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Abilene officials consider criminal charges against undercover agent

District Attorney's Office announced Friday that it would be dismissing 25 drug cases made in Abilene in 1990.

Officials with the district attorney's office and the Abilene Police Department were surprised and disappointed to learn that the testimony of a key informant in these cases appears to be questionable.

The work of Lonnie Hood, who participated in an Abilene undercover operation from May to July 1990, has been brought into question, and local officials feel that they cannot trust the information given by the informant.

After Hood left Abilene and went to work for other agencies, officials found that a pattern emerged from the chemical analyses run on the drugs that he turned in as evidence. Most of the samples that the informant provided had cocaine in them, but a cloud of suspicion arose when lab tests confirmed that aspirin was present in most samples submitted by these different agencies.

Law entorcement officials believe that drugs were purchased and that good cases were made during the undercover operation. But the consistent use of aspirin casts doubt on the validity of the samples, and consequently, local officials believe that, rather than cause a possible miscarriage of justice, they should dismiss all the cases in which Hood was involved.

informant, Abilene authorities checked his background through official channels. No history of impropriety was found. Hood worked in Abilene for a threemonth period in which he provided information that resulted in charges being filed on 50 individuals. At this time, 25 indictments remain pending.

The city paid \$12,360 for the entire operation. Hood was paid \$1,500 a month during his time with the city, and \$10 a day for expenses. About \$5,350 was spent on narcotics.

All the money was drawn from the city's regular finance channels, of which an audit is done every Throughout the entire operation, Hood was closely supervised by the Abilene Police Department.

Chemists with the Department of Public Safety_now say that they noticed aspirin in Hood's samples and did not think it was significant at the time.

Over the last week, samples have been rejested to confirm the use of Abilene and Taylor County officials waited until now. to bring forth this information so that they could get confirmation about the aspirin additive from the local Department of Public Safety Lab. At this time, the samples are undergoing further testing, regarding additives.

Some time after leaving Abilene,

71 cases there before moving on to New Mexico. Officials are now making efforts to dismiss those

Approximately 15 people from Taylor County are incarcerated as a result of entering guilty pleas to the charges made by Hood. The District Attorney has announced that in these cases he will not oppose motions for a new trial or grounds of review by post conviction writ. This process could undo convictions already obtained. One case tried before a jury is before the appellate court. The District Attorney's Office has

already initiated proceedings to have this conviction set aside.

At this time, the investigation is on-going, and officials are still looking into the possibility of filing criminal charges against

Officials are very disappointed about the situation, because they are making every effort to fight the war on drugs. However, to maintain the integrity of law enforcement, this war must be with legitimate fought investigations based on credible

Testing may not be possible on drugs taken in March '89 arrests

Undercover narcotics agent Lonnie Hood was hired by Sutton County in the fall of 1988 to assist the Sheriff's office in an undercover drug operation.

Fifteen arrests were made in March 1989 with Hood as the key witness. The arrests resulted in 28 drug cases being filed in the 112th District Court.

Recently Abilene officials announced that they would be dismissing 25 drug cases made in 1990 following a report stating that aspirin had been used as an additive in the drugs confiscated there. Hood was the undercover officer assisting Abilene officials in those

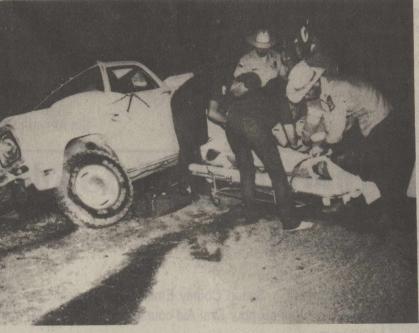
According to 112th Assistant District Attorney, Albert Valadez, the lab never checks for additives,

they only check to see if the substance contains the drug.

Valadez also said the DPS lab usually disposes of the substance after the case has been tried, so there might not be a possibility of checking for additives in the drugs at a later date. Valadez went on to say that he and 112th District Attorney J.W. Johnson will probably discuss the situation concerning Hood and decide what they will do with the remaining cases here.

Currently five of the fifteen arrested were sentenced, one is out on appeal, and one case resulted in a

As of press time, District Attorney J.W. Johnson was not available for comment



Emergency personnel work on an accident victim Saturday evening.

Commissioners discuss budget

Julie Carpenter gave an outstanding performance Friday at the

CWDT. Despite the heavy rains the crowd moved to the Caverns

A redistricting plan was approved by Commissioners during Monday's meeting. The county is required to revise every ten years, following the

porch and enjoyed the rest of the evening.

With the exception of one change, the plan was approved on a motion by Mike Villenueva and seconded by Bill Keel with Bill Wade voting for and Ernest Barrera voting against. The redistricting plan chosen has a 3.87% deviation.

There were several citizens on hand to see the outcome of the proposed increase in salary for the county commissioners and county workers. When the item came up on the agenda, Commissioner Bill Keel stated, "I don't know about the rest of you but I'm willing to change that back," referring to the commissioners salary increase. The salary increase would have raised the commissioners pay from \$466 per month to over \$800 dollars per month. The commissioners are receiving also hospitalization insurance from the

Commissioner Bill Wade seconded the motion by Bill Keel to drop the salary increase but it was agreed that the county employees would still get a 5% pay increase.

Margaret Cascadden said, "Three of the commissioners were willing to double their salaries. I think we need to remember that they were willing to do it in the first place.'

Several local citizens disagreed with the pay increase straight across the board for county employees. Billy Green stated "If you don have the money do you spend it anyway?

Due to concern of the county spending money unnecessarily, Bill Keel explained that 80% of the budget is mandatory. The county has to fund the offices, such as the clerk's office, and if anything was taken out of the budget now, it would take away services for the

Water District Board member Clay Hicks, took the floor and stated, "Why should you all draw a salary? We spend as much time in meetings as you do." He went on to say that if the county wants to cut somewhere the commissioners should consider cutting their salaries altogether.

"Personally, I think you all do a good job. Whatever you do you're not going to make everybody happy. This is not a job. People run for the job and aren't doing it for the good of the community."

In other business, the commissioners discussed the tax rate for the upcoming year. With the increase in property value, the tax rate has decreased. This basically has no effect on the dollar amount average homeowners will have to pay this year in taxes. There will be no increase in taxes this coming year.

CWDT completes 5th Season with a record-breaking crowd

The fifth season of the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater has come to a close. Despite threatening weather conditions Friday evening, many tourists as well as Sonora residents came to hear the tales of Chet Halley and the beautiful music of San Angelo's 13 year old wonder, Julie Carpenter. Even though the rain struck midway through the show, the crowd moved up to the Caverns porch for the remainder of the evening as Julie and her fiddle created a little sunshine in each and every heart.

Saturday, the final evening of the season, a crowd of over 300 came to bid the season farewell.

The evening was full of fun and laughter as Clay Lindley ("The Cowboy Nerd") followed by cowboy poet, Dennis Gaines, started off the show.

Camille Cauthorn, of Radio Station KHOS, then introduced the Sutton County Queen Contestants.

Throughout the evening, localmodels, including the Queen Contestants, modeled the latest fashions from area stores. During the modeling event, the Back Alley Express, with Margaret Cascadden, Clara James, Bob Mayo and John Zimmerman, created some beautiful background music.

The final act of the evening was the "Jose Brothers", with Clay Lindley and Gil Prather. The "Wild Bunch" was also present both nights of the final weekend, and they certainly kept things moving along.

The Covered Wagon Dinner Theater wishes to thank everyone who has been so supportive during this 5th Season. The Sutton County Steakhouse has been there every weekend, rain or shine, with their delicious meals and the volunteers have been wonderful as they devote their precious time to see that the show goes on.

A special thanks to the Caverns

of Sonora for all their support and for the use of their grounds. A special thank you also goes to all the businesses who supported the CWDT by advertising in the CWDT brochure, selling tickets, donating for the "Glad You're Here Bag", and putting up posters in their stores.

And most of all we thank the patrons for coming out each and every weekend to show their unfailing support.

The Covered Wagon Dinner Theater, a non-profit organization, strives to maintain the heritage of our area, while also promoting tourism. These tourists spend thousands of dollars each year with our local merchants and this in turn helps our entire community. The businesses and individuals who have supported the CWDT should be commended for their support. Without them, none of it would be

The CWDT thanks you all for making this a terrific year and together we can make next year

Absentee Voting for the Hospital District election will run from August 14-29

Local man suffers minor injuries

A Sonora man suffered minor injuries shortly after 11:00 p.m. Saturday in a one vehicle accident on Crockett Ave.

Fifty-two year old Feliberto Carreno of 204 Calle Useues, was driving south on Crockett Street when he ran into a ditch and traveled approximately 80 feet before striking a drainage pipe. Due to the strong smell of gasoline, Officers Tim Jarratt and Mike Routh of the Sonora Police Department called in the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department as a precautionary measure.

Sutton County EMS personnel removed Carreno from the vehicle and transported him to Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, where he was treated and admitted for observation.

factor.

According to the police report, alcohol is believed to have been a

Spotlight on Sutton County EMS

Rosie Butler

Rosie Butler, EMT, resides in Christoval and joined the Sutton County EMS in May, 1987. She works on her family ranch in Sutton County, and in her home at Christoval. She takes various call time on weekdays when the crew is short of staff, and some weekends. Rosie is married to Keith Butler, and has a two year old daughter,





WHISPERS IN

Passing the torch

Just browsing through the various county history books, we find stories of lineage, marriage chronicles, brief personal histories, significant places and notable events. To the average reader, I'm sure, it must be quite a boring prospect to wade through the endless dates and alphabetized family names. For the history buff, the books sit on a shelf, awaiting that day when a story comes to mind that must be referenced and cross-referenced.

Then someone comes along and wonders what must have transpired between the listed dates, the births and deaths, and what circumstances occurred to bring the off-spring of all these families to this point in time. I often wonder how our founding families inter-related with one another, which isn't found in the written text, and to what degree did they touch one-another's lives?

When I first returned from military service, I knew somehow; someway I would write. The BIG question for me, what in the heck was I going to write about that would interest Sonora, Sutton County, or even West Texas? At that time everything I wanted to write about had already flooded publisher's desk. I knew that people enjoyed reading about themselves, their families and their localities; but there wasn't a thing in Sonora and Sutton County worth mentioning, let alone researching... or so I thought.

Then I ran into Bill Stewart on his ranch down in the southeastern corner of the county. The subject of history arose and the next thing you know, I am borrowing four and five books a month from him and couldn't wait until I could finish each one so that I could go to the next. If you happen not to know Bill, he is a man avidly involved with our history and that of West Texas. He would take me to the

substantiate them with articles from Frontier Times, Old West and True

West magazines, and various authors who - have - written and recorded little known and forgotten events and historical sites. Through him I've had the opportunity to meet others; ranchers who live in and around rich and significant history (some who did not realize it), individuals whose stories filled gaps and continued where others left off.

Often, I've been compelled to venture out alone into what used to be termed the "Texas Frontier", the area right around us, not knowing what I may find, to return with the basis for stories involving several counties and decades of time. Researching always took me back to Bill's back door, "Say, Bill; what do you know about that Indian attack on so-and-so's place back in the 18 's?" "Who was it that shot Joe Blow when he caught his cousin's dog killin' the neighbor's chickens and buryin' 'em in Ethel Rubberlip's bed of prize roses?"

Most times he had the information, or knew someone that did. Beats me, how he's kept all the stuff filed away all this time and can recall it in the blink of and eye.

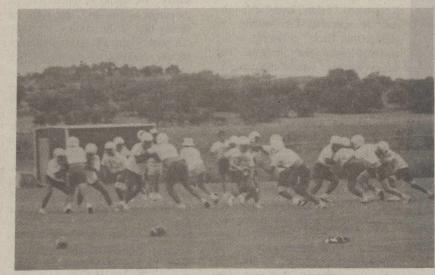
Next thing you know, I'm writing a column in the Sonora Observer about our history. Then, "lo and behold", I jump right into producing a cultural/historical magazine. Who'd of thought.

Anyway, the reason I'm going into all of this is that I've been really short in giving credit where credit is due. The mistakes I make are my own, but the substance on which I stand comes from those who I have admired, copied, and followed. Bill Stewart deserves credit in everything I write in the vein of history. He instilled it in me, help me to make it my avocation and, very recently, my

And Bill, you might like to know that it is spreading to others.



Sonora High School Band members are at it once again. The band has started their summer band rehearsals with the new High School Band Director John Canfield.



The Sonora Broncos are getting prepared for another year of success.

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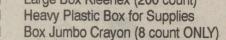
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School Supply List for 1991-92

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Large Box Kleenex (200 count)



Water Color Paint Set (Crayon Brand) 4 oz. Bottle Elmer's Glue (Black Label ONLY)

Folder with Pockets

Paint Shirt (old large shirt) Assorted Construction Paper 9x12

Husky Pencil Tablet Nifty 112 #532051

Non Pointed Scissors (Fiscar)

Box of Crayola Makers Parents, please put your child's name on all supplies.

KINDERGARTEN

Index Card Box 3x5

Pkg. 3x5 Index Cards (100 Ct.)

Bottle Prang roll on green glue Bottle Elmer's School Glue

16 Ct. box Crayons (Crayola Brand ONLY)

#2 Small lead pencils

Pair Blunt End Scissors (Fiscar Children's Scissors)

Large Box Kleenex

Spiral notebook (3-5 subject) Large pkg. construction paper

Folders (pocket folders ONLY)

Plastic Supply Box Towel ONLY (for nap)

Backpack

Pkg. Brown Paper Sacks (lunch size)

Large old T-Shirt MOM or DAD size

Watercolors (Paints)

Please put your child's name on each crayon, pencil, and glue...etc.

FIRST GRADE

Scissors Sharp pointed (metal) Large Elmer's Glue (Black Label)

Boxes Kleenex (200 count)

#2 Pencils

Folder with Pockets

Pkg. 9x12 Assorted Construction Paper

12 inch ruler

Box for Supplies

Watercolor Set (Crayola Brand or Prang) Box Crayons (16 Count Crayola Brand)

Composition Book MEAD (40 sheets) 2&3

Nifty 112 tablets/writing Plastic Binder (3 rings)

These are the supplies that will be used in First Grade. Please do not make substitutions on the tablets. A school bag or backpack is helpful for transporting daily papers or books. Parents please put your child's name on all supplies.

SECOND GRADE

Sharp Pointed Scissors

Rulers (Centimeters & Inches)

#2 Pencils

Watercolors set

Elmer's Glue (Black Label) Box of Kleenex (200 count)

Box of Crayons (16 or 24)

Box for Supplies

Folders with pockets (no brads)

Pkg. 9x12 assorted construction paper

Nifty Second Grade tablet #2179

Meads tablets #05179 Composition Book 2&3

Parents, Please put your child's name on all supplies.

A friend is one who does not laugh when you are in a ridiculous

SIR ARTHUR HELPS

Community (alendar

Thursday-15th: Sutton County Emergency Medical Service will sponsor another six hour First Aid course beginning at 7:00 p.m. to

Monday-19th: Western Heritage Week begins.

Tuesday-20th: Style show with Sutton County Queen contestants modeling for area stores at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

Wednesday-21st: Blood Drive from 1:00p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at First National Bank

Thursday-22nd: Sutton County Days festivities begin.

Friday-23rd: Pre-Kinder & Kindergarten orientation at Sonora Primary School - 9:00a.m.

Friday-23rd: Barbecue sponsored by the Sutton County Committee on Aging on the courthouse lawn, immediately following the Sutton County Days Parade. Cost will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. All proceeds will benefit the Sutton County Senior Center. Call 387-3941 or 387-5657 for more information. Monday-26th: First Day of School.

The Community Calendar is made possible by:

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Biscuits' Crumbs

by Biscuits O'Bryan

Christmas Plannin'

I know, I know! It's time to be thinkin' about school startin', enthusiasm than money, Christmas givin' is a year-round process of plannin' and figgerin'. I really like to give folks stuff from my kitchen. In real good springs, there's always algerita (aggerita) berries, prickly pear apples, and mesquite bean for jelly, but the Easter frost got the berries this year, and I haven't had time (really, I just didn't have the inclination) to gather pear apples or beans. So I reckon this year it's goin' to be fruit cakes and candy.

Fruit cake used to be fairly inexpensive to turn out, but if you've priced dried and candied fruit lately, you know that ain't the case no more. But the cakes are still cheaper than most other things, and usually a whole lot more appreciated, if you make the kind of fruit cake I make. Most fruit cake is plumb awful, and I would have to be on my last leg of starvation before I could choke a piece down my gullet. I still ain't figgered why they put such terrible tastin' stuff in 'em, like citron. I reckon even a buzzard's have a time . down that rank tastin' fruit, or what

But my fruit cake receet is one I got from one of my grandmothers. It ain't got no citron, fruit peelin's of stuff like that. It also ain't got one smidgen of flour. It's really more like candy than cake. Give it a try and you'll do like I done and change your tune about likin' fruit

MAMAW'S FRUIT CAKE Chop and mix together:

2 lbs dates 4 cups pecans 1 lb. candied cherries

1 lb. candied pineapple Stir in: 2 cans Eagle Brand milk 1 can coconut Grease small loaf pans and line with greased wax paper Fill and bake for 2 hours at 325

degrees When done, the cake won't dent when pressed with finger. Remove from pans and peel off paper as soon as cakes are taken from the oven. This should make 4 small loaves.

I ain't much on candy, but this receet comes from my friend Bill Holbert in Colorado City, Texas, and I reckon I've foundered myself more'n once on his homemade

Bill Holbert's Homemade Toffee

Mix, and boil 'til amber: 2 cups sugar 1 lb. real unsalted butter

6 Tablespoons water 2 Tablespoons white Karo syrup Butter a cookie sheet and scatter 1

1/2 cups pecan pieces Pour hot mixture over pecans and spread with a knife

Sprinkle other side with remaining 6 oz. chocolate chips Break into eatin' size pieces when cool.

You might want to keep an eye out for bargain prices on your Christmas fixin's, 'cause you never know when a sale might come along. But you can bet your boots it won't be right before Christmas, when everbody's fixin' to make fruitcakes! Y'all plan on givin' lovin' gifts from your kitchen, 'cause them's the best kind. They'll be remembered and cherished long after they've been eat up, especially when the receivers' are doin' their exercises to work off them extra pounds. Y'all keep on

Letters to the Editor

Since sheep and goat raising are of primary importance to our area I would like to use your paper as a means of communicating with my fellow producers. We recently experienced a referendum voted on by mohair producers which carried by a big majority, for which I am pleased and proud. There is a sheep and wool referendum which will be voted on during the period of August 19th through August 30th. I would also hope that this will be passed by a large majority. There are several reasons for this. I happen to be a Director, selected by my fellow producers, to serve on the Board of Directors of the American Sheep Industry Ass'n., the ASI as it is referred to. I see, perhaps more clearly than others, the importance of maintaining a strong, national sheep producer's organization to represent us on a national level. I don't think I have to point out the influence our incentive checks have on our ability to stay in business. Without the ASI, and the work of a large number of dedicated sheep producers, we might not be receiving that incentive check in future years. We came very close to not getting the Wool Act renewed and we will be very closely watched by the opponents of its renewal to see how united we are in passing this referendum. A strong vote in favor of the referendum will convince them that we are united and that we see the need for continuing our promotion efforts for our products, wool and lamb. I think a lack of strong support for the referendum, by a close vote, would send a signal to those opponents that there is a lack of

I truly feel that the producers in Texas will show strong support for the referendum, but it is important that we do so in a big way because there are some states, primarily in the small, farm flock states, where there are large numbers of producers, but not large numbers of sheep, that the incentive payment is not that important to them. These folks might not be in favor of continuing the 'check-off', or they might not even bother to vote. We don't really know what might happen with them. So we need to pass our referendum with large numbers of voters in favor of it.

united effort and support for our

industry. This could be critical for

future renewals of the Wool Act.

So my main message to you is to please be sure and vote your ballots, hopefully, FOR the referendum. All producers who received an incentive check for the 1990 marketing year will be mailed a ballot. To qualify to vote in the referendum you have to have owned a sheep for 30 days during the 1990 marketing year, and the sheep must have been at least six months old before you disposed of him. If you don't receive a ballot in the mail, but meet these requirements, you can to to the ASCS office and request a ballot. If you don't receive a balfot in the mail, but meet these requirements, you can go to the ASCS office and request a ballot. If you have questions about the ballot, please contact your ASI Director nearest you or Pierce Miller of San Angelo, who serves as Secretary of ASI, or Pleas Childress III of Ozona, who serves on the Executive Board, or any of the officers of the TS&GRA. But remember, if you do not receive a ballot by August 19th then go to the ASCS office to obtain one.

Sincerely, Ralph P. Mayer Past President of TS&GRA

Dear Editor,

WOW! WHAT A FIRE! Just a short note to express my

appreciation for a job well done by a group of men risking their lives to help their fellow man. We all realize that this fire could

have been much worse than what meets the eye, i.e. explosives next door, propane bottles, wind out of another direction, etc., but all these factors were dealt with in a very professional manner preventing any further disasters.

Each of you firemen are special to us in Sonora as we know from experience the quickness you each respond to situations when your help is needed.

A special thanks also to WT Construction, Nibletts Oil Field Services, Jimco Enterprises, Sonora EMT's, and the Eldorado Fire Department for their help in assisting in controlling the fire.

Sincerely, Todd Churchill **Operations Manager** Pool Company

Heroes never die

To many, he seemed like a fake. With an accent as thick as Mississippi mud, my "ole buddy Dizz" and his partner, "Pee Wee Reese could destroy centuries of the King's English in one Saturday afternoon of baseball on television. "He done sluit into thurd. That boy was out by a country mile." My English teacher, Francis Yelldell, would cringe each Monday when the boys would come in talking like Dizz and Pee Wee.

He was Dizzy Dean, Hall of Fame pitcher and announcer on the CBS game of the week. Some people thought that the accent and the man must be a fake. But one October afternoon in 1967, I found out how "genuiiine" the accent and man were.

My friend, Bob Guess, and I wanted to attend a special procelebrity golf tournament being held in our town. What we did not know is how we would get in. The tickets were five bucks each, a small fortune to us. So we did what any other small town boys would do - we sneaked in.

we tried to be inconspicuous, if you can be inconspicuous at a country club wearing blue jeans, sweat shirts and sneakers. Maybe the security guards did not notice. Maybe they did not care.

We were hoping to see some great golfers like Sam Sneed or maybe even Arnold Palmer. Neither of us knew the celebrities would include baseball players.

Bob and I decided it would be best if we split up. If one of us got caught the other still might get to see the tournament. When Mickey Mantle came through, we flipped. I lost. Bob went off to follow

I hoped I would be as lucky. Then it happened! "The members of the next foursome in this year's Music City Pro-Am classic are, Madison Smith, Roy Atkins, and Mr. Dizzy Dean. The professional golfer in this group is Mr. Lionel Herbert," said the announcer.

Dizzy Dean! Dizzy was my hero. It was Dizzy that made TV baseball fun.

He sang "The Great Speckled Bird" and "The Wabash Cannonball" between innings. And he was one of the first announcers to point out an umpire's mistake.

I had learned about his career by reading books. There had even been a movie called the "Dizzy Dean Story". I saw it four times. But now, there he stood....

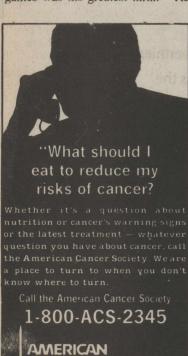
The day was bright and warm as I followed the group. How did Dizz get stuck in a foursome with a Fiat Dealer, a funeral director and a pro golfer, I had never heard of? He should have been with the real celebrities, like Jack Nicklaus or Chet Atkins or the governor. After all Dizz was my hero. He deserved better.

For the first three holes, I hung back. you don't ask questions of your hero lightly. But, a chance to talk to Dizz, well, I couldn't restrain myself any longer.

"Mr. Dean - who was the toughest batter you ever faced?" Dumb question. But it did not seem to bother Dizz. He had answered dumb questions before. "I'll tell you boy it was probably ole Jimmy Stixx of the Chicago Cubs. I let that tater get a little close to his head one day and I'll be damned, boy, sorry 'bout the French, he done took that stick and he tried to whomp me on the head with it." Dumb question - great

For the next fifteen holes, I grilled Dizz. I was oblivious to the others around me. It was just me and Dizzy Dean for three wonderful hours.

He liked playing in the World Series. He said his brother was better pitcher than he. Winning 30 games was his greatest thrill. He



thought that Casey Stingle was "a little silly." And he asked me to apologize to Miss Yelldell about messin' up the way the boys talked in English class.

Dumb questions, but Dizz answered each one with patience. His accent was as pronounced as it was on television, but his voice was softer. He said that I reminded him of his grandson... I am close to my own grandfather, so that made

I don't remember how our day ended, I'm not sure that it ever ended for me.

It was a time for heroes. Men or women greater than life - achievers who set goals and tread paths that my friends and I wanted to follow.

My heroes were always baseball players. They could hit the ball further and throw the ball faster than I could ever dream of.

Baseball is more complex than it seems. So are its heroes. Dizzy Dean was bright and intelligent. He was more than a frustrated country singer. He was a very real

My hero cared about the example he set for youngsters. He told us to respect our elders. He wanted us to be honest and for us to try our best. When he said that going to church was important he meant it. He did not use cocaine or steroids. My father said Dizz's only sin was selling Falstaff beer.

Two weeks after our day on the golf course Dizz sent me a book, a letter, and an autographed picture. I don't know how he got my name, much less my address. Heroes do things like that.

I cried when Dizz died. I was 17 and growing out of my other heroes. Life was moving faster

Baseball had been replaced by girls as the passion in my life. But no matter how my life changed I still loved Dizz. He was my hero. Nothing could change that.

I remember being embarrassed about crying. But the least a hero deserves are a few tears when he

The world could use more heroes like Dizz, even if they talk funny.

Intermediate School Supply List

Third grade

- 4 tablets (#2179 2nd grade Nifty Manuscript tablet)
- 1 pkg. notebook paper (wide-ruled) 1 pkg. construction paper (asst'd)
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 ruler (centimeter/inches)
- 1 small spiral notebook
- 1 box Kleenex
- 1 box map colors*
- 1 box Crayons* 5 #2 pencils*
- *Put child's name on each crayon/pencil

Fourth grade Notebook paper 1 box map colors

#2 pencils medium size scissors ruler - metric/inches

2 red pencils Assignment notebook Water colors w/brush 1-3 subject spiral notebook

2 boxes Kleenex

assorted construction paper 1 Trapper keeper (w/metal rings if possible) with folders



1 large, metal ring looseleaf notebook notebook paper 1 plastic notebook organizer

2 packages dividers #2 pencils

Scissors 1 ruler - 12" - inches/metric

2 red pencils

1 box crayons (box of 8) 1 box map colors

1 eraser (no artgum) 2 boxes of Kleenex



Niagara Falls is simply a vast unnecessary amount of water going the wrong way and then falling over unnecessary rocks.

OSCAR WILDE

Sale to benefit renovation of old Sutton County Jail & Miers Home Museum

A Western art exhibit and sale will be held Monday, August 19th through Saturday August 24th. at the Cauthorn Memorial Building (Old Sonora Depot).

The public is invited to the opening sale and reception Monday, August 19th from 5-7p.m.

Featured artist will be Raul Ruiz of San Angelo. Barbara Earwood of Sonora who has won numerous awards and is recognized throughout the United States will also participate. Lorenzo Castenada of San Angelo will have several oil

paintings for sale, and Sonorans Ron Nicholas, Dr. Patti Strauch. Elvie Turney, Mary Lou Gilley, and Pauline Ringgold will be showing their work.

Other participants in the exhibit include Melinda Powers of Will Carver Outlaw representing artisans from Santa Fe, NM, Lee Friend Bits & Spurs of San Angelo, Lee Bloodworth of Lee Silver Co, Sonora, Tommy McKissack Knives of Sonora, and sculpturer Danny Becknell of Water Valley.

Jake Kimbrel receives scholarship

The 1991 Bryan Hunt Memorial Scholarship goes to Jake Kimbrel of Sonora, son of Becky Kimbrel and the late Jim Kimbrel.

Jake is a student at Sul Ross State University, studying agriculture. He was raised on the Agricultural Experiment Station outside of Sonora, and he attended Sonora schools. He served as an officer in the Sonora FAA, and his agriculture teacher said that during his time in his class it never became necessary to remind him to

stay on task or to discontinue unproductive behavior.

His counselor said this of Jake, "Jake Kimbrel is probably the hardest worker, with the best work ethic, I have ever known. He is good and kind. He knows agriculture, and he will be an asset to the industry. The late Bryan Hunt was known for helping many deserving young people further their education. Jake Kimbrel is the kind of young man who would have make Bryan Hunt proud."

If a man has a talent and cannot use it, he has failed. If he has a talent and uses only half of it, he has partly failed. If he has a talent and learns somehow to use the whole of it, he has gloriously succeded, and won a satisfaction and a triumph few men ever know.

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Health News

by Dr. Rico J. Forlano

Many people today are drinking bottled water because they are afraid of the chemicals that are added and they think that it is healthier, but it carries no guarantee of quality according to researchers at the University of Iowa Hygienic Laboratory. The study included an analysis of 39 samples of bottled water sold for drinking purpose in supermarkets throughout Iowa and found that their quality was neither much better nor much worse than

water from the tap. Some of the samples contained some of the same chemicals and byproducts found in tap water. Researchers also found in some of the samples significant levels of bacteria, a problem due to either the sample or with shelf storage. Bottled water is regulated by the Food and Drug Administration, not the Safe Drinking Act which has different standards for testing the water.

Pre-Kinder & Kinder orientation

Primary Principal Clay Cade has scheduled an orientation session for parents and children who will be entering Pre-kindergarten or Kindergarten for the first time. The session will be at 9 A.M. on Friday, August 23 at the Primary Cafetorium. Please bring your kindergarten student with you.

For further information about registration, call the Primary School at 387-2414.

Pupils who will be new to Sonora Primary (grades Pre-K coming school year any day prior to August 26 from 9 A.M. until 12 noon and from 1 P.M. until 4 P.M.

Those students who were in the Sonora system last year and those who pre-registered last spring for Pre-kindergarten or Kindergarten need not register again.

Pupils registering Kindergarten, pre-kindergarten, or Grade 1 for the first time must present a birth certificate and immunization record prior to the first day of school Monday, August

Blood drive to be held August 21

First National Bank.

donations. community's blood drive coordinator, hopes to see you there. "Generally most healthy people who are over the age of 17 and weigh at least 110 pounds may donate," said Paula Kennemer, Community relations director at United Blood Services. "There are

quite a few people who do not realize they are qualified to donate. People who are taking vitamins, hormones, B C pills, diet pills, high blood pressure medications or antibiotics for acne MAY donate. we also suggest that donors eat a meal before donating."

Jody Luttrell at 387-5071.



Sheepshearing Artist Raul Ruiz

EMS personnel take Basic Trauma Life Support Course

A Basic Trauma Life Support Course was given in Sutton County on the weekend of August 10 and 11, 1991. The course is an intense, two-day presentation of lectures and skill stations, and was conducted from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on both dates.

The Texas Department of Health sponsored a grant for this course, in order for some of the Texas EMS Services to have the opportunity to upgrade their personnel to advance basic trauma certification.

A major focus of the course is the identification of severe trauma conditions that require immediate transport in order to save the patient. In order to be certified, the

students must be taught by instructors in the International Basic Trauma Life Support Organization. the group of instructors working with the Sutton County group were from Kileen, A & M, and Anson. The training requires that a written and field test be passed.

Those completing the course were: Susan Burnham, Keith Butler, Rosie Butler, Carla Garner, Tate Fincher, Donna Keese, George Keese, Eddie McReynolds, Treva McReynolds, Ben Pool, Lenora Pool, Mona Simpler, Barbara Stroud, Leslie Thorp, Gilbert Velez, and James Webb.

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Sonora's next blood drive will be held from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Wednesday August 21, 1991 at the

Goal for the drive is 30 Jody Luttrell, the

The blood drive will be sponsored by the Sonora Jaycess. Anyone interested in scheduling an appointment to donate may contact

"Sheepshearing" Artist" coming to Western Exhibit

The "Sheepshearing Artist" is the name that Raul Ruiz of San Angelo has earned. Ruiz, who will be the featured artist during Sonora's Western Art Exhibit and Sale, pencils out ranch scenes during breaks from his sheepshearing job.

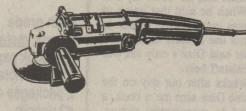
Ruiz has had exhibitions around West Texas and one in Phoenix, Arizona, at the American Sheep Industry Association Convention.

Ruiz hopes to be able to work at his art full-time someday, but for now he is content with being the "Sheepshearing Artist".

Don't forget, you can see some of Raul's work firsthand at the Western Art Exhibit & Sale, August 19th - 24th.



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Following the business meeting, Charlotte Wilson, Wayford Tyler, Virgil Polocek will present a program honoring Rob Morris founder of the Order.

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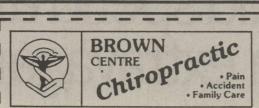
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Man pedals message about homeless

Thirty-nine year old Robert "Mac" MacDonald is literally pedaling 2500 miles around America with a strong message to the country. He is attempting to make people aware that the United States is facing a serious problem concerning the homeless people.

Mac is a former plumber from Las Vegas, Nevada, and last year pedaled from Los Angeles to Philadelphia to find out what being homeless was like. He travels with his bible open to Matthew 7:7, believing faithfully that he is on a mission. "Last year, when I got to Philadelphia, I started working in a homeless shelter." said MacDonald. "I came to realize how important the homeless shelters, rescue missions, and Salvation

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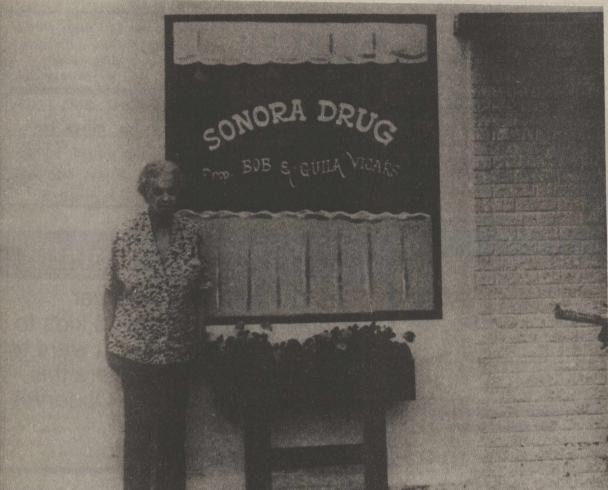
He carries no money, "its to easy an out." He usually camps out, sleeps in fields or occasionally stays in a homeless shelter. He trusts in the Lord at all times and knows that he will be provided what he needs. One example of his faith happened just before he got to

"A guy stopped me on the road because he had seen me in Lake Charles earlier this year. He was on his way home to California and invited me to stay with him when I got there. Then he handed me \$9 and went on his way. That was exactly what I needed to get a new wheel for my bike."

He spoke of other things but insisted that the most important

message he had to deliver concerned the homeless. As he came into Sonora his "radar" kicked in and he wound up at First Baptist Church where he was treated to a shower. He says that he can always find a church in any town without looking. His "radar" kicks in and he is there.

As we stood on the side of I-10 talking, the traffic whizzed by. "It can be pretty terrorizing but I always trust and have been well cared for," said MacDonald. He stresses not to give money to the homeless, but to the shelters that help them. If you would like more information you can write: Robert MacDonald- C/O Hope for Humanity. - 645 Earp St. Philadelphia, PA.



their windows depicting the businesses that once were. Gulla Vicars stands next to the window of The Bright Spot, where the window has been painted to read "Sonora Drug" which was once owned by Mrs.

Wool promotion referendum set

WASHINGTON, July 22-The U.S. Department of Agriculture has scheduled a referendum August 19-30 for wool producers to decide whether to continue a market promotion and improvement

Keith Bjerke, administrator of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Service, said the proposed program, similar to one approved in 1986, would continue to authorize deductions from producer price support payments.

If the referendum is approved by a majority of either the producers voting or the producers who own a majority of the sheep represented in the referendum, deductions from wool price support payments would be established at a rate not to exceed seven cents per pound of wool marketed and not to exceed 35 cents per hundredweight of unshorn lambs for calendar year 1991.

For calendar years 1992 through 1995, the deductions may increase up to an additional five cents per hundredweight of unshorn lambs, per year.

The amounts deducted will be used by the American Sheep Industry Association to finance advertising and sales promotion programs for wool in domestic and

Pool Company

makes changes

Erasmo Lumbreras has been

promoted to operations manager

over the Sonora area. Erasmo has

been associated with Pool

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this time he has worked his way up

from crew worker to crew chief and

has been in management since

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for six workover rigs and Papo

Sanchez will be responsible for

trucks and frac tanks. Both will

Former manager, Todd Churchill,

has been transferred to

Midland/Odessa and will be

responsible for the Odessa and

report to Erasmo.

Kermit yards.

foreign markets, and for information programs for producers on production management and development and improvement.

ASCS county offices will distribute ballots in early August. Completed ballots must be returned in person to the county office or postmarked by the August 30

To be eligible to vote, a person must have owned sheep or lambs six months old or older for at least 30 consecutive days in 1990. A cooperative may vote on behalf of its members but, if it does so, its members are then ineligible to vote in their own capacity.

In the 1986 referendum, producers owning 67.8 percent of the sheep approved the program.

Wool & Mohair Support Levels Announced

Jerry Harris, Chairman of the Texas State ASC Committee, said the federal support price for 1991 shorn wool marketings is \$1.88 per pound, 6 cents per pound more than the 1990 level. Mohair marketings will be supported at \$4,448 per pound, about 8.4 cents per pound less than the 1990 rate.

Harris said price support payments are computed as a percentage of each producer's returns from grease basis sales. "The percentage is the amount required to raise the national average

price for 1991 wool up to the \$1.88-per-pound support price."

He said that mehair will be supported at 85 percent of the percentage of parity at which shorn wool is supported. The payment rate will be determined in a manner similar to shorn wool.

The ASCS official said pulled wool will continue to be supported at a level comparable to the price support level for shorn wool through payments on unshorn

Angora Goat Raisers Approve Mohair Promotion Program

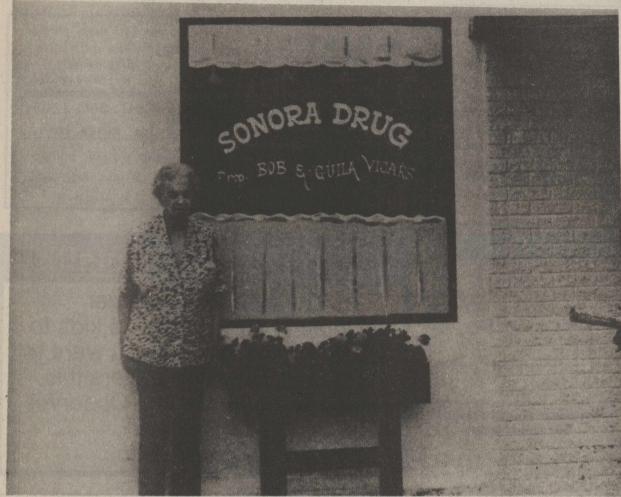
Washington, July 19--In a June 17-28 referendum, mohair producers voted to continue deductions from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation mohair incentive payments to finance promotion of mohair.

Preliminary returns show approval by 2,533 to 385, with 86.8 percent of the producers approving continuation of advertising a and a other market development under a proposed agreement between USDA and the Mohair Council of America. These 2,533 producers owned 89.8 percent of the goals owned by producers voting in the referendum. This agreement provides for domestic and foreign advertising, and sales promotion programs.

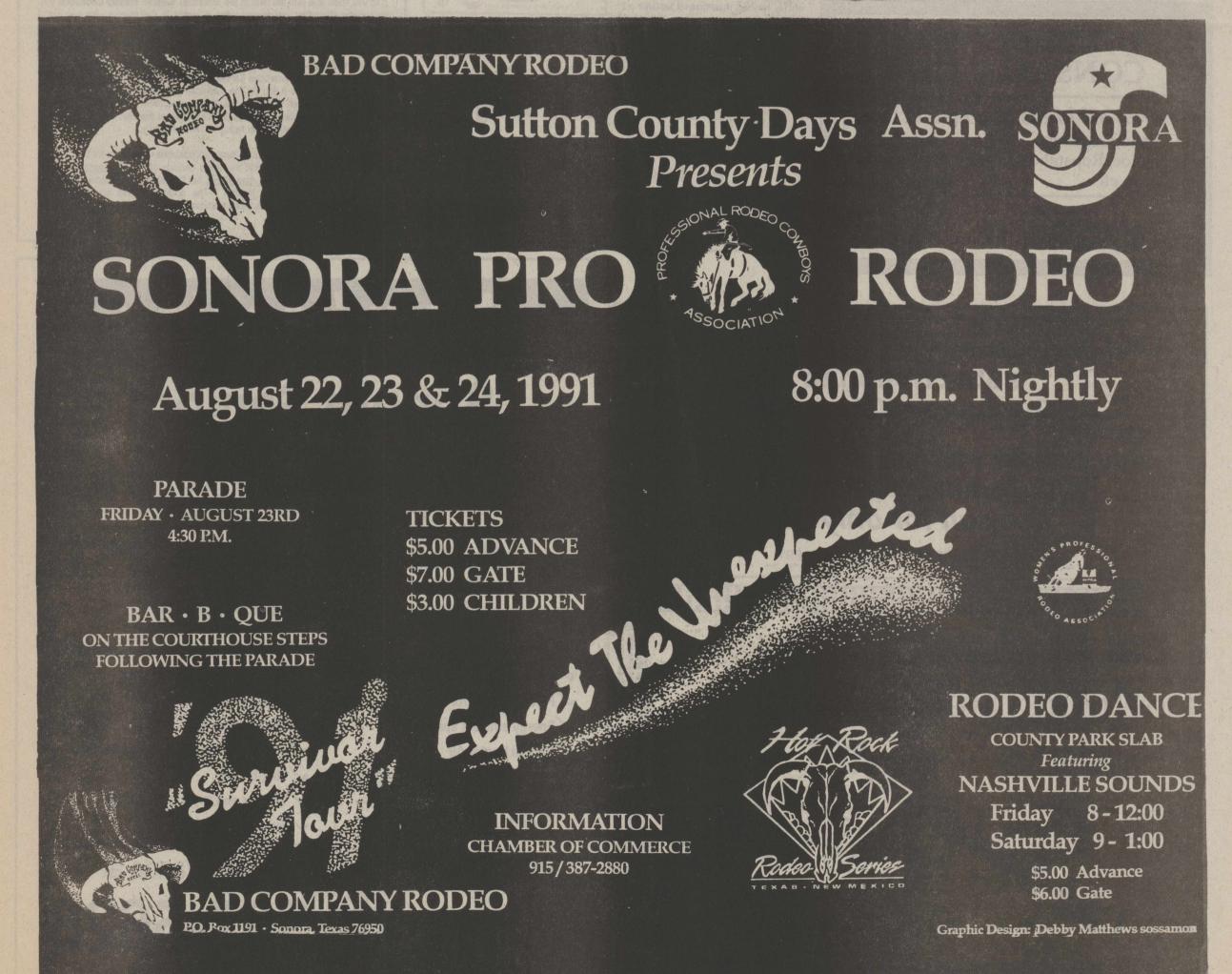
The proposed agreement authorizes deductions of up to 4-1/2 cents per pound from payments made under the National Wool Act

on mohair marketed from 1991 through 1995.

Although there were no mohair price support payments made to producers from 1972 through 1980, funds generated under a 1971 agreement were not exhausted until 1978. From 1978 through mid-1983, MCA's activities were funded by the Texas Mohair Producers Board as authorized by Texas producers in a 1976 Texas mohair



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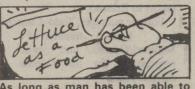
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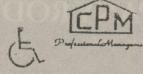
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