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## Briefly

Sonora City League is looking for umpires for Little League Baseball. Anyone interested please call Clay Hichs at 387-3286, Todd Munn at 387-3731 or Herby Seaton at 387-6188.

The Sutton County Senior Center will be hosting a presentation given by Tonya Brown on the 1/2 cent Sales Tax Election. Wednesday, March 18th at 12:00 noon. It will be done in English and Spanish.

Lenten Lunches continue every Wednesday during Lent beginning at noon at St. Johns Episcopal Church parish hall. Each participating church will in the community will host one lunch. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Lion's Club will have their annual broom sale March 17th with locations at the post office and city hall.

The San Angelo AIDS Foundation is hosting free HIV testing March 13th from 1 pm to 5 pm at the Eldorado Health Care Clinic, 3 South Hackberry. For appointments call Alma at 658-3634. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call 853-3153.

The Sutton County LEPC meeting will be held Thursday, March 19 at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Sutton County EMS Training Room at 211 E. 3rd. For more information call 387-5132.

El Consulado De Mexico en Del Rio, Texas. A la comunidad mexicana y Mexico-Americana. Informa que sus oficinas se encontraran expidiendo en esta ciudad por un solo dia: matriculas consulares, pasaportes Mexicanos, cartillas del servicio militar nacional, registros de nacimiento, orientacion y asesoria. El dia 14 de Marzo de 1998, De 9:30 horas a 13:30 horas, o hasta atender la ultima solicitud estara localizado en: hall de la iglesia, 311 W. Plum, Sonora, Texas. Para mayor informacion: Tel. 1-888-343-7213 (830) 775-2352.

The Sutton County reading club for adults will be meeting March 24th at 7 p.m. at the library. This month's book discussion will be on *The River Beyond the World* by Janet Peery. If you are interested in joining, it's not too late. Stop by the library and sign up today.

Hudspeth Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary will be having their annual Game Night March 27 at the 1st National Annex Bldg.

A "Senior Connections" Community Meeting will be Tuesday, March 31st at 11:00 a.m. at the Sutton County Senior Citizen's Center at 102 S. Wilson.

Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society will host a Star Party Saturday, March 28th at Fort McKavett. Lectures begin at 3 p.m. and viewing will begin at 5 p.m.

The Sutton County Hospital District will be having an election on May 2, 1998, anyone interested in running for Board Member for Pct. 2, Pct. 4, and one at large position, come by the Hospital and pick an application. The last day to apply for a place on the ballot is Mar. 18.

The First College Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, Apr. 4 at 12:30 p.m. Sonora Golf Club. The format will be an 18 hole scramble and green fees will be waived. Entry fee: 3 person team - \$100, 4 person team - \$150, 5 person team - \$200. Sign up at the golf club or call Gayle 387-3680 or John 650-8320.

## City Council takes 1/2 cent sales tax public meeting

The City Council reconvened in open session after a two hour executive session Monday, March 9. Motion was made and seconded to take no action.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the duties of the city manager. The emergency meeting was called following an incident between a city police officer and an emergency medical technician. This resulted in the police officer being

relieved of his duties.

Following the city council meeting, the city manager met with the chief of police and Chief Croy commented that they had worked out their differences and everyone is back on staff.

Mayor Margaret Cascadden said, "Everything worked out for the best. The men are back at work and its business as usual."

City Manager Brent Gesch was unavailable for comment.

## 1/2 cent sales tax public meeting

Sonora voters will have an opportunity Monday, March 16 to ask questions concerning the proposed 4B 1/2 cent sales tax for the May 2 city election.

Bob Bearden of the Texas Economic Development Council will be in Sonora to answer questions citizens may have about this issue.

The 4B sales tax was created in 1989 when the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 971. It allows smaller cities an advantage in recruiting industry.

The public meeting will be held at the Middle School Snack Bar at 6:30 p.m.

## Lion's Club Broom Sale set March 17

The Lion's Club will hold their annual Broom Sale March 17th with locations at the Post Office and City Hall.

This important fundraiser is one of two annual fundraisers held by the Lions Club with 100% of the funds raised going to support their various projects throughout the year.

The Lion's Club projects include helping individuals in the area with cost for eye exams and glasses, the Lion's Eye Bank, an

Acuna clinic, Lions Children's Camp, supporting the Sutton County Livestock Show and sponsoring a queen's contestant for the Sutton County Queen's contest.

Chartered in 1946, the Sonora Lions Club currently has 71 members with Tim Talley holding the office of President and Jack B. Smith, Jr. as secretary/treasurer.

Mark your calendar March 17th to purchase your cleaning supplies at the Lion's Club Broom Sale.

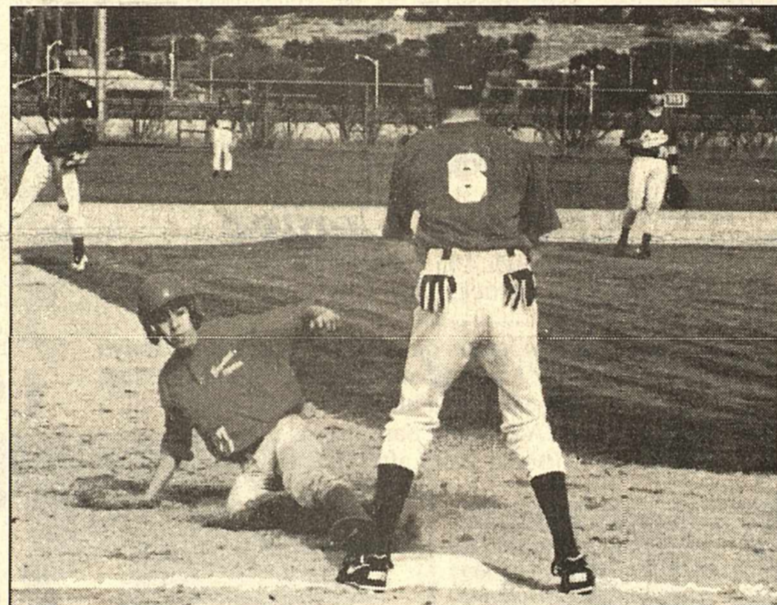
## First Annual Dry Devil's River Classic a success

submitted

The Sonora Bronco Baseball team hosted the First Annual Dry Devil's River Classic this past weekend. Even though the Broncos did not fare that well in the tournament, they won the admiration of all that attended, player and fan alike. When the weather turned bad in the middle of the game that they were playing, it would have been just as easy to say, "Oh well, there will always be next year." But that was not the case as each member of the Bronco baseball team threw down his bat and glove and picked up a shovel, rake, bucket, or what ever else that they could grab and went to work on the field, and in a little over an hour and a half, the game was resumed and the tournament was able to be completed. Thanks go out to each of you young men, as you showed the true spirit of Sonora's ability to cope with any adversity and to come out WINNERS!!!!

Six towns were represented at this baseball tournament; Ballinger, Eldorado, Big Lake, Miles, Ozona, and Sonora. Ballinger was the winner of the Varsity Division, as they defeated Big Lake and Eldorado to claim the championship trophy. Eldorado finished second with Big Lake finishing third. The Sonora J.V. won the Junior Varsity Division by going undefeated in a round robin competition between teams from Big Lake and Ballinger.

Everyone that attended the 3 day tournament, enjoyed some very fine baseball games. The weather at times was not the greatest, but even mother nature was not able to dampen the spir-

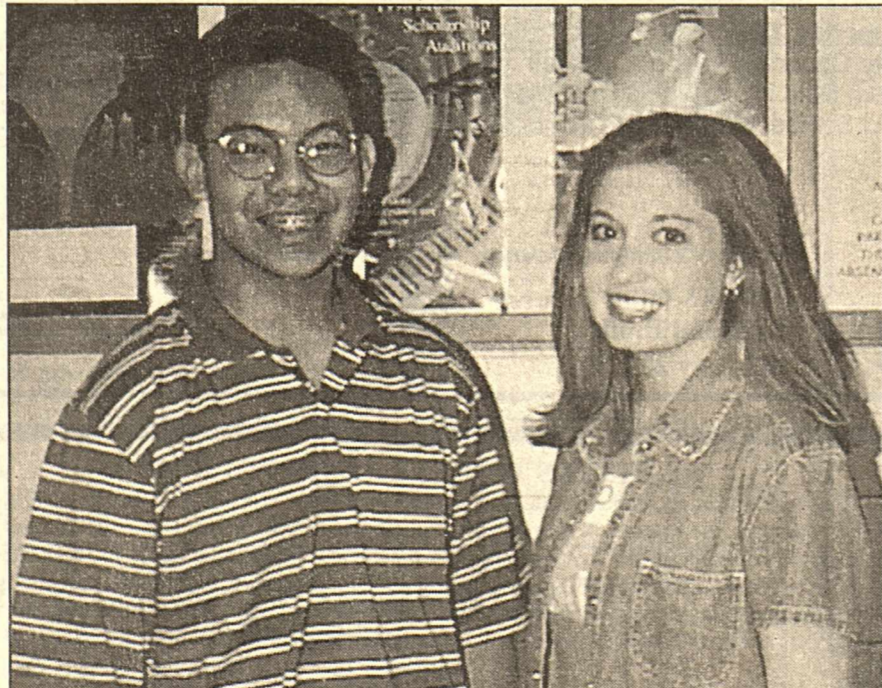


Matt Torres slides into 3rd base during one of the JV games played at the Dry Devil's River Classic

its of those that love to follow the game of baseball.

Some special thanks go out to some individuals and companies, who without their support and encouragement, this tournament would not have gone as smoothly as it did: Chandra Hughes-MS. Baseball- words cannot express what is owed to this lady-Thank you Chandra. Rye Supply for providing the rakes, shovels, and wheel barrow to get the tournament back on track after the rain storm. Location Builders for building the new batting cage, and providing labor to help in getting the field ready for play. Reece Albert of San Angelo for providing the sand and chat mix to level out the infield. Tom Clifton and Sonic for the donation of the Bronco Combos. The Sonora I.S.D. maintenance men: Junior Dominguez, Julio Galindo, and Chapo Samaniego who worked

seemingly around the clock to make sure everything was perfect for the tournament. Sam Mata and his running of the county equipment to put the finishing touches on the playing field. Scott Harrelson, Brian Lowe, Ernie Mayer, Wayne Legan, Doc Dockery, and many others who weathered the cold north wind to make sure the score book and score board were manned and maintained. The Colt 45 Baseball Club for providing an excellent concession stand throughout the tournament. I'm sure that I have missed someone, and if I have I apologize, for this was a community effort and the Sonora Baseball Team is very appreciative of everyone's efforts to make this a memorable occasion. So once again--Thanks to everyone who made the Dry Devils' River Classic a success.



Music students from Sonora High School participated in the UIL, Region 7, Solo & Ensemble contest held last Saturday, Feb. 28, 1998 at Angelo State University.

Joe Flores, Clarinet Solo, Class I, Division III, Kristen Hardgrave, piano solo, Class I, Division I. Kristen advances to State Solo & Ensemble to be held at San Marcos State University, San Marcos, Tx. during the last of May, first of June.

## Primary Election Results March 2

Unofficial, uncavassed results for the Republican Party Primary election in Sutton County are as follows:

United States Representative, District 23  
Henry Bonilla 85

Governor  
George W. Bush 97  
R.C. Crawford 0

Lieutenant Governor  
Rick Perry 84

Attorney General  
John Cornyn 44  
Barry Williamson 28  
Tom Pauken 14

Comptroller of Public Accounts  
Carole Keeton Rylander 83

Commissioner of the General Land Office  
Jerry Patterson 29  
Don Loucks 2  
David Dewhurst 51

Commissioner of Agriculture  
Susan Combs 87  
Hamp Hodges 5

Railroad Commissioner  
Tony Garza 34  
Steve Stockman 48

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1  
Craig T. Enoch 62

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2  
Candace G. Tyson 22  
Harriet O'Neill 47

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3  
Greg Abbott 58

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4, Unexpired Term  
Steve Smith 40  
Deborah Hankinson 30

Justice, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1  
Mike Keasler 21  
Lloyd W. Oliver 14  
David Barron 6  
David A. Schulman 12  
Vicki Isaacks 9

Justice, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2  
Jeffrey Brian Keck 6  
Murff F. Bledsoe 12  
William Harrison Ray 6  
Cheryl Johnson 14  
Harvey Hudson 9  
Jerry E. Smith 4  
John C. Moncure 2  
Forrest Lumpkin 6

Justice, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3  
Herb Hancock 26  
Lawrence 'Larry' Meyers 36

Member, State Board of Education, District 1  
Mary Helen Cantu 21  
Donna Ballard 45

State Representative, District 73  
Randy C. Leifeste 57

Justice, 4th Court of Appeals District  
Tom Rickhoff 59

Justice, 4th Court of Appeals District, Place 2, Unexpired Term  
Karen Angelini 55

County Chairman  
John Tedford 85

Precinct Chairman-write ins  
Claire Richards 1  
Robert Mayer 1

Proposition No. 1: Do you support a change in law requiring health maintenance organizations (HMO) to offer Texans an option to choose their own doctors? Yes 89 No 0

Proposition No. 2: Do you support a constitutional amendment prohibiting sales taxes on food and medicine? Yes 80 No 10

Proposition No. 3: Do you support a plan to better recruit and retain qualified teachers in Texas classrooms and to make computers accessible for education to all students in Texas public schools? Yes 74 No 13

Unofficial, uncavassed results for the Democratic Party Primary:

United States Representative, District 23  
Charlie Urbina Jones 22  
Joseph P. (Joe) Sullivan 32  
Allen Rindfuss 5

Governor  
Garry Mauro 60

Lieutenant Governor  
John Sharp 64

Attorney General  
Gene Kelly 12  
Morris L. Overstreet 22  
Jim Mattox 41

Comptroller of Public Accounts  
Paul Hobby 62

Commissioner of the General Land Office  
Richard Raymond 57

Commissioner of Agriculture  
L.P. (Pete) Patterson 41  
Ernesto L. DeLeon 42

Railroad Commissioner  
Joe B. Henderson 49  
Gary Dugger 18

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1  
Mike Westergren 56

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2  
Rose Spector 57

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3  
David Van Os 58

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4, Unexpired Term  
Jerry Scarborough 58

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1  
Charles F. (Charlie) Baird 59

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2  
Winston Cochran 59

Member, State Board of Education, District 1  
Rene Nunez 60

State Senator Dist. 19  
Frank Madla 24

State Representative, District 73  
Robert R. (Bob) Turner 72

Justice, 4th Court of Appeals District, Place 2, Unexpired Term  
Jim Branton 62

District Judge, 112th Judicial District  
Brock Jones 82

County Judge  
Carla Garner 81

District and County Clerk  
Bobbie Smith 78

County Treasurer  
Joyce H. Chalk 87

County Commissioner, Precinct 2  
John Wade 18

County Commissioner, Precinct 4  
Belia B. Castaneda 16

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1  
Adelita Smalling Alvarez 75

County Chairman-write ins  
Romelia Castaneda 1  
Pattie Reiner 1

Precinct Chairman-write ins  
Sonia Gomez 1  
Erica Martinez 1

## Dining Out Directory

Dairy Queen 134 N. Hwy 277  
387-2118

Food Center Deli 600 S. Crockett Ave.  
387-5616

La Mexicana 240 N. Hwy. 277  
387-3401

Los Jarritos 104 Glasscock  
387-2838

Pizza Hut 401 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe 207 E. Glasscock Ave.  
387-5552

Sonic Drive-In 202 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-5292

Sutton County Steakhouse 1306 N. Service Rd.  
387-3833

Town & Country Subway 610 S. Crockett  
387-6181

Town & Country-Country Kitchen  
903 N. Crockett Ave.  
387-2169

## Sonora Church Directory

**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Rick Sanchez  
504 Santa Clara  
387-2035

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Tim Dobbs, Minister  
304 N. Water  
387-3190

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Jim Stephen, Pastor  
Rev. Paul Cornelius, Assoc. Pastor  
404 E Oak  
387-2951

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector  
404 E Poplar  
387-2955

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor  
201 N Water  
387-2466

**JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS**  
St. Ann's Street  
387-3600

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Rev. Charles Huffman  
417 E 2nd St.  
387-5366

**NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Brother Rick Brinson  
306 W. 4th Street  
387-2898

*Attend the church of your choice, this Sunday.*

**THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN**  
Lewis Allen, Pastor  
319 E Mulberry  
387-2616

**OUTREACH CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Hwy. 277 S. Glasscock


**PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE**  
Willie West, Pastor  
509 Amistad  
387-3236

**ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I.  
229 W Plum  
387-2278

**JEHOVAH'S WITNESS**  
310 St. Ann's Street  
387-5658 or 387-5518

**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Don Sessom  
511 Cornell  
387-5215

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## Our Sympathy

### Alice Rutledge Lee

Mrs. Alice Rutledge Lee of Menard died Sunday, March 8, 1998, in Menard Manor. Family services will be at 3 p.m. Monday, March 9, at Calvary Episcopal Church with the Rev. Phil Taylor officiating. Burial will be in Pioneer Rest Cemetery. Arrangements are by Heritage Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lee was born April 2, 1897, in Hopkins County, the second daughter of John Martin and Sarah Jane Wilburn Rutledge. The family moved in 1905 to San Angelo, where Mrs. Lee Attended Sacred Heart Convent.

Mrs Lee is survived by one daughter, Lynell Ellis Wheless of Menard; and three granddaughters, Marilyn Wheless Gregory of Paris, France, Jacquelyn Wheless Baker of Sonora and Susan Hobson Wheless of Sicily.

She is also survived by four great-grandchildren, Kristen Juraschek, Marja Juraschek, Wheless Baker and Lewis Baker.

Pallbearers will be Ben Neel, Greg Neel, Doug Lundgren, Lewis Baker, Wayne Davis, John Hayter and Jack Dehnel.

Memorials may be given to Calvary Episcopal Church.

## Our Sympathy

### Earl Frederickson

Earl Frederickson was born August 6, 1923 in Gracemont, Oklahoma to Nancy Mae Cunningham and Walter J. Frederickson. He graduated from high school at Anadarko, Oklahoma. He married Donis Hunnicutt on January 8, 1947 in Lovington, New Mexico. They moved from Hobbs to Midland in 1960. He retired from Noble Drilling in 1982 after 35 years of service. He was preceded in death by his wife Donis on April 6, 1996.

He is survived by his son, Duke Frederickson and his wife Gwen of Sonora, Texas; his daughter, Diane Armstrong of Hobbs, New Mexico; one sister Darlene Sissom and her husband Tom of Lookeba, Oklahoma; a sister-in-law, Lois Frederickson of Midland; 4 grandchildren, Randalynn Hand of Dallas, Cody Hand of San Angelo, Garrett Hand of Lubbock and Gayla Frederickson of San Angelo; and several special nieces and nephews.

Mr. Frederickson died Saturday at his residence.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1:00 PM Tuesday in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Kyle Weiss of Greenwood Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to Greenwood Methodist Church.


## Local Judge attends seminar

Judge Adelita L. Alvarez was certified at the recent 20 Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held March 3-6, 1998, in San Antonio, Texas. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, headquarters at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. The seminar is one of five held for elected Justices for the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, New Legislation, Traffic Laws, Inquests, Family Violence, Death and Dying: How to Process Emotion, Justice of the Peace and Constable Relations and Duties, Emergency Mental Commitments, Cultural Diversity, Probable Cause Search and Arrest Warrants, Juvenile Law: School and Criminal Issues, Legal Research, Court Costs and Fees, Disposition of Stolen Property, Advanced Civil Law and Trial Procedure.

## Card of Thanks

Brownie Troop #102 would like to thank Todd Munn and the Flying Eagle Pack 19 boys for demonstrating and helping th girls learn to tie knots. They had a great time. Brownie Troop #102 would also like to thank officer Oscar Chavez, Officer Randy Cook and Saber the Dog for the very exciting demonstration on how dogs sniff out illegal drugs. The girls learned a lot about staying away from drugs.

Thanks,  
Erica Morriss & Tammie Tidwell



I would like to say that as much as I have enjoyed playing music with each and every one of you, and I consider everyone of you a close dear friend. I have given this matter a very serious thought and it has been very hard to come to this decision. I am retiring from playing music, and even though I will no longer be playing I will still keep in touch. I will never forget you and all the good times that we had together.

Sincerely,  
Oscar Galindo

## BIRTHDAY

**March 12**  
Lula Casillas  
Abby Alvarado  
Dora Gonzales  
Isabel Hernandez  
Eve Martin  
Don Sessom  
Jennifer Surber  
Tavia Valliant  
**March 13**  
Anthony Sanchez  
Erma Lee Turner  
Daniel Anderson  
Chris Badgett  
**March 14**  
Moemi Fay  
Mario Torres  
**March 15**  
Abby Creek  
Jerry Creek  
Domingo Gutierrez

**Sylvia Herrera**  
Lee Ann Holt  
Lupita Mireles  
Lupita Reyes  
Kelsey Rae Velez  
Becky Whitaker  
**March 16**  
Rosalda Chavez  
Danielle Dobbs  
Irene Dominguez  
Lupita Mireles  
Juanita T. Sanchez  
Ida Sanchez  
**March 17**  
Carmen Ramirez  
Fina Hernandez  
Kevin Gann  
P.J. Reyes  
**March 18**  
Sylvia Castro  
Linda Sue Cervantez  
Debra E. Constanicio

## Senior Center

March 13- Meet Dr. Phil Miller D.D.S.  
March 17- St. Patricks Day, City Council Meeting 2 p.m.  
March 18- Presentation on 1/2 Cent sales tax by Tonya Brown in English and Spanish-12:00. Blood Pressure Checks w/Housecalls Health Program 11-1 p.m.  
March 19- TRAX van to San Angelo  
March 20- Birthday party after lunch

### Lunch Menu

**Thursday, March 12**  
Meatloaf w/tomato sauce, blackeyed peas, okra, corn bread, banana pudding

**Friday, March 13**  
Chicken enchilada, pinto beans, broccoli, tossed salad, crackers, fruit cup

**Monday, March 16**  
Beef stew, stewed vegetables, sweet peas, cornbread, citrus fruit cup

**Tuesday, March 17**  
B-B-Q chicken, blackeye peas, beets, rolls, pears w/pine apple, chocolate chip cookie

**Wednesday, March 18**  
Roast beef w/brown gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cloeslaw, roll, carrot cake

**Thursday, March 19**  
Salisbury steak, baked beans, mustard greens, bread, peaches

**Friday, March 20**  
Fried fish, hominy, broccoli, corn muffin, bread pudding w/raisins

Guest Meals are \$4.00.  
Suggested donation for Senior Citizens is \$1.75.

## SCHOOL MENU

**Monday, March 16**  
breakfast pizza, fruit or juice

Corn dog, french fries, peaches, ice cream cup

**Wednesday, March 18**  
Breakfast Burrito, fruit or juice

Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, mixed veggies, roll

**Friday, March 20**  
French toast w/syrup, ham, fruit or juice

Fish burger, tator tots, salad, peaches, peanut butter cookie

**Tuesday, March 17**  
Egg & cheese on biscuit, fruit or juice

Meat loaf, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pears, roll

**Thursday, March 19**  
Blueberry muffin, scrambled eggs, fruit or juice

Pizza, carrot sticks w/dip, pears, fruit cobbler

All meals served with milk

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### Community

March 12

**Friday, March 13**  
1:00-5:00 p.m. Free Aids Testing, Eldorado Healthcare Clinic

**Monday, Marcy 16**  
6:30 Sales Tax meeting Middle School Snack Bar

**Tuesday, March 17**  
2:00 p.m. City Council Meeting, City Hall  
Lion's Club Broom Sale in front of City Hall and U.S. Post Office

*The Community Calendar*

**Sutton County National Bank**  
207 Hwy 277 N

### Calendar

March 19

**Wednesday, March 18**  
12:00 Lenten Luncheon, St. John's Episcopal Church

**March 18-19**  
12:00 Presentation on 1/2 cent sales tax by Tonya Brown in English and Spanish, Sutton County Senior Center

Science Fair

**Thursday, March 19**  
1:00 p.m. Sutton LEPC meeting, Sutton County EMS Training room

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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## WTU seeks approval from PUCT

West Texas Utilities Company (WTU) has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) to recover approximately \$6.8 million in uncollected fuel costs and interest from retail customers. WTU also has requested approval to increase the fuel factors used to recover fuel costs incurred to provide electric service in the future by approximately \$7.4 million a year.

WTU proposes to recover the \$6.8 million in under collections through a surcharge over the six-month period from June through November of this year. If approved by the PUCT, the increase in the factors used to calculate the fuel charge portion of the bill would also begin with the June billing cycle.

Investor-owned electric utilities in Texas, like WTU, are required by the PUCT to use fuel factors based on cost estimates to collect the cost of fuel used to generate electricity at their power plants. When the actual costs of fuel significantly exceed the fuel charges that customers are paying in the monthly bills, PUCT rules require that the utility request permission to surcharge the additional amount. When the fuel costs are anticipated to change their current levels for an extended period of time, the electric utility may request permission to adjust the monthly fuel factors used to determine the fuel charge portion of customers' bills.

Unforeseen and significant increases in the cost of natural gas occurred over the last year and a half throughout the country. The average cost of natural gas on the spot market for WTU during 1997 was 55 percent higher than the cost included in customers' bills. Approximately 60 percent of the electricity generated by WTU is produced using natural gas as a boiler fuel.

To moderate the significant increase in the market price of natural gas, WTU has taken several steps over the last several years to reduce its fuel costs. These steps have included:

- Renegotiation of existing fuel contracts.

- Initiated litigation that resulted in a refund of \$7 million in coal transportation costs, thereby reducing the amount of the surcharges. This litigation also resulted in savings in future coal transportation costs totaling \$9 million a year, which reduced the amount of the fuel factor increase request by that amount.

- Aggressive pursuit of market opportunities to reduce the costs of natural gas through purchases on the spot market.

The proposed \$6.8 million surcharge is being requested to recover uncollected fuel costs for the period from February 1997 until January 1998. WTU proposes to spread the surcharge over a six-month period from June through November of this year for all customers, except for seasonal commercial groups. WTU currently is collecting a surcharge, which the PUCT approved in May 1997 to be collected from most customers during the period June 1997 through May 1998.

The proposed surcharge will increase the average monthly bill for residential customers who use 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity by approximately \$1.73 over the amount of the surcharge currently in effect, for six months (June-November 1998) and then will be eliminated. The effect of the surcharge will vary depending on the rate schedule under which customer takes service.

The proposed fuel factor will increase beginning in June 1998 the average monthly bill by approximately \$1.49 for residential customers who use 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month.

WTU will publish notices of the filing in selected newspapers with general circulation throughout the company's service area. WTU also will provide individual notice to the governing bodies of all incorporated municipalities retaining original jurisdiction.



## Cowley/Neely announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Cowley of Alice, TX are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Amy to Joe P. Neely, Jr. Joe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston Neely of San Antonio, TX.

Amy is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Foley of San Benito, Texas and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cowley of Marshall, Texas. Joe is the grandson of Mrs. Lura Sawyer and the late Mr. Edwin Sawyer of Sonora, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Neely and the late Frances Neely.

The wedding will be held April 18, 1998 at the First United Methodist Church in Alice.

Amy is a graduate of Alice High School and graduated from Texas A&M University. She is the owner of Ruth Ivron Boutique in San Antonio TX.

Joe is a graduate of San Marcos Baptist Academy and graduated from Texas A&M University and received a masters degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Joe is employed with Overland Partners, Inc.

A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony at the Alice Country Club.

**Party On!**  
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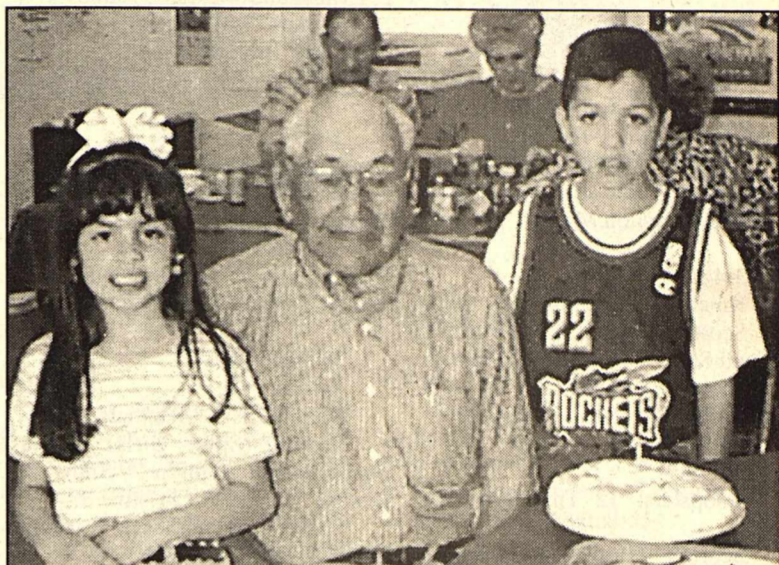
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## Local Artist's Exhibit Opens in Dallas

You are invited to a Classical Realism Art Show day long reception honoring the artists Nora Weaver of Sonora and Dorothy Kizer of Rockwall. The reception will be Saturday, March 14th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Barton on Boydston Gallery, 505 E. Boydston in Rockwall, Texas (a suburb to the

east of Dallas). The show will hang from March 14 through April 9, 1998.

Nora will be exhibiting a variety of her work from portraits to landscapes and still life, including Madame Pasteur which was the work she copied in LeLouvre in Paris in 1995.



Jesus V. Favila, Sr. celebrated his 93rd birthday last Friday at the Sutton County Senior Center. He was born March 5, 1905. He married the late Gerogia Castro Favila on March 9, 1929. They had four children: Raul Favila from Santa Fe, CA, Jessie Favila and Gildardo Favila of Sonora, Romelia F. Champion of Lubbock, TX. He has 14 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

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My back pain hasn't abated much after two months of chiropractic treatment. I have used chiropractic for many years and been satisfied. Should I consider changing doctors?

It is difficult to respond because I do not know your exact condition or how long the problem has existed. Back pain can have many causes and not everyone responds to treatment with the same speed. Factors relative to the back pain such as past injuries, a history of chronic accidents, congenital conditions, lifestyle, occupation, posture and other elements determine what therapies must be applied and how long it will take for complete recovery. I urge you discuss these issues with your doctor and have a clear understanding of your position before you consider changing doctors.

Why does my chiropractor need to x-ray my lumbs in order to treat the shoulder and back pain I'm experiencing?

Many problems patients have originate in parts of the body other than the spine but will show symptoms in the spine area. I

## Back Talk Chiropractic Care Questions & Answers

could not be specific about your problem without seeing your history. I would say it is possible your doctor sees indications that a possible lung problem is referring pain to your shoulder joint. The x-ray is the doctor's way of ensuring that he pinpoints the cause of your pain.

When I asked my M.D. whether chiropractic could help my back pain he told me that chiropractors' education includes only high school degree and night school. Is this true?

This misinformation is common. Chiropractic colleges all require a minimum of more than two years of college,

including extensive science coursework, followed by three years of full time chiropractic education. Many chiropractic colleges are accredited by the same national agency that accredits Texas universities such as Southern Methodist University and Baylor. After graduation from chiropractic college, a graduate must pass extensive exams to be licensed.

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**3rd/4th Boys:**  
3-3-98  
Hoopsters: 16 Knicks: 4  
Scorers (Hoopsters): Embre Smith-5, Hilton Bloodworth-2, Steven Duhon-6  
Scorers (Knicks): Frank David-3, Roland Solis-1  
  
3-3-98  
TimberWolves: 25 Rockets: 23  
Scorers (TimberWolves): Cameron Cox-3, Anthony Longoria-6, Mason Martinez-16  
Scorers (Rockets): Adam Hopper-9, Cullen Parker-8, Trent Reiner-2, Brandon Munn-4  
  
3-4-98  
Knicks: 18 Knights: 6  
Scorers (Knicks): Chris Perez-2, Roland Solis-10, Boomer Galindo-6  
Scorers (Knights): Ty Love-2, Lito Trevino-2, Shane Love-2  
  
3-5-98  
Hoopsters: 12 TimberWolves: 21  
Scorers (Hoopsters): Embre Smith-6, Dustin Duhon-4, Hilton


Bloodworth-2  
Scorers (TimberWolves): Anthony Longoria-11, Cameron Cox-6, Mason Martinez-4  
  
3-5-98  
Lakers: 19 Rockets: 25  
Scorers (Lakers): Liano Luna-2, David Luna-3, Steven Barthelemy-2, Evan Gully-4, Caleb Ramos-8  
Scorers (Rockets): Adam Hopper-6, Brandon Munn-7, J.R.-4, Cullen Parker-8  
  
3-6-98  
Knights: 3 Hoopsters: 20  
Scorers (Knights): 3 Lito Trevino-1, Ty Love-2  
Scorers (Hoopsters): Hilton Bloodworth-4, Duston Duhon-2, Patrick Shahan-2, Steven Duhon-12  
  
**3rd/4th Girls:**  
3-4-98  
Spice Girls: 17 Panthers: 7  
Scorers (Spice Girls): Kayla McBride-4, Lauren Smith-2, Desirae Morriss-7, Christine S.-4  
Scorers (Panthers): Kayla Fields-3, Jena Teasley-4

3-4-98  
Brats: 20 Magics: 4  
Scorers (Brats): Tissie Wagone-4, Delma Tovar-6, Kaleena Samaniego-4, Jeanette Martinez-4, Gabrielle Alvites-2  
Scorers (Magics): Jillian Gully-8, Allyse Edmondson-2  
  
3-4-98  
Magics: 14 Panthers: 8  
Scorers (Magics): Allyse Edmondson-2, Jennifer Gonzales-2, Jillian Gully-8, Dee McGee-2  
Scorers (Panthers): Sandra Yorba-2, Kayla Fields-4, Jena Teasley-2  
  
3-6-98  
Brats: 9 Rug Rats: 5  
Scorers (Brats): Tissie Wagone-2, Jeanette Martinez-6, Cerissa Hedgecock-1  
Scorers (RugRats): Kristina-5  
  
3-6-98  
Spice Girls: 13 Magics: 12  
Scorers (Spice Girls): Mandy Brister-1, Lauren Smith-4, Desirae Morriss-5, Kayla McBride-3  
Scorers (Magics): Dee McGee-

2, Candise Martin-3, Allyse Edmondson-2, Jillian Gully-5  
  
**5th/6th Boys:**  
3-5-98  
Wizards: 38 Nuggets: 7  
Scorers (Wizards): Scottie Moore-8, Clint Cearley-12, Chris Martin-7, Chris Martinez-8, Nathanael Prather-3  
Scorers (Nuggets): Dustin Creek-5, Tata Yorba-2  
  
**5th/6th Girls:**  
3-3-98  
Crushers: 13 007's: 5  
Scorers (Crushers): Debra Martinez-2, Laura Word-3, Cady Taylor-2, Jennifer Hernandez-2, Adriana Castillo-4  
Scorers (007's): Susanna Street-3, Dainah Hernandez-2  
  
3-5-98  
Crushers: 19 Magic: 16  
Scorers (Crushers): Elizabeth Elliott-2, Debra Martinez-8, Laura Word-4, Cady Taylor-1, Amanda Word-4  
Scorers (Magic): Denevra Gloria-11, Karina Hernandez-1, Brea Hughes-4



**Happy 25th Anniversary**  
Curly and Lou Faulkes will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on March 14th, 1998. Please join them for cake and punch at a reception in their home, at the Senior Center. They were married in San Angelo, Texas on February 9, 1973. They have six children, twelve grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.  
Saturday, March 14, 1998  
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
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The driest place on earth is Arica, Chile. In one 59 year period, the average annual rainfall was 0.03 inches. No rain fell for a 14-year period.

## Lightning: Do you really know it

submitted by Sutton County Emergency Management Services  
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MYTH: If it is not raining, there is no danger from lightning.  
FACT: Lightning often strikes outside of heavy rain and may occur as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall.  
MYTH: The rubber soles of shoes or rubber tires on a car will protect you from being struck by lightning.

FACT: Rubber-soled shoes and rubber tires provide NO protection from lightning. However, the steel frame of a hard-topped vehicle provides increased protection if you are not touching metal. Although you may be injured if lightning strikes your car, you are much safer inside a vehicle than outside.  
MYTH: People struck by lightning carry an electrical charge and should be attended to immediately.  
FACT: Lightning-strike victims carry no electrical charge and should not be touched.  
MYTH: "Heat lightning" occurs after very hot summer days and poses no threat.  
FACT: What is referred to as "heat lightning" is actually lightning

from a thunderstorm too far away for thunder to be heard. However, the storm may be moving in your direction.  
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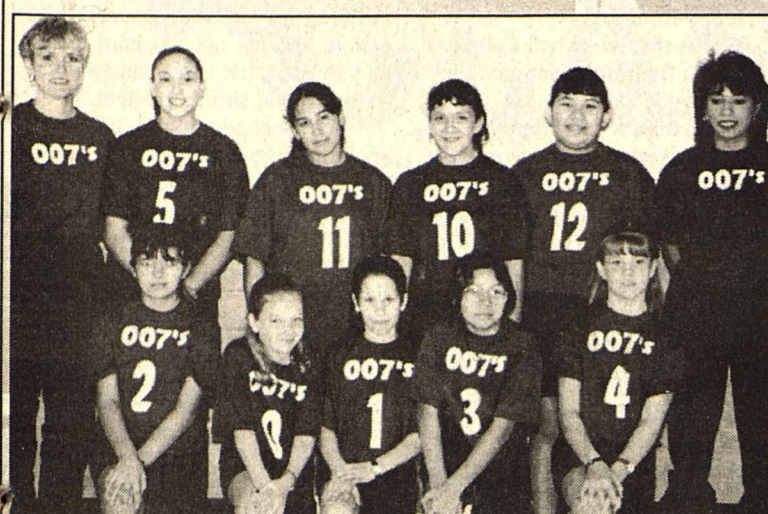
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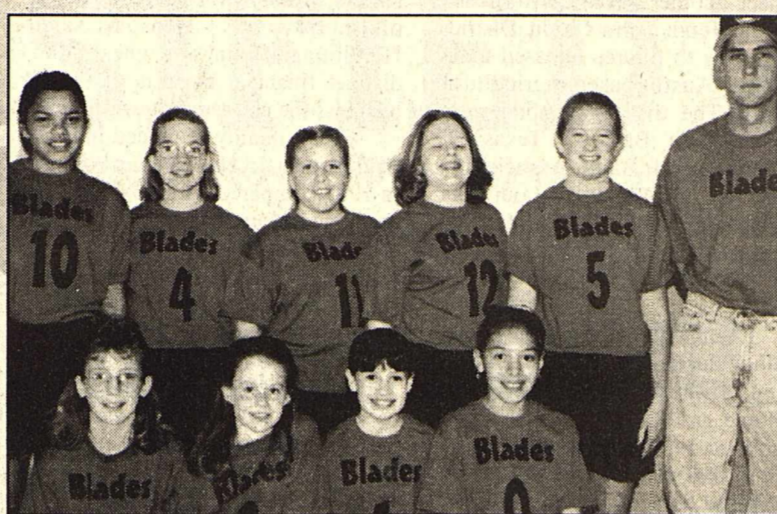
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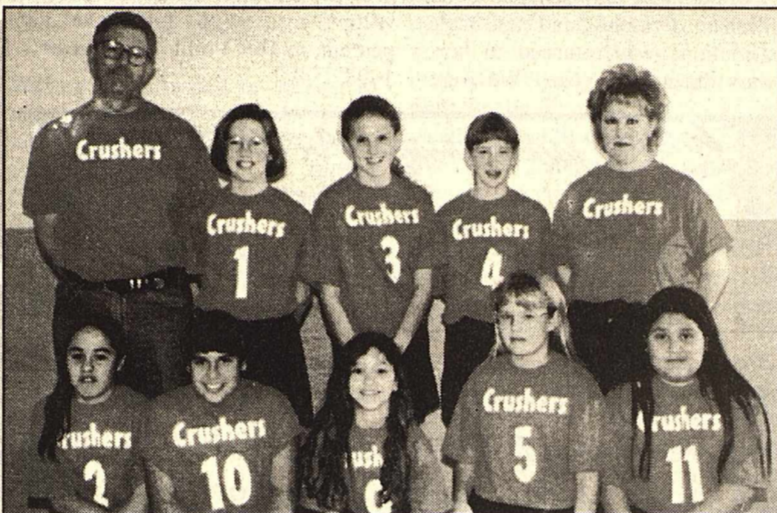
**007's:** Front row from the left-Nicole Samaniego, Tara Green, Susanna Street, Mandy Samaniego, Jessica Martin. Back row-Coach Patti Prather, Sarah Gutierrez, Veronica Garcia, Nikki Casillas, Dainah Hernandez, Coach Belia Solis.



**Blades:** Front row from the left-Kelly Kearney, Courtney Caruthers, April Flores, Kenia Gutierrez. Back row-Paola Garcia, Courtney Strubhart, Allison Higdon, Kate Higdon, Lacy Ragsdale, and Coach Cody Loving.



**Blazerettes:** Front row from the left-Erica McClintock, Isabel Ibarra, Angie Ibarra, Chelsea Seaton. Back row-Coach Tami Loving, Perla Perez, Deidra Warden, Tamika Marshall, Danielle Dobbs and Coach Jenny Johnson.



**Crushers:** Front row from the left-Debra Martinez, Jennifer Hernandez, Vicky Vara, Amanda Word, Adrianna Castillo. Back row-Coach Al Elliott, Elizabeth Elliott, Laura Word, Cady Taylor, and Asst. Coach Candi Taylor.



**Magic:** Front row from the left-Jordan Anderson, Denebra gloria, Angela Gonzalez. Back row-Karina Hernandez, Danielle Galindo, Brea Hughes, Danille fox, and Coach Pete Samaniego.



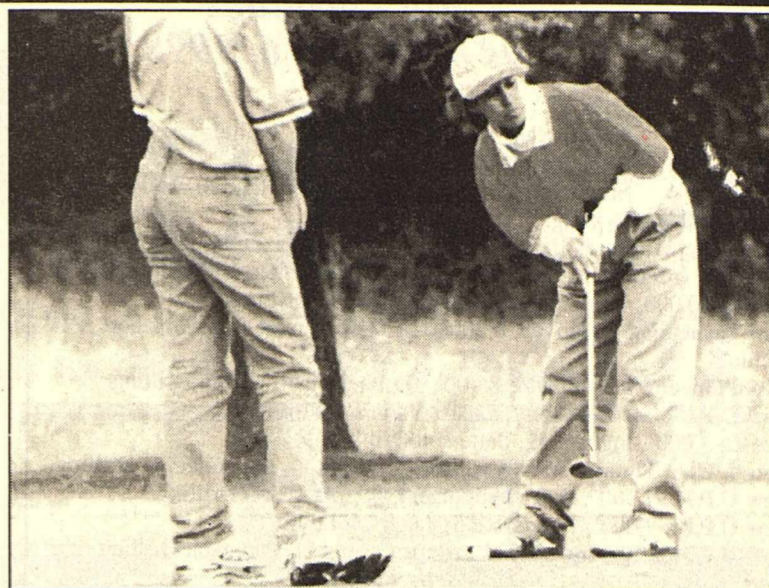
**Nuggets:** Front row from the left-Stevie Hernandez, Andrew Barthelemy, Laura Martin (mascot), Dustin Creek, Jacob Adams. Back row-Coach Tracey Ferguson, Will Ferguson, Clayton Hicks, Tata Yorba, David Cook, Brian Payton. Not pictured Justin Mathews.



**Rockets:** Front row from the left-Diego Cardona, Benny Frasier, Austin Wagoner, Joe Oliden, Laramie Hall. Back row-Coach Ronda Hall, Asst. Sandi Ainsworth, Joseph Ainsworth, Zed Snodgrass, Trapper Valliant, Asst. Cody Ainsworth.



**Wizards:** Front row from the left-Nathanael Prather, Chris Martin, Wilson Wallace, R.C. Mata. Back row-Asst. Jeri Martin, Scottie Moore, Clint Cearley, Chris Martinez, and Coach Maray Cearley.



Kimberly Bustamante placed 4th at the Sonora Golf Invitational.

## Lady Broncos Finish at the Top

submitted  
Saturday, March 7, the SHS Girls Golf Team won 1st place at the Sonora Golf Invitational. Light rain and drizzle held on through the first holes of play. Then the weather seemed to let up and promised to be a beautiful day. With 4 hole left to play, of the 18, thunder and lightning stopped all play. Rain and hail came down. All the players were taken to the clubhouse and fed, while the storm moved over. The clouds moved on to the east and the players went back to finish their round.

Team scores: 1. Sonora-405, 2. Colorado City-428; 3. Lakeview-448; 4. Brady-457; 5. McCamey-477; 6. Kermit-487; 7. Reagan County-492; 8. Sabinal-534.

All four of the Sonora Girls Golf team finished in the top 15 and were awarded medals. 1. Ashley Henson-88, 4. Kimberly Bustamante-97, 8. Marisha Henson-107, 13. Daisha Henson-113. Way to go SHS Lady Broncos Golf Team! Next play will be March 17 at San Saba.

## Sonora track teams finish second at Junction relays

submitted  
The Broncos varsity and J.V. teams kick off the season with a second place finish behind the Llano Yellowjackets. The Broncos had great showing from the hurdles events and the long distance events. The J.V. team finished second with only eight competitors. They had great showing from the field events and the hurdlers. The varsity boys were in second place by one point with the 1600 meter relay to go. The Broncos could have won with a victory, but they were defeated by three one hundreds of a second. congratulations to all the j.v. and Varsity competitors for a great showing.

**Varsity Results:**  
3200 Meter Run  
Desi Badillo-2nd 11.44, Cody Ainsworth-3rd 11.46  
400 Meter Relay  
Anthony-Luna 2nd 45.42, Kasey Wood, Graham Bloodworth, Terry Stone  
800 Meter Dash  
Zane Smart-3rd 2:09, J.D. Lozano-5th 2:11  
110 Meter Dash  
Graham Bloodworth-7th 11.6  
400 Meter Dash  
Terry Stone-3rd 54.34  
300 Meter Hurdles  
Justin Mathews-2nd 40.47, Brad Legan-4th 42.5, Michael McLaurin-5th 43.13  
200 Meter Dash  
Graham Bloodworth-6th 24.8  
1600 Meter Run  
Desi Badillo-3rd 4:47, Curtis Sanders-5th 5:07.50, Cody Ainsworth-6th 5:26  
1600 Meter Relay  
Mayer Anderson-2nd 3:33:03, Terry Stone, Kasey Wood, Justin Mathews  
Shot Put  
Andy Sanchez-1st 50ft. 9 in.  
Discus  
Nate Favela-4th 38 ft. 11 in.  
Long Jump  
Anthony Luna-4th 19ft. 2 in., Zane Smart-6th 18ft. 6 in.  
Triple Jump

**J.V. Results:**  
400 Meter Relay  
Danny Solis-2nd 48.92, Miky Solis, Shane Mathews, Tom Jacoby  
800 Meter Dash  
Fernie Ramos-3rd 2:21  
110 Meter Dash  
Riley Crain-1st 16.3  
400 Meter Dash  
Tom Jacoby-3rd 57.86  
300 Meter Hurdles  
Riley Crain-1st 44.68  
200 Meter Dash  
Miky Solis-2nd 25.85  
1600 Meter Relay  
Shane Mathews-2nd 3:50:01, Riley Crain, Fernie Ramos, Thomas Jacoby  
Shot Put  
Jake Trainer-2nd 36ft. 10 in.  
Discus  
Brady Lock-2nd 109 ft. 8 in.  
Triple Jump  
Riley Crain-1st 38ft. 10in.  
High Jump  
Shane Mathews-1st 5ft. 5 in.  
Riley Crain-2nd 5ft. 4in.  
Team Totals  
Llano 156  
Sonora 121  
Rocksprings 94  
Eldorado 62  
Nueces Canyon 39  
Junction 34  
Lake View 22

Kelly Downing and Lizzie Badillo competed for the Sonora girls. Kelly finished 4th in the 200 meter dash, 5th in the 800 meter dash and 6th in the 200 meter dash. Lizzie Badillo competed in eh 3200 meter run and competed very well.

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## PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Andy Sanchez won the shot put throw of 50 ft. 9 in. Congratulations to Andy for a great effort!

Kelly Downing finished 4th in the 200 meter dash, 5th in the 800 meter dash and 6th in the 200 meter dash.

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### Spring Sports Schedule

**TRACK**

<b>-Boys-</b>	<b>-Girls-</b>
March 14- Eldorado	March 14- Eldorado
March 21- Ozona	March 21- Ozona
Jr. High Track- March 6 Iraan, March 13-Eldorado	

**TENNIS**

March 13-14 Tournament-Garden City  
March 20-21 Tournament- Reagan Co.  
Jr. High Tennis- March 21 Tournament-Sonora

**GOLF**

<b>-Boys-</b>	<b>-Girls-</b>
March 14- Sonora Invitational	March 17- San Saba Invitational
March 20-21- Ft. Stockton Inv.	March 25- Colorado City Inv.

**BASEBALL**

**Varsity**

March 12-14, Bracketville Tournament TBA  
March 17, Junction There 4:00 p.m.  
March 19-21 Alpine Tournament TBA

**Junior Varsity**

March 12-14, Grape Creek Tournament TBA  
March 16, Mason There 5:30  
March 21, Bracketville (DH) Home 12:00

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## Farm Credit reports another strong performance

Year-end 1997 financial results reflect another strong performance for the Tenth Farm Credit District, according to figures released today by the Austin-based agricultural lender. The district comprises the Farm Credit Bank of Texas; 26 Federal Land Bank Associations (FLBAs) in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas; and 16 Production Credit Associations (PCAs) in Louisiana, New Mexico and Texas.

Loan volume grew by \$163 million during the year, ending 1997 at \$4.0 billion. The 4.2 percent loan volume growth continued the positive trend experienced in 1996, when the district's loan volume increased by 3.1 percent. "The district succeeded in closing more new loans in 1997 than in any previous year in its history," Farm Credit Bank of Texas CEO Arnold R. Henson said.

In addition, approximately \$23 million in dividends and patronage distributions was returned to borrowers during the year. "We were

pleased to distribute earnings to borrowers, reducing their effective cost of borrowing," Henson said. "Returning earnings is one of the distinct financial benefits of doing business the cooperative way."

Credit quality remained high at 96.6 percent acceptable loan volume in 1997 compared with 96.4 percent acceptable loan volume in 1996. Member equity in the district grew to \$930.3 million at year-end, representing an increase of \$51.8 million over the previous year.

District net income at Dec. 31, 1997 was \$85.9 million, compared to income of \$83.1 million a year earlier. The increase in net income was the result of the increased level of new business in the district.

Nationally, the Farm Credit System reported combined net income of \$1.267 billion for the year ended Dec. 31, 1997, compared with combined net income of \$1.201 billion for the prior year. Gross loan volume rose \$2.261 billion, or 3.7 percent, to \$63.4 billion at year-end 1997.

## Your Family's Share of the Federal Budget

By Henry Bonilla

This is the time when Congress once again figures the national budget and makes decisions on spending and taxes for the coming year. Since this is also the time of year that you are preparing your federal income taxes, you may be interested in knowing where your hard-earned money is going. Some think we will see a budget surplus for the first time in 30 years. If we do-and that is still an "if"-that money should be devoted to lessening the burden on taxpayers and making our economy stronger.

The biggest piece of the budget pie is Social Security. Almost a fourth of your federal taxes goes into this system. That's almost \$400 billion! Congress, and now the President, have called for saving the Social Security system. The best way to do that is to reduce the national debt. The debt simply takes good money out of the economy. That puts pressure on the Social Security system, as well as your family's budget. For example, a smaller federal debt will mean lower interest rates on your home or auto payment.

Lowering tax rates for working families like yours will reduce this massive debt and make the economy stronger. Keeping more of your money means that your family has more to save, as well as more to buy what it needs. Multiply that by the

millions of families across the nation, and it's not too hard to see why lower, fairer taxes can grow the economy and shrink the debt.

The second biggest chunk of spending goes to our national defense. That's a little over 15 percent of your tax dollars. This year that will be about \$266 billion. While that is a large amount of money, defense's slice of the budget pie is actually half what it was 25 years ago. And it's not enough to pay for the current level of activity our military is required to do. Congress routinely has to go back every year and find extra money to pay for operations like Bosnia, the Persian Gulf and Haiti. We shouldn't be the world's policeman. A more sensible defense plan would help reduce the burden you have to pay.

Close behind defense in the budget pie is the annual interest on the national debt. This year it will be over \$240 billion. That's right-\$240 billion this year on interest alone. That's 14 percent of your federal tax dollars. And how big is the debt? Try \$3.5 trillion. This is the biggest reason why we can't let up in the budget war.

The economy is strong because Congress has eliminated wasteful spending and provided tax relief for families. Paying off the debt and lowering your tax burden is still the best way to strengthen the economy and your family's budget.

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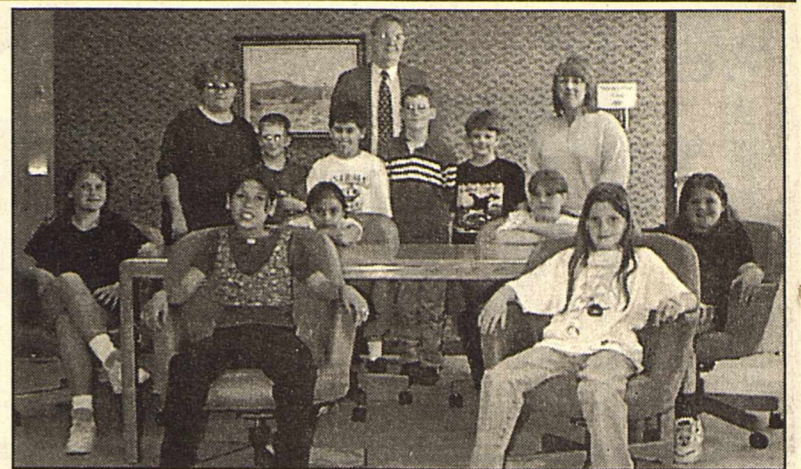
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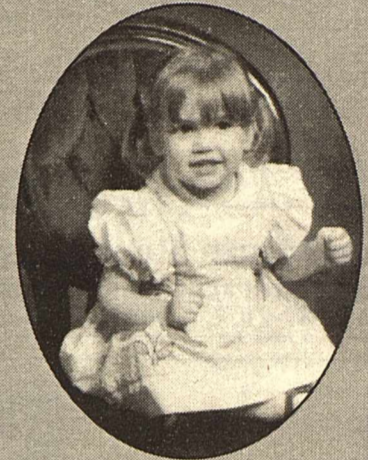
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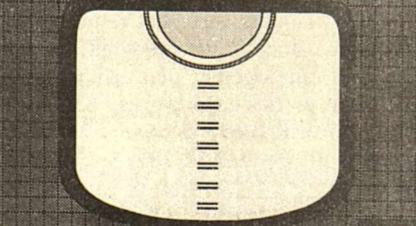
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