B, Great Buy \$28,200-\$24,900
College Ave: 2 BR, 2 B, Garage \$39,000
Glasscock St: Nice 2 B, 1 B w/apt. \$30,000
College Ave: 3 BR, 2 B, Carpet, Stucco \$18,000
DeBerry: Custom Built 4 BR, 3 B, Many extras, 6.85 acres.
10 Acre: Custom built home 3/2. Dbl. car garage & carport, satellite.
Tropical Sno business. Business opportunity, franchise, equipment and bldg.

3 bedroom, 1 bath, Interior remodeled, on 2 lots. \$19,500. 418 College behind Junior High School. Phone Alfred Sykes on Mobile phone 387-3733 plus 28 after dial tone after 5 p.m. Daytime call 387-2518 or 387-3023 (Barbara Sykes) 4tp

Rent/Lease

Double-wide trailer for rent. Phone 387-2040. 15-4tc

Spacious apartment-total electric. CH/AC covered car parking all bills paid. Luxurious living. Hunt Apts. 102 Sonora Drive 387-3672 or 387-2040. 21-tfn

Shurley Enterprises Mini-Storage, 8x12-\$25 monthly and 12x24-\$50, monthly. Please call 387-3619, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. 22-tfc

Mobile Homes

Mobile Home for sale. 2 bdrm, 1 bath. Very reasonable. Call 387-3020 or 387-3907 after 5. 4tp

Autos for Sale

Kate's 1985 Red Fiero, 17,000 miles, new Michelin tires, perfect condition. Call 387-2114 or 387-2455. 15-tfc

For Sale

Adorable AKC registered Shih Tzu puppies. Six weeks old. Females, \$350. 387-3665. 15-1tc

New and Rebuilt Maytag Washers and Dryers at Sonora Electric. 211 N.E. Main. Phone 387-2714. 15-6tc

Help Wanted

Immediate opening for an LVN, full time, with small hospital experience or be willing to train. Good salary and benefits. Contact Director of Nurses at Hudspeth Hospital at 387-2521 or P.O. Box 455, Sonora, Tx. 76950. 37-tfc

Personal

Professional Mary Kay Beauty Consultant Janet Warnock, 853-3711. 4tp

Experienced seamstress, will do alterations, mending and sewing. Call 387-2757 for appointment. 4tp

Effective on January 1, 1989, I am no longer a part of M & M Craft Country Kitchen and therefore will not be responsible for any debts incurred after December 31, 1988.

Thank you relatives and friends for your support.
Mary Anne Shurley

Lost/Found

Lost on December 24th, Border Collie answers to "Dusty". Wearing blue woven collar. Any information on whereabouts call 512-597-5174 collect.

Wanted

We Buy Sheep Horns
Skulls not needed. McKissack Handcrafted Knives. 902 S. Concho, 387-3253. 15-tfc

Cash paid for Ram Skulls with horns. Serious inquiries. Call collect (915)643-4861 15-5tp.

Services

VIDEOTAPING AVAILABLE
Weddings, birthdays, reunions, sports, parties, recitals and more. Reasonable rates. 387-2227 Kathy Hardgrave. 12-tp

Maytag Sales and Service, check our prices at Sonora Electric Co., Main Street. Phone 387-2714. 15-6tc

Randy Repairs
Television and Appliance Repair
VCR Cleaning Special \$14.99
Call 387-5223 15-tfc

Firewood

Live Oak and Mesquite picked up or delivered. Call 387-3347. 8tp.

Business Opportunities

For Sale-Flower Shop Inventory. Call (915) 396-2171. 4tp

Own your own Apparel or Shoe Store. Choose from: Jean/Sportswear, Ladies, Men's, Children/Maternity, Large Sizes, Petite, Dancewear/Aerobic, Bridal, Lingerie or Accessories Store. Add Color Analysis. Brand Names: Liz Claiborne, Healthtex, Chaus, Lee, St. Michele, Forenza, Bugle Boy, Levi, Camp Beverly Hills, Organically Grown, Lucia, over 2000 others. Or \$13.99 one price

designer, Multi tier pricing discount or family shoe store. Retail prices unbelievable for top quality shoes normally priced from \$19. to \$60. Over 250 brands 2600 styles. \$18,900 to \$29,900: Inventory, Training, Fixtures, Airfare, Grand Opening, Etc. Can open 15 days. Mr. McComb (404) 859-0229. 1tp.

Thank You

I want to take this means to say "Thank You" to each and every one who were so kind and so nice to me while I was in St. John's Hospital. Thank you for all the beautiful flowers, gifts, cards, food, letters, phone calls, and visits. It all helped so much. Thanks to Guggle for the walker and soon to be used wheelchair. I really say, Sincerely Thank You again. I needed your prayers, also.
Wilma Friend

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our most sincere appreciation to all of our friends for their expressions of sympathy and their kindness shown to us in our loss of our loved one. The family of Alfred Schwinning, Jr.

Start the New Year right by cleaning out all of those unused, unwanted items . . . and turn them into \$\$\$\$ through a classified ad in the Devil's River News.

For the month of January, run your classified three times and receive the fourth week **FREE*!**

Call the Devil's River News at **387-2507** for more details or come by **220 N.E. Main** to place your ad.

*Applies only to pre-paid classified ads for the month of January, 1989.

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Martha Valliant McLain
Member of Sonora Chamber of Commerce
387-5060

Castle Hills--
4 BR-3 B, FP, wonderful kitchen, timed sprinklers front & back, office, art studio, utility room, unbelievable storage, tile baths, wool carpets. A gracious home priced to sell.

Poplar Street--
For Sale or Lease on Lease/purchase option or possible owner finance. 3 BR, 2 B, LR, Huge den, Utility RM, roomy, a home for a family, make an offer.

Mesquite--
2 lots, with mobile home ^{up}, 1 with apartment in a converted garage, C ^{entral} investment or retirement home.

Let me sell your property!
Call to buy or sell

BRK. Member Helen Lewis 387-5060 MLS

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We've got a home to fit your price range- Call Today! 387-2728
Jim Cusenbary, Agent 387-2093

Still looking for your dream home? Call for details.
Prices have been reduced on nearly all models with a variety of sizes and price ranges available.

New Listing...Country Home on 10 acres, Cahill Addition, 3 BR, 2 B, FP, deck, storage, water well...must see!
Want a Scenic View and a Lovely Home? See this one which features a pool. Priced in the 50's.

Bargain Hunter... check on this large 3 BR home located on corner lot. In the 40's.

Large 2 BR, 2 bath brick home. Sprinkler system, huge trees, close to school and hospital. Low 40's.

Large 2 story stucco home. 1112 Taylor 3 BR, 2 B, Balcony, garage. corner lot. \$75,000.00

Businesses For Sale
Have you ever wanted to own your very own business? Opportunities are available with a variety of locations:
"Putt-Putt" Miniature Golf Course with 18 greens and club house. Space for video games and refreshments. Property is fenced and lighted with covered picnic area. Great for family entertainment! Priced at \$28,500.00.
Shell Service Station. Complete with gas pumps, wash and grease racks. Refreshment center, office space and rest rooms. Located on busy Crockett Ave. \$65,000.00.
Large, re-modeled dress shop building on Main Street. Show window, rest room, office space and roomy basement storage area. Priced at \$50,000.00.
U-Lock-It Storage buildings located in town for easy access. Available at a very reasonable price of \$15,000.00.