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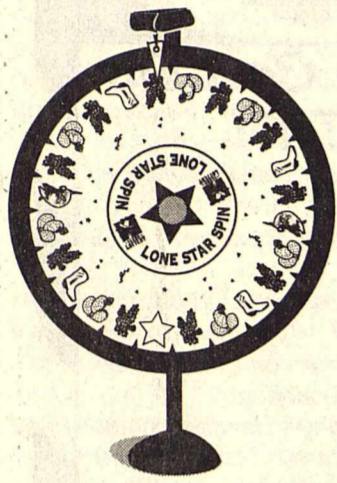
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VIVIAN'S MODERN WAY CELEBRATES 9TH ANNIVERSARY Lottery Commission To Be On-Site With Texas Lottery Spinning Wheel



The Texas Lottery Spinning Wheel will be at Vivian's Modern Way on Monday, May 1st from 1:00-4:00 p.m. This wheel is taken around the state as a retail promotional campaign that began about six months ago. It will be at Vivian's Modern Way for a customer appreciation day celebrating the 9th anniversary of her store.

Mike Ernst, of GTECH Corporation, will be on hand with the lottery wheel. GTECH Corporation, whose Texas headquarters are in Austin, is the largest lottery vender in the world.

They represent the Texas Lottery Commission in the marketing field. Mr. Ernst stated, "The wheel has been great. People love the chance to win prizes and lottery tickets." The lottery commission will give away t-shirts, stadium seat cushions, lottery tickets, and other promotional items.

The wheel contains 24 spaces (one star, two armadillos, four boots, seven cacti and ten bluebonnets) that represent different prizes that will be given away. A free spin on the lottery prize wheel is given for every 5 lottery tickets purchased.

Some of the businesses donating prizes are: Vivian's Modern Way - steaks, the Texas Lottery Commission, Morman Feeds - caps, Dr. Pepper - ice chests and drinks, Pepsi- ice chests and drinks, Coca-Cola - drinks, Philip Morris - caps, and The Devil's River News - 1 year subscriptions.

KHOS Radio Station will be broadcasting live at Vivian's from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Vivian's Modern Way will also feature several special items on sale in celebration of the anniversary.

Vivian's Modern Way sells more lottery tickets than any other store in Sonora. In 1994 she paid out \$74,306.00 in lottery winnings. Through March of 1995 she has paid out over \$28,503.00 (\$14,282.00 in March alone), a substantial increase over last year. She has had several winners with 5 numbers, but to date has not had a 6 number winner. The largest scratch-off winner she has had was \$2,500.

Vivian has made a pledge to her customers to give a free trip to Las Vegas to anyone purchasing a winning Texas Lotto ticket worth less than \$10 Million. She has also pledged to give away a free Ford Ranger from Broncho Ford or an S10 pickup from Cecil Atkisson (winners choice) if the winnings are over \$10 Million. Vivian plans to have a Ford Ranger and an S10 pickup on display during her celebration.

The Texas Lottery Spinning Wheel was in San Angelo a couple of weeks ago for the Home Builders Association at the Home and Garden Show at the Coliseum. There were forty to fifty people standing in line at a time waiting 20 to 25 minutes for a spin.

ONE ACT PLAY CAST & CREW HEADED FOR STATE

submitted by Paula Rodriguez

Sonora's U.I.L One Act Play, cast and crew, traveled to Odessa High School to perform their award winning play *The Beaux' Stratagem*. They performed last at 5:30 in the evening Thursday, April 20, 1995.

After the plays were performed they gathered to hear the judges' decision. For the fourth consecutive year, Sonora High School will perform at the State Competition.

Sonora's cast swept over half of the awards. Honorable mention medals went to Ben Taylor and Jason Arredondo. All star cast medals were received by Johnna Adams, Kathleen McManus, Becca Fields, Matthew Hunt, and Davis Hale. The best actress award went to Callie Moore.

The state performance will be May 4, 1995 at the Bass Concert Hall on the University of Texas campus in Austin.

BONILLA SPEAKS IN SONORA

submitted

U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla (R-Texas-23) was in Sonora Wednesday, April 26 to discuss the first 100 days of the new Congress and to get feedback from the citizens of Sonora.

"I'm delighted to be in West Texas to talk with you about how we can make our government more effective," Bonilla said. Some of the reforms recently passed by the U.S. House are the balanced budget amendment and line-item veto, Congressional reform, common-sense legal reform, regulatory relief, endangered species reform, and welfare reform.

"This new Congress has taken the first steps to downsize the huge Washington bureaucracy and reduce the federal deficit," Bonilla said. "We are beginning to return the power of decision-making back to people on the local level who know better how to solve their problems."

"As we begin to transform our government, I look forward to hearing your ideas," Bonilla said. "By joining together, we can shape the direction of our country and make it easier for hard-working families to achieve the American dream."

PRIMARY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

submitted

Sonora Primary will have Kindergarten and Prekindergarten registration for the 1995-96 school year on Tuesday, May 2, 1995, beginning at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Primary Office.

To attend Prekindergarten, a child must be four (4) years old on or before September 1, 1995, and:

1. Be unable to speak or understand English; or
2. Family income at or below subsistence level.

Any child who is five (5) years old on or before September 1, 1995 may attend Kindergarten.

All children entering a Texas Public School for the first time are required to present their birth certificate and immunization records. We also need the child's social security number if it is available.

The school or a family doctor will be able to inform you as to your child's immunization needs.

You can contact the County Clerk at the Sutton County Annex on the corner of Water and Oaks, 387-3815, concerning information on securing a birth certificate for your child. The Social Security Office is open at the County Courthouse on the third Thursday of each month.

If you have any questions concerning your child's eligibility status, or enrollment procedures, please call the Primary School Office at 387-2414 or 387-2109.

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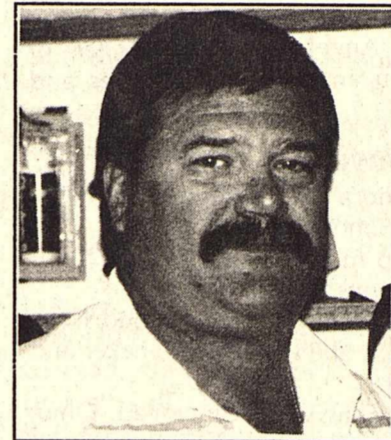
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THIEBAUD - NEW OWNER OF BRONCO SPORTS



Terry Thiebaud

Terry Thiebaud, of Odessa, purchased Bronco Sports & Supply from Kyle and Lori Nunn on April 1, 1995. Kyle and Lori started the business on July 1st of 1992.

Terry had been traveling from Odessa once a week for about 6 years as a sales representative for Compressor Components. "I love the Sonora area and the people and decided to move down here and become a permanent part of the community," he stated.

Terry has a twelve-year-old son, Blayne, who is in the 6th grade at Blanton Elementary in Odessa. He also has a daughter, Amanda, who is a freshman at the University of Texas in Austin.

Kyle was promoted on February 1st to Regional Sales Trainer for the Southwest Region for CellularONE. Kyle has been in Lubbock since this time; Lori stayed in Sonora with their daughters, Heather, 7 and Hillary, 1 1/2, to allow Heather to finish 1st grade. The Nuns will be relocating to Lubbock, and are looking forward to being a family again.

"We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the public for the last few years," stated Lori. "Without your support, our business could not have been as successful. The store has made Kyle's new position with CellularONE possible."

Bronco Sports will still offer sporting equipment, clothing, western wear, UPS shipping and CellularONE services.

"I am really looking forward to working in Sonora and meeting many new friends," concluded Terry.

TROOPER ORTIZ HONORED

submitted



DPS Trooper Norbert Ortiz

Captain Bill Marsh, Highway Patrol District Service Commander in Abilene, presented Trooper Norbert Ortiz with the District Service Commanders Recognition Award for Trooper Ortiz's outstanding service in drug interdiction and community service for Sutton County.

The award was presented to Trooper Ortiz on April 18, 1995 during Civil Disturbance Management Training in Brownwood. The District covers 25 counties.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SET FOR MAY 4TH

submitted

Let's join together for the Annual National Day of Prayer, May 4, 1995, the 44th consecutive recognition of this special day. American's from all denominations will participate in a time of concerted intercession on our nation's behalf, asking for the Lord's mercy and forgiveness. As we Seek His Face, God promises to hear and answer our prayers. Won't you unite with us and encourage others in your community to take part in this unique opportunity to ask God's blessings on our country?

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. - Jeremiah 29: 12-13

Join the Americans across the country in celebrating our fundamental religious freedom to pray. Sonora residents are invited to meet in front of the County Courthouse at 12:00 p.m.

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First Aid Courses Offered by EMS

The Sutton County EMS will sponsor a six hour First Aid Course on May 2 and May 4 from 7 to 10 p.m. The cost of the course is \$30. To enroll contact the EMS at 387-5132 or go by 211 E. Third Street.

Concho Valley Singles Club

Invites single adults to attend its annual Membership Drive Reception at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 30, in the El Toro Room of the El Patio Motel at 1901 W. Beauregard. For more information, call Robert 653-4418 or Katie 942-6121.

Health Fair Scheduled

The First National Bank and Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital will host a Health Fair at the Clint Langford Memorial Building (4-H Center) Wednesday, May 3 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Order Range Seed Now

The Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for native grass seed for seeding rangeland. If you need information on seed varieties, seed costs, or if you need assistance calculating seeding rates, call Tom, Virgil or Iris at (915) 387-2730.

Cinco de Mayo

To reserve a food, game and/or a craft booth, or for additional information call Adelita Smalling or Florie Mesa. The entry deadline is April 28th.

Celebration will be Saturday, May 6 at Liberty Park.

Farm Program Sign Up Dates

Certification Deadline - April 28. The final date to report small grain acreage.

Failed Acreage - Crops that have failed due to adverse weather conditions. Producers should file and ASCS-574 form before any other use is made of the crop.

Engraved Pavers

Make your mark on Sonora! Engraved pavers for the sidewalk at the entrance of the new Sutton County Library are only \$25.00. Don't forget those graduates, school and civic organizations, new babies, etc. Go by the library in the School Vocational Building, 805 Prospect, and place your orders!

Sonora Jr. High Book Fair

The Sonora Junior High is having a book fair. The fair will be May 1-5, 1995. The fair will be at the Sonora Junior High Library from 8 a.m. til 4 p.m. each day. It's a buy one get one free. Hope to see you there.

Genealogical & Historical Society

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will hold a meeting Tuesday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 901 N. Main San Angelo. The speaker will be Brenda Sanders and the topic will be San Angelo, TX Family History Center; Branch Library of the Salt Lake City Library.

A beginners class meets at 6:30 and is taught by Billy Scattergood. Refreshments follow. Public welcome.

No meetings in June, July, or August.

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Our Sympathy

Neill Dickens

Funeral services for Neill Dickens, 63, of Kingsland, Texas will be Thursday, April 27, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. at Buchanan West Baptist Church in Buchanan Dam, Texas. Rev. Wayne Pemberton will officiate the graveside service Thursday, April 27, 1995 at 4:00 p.m. at Sonora Cemetery in Sonora, Texas.

He died April 24, 1995 in San Antonio. He was born July 13, 1931 in San Angelo. he resided in Kingsland since 1985 coming from Port Arthur, Texas. he was a deacon at Buchana West Baptist Church and a former member of the Kingsland American Legion.

Survivors are wife: Jewel McGhee Dickens of Kingsland, three sons and their wives: Mac and Laura Dickens, Kevin and Kerri Dickens all of Austin, David and Susan Dickens of Leander, Texas; two sisters Jonnie Barrows of San Angelo and Carol Rogers of Allen, Texas; seven grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lizzie Fenwick

Lizzie Mae Fenwick, 78, of Sonora and formerly of Winters, died Tuesday, April 18, 1995, in a Sonora hospital.

Graveside service was at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 20 in Lakeview Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

She was born January 28, 1917, in Winters and had lived there until moving to Sonora in 1985. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Danny Fenwick of Cincinnati, Ohio; a daughter, Vickie Cooke of Sonora; a brother, G.C. Blackwood of Winters; two sisters, Willie Lois Daniels of Winters and Beulah Lyler of Artesia, N.M.; and three granddaughters.

Card of Thanks

We want to thank each and everyone that came to our 50th anniversary reception. We appreciate the flowers, gifts, and cards, that were received and each thing that everyone has done to make our 50th anniversary so special. Your presence was very heart warming.

Sincerely,
J.W. and Maida Sutton

Card of Thanks

We the tenants and manager of Sonora Seniors Apartments wish to thank all the following for their donations of gifts to be used as prizes in our weekly bingo games: They were greatly appreciated. A&C Beauty Salon, Hair Studio, Commercial Restaurant, La Casita Cafe, Chavarria Grocery, Enequinas Hair Fashions, Hair by Shelly, Rafter L Bar-B-Q, and Shot's.

Thanks again,
Josie Emiliano, manager



Jeronimo Saenz and Alicia Sanches

Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Sanchez announce the engagement of their daughter, Alicia Sanchez to Jeronimo Saenz of El Paso. Jeronimo is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Adan Saenz also of El Paso.

Ms. Sanchez is a 1988 graduate of Sonora High School and a 1992 graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso. She is employed by the Texas Department of Human Services in Ozona.

Mr. Saenz is a 1988 graduate of Ysleta High School and is currently attending the University of Texas at El Paso. He is employed by Frito-Lay Inc. in El Paso.

The wedding will take place June 10, 1995 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Sonora.

Who Is To Blame?

*We read it in the papers and hear it on the air
Of killing and stealing and crime everywhere.
We sigh and we say as we notice the trend,
'This young generation...where will it end?'
But can we be sure that it's their fault alone?
Are we less guilty, who plays in their way
Too many things that lead them astray?*

*Too much money, too much idle time;
Too many movies of passion and crime.
Too many books not fit to be read
Too much evil in what they hear said.
Too many children encouraged to roam
Too many parents who won't stay home.*

*Kids don't make the movies, they don't write the books
They don't paint the pictures of gangsters and crooks.
They don't make the liquor, they don't run the bars.
They don't change the laws, and they don't make the cars.*

*They don't make the drugs that muddle the brain;
That's all done by older folks...eager for gain.
Delinquent teenagers; oh how we condemn
The sins of the nation and blame it on them.*

*Instead of placing blame, let's fix the cause,
And remember as we pause;
That in so many cases - it's sad but it's true -
The title "Delinquent" fits older folks too!*

Author Unknown

April is National Child Abuse Awareness

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Card of Gratitude

The family of Winnie Lou Miers Whitehead wishes to express our sincere gratitude to members of the Sutton County EMS, the nurses, staff and sitters at the Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Nursing Home and the nurses and staff at the Meadow Creek Nursing Center in San Angelo for the loving care and support given our loved one. We also wish to thank all of our special friends who took time out of their busy schedules to come to Del Rio to express their love and support at the graveside service. We love you all!

Bobby Lou, Ralph and Robert Mayer
and Bonnie Lou and Curry Campbell

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for their kindness during my recent illness.

Thanks for the flowers, cards, calls, visits, and prayers. May God bless all of you always.

Minie Gonzales

10 Things You Can Do On The NDP!

1. Wear a National Day of Prayer T-shirt to work or school.
2. Invite stay-at-home moms for a time of prayer at lunch or for afternoon tea.
3. Take a walk around your neighborhood and pray for each neighbor as you pass their home.
4. Hang our nation's flag outside your home or business and tell others about the day you are honoring.
5. Let your employer know of the day's significance and that you are praying for him and his family. Ask him or her to lead a special devotion or prayer before work.
6. Adopt a government official to pray for during the next year. Send him or her a letter asking for specific prayer requests.
7. Send a letter to the local newspaper editor reminding your community that our nation was built on a foundation of prayer.
8. Open your home for a potluck dinner and Bible study on prayer (study Psalm 5).
9. Arrange a special prayer time for a nearby nursing or retirement home and have residents share what prayer has meant in their lives.
10. Write special thank-you notes to the ministry staff at your church to let them know they are appreciated and will be in your prayers on May 4, 1995.

Community Calendar

April 27th-May 6th

Thursday, April 27

H.S. Regional Tennis at Odessa
6:30 p.m. - VanderStucken 70th Anniversary

Friday, April 28

H.S. Regional Track at Odessa

Saturday, April 29

Jr. High District U.I.L. Meet - Greenwood
H.S. Regional Track at Odessa
9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. - Bronco Cheerleader's Mini-Camp - H.S. Gym
3:30 p.m. - Bronco Cheerleader's Mini-Camp Parents Presentation - H.S. Gym

Sunday, April 30

1:00 p.m. - Ladies Golf Clinic - Golf Course
3:00 p.m. - National Honor Society Induction - H.S. Auditorium

Monday, May 1-Friday, May 5

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - Junior High Book Fair - J.H. Library

Monday, May 1

Regional Golf - Odessa
1:00 p.m. - Federal Land Bank Association of Sonora's Annual Stockholder's Meeting - FUMC Basement
4:00 p.m. - J.V. Baseball vs. Eldorado - T.
4:00 p.m. - Cancer Society Meeting - FNB Annex
5:30 p.m. - Delta Kappa Gamma - Rocksprings
7:00 p.m. - Public Meeting for Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center - FUMC

Tuesday, May 2

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - Kindergarten & Pre-Kindergarten Registration - Primary Office
5:00 p.m. - Varsity Baseball vs. Greenwood - T
7:00-10:00 p.m. - First Aid Course - EMS Building

Wednesday, May 3

1:00-7:00 p.m. - Sutton County Health Fair - 4-H Center
7:00-10:00 p.m. - First Aid Course - EMS Building

Thursday, May 4

SISD Sports Banquet
State One-Act Play Competition - Austin

Friday, May 5

5:00 p.m. - Varsity Baseball vs. Colorado City - H

Saturday, May 6

Cinco de Mayo Celebration - Liberty Park
12:00-2:00 p.m. - Registration for Horseshoe/Washer Pitching - Liberty Park
2:00 p.m. - Horseshoe/Washer Pitching Contest - Liberty Park
6:00 p.m. - Booths Open for Cinco de Mayo - Liberty Park
10:00 p.m. - Cinco de Mayo dance - Liberty Park
Jr.-Sr. Prom

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School Menu

All Meals are served with milk.

LUNCH	
Mon., May 1	Fish Nuggets, French Fries, Carrots & Cauliflower, Vanilla Pudding w/Fruit
Tues., May 2	Pizza, Corn, Vegetable Salad, Fresh Fruit
Wed., May 3	Tacos (Bean & Cheese), Lettuce & Tomato, Pinto Beans, Rice
Thurs., May 4	Krispie Treat
Fri., May 5	Hot Dogs, Carrot & Raisin Salad, Pork 'n Beans, Potato Chips, Apple Cobbler

BREAKFAST

Mon., May 1	Migas (Corn Tortilla & Egg), Fruit
Tues., May 2	Pancakes, Juice
Wed., May 3	Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tater Tots
Thurs., May 4	Ham, Muffin, Juice
Fri., May 5	Egg, Hash Brown, Biscuit

SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, April 27

Sweet & Pork, Peas, Sliced Onions, Cornbread, Peaches

Friday, April 28

Country Fried Chicken, Black-eyed, Peas, Carrots, Biscuits, Egg Custard

Monday, May 1

Chicken Salad Sandwich, Peas & Carrots, Potatoes, Bread, Apple-Cheese Crisp

Tuesday, May 2

Spanish Meatballs, Egg Noodles, Cabbage, Hot Rolls, Chocolate Pudding

Wednesday, May 3

Turkey Chili w/Beans, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Fruit Salad

Thursday, May 4

Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Lemon Bisque, Orange Juice

Friday, May 5

Beef & Cheese Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Creamy Coleslaw, Corn Tortillas, Fruit Salad

Ask The Historical Society

Continued from last week's (4/20/95) issue of *The Devil's River News* contributed by Sue Richardson, Union County Historical Society, Clayton, New Mexico

The gang split up some time after the summer of 1898, with Sam riding with Will Carver, Elza Lay and Red Weaver. Although no one ever recorded the reason for the split, it was undoubtedly due to Tom Ketchum's sullen and benevolent disposition. He was cunning and cruel, unlike his brother, Sam, who probably turned outlaw at the age of 41 only because he had nothing to show for a life of hard work.

On July 2, 1899, a lone gunman rode into Camp Verde, Arizona, and gunned down two men. The killer was Tom Ketchum, who never gave any reason for the killings. He once again escaped his pursuers and headed towards northeastern New Mexico.

Meanwhile, unknown to Tom, his brother Sam and several others again held up the Colorado and Southern Flyer on July 11, 1899, south of Folsom, at almost the same place as the September 1897 hold-up.

This time a posse consisting mostly of Colorado lawmen, financed by the railroad, tracked the outlaws to Turkey Creek Canyon. During the gun battle which followed, Sam Ketchum and Elza Lay were wounded, as were several members of the posse, and Sheriff Farr of Huerfano County, Colorado, was killed.

The outlaws escaped from the canyon, but Sam Ketchum was found a day or two later and was taken to the penitentiary at Santa Fe, where he died of his wounds July 24. He was buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery at Santa Fe, which is now covered by a freeway.

On the night of August 16,

1899, knowing nothing about the July 11 hold-up or his brother's death, Tom Ketchum single-handedly attempted to hold-up the same train at Twin Mountains, southeast of Folsom. He was wounded in the right arm by a blast from Conductor Frank Harrington's shotgun and staggered away into the night.

He was captured without resistance the next morning at a water hole near the railroad tracks by Sheriff Saturnino Pinard of Union County. Ketchum gave his name as George Stevens. Sheriff Pinard had intended to take the prisoner to Clayton, but authorities from Colorado insisted on taking the wounded man to Trinidad for interrogation. Ketchum's shattered arm was bandaged at Folsom and he was taken to San Rafael Hospital in Trinidad, where he continued to claim he was George Stevens.

It was almost a week before he admitted he was Tom Ketchum and he steadfastly refused to have his arm amputated, as his doctors advised.

On August 23, 1899, he was transported to the penitentiary at Santa Fe and on September 3 he finally allowed his arm to be amputated.

He was first tried in Las Vegas, New Mexico, November 15, 1899, on a federal charge of delaying the United States mail. He pled guilty and sentence was suspended in order for the Territory of New Mexico to press its charges.

Nearly a year later, on September 6, 1900, his trial began in Clayton on charges of felonious assault upon a railroad train, a charge that carried the death penalty in the Territory. He was found guilty and sentenced to be hung. Judge William J. Mills set the execution date for October 5,

1900, but granted Ketchum the right to appeal, which automatically delayed the execution. Ketchum was returned to the penitentiary at Santa Fe.

After his appeal was rejected, a date of March 22, 1901, was set, but he was to receive two more postponements.

Finally, on April 24, 1901, he was brought back to Clayton under heavy guard, since there were many rumors that former gang members would attempt to free him. Sheriff Salome Garcia received a telegram supposedly from Governor Otero, ordering a stay of execution, but the Sheriff telegraphed to check the authenticity of the wire, and found it to be false.

Sheriff Garcia's son, Fructoso, recalls that the word was out that someone was going to stop Black Jack's hanging, and people were buying a lot of guns and ammunition. He also said that Ketchum told his father, "My name is Tom Ketchum, but I am not the Black Jack you are looking for."

Shortly after 1 p.m. on April 26, 1901, Tom Ketchum climbed to the gallows which had been erected inside a hastily-built stockade next to the Union County jail. Admission to the stockade was by ticket.

A tall, dark stranger was noted in the crowd and he and Ketchum exchanged several glances. Later officials attempted to locate the

stranger, but he had vanished. He has been identified as a cowpuncher who had perhaps worked with Ketchum, but according to family accounts, the stranger was "Big" Duncan, husband of Tom's sister, Nancy.

The noose was pulled down over Tom's neck, a black hood was fitted over his head and then Sheriff Garcia asked the condemned man, "Are you ready?" Ketchum replied, "Ready. Let 'er go."

It took Garcia two blows with a hatchet to sever the control rope. With the second blow, the trap flew back and Ketchum plunged downward; all the way to the ground. Spectators saw blood flowing from under the black hood as the body landed on its feet for an instant before tumbling forward.

Tom Ketchum had been beheaded.

No one in Clayton had ever hung anyone before, so the decapitation was probably caused by several errors, including the length of the drop, misjudgment of Ketchum's weight, and the possibility the rope had been stretched while being tested.

After the undertaker sewed the head to the torso, Ketchum's body was placed in a simple pine coffin and buried in Clayton's Boot Hill on the open prairie. Before the last clods of dirt were shoveled on his grave, rumors began to circulate about his true identity. However, law enforcement officials were

satisfied it was indeed Thomas "Black Jack" Ketchum who laid in the unmarked grave.

On September 10, 1933, Ketchum's body was disinterred and was moved to the new Clayton cemetery. The coffin was opened and Ketchum's body was found to be well preserved. Jack Potter, who had known Tom during his trail drive days, placed flowers in the casket with a card that read, "To a cowboy who went wrong."

Sutton County Historical Society Notes by Jo-Ann Palmer: Glen Tennis wrote us a letter in 1992 telling us about his taking part, with his father and an undertaker named Kilburn, in the disinterment and reburial of "Black Jack" in Clayton, N.M. He also stated that Black Jack's parents homesteaded land a few miles west of San Angelo, known as Ketchum Mountains, where the gang had a hide-out in a cave. Glen was 17 at the time of the reinterment in 1933.

Sam Gauny, a former Sonoran, recently sent us a copy of the Ketchum Genealogy that was compiled by Barry Spradley of Spring, Texas, a great nephew of Thomas Edward "Black Jack" Ketchum. He thought it might help local researchers. He is also the one who put us in touch with Sue Richardson.

If you get out near Clayton, stop in at the Herstein Memorial Museum at the corner of Second and Walnut and meet Mrs. Richardson. We are sure our readers would enjoy the grand tour. For further information on the museum contact them at 505-374-1977 or write Union County Historical Society, P.O. Box 75, Clayton, New Mexico 88415.

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

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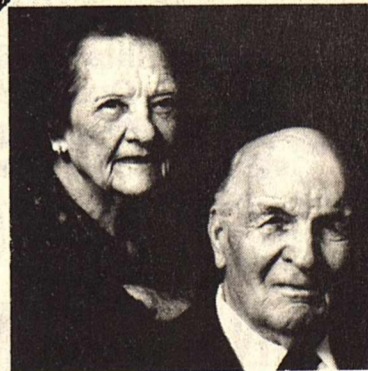
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SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION

by Joan Latta



Cleone Taylor

Even though she refers to herself as "just a plain old girl from Fort Stockton who married a plain old Aggie from the same place", Cleone Taylor is neither plain nor old. She is, however, from Fort Stockton, where her father was the Pecos County Tax Assessor for many years, and where she grew to adulthood with her two brothers and adopted sister.

How the Crump family formed in Pecos County is an interesting story in itself. Cleone's father, Dan, went there in his early teens, having been born in one of the old buildings at Fort McKavett. Her mother, a high school home economics teacher, went to Fort Stockton to homestead some land in her early adulthood, met Dan, and thus began this branch of the family.

Since joining the Sonora ISD administrative staff in 1985, Cleone has become something of a computer whiz. She handles payroll for both the salaried and hourly staff, assists both the business manager and the superintendent's secretary with various chores, and is the resident artistic genius. She has a downright amazing ability to perform near miracles with little visible effort in the areas of interior decoration and food preparation for formal occasions ranging from weddings to proms to district-wide Christmas Open House and end-of-year breakfasts.

She also is an integral part of the costume staff for Sonora High School's Drama Department. For some years she has been the one who would go on stage during a rehearsal and with a twitch here and a tweak there make an elaborate, ill-fitting costume look like it was made for the person who was wearing it. An unusually talented self-taught seamstress, Mrs. Taylor can do practically anything with a needle and a sewing machine. She also paints with a mean brush.

In spite of all the time these talents take up in her life, Cleone has found time to be the formal hostess, on occasion, at the Texas A&M Experiment Station south of Sonora, where her husband, Dr. Charles Taylor, is the superintendent, and to raise three boys. The boys are: out of college and married, a junior at Texas A&M, and a junior at Sonora High School, respectively.

Cleone Taylor would be a raving success as a funny lady with no further training. Her rendition of the foibles of the Taylor family is beyond merely funny -- it is downright hilarious. Ask her husband about the boys' pet 'coon and the telephone, for instance; or the strange case of the how the boys' kitten survived her stint in the microwave; or ask the superintendent about the time the squirrel got loose in his office. The tales all involve Cleone, and are truly side-splitting.

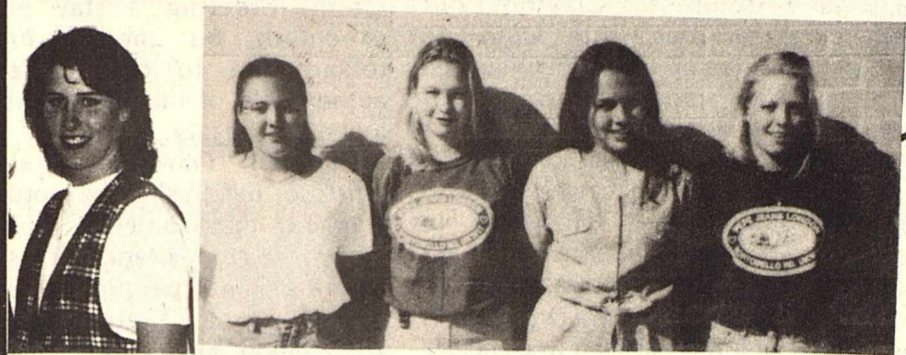
Completing her eleventh year of service with the school district, multi-talented Cleone, with one son in college and one on the way, has no immediate plans for early retirement. Says she: "It's a good thing I enjoy my job as much as I do, since I appear to be stuck here." It's a good thing for the district, too!

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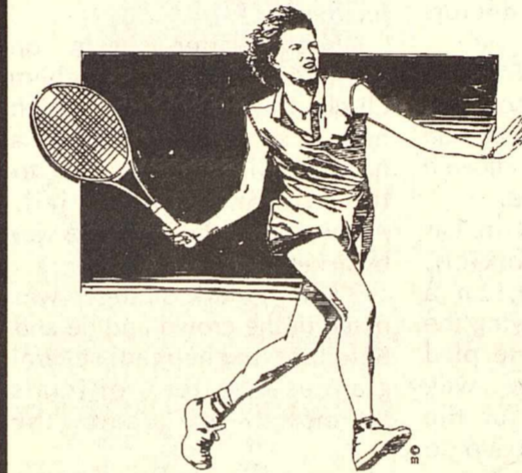
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Melissa Lloyd

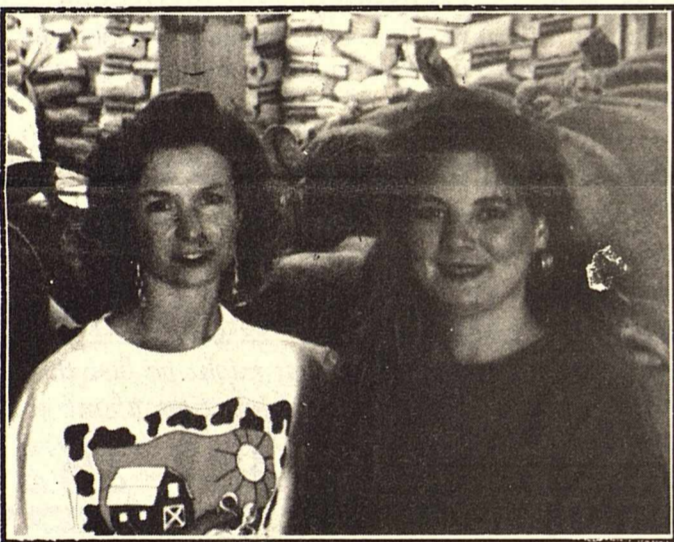
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Belia Solis,
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SCOUTS GRADUATE

submitted
The Sonora Cub Scouts held their monthly pack meeting at the Will Carver Park, April 24, 1995. The boys all received advancements and graduated up to the next rank of Cub Scouting. Tiger Cubs and leaders all received their one year service pin along with their paws. They also graduated to the Wolf rank. They are Michael Ashton, Steven Barthelemy, Joshua Dunn, Ty Love, Brandon Munn, Patrick Shahan, C.J. Turney, Cody Shurley, Cameron Cox, Cody Day, Younger Fawcett, Walsh Hearn, Cullen Parker, Embre Smith, Roland Solis, Tyler Talley, Warren Wallace, Aaron Warren. The Tiger Cubs' leaders are Todd Munn, Maria Miller, Faye Cox, Jeanie Warren. Congratulations Tigers!
The second grade Wolves had a very successful year. Will Ferguson - two year pin and one silver arrow; Laramie Hall - two year pin, fishing belt loop, and table tennis belt loop; Nathanael Prather - two year pin and one silver arrow; Clayton Hicks - two year pin and one silver arrow; Brian Payton - two pin; Andrew Barthelemy - two year pin; Jason Chadwick - two year pin. The Bear leaders are Tracey Ferguson - two year pin; Glenna Chadwick - one year pin; and Kristen Hicks - one year pin. These boys all graduated to the Bear rank. Way to go Wolves.

The third grade Bears have had a busy year. They are lead by Beth Wallace - three year pin; Sandy Ainsworth - two year pin; and Camille Ross - two year pin. The Bears receiving advancements are Joseph Ainsworth - basketball pin, science belt loop, three year pin; David Cook - basketball pin, science belt loop, three year pin; Stevie Hernandez - basketball pin, science belt loop, one year pin; Payton Holekamp - basketball pin, science belt loop, three year pin; Scottie Moore - basketball pin, science belt loop, three year pin; James Ross - basketball pin, science belt loop, three year pin; Trapper Valliant - basketball pin, science belt loop, three year pin; Wilson Wallace - basketball pin, science belt loop, three year pin. All of these boys graduated to the Webelo rank. Great job Bears!

The 4th and 5th grade Webelos had a very successful year. Those advancing are Jared Parks - basketball pin, three year pin; Adam Hadsall - basketball belt loop and pin, four year pin; Shane Benson - four year pin, basketball pin. These three boys will now be 5th grade Webelos.

James Elliott - artist, naturalist, outdoorsman, geologist, forester, engineer, scientist, two compass points, four year pin; Stetson Hall - scholar, outdoorsman, naturalist, one compass point, math belt loop, four year pin.

The Webelos were lead by Curt Hadsall - four year pin; Cecilia Hadsall - four year pin; Ronda Hall - four year pin.

The Cubmaster for pack 19 is Callaway Hall and he received his three year pin. Claudia Dempsey is the assistant Cubmaster and she received her ten year pin. Thanks Callaway and Claudia for all your hard work!

The highlight of the afternoon was conducted by Claudia Dempsey. She awarded James Elliott and Stetson Hall their arrow of light badge. This is the highest award a Cub Scout can earn. This too is the only badge that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform. Congratulations James and Stetson for your great accomplishments throughout your Cub Scouting years. The two boys graduated into Boy Scouts and were received by several Boy Scouts that were on hand for the crossing over ceremony. Good luck Stetson and James.

ROWLAND COMPLETES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COURSE

submitted
Melett L. Rowland, with the Main Street Program, completed the 29th Annual Economic Development Course held March 26-31, 1995 in College Station, Texas.

Twice a year the Texas Engineering Extension Service, a member of the Texas A&M University System, and the Texas Economic Development Council, Inc., offer this one-week course. Economic development organization staff attend this intensive training program to exchange ideas on the principles, practices and ethics in the field of economic development. This course creates an environment for economic professionals to receive background theory and practical application of economic development techniques.

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Pleas Childress, III was presented an original Judy Childress Black bronze at the Federal Land Bank Association's annual stockholders meeting. Stockholders met Monday, April 24 at the First United Methodist Church basement. Mr. Childress recently resigned his directorship of the Federal Land Bank. He served from 1961 to 1995.

CHEERLEADERS TO HOST CAMP

submitted
The Sonora High School cheerleaders will have a Bronco Cheerleader's Mini-Camp Saturday, April 29 at the Sonora High School Gym. The time will be from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. A short presentation for parents will take place from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

The camp is for kindergarten through 5th grade students. The cost will be \$10 per student. Forms have been distributed to students at the Elementary and Intermediate Schools.

NEW BOOKS AT LIBRARY

by Florie Mesa
The Sutton County Public Library recently received the following books.

Fiction: The Fourth Procedure, Stanley Pottinger; The Carousel, Belva Plain; Confessor, John Gardner; Valley of the Sun, Louis L'Amour; Angel of Death, Jack Higgins; Moo, Jane Smiley; Wonder Boys, Michael Chabon.

Non Fiction: Mexico and Central American Handbook, Italian Dictionary, French Dictionary, German Dictionary, Life After Divorce, It's Not Fair, Family Secrets, The Games Treasury.

Audio: The American, John Jakes; The Indictment, Barry Reed; Against the 7th, Larry Martin; Wyoming, Dana Ross; The Final Tally, Richard Wheeler.

Reference: Texas State Travel Guide and Publishers Trade List Annual 1994.

Children and Youth Non Fiction: How To Fly a 747, Kristi Yamaguchi, Book of Black Heroes, We Celebrate Winter, We Celebrate Spring.

Children and Youth Fiction: Lighthouse Mystery, Schoolhouse Mystery, The Woodshed Mystery, Mountain Top Mystery, Mystery At The Dog Show, Mystery Of The Lost Village, Castle Mystery, Monster Blood, Night of the Living Dummy, Lets Get Invisible, You Can't Scare Me, The Werewolf of Fever Swamp, Karen's Kittycat Club, Karen's Haircut, Karen's Birthday, Karen's Little Sister, Karen's Sleepover, Karen's Grandmothers, Meet Kirsten, Meet Molly, Felicity Learns a Lesson, Meet Felicity, Addy Learns a Lesson, Meet Addy, One Morning in Maine, The Cave of Time, Ghost Hunter, Viking Raiders, Dinosaur Island, The Curse of the Haunted Mansion, Project UFO, Silver Wings, Journey Under the Sea, Space and Beyond, The Secret of Mystery Hill, Hooftbeat, Horseplay, Horsepower, Trailmates, Riding Camp, Hours Crazy, Horse Shy, Horse Sense, Dude Ranch, Horse Show.

PLANS FOR PROJECT GRADUATION ANNOUNCED

submitted
"There will be many good reasons to celebrate throughout your life. But there will never be a good reason to drink and drive." A card with this message is included in the graduation announcements of every senior. And to prove that we mean it, Sonora will again sponsor a Project Graduation Party after commencement on May 19.

Last year youngsters and oldsters alike stayed up a good part of the night after graduation, but they weren't worrying about the kids, they were partying with the kids. Two hundred or more individuals, clubs, and businesses were responsible for making last year's Project Graduation a success, not by staying up all night, but by donation money and prizes. Project Graduation is a community supported project to provide our youth an all night, alcohol free party after graduation. High school juniors and seniors will "lock in" in the high school for an evening of fun including a casino, carnival booths, contests, volleyball tournaments, putt-putt golf, music, food and prizes. Lots of prizes. Coca-Cola has agreed to provide free drinks all night long. Auctioneer, Preston Faris, coordinates the early morning auction, where kids bid on valuable prizes with the play money they have won during the night.

Plans are beginning for Project Graduation '95. Again Sonorans will be asked for support in terms of volunteers for casino workers, cash donations, or prize donations. Clubs and organizations are invited to participate by sponsoring a carnival booth. We supply the prizes, you supply the supply the ideas and the people.

Anyone interested in donating money, call Rex Ann Friess at 387-2809 or make checks payable to Project Graduation and mail to 300 East Oak, Sonora; if you would like to donate a prize, call Cherie Fitzgerald at 387-3564; if your club or organization would like to sponsor a booth, call Mary Lou Hudman at 387-3893, or to know more about Project Graduation, call Jeryl Fields at 387-6533.

Let's send our kids the message that Sonora supports them, and that they can have a great and safe time...chemical free!

CELEBRANDO CINCO DE MAYO

Everyone is invited to the Celebrando Cinco de Mayo sponsored by Fiestas Patrias Committee. The celebration will kick off at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, May 6 at Liberty Park. Come enjoy food, games, craft booths, folkloric dancers, Mr. Oz, jalapeno contest, ring toss, and more.

Sign-up for washer pitching will begin at 12:00 p.m. and continue to 2:00 p.m. The contest begins at 2:00 p.m. K'Lorr from Abilene will perform from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. for the dance.

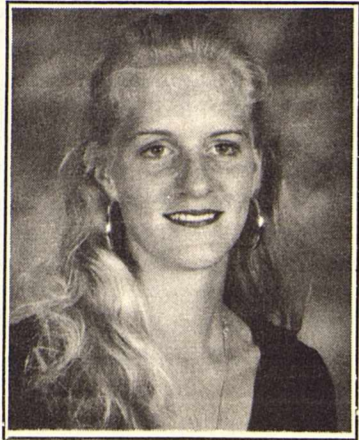
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MASSEY RECEIVES USAA AWARD

submitted



Amy Massey

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Amy Massey has been named a United States National Award winner in business education.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes less than 10% of all American high school students.

Amy, who attends Sonora High School, was nominated for this national award by Wayne Warren, Band Director at Sonora High School. Amy will appear in the *United States Achievement Academy Official Collegiate Yearbook*, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Amy is the daughter of David and Diana Smith. Grandparents are Glenn and Gene McDonald of Eldorado and Bill and Ann Smith of Roswell, New Mexico.

GOLF AUXILIARY HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING

submitted

The Golf Auxiliary recently held their April meeting. Hostesses were Lori Smith and Ebbie Sutton.

The Club would like to congratulate the high school golf teams on their great achievements this year. Members are very proud of these girls and boys.

President, Michelle Krieg, announced that the 3-person scramble was a money making event. Ebbie Sutton thanked the members for their help in furnishing sandwiches for the scramble and cookies for the High School District Meet.

It was reported that the golf club furnished the money and Michelle Krieg and Jerri Martin supplied the labor for the renovation of the men and women's restrooms on the course. They did such a great job it has been suggested that the restrooms at the Club House be done next. Volunteers will begin this project soon.

A reminder that the Ladies Golf Clinic will be Sunday, April 30 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Sign-up is at the Club House.

The 2-Lady Tournament on May 13 was discussed. Tournament committees were reminded of the upcoming jobs. Anyone planning to play in this tournament, needs to sign-up and turn in the fee. There is such a waiting list for this tournament. Its the first to pay who get to play.

Ladies Tuesday evening scrambles will kick off May 23. The first one will have a catered meal after work. Please try and call the Club House before 5:00 p.m. that day to sign-up. Golf will start around 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming events are on April 30 the Ladies Golf Clinic will begin at 1:00 p.m. May 13 is scheduled for the 2-Lady Tournament and May 23, the Ladies Tuesday Scrambles at 5:00 p.m. begin.

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(Back Row, L-R) Michael Castilleja and Gerrard Barrera; (Front Row, L-R) Liza Ramirez, Crystal Ponsetti, and Richard Ornelas.

JUNIOR HIGH ALL-REGION BAND TRY-OUTS HELD

The Region VII West Zone Junior High All-District Band try-outs were held in Sonora on Friday, April 21, 1995. There were over 300 students who tried out for the bands.

The following Sonora students made the All-District Concert band: Lorena Hernandez - 1st Chair Flute, Kimberly Bustamante - 4th Chair Flute, Evelyn Mungia - 9th Chair Flute, Lizzy Badillo - 6th Chair Clarinet, Rita Lopez - 2nd Chair Trumpet, Russell Dempsey - 3rd Chair Trumpet and Mark Cooper - 1st Chair Trombone.

The following Sonora students made the All-District Symphonic Band: Liza Ramirez - 7th Chair Clarinet, Crystal Ponsetti - 11th Chair Clarinet, Michael Castilleja - 2nd Chair Alto Saxophone, Richard Ornelas - 4th Chair Alto Saxophone, Gerard Barrera - 3rd Chair Baritone.

The All-District Band concert was held on Saturday, April 22, 1995 in Ballinger.

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CONVINCER DEMO SCHEDULED FOR HEALTH FAIR

submitted by Kelly L. Lewis, CEA-F&CS

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), now has a roll-over convincer available to demonstrate to people how vehicle occupants can be tossed about or even thrown from a motor vehicle in a roll-over crash when they are not wearing their safety belt.

The Convincer is available for county extension agents, law enforcement personnel, traffic safety specialists, or other traffic safety personnel to use at health fairs, county fairs, automobile shows, etc. The Convincer is a pickup cab mounted on a trailer. An adult dummy and a child dummy are placed in the vehicle and are not belted to illustrate what happens to occupants when they are not belted. The dummies are then belted and the roll-over is operated again to demonstrate how the occupants are held in position in the "safety cage" during the roll-over crash.

Many Texans wear their safety belts and insist that their children are belted on every trip (more than 70% in urban and suburban areas - Texas Transportation Institute, 50% or less in rural communities - Texas Agricultural Extension Service Study of 25 Rural Communities in Texas). However, many injuries and fatalities still occur due to the fact that occupants are not wearing their safety belts. Sixty percent of the occupants who died in traffic crashes in vehicles covered by our Texas Seat Belt Law and the Child Restraint Law were not restrained. Convincing people to buckle up and secure their children in child safety seats can save lives and injuries. Child safety seats used correctly are 71% effective in preventing fatalities. Safety belts are 45%-55% effective. Air bags, combined with safety belts, are up to 65% effective.

The economic costs to families, communities and Texas from traffic crashes can also be reduced. Unbelted crash victims incur two to seven times the medical costs of buckled victims (NHTSA, 1994). That, plus the economic loss due to fatalities becomes a societal problem, not just an individual problem. The 1993 economic loss to Texas for the 3,037 lives lost in traffic accidents is estimated to be \$11,784,000,000 (based on National Safety Council formula for cost of accidents based on the number of fatalities).

Sonora residents will have the opportunity to experience the Convincer first-hand during the annual Sutton County Health Fair. The Health Fair will be held at the 4-H Center on May 3rd from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

The Sutton County Commissioners met Monday, April 24 in a special session. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Accounts payable were also approved.

Other items on the agenda are as follows. Prior to the meeting, Joe Lane reported the library site meets requirements to continue construction. The court consented the purchase of a copy machine for the Tax Assessor's office for \$2530. The commissioners agreed for John Henry Strauch to network the new computer system in the County Clerk's office. The commissioners approved advertisement of summer help.

Redistricting of county precincts was discussed. A public hearing regarding this matter was held Wednesday, April 26.

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Valiant Effort

by Martha Valliant McClain

(please call 387-5060 or 387-3066 to include information in this column)

Leona Bishop hosted Tuesday night bridge club last week. It was most unusual because all of the members were able to attend. Dinner was chow mein served over rice with mango salad. Dessert was a strawberry delight. Jo Nell Adkins and Mae Ward tied for high and Mae also won the slam prize.

The Wednesday luncheon club met at the Sutton County Steak House with Ruth Shurley as hostess. Her menu featured Beef Wellington (filets in pastry), twice baked potatoes, green beans, and fresh fruit salad. For dessert, Ruth served angel food cake with strawberries and whipped cream. High was won by Allie Aske and second high was won by Doris Rousselot.

George and Martha Wallace entertained the Thursday night dessert bridge. High was won by A.W. and Leona Bishop, travel by Jack and Gloria Kerbow, and bingo by Joan and Jim Cusenbary. Guest high was won by Albert and Cynthia Ward.

Many from Sonora attended the San Angelo Symphony last Saturday evening. This is one of the best concerts of the year. It is a Pops Concert with a picnic. Tables on the floor of the Colosseum are decorated and season subscribers can buy tables and bring their own food or have various restaurants in the area cater the meal. Joining a picnic with San Angelo friends were Lura Sawyer and Linda Johnson. Others from Sonora enjoying the picnic with individual baskets included Martha and George Wallace, Fay and Doyle Morgan, Glen and Rosalea Richardson, Liz and Warren Hemphill, A.W. and Leona Bishop, Jim and Betty Stephen, Carol and Jamie Parker, and Joe and Anita Lane. One other group from Sonora included Nell Wallace, Jerry Wallace, Honey Hicks, Mattie Nix, Bobby Smith, Becky Kimbrow, Edwina Friess, and Nancy Davis. This group chose not to bring food and eat at the concert. They met at La Casa Blanca in San Angelo for dinner. The symphony concert featured brass selections with Allen Vizzutti on the trumpet. He is famous throughout the entertainment world and record world for his work. He is featured in numerous movie sound tracks with John Williams. Movie sound tracks of his, that you might remember include Star Trek, The Black Stallion, and with Leonard Bernstein's recording for the movie West Side Story. Trumpet virtuoso, Jeff Pyzik also appeared with the San Angelo Symphony. He is a Grammy winner who was featured with Doc Sevrensen's Tonight Show Band. Many who attended felt that this was their favorite concert in the last five years. I know it is one that I hated to miss.

The Halloween Dance Club had their Spring Dance at the Langford Memorial Building in Sonora last Saturday night. The dance was informal, with boots and jeans the most common dress. Working hard on the party were Gina Holekamp and Karen Fraiser. No one seemed to remember the name of the band, but everyone thought that the music was terrific. A memorial to former members, who are no longer with us, was featured at the party. The food was good also; members brought sandwiches, dips, cookies, and snacks. It was a fun party according to those dancers who stayed until the last number.

The Boy Scouts had their annual ceremony for advancement Stetson Hall and John Elliott received the Order of the Arrow at the ceremony. The Boy Scout's bake sale raised over \$300, and the money will go to the new library, probably as pavers. Calaway Hall and Claudia Dempsey were in charge of the ceremonies. It is good to know that Claudia is feeling better.

My show closed Saturday night, so I will be back in Sonora more. I had a nice surprise when Nancy Neill Law and Robert Guest walked in the door. I hadn't seen Robert since around 1956 when I graduated from high school. It was fun to look back at our high school years. The last night's audience was terrific, with many friends returning to see it for a second time. Wynell Noelke, one of my college roommates, drove over from Austin to see the play. She lived in San Angelo for several years and is now working for the state in Austin. She goes to Emily Elliott for prescriptions. She is so pleased to have her for a pharmacist. Wynell drives out of her way to go to the pharmacy where Emily works because she feels that she receives careful, personal attention. In a city the size of Austin that is rare. I wonder whose example Emily is following? It is a small world. Wynell says one of the names from Sonora most mentioned in state offices is Bill Ratliff. Tom Ratliff and Wynell's father were cousins. She doesn't mention it often because she likes to hear what people really think. Bill's work on the education bill has made his name a household word. He is both loved and hated, but everyone seems to know his name. Isn't that what is supposed to happen before someone runs for governor. Wouldn't that be something? Can you imagine having a governor from Sonora?

Jimmy and Nancy Powell will be attending the graduation of their youngest daughter, Victoria in Austin on May 20. She will receive a Master's degree from the University of Texas' School of Social Services. The prestigious degree will allow Victoria to make a difference in the world. It will qualify her to be a child's advocate or for many other jobs that can help those in need. Victoria and her husband Ken plan to continue to live in Austin.

On Monday afternoon, Dean and I participated in the Pilgrimage to the Alamo in San Antonio. It is one of the oldest events in San Antonio's Fiesta and one of the few that still stresses the history of Texas. I helped with the parade as a section head. We had about two thousand people. It was a solemn march for about four blocks. We formed at the City Auditorium and walked down to Houston Street and then on to the Alamo. The parade was larger this year because Governor

George Bush and his wife, Laura, chose to participate. The governor is always invited, but doesn't always accept. Some governors accept, but do not walk in the parade. Governor Bush and Laura chose to walk in the parade. After all of the awful events of the last few weeks, it was a little frightening to know that he would be walking along the street. I am sure that he was well protected, but it always is a concern with so many "nuts" around. All of us in the parade presented a wreath or a bouquet of flowers in memory of those who died at the Alamo. Dean presented yellow roses on behalf of the Texas Army. At 4:30 church bells rang, the solemn procession began, and Henry Guerra (the voice of San Antonio) began to read all of the names of the men who died at the Alamo. By the time he was through the list, the "Pilgrims" had arrived at the green in front of the Alamo. Individuals and groups presented their floral offerings leaving them on the green. All of the military units in San Antonio participated. We had many, many generals walking in the parade. They were followed by colorful groups carrying the banner of their organizations or costume of their ethnic groups. There was a short program that included speeches by Governor Bush and General Viccellio, commander of the Fifth Army of Fort Sam Houston. The ceremony was concluded with taps played by echoing trumpets who stood at opposite ends of the Alamo. It may be silly or corny to many, but I had cold chills and a tear in my eye. It was a beautiful ceremony and is open to the public. Everyone can participate.

Following the ceremony, Governor Bush asked to greet the participants. He was especially patient with the young men and women in the military units. He took time to have pictures made with everyone who wanted a picture. Laura Bush was also very gracious and posed for many pictures. He spoke of the meaning of the Alamo as a symbol of liberty. He explained that the meaning of the Alamo is not limited to Texans. People of all nations who love liberty should love the Alamo. It is one of the most dramatic examples in the world of man's sacrifice for freedom.

Looking back at the sacrifices of the defenders of the Alamo, I am reminded of something that I read in the Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois. "Our ancestors lived without sugar until the 13th century, without coal fires until the 14th century, without buttered bread until the 16th; tea or soap until the 17th; without gas, matches, or electricity until the 19th; without cars, canned or frozen foods until the 20th century."

Now, what was it you were complaining about?

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AT WORK IN TEXAS

submitted by Lou Faulks

The American Cancer Society funds cancer research projects in Texas. Last year researchers at Texas medical institutions received 93 new grants for cancer research totaling over \$8 million. Since its national grant program began in 1946, the ACS has invested more than \$1.5 billion in cancer research and provided grant support to 27 Nobel Prize winners. We are the largest private source of cancer research funds in the United States.

The American Cancer Society is a leader. Established in 1913, it is the oldest and largest voluntary cancer-fighting organization in the world. The American Cancer Society is right here in Sonora. They are neighbors, friends, and business associates. In Texas, 300 local units, with boards of directors composed of medical and lay volunteers, raise the money and provide the service and programs.

The American Cancer Society needs your support. A number of cancer organizations solicit funds. Some offer limited education or service programs. Others support some cancer research. Often they have similar sounding names, but they are not connected with the American Cancer Society. The programs and fund appeals always use the specific words "American Cancer Society" and feature the "sword" prominently.

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USDA To Lower Amount Of Commodities Issued

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If your household is one of the millions which has been receiving U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) commodities on a monthly, bi-monthly, or quarterly basis, you can expect to get fewer commodities over the next 12 months than you have received in the past years.

The reduction in this program - called The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) - will be due to fewer surplus commodities as well as non-surplus commodities. During 1994, there was surplus cornmeal and butter in USDA storage which was available for TEFAP; however, there is no longer surplus cornmeal in storage. In 1994, Congress appropriated \$80 million for USDA to purchase additional (non-surplus) food for TEFAP, but in 1995, Congress appropriated only \$25 million for additional TEFAP food.

However, it is important to note that TEFAP was never intended to serve as a household's sole - or even primary - food source. TEFAP was designed as an outlet for surplus commodities in order to reduce the huge surplus inventories of food being stored in warehouses at taxpayer's expense. As such, it effectively achieved that goal. It is among the smallest of USDA's numerous food assistance programs, accounting for less than one-half of one percent of the \$39 billion spent on the programs.

From 1989 to 1993, at a time when funding for TEFAP decreased by \$40 million, total USDA funding for all of its food assistance programs actually increased by \$13 billion. The Agriculture Department feels it can better use its food dollars by targeting its funding on the programs that are designed to be the mainstay of Federal food assistance - the Food Stamp Program, WIC (the Supplemental Food Assistance Program for Women, Infants, and Children), and the Child Nutrition Programs (nutrition programs for schools and child care facilities).

The history of TEFAP explains why funding is being decreased. During the 1950s and 1960s, needy households that required food assistance were given U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities. In the 1970s, however, the Food Stamp Program - which gave recipients more flexibility in meeting their nutritional needs - replaced the distribution of USDA

commodities to needy households. Since that time the Food Stamp Program has remained the government's primary food assistance program for needy households.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, there was a large build-up of surplus price-support commodities which the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) held in storage throughout the country. In 1981 the President responded to public concern over the costs to taxpayers of storing vast quantities of food by allowing USDA to distribute surplus commodities to needy households. In 1983, Congress formally authorized The Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (the word "Temporary" was dropped in the late 1980s).

The amount of commodities which Congress authorizes USDA to distribute through TEFAP is restricted to that amount which is in excess of the quantity needed to carry out USAs other programs. At first, there were massive surpluses of cheese, rice, honey, nonfat dry milk, cornmeal, flour, and butter available for distribution. However, by 1988, more than five billion pounds of those surplus USDA commodities had been distributed to needy households through TEFAP. Because of this massive distribution, as well as legislative changes in agricultural price-support programs, the volume of surpluses was vastly diminished. In fact, by 1989, there was not enough surplus cheese, rice, honey, and nonfat dry milk for USDA to donate for TEFAP distribution. The only large surplus commodities remaining in 1989 were butter, cornmeal, and flour.

Although funding for TEFAP has been decreased, it is important to look at the "big picture," and that is the reduction in TEFAP funding has been more than made up by the funding increases for the main food assistance programs. By focusing more of its funding on the primary food assistance programs, USDA feels it can maximize the effectiveness of its funds in meeting the nutritional needs of the households which are at the greatest nutritional risk.



Dorothy Barbee, manager of the I-10 Exxon, is pictured above as she presents Melissa Freeman with the Easter basket he won during their Easter drawing. Melissa is pictured above with her mom, Kathleen.



Dorothy Barbee, manager of the I-10 Exxon, is pictured above as she presents Dustin Neff with the Easter basket he won during their Easter drawing.

RAFFLE BENEFITS BARRON

Two Afghans, made by Ben Perez, were raffled Easter Sunday for the benefit of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Barron. Edward Hernandez and Azenetha Villanueva were the winners. The winning tickets were sold by Mary Ann Sanchez.

The proceeds from the raffle assisted Juan Barron with expenses incurred while in I.C.U. during his illness. The family thanks everyone for the donations.

URBANSKI RECEIVES HONOR

submitted

Sonora resident Tara Urbanski recently was recognized for her academic excellence in mathematics and has gained peer tutor national certification at Schreiner College in Kerrville.

Urbanski is the daughter of Barbara Urbanski and is a sophomore math major at Schreiner. She graduated from Sonora High School in 1993.

At Schreiner, Urbanski is sophomore class president, a peer counselor and tutor, and is active in the Baptist Student Union. To receive academic excellence in mathematics awards, students must possess at least a 3.6 grade point average both in math and in overall grades.

Schreiner College is a small, independent four year liberal arts college in Kerrville. With an enrollment of about 600, its faculty to student ratio is 1 to 13. Related by choice and by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Schreiner is known for its "whole person" approach to education.

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by Cecil Ross, Investment Representative

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On March 1, 1995, GTE Southwest Incorporated ("GTE SW") and Contel of Texas, Inc. ("Contel") filed a joint application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas seeking a waiver of the requirements of §23.61 of the Commission's Substantive Rules which would require GTE SW and Contel to make available beginning January 1, 1997, one-party line service to all subscribers of local exchange service upon request and to replace all open wire transmission by the end of 1998.

In their joint application, GTE SW and Contel seek a waiver to extend the time for full compliance with requirements of §23.61 of the Commission's Substantive Rules until December 31, 2000. If the waiver is granted, multi-party line customers in the following exchanges would not be able to upgrade their service to one-party line service until after December 31, 2000:

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GTE SW and Contel have identified that approximately 786 current customers would be impacted in the event their application for waiver was granted. In addition, GTE SW and Contel have proposed to accelerate their conversion to digital central offices in the event this request for waiver is granted. This matter has been assigned Docket No. 14020. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is May 31, 1995. Persons who wish to intervene in or otherwise participate in this proceeding should notify the Commission. A request to intervene, participate or for further information, should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Public Information Office at 512-458-0256, or 512-458-0221 text telephone.



CORRECTION

In last week's Devil's River News it was stated in Valliant Effort that the back issues of The Devil's River News will be placed in the new library. This is incorrect. The back issues of The Devil's River News will be kept in the office of The Devil's River News.

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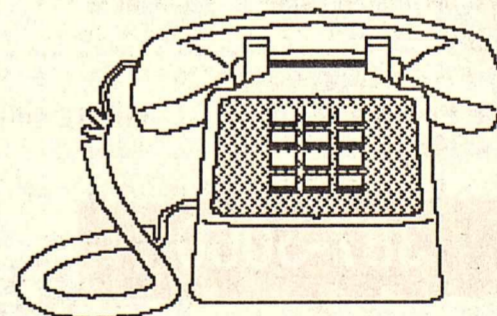
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