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Sonora City Council reviews proposed budget

The Sonora City Council held a meeting Tuesday evening to discuss the proposed budget for next year. Councilman Lemuel Lopez suggested that maybe there could be some type of survey of each departmental budget in order to verify the expenses incurred. City Manager Pete Gildon agreed with the suggestion and stated that it was incumbent on himself and his fellow workers to come up with this kind of analysis. He also stated that at this time the General Fund is in good condition.

In the administrative budget, the city is presently paying three to four hundred dollars per month for janitorial services. Mr. Gildon stated that the city needs to consider a full time maintenance person to see to the needs of the City Hall, Senior Center, Police Department, etc. He suggested that a general maintenance man who could take care of repair maintenance of these buildings as well as janitorial services would be more beneficial.

The proposed administrative budget also calls for \$50,000 to be used for physical improvements at city hall such as paint, carpet, tile and drapes. It was brought to the attention of the council that the building may soon need to be made handicapped accessible to comply with new laws and that any renovations to the building may need to wait until further information about this matter is obtained.

The Senior Center has a proposed \$7,000 increase in capital expenses for a 15 passenger mini-bus with a wheelchair lift, in conjunction with the Rural Transportation Network. One-half of the van drivers salary would also be paid by the RTN if the request is approved.

The Senior Center is also facing the possibility of losing one of the Green Thumb workers employed at the Center. The Green Thumb program is only a training program, however, Carole Thorp, Senior Center Director, stated that

there are other older worker programs available.

Monies for the bid on a state prison will be set aside if the residents of Sonora so choose. At this time Eldorado has been approached with the possibility of "sharing" the prison with Sonora. If Eldorado residents are willing, then the initial fee of \$60,000 would be shared by Sutton County, the City of Sonora, Schliecher County, and Eldorado, with each entity putting up \$15,000.

According to Mayor Bill Gosney, in the event that Eldorado is not interested in the prison facility and locals are still in support of the prison, the \$60,000 would be budgeted. The suggestion was made that a town meeting should be held after school is in session to allow for a better turnout since so many residents are taking their vacations at this time.

A public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20.



These two very important visitors were present at Friday's CWDT performance at the Caverns of Sonora.

Faulty cruise control cause of Monday afternoon mishap

At approximately 12:15 p.m. Monday afternoon, a 1988 Ford Tempo GL ran into the guard rail as it was exiting off I-10 on the west access road.

The driver, Juanita Castillo, 16, of Austin, was attempting to release the cruise control while exiting, however, due to a malfunction the cruise control stayed on. Miss Castillo's attempt

to stop the vehicle were unsuccessful when the brakes also failed, causing her to slam into the guard rail.

Other occupants in the car were Eugene Castillo, 49, Karen Castillo, 48, and Larry Castillo, 15, all of Austin. There were no injuries and all occupants were wearing safety belts.



Police Officer Mike House investigates the scene of Monday's accident.



Rev. Jim Stephen shakes hands with Mark Roach Friday evening as he is welcomed home by friends and family.

One vehicle roll-over injures Odessa man Friday morning

Jimmy Gomez, 40, of Odessa, suffered injuries Friday morning in a one vehicle accident while traveling eastbound on I-10.

According to DPS reports, the driver veered off the left hand side of

the road, crossing both lanes of traffic and hitting the south wall. The car then flipped and rolled, coming to rest facing west bound.

Gomez suffered severe head and face lacerations, and was taken by Sutton County EMS personnel to Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and later transferred to Angelo Community Hospital. Gomez's son, Diego Gomez, 12, was not injured in the accident and was wearing his safety belt. The cause of the accident has been attributed to driver fatigue.

Citizens Committee to hold meeting for discussion of Single member districts

The first meeting of the citizen's committee appointed by the City Council to make recommendations for implementing single member voting districts will be held on Thursday July 30, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. The meeting will be open to the public.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the single member district that will be beneficial to the community and legally acceptable to the Justice Department.

All persons in the community will be provided with an opportunity to participate in the process by which the boundary lines will be drawn. Comments, suggestions and proposed orders are welcome. The following criteria will be used in assessing plans for adoption:

1. Any plan should not operate to dilute the voting strength of racial or language minority citizens.

2. Any plan should not fragment minority communities or pack them into districts in concentrations greater than needed to elect minority representation.

3. Any plan should be drawn to conform with geographic boundaries utilized by the Bureau of the Census in the 1990 census to the extent possible unless other reliable sources are used.

4. Any plan should be based on 1990 census data unless other reliable sources are used.

5. Any districts should be composed of territory that is contiguous and reasonably compact.

6. Any plan, to the extent possible, should preserve historical boundaries, and should recognize clearly identifiable economic or community interests.

If anyone has any questions, comments or suggestions, please plan to be at the meeting on Tuesday July 30, 1991.



Sam Patterson stands with his parents during the "Welcome Home" ceremony Thursday evening on the courthouse lawn.

Entry forms for little Miss & Mr. available now

Entry forms are now available at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce office for the Little Miss & Mr. contest to be held during Sutton

County Days on August 24, 1991. The contestants must have turned three years of age and must not have turned six prior to August 24,

1991. There is a \$5.00 entry fee for each contestant. Entry forms may be picked up at the Chamber office at 705 Crockett or call 387-

2880 for more information. The deadline for entering is August 9, 1991.

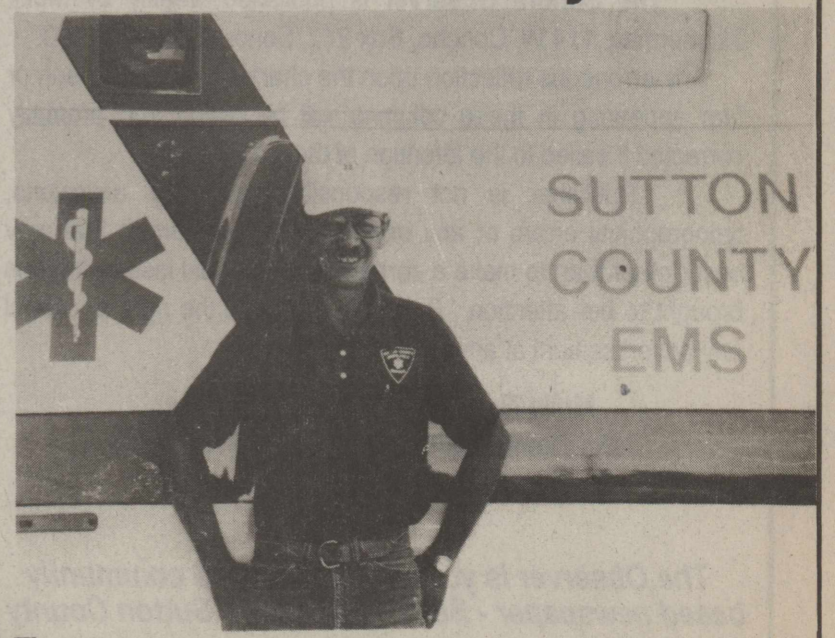
Spotlight on Sutton County EMS

Gerald Gilchrest

Gerald Gilchrest, EMT, is employed by the Texas A&M Experiment Station. He is married to Linda Gilchrest and has six daughters, Maresa, Soraya, Meggan Gilchrest and Kim, Rhonda, and Tami George.

Gerald has lived in Sonora four years and joined the Sutton County EMS in May 1988. He is an EMS Lecturer and Examiner for the Texas Department of Health and CPR instructor for the American Heart Association.

EMS



WHISPERS IN THE WIND

by Jim Fish

Trailing the misfortunate fortune

The situation was growing hopeless for Emperor Maximilian about the time the Civil War ended in the United States. Guess he figured it was time to "get out while the gettin' was good" and sent fifteen wagon loads of gold, silver and jewels out of Mexico toward San Antonio.

An ex-Confederate soldier, by the name of Bill Murdock, accompanied by four or five friends met the wagon train when they crossed the Rio Grande. The men were hire to guide and guard the train on the last leg of their trip, through Indian territory and against raiders. They were not aware of what they guarded but it would be a nice grub stake to get them started in their new peacetime, civilian lives.

Murdock got sick on the way and stayed behind while the wagon train and his friends went ahead. When he recovered, he hit the trail and tried to catch up. A few days later he found the murdered bodies of the Mexicans and the wagon train gone. Following the deep tracks of the wagons, Murdock could not imagine why his friends would have perpetrated such an act, but time would tell.

Indeed, time did tell. A few more days of riding brought him to a point near Horsehead crossing, on the Pecos River. There he found the mutilated bodies of his friends, who had obviously been killed by Indians and the contents of the wagons strewn around the wagons like so much rubbish. Gold, silver

and jewels littered the landscape, amidst the blood and bodies of his greedy, murdering friends. Of course, he would have been among them had it not been for the "misfortune" of his earlier illness.

After gathering the remnants of Emperor Maximilian's vast fortune, Murdock buried the treasure and went on toward San Antonio. Apparently his was a creature of tragedy, for it was near San Antonio where he camped with a group of cattle rustlers and was arrested with them. Murdock died before he could return and reclaim the treasure.

Some say it was not Maximilian's fortune but the booty of Juarista Guerrillas. At any rate, the treasure has not been found and somewhere in the vicinity of Castle Gap, we have it on fair authority, untold wealth lies waiting for the person who finds it. Beware, Castle Gap is inaccessible by automobile and barred by land owners. Treasure hunters have already combed the area for this huge fortune, and other treasures and relics. Yet, somewhere in that rugged terrain and sparse vegetation, forgotten by time, gold, silver and jewelry lie just beneath the ground and some undisclosed site; whose only trace of existence is just a, "Whisper in the Wind".

(Note: Maximilian was executed in 1867, at Queretaro and marked the end of two generations of internal disorder and anarchy.)

Fiddlegrass to appear at CWDT

B.F. Witt entertained the audience this past Friday with his own story of "A guy called Jimmy". Jimmy Cahill followed with a brief story of mohair, and presented some samples of the beautiful mohair products.

The Bill Smallwood family then took the stage and kept the crowd entertained for the remainder of the evening.

Saturday evening started off with the very entertaining cowboy poetry of Ray Fitzgerald. The audience then sat back and enjoyed the sounds of Jim Wilson and his band from Ozona.

This Friday night all of Sonora should be there as the winners of Sonora's talent show will be performing. One of the groups performing will be the Back Door Express, a quartet, with Margaret Cascadden, Clara James, Bob

Mayo, and John Zimmerman. Mary Angela Sedeno, a 13-year old Spanish Dancer, from San Angelo will certainly be a performance you won't want to miss. Other local talent is sure to be on hand, so don't miss it!

Saturday evening will begin with Alvin Davis, followed by Sonora's Bob Bellard. Musical entertainment for the evening is Fiddlegrass with Washtub Jerry, a show everyone will enjoy.

The gate opens at 6:00 p.m., a meal catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse will be served at 6:30 and the show begins at 7:00. Tickets are available at Sutton County Steakhouse, Devil's River Inn, Caverns of Sonora, Shots #5, Westerman Drug, Sonora Mohair Originals, and the Sonora Observer. For more information call 387-5719, 387-2304 or 387-3105.



Lois & Vic Walker of Needles, California were presented with the "Glad You're Here Bag" Saturday evening at the CWDT.

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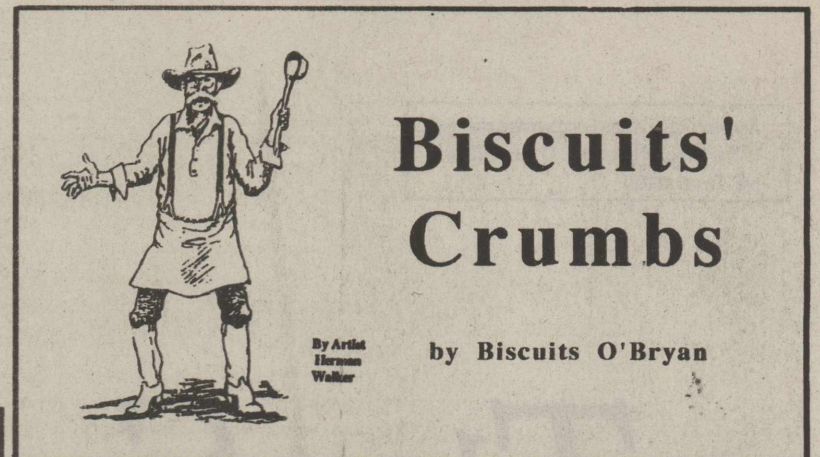
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Health News

by Dr. Rico J. Forlano

If you wake up in the morning and your head is locked in a turned and tilted position this is called spasmodic torticollis. The pain may be so severe that you can not get out of bed. This can affect people of any age or sex, but it usually affects people between the ages of 25-30. The neck spasm usually occurs on one side causing the head to turn and tilt. Torticollis can be caused by sleeping in a bad position, a cold breeze blowing on your neck, or stress. Treatment for this problem is heat, stretching exercises, physical therapy, chiropractic treatments and counseling if it is due to stress.



Biscuits' Crumbs

by Biscuits O'Bryan

Another Kind of Poets' Gatherin'

Can you believe ol' Biscuits' went to a poets' gatherin' where I was the only cowboy poet? Well, that's just what happened. That Jones feller that everybody's always linkin' me up with headed up to Hofstra University on Long Island, which is just a spell from New York City, where he's tryin' to become some kind of a doctor that don't have nothin' a'tall to so with helpin' folks get well. And sure as shootin', he brung me along. Them Long Islanders seemed plumb taken with cowboy poetry. They didn't even know such a thing existed, if you can believe folks can really be that backwards. Ol' Jones learnt a lot about other kind of poetry, and I wrote a new one myself. I thought I'd share one of his and my new one. His ain't long enough to think about afore it's all said and done, but, as you might reckon, mine goes on for a spell til the whole story gets told. Here's one the Jones feller wrote:

AN OLD COWBOY'S HANDS

Sill as a rabbit
hiding from the hawk's shadow,
they await their next task.
Ain't that a hoot, writin' a poem that don't rhyme or have no pace to it? But the more I go to readin' and thinkin' about it, maybe there is somethin' to it, but I'll have to figger on it a spell longer. Here's my new pride and joy:

ANOTHER WAY

Some folks see the world through tinted glass and burglar bars, from busses, trains, and taxicabs, safe inside their cars, from lofty high rise vistas in their offices and homes, always shut in, like in fairy tale caves, with dwarves and elves and gnomes.

I ain't puttin' that style down, 'cause I reckon that's their choice, but it ain't mine, I'm glad to say, so I'm lifin' up my voice and celebratin' choices, rights, perspectives, points of view that make me who I am, and also cause you to be you.

My world view's kinda different, from above, behind two mules, givin' me a chance to look at life traffic lights and stop signs, limits on my speed and such. Ploddin' along on my ol' wagon don't lead me to worry much.

That don't mean there's no excitement and it's peaceful ever day, like maybe when a wheel comes off or the mules want things

their way,
But that's not quite my meanin'
when I mention points of view-
I'm talkin' 'bout how we look at life and see things, me and you.

I see life goin' slower, more a mule's walk than a rush.

I love to smell the greasewood,
hear the country's evenin' hush.

I watch the mule deer nibblin' on the ocatillo stalks.

I can join in with coyotes when they gather for their talks.

No car phone, fax or pager interrupts my amblin' pace, and the only rats are pack rats, and they ain't inclined to race.

Horizons are my boundaries, sun or moon and stars my ceil.

I can follow trails or gullies, set out any way I feel.

This don't mean there ain't no aim or that I've got no job to do, I just ain't hard-pressed to scuttle, scurry, get all frantic, stew,

'cause the boys all know I'll be there with their beddin', beans, and bread

by the time they've done their gatherin' and a' countin' ever head.

My greatest cares are firewood, wind gusts, thunderstorms and such-

But I handle 'em as best I can, so I don't worry much.

If things go wrong on Tuesday, well, I'll probably fume and cuss, but tomorrow may be better, so it ain't much use to fuss.

'Stead I climb up on my wagon seat, look out past rears and ears
And celebrate my doin' what I want to with a cheer.

That sets the hands to wonderin' if I'm plumb loco or what?

But I tell 'em, "Boys, the point of view that you and me has got is different from most folks, they live in mass congestion.

We don't make much, but it's easier on conscience and digestion.
So let's celebrate perspective-
How mine's different from yours.

I'm glad there's lots of points of view to help us all endure the slings and arrows life can always find to toss our way as we all seek out our chosen paths. I'll wrap it up this way:

You can have your Beemer, Benz, Suburban, train, plane, subway, too.

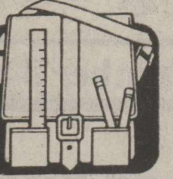
As for me, I'll keep my wagon, mules, and different point of view!

Maybe when things get settled down, I'll tell you more about my New York experience, but for now, it's a relief to be back where I belong, doin' the things I was truly meant to do. Y'all keep on cookin', and enjoy where you are and what you've chose to do.

School Supply List for 1991-92

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

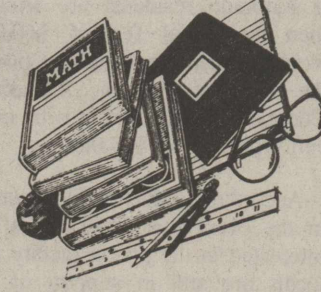
- 1 Large Box Kleenex (200 count)
- 1 Heavy Plastic Box for Supplies
- 1 Box Jumbo Crayon (8 count ONLY)
- 1 Bottle Prang roll on green glue
- 2 4 oz. Bottle Elmer's Glue (Black Label ONLY)
- 1 Folder with Pockets
- 1 Paint Shirt (old large shirt)
- 2 Assorted Construction Paper 9x12
- 1 Husky Pencil
- 1 Tablet Nifty 112 #532051
- 1 Non Pointed Scissors (Fiscar)
- 1 Box of Crayola Makers



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

KINDERGARTEN

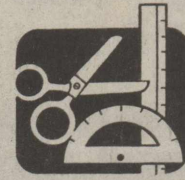
- 1 Index Card Box 3x5
- 1 Pkg. 3x5 Index Cards (100 Ct.)
- 1 Bottle Prang roll on green glue
- 1 Bottle Elmer's School Glue
- 1 16 Ct. box Crayons (Crayola Brand ONLY)
- 4 #2 Small lead pencils
- 1 Eraser
- 1 Pair Blunt End Scissors (Fiscar Children's Scissors)
- 1 Large Box Kleenex
- 1 Spiral notebook (3-5 subject)
- 1 Large pkg. construction paper
- 2 Folders (pocket folders ONLY)
- 1 Plastic Supply Box
- 1 Towel ONLY (for nap)
- 1 Backpack
- 1 Pkg. Brown Paper Sacks (lunch size)
- 1 Large old T-Shirt MOM or DAD size
- 1 Watercolors (Paints)



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

FIRST GRADE

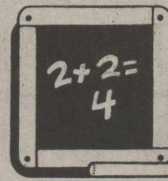
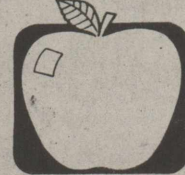
- 1 Scissors Sharp pointed (metal)
- 1 Large Elmer's Glue (Black Label)
- 2 Boxes Kleenex (200 count)
- 6 #2 Pencils
- 1 Folder with Pockets
- 1 Pkg. 9x12 Assorted Construction Paper
- 1 12 inch ruler
- 1 Box for Supplies
- 1 Watercolor Set (Crayola Brand or Prang)
- 1 Box Crayons (16 Count Crayola Brand)
- 2 Composition Book MEAD (40 sheets) 2&3
- 4 Nifty 112 tablets/writing
- 1 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

- 1 Sharp Pointed Scissors
- 1 Rulers (Centimeters & Inches)
- 2 #2 Pencils
- 1 Watercolors set
- 1 Elmer's Glue (Black Label)
- 1 Box of Kleenex (200 count)
- 1 Box of Crayons (16 or 24)
- 1 Box for Supplies
- 2 Folders with pockets (no brads)
- 1 Pkg. 9x12 assorted construction paper
- 3 Nifty Second Grade tablet #2179
- 2 Meads tablets #05179 Composition Book 2&3



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

Community Calendar

July

Friday-26th: Mary Angela Sedeno & Sonora's Best (talent show winners) at the CWDT. Show at 7:00. Sutton County Steakhouse will be catering a meal for those who wish to eat at 6:30.

Saturday-27th: Alvin Davis, Bob Bellard, & Fiddlegrass with Washtub Jerry at CWDT. Show at 7:00. Sutton County Steakhouse will be catering a meal for those who wish to eat at 6:30.

Tuesday-30th: Sutton County EMS to offer CPR course.

August

Friday-2nd: Don Jones & Olin Murrell at the CWDT. Show at 7:00. Sutton County Steakhouse will be catering a meal for those who wish to eat at 6:30.

Saturday-3rd: Bea Locklin & Tim Henderson at the CWDT. Show at 7:00. Sutton County Steakhouse will be catering a meal for those who wish to eat at 6:30.

Friday-9th: Chet Halley & Julie Carpenter at CWDT. Show at 7:00. Sutton County Steakhouse will be catering a meal for those who wish to eat at 6:30.

Saturday-10th: Clay Lindley, Dennis Gains, Biscuits O'Bryan & Jim Fish at the CWDT. Show at 7:00. Sutton County Steakhouse will be catering a meal for those who wish to eat at 6:30.

Monday-19th: Western Heritage Week begins.

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

Thursday-22nd: Sutton County Days festivities begin.

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Jim Wilson, of Ozona, and his band entertained the crowd at the CWDT last Saturday.

Postal Service to open entrance examination July 29 - August 2

The United States Postal Service will accept applications from all persons interested in participating in an entrance examination to establish a hiring register for future appointments to CLERK AND CITY CARRIER positions at the following Post Offices: Big Lake, Bronte, Ozona, Robert Lee, San Angelo, Sonora, Sterling City, Eldorado and Mertzon. Starting salary is \$11.16 per hour. An announcement listing full details is posted in the lobby of each of the above Post Offices. Applications will be available

Monday, July 29, 1991 through Friday, August 2, 1991 during regular business hours.

Applicants may apply only one time, at only one of the Post Offices listed, as this is an area hiring register.

In order to be considered "Qualified", applicants will be required to pass a written examination designed to test aptitude for learning and performing the duties of these positions. This examination will be given on a date to be announced to all who apply during the above period.



Ray Fitzgerald and his daughter Neva captured the audiences attention with cowboy poetry Saturday night at the CWDT.

Scouts inducted into Order of the Arrow

Troop 19 departed from Sonora Friday afternoon for an overnight camp out on the Allen Ranch near Eldorado. While there they played the game "Capture the Flag".

The next morning they headed for the river in Junction for a day of canoeing. Eight scouts and five adults braved the rapids and traveled about 8 miles down river. There were a few problems as 4 canoes capsized. Though there were no injuries, the losses included one shirt and some pride. The Scouts

returned to Sonora Saturday evening.

In other news, 3 members of Troop 19 were inducted to the Order of the Arrow at Camp Sol Mayer. Curt Dempsey, Casey Fitzgerald, and Jon Jon Zook were all initiated during the 3 day ordeal. Each of these scouts are now members of the Wahinkto Lodge of the OA which is currently celebrating it's 50th year while the OA is now celebrating it's 75th year in Scouting.

School Board accepts resignation from Drama teacher

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 1991 in the Board Room of the Administration Building at 807 South Concho.

The meeting was called to order by President Patton who welcomed the visitors to the meeting and the invocation was given by Superintendent Russell.

Chief Appraiser Rex Ann Friess reported that because her office was closing out the year's business, there was no official tax collection report at this time. However, she stated that tax collections, at the end of June, were progressing at a satisfactory rate.

Superintendent Charles Russell reviewed Senate Bill 351. He said that he had attended several workshops pertaining to the recently formed County Education Districts and that there was still a great deal of confusion surrounding both SB351 and its implications.

He stated that summer maintenance was proceeding smoothly and commended Director of Maintenance Smith Neal for the excellent job he was doing in supervising summer repairs.

The Superintendent reported that 35 teachers had attended the June 24-28 workshop and that all of them had satisfied the state's requirement for 20 hours of inservice per year.

Mr. Russell informed the Board that the Sonora Stock Pens were available for the Vo-Ag Program to lease at \$150 per month. The Board gave the Superintendent verbal approval to proceed with a lease agreement and to have the formal agreement available for action at the August meeting.

Janet Patton, Junior High Principal, was welcomed to the meeting. She requested permission from the Board to move the sixth grade back to the main junior high building. She stated that, among other things, such a move would allow for departmentalization of teachers, better administrator visibility, and better communication with teachers and students. Mrs. Patton also commented that there was plenty of space in the main building to house all three grades. After some discussion, the Board voted

unanimously to move the sixth grade from the old Vocational Building into the main junior high building. Motion was made by Jesse Bustamante and seconded by Gary Hardgrave.

The Superintendent stated that bills for the month were higher because payment had been made for several budgeted items such as the school car, computer equipment, and a copy machine. Also, the quarterly payment to the Tax Appraisal Office had been paid. Current bills in the amount of \$227,698.83 were unanimously authorized for payment after a motion from Gary Hardgrave and a second by Gloria Lopez.

The Superintendent gave a detailed report over school finance. He reviewed projected revenues for 1991-92, although he stated that such revenues are subject to change since the legislature is in session at this time. He used a ten cent tax increase on projected revenues to arrive at the estimate of what funds were needed for 1991-92 and commented that the amount was close to the same amount as was spent in 1990-91.

A lengthy question and answer session followed, with oil company representatives, board members, and the Superintendent discussing all the ramifications of Senate bill 351 as it applies to funding.

Following the discussion, President Patton thanked the oil company representatives for their interest in the system and, on behalf of the Board, he expressed his appreciation to the Superintendent for his well prepared presentation.

The Superintendent reported that projected increases in health insurance will rise from \$103.04 to \$128.06 per month for employee coverage (what the district pays) and from \$153.70 to \$193.59 for

dependent coverage (what the employee pays to cover his/her dependents). He stated that, even though the rates were a sharp increase, the user experience for the district makes many companies reluctant to bid for the SISD policy. The Superintendent told the

Board that he would have more information at the August meeting and that no decision would have to be made until September.

Recent state legislation requires that teachers be given 1 day of leave per semester for personal business.

The Superintendent stated that the SISD already allows teachers 2 days of discretionary leave per year and that it was his opinion that the resulting 4 days personal leave per year would result in teachers missing too many days from their classes. It was the Superintendent's recommendation that the district do away with the local discretionary days and that the state required personal leave days be substituted. The Board directed the Superintendent to have a formal proposal ready for the August meeting.

President Patton reported that the Region XV Vocational Coop that the Board had voted to join at the June meeting had not been organized due to lack of interest from other small schools. Jim Garrett made a motion, seconded by Jesse Bustamante, to rescind the action at the June meeting to join the Region XV Vocational Coop. The motion carried unanimously.

The Superintendent informed the Board that Eldorado, Ozona, Junction, and Sonora Superintendents were in agreement to form a consortium to administer vocational funds and that Sonora would serve as the fiscal agent for the group. The Board unanimously voted in favor of this consortium with Sonora as the fiscal agent. Motion was made by Gloria Lopez and seconded by Gary Hardgrave.

The Board unanimously voted to give district librarian Warren Kirkpatrick the authority to award bids for library books purchased by the SISD. Motion was made by Gary Hardgrave and seconded by Jesse Bustamante.

A motion was made by Gary Hardgrave, seconded by Gloria Lopez, to award bids for copy machine paper to Flatt Stationers and for toner and developer to Mastertec. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Cynthia Keel as Absentee Clerk for the special election which is to be held August 10, 1991. Motion was made by Jesse Bustamante and seconded by Gary Hardgrave.

The Superintendent informed the Board that attorney David Wallace was in the process of drawing up a joint election agreement between Sutton County and the Sonora ISD so that both entities could share election workers and expenses for the August 10 special election. The Board voted unanimously to approve the agreement after a motion from Gloria Lopez and a second by Michael Smith.

Gary Hardgrave made a motion, seconded by Jim Garrett, to approve the Order of Election for August 10, 1991. The motion carried unanimously.

Resignations from Mary Lynn Gosney and Terry Marrs were unanimously accepted after a motion from Gary Hardgrave and a second by Gloria Lopez.

The Board expressed an interest in the search for both a kindergarten teacher and a theater arts teacher. The Superintendent informed the Board that applications were being taken for both positions and that he would keep them informed.

Once again, Mr. Patton expressed the appreciation of the Board to the Superintendent for staying abreast of all the changes and requirements in state funding.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. after a motion from Gary Hardgrave and a second from Gloria Lopez.

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New Directions program for abusers sponsored by the Family Shelter

The ICD Family Shelter is sponsoring a counseling resource group entitled, "NEW DIRECTIONS", for men who abuse both physically and emotionally in relationships. The pilot project was awarded \$7,000 through a Venture grant funded by the United Way of Tom Green County. Valerie Tillery, program director of the Family Shelter, will administer the program and co-counselors will include Gene Elliott and Debbie Hargrove.

There are approximately 19 other shelters in Texas that offer a treatment program for abusers. This group will be an integral part of providing assistance to the community and helping to break the cycle of violence in the dysfunctional family or in dysfunctional relationships.

NEW DIRECTIONS will focus on men in the relationship, married or unmarried, who desire to continue the relationship and find alternatives to their behavior through group support, through self referral into the program. The program also accepts those who are ordered by the court to attend or is a condition set forth by the probation system.

The group will be facilitated by a male-female, co-counseling team, offering therapy, education and awareness to the clients. A few of the topics include skills in anger management, stress, communication, recognition of warning signs that precede loss of control, understanding long-term effects on children, and skills in family commitment. Each session will meet for 1 1/2 to 2 hours each. There are 8 sessions in a program and participants may repeat the program.

Referral into the program may be made on a voluntary basis, or through health care professionals, private therapists, church pastors, employers, the probation

department, the court system, law enforcement agencies and other social service providers. This service is offered to men in Tom Green County and the thirteen surrounding counties in the Concho Valley.

Potential group attendees will be provided an initial intake and pre-counseling session at no charge for client eligibility into the program. Clients are asked for a \$20 counseling fee per each session, a donation benefitting the Family Shelter or fees based on ability to pay. Participants may repeat the program at no charge upon completion of the first program.

Other services for NEW DIRECTIONS include the crisis hotline for abusers (655-5774 or 1-800-749-8631), progress reports for referring agencies, and counseling for women and children on a non-resident basis. An addition to the NEW DIRECTIONS program is the sponsoring of a group-couple counseling program offered quarterly. These sessions will focus on "family preservation" and be formatted on the basis of marriage counseling techniques and communication skills for the dysfunctional family.

"With 1,950 reports of domestic disturbance in San Angelo in 1990, there is a strong need for this type of program," according to Valerie Tillery. This, of course, does not take into account the emotional abuse going on that results in the break down of marriages or close relationships. The Family Shelter has provided service to 246 clients during the first six months of this year, a 24% increase from this time last year. NEW DIRECTIONS will hopefully be a resource and service for the entire community.

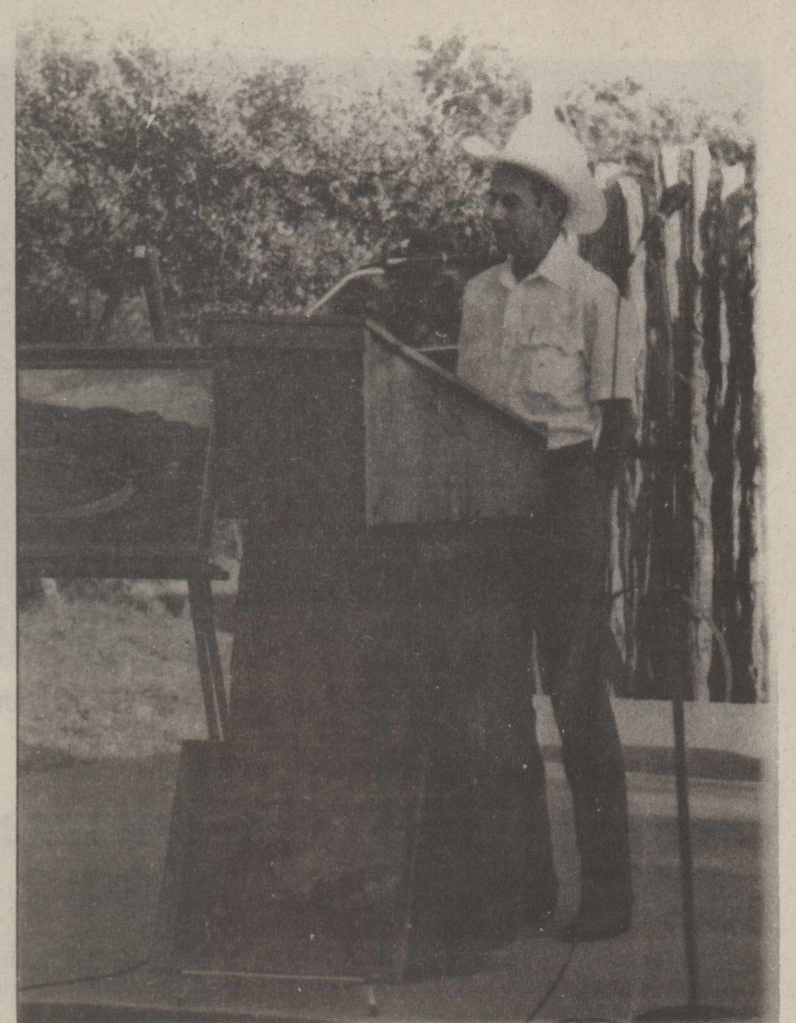
For more information about the NEW DIRECTIONS program or referral procedure, contact Valerie Tillery, program director, at 655-5774.



Ed & Vi Carpenter of Weaverville, California were presented with the "Glad you're Here Bag Friday evening at the CWDT.



Jimmy Cahill presented the story of mohair during Friday nights CWDT.



B.F. Witt told the story of "A Guy Called Jimmy", Friday evening at the CWDT.



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If you know of an upcoming newsworthy event, please call 387-5719 or bring it by The Sonora Observer at 114 W. Concho. Information can also be mailed to Box 247, Sonora

Fund started for local couple

A fund has been established at the First National Bank for Rick and Jo-Ann Palmer. The Palmer's are in need of money to purchase a wheelchair lift.

Recently Rick suffered injuries to his back which required surgery and left him with nerve damage. Due to a previous accident, Jo-Ann is unable to be on her feet for long periods of time and must use a wheelchair. Now Rick is no longer able to lift her wheelchair into their pickup.

Due to Rick's injuries, he must travel to San Antonio for medical treatment. After Jo-Ann drives this distance she is unable to walk and is in need of her wheelchair but is unable to lift it in or out of their vehicle.

If you would be interested in donating to help the Palmer's contact JoAnn Jones at First National Bank.

Crocheter's Guild forming in Sonora

Anyone interested in forming a Crocheter's Guild needs to call Ginny Brisbin at 387-2309. This guild will be an affiliate to the Texas Knitters and Crocheter's Guild in Austin.

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Landmark Inn hosts Blacksmith Demo

CASTROVILLE—Professional and amateur blacksmiths will demonstrate what may be considered a dying art during a meeting of the Texas Artist Blacksmith Association August 10 at Landmark Inn State Historical Park.

The group, a chapter of Blacksmith Artists of North America, meets quarterly in different areas of the state. Members include full-time professionals and hobbyists. The blacksmiths meet to share information and learn techniques.

A demonstration will begin at 10:00 a.m. A competition will include making a rope holder. The

rope holders will be donated to Landmark Inn SHP after the competition for future use, said Park Superintendent Leah Huth.

Landmark Inn SHP is an old stagecoach inn, built in 1849, she said. It has eight guest rooms, each with antiques, and all decorated for the 1930's and 1940's including no television, telephone or air conditioning.

The park is in downtown Castroville (Medina County), south of Highway 90 and west of the Medina River. Entrance to the park is free. For reservations at the inn or for more information contact the park at (512)538-2133.



Bill Smallwood and family put on a great show for Friday's CWDT.

"Teen Blitz" back to school blitz sponsored by Teen Education Network (T-E-N)

The Tom Green Unit of Teen Education Network (T-E-N) is sponsoring a "Back to School Blitz" for interested teens, ages 13-19. It will be a cooperative effort by 14 non-profit organizations. The "Back to School Blitz's" goal will be to provide a safe, fun-filled, educational week of activities to the teens in the Concho Valley Area and at the same time give them knowledge to draw on when making life altering decisions.

Scheduled Alcohol/Drug free events have been planned at no charge to interested teens.

TEEN CONFERENCE on Saturday, August 17th, at ASU Houston Harte Ballroom from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The conference will feature teens education other teens. The TEEN conference will include education on topics to include: How to Talk to Parents; Legal Issues; Date Rape; Teens and Aids; Teenage Pregnancy; Domestic Violence; First Aid; Alcohol & Drug Abuse; and many other topics.

Lunch will be included and prize drawings awarded. All conference attendees will be able to register for a school car donated by Jim Bass Ford. Each participant will be given a button to wear so that they may attend the other activities being sponsored during the week.

VOLLEYBALL GAME on Sunday, August 18th, at YMCA from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

SKATE NIGHT on Monday, August 19th, at Eight Wheels from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MOVIE MORNING on Tuesday, August 20th, at the Cinemore at 9:00 a.m.

GOLF DAY on Wednesday, August 21st, at College Hills Golf from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

CELEBRITY SOFTBALL GAME on Thursday, August 22nd at the YMCA field at 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The game is sponsored by KIXY-FM and YMCA

SCAVENGER HUNT on Friday, August 23rd at 8:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at Sunset Mall's Desert Storm Room. There will be a

drama presented by the SAAF Teen Board at 8:30 and the Scavenger Hunt is sponsored by Sunset Mall.

KARATE TOURNAMENT on Saturday, August 24th at 10:00 a.m. at the Southside recreation at 10:00 a.m. The event is being sponsored by American Red Cross.

DANCE AT THE RIVERSTAGE on Saturday, August 24th from 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight. The theme for this years dance is "Jamaica Jam" and all attendees have the opportunity to dress up. The event is sponsored by T-E-N and River Crest Hospital. The drawing for the school car will be awarded at the dance. Provided for the dance includes entertainment, prizes, food and beverage, and security.

Participating organizations, including the American Red Cross,

Assault Victim Services, Boys & Girls Club of San Angelo, The Family Shelter, First Call for Help, March of Dimes, Planned Parenthood, San Angelo AIDS Foundation, San Angelo Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Texas Agricultural Ext. Service (4-H), YMCA, Suicide Crisis prevention, Texas Department of Human Services, and District Juvenile Probation.

Other teen representatives are needed to help decorate, clean-up, make conference packages and other duties.

For additional information, contact Teri Ellwanger, San Angelo Aids Foundation at 949-9404, Beth Hendricks, Planned Parenthood at 944-1909 or Valerie Tillery, Family Shelter at 655-5774.

Attention SHS Band Students!

Please post this schedule at your home so you can plan for the summer band rehearsals. Summer band rehearsals start August 5th in the SHS Band Hall. The calendar below gives the exact schedule for the month of August.

Freshman will meet two times a day during the first week of rehearsals. During this time freshman will learn marching fundamentals. Please check the calendar below for the exact time of these important rehearsals.

There will be an hour section rehearsal one time each week during August. Once band meets we will decide the exact day and time.

School horns may be checked out August 2nd and 5th between 9:00 and 3:00. Please check out your school horns at this time (this saves rehearsal time).

If you intend to participate in the SHS Band you need to arrange your schedule around the August band calendar. If there is a question about the August rehearsal schedule call John Canfield, S.H.S. Band Director, at 387-5645 (home) or 387-6533 (school).

AUGUST

MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
5 FRESHMAN 8:30-10:30 AM	6 FRESHMAN 8:30-10:30 AM	7 NO FRESHMAN	8 FRESHMAN 8:30-10:30 AM	9 NO FRESHMAN
FULL BAND 7:00-9:00 PM	FULL BAND 7:00-9:00 PM	FULL BAND 8:30-10:30 AM	FULL BAND 7:00-9:00 PM	FULL BAND 8:30-10:30 AM
12 FULL BAND 7:15-9:15 PM	13 FULL BAND 7:15-9:15 PM	14 FULL BAND 8:30-10:30 AM	15 FULL BAND 7:15-9:15 PM	16 FULL BAND 8:30-10:30 AM
19 FULL BAND 7:15-9:15 PM	20 FULL BAND 7:15-9:15 PM	21 FULL BAND 8:30-10:30 AM	22 FULL BAND 7:15-9:15 PM	23 NO REHEARSAL SCHOOL STARTS 8/26/91

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Church School-9:45 am
U.Y.F. Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Choir Practice-Wed. 7:30
Communion first Sunday of each month
Lewis Allen, pastor

New Life Assembly of God
306 N. 4th Street
Sun. Worship 10:30 am
Sun. evening worship 6:00 pm
Weds. Study 7:00 pm
Daniel Timmerman, pastor

St. John's Episcopal Church
404 NE Poplar
Holy Eucharist-Wed. 7:15 p.m.
U.Y.F. Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Morning Prayer M-F 6:30 a.m.
Sunday School -9:45 am
The Rev. Monte Jones, Rector

First Baptist Church
Sunday School-9:45 am
Morning Worship-11:00 am
Church Training 6:00 pm
Evening Worship -7:00 pm
Wednesday Service -7:00 pm
Rev. Jim Stephen

New Hope Baptist Mission
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Sun. morning bible Study-10 am
Sun. morning Worship-11 am
Sun. evening Worship-7 pm
Weds. Childrens Bible Study-7 pm
Dana Floyd, pastor

Sonora Tabernacle
United Pentecostal
Sunday School, etc.-10:00 am
Prayer Meeting-6:30 pm
Evening Worship-7:00 pm
Prayer Meeting-6:00 pm
Wednesday Service-7:00 pm
Rev. Kenneth Doyle, Pastor

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English Meeting
Public Talk-10 am Sun.
Watchtower Study-11:55 Sunday
Theocratic School-7:30 pm Wed.
Service Meeting-8:15 Wednesday
Bible Study-7:30 Monday
Spanish Meeting
Public Talk-1:00 Sunday
Watchtower Study-1:55 Sunday
Theocratic Ministry-7:30 pm Tues.
Service Meeting-8:15 Tues.
Bible Study 7:30 Thurs.

First United Methodist Church
Sunday School-9:45 am
Worship-10:55 am
KHOS 92.1 FM-11:00 am
U.Y.F. Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
R.Clay Hall, pastor

Church of Christ
Bible School-10 am
Worship-11 am
Sunday Night-6:30 pm
Wednesday Night-7:00 pm
Don Jones, pastor

Hope Lutheran Church
Sunday School-10:00 am
Worship Service-11:00 am
Thursday:
Adult Bible Class-8:00 pm
Charles Huffman, Pastor

St. Ann's Catholic Church
Saturday night Mass 7 pm English
Sunday Mass
8 am Spanish
11 am English
Holy Day Mass 7 pm
Rev. William DuBoisson

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Sunday School-9:45 am
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Training Union-5:00 pm
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Wednesday Service 7:00 pm
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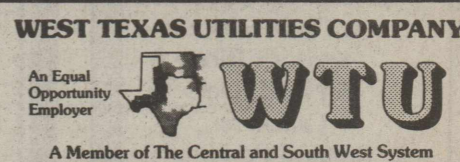
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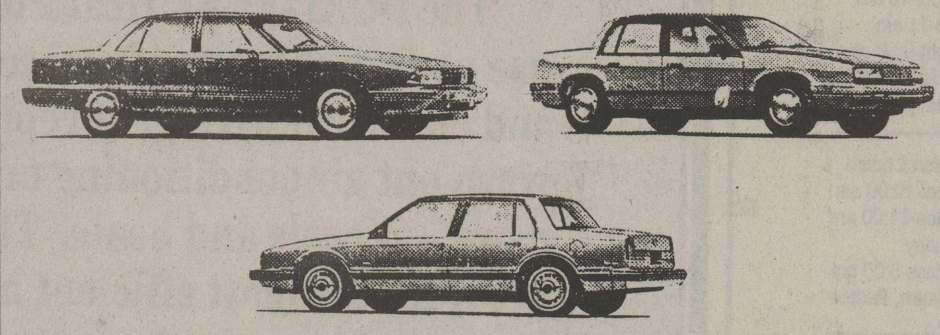
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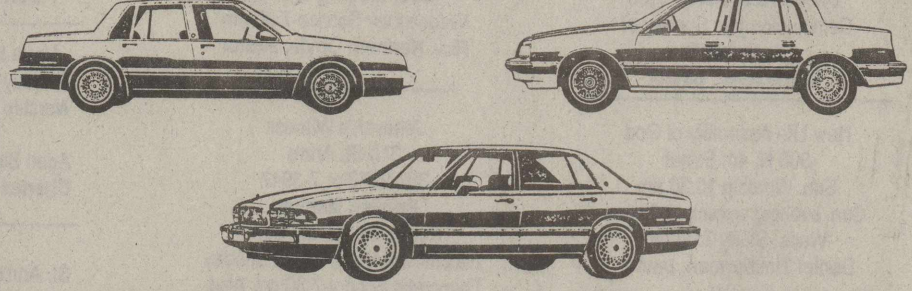
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