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Thursday, May 9, 1996

Election Results

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor
Margaret Cascadden (1) 264
Ken Nelson 226

Ward 1
Jaye "Butch" Campbell (1) 273

Ward 2
Marie Barrera (1) 80
James Blackmon 69
Paul Depugh 15

SCHOOL BOARD
Precinct 1
Jesse Bustamante (1) 130
Preston Faris (1) 61

Precinct 2
Mark Wilkinson 52

Precinct 3
Tom Clifton 285
Scott Jacoby (1) 162

HOSPITAL DISTRICT
Precinct 1
Lee Bloodworth 105

Precinct 3
Lewis Allen (1) 309

Trustee, At-Large*
Dorothea Arnold 114
Alvis Johnson Jr. (1) 359
Ray Smith (1)

*Top two elected

Bobbie Bryson Benefit Basketball Tournery and BBQ

A three-on-three basketball tournament and barbecue is set for May 11 at the Sonora High School Gym to benefit Bobbie Bryson who has been diagnosed with leukemia and is currently being treated at St. Jude's in Memphis, Tennessee. The three-on-three basketball fund-raiser is sponsored by the recently formed Sonora High School Student Giving Association.

Bryson, the star point guard, and her fellow Ozona Lady Lions teammates won their second consecutive state title in Class 2A basketball this March.

Saturday's tournament will consist of mixed teams of three against three, male-female, and the action begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 4 p.m. Local coaches and students will serve as referees. The team registration fee is \$10.00 with a gate fee of \$1.00 for adults and \$.50 for students.

A raffle for \$1.00 per ticket, an awards ceremony, and barbecue meal will follow the exciting round ball competition. Prizes, including an autographed football by Pierce Holt, will be donated by local merchants.

Starting at 5 p.m., Rosie's Cafe will cater the barbecue. Other local businesses and individuals are donating items to help prepare the delicious meal. Desserts will be provided by students and their mothers. The cost of the meal is \$5.00.

Call Anne Lewis at (915) 387-2045 to sign up a team and Cindy Teasley at (915) 387-5067 before 4 p.m. weekdays to make donations of money or food.

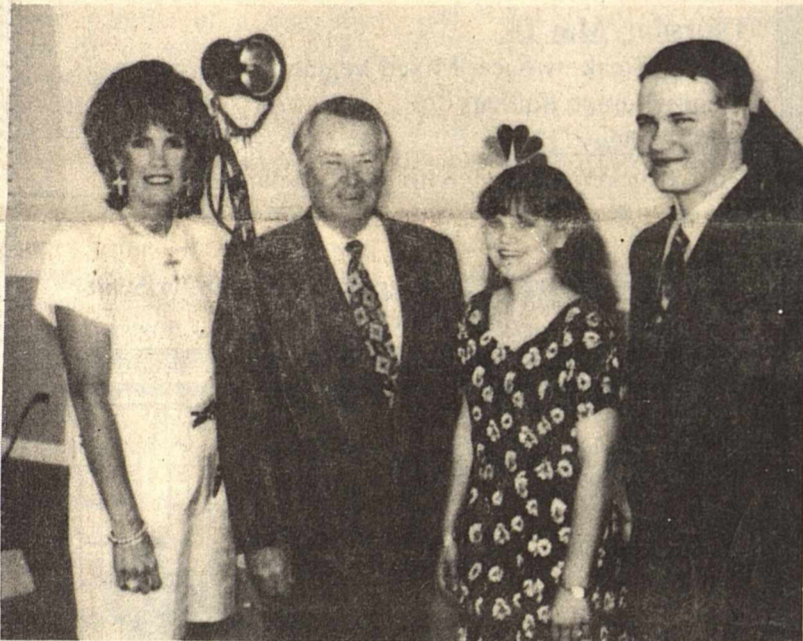
Come out and support this benefit for Bobbie!

Cinco de Mayo Celebration



Azteca Folklorica, from San Angelo, performed at the Cinco de Mayo Celebration held at Liberty Park in Sonora. A performance was also given by the Mighty Bronco Band and music was provided by Ruben Castilleja. There were food booths, craft booths, a cakewalk, a moon walk, face painting, washer pitching, and jail house.

Two Sonora Seniors Selected For Excellence Campaign



Pictured above are Cindy Hayes, Lou Kordek, Gayla Frederickson, and Bonner Walsh.

submitted

Gayla Fredrickson and Bonner Walsh, seniors at Sonora High School, were selected for the Excellence campaign, a special campaign sponsored by KACB-TV 3, that celebrates the best of local schools, students, and the business community.

Station anchors and students in the Concho Valley team up to share stories of great lives that were shaped early through education. These include stories of a young

Thomas Edison, George Washington Carver, Amelia Earhart, and many more.

With student salutes, CEO addresses, and anchor/student vignettes, the Excellence campaign offers an opportunity to recognize the achievements of local students and the commitment of area volunteers and businesses to excellence in education.

The Excellence campaign's vignettes will begin airing May 8 on KACB-TV 3.

Marshall Runs At State Track Meet

Camille Marshall will compete at the State Track Meet in Austin this weekend. She competed Friday, May 3 at the State Qualifiers' Meet in Abilene. Camille ran her fastest time of 26:00 in the 200 meter dash, finishing fourth.

Betty Samaniego, an alternate to State, won the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:38.58 at the Abilene Meet.

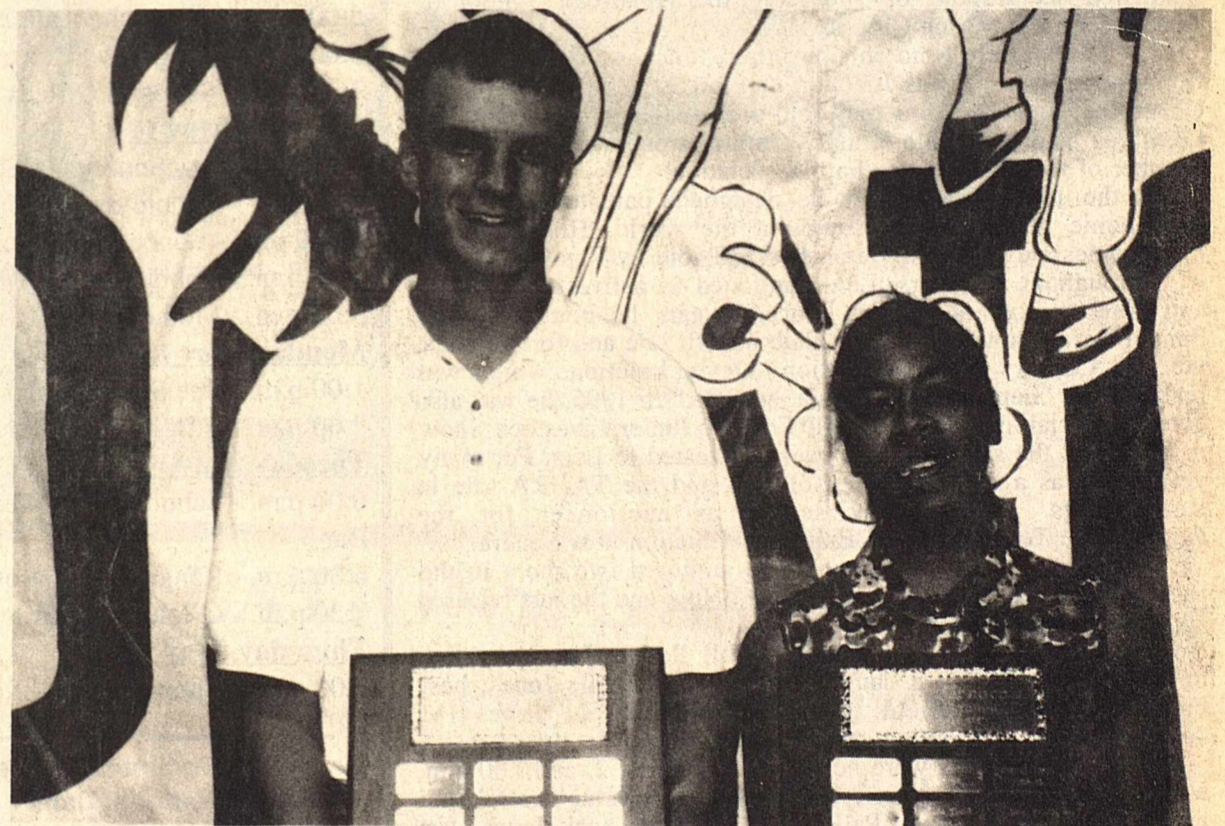
Good luck, Camille -- Win State!!

Marshall/Burnham Receive Top Award

Sonora High School and the Bronco Booster Club hosted the 1995-96 Sports Banquet, Monday, May 6.

Camille Marshall and Josh Burnham were awarded the Best All-Around Athlete honors. Awards were also given to Josh Burnham and Levi Pool - Sonora Broncos Football Award, the Varsity Boys Basketball Team received the basketball award, Becca Chalk - Outstanding Girls Basketball Award, Caleb Barker - Boys Outstanding Golf Award, Farrah Virgen - Girls Outstanding Golf Award, Kristi Burge and Katie Key - Sonora Broncos Tennis Award, Louis Massey and Betty Samaniego - Kerbow Track Award, and Jarrod Johnson - Outstanding Baseball Award.

See related photos on page six.



Josh Burnham and Camille Marshall

KACB-TV 3

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Special Benefit Sale

A benefit sale for Bobbie Bryson will be held May 11 at the Sonora Livestock Auction during the regular sale. Donated items, i.e. crafts, baked goods, livestock, will be auctioned. Bobbie is undergoing treatment for leukemia in Memphis, Tennessee.

Bobbie Bryson
C/O St. Judes Hospital
Box 318
Memphis, Tennessee 38101-0318
email comments @ Texaswest.com

NJHS Induction
National Junior Honor Society will be held Friday, May 10 at the Elementary Auditorium.

4-H Dance
4-H Club Officer Election and Dance will be held at 7 p.m. on May 18, at the 4-H Center.

Mother's Day Tea
Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary cordially invites you to attend the Annual Mother's Day Tea for the Nursing Home Residents on Saturday, May 11th 3:00 p.m. at the Nursing Home.

Tri-Vacation Bible School
Tri-Vacation Bible School needs buttons for craft projects. Any size, shape, or color button you can donate will be appreciated. Buttons are needed by 7-10-96. Drop off boxes are at the post office, library, and city hall.

NHS Induction
Please note the change in time and date for our National Honor Society Induction Ceremony. It is now scheduled for Sunday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m. This is prior to the Baccalaureate which is scheduled for that same night at 8:00 p.m.

Country Store Bake Sale
The Women of St. John's Episcopal Church are having The Country Store Bake Sale on Friday, May 10, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. at the Parish Hall, 404 NE Poplar. They invite you to come make your selections of home-cooked foods. There will be a good variety of casseroles, cakes, pies, and relishes.

Reunion
USS JASON ARH-1, AR-8
REUNION To be Held in 1996:
For Information: Call or Write: Clyde F. Tracy, P.O. Box 699, Pahrump, NV., 89041, Phone: 702-727-4040.

Smoking Seminar
A free smoking cessation video seminar will be conducted at the Senior Center Monday, May 13 at 1:00 p.m. For more information call Juanita Mesa at 387-5657.

Library Donations
Please mail tax deductible contributions for the Sutton County Library to: Sonora Woman's Club Library Association, P.O. Box 895, Sonora, TX 76950. Cash donations may be taken to the library, located at 805 Prospect, (school Vocational Building) where a receipt will be given.

Our Sympathy

Ella "Cecil" Farris Caldwell

Ella Cecil Farris Caldwell, 89, passed away Saturday, May 4, 1996, at the Lillian M. Hudspeth Nursing Home in Sonora.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 7, at the Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Cecil was born June 10, 1906, in Maverick, Texas, to William Clay and Emma Josephine (Barnard) Farris. She came to Sonora in the early 1920's and married James Robertson Caldwell on June 11, 1927, in Rocksprings. They lived and reared their family in Sonora. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1971 and by a son, Eddie Len, in 1935.

Cecil loved her garden, her family, and her extended family of children that she had taken care of. She enjoyed sewing and for many years kept the nursery at St John's Episcopal Church. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include four sons: J.R. and Joanne Caldwell of De Kalb County, AL; George W. Caldwell, Jerry G. Caldwell, and Samuel D. and Cynthia Caldwell, all of Sonora; five daughters: Katherine Andes of Farmington, NM; Hazel Caldwell of Alpine; Mary Jim and Leo Snelson of Junction; Betty Sue and Robert D. McGregor of Toledo, OR; and Billy Gene and Robert J. Whittingslow of Las Cruces, NM; 15 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren plus several step grandchildren and step great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the history/family research room of the Sutton County Public Library.

Joseph Ramos

Joseph Jericho Ramos, 17, died Saturday, May 4, 1996, in a Dallas hospital.

Mass was at 4 p.m. on Monday, at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangement are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 16, 1979, in San Angelo and was a lifetime resident. He was a student at Sonora High School and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his parents, Rodolfo and Amelia Ramos; three brothers, Rodolfo Ramos Jr., Fernando Ramos and Ezequiel Ramos; and four sisters, Gloria Gutierrez, Connie Castilleja, Diana Virgen and Racheal Ramos, all of Sonora.

Mildred Martin

Mildred Martin, beloved wife and mother, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, May 2, 1996.

Mildred was born Oct. 13, 1922, in Oklahoma. She married Bobby Martin on July 20, 1955. She is survived by her husband of the home; one son, Terry Lynn and his wife, Ronda, of Sonora; a daughter, Sandra Price of Fort Worth; five grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was at 10 a.m. on Monday in the Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Martin Family Ranch Cemetery.

John Lemuel "Lem" Jones

John Lemuel "Lem" Jones passed away on April 29, 1996, at his ranch home near Noxville in Eastern Kimble County.

Lem was born to Viola Bruce and Tom S. Jones on June 30, 1912, at the Kimble County ranch of his grandfather, John L. Jones. In 1941, he married Faye Parker of Harper, who preceded him in death in 1990. His son, John L., also preceded him in 1972, and later his brother, Jack Jones and two sisters Tommie McClatchy, and Doris Bridges.

Lem started ranching on his own at 17 and continued ranching and trading in livestock off and on over the years. He served three years in the Pacific with the U.S. Navy, then in 1946 graduated second out of 190 from the American School of Auctioneering in Mason City, Iowa.

In 1950, Lem and his brother, Jack, built Ranchers Commission Company in Junction, the largest goat auction in the United States. At one time they sold over 29,000 goats in one day. Lem was also a Kimble County Commissioner and a founding member of the Hill Country Fair Association.

In the 1960's and 1970's he designed, patented, and built hydroponic greenhouses throughout the world. His books on hydroponics are still being published and sold by Random House.

Throughout the years, Lem continued as a livestock, exotic, and Angora goat auctioneer. For 46 years he conducted the Sonora Texas Downtown Lions Club benefit sale and for 50 years, the Hill Country Fair Association sale in Junction, which was renamed the "Lem Jones Appreciation Sale." In 1995, he was also given a special award by the Hill Country Junior Livestock Show in Kerrville; the show and sale were dedicated to Lem. For many years, he was a board member of and sold the TAGRA sale in Rocksprings. He annually served as auctioneer for the Performance Test Sale at the Experiment Station near Sonora.

In addition to his other books, he authored two more in the past two years: Angora Goats-Then And Now and the just released Hell Among the Yearlin's.

Survivors include one daughter, Jill Parker Jones and her husband, Gary Tubbs; a daughter-in-law, Annabelle Jones; best buddy, Jane Stubblefield; grandchildren John L. Jones IV, Anjanette Jones, John Wing, and Stephanie Wing.

Graveside services were held Thursday, May 2, at 10:00 a.m. at Noxville Cemetery. Officiating was long time friend and auctioneer, Troy Duncan. Pallbearers included: Jack Jones, Jim Jones, George Parker, Roland Trees, Dan Bein, and Layne Stubblefield. Honorary pallbearers were Robert Brown, Carl Dodd, and George Barton.

Memorials may be sent to the Lem Jones Scholarship Fund of the Hill Country Fair Association, P.O. Box 504, Junction, Texas 76849.

The family would love to have written remembrances or stories of Lem. Those can be mailed to Jill Parker-Jones, P.O. 235, Harper, Texas 78631.

Granny Knows Best!

by Judy Edmondson
If you must hide a house key outside, put it in a small plastic box or a empty film holder and bury it in your yard where you can dig it up if you lock yourself out of the house.

Granny
.....

If you have any questions you would like answered about arts, crafts, or general information, please write to: Granny Knows!, c/o The Devil's River News, 228 E. Main Street, Sonora, TX 76950.

Card Of Thanks

To family and to my friends,
I shattered the etiquette rule which dictates that wedding thank you notes should be sent one month after the wedding. Our marriage took place on July 8, 1995, and our thank you notes were not finished until March, 1996. After our honeymoon, the doctor found that my brain tumor had grown about 4 cm and radiation treatments were ordered causing my energy level to plummet. Thus the thank you note-writing which I did start in August was put off until I felt normal again. With this letter, Ron and I want to express our sincere thanks to everyone who participated in some way with our marriage and to everyone for supporting me and praying for me during my illness. We have beautiful memories and would like to share them with you.

In June, Mrs. Rose DeHoyas, with help from Mrs. Rosa Noriega, Mrs. Olivia Hernandez, Irma Floyd, and Annette Noriega hosted a garden bridal shower in my honor. About 50 guests joined in the celebration. My dear friend, Mr. Albert DeHoyas, and his grandson, Stephen Vickers, got the backyard ready for the shower. The garden which was beautifully decorated with garden lights and with its flowers looked absolutely gorgeous. The tables were set like those you see in any home and garden magazine. The fresh salads, vegetables and fruits, and the bread were delicious and perfect for a warm afternoon. The beautiful cake and cookies satisfied everyone's sweet tooth. It was a time to visit, share, and laugh with my family and friends. Needless to say, I will always treasure this memory.

After months of planning, running around, and driving everyone crazy, it was time for the main event. Mrs. Irene Friess had elegantly decorated St. Ann's Catholic Church with fresh white flowers and pretty white bows. When I walked in, I felt so much love from my family and my friends that it was breathtaking. Everyone in the wedding party looked stunning. The kids were so adorable. My parents, Victor and Manuela (Mela), looked so proud. Father Bill DuBuisson and Rev. Marcel Pincince, Ron's brother, performed the wedding ceremony. They made the ceremony truly special. The choir did a wonderful job. The songs were full of joy and gave me strength. Special thanks to Mrs. Lydia Galindo for her help with the selections. Mrs. Monique Lacroix, Ron's sister, and Dr. Leticia Galindo, my very special friend, read beautifully. Ms. Irma Floyd, another special friend, sang "The Lord's Prayer" acappella. You could have heard a pin drop because she sang from the heart and soul. When the ceremony ended, Ron and I walked out feeling even closer than before.

The reception was just as successful as everything else about our special day. The brisket, the goat meat, and all the traditional Mexican trimmings were delicious. A special thank you to Mrs. Lala Hernandez for the beautiful bride and groom's cakes. Ron and I are eternally grateful to the ladies and the men who prepared the food and the cookies and to those who helped serve.

The celebration continued at the dance with music by Juguete from San Angelo. We danced, laughed, and cried until our special day July 8, 1995, ended.

Once again, thank you for being the wonderful and special family and friends that you have always been. Your support, your prayers, and your friendship have served to strengthen our marriage.

Sincerely,
Erma & Ron Pincince

Community Calendar

May 9 - 16

- Thursday, May 9**
7:00 p.m. - Band Concert, Sonora High School
- Friday, May 10**
1:00 p.m. - Mother's Day Tea - K-1, Elem. Gymnasium
2:00 p.m. - National Jr. Honor Society Induction - Elem. Auditorium
5:00 p.m. - High School Baseball, Kermit
6:00 p.m. - Rangers vs Braves, Rockies vs Indians
7:30 p.m. - Astros vs Orioles, Yankees vs Rangers
- Saturday, May 11**
2-Lady Select - Sonora Golf Course
9:00 a.m. - Bobbie Bryson Basketball Benefit - SHS Gym
12:00 p.m. - Sonora Livestock Bobbie Bryson Benefit Sale
5:00 p.m. - Bobbie Bryson BBQ - SHS
3:00 p.m. - Mother's Day Tea - Nursing Home
- Monday, May 13**
1:00 p.m. - Free Smoking Cessation Seminar - Senior Center
7:00 p.m. - FFA Banquet - SHS Commons Area
- Tuesday, May 14**
6:00 p.m. - School Board Meeting - Middle School Snack Bar
6:00 p.m. - Rangers vs Astros, Indians vs Yankees
7:30 p.m. - Orioles vs Braves, Astros vs Rockies
- Thursday, May 16**
7:00 p.m. - Choir Concert - Sonora High School

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School Menu

LUNCH

Monday, May 13
Steakfingers, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit, Roll

Tuesday, May 14
BBQ Chicken, Macaroni Salad, Broccoli w/Cheese, Pudding w/Topping

Wednesday, May 15
Beef Tacos w/Cheese, Pinto Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Applesauce Cake

Thursday, May 16
Pizza, Mixed Vegetables, Cantaloupe, Cookie

Friday, May 10
Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Scalloped Potatoes, Orange-Pineapple Jello, Ice Cream

BREAKFAST

Monday, May 13
Breakfast Burrito, Fruit

Tuesday, May 14
Steakfingers w/Gravy, Biscuit, Juice

Wednesday, May 15
Breakfast Pizza, Fruit

Thursday, May 16
Pancakes, Ham, Juice

Friday, May 10
Egg, Toast w/Jelly, Fruit

All Meals are served with milk.

SENIOR CENTER MENU

- Thursday, May 9**
Baked Fish, Hominy/Cheese, Zucchini Squash, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Jello/Fruit
 - Friday, May 10**
Frito Pie, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Crackers, Applesauce
 - Monday, May 13**
Baked Pork Chops, Corn on Cob, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Pineapple Rings
 - Tuesday, May 14**
Roast Beef w/Gravy, Steamed Potatoes, Broccoli, Rolls, Vanilla Pound Cake
 - Wednesday, May 15**
Oven Fried Chicken, Sweet Peas, Carrots, Tossed Salad, Biscuits, Apple
 - Thursday, May 16**
Pepper Steak w/Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Spinach, Bread, Lemon Squares
 - Friday, May 17**
Grill Chicken Sandwich on Bun, Lettuce/Onion & Tomato Slice, Tomato Soup, Coleslaw, Fresh Fruit
- Guest meals are \$4.00. Suggested donation for Senior Citizens is \$1.75.

Sonora Church Directory

- NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
James Lee, Pastor
306 N. 4th Street
387-2898
- PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**
504 Santa Clara
387-2035
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Tim Dobbs, Minister
304 W. Water
387-3190
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
Rev. Jim Stephen, Pastor
404 NE Oak
387-2951
- ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector
404 NE Poplar
387-2955
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Rev. Ron Myers, Pastor
201 NW Water
387-2466
- JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS**
St. Ann's Street
387-3600
- HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Rev. Charles Huffman
417 E 2nd St.
387-5366
- THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN**
Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 NE Mulberry
387-2616
- OUTREACH CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Hwy. 277 S. Glasscock
- SONORA TABERNACLE UNITED PENTECOSTAL**
Danny L. Keel, Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5719
- ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I.
229 SW Plum
387-2278
- JEHOVAH'S WITNESS**
310 St. Ann's Street
387-5658 or 387-5518
- NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**
Don Sessom
511 Cornell
387-5215

Attend the church of your choice. this Sunday.

Southwest Texas Electric Co-op
853-2544

Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Ask The Historical Society

BIRTHDAY



Pictured above are Snowbabies designed by Kristi Jensen Pierro and Bill Kirchner.

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

June 1966 Collectors Mart Magazine had the following article of interest:

The First Snowbaby
Where did the first Snowbaby appear? There are two theories.

In the first account, historians say Snowbabies resulted from a birth that received international attention. When polar explorer Admiral Robert Peary and his wife, Josephine, became the proud parents of a daughter born in Greenland in 1893, people all over the world were curious about the baby. The Eskimos referred to her as "Ad-Poo-Mickaninny," meaning "snow baby," because her skin was so white. The Peary's named the child Marie Ahnighito Peary, after an Eskimo woman who made the one-piece snowsuit which the baby wore.

In response to international interest in the "snow baby," Josephine Peary authored two books, *The Snow Baby* and *Children of the Arctic*, by the Snow Baby and Her Mother in 1901 and 1903, respectively. Marie Peary published an autobiography in 1934 titled *The Snowbaby's Own Story*. The worldwide attention given to the snowbaby may have led to the development of porcelain figures in Europe and the United States.

A smaller group of historians trace the snowbaby to 19th century Germany, where sugar dolls were used as holiday decorations. By the late 1870's, the dolls had become so popular that not even commercial confectioners could keep up. This encouraged Johann Moll, a

confectioner in Lubeck, Germany, to commission Hertwig and Co. to create "snowbabies" with hand-whipped bisque. Other German manufacturers quickly followed with additional snowbaby designs. The bisque figures remained popular until the late 1930's.

We are sure that even if Moll was first the sales of his snowbabies were greatly increased with the birth and all the publicity surrounding it, of the real life snowbaby, Marie Peary, who we mentioned in last week's article on her relatives in Sutton County.

Q. Do you have any information on a man named Alberthal running a restaurant in Sutton Co. around 1890?

A. H. A. Alberthal and A. B. Cobb leased a business called The Restaurant, according to Devil's River News of January 17, 1891, and planned to run it under a new and improved plan. They promised a good meal whenever you called on them. In the March 14, 1891 issue, we found they were putting in a new front and otherwise improving their property. In the June 13, 1891 issue, we found, Heyman Alberthal returned from San Angelo Tuesday, where he bought tools and stock for a blacksmith outfit for Crockett-Co. Herman is a good worker, and the Devil's River News wishes him success. In the December 5, 1891 issue, there was mention of Chris Meinecke in company with Herman Alberthal, will start a blacksmith shop in the rival city of Ozona.

This was the only mention we found of Mr. Alberthal in the 1890, 91 or 92 newspapers.

Commercial Hotel?

A. The Commercial Hotel, first called the Wyatt Hotel, known later as The McDonald Hotel was located at the corner of Main and Concho that now houses the main building of the First National Bank. Mrs. Josie McDonald managed the hotel for many years, then purchased it, and changed the name.

Q. Was there ever a restaurant called the Montebelle in Sonora?

A. Yes, the Montebelle Restaurant was located on Main Street in Sonora around 1900 and was managed by Mrs. W. E. Wishert.

Q. I am looking for information on the death of Leon Barfield, son of T. C. Barfield, in October of 1902? A. Leon Barfield received serious head injuries in a fall from a horse in September of 1902 at the Whitehead Ranch. He was knocked unconscious but Dr. Taylor could find no injuries besides the head injury. As of the Sept. 25th issue of the Sonora Sun, he still had not regained consciousness and there were hopes for his survival as his pulse was good and respiration normal. According to Sonora Burial Park by Nelson Diversified, Leon Barfield died on October 1, 1902. His place of burial is unknown; if any of our readers know his place of burial, please give us a call.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society" P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or give us a call at 915-387-5144 or 387-2855 after noon please.

- May 9th
Sandy Music
Ron Myers
Sam Calderon
- 10th
Alex Gonzales Jr.
Spunky Bruns
Brent Schumacher
- 11th
Canyon Sullivan
Tracy McKnight
Alfredo Gonzales
- 12th
Jessica Bellard
Willie Mungia
- 13th
Shirley Jolly
Susie Casillas
Santos Hernandez
Harrison Chevalier
- 14th
Joseph Ainsworth
Eddie Hernandez
Regina Miller
Steve Anderson
- 15th
Linda Arredondo
Cludia Flores
Faye Gamez
- 16th
Shane Patlan
- 17th
Colby Vickers
Ashleigh Marcum
J.T. Downing
- 18th
Davey Prather
Janna Schumacher
Ed Kepler
Baby Lino IV
Mary Swihart
Linda Hernandez

If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary to The Devil's River News' Birthday and Anniversary list, please call 387-2507.

UNITED ARTISTS

SUNSET 4
1066 Sunset Mall 944-3390

Twister - PG13
11:30 2:10 4:45 7:30 10:05
(Sat. & Sun only)

Truth Cats/Dogs - PG13
2:20 4:40 7:20 9:40

MulHolland Falls - R
9:40

Bird Cage - R
1:50 4:15 7:10

Twister - PG13
1:30 4:10 7:00 9:35
(Fri & Mon - Thurs)

SOUTHWEST 7
3590 Knickerbocker 949-9994

Craft - R
1:00 4:00 7:00 9:35

Quest - PG13
1:20 4:30 7:15 9:30

Barb Wire - R
1:45 4:25 7:10 9:40

Primal Fear - R
1:15 4:10 7:05 9:55

Last Dance - R
1:40 4:20 7:30 9:50

Substitute - R
1:30 4:00 7:20 9:45

Sunset Park - R
1:10 4:20 7:00 9:50

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It's a Boy!

Ramon and Melissa Galindo are proud to announce the birth of their son, Adam Matthew Galindo. Adam Matthew was born Wednesday, April 17, 1996. He weighed 9 lbs. and was 21 inches long.

Welcoming Adam, as their first grandchild, are his grandparents, Braulio & Vito Galindo and his great grandparents, Pedro & Rosa Galindo.

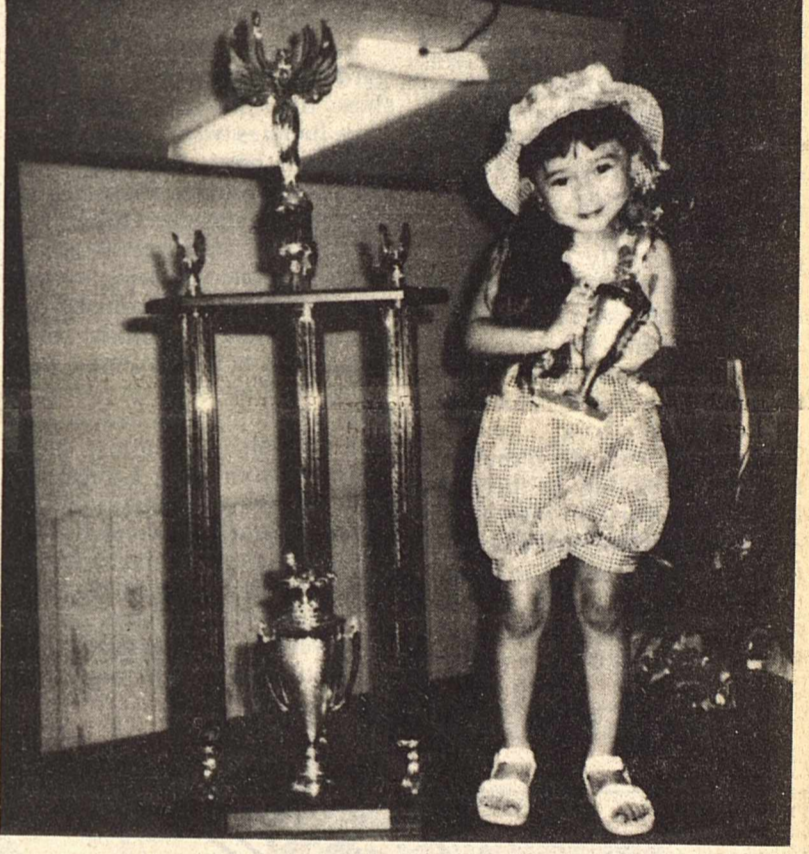


Card of Thanks

The family of Mildred Martin wants to thank everyone for flowers, food, and prayers. A special thank you to all the nurses and nurses aids at House Calls and the staff at the Methodist Hospital. We appreciate the thoughtfulness.
Bobby, Terry Lynn, and Ronda Martin

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank all those who took the time to cast a vote in the May 4, 1996 election. Thank you for your tremendous support in allowing me to continue to serve on the Hospital Board of Directors. Your support was greatly appreciated!
Ray Smith



Card of Thanks

The family of Crystal Danielle Hidalgo would like to express our deep appreciation to everyone who helped and sponsored tickets for the Baby Pageant in San Angelo on May 5th. She was awarded a first place beauty trophy in her age group (4-5) and also won County Supreme Queen, first place over the entire show (all ages) winning a \$50.00 U.S. Savings bond. Also a special thank to D & V, R & R, and The Video Store. Once again many thanks to each and everyone and relatives for your splendid cooperation making this a success.

Charlotte Wilson models something special for mom from Vallree's Bright Spot.

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By Barbara Stroud

Malignant Melanoma, the most virulent of all skin cancers, have developed on the skin of an estimated 27,300 Americans as of 1988. Of that estimated figure, approximately 5,800 people have already died. The death rate is now declining due to facts that more people are seeking help in the early stages of melanoma skin cancer. Melanoma has its beginnings in melanocytes, the skin cells which produce the dark protective pigment called melanin. It is melanin which is responsible for suntanned skin acting as a partial protection against the sun. Melanoma cells usually continue to produce melanin, which accounts for the cancers appearing in mixed shades of tan, brown, and black. Melanoma has a strong tendency to spread making it more difficult to treat. Melanoma may suddenly appear without warning but it may also begin in or near a mole or dark spot on the skin. For that reason, it is very important that we know the location and appearance of the moles on our bodies so any change will be noticed. Excessive exposure to the sun, as with the other skin cancers, is accepted as a cause of melanoma, especially among light-skinned people. Heredity may play a part, and also atypical moles, which may run in families, can serve as markers, identifying the person as being at higher risk for developing melanoma there or elsewhere in the skin. Dark brown or black skin is not a guarantee against melanoma. Black people can develop this cancer, especially on the palm of the hands, soles of the feet, under the nails, or in the mouth. Warning signs of melanoma cancer include changes in the surface of a mole, scabiness, oozing, bleeding, or the appearance of a bump or nodule, spreading of pigment from the border into the surrounding skin, and changing in sensation including itchiness, tenderness, or pain. If you suspect you may have some form of melanoma cancer,

please contact your physician today!

Flash floods can occur in your area even though it may only be cloudy and no rain has fallen. Why? It could be that you are downstream from an area where the rain has fallen hard. Flash floods occur because the rain is falling so hard the ground hasn't had time to soak up the water. Therefore, streams begin to fill up and water begins to flow. A flash flood can move as fast as an express train. Unless you have a plan, you won't be able to get out of its path fast enough. Flash floods can pick up vehicles and roll them downstream, uproot trees, wash out roads and bridges. Here are some helpful tips. Keep alert watching out for heavy storms. Listen to the radio or T.V. for weather developments. If you are camping move to higher ground when you hear a flash flood watch issued. If may be sunny, even partly cloudy where you are at the time, but remember, weather is unpredictable. Don't let children play in empty stream beds or storm drains. The water from the rains get deep fast and can cause strong currents. Check out your traveling route making sure you are not going through low water crossings. Remember, seconds count. Flash floods move faster than you'd believe possible!

You can prevent lawn and garden mishaps by following these tips: choosing tools with long handles will allow you to work without bending over saving your back from having sore aching muscles. Buy small packages of fertilizer or sod if working alone. Wearing a wide brimmed hat will protect your face from the damaging sun's rays. Wearing light-colored well fitting clothing will keep insects from becoming attached to you and will also not allow them access to your skin. Ladies, try not to wear perfume or hairspray while gardening. This attracts insects also. Drink plenty of fluids when working in the heat. Take several breaks to prevent heat exhaustion. Until next week!

Card of Thanks

We want to thank the Sonora Fire Dept. for their response and help with the grass fire we had. We would also like to thank Jack Baker and Sam and Vicki Murr for their assistance and for spending all day fighting the fire. Thanks again!

The Scott Jacoby Family
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Card of Thanks

To all the voters of Precinct 1. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and vote of confidence in me. I will continue to represent all the people of Sonora to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,
Jesse Bustamante

Kindergarten Field Trip



Kindergartners take a brake at Lost Lake Ranch. Pictured above are Sierra Gomez, Shaylynn Kresta, Matthew Preston, M.C. Reyes, Frankie Gandar, Valerie Gonzalez, Dakota Keeton, Tony Salazar, Meaghan Castro, Hunter Lawson, Jose Lugo, Nicolas Pena, James Antunez, Joe Castillo, Clayton Sahr, Kimble Luna, Adrian Raul, Virgil and T.J. Bowman.

submitted
On Friday, April 26th, Miss Nixon's kindergarten class took a field trip out to Lost Lake Ranch to visit Virgil and TJ Bowman. What a day the Bowmans had planned for the kids! We had a baseball game, and after the game, the kids had really worked up an appetite. The Bowmans cooked hotdogs and the kids had a blast. They also enjoyed a game of duck-duck-goose and red-rover, red-rover. Mr. Bowman also provided some entertainment by calling up some of his cattle so the kids could have a closer look. They really enjoy it. The class also saw the baby rabbits and goats that the Bowmans had pinned up around the house, as well as their bull, Dynamite.

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OPEN LETTER

Dear Editor,

Physical activity not only independently protects against the development of cardiovascular disease, but also has effect on other CVD risk factors of high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, and being overweight.

In honor of the support of the JRFH coordinator, CAROL SESSOM at Sonora Elementary, and coordinators across the state who help reinforce the benefits of physical exercise, as well as encourage volunteerism, Governor George W. Bush has declared Wednesday, May 8, 1996 as Jump Rope For Heart Coordinator Appreciation Day in Texas.

In the proclamation Governor Bush notes, "Heart disease is the leading cause of death in Texas and research indicates the importance of early prevention and shows that cardiovascular disease can begin in children as young as 3 years old."

He further stated that the Jump Rope For Heart (JRFH) program is a joint educational and fundraising program of the American Heart Association, Texas Affiliate and the Texas Association for Heart, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (TAHPERD), two organizations that share a long-standing interest in the health of Texas citizens. The JRFH program, adopted in 1980, is designed to teach children how to develop positive health attitudes and behaviors and raise funds to help fight the leading cause of death in Texas. The JRFH program is helping to save lives because of the JRFH coordinators dedicated to teaching a healthy lifestyle curriculum.

On behalf of the American Heart Association, Sutton county division, we salute our JRFH coordinators and extend our appreciation to their dedication in helping to make a difference in the health of individuals today and for our future adults of tomorrow.

Sincerely,
Rusty N. Garvin
Regional Director, American Heart Association, Texas Affiliate, Inc. Region V

Masonic Oak Pilgrimage & Picnic

submitted
To all Masons, their families, and friends: Come on home! The Annual Masonic Oak Pilgrimage and Picnic will be held Sunday, May 19, 1996, at the Masonic Oak Park in Brazoria, Texas. Opening will be at 9:30 a.m. This is where Masonry began in Texas. Robert P. Walker, Grand Master of Texas Masons, will be the guest speaker. Other Grand Lodge officers will be there as well as past Grand Masters and Masons from across the state. Dress is casual. BBQ plates with all the fixins' will be available for \$5.00, and you will eat under a covered pavilion. For more information and/or directions, call James Chambers, (409) 265-3322. We'll be looking for you!

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Valiant Effort

by Martha Valliant McLain

My office on Water Street has looked like a used car lot for the last week because several from Sonora have gone on a jaunt to Branson, to the heart of the Ozarks. Dean and I were there last May on a short trip with Barbara and Bill Savell and Martha and George Wallace. We decided then that we would return. There is so much to do there that you need at least a week, probably 2 or 3 months would be even better. If you have not been to Branson, you should consider it. It is an American phenomena and lots of fun. We left from Sonora Wed., May 1 and returned on Tues. We were on a large bus from City Bus Tours of San Antonio. We had lots of room to move around, sleep, and play bridge. We had two card tables in the back of the bus by the restroom. We began eating and drinking coffee before we got to Eldorado, and we ate steadily across 4 states, both coming and going. Travelers included Dean and Marti McLain, Barbara and Bill Savell, Annabelle and Oliver Wuest, Nell, Jerry, Martha and George Wallace, Jodie and Lawrence Finklea, Gaile Cade, Carol Love, Bobbie Smith, Lura Sawyer, Loise Fields, and her sister-in-law, Mae Lewis. Emerson Eubank, a friend of ours, put the tour together, so it had much personal attention. Our driver was John Silva with San Antonio City Tours. He was wonderful. A very safe, steady driver, and someone you were glad to know. We hope to try to do some city tours in San Antonio if we can get John for a driver. He has a copy of the Fehrenbach book, "Texas" with him. When he has to sit and wait, he studies Texas history so that he can make his tours more interesting. It is fun to go with someone who is interested in what is happening.

We stopped for our first lunch at the Smoke Stack restaurant in Thurber, a little town on the interstate. We had wonderful steaks, (some had caffish), and we do recommend it. It has great shopping, too. Our first night was Oklahoma City and we stayed at the Saddleback Inn. (All of our motels were Best Westerns.) We had dinner at Applewoods, a great restaurant. We had filet mignon and chicken marsala. They kept hot apple fritters on our bread plates. They were wonderful. When you ate one, another appeared. It was fun because we were treated as special guests. The head of tourism in Oklahoma City had dinner with us. She was making every effort to convince Emerson that he should route all tours possible through Oklahoma City. We were given "Oklahoma" pins by our guide the next morning, and the motel gave us pins with the city initials, OK C.

On Thursday morning we went on a brief guided tour of the city. We had an excellent guide, who was of Cherokee descent. The Oklahoma Capitol is one of the few without a dome. The building was being built with a dome in the plans, but the depression made the dome an impossibility. Adding a dome is often considered, but has not been done. The flags of the many Native American tribes found in Oklahoma are flown at the capitol building. One tribe does not believe in using flags and symbols, so their flagpole is empty. In front of the Capitol are two beautiful statues, one of a cowboy and one of an Indian woman. Our guide explained the origin of two terms that we have always heard. She said that the "Boomers" were the ones who came "booming" across the prairie to participate in the land rush. When they fired the starting pistol, they went "booming" into the land to stake their claims. "Sooners" were the settlers who came into the land before the official rush began. They hid somewhere to get ahead of the Boomers. This means that the "Sooners" were the cheaters and the "Boomers" were the ones who followed the rules. The Capitol has several beautiful murals, but the one that I liked best was the one honoring famous Native American ballerinas from Oklahoma. It depicts the dancing medicine man and the famous dancers, including Maria Tallchief. Of course, there is a wonderful painting of Will Rogers. On the Capitol grounds, we saw the new trees that were planted in honor of the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing. The people of Iowa came and planted 168 trees on the Capitol grounds as a memorial to each of the victims. Seeing all of the trees made you realize how many people were lost.

Our next stop was at the site of the bombing. The rubble of the building has been cleared and the area is fenced with cyclone fencing. The fence is covered with flowers, notes, mementos, and toys in honor of those who died. You cannot see it with dry eyes. The buildings around the site are damaged also. One building is half gone and gutted as it is being torn down. Others have already been cleared and many have boarded windows. The federal

building that was bombed was very near "church row", an area where the city's oldest churches were built. Almost all have been damaged, and many will be lost. It was a moving experience to visit this site.

We arrived in Branson in time for prime rib at Buchingham's Restaurant in the Palace Inn, our motel and the Andy Williams show at the Moon River Theater. Andy did all of the songs we love, and came out into the audience, where he was just inches from us. He is a tiny little man, but his voice is as big and beautiful as ever. He had a fantastic orchestra, dancers, and beautiful costumes. He was very funny, and I had never realized this on his TV Christmas specials.

On Fri. morning the group did a tour of the Branson area, seeing Lake Taneycomo, Table Rock Lake, and the College of the Ozarks. College of the Ozarks allows needy students to work and earn a college education. It is a wonderful opportunity for the young people in Missouri. A friend of mine once commented that she wondered what Taneycomo meant. She thought that it must mean something in a Native American language. She was disappointed to find that it is a shortened form of Taney County Missouri. In the afternoon, we saw The Pride of Country Music, The Charley Pride Show. He has others on stage part of the time, but most of the show is Charley doing what he does best. He sings the songs that made him popular. His orchestra is excellent. Some of the musicians have been with him over 20 years. He works very hard at his show, and the audience really responds to him. As his show ended, we quickly loaded back on the bus to go to the Lawrence Welk Champagne Theater for dinner and a show starring The Lennon Sisters. Did you think that they were dead? I did until we saw their show. They are still beautiful women in gorgeous costumes. They dance beautifully, and they sang all of our old favorites. Now, they are joined by the Lennon Brothers (3 younger brothers), the Lennon Sons and Gail, and the Lennon Daughters. They also had dancers, jugglers, magicians, and a dog act that was terrific. The Lennons began performing in Branson 6 years ago. Three years ago, 27 families of Lennons moved to Branson to make this little town their home. They all have large families, and 27 new families threw the schools into turmoil. In some grades, the school population doubled. It was a boon for the house builders, and a pain for the schools. Branson is now their home, and we all loved their show. We had a great meal at the theater. It was very southern with lots of delicious choices.

Saturday morning was the day to Ride the Ducks. "The Ducks" are vehicles that are at home on water or land. Part of our group toured the lakes and mountains on the Ducks and then shopped in some of the quaint little stores. Several of us saw a show called Jennifer in the Morning. Jennifer Wilson is a singer and a very talented dancer. She has been named by President Clinton to be the headliner in a USO show that is being planned for our troops. She is a fantastic talent, and she will be touring American and foreign military bases from Jan. until March of next year. Her show was wonderful, and it is said that she has the "prettiest knees" in Branson. After a quick lunch, we were off to see Shoji Tabuchi (say, Show-gee Tay boo chee). This is probably the most spectacular show in Branson or Las Vegas. Shoji was a Japanese student of the violin, and he went to hear Roy Acuff's show in Japan. He decided then, that he was going to be a master of American music for the violin. He married an American girl who directs, writes, and produces his show. He says that if you like the show, it is because of Dorothy, his wife, who puts the show together. He has marvelous sets, dancers, costumes, lights, and a laser light show. His music has such variety that there is something for everyone. He plays country western, classical, waltzes, calypso, and music from Broadway and the movies. It was by far my favorite performance. After Shoji, we had dinner at the Cowboy Cafe. The prime rib and steaks were great (not as good as Linda's in Sonora), but the fish was not so good. We went to the Mel Tillis show in the evening. Mel is a lovely, dear sweet man, who is cute, funny, and does a great show. He was entertaining some very old friends. In 1951, Mel was in a band called the Westerners. It was

made up of men serving in the US Army, and they were stationed in Okinawa. All of the men were in Branson for a week. The members of the band, their wives, some of their children, and some of their grandchildren were present. They had practiced playing together again and were planning to make a tape in Mel's recording studio. It was a very sentimental time for them. The last half of Mel's show was called "How the West Was Sung-Part II". It included wonderful songs from the cowboys in the movies, the Sons of the Pioneers, and some comedy numbers. We loved the show, and all agreed that Mel Tillis must really be a nice man.

Our last day in Branson found our group doing a variety of activities. Some went on the Branson Belle for lunch or breakfast and a show. The Belle is a large steam boat, a "show boat" and cruises on Table Rock Lake. The scene is truly a Mark Twain moment. The food was delicious and the entertainment included singing, dancing, and vaudeville type comedy. Several went to Silver Dollar City, a theme park which features early American crafts. An international festival was underway, so the group heard performers from many nations and ate a variety of foreign food. Some from our group attended The Bobby Vinton Show and heard the Glen Miller Orchestra, The Jim Stafford Show, The Mickey Gilley Show, and The Barbara Mandrell Show. No one was disappointed. Bill Savell said that his favorite show was the one he was watching. It is very difficult to believe that we saw so much in such a short time, but we did not see it all. There are 3 theaters in Branson. Most are open from March until January. Many of the performers do 12 shows a week for 8 months.

It is a small world. Our group ran into the Redman from Sonora and Tammy Jackson, formerly of Sonora. Branson has many attractions. Bill Savell and Oliver Wuest played one of Branson's beautiful wooded, hilly golf courses, and at least one and sometimes 2 bridge games were in progress on the bus. Shopping was everywhere and reasonable.

Our trip home included a night in Tyler with the most exceptional meal of the trip. Dinner was at the Potpourri House in Tyler. We ate a tossed salad with strawberries and poppy seed dressing, chicken almondine, yeast rolls, rice, green beans, and chocolate mousse. It was a gourmet meal. This little restaurant was recently photographed by Southern Living magazine and will soon be featured in the magazine. Carrie Sue Wyatt Hendersson joined us for the meal, and Cody, Valerie, Lindsay, and McKenzie Savell joined us for dessert. Cody and Scott Savell were with us for breakfast. Loise Fields and Mae Lewis joined old friends for a visit at their home.

Our stop on the way home was at Tyler. Tyler is the Rose Capital of Texas, and we toured the Rose Museum and 14 acres of roses in bloom in the city's rose garden. It was wonderful. On our tour of Tyler, we saw some of the beautiful old mansions from the "oil boom" days. The city was named for President Tyler and at the recent sesquicentennial, a grandson of President Tyler attended. Tyler was married twice and had 15 children. This grandson was the son of the youngest of the children. Earl Campbell, the football hero is a proud native of Tyler, and his mother and many family members are still there. It is a beautiful city, and I would love to go to the Rose Festival or go on the Azalea Trail tour some year. Tyler provided a guide for us on the bus and in the museum. They were interesting ladies, who are proud of their beautiful city. Our motel manager, gave us potpourri made from roses grown in Tyler and the Chamber of Commerce gave us stick-on roses for our collars. We really felt welcome in Tyler.

The trip was great because we had, Emerson Eubank, IV, a great tour rep from American Classic Tours. He is a friend of ours, and he really worked hard to make this trip very special. We also had a great bus driver, John Silva. He works with San Antonio City Tours, and we want to go on another trip with him again sometime.

I hope that you will forgive me for this "one subject" column, but as you can see for the past week, I have done nothing but Branson. I also think that you should make an effort to go to Branson sometime. It is good live entertainment in a variety of styles.

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submitted by Jeryl Fields

A new financial aid program is available to Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Students.

What does this program do? •The Exemption program provides a 12 month exemption from the payment of tuition and fees (other than building use fees) for eligible college students.

Who can qualify? •Students who were dependent children receiving AFDC benefits for at least 6 months during their senior year in high school.

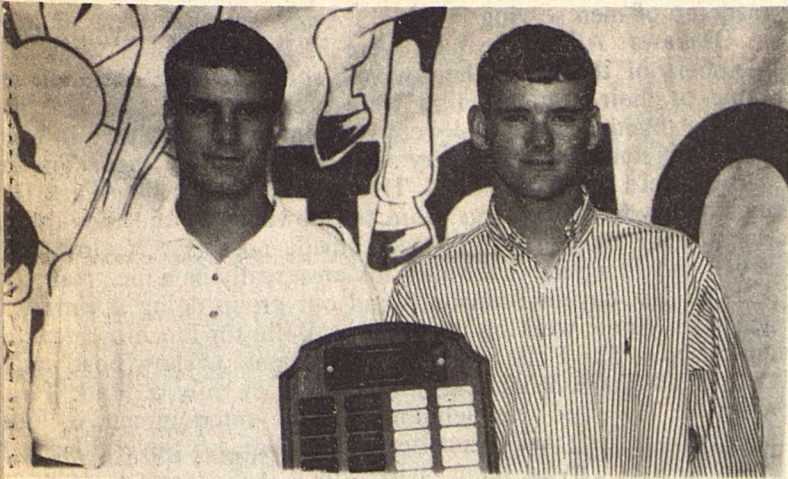
Is there a time limit for when it can be used? •Students who qualify for this exemption need to start using it within 12 months of their high school graduation date.

Where may it be used? •Qualified students may use the exemption at any public college or university in Texas.

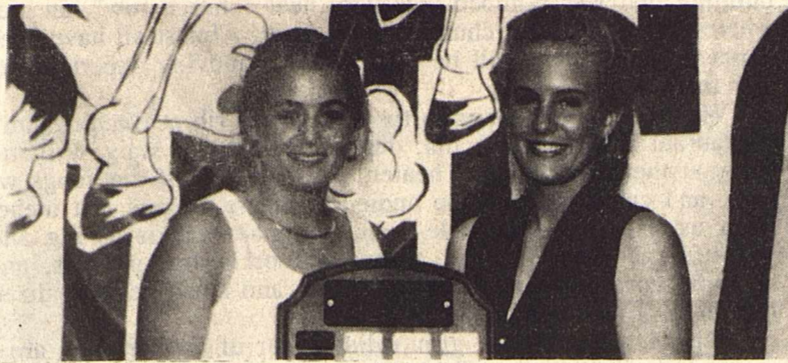
How to apply:

•To qualify for the benefit, the student should provide his/her college registrar's office a copy of a letter or memorandum from his or her case worker (or simply from the Department of Human Services) which verifies that the student was a dependent child receiving AFDC benefits for at least 6 months during the student's senior year in high school. A sample Department of Human Services certification letter format is available through the Coordinating Board or the high school counselor's office.

•The Department of Human Services letter needs to be provided to the college before the student registers for classes. Then, when the student receives the bill for classes, the bill should show no tuition and fee charges (except for building use fees) or should show such charges as marked "paid."



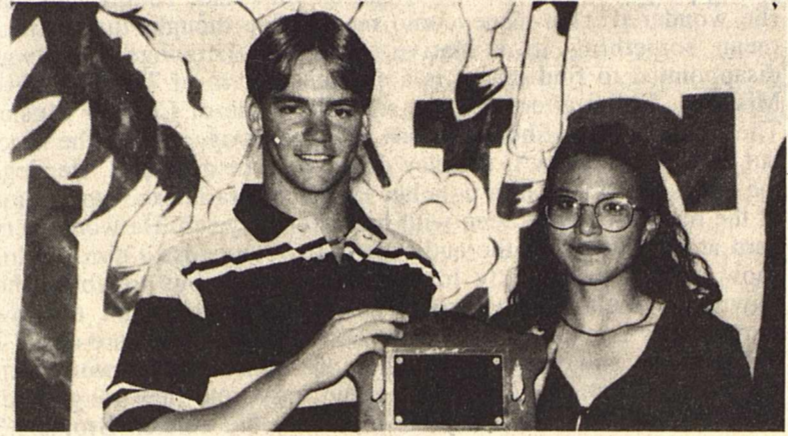
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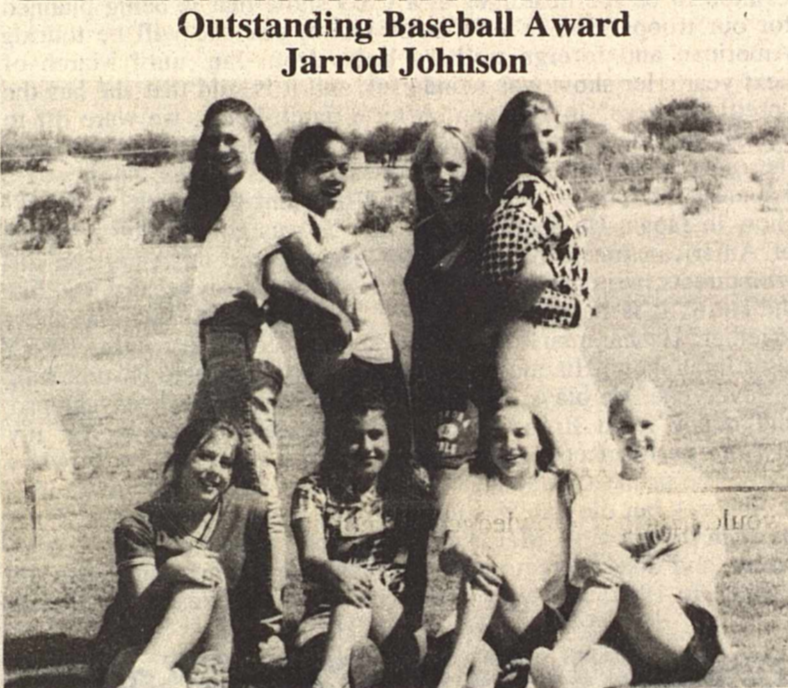
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Farrah Virgen and Caleb Barker



1996-97 Varsity Cheerleaders
Sitting - Johnna Adams, Carla Gonzalez, Kenley Black, and Katy Cooke. Standing - Michele Cramer, Camille Marshall, Ashley Henson, and Stefany Davenport.

2-Lady Select Tournament Results

Place	Championship	Score
1st	Melissa O'Harrow & Rose Doyle (Eldorado) (San Angelo)	70
2nd	Tressa Henson & Brigitte Sewell (Sonora) (Ozona)	72
3rd	Jeannie Bly & Pat Koenig (San Angelo)	75
<i>score card playoff</i>		
	Becky York & Jane Archer (Sonora)	75
1st Flight		
1st	Jerri Martin & Tonda Alexander (Sonora)	80
<i>score card playoff</i>		
2nd	Joyce Casparis & Shirley Hughs (Sonora)	80
3rd	Frances Tackel & Darla Lipham (Sonora)	81
2nd Flight		
1st	Mary Lou Hudman & Michelle Krieg (Sonora)	84
<i>score card playoff</i>		
2nd	Michelle Anderson & Trudy Niblett (Sonora)	84
3rd	Dinah Reynold & Barbara Hodges (San Angelo)	85

Longest Drive- Rose Doyle, (San Angelo)
Closest to the Pin #2- Pochie Olson (Sonora)
Closest to the Pin #9- Pat Koenig (Sonora)
Most accurate Drive- Sandra Armstrong (Big Lake)
Second Annual Chili Pepper Chip-in
Winner- Becky York

4-Hers Participate In District 10 Judging Contests

submitted
Sutton County 4-Hers traveled to Kerrville on Saturday, April 20th, to participate in the South Central District 10 Judging Contests. The Senior Range Team placed first. These team members are David Fisher, Justin Morley, Erin Payton and Shawna Faris. Thomas Schenkel was the third high individual. Tom Payton is the coach for the 4-Hers judging in the range competition.

The Senior Wool & Mohair team received a third in this contest. This team consisted of David Fisher, Shawna Faris, Justin Morley, and Brad Mogford. Shawna was third high individual. The Junior Wool & Mohair team consisted of Chance Armke, Graham Bloodworth, Thomas Schenkel, and Byron Williams. This team earned a second in mohair and a third in wool. Chance was the third overall individual. Preston Faris and Glen Fisher are coaches for the participants in wool and mohair judging.

There were two teams competing in the shooting sports competition. Members comprising these teams were Matt Routh, Pacer Holley, Bonner Walsh, Eddie Maskill, Justin Routh, Cody Ainsworth, James Elliott, and Cassi Cole. Mike Routh coaches the shooting sports project.

Also competing were two teams of horse judges coached by Patty Strauch. The team of Sheryl Strauch, Leandra Perez, Wylie Wagoner, and Kasey Miller finished fifth in the contest. Also judging were the team of Austin Wagoner, Brelee Drake, Tissie Wagoner, and Cara Hard. Kasey Miller was ninth high individual, and Leandra Perez was tenth high individual.

Congratulations to all for a job well done!

Erin was second high individual. David was fourth high individual, and Justin was fifth high individual.

The Junior Range Team also place first. These members are Chance and Koda Armke and Graham and Thomas Bloodworth. Graham was first high individual, Chance was

second, Koda was fourth, and Thomas was fifth. In Range Evaluation, the team of Brad Mogford, Josh Payton, and Jared Percifull received a second place. In the Open Division, the team of Thomas Schenkel, Bryce Williams, Jake Trainer, and Riley Crain received a second place.

Piano Recital Corrections

In the May 2, 1996 issue of the DRN, the following correction should be noted for the Jones Piano Studio Recital article. Allison Benson took lessons but did not play for the program. The Remarkable Progress Award also went to Davey Prather.

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SENIOR CENTER NEWS



Pictured are: Lucy Ramos, Juanita Mesa, Mary Lou Gilly, Eulofia Flores, Rosario Ibarra, Lupe Mendez, and Alda Duran.

by Juanita Mesa

Thanks for a memorable April from the Senior Center: Ladies from 1st United Methodist Church and Westerman Drug (Ronnie & Rosa) for all the real nice "Bingo" prizes; Food Center for chocolate candy for our "Easter Egg Hunt;" and Mrs. Jim Stephen's 6th Grade Class for inviting our Seniors to their "Culture Fair." They really enjoyed the fair and had a good time. We are very proud to have been the "Guests of Honor." Thanks again! We would also like to thank Pete Samaniego for taking time out to take our Seniors to the fair. A special thanks to the staff of the Senior Center: Lilia, Victoria, Pete and especially all the volunteers: Nell, Lura, Tito, Maggie, Iris, J. Jones, Kelly Lewis (program), May Dell, Olivia & Robert. I hope I didn't forget anyone's name.

I am doing much better. My ankle is not hurting as much now. Thanks to all who called to check on us, the flowers, cards, and your prayers. God bless!

I just came back from the 15th Annual Texas Joint Conference on Aging (April 21-24) in Corpus Christi where our Senior Center was awarded a 1995 3-Star Excellence Program. This TASC Excellence Program recognizes those senior centers which carry out the primary purposes of senior centers, have a balanced program of activities, and provide quality programs

and activities that meet the needs of the seniors they serve. The goal of the program is to encourage excellence in the performance of the senior center's activities. The criteria for this awards program had been designed for each center to earn a one, two, or three star TASC Excellence Patch for their center's banner. The intent is to provide an immediate visible means of identifying quality programming provided by every participating center. This program provides for every senior center to be the very best they can be and does not provide for competition between or among centers because of size or financial capabilities. The theme of the conference was "The Fabric of Aging" and four special presentations were given by David J. Biemer, PhD.

The Senior of the Month of April/May is Dell Moore. Congratulations! The National Nursing Home Week is May 12-18. The Senior Center will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday. The Texas Silver-Haired Legislature election is set for Tues., May 28, 1996, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Sutton County Sr. Center. Don't forget to vote!

The May birthday party will be May 15, 1996 honoring Ruth Lee Eaton, Johnnie Hodges, Lupe Gutierrez, Mandy Turk, Ramona Noriega, Betty Hardegree, Gloria Kerbow, Beto Duran, and Elvira Garcia.

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JV Ends Season On Strong Note

by Tryon Fields

Saturday the Bronco J.V. finished a successful season against the Greenwood Ranger J.V. squad.

In the first game of the double header, Brad Legan got the nod to take the mound. Legan got the win off of some great defensive plays and some timely hitting by the Bronco bat men. David Mayer got the save as he came on in the 7th inning facing 4 batters and striking out 2. The Broncos were led at the plate by Fernie Emiliano, Mayer Anderson, Ty Harrelson, and David Mayer who had 8 hits between them. The Bronco J.V. took the opener 10 to 12.

In the second game, the Ranger J.V. squad was able to hold the Sonora squad to just 2 runs while the Broncos J.V. gave up 3 for the Greenwood

win. However, this was a nail biter as the Broncos stranded 7 runners with bases being loaded in the bottom of the seventh, but were unable to take advantage.

Homer Lozano pitched valiantly for the Broncos striking out 6, only walking 1, but giving up 9 hits. Defensively, the Broncos were led by Lupe Ramon at 3rd base who had 5 put outs. On offense, the Broncos were led by Tanner Fields and Breg Hughes.

If you missed these games, you truly missed some excellent baseball. But we eagerly await the 1997 season, as it promises to be an exciting one.

Congratulations goes to each and everyone of the J.V. players on an outstanding season.

Burge and Key Take Third in Region

The doubles team of Kristi Burge and Katie Key won third place at the Region I-3A Tennis Tournament in Odessa on April 24th and 25th. In the first round they defeated the team of Bell-Minchow from Denver City, 6-4, 6-0. To advance to the semifinals, they defeated the team of Calderon-Lechuga from Fabens, 6-3, 6-1. In the semifinal, Burge and Key faced the region's number one ranked team from Vernon, McManigal-Rainwater. Burge and Key played well, although losing to the seniors from Vernon, 6-4, 6-1. The Vernon duo advanced on to win the Region I-3A title. In the match for third place, Burge and Key rebounded to defeat the team of Osborne-Wu from Abilene Wylie, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. Sonora then earned the chance to play back for 2nd place. Burge and Key faced the Greenwood district rival team of Wade-Wade for the opportunity to play at the state tournament. Burge and Key were defeated 6-1, 6-2. Next year, the doubles team of Kristi Burge and Katie Key should again be in contention for a medal at the Region I-3A tournament and a possible state birth.

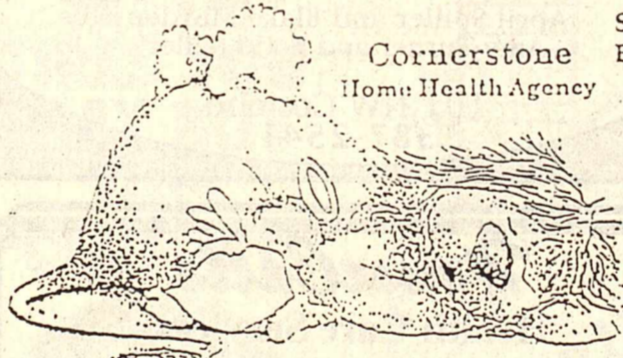


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The Scout Report

submitted

On Friday, May 3, 1996, a large group of Sonora's Boy Scouts and family members took advantage of a three-day week-end by going on a camping adventure to Big Bend National Park. Lions? No! Tigers? No! Bears? Yes! Nine of the group who had decided to take a 14-mile hike encountered a black bear and her cub not more than 50 yards from them. The bears did not appear frightened but went on their way, perhaps in search of water. (The park is terribly dry, with many oak trees on the verge of dying.) Other wildlife seen on this hike included three coyotes, several javelinas, and a few mule deer.

Boy Scouts from Troop 19 who made this trip to Big Bend were Alan Nicholas, Russ Dempsey, Eddie Maskill, Will Allen, Matt Routh, Ryan Hardgrave, Cody Ainsworth, Chris Weingart, Stetson Hall, James Elliott, Sean Odom, Brandon Adidas, Ricky Thompson, Jeremy Lipham, Eddie Wallace, Tim Warden, Shane Benson, Adam Hadsall, and Jared Parks. Adult sponsors were Scout Master Lewis Allen, Camping Coordinator Gary Hardgrave, Scout Committee Chairman Kurt Hadsall, John and Sandi Ainsworth, Tammi Adkins, Al Elliott, Joe Weingart, and Callaway Hall. Also making the trip were Joseph Ainsworth and David Adkins, both Cub Scouts and brothers of older Scouts.

Upon arriving on Friday afternoon, the campers

encountered very hot conditions. However, by Saturday, the temperatures were quite a bit milder and helped make the hikes quite pleasurable. Two hikes of different lengths were made on Saturday; most of the group went on a 5-mile Lost Mine Trail hike. Attempting the longer 14-mile South Rim Trail hike were Will, Alan, Russ, Ryan, Cody, and Stetson, along with Mr. Allen, Mr. Hardgrave, and Mr. Hall. Several members of the group made a side trip to some sulfur springs, and others found an oasis in the Chihuahuan desert.

The Scouts are responsible for planning and cooking meals, as well as cleaning up afterwards. On Friday evening, the meal included beef and chicken fajitas, and on Saturday night, beef burritos were prepared. Skills exhibited on camp-outs such as this count toward requirements for merit badges and advancements. Many of the Scouts are already looking forward to the week-long summer camp during July at Camp Sol Mayer.

These activities are made possible in part by the generous support of members of our community. By keeping our youth involved in worthwhile pursuits such as Scouting, we are preparing our community and our nation for the next generation of responsible citizens. If you would like to find out more about Scouting in Sonora, contact Lewis Hall or Kathy Hardgrave.

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Ag Calendar

- May**
 11 Special Auction for Bobbie Bryson (Sonora Livestock Auction)
 11-12 WTRA Rodeo, (Anson)
 31 Last day of feeding period for LFP (livestock feeding program)
- June**
 11-13 Sonora Wool and Mohair Show
 13-14 American Boer Goat Judging School, only 40 applicants accepted, (Brownwood)
 14 Final day to turn in tickets for LFP
 20-22 AJRA Rodeo, (Sonora)
 22 World Championship Goat Roping (Ozona Fair Grounds)
 24-28 Trans Pecos Total Ranch Mgmt. Workshop, (Indian Lodge, Fort Davis)

Items for the Ag Calendar should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Monday. 387-2507 - fax 387-5691

Junction Stockyards Report

Friday, April 26, Junction Stockyards sold 161 head of cattle. Calves selling 2-3 lower. Packer cows & bills 1-3 higher. Stocker cows & pairs selling fair demand.

Monday, April 22, Junction Stockyards sold 4760 head of

goats & sheep. Lambs selling steady. Slaughter ewes & bucks 1-2 higher. Stocker angora steady. Fat kid & yearling steady. Slaughter angora 1-3 lower. Spanish kids & nannies steady. Spanish muttons & billies 3-6 lower.

Who Owns Your Water?

submitted by Mike Smith, reprinted from Texas Monthly, Jan. '96 by Paul Burka

Water is about to become, if you'll pardon the pun, a boiling political issue. With the Rio Grande Valley desperately short of water, and El Paso, Corpus Christi, Houston, San Antonio, and suburban-Austin all planning to import water from remote sites, anxieties in rural Texas about water grabs by cities are at an all-time high (see "Waterworld," *Environment*, September-1995). In West Texas, El Paso has bought land in Hudspeth County to obtain the rights to the water below the surface, while in East Texas, Henderson County farmers have lost a fight to stop Ozarka Spring Water from pumping 72,000 gallons a day from Rober-Spring (see "Bottleneck," *State Wide*, August 1995). Agricultural interests may fight back by asking the Legislature to create more underground water conservation districts that give local landowners the power to restrict big pumpers.

Meanwhile, the Texas Water Development Board's three-year-old Trans-Texas plan calls for cities in Southeast and Central Texas to use interbasin transfers-taking water from reservoirs outside of their river basins-to meet their water needs. Corpus Christi has won approval for a pipeline that will bring water from Lake Texana, north of Port Lavaca. Austin's

northern suburbs in the Brazos River basin want to tap Lake Travis on the Colorado River. San Antonio is looking at Guadalupe River water. But the most ambitious plan is for Houston to bring in water from the immense Toledo Bend Reservoir on the Sabine River, where more than a million acre-feet of water a year are available for the taking. Less than 1 percent of that amount is used today. Nevertheless, downriver interests in Beaumont and Port Arthur are already fighting Houston's plan; even in water-rich East Texas, residents of water-losing areas regard interbasin transfer as theft. Watch for opponents to back a new law requiring cities to practice strict conservation before transfers can be approved.

The worst crisis is in South Texas, and there is no good solution. The international reservoirs, Amistad and Falcon, enter 1996 at historically low levels. Mexico has had no irrigation water from the Rio Grande since May and has already told its farmers that there will be none this year. Interbasin transfer isn't a viable option; Rio Valley farmers couldn't afford to pay the cost of transporting the water. There just isn't enough water for cities and farmers, and in fights between city folk and country folk, the cities usually win.

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Texas Cattle Group Seeks Ways To Defend Producers

submitted

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association has given a federal advisory group a list of things government should do to protect cattle producers in the marketplace from a modern-day "Beef Trust," dominated by a handful of powerful beef-packing conglomerates.

In testimony submitted today to the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Concentration in Washington, D.C., TSCRA President Chance O. Thompson Jr. of Breckenridge, Texas, explained why cattle producers are worried about the so-called concentration of major beef packers in the fed and non-fed beef slaughter markets.

Citing a 1996 study on the subject by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Thompson said the four largest packers account for 82 percent of steer and heifer slaughter in 1994, versus 36 percent in 1980. They are now moving into the non-fed beef business, previously handled by small, regional family-run packers. Through vertical integration and coordination arrangements, packers have reduced the role of livestock auction markets, where the terms of trade are

openly visible to all.

"Concentration means fewer buyers and could create regional monopolies with less price competition and more difficulty in obtaining price information," he said, quoting a Texas A&M University report. This trend, accomplished in large part by mergers and acquisitions of existing plant capacity, comes at a time when many cattle producers have lost as much as 50 percent of their equity. A return to profitability for the cattle industry is not anticipated for at least two more years.

"TSCRA encourages all government agencies to ensure that the production, processing, marketing, and distribution of red meat is allowed to take place in a free, competitive and fair environment for all," Thompson said. If additional authority is needed to take corrective action, then those agencies are urged to ask Congress for that authority and funding.

TSCRA called on the Clinton Administration to provide more detailed information about beef sales, exports and imports, retail pricing, and the interaction of beefpacking firms.

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The Government Got Your Pay Raise

submitted

There'll be no flowers or greeting cards this year on Tax Freedom Day, the unofficial day on which the average American finishes paying all levels of taxes and finally starts working for themselves and their families. Did you know that you worked 128 days this year just to pay your federal, state, and local taxes? It's truly unbelievable that Tax Freedom Day falls on the latest date ever, but it's no surprise that most Texans are feeling squeezed left and right.

All of us continue to work harder and bring home less. In fact, most of us spend more money on taxes each year than we spend on any other item. Taxes are now the highest they've been in the peacetime history of our nation. It's hard enough to break even when we're working to pay our bills, but it becomes even harder to keep part of our paychecks so we can buy groceries, pay for gas, and save to send our kids to college. Washington should work for America's families, not make families work for Washington.

This Congress is looking to provide tax relief to help working families, rather than relying on big government to do the trick. Married couples who both work are practically spending all of one spouse's salary just to pay their share of taxes, instead of supporting their families. Americans should be allowed to earn more, keep more, and do more with their paychecks for their families and communities.

The repeal of 4.3 cents of the gas tax is a tax-relief measure I strongly support. Every time you go to the pump, this gas tax hits your wallet hard. And this type of tax especially hurts lower-income and rural families -- those who can't afford the extra dollars each time they have to drive long distances to get their car or truck into town, drop the kids off at school, or drive into work.

The tax crunch is literally squeezing the pockets of lower and middle-class families. It's time to put a stop to big-government taking advantage of the American taxpayer. All Americans should be able to keep their pay raises and not be forced to hand over a huge chunk of their income to the government. Reducing the size of bureaucracy so Tax Freedom Day comes a little bit earlier next year sounds like the way to go.

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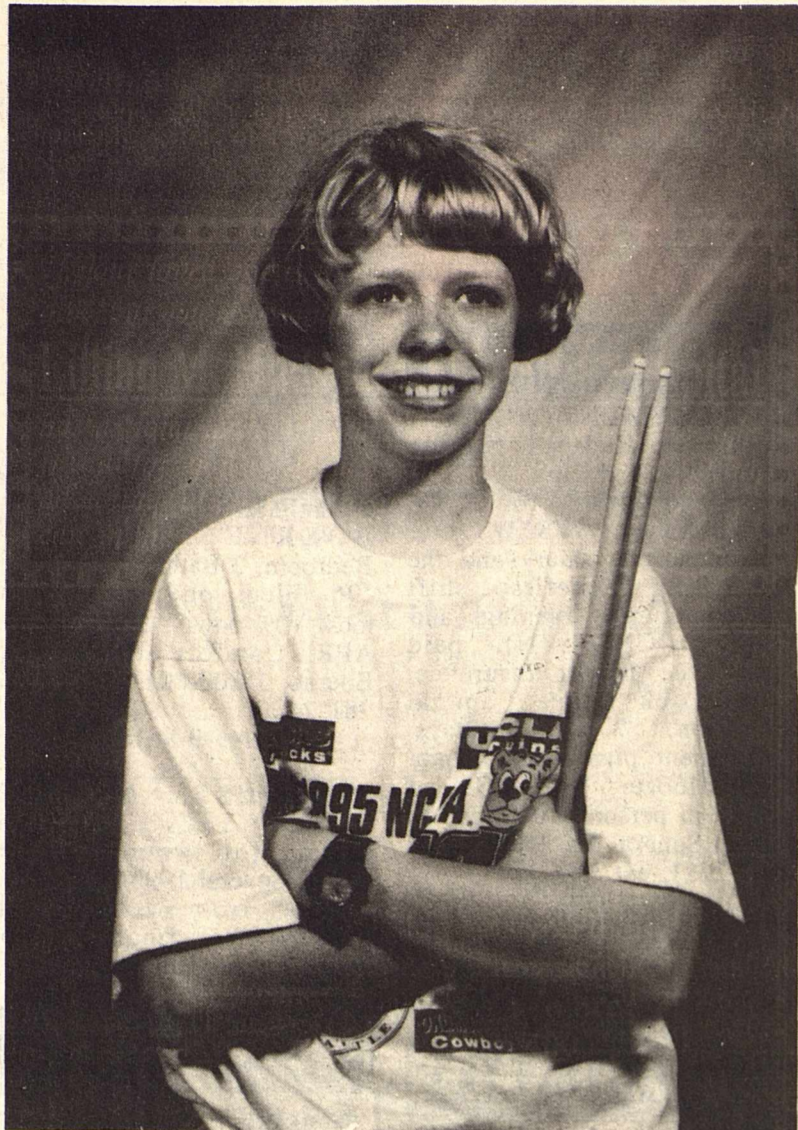
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Franco Takes First At State

submitted

Senior Becca Franco represented Fort Stockton High School at the University Interscholastic League Academic Meet, May 2-4, at the University of Texas at Austin. Becca qualified for the state meet by placing third in news writing at the regional meet April 20 at Angelo State University in San Angelo. She was named the 4A first place winner at state.

"Becca placed in journalism events at all five practice meets this year and then went on to win honors in three events at the district contest," adviser Lynne Beeles said. "She was determined to make it to the state contest."

"Students who participate in UIL academics are as competitive and dedicated as any athlete or musician," said Bobby Hawthorne, UIL academic director. "They devote untold hours to practice and invitational meet competition, and for many, these hours will be among the most important they spend during their high school careers. Over the years, we've heard from hundreds of

students who claim that these contests were the most fulfilling and rewarding activities of their entire school careers."

UIL academic contests range from feature writing to accounting, and from computer science to poetry interpretation. Of the 2.2 million students who participated in UIL activities last year, 658,000 competed in one or more of the 22 general academic contests.

Through participation at the State Meet, students qualify for the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships. Since its inception in 1954, the TILF has provided nearly \$10 million to approximately 9,000 students. This year, the TILF expects to award an estimated 570 new and renewed grants, valued at more than \$700,000. These academic scholarships have been funded by grants and donations from foundations and individuals.

Becca is the daughter of Janice and Simon Franco and the granddaughter of Maida and J.W. Sutton of Sonora and Lucila and Simon Franco, Sr. of Ft. Stockton.



Bartz To Receive Degree

submitted

Carl Bruce Bartz, a 1980 graduate of Sonora High School, is among the graduates scheduled to receive degrees at the Texas Tech University Health and Sciences Center School of Allied Health graduation convocation on Saturday, May 18th, in Lubbock, Texas.

Bruce will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy. Following graduation, he will serve his internship in Dallas.

Bruce and his family would like to express their appreciation to Joseph and Mabel VanderStucken and the Sutton County Community Trust for their assistance and encouragement in this accomplishment.

Edgar Chosen for AEGIS

submitted

Johanna Edgar of Huntsville, Arkansas, has been chosen to participate in the AEGIS program for gifted and talented students of Arkansas.

These students will participate in the program at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, AR. This program is designed for students who are considering entering the medical health fields. Hands-on practice will allow students to participate in such procedures as joint replacement, arthroscopic surgery, medical software, and suturing wound closures.

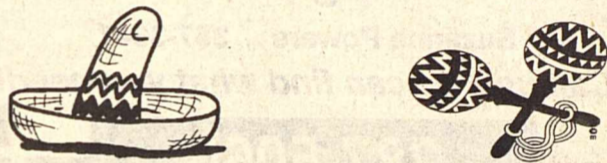
The students will rotate in fields of pediatrics, veterinary medicine, family practice, anesthesiology, sports medicine and physical therapy, plus laboratory experiences.

Johanna is the daughter of Nancy and Jim Edgar of Huntsville, AR. Her grandmother is Celeste Prugel of Sonora.

Johanna will be a high school sophomore at Huntsville, High School; she is one of 15 applicants chosen from 198 students who applied.



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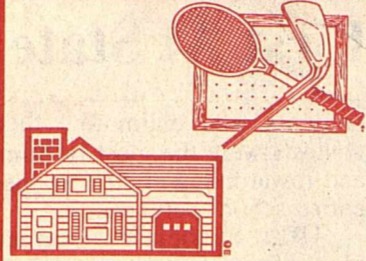
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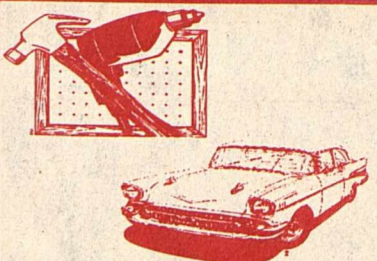
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