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## Municipal judge could be cut to part time if city council approves proposed budget

Several items were discussed during a regular meeting of the City Council, Tuesday, August 20.

City Manager Pete Gildon brought attention to damage that occurred at the airport during a recent storm. A door on a hanger had been damaged and Gildon said the repairs would probably be around \$2000.

On behalf of Nancy Brockman, who was instrumental in the local recycling effort, Councilwoman Margaret Cascadden inquired as to how the city has taken advantage of the recycling bins that are available. Gildon explained that the bins are emptied weekly and they are always full.

A lengthy discussion then took place about the accessibility of the downtown area to the handicapped. At this time it is virtually impossible for someone in a wheelchair to get to the buildings downtown with the buildings so high above street level. Mr. Gildon suggested that ramps could be placed at the corner by City Hall and one at the corner of Concho and Oaks, by State Farm Insurance Company. A ramp by the City Hall would eliminate a few of the parking spots, however, ample parking would still be available. Councilman Lemuel Lopez stated that it might be more feasible to place the ramp at the other end of the block by the old Sears building since there is not as steep a grade.

In other business, the council will ask for bids on health insurance in order to be sure that the current policy is competitive. Currently the city's insurance is with Blue Cross.

The Council agreed to hold a town meeting September 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium to discuss the proposed State Prison Facility.

Representatives of Team Management Services will be invited to attend in order to answer any questions the public may have. The council also agreed to send out surveys in the utility bills in an attempt to allow everyone a chance to voice their opinion or concerns about the possibility of a state prison.

The final discussion of the meeting concerned a possible increase in taxes. The tax rate

would be readjusted by .0071 to meet the proposed budget for next year. For property valued at \$30,000 it would raise the taxes by about \$2. Overall it would amount to about \$3 or \$4 thousand a year.

Councilman James Trainer stated that there must be somewhere that the excess could be eliminated. "Now I know where that money is. We are paying a full time judges salary for a half time, or some percentage less than full time," said Trainer.

Councilwoman Butch Campbell then noted that in a previous meeting, a mistake was noted where an amount of \$2,500 was written as \$25,000. The council then choose to leave the error alone due to the possibility of a future need of \$15,000 in case the city chooses to apply for the state prison facility. "We could cut the \$3 or \$4 thousand off of that and not hurt anybody or touch anything and be done with that," said Campbell. She also went on to say that this change is taking place late in the planning stages of the budget and feels that it should possibly wait until next year.

Mr. Gildon stated that he didn't need a vote and that he would change the appropriation in the budget and the council would have to approve it at the final budget hearing.



Wall's Well is now open to the public during daytime hours.

## Tax cap increase to be topic of town meeting for hospital district

Absentee voting has already begun in the hospital district election to raise the tax cap. The cap is currently at 10¢ per hundred dollars of appraised property valuation and the hospital district is asking for the cap to be raised to 20¢ per hundred.

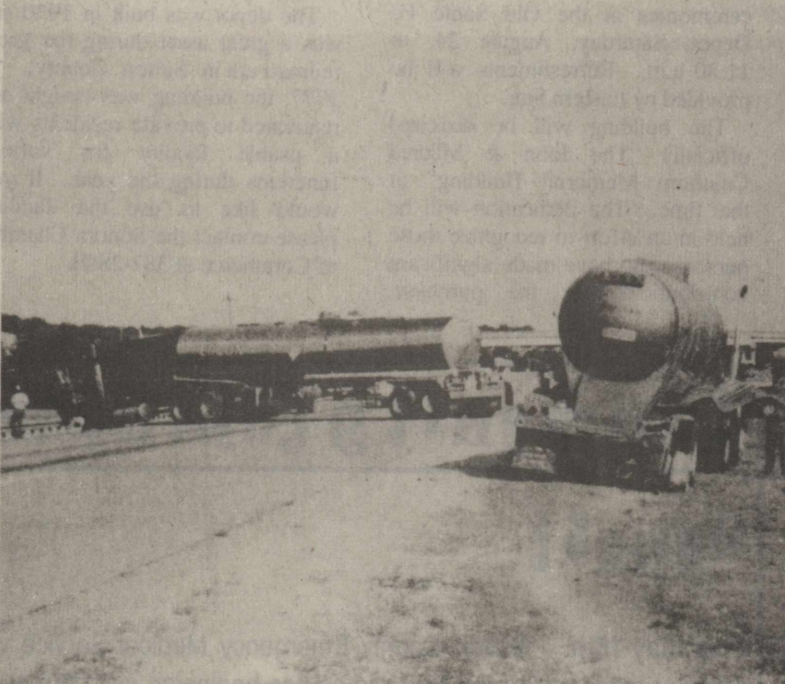
Taxes would not have to be increased to this level, this only allows the hospital district the opportunity to raise taxes in future years if the funds are needed to maintain the hospital. At this time a 3¢ increase in taxes is needed to cover operating costs for the hospital in the coming year. Projected income for next year is \$828,309 and total projected operating expenses will be \$1,248,121. The tax revenue will

be \$470,528, interest income of \$15,099, with a total of \$485,627. This would leave a deficit of \$121,518.

With the 3¢/\$100 tax increase, the hospital would come out in the black with \$19,641.

The most important thing to remember at this time is that, without the 3¢/\$100 tax increase, the hospital will not be able to maintain services throughout the coming year.

There will be a town meeting Tuesday, August 27, at the Intermediate School Auditorium. This will give the public a chance to voice their concerns and have questions answered before the election. The election will be held Tuesday, September 3.



Traffic was blocked on I-10 Monday after these two tanker trucks collided.

## Tanker-trucks collide on I-10

The drivers of two tanker trucks walked away without injuries Monday morning following an accident that blocked eastbound traffic on I-10.

Robert Shane Hearn, 22, of Sonora was entering westbound traffic on I-10 when the driver of a tanker truck, Myron Denton, 28, of Sulphur, La., struck the truck Hearn was driving in the rear. In the impact, Denton's left front tire was cut, causing him to lose control. Denton then went off the right side of the road, causing damage to the entire right side of the truck driven by Hearn.

The truck driven by Denton continued on, crossing the entire westbound lane and coming to rest blocking both eastbound lanes.

Extreme speed by Denton is attributed to the cause of the accident.

## Wall's Well now open for public viewing

A new historical landmark is now open to the public for viewing and sight seeing. The place known as Wall's Well is about 5 miles out I-10 West on the DeBerry ranch. After turning right at the Meridian Oil Field office sign, follow the road about 3 miles to the entrance. The road is marked by a cedar fence leading to the parking area.

The discovery of this well was probably one of the main reasons that Sonora was ever settled. It is the only surface water between Ft. Lancaster and Ft. McKavitt. Sam Merck was scouting for Ft. Clark and following the tracks of some Indians when the trail stopped.

After he circled around for about a mile, he picked up the trail again. However, he felt the Indians were attempting to hide something. He then circled back and could see a huge Oak Tree on the horizon. It was then that he noticed plants native only to a water source and discovered the well. The original opening was only about 3' in diameter and covered by brush to keep the white man out.

Later, two men, Ed Wall and Tom Birtrong, rediscovered the well and started a ranch. Birtrong sold his portion to Wall for a horse and a rifle, with the understanding that he could use the well if his water supply ended.

Birtrong then moved north and drilled another well on what is now the Bill Tittle Ranch, according to John Eaton, and is believed to still be in use.

In 1939, Dr. E.M. DeBerry purchased the land and it has been in their family since that time.

The big Oak Tree died in 1955 during the drought and someone cut it down. However, just a few yards away are some pretty significant Oak Trees.

In 1980, Anne DeBerry moved

back to the ranch. She had a dream of cleaning up around the well and opening it for "people" to come see. After about 3 weeks of work by Jimmy Cahill and crews, her dream has become a reality.

They restacked the rock walls around the pond and set up a pathway from the windmill to the pond. The crews also cleaned up two areas around the well. One is covered by small trees and is a real nice picnic spot and the other area is marked by two huge oak trees and a large rock with some older carved writing in it.

The crews then began work on the well. They widened the hole a bit and began to clean out the bottom. As they dug out the bottom they found old bones of goats that had fallen in the well. The crews kept the hole pumped out as well as they could but it kept filling up quickly.

"There are 5 or 6 main water streams into the well with the largest being about 4" in diameter," said Jimmy Cahill. "It's truly an important part of the history and settling of Sutton County. The water table is usually anywhere from 180' to 200', however, this wells source only lies 6' below the surface, which is remarkable."

Ms. DeBerry explained that back when the water well was drilled on the courthouse lawn, people used that water for their animals, but they would travel the 4 miles across the hills to get the fresh Artesian well water. The hole has quite a few frogs and she said, "I can remember people catching blind fish out of there."

Ms. DeBerry asks that anyone who is interested in seeing the well come out only during the daylight hours. The invitation is there and you shouldn't miss this natural phenomenon.



Kerry Jones was welcomed back with a ribbon cutting ceremony, Monday at the courthouse. Pictured with Kerry is his wife, Lane, daughter Kaylee, and his parents Don & Claudine Jones.



Rene Porras was welcomed back Saturday in a ceremony at the Courthouse lawn. Pictured with him is Cindy Jones. Cindy and Rene have been pen pals while Rene was in Saudi Arabia.

## Spotlight on Sutton County EMS

### Leslie Thorp

Leslie Thorp, EMT, joined the Sutton County EMS in March, 1984. She is married and has two children, T. J. and Joni, and has lived in Sonora all her life. Leslie helps on their ranch and helps operate Thorp's Laundry. She is an EMS examiner for the Texas Department of Health and a CPR

instructor for the American Heart Association. Leslie was elected EMT of the Year for the year 1989.



# Obituaries

## Lea P. Allison

Lea P. Allison, 79, of San Angelo, died Wednesday, August 14, 1991, at his residence.

Services were held Thursday, August 15, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Lewis Allen, pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Sonora, officiating. Graveside service were held in the Sonora Cemetery under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

He was born August 10, 1912, in Sonora to H.P. (Buster) and Lillian M. Allison. He was a lifelong rancher in Sutton County. He was one of the founders of the Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Sonora, and served on the school board for 13 years. He was a member of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, the Sonora Lions Club, and an honorary lifetime director of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association. He was active in numerous civic affairs.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Claire, in July 1972.

Survivors include a son, H. Pascal Allison of Sonora; two daughters, Sarah Post of San Angelo and Susan Bloodworth of Sonora; and aunt, Dolly Allison of Kerrville; a sister-in-law, Margaret Allison; five grandchildren, Scott and Sabrina Allison, Allison and Ashley Post, and Rachel Merck; and three great-grandchildren.

He will be missed by his many friends and loved ones throughout West Texas, including his dear friends, including his dear friends, Katherine Davis and Nancy Allison.

Pallbearers were Robert Allison, Donald Allison, Jimmy Condra, Raymond Draper, Bill Collins and Milton Cavaness.

Honorary pallbearers were Bill Hudson, George Allison, Bubba Gayle, Bull Crawford, Boz Hartgrave, Ellis Porter, Stanley Frank, Paul Campbell, Stanley Mayfield and Bruce Munroe.

The family requests memorials be sent to Hospice or Women's Children's Halfway House.

## Valerie McPherson

Valerie McPherson, 33, died Monday, August 5, due to loss of blood following an attack by an unknown assailant while jogging less than one mile from her home Olmos, a suburb of San Antonio.

Before Valerie died, she was able to tell officials that she had been stabbed by a black male, who came out of a wooded area near where she was jogging. She had her 19 month old daughter with her and managed to protect her from harm.

Valerie was attempting to leave the area where she was attacked when a friend of hers saw her and took the baby to his home where he left the child and told his wife to call the ambulance. He then went back to stay with Valerie until the ambulance came.

The attacker had been seen walking around the Olmos Park area, however, no one thought his presence was unusual. A composite sketch of the man had been released, and friends of Valerie's have offered

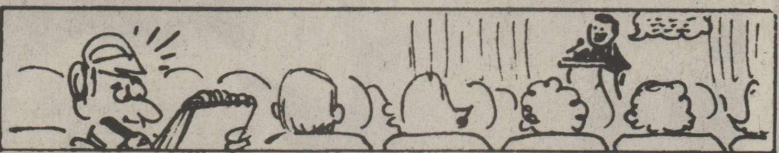


a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the assailant.

Valerie was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church; a member of the Junior League; a board member and secretary of the Miss Fiesta Commission; and a member of the San Antonio Ski Club. Most of all, her baby was her first love.



This accident near Ft. McKavett left several injured Tuesday morning.



According to one study, a mere nine words: **and, be, have, it, of, the, to, will and you;** account for a quarter of those used daily by most English-speakers.

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Marriage resembles a pair of shears, so joined that they cannot be separated, often moving in opposite directions, yet always punishing anyone who comes between them.

SYDNEY SMITH

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# Letter to the Editor

Dear Taxpayer,

In response to the "Letter to the Editor" by Doris Chadwick, I would like to offer the following information:

I hope that disinformation and incorrect information will not persuade you or other taxpayers to vote against the hospital referendum.

1) No person, whether Board Member, Staff Member, or community member has suggested a 10% pay raise. I think it is ludicrous that budgetary "problems" have historically been balanced on the back of the employees of the Hospital and Nursing Home. If there is not enough money, the employees get no raises. There are no plans for such a raise. I believe that it is ludicrous that we should end up giving raises to people (who care for other people) when there is an increase in the minimum wage.

2) I do not set policy for the Board of Directors regarding publication of a financial statement. It might be appropriate to come to the Director's Meeting in order to gather information about financial performance. I would be glad to meet with you in order to explain our financial position.

3) I wish we would have had the opportunity to meet and discuss your concerns. I have been here three months and have not met everyone. I apologize for not having personally met all concerned citizens. People who come to the hospital may come to my office and meet with me if they have concerns or questions.

4) I question your meaning where at one point you seem to have a concern about the financial

picture, and then chastise the Board of Directors for their interest in "the financial aspect".

5) Quality of care is best addressed by attending Board Meetings and/or meeting with the administrator.

6) The "Ranch" is using its proceeds to retire debt which it acquired to keep the Hospital running before the Hospital District was formed. Should the Ranch be able to provide in the future, it should use profits from its business, after the debt is retired.

7) My function is to ensure that the care rendered is the best possible within the Hospital and Nursing Home. With the help of the taxpayers, the Board of Directors and other citizens, we can seize an opportunity to provide good quality care in the most effective manner.

8) Regarding the guarantees to future physicians, the details of any contractual obligation have not been definitively set and negotiations are ongoing at this time with a highly qualified M.D. Dr. Pajestka receives no money from a guarantee.

9) There will be a "Town Hall Meeting" on Tuesday, the 27th of August at the Intermediate School Cafeteria. This is a chance for the concerned citizens to gather information. I believe that this is a necessary step in order to make an informed decision. I look forward to meeting any and all citizens at that time.

John Hempel  
Administrator

## Let's not forget Biscuits (or the Wild Bunch either)

I don't believe I did it! In the excitement of the conclusion of the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater's fifth season, I hurriedly wrote what I thought would be the final article about the dinner theater for this year. It has been brought to my attention though, that I wrote entirely too fast and neglected to mention some very important people who, without their help, the CWDT would not have been the same.

First of all, Biscuit's O'Bryan, how could I forget him! Not only was he delightful during his performance at our last show, he was there on occasion throughout the season. His delicious coffee was always a big hit and when he

made his camp bread he won the hearts (and stomachs) of everyone! Having been involved in the theater since the early days, Biscuit's has also been instrumental in bringing the CWDT to where it is today.

Next on the list is a group of ladies and gentlemen (I use those terms loosely) who have contributed a great deal of time and effort to enhance the shows. The Wild Bunch made their presence known several times at the CWDT (quite loudly at times) and always added a great deal of variety to the shows.

Thank you to all those I have mentioned here and to anyone else who I may have missed.

## Historical Society to hold dedication of old depot

The Sutton County Historical Society will be holding dedication ceremonies at the Old Sante Fe Depot, Saturday, August 24, at 11:30 a.m. Refreshments will be provided by Eastern Star.

The building will be dedicated officially "The John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building" at that time. The dedication will be held in an effort to recognize those persons who have made significant contributions for the purchase,

restoration, and preservation of the old depot.

The depot was built in 1930 and was a great asset during the great railroad era in Sutton County. In 1977, the building was bought and renovated to provide residents with a usable facility for various functions during the year. If you would like to use the facility, please contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880.

## Community Calendar

### August

**Thursday-15th:** Sutton County Emergency Medical Service will sponsor another six hour First Aid course beginning at 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Monday-19th:** Western Heritage Week begins.

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

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

**Thursday-22nd:** Sutton County Days festivities begin.

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

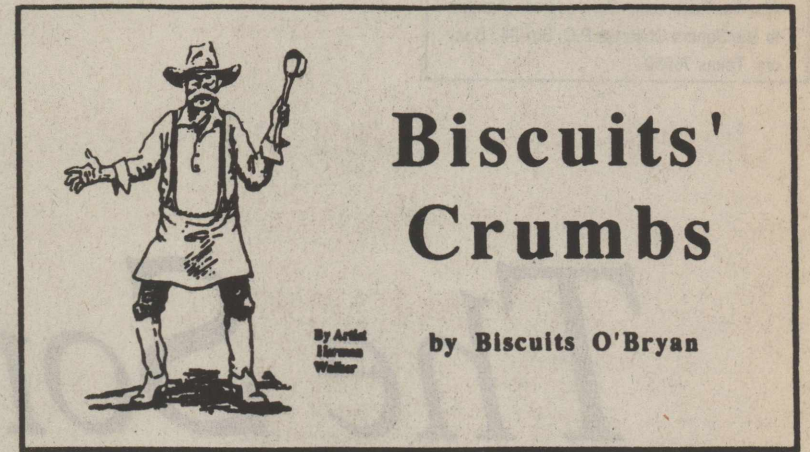
**Friday-23rd:** Barbecue sponsored by the Sutton County Committee on Aging on the courthouse lawn, immediately following the Sutton County Days Parade. Cost will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. All proceeds will benefit the Sutton County Senior Center. Call 387-3941 or 387-5657 for more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

**Monday-26th:** First Day of School.

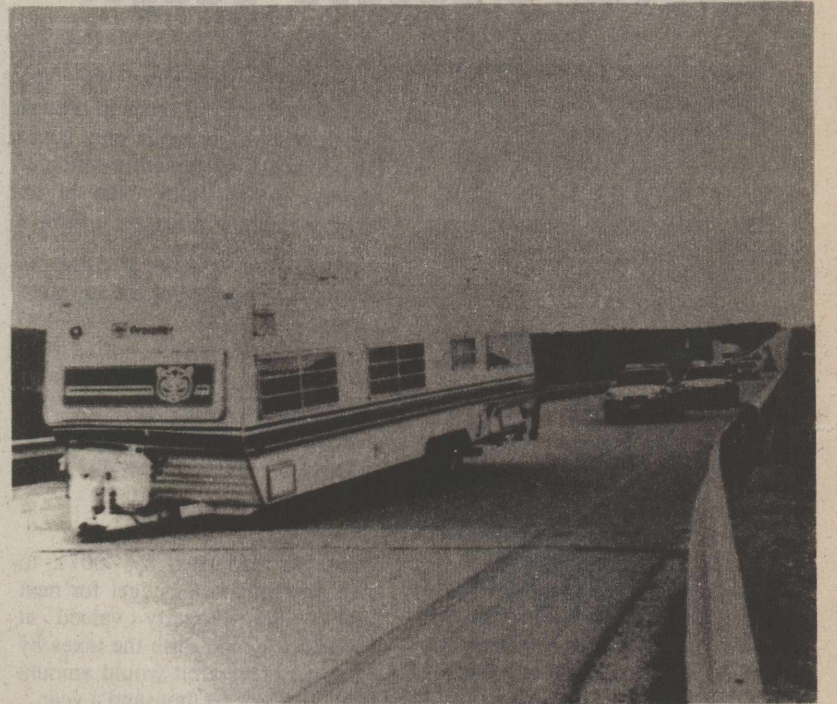
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*Biscuit's is taking a short Siesta and will return in September with more of his fictional tales and factual receipts.*



One woman was injured when the driver of the Suburban she was riding in, lost control, striking the guardrail 3 times. The trailer was broken free from the vehicle in the impact, causing traffic in the eastbound lane of I-10 to be slowed down.

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## Local 4-Her's excel in State Competition

Three Sutton County 4-H members recently qualified for state competition with their overall awards program record books by winning their respective categories at district competition. State judging was held in College Station on August 12-14 and our 4-Her's did extremely well. Brian Paris, son of Mr. & Mrs. Preston Paris, captured first place honors in the Agricultural category which will qualify Brian's record for national competition and qualify Brian for an expense paid trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Illinois in December. Brian's primary agriculture projects include sheep & goats, range management, and wildlife. Other projects include beef, field management, and wildlife. Other projects include beef, field crops, foods & nutrition, gardening, citizenship, and shooting sports. Brian is serving as the president of the Sutton County 4-H club for 1992 and is a member of the Texas 4-H Council. He is also involved in the Sonora FFA Chapter, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, football, basketball and is a member of the First Baptist Church. The former gold star and Glasscock award winner plans to attend Texas A&M

after high school graduation. Julie Jones, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Cleve Jones III, placed second in state competition in the Home Economics Achievement category. Julie is especially active in clothing, foods and nutrition, housing & home environment, citizenship, leadership, bookkeeping, sheep and health. Julie is also a former gold star winner, winner of the outstanding home economics award, and winner of the Glasscock award for the outstanding junior 4-Her. Julie is also very involved in the band where she serves as lieutenant of the flag corps and is active in many

other activities in Sonora High School and the First United Methodist Church.

Brandon Lock placed ninth in state competition with his Photography record. Brandon is a sophomore at Sonora High School and is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Lock. Brandon's projects include sheep, goats, beef and shooting sports. Brandon is also a gold star winner and has been very involved in club leadership activities. Brandon is also involved in FFA and athletics as well as other activities at school and the First Baptist Church.



The Sutton County Queen Contestants were introduced by Biscuits O'Bryan at Tuesday evenings festivities.

### Reston-Baker to exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Reston announce the marriage of their daughter Amy Rashae to Brian Keith Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baker of Stanton, Texas. The couple will be married at 3:00 P.M. Saturday, August 31, 1991, at the First Baptist Church in Sonora with Bro. Michael May from Jal, New Mexico officiating. All friends and family of the couple are invited to attend.

### Women of St. John's to hold annual sale during SCD

The Women of St. John's Episcopal Church will once again be selling their delicious chicken salad for Sutton County Days. However, this year they will be serving this meal in their beautiful new Parish Hall across from the Courthouse. They will have a small booth with iced tea and brownies on the Courthouse lawn.

**What should I eat to reduce my risks of cancer?**

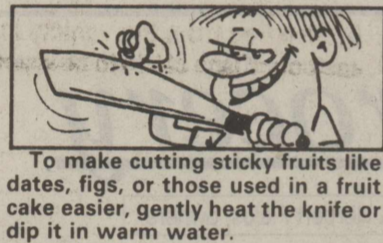
Whether it's a question about nutrition or cancer's warning signs or the latest treatment - whatever question you have about cancer, call the American Cancer Society. We are a place to turn to when you don't know where to turn.

Call the American Cancer Society  
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### Football tickets go on sale

Season football tickets will go on sale on Monday, August 26, in the Superintendent's Office at 807 Concho. The price is \$15.00 per book. Tickets will be on sale until 4 P.M. Friday, September 13.



To make cutting sticky fruits like dates, figs, or those used in a fruit cake easier, gently heat the knife or dip it in warm water.

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### The Right Look at the Right Price

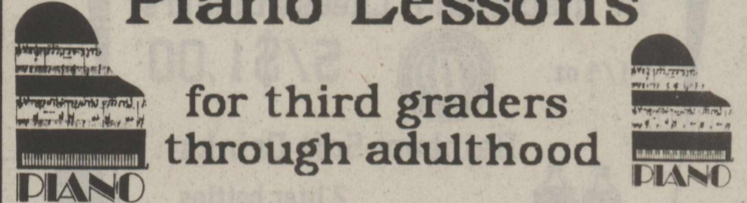
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## Sunday Buffet

\$1 off per person if you bring in your church bulletins during our Sunday Buffet

## Sutton County Steakhouse

I-10 & Golf Course Rd. 387-3833  
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A crowd of nearly 200 were present at the Wild Bunch Fajita Supper Tuesday evening.

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The first picture was nothing but a line which surrounded the shadow of a man by the sun upon a wall.

LEONARDO DA VINCI

## Thank You!

Tedford Jewelry-for donating the Tiara for the Sutton County Queen Contest.

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Association

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

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If you now get food stamps or AFDC for your children, your children can get free meals. If your total household income is the same or less than the amounts on the Income Chart below, your children can get free meals or reduced price meals. A foster child may get free or reduced price meals regardless of your income. The reduced price is 40¢ for lunch and 30¢ for breakfast.

**TO GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS FOR YOUR CHILDREN, YOU MUST COMPLETE AN APPLICATION AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL. WE CANNOT APPROVE AN APPLICATION THAT IS NOT COMPLETE.**

### HOW TO APPLY

If you now get food stamps or AFDC for the children you are applying for, the application must have the children's names, a food stamp or AFDC case number for each child, and the signature of an adult household member. If you are applying for a foster child, the application must have the child's name, the child's "personal use" income, and an adult signature. If you do not list a food stamp or AFDC case number for all the children you are applying for, then the application must have the children's names, the names of all household members, the amount of income each person got last month and where it came from, the signature of an adult household member and that adult's social security number or the word "none" if the adult does not have a social security number.

**Verification:** Your eligibility may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials

may ask you to send papers showing that your children should get free or reduced price meals.

**Fair Hearing:** You may talk to school officials if you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or the results of verification. You also may ask for a fair hearing. You may do this by calling or writing.

Charles Russell  
308 S. Concho Street  
Sonora, TX. 76950  
387-2220

**Reporting Changes:** If your children get free or reduced price meals because of your income, you must tell the school if your household size increases or your income increases by more than \$50 per month or \$600 per year. If your children get meals because they get food stamps or AFDC, you must tell the school when you are not getting AFDC or food stamps for them. You may then fill out another application giving income information.

**Confidentiality:** School officials use the information on the application only to decide if your children should get free or reduced price meals.

**Reapplication:** You may apply for meals anytime during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change, like a decrease in household income, and increase in household size, become unemployed or get food stamps or AFDC for your children, complete an application then.

**IN THE OPERATION OF THE CHILD FEEDING PROGRAMS, NO CHILD WILL BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE OF RACE, SEX, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, OR HANDICAP. IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, WRITE IMMEDIATELY TO THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250.**

We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

1991-92 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		WEEKLY	
	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE
1	\$ 8,606	\$12,247	\$ 718	\$1,021	\$166	\$ 236
2	11,544	16,428	962	1,369	222	316
3	14,482	20,609	1,207	1,718	279	397
4	17,420	24,790	1,452	2,066	335	477
5	20,358	28,971	1,697	2,415	392	558
6	23,296	33,152	1,942	2,763	448	638
7	26,234	37,333	2,187	3,112	505	718
8	29,172	41,514	2,431	3,460	561	798
9	32,110	45,695	2,676	3,809	618	879
10	35,048	49,876	2,921	4,158	675	960
11	37,986	54,057	3,166	4,507	732	1,041
12	40,924	58,238	3,411	4,856	789	1,122
Each additional family member:						
	\$ 2,938	\$ 4,181	\$ 245	\$ 349	\$ 57	\$ 81



A myoclonic jerk is not an insult. It's the sudden sensation of falling sometimes felt just before sleep.

One of the reasons that we find so few persons rational and agreeable in conversation is that there is hardly a person who does not think more of what he wants to say than of his answer to what is said.

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## AVAILABLE NOW Sonora Burial Park

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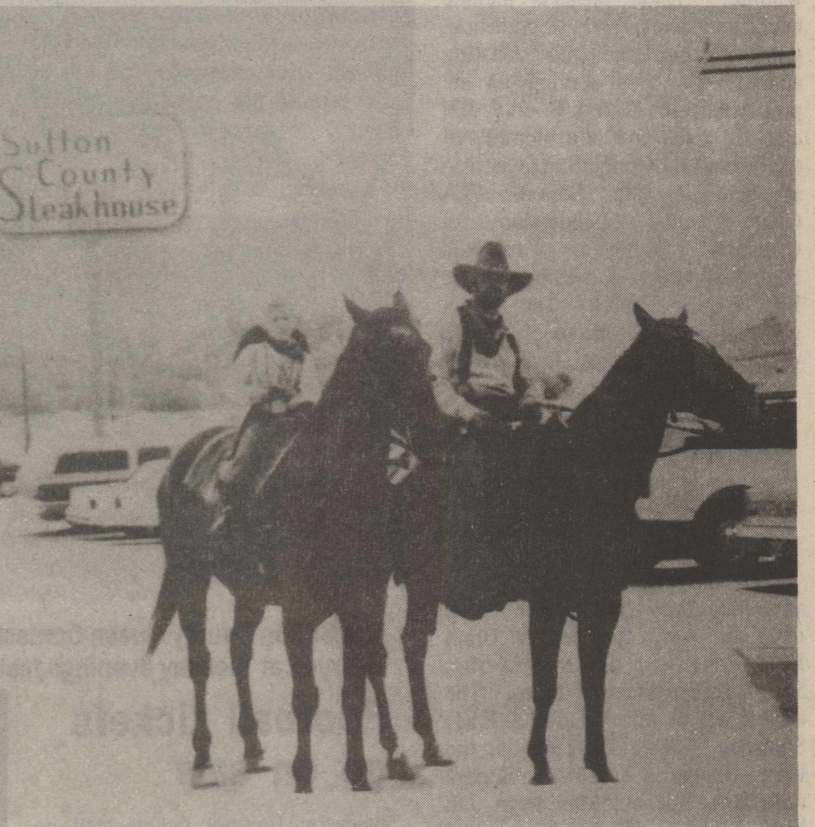
## Health News

by Dr. Rico J. Forlano

Once a person gets low back pain it is usually a problem they could have for life because it is like the weak chain, but low back exercises can lessen the chance of this happening. The low back exercises should not be done in the initial period of pain, but after the pain goes away the exercises should be done twice daily (when awakening and before going to bed). It is especially important to do the low back exercises even on the days when there is increased emotional stress in your life. The low back exercises should include relaxation and limbering exercises, because most people with chronic low back pain have tight low back muscles. This tightness may tug and overly stretch a tendon or muscle when

you bend or turn your low back.

After you have gotten out of the initial pain phase and have done your exercises there are a few recreational sports that you can do. Swimming is usually the best sport for people with low back pain because it is a non-weight bearing exercise. Bicycle riding is also good as long as the seat is adjusted so the low back is in slight flexion. Jogging and tennis may be tolerated but are not advised. Horseback riding, weight lifting, golf, bowling should be avoided right after a problem with low back pain. For treatment of low back pain and information on the proper exercises to do after a problem with low back pain you should see your Chiropractic Physician.



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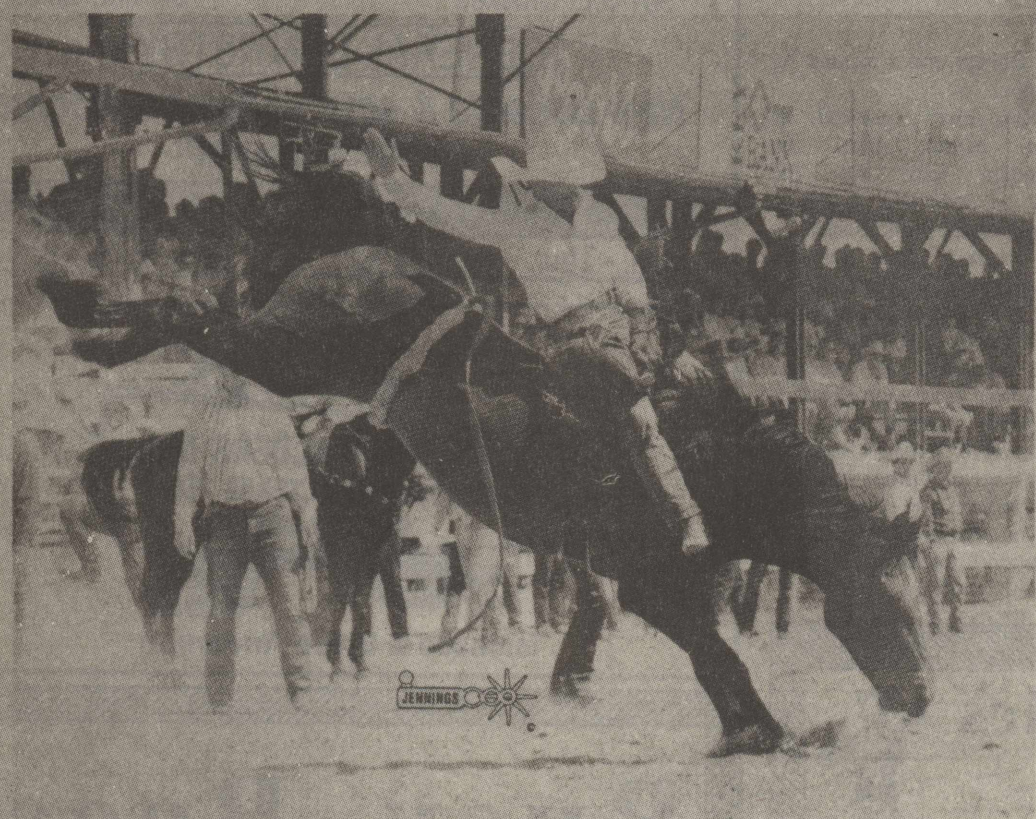
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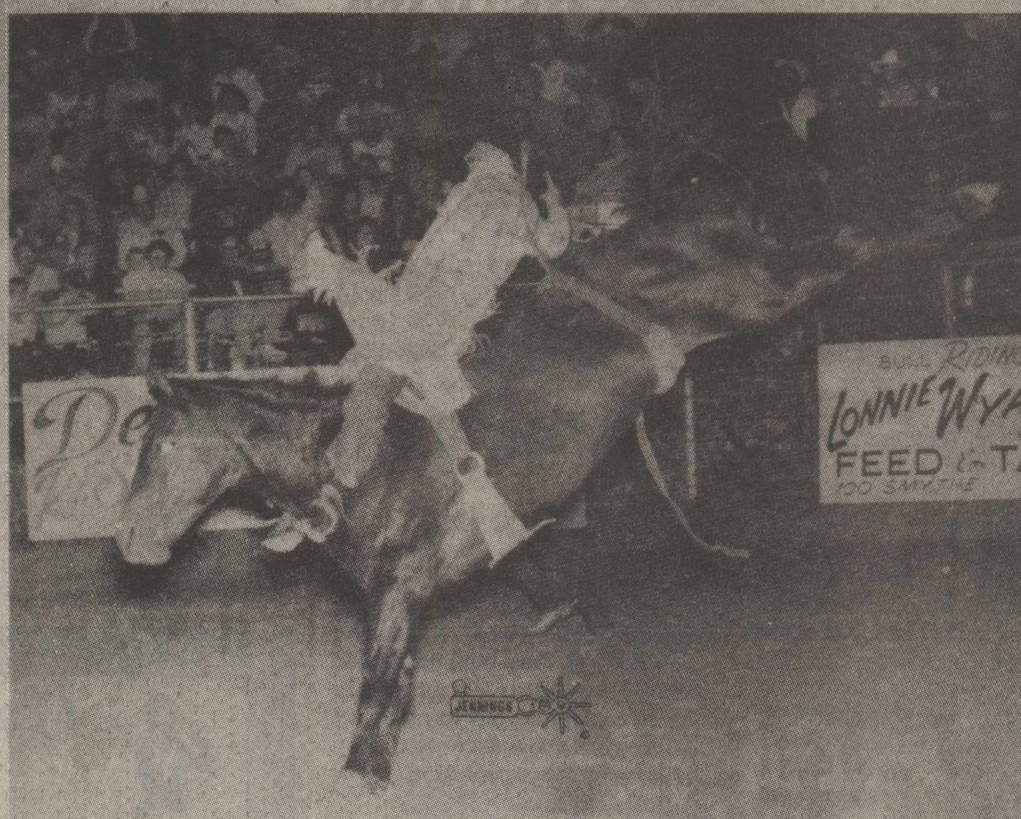
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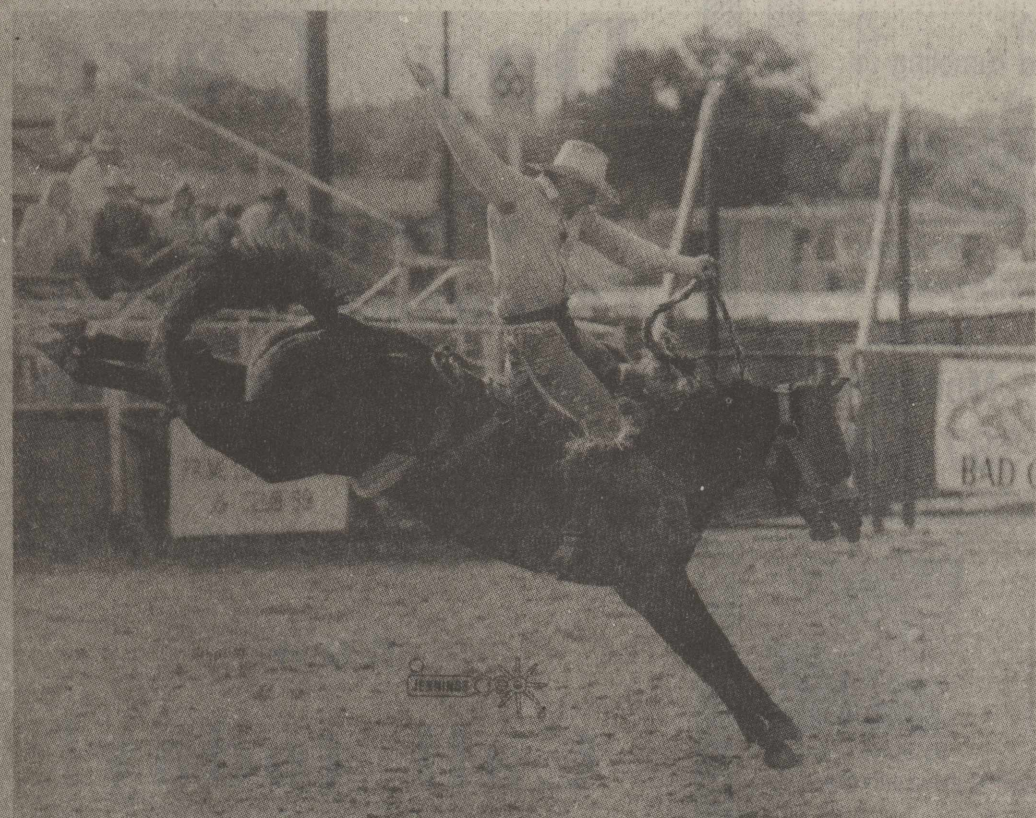
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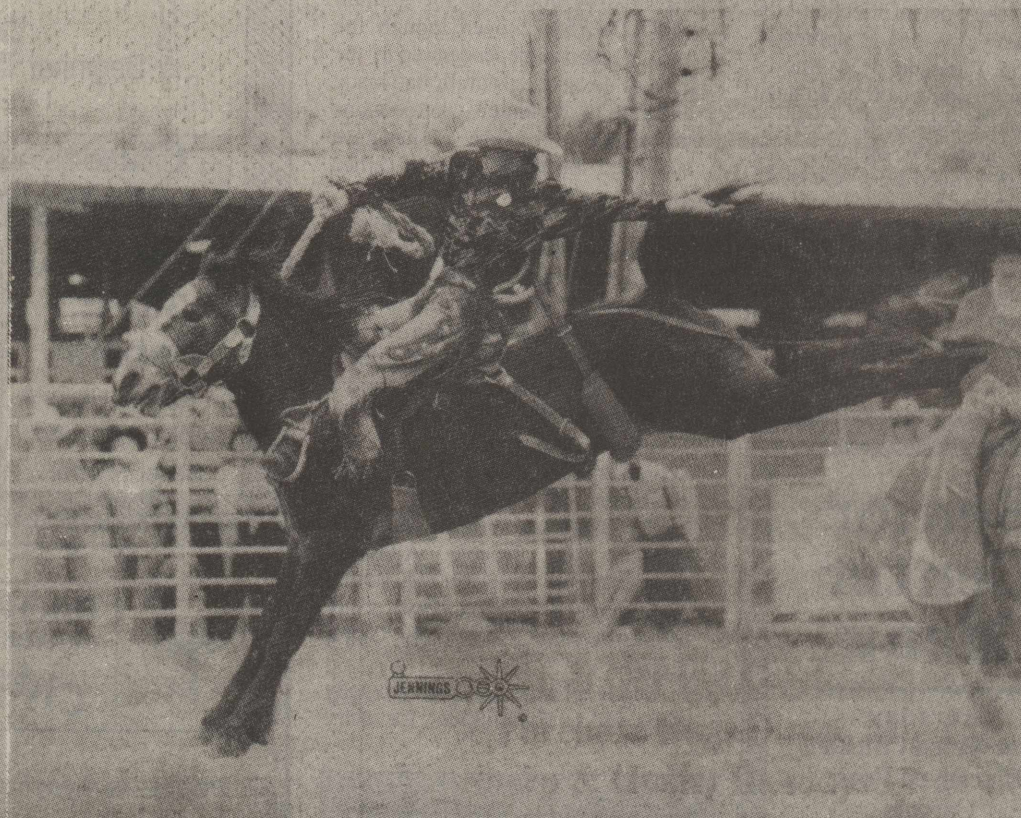
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# School Board adopts 1991-92 budget

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 1991 in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 807 South Concho, Sonora, Texas.

The minutes of July 9, 1991 were unanimously approved as written after a motion from Gloria Lopez and a second by Gary Hardgrave.

Mr. Patton recognized Mrs. Dixie Genini who expressed concern about the lack of air conditioning in the high school band hall during summer practice sessions and about the speed of trucks coming in on Bond Road in front of the high school. After some discussion, the Board was in agreement to look at alternative practice sites for the band since the high school air conditioning unit is so expensive to run when only one area of the building is being used. They also agreed to check with the appropriate people and see about installing another caution light farther down Bond Road.

Mrs. Genini then expressed her opinion as a taxpayer that Sonora had an excellent school system and if a tax increase was necessary to insure quality teachers and facilities, she would support it.

Mr. Patton thanked Mrs. Genini for bringing her concerns to the Board and assured her that the Board would look for effective solutions to both problems.

At this point in the meeting, Mr.

Patton moved to item 7 on the agenda. Chief Appraiser Rex Ann Friess stated that the tax collection rate stood at 98 1/2%, up 1% from the same time in 1990. All members of the Board and the Superintendent expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Friess for the excellent job she does and stated that her tax collection record was exceptional.

The Board reviewed documents relating to the August 10, 1991 special election. On motion of Jesse Bustamante and a second by Michael Smith, the Order Declaring

Results of the Special Election was unanimously approved. Proposition 1 passed by a vote of 193 for and 66 against; Proposition 2 passed by a vote of 200 for and 59 against; and Proposition 3 failed by a vote of 11 for and 247 against.

Superintendent Charles Russell reported on recent litigation concerning County Education Districts and stated that CED's had been ruled constitutional.

He continued with a report on the teacher workday scheduled for August 23, 1991. Since principals have three hours allowed for faculty meetings that day, Mr. Russell stated that he would have campus faculty meetings the following week. He also invited the Board to attend the luncheon scheduled for noon in the High School Foyer on the 23rd.

Mr. Russell commented that many teachers had attended

numerous workshops, college classes, etc. and approximately 50-60% of all teachers had already satisfied the 20 hour inservice requirement for the 1991-92 school year.

Athletic Director Bob Bellard presented information concerning both the football insurance and student insurance policies. He stated that he had looked at several policies and felt that the one offered by Texas School Insurance offered the best coverage for the best price. After some discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve Texas School Insurance as the student and athletic accident insurance for the 1991-1992 school year. Motion was made by Gary Hardgrave and seconded by Becky Johnson.

The Board unanimously approved payment of current bills in the amount of \$171,337.54 after a motion from Gary Hardgrave and a second by Jesse Bustamante.

The Superintendent stated that not enough money had been budgeted for Function 37; Cafeteria this year and that he would take full responsibility for such an

oversight. He stated that the amount of the amendment would be taken from excess tax revenue which was collected this year. The Board voted unanimously to amend Function 37 for 1990-91 in the amount of \$37,000 with funds transferred from excess tax revenue. Motion was made by Gary Hardgrave and seconded by Becky Johnson.

After a lengthy discussion, Jim Garrett made the motion to adopt the 1991-92 budget in the amount of \$5,238,758.72 even though the lack of responsible leadership in the current Texas Legislature had made accurate revenue projections impossible. Gary Hardgrave seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Superintendent presented a detailed review of the organizational goals which had been set for 1991-91. He stated that approximately 85% of the goals set forth for the year had been achieved. President Patton expressed the Board's appreciation to Mr. Russell for both the development and the achievement of the major portion of the goals.

The Board unanimously voted to approve the Teacher Appraisal Schedule for the 1991-92 school year after a motion from Gary Hardgrave and a second by Gloria Lopez.

Gandy's Dairy was unanimously approved as the supplier for dairy

products for the 1991-92 school year after a motion from Gary Hardgrave and a second by Gloria Lopez.

The Board was in agreement to check prices further before awarding the bid for bakery products for the 1991-92 school year.

The Board unanimously voted to continue the district's policy of issuing complimentary activity passes to all full time Sonora I.S.D. employees. Motion was

made by Becky Johnson and seconded by Jesse Bustamante.

Gloria Lopez made a motion to approve the purchase of tires, refrigerant gases, Apple compatible micro computers, and electrical equipment and supplies through state purchasing contracts. The motion was seconded by Jim Garrett and carried unanimously. The resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board unanimously voted to approve the one year lease agreement with Sonora Stock Pens at a price of \$150 per month. The Vocational Agriculture Department will use the pens. Motion was made by Michael Smith and seconded by Becky Johnson.

Jim Garrett moved to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and to approve a policy that allows Sonora I.S.D. teachers 1 discretionary leave day and (as required by the state) 2 personal business leave days (1 per semester) that will be deducted from their sick leave. The motion was seconded by Jesse Bustamante and carried unanimously. Additionally, the Board directed the Superintendent to develop a leave policy for the auxiliary staff which would utilize the state required 5

days.

After some discussion, the Board unanimously voted to approve Great West as the employee health insurance carrier for the 1991-92 school year. Motion was made by

Gary Hardgrave and seconded by Becky Johnson.

The Superintendent stated that the Cafeteria Plan offered by Great West would benefit employees who take dependent coverage. Motion was made by Jesse Bustamante and seconded by Jim Garrett to adopt the Cafeteria Plan offered by Great West for the 1991-92 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board voted unanimously to employ Susan Burnham for the Kindergarten position for the 1991-92 school year at the recommended salary. Motion was made by Jim Garrett and seconded by Gloria Lopez. Paula Rodriguez was unanimously approved for the Speech/Theater Arts position for the 1991-92 school year at the recommended salary after a motion

from Jim Garrett and a second by Gloria Lopez.

Gary Hardgrave requested, as mentioned earlier, that the Superintendent look into the possibility of installing a second caution light on the Bond Road.

Becky Johnson asked that the recently adopted school calendar be published in both local newspapers.

The Superintendent and Board Members discussed the recently created County Education Districts and various aspects of the administration of Sonora's district.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m. after a motion from Gary Hardgrave and a second by Gloria Lopez.



Tom Wilkinson gets a bite to eat. The Wild Bunch held a Fajita Supper Tuesday in honor of Western Heritage Week.

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**Friday:**  
Roast Beef  
w/Brown Gravy  
Potatoe Au Gratin  
Buttered Spinach  
Bread  
Gingerbread w/Topping  
**Monday:**  
Hamburger Pattie  
w/Cheese  
French Fried Potatoes  
Lettuce, Tomato Slices,  
Onions & Pickles  
Chocolate Pudding  
w/Topping  
**Tuesday:**  
Chicken Creole  
Pinto Beans  
Spinach  
Cornbread  
Apple Cobbler  
**Wednesday:**  
Beef Tips w/Mushroom  
Sauce  
Egg Noodles  
Cauliflower & Broccoli  
Hot Rolls  
Cherry Jello  
w/Fruit & Topping  
**Thursday:**  
Baked Turkey w/Gravy  
Candied Yams  
Green Beans  
Hot Rolls  
Creamy Coleslaw  
Raspberry Cobbler

**School Menu**  
**Monday:**  
Chicken Nuggets  
Mashed Potatoes  
Sliced Peaches  
Roll  
Milk  
**Tuesday:**  
Sausage on a Stick  
Flour Tortilla  
Corn  
Cole Slaw  
Chocolate Pudding  
Milk  
**Wednesday:**  
Pizza Pockets  
Baked Beans  
Vegetable Pasta  
Jello/ Fruit  
Milk  
**Thursday:**  
Meat Loaf  
Mixed Vegetables  
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The rams may be entered as individuals or in sire or ownership groups. The animals may be registered or non-registered. The test is open to all breeds, but based on the type of data collected, it is more useful with Finewool breeds. Animals should be lambs at the time they are entered, and those showing yearling teeth will not be accepted. Only registered rams born on or after October 1, 1990 will be eligible for the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders' Association Registry of Merit Program. Cooperators are requested to limit their entries to no more than 20 animals per flock. It is suggested that the animals should be introduced to feed before delivery. The animals will be drenched for internal parasites and vaccinated for enterotoxemia after arrival. However, it might prove to the producers advantage to ensure that they are free of parasites and have been vaccinated for enterotoxemia at least one week before delivery and that their feet are trimmed.

It will be a requirement that the animals be examined and tested for epididymitis before entering the test. They will be examined by Station personnel at the time of delivery. Producers may wish to have their animals tested prior to delivery for their own use. However, all rams will be rebled after arriving at the station. These will be sent to an appropriate laboratory for evaluation. The cost of this testing (approximately \$3 each) will be added to total costs. In so far as facilities permit, the animals will be maintained in separate groups until this has been

accomplished, and even after this, mixing will be minimized.

The rams will be examined by a committee appointed by the project leader in the interim between delivery and the first official weigh day. A note will be made of animals thought to be unsound and breeders will be given an opportunity, but will not be required, to remove these before the initial weigh day. During this period of time, breeders may elect

to remove animals based on their own initiative. After the animals are officially weighed on test on September 25, the breeders are requested to leave the rams on test except for reasons of health as determined by Station personnel.

The rams will be self-fed a commercially prepared and pelleted ration. This ration will be formulated by the project leader in consultation with nutritionists. When placed in pens, the rams will be fed in large groups, but will be displayed in small lots on Field Day. The animals will be bulk fed, but selected sire groups may be fed for short periods in small pens to collect feed efficiency data.

When rams are delivered, breeders are asked to provide as much information as possible on their rams, such as sire, date of birth, type of birth, age of dam and reproductive history of dam. The Certified Ram Category and eligibility for sale will continue to be based on the ROM index.

The test will be on a self-sustaining basis. The Experiment Station will not be able to purchase feed using state funds. A special account known as the Ram Test Account will be maintained. Dr. C.A. Taylor, at the Sonora Station, will be responsible for this account.

Checks and entry forms should be mailed to Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Box 918, Sonora, TX 76950 or should be delivered.

At this point, there are no specific plans to provide an ultrasonic evaluation of fat thickness or loin eye area, but this option will be kept open if equipment is available.

An initial deposit of \$140 will be required for each animal. Any unused funds will be returned after the test is completed. A separate accounting will be made for each cooperators, but since most of the animals have been group fed, the feed intake will be based on averages. Since feed purchases must be made in advance of the test, it is desirable that some deposits be made in order that feed can be on hand at the start of the test.

Additional information can be obtained from:

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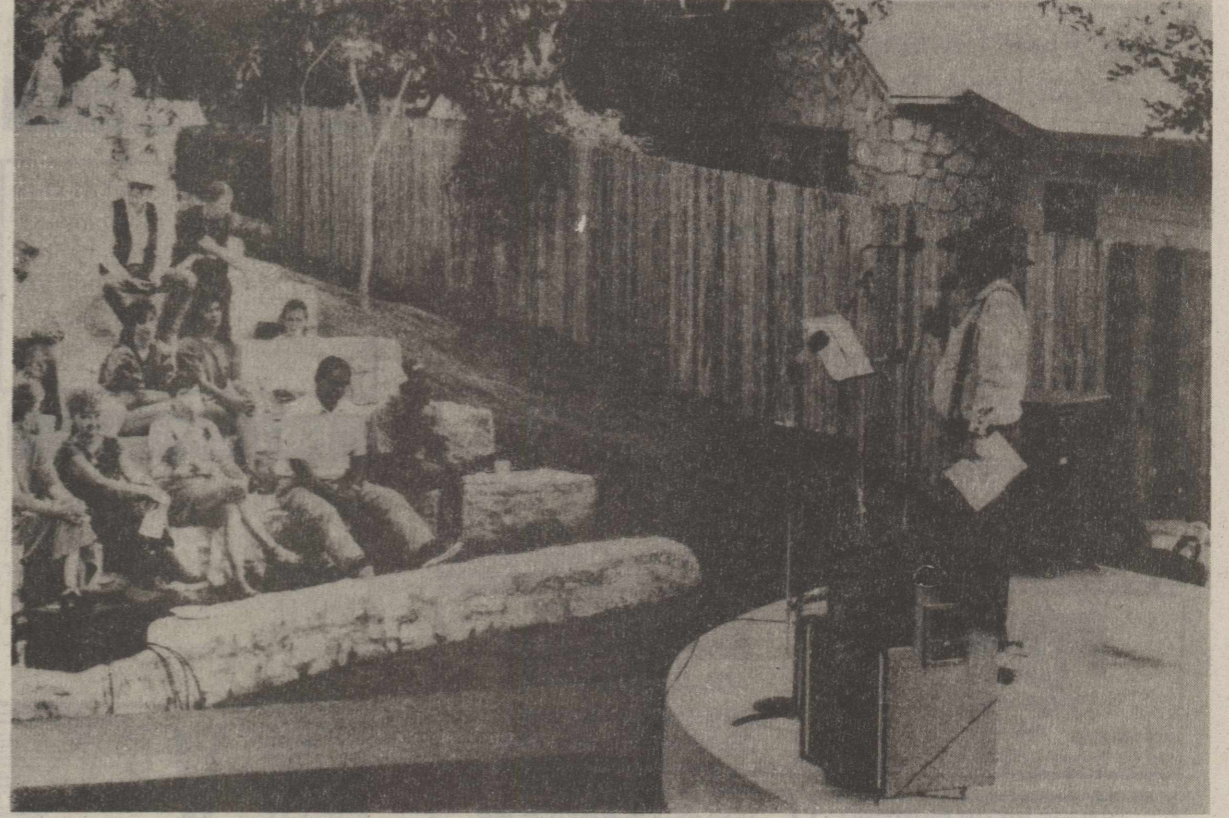
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### A proposed schedule of events is as follows:

Delivery Dates	Sept. 6-9, 1991
Shear	Sept. 23 or 24, 1991
Weigh on Test	Sept. 25, 1991
Weigh Days	Nov. 13, 1991
	Jan. 8, 1992
	Feb. 12, 1992
Shear	Feb. 13 & 14, 1992
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First day of classes Aug. 26

SIX WEEKS

1st Aug. 26 to Oct. 4 (29 days)  
 2nd Oct. 7 to Nov. 15 (30 days)  
 3rd Nov. 18 to Jan. 16 (33 days)

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1st Semester 92 days

4th Jan. 20 to Feb. 28 (29 days)  
 5th Mar. 2 to Apr. 16 (29 days)  
 6th Apr. 20 to May 29 (30 days)

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WORK DAYS: Aug. 23

Jan. 17

May 30

HOLIDAYS: Sept. 2 - Labor Day

Nov. 27, 28, 29 - Thanksgiving

Dec. 23 - Jan. 1 - Christmas

Feb. 14 - Speech Meet

Apr. 17 - Easter

SPRING BREAK: Mar. 9 - 13

WEATHER DAYS: Mar. 9 & 10

○ Inservice Days

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