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## Let There Be Light

On Monday morning, March 10, 2003, Sheriff Joe Fincher reported that a subject had been arrested for the theft of the missing lights on Eaton Hill that were used to light the American Flag. The lights were stolen during the weekend of February 8th, 2003.

Jeffrey Scott Gee, 22, of Eldorado, was arrested in Sonora on Saturday, March 8, 2003, after Schleicher County Deputy David Olivian tipped off Sutton County officials that Gee was enroute to Sonora. He was taken into custody at Amigo's Texaco and four 1,000 watt light bulbs were found in his vehicle along with many other items and tools believed to be stolen.

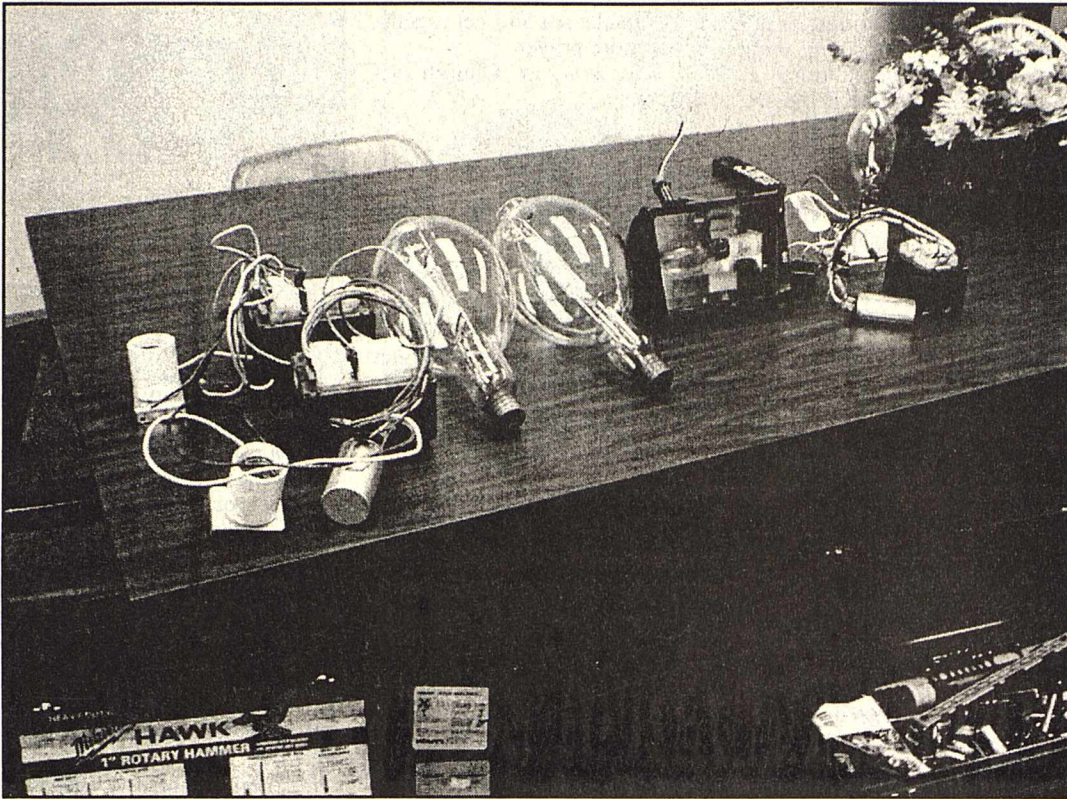
Many of the seized items, including the lights, timed water systems, solar panels, a Carbon Dioxide tank, testing kits and a book titled "High Times, Cultivating Tips", are commonly used to cultivate marijuana. It appears that the items were intended for use in a marijuana growing operation that apparently never got off the ground.

Tips that the lights might be hidden in Eldorado were forwarded to Sutton and Schleicher County officials by officers of the Rio Concho Multi-Agency Drug Task Force.

Events leading up to the arrest began on Saturday when Schleicher County officers were called in to handle a child custody dispute between Gee and his former girlfriend at Gee's residence on Old Sonora Road in Eldorado. At that time, Deputy David Olivian stood by while Gee packed his belongings and prepared to leave town. Once Gee left his residence and turned south toward Sonora, Olivian notified Sutton County officers that a suspect in the theft of the lights was heading toward their county.

Gee reportedly stopped at the Texaco convenience store and began fueling his car. He then went inside and told the attendant that he couldn't afford to pay for his fuel, prompting the attendant to call the Sutton County Sheriff's Department.

Deputy Jodie Harris, dis-



The bulbs from the missing lights on Eaton Hills were found over the weekend.

patched to investigate the non-payment for fuel, was already in the area, watching for Gee's vehicle.

Gee was then taken into custody and charged with theft of service. As he waited at the Sutton County Jail for money to be wired to him to pay for his fuel, other important evidence was located in Eldorado when a local woman arrived at the Schleicher County Sheriff's office to say that her grandchild had discovered several high-voltage electrical ballasts hidden in a cabinet.

As officers in Schleicher County quickly connected the dots that tied Gee to the newly-found ballasts, Sutton County officials were questioning the suspect. A combination of the interrogation and the discovery of the ballasts ultimately resulted in a confession.

Following his arrest, Gee gave consent to search his Eldorado residence where two canisters of carbon dioxide were found. Gee reportedly told officers that since plants need carbon dioxide to live, he intended to use the inert gas in this soon-to-be-constructed marijuana green house.

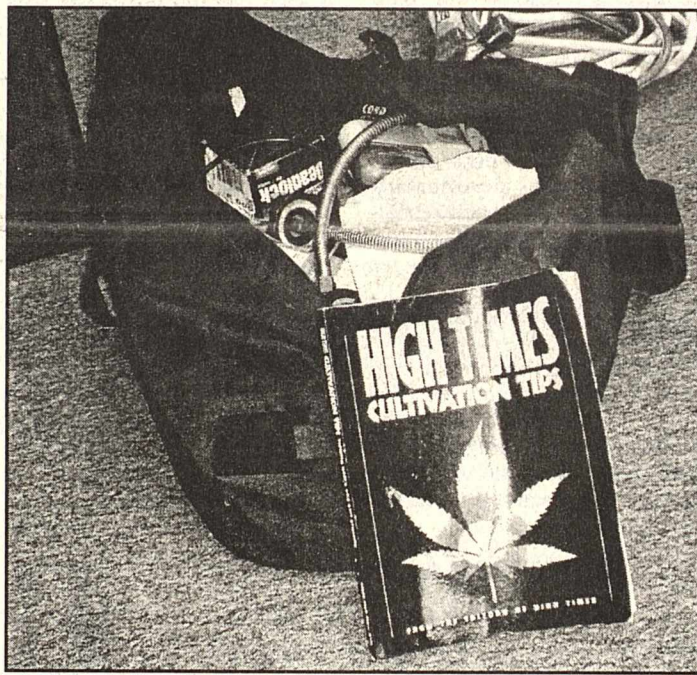
Sheriff Fincher stated that a

combined effort of the Sutton County Sheriff's Office, the Sonora Police Department and the Schleicher County Sheriff's Office resulted in the recovery of the stolen items and the arrest. More specifically, Sheriff Fincher praised the efforts of Eric Byrne of the Sonora Police Department, Jodie Harris of the Sutton County Sheriff's Office and David Olivian of the

Schleicher County Sheriff's Office.

Jeffery Scott Gee is currently being held in the Sutton County Jail, charged with Theft in County Court with a \$7,500 bond.

Sutton County Sheriff Joe Fincher, Schleicher County Deputy David Olivian and The Eldorado Success contributed to this story



Seized items included this book on Cultivating tips.

## Bronco Relays Schedule of Events

The Bronco Relays will be held at Bronco Stadium on Saturday, March 15, 2003.

The Scratch Meeting will start at 8:30 a.m., followed by the beginning of the Field Events at 9:30 a.m.

The schedule of events is as follows:

- Long Jump Pit A
- Varsity Boys, JV Boys, Varsity Girls
- Triple Jump Pit B
- Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys, JV Boys
- High Jump
- JV Boys, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys
- Pole Vault
- Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys, JV Boys
- Discus
- Varsity Boys, JV Boys, Varsity Girls
- Shot Put
- Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys, JV Boys.

The Running prelims will begin at 11:30 a.m. as follows:

- 3200m Run - VG, JVB, VB
- 100m Hurdles - VG
- 110m Hurdles - JVB, VB
- 100m Dash - VG, JVB, VB
- 400m Dash - VG, JVB, VB
- 300m Hurdles - VG, JVB, VB
- 200m Dash - VG, JVB, VB

Relay Prelims will depend on how many teams participate. An hour and a half after the last prelim race the finals will begin as follows:

- 400m Relay - VG, JVB, VB
- 800m Dash - VG, JVB, VB
- 100m Hurdles - VG
- 110m Hurdles - JVB, VB
- 100m Dash - VG, JVB, VB
- 800m Relay - VG, JVB, VB
- 400m Dash - VG, JVB, VB
- 300m Hurdles - VG, JVB, VB
- 200m Dash - VG, JVB, VB
- 1600m Run - VG, JVB, VB
- 1600m Relay - VG, JVB, VB

## Baby Byrne and Family Glad To Be Home



Riley William Byrne is back in Sonora.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It's really hard to describe how grateful Tiffany and I am for the heartfelt thoughts, prayers and donations made in the name of our son, Riley William.

The first few days in the PIMC at the Methodist Children's Hospital in San Antonio were gut wrenching. Seeing our little boy hooked up to those monitors and tubes was almost more than Tiff and I thought we could handle. It was truly scary just how close we were to losing baby Riley. RSV and GERD combined turned out to be a deadly combination for an infant only weeks old. We really had no idea. For all of you parents and grandparents out there that have a child under the age of two, please be careful and watch out for RSV. Your pediatrician will have all the necessary information you may need to know and the precautions you can take.

Riley went into the hospital weighing just over seven pounds. He is now about eleven pounds and doesn't care to miss a single feeding. We were told that surgery was the only option in fixing the problem, but now Riley is on about six different medications three times a day and showing daily signs that he is improving. Surgery is still a possibility; however, it now looks as if it can be delayed until Riley is older and can tolerate it.

Tiffany and I were stunned when we heard what everyone was doing to help us through

these troubled times. The City of Sonora and Mr. Brent Gesch the City Manager, the Sutton County Sheriff's Office, the Sonora Fireman's Association, First National Bank, The Bank and Trust, the Landmark Apartments, Lighthouse Baptist Church and all the other businesses and churches that I might have failed to mention have all done so much.

Tiffany, Erica, Riley and I thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. There are also individuals like Kyle and Jana Dover, Tamra Wolfe, Don and Charlotte Longoria and their family, Larry and Kay Word and their family, that we want to say a special thank you to.

Friends, it's so hard to say how much it means to us that our community can take a family in crisis such as ours and give to us in the way you all did. Our appreciation is immeasurable. Also, I have learned that prayer does work. This community has proven that to me.

Please keep baby Riley in your thoughts and prayers, for we still have a long way to go for a full recovery. The trips to San Antonio for follow-up visits, the constant need for medication, and the possibility of surgery still loom in the future. It is comforting to know that you are all out there, and that Tiffany, Erica, Riley and I have you when we need a shoulder to lean on.

We thank you and may God Bless all of you.

Eric, Tiffany, Erica and Riley Byrne

Friends of Historic Sonora/Main Street Inc invites everyone to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the new planter box located at the intersection of Hwy 277 & Crockett Ave. at 2:00 p.m. on March 20, 2003. Refreshments will follow at the Bank & Trust

## Ramirez Called To Active Duty



Sgt. Rachel Ramirez has been called back to active duty, after three years of being out of the United States Army. She is stationed at Ft. Jackson in South Carolina for four weeks of training. She is still uncertain as to where she will be deployed to. Rachel leaves behind her precious pride and joy, baby daughter, Kayla Bea with her parents.

Rachel is a 1996 graduate of Sonora High School. She is the daughter of Carlos and Beatrice Ramirez and brother Carlos.

## Get Swept Away At The Sonora Lions Club Broom Sale

The Sonora Lions Club Annual Broom and Mop Sale will be Tuesday, March 18, 2003 in front of the Sonora Post Office and City Hall.

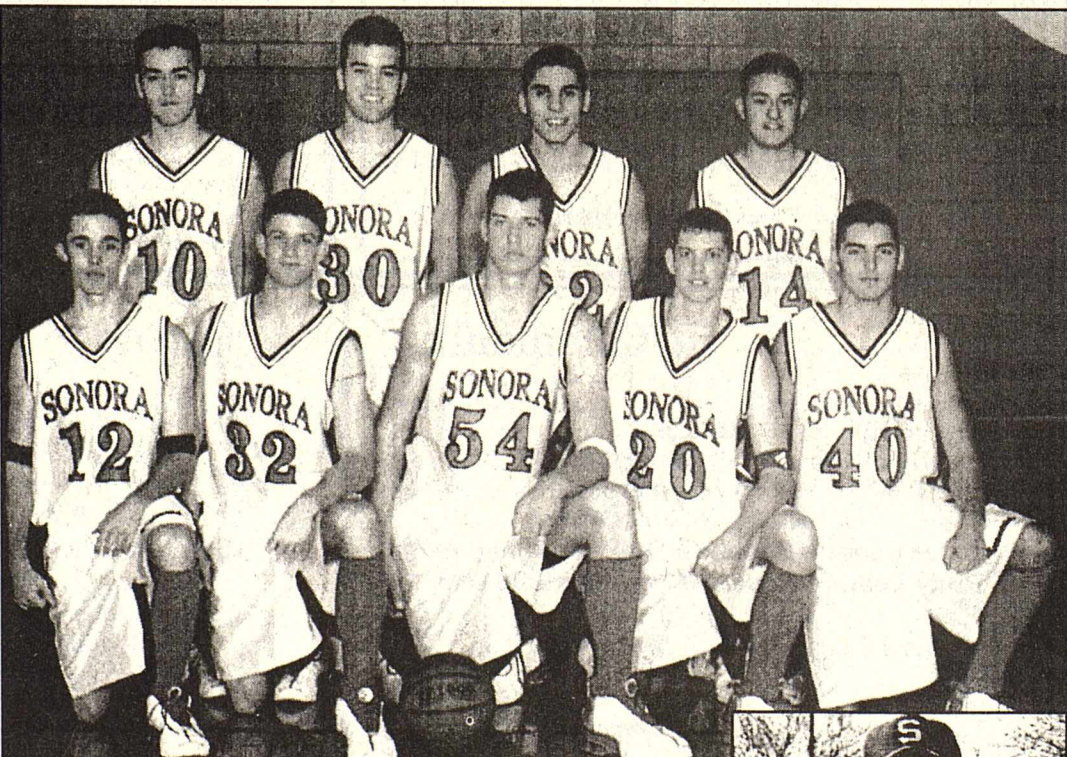
The annual fund raiser

includes a wide variety of both household and commercial cleaning products that are assembled by the blind.

The Sonora Lions Club makes available sponges, door-

mats, brooms of all types, a variety of mops, squeegees and many other supplies for spring cleaning. From a yard rake to a heavy push broom, you'll find it at the broom and mop sale.

## Bronco Basketball Boys Make All-District



The All-District Basketball Team and Academic All-District have been named for the 2003 season. All the Bronco players were named on at least on one list. The choices are as follows:

**1st Team All-District**  
Dustin Martin #30 and Chris Martin #10

**2nd Team All-District**  
Caleb Gulley #12 and Trapper Valliant #54

**Honorable Mention**  
Douglas Yocham #20

**Academic All-District**  
Caleb Gulley #12, Stevie Hernandez #14, Douglas Yocham #20, Luis Segura #22, Dustin Martin #30, Justin Sims #32, Scottie Moore #40,



Trapper Valliant #54, Lance Roberts #24 (inset) **And Managers** (not pictured) Megan Berry and Courtney Carruthers





## Sonora Church Directory

**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Antonio F. Gonzales, Sr.  
504 Santa Clara  
387-2035

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Jerry Jackson  
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387-3190

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
T. Wayne Price  
Pastor  
111 E Oak  
387-2951

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
404 E. Poplar  
387-2955

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Conrad Archer, Pastor  
201 N. Water  
387-2466

**TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS**  
Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr.  
306 W. 4th St.  
387-5713

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

**NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER**  
Jerry & Joy Wood  
205 E. Main  
387-3241

**LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC.**  
387-6072

**IGLESIA PENTECOSTAL UNIDA HISPANA**  
Pastor Isai Oviedo  
509 Amistad  
650-3121

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

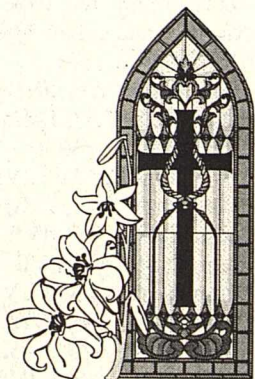
**LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Don Longoria, Pastor  
707 Glasscock  
387-5886

**PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED**  
Randy Greenwood  
Pastor  
509 Amistad  
387-5266

**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**  
Pastor Mike Dixon  
1306 Savell St.  
387-5215



**Kerbow Funeral Home**  
387-2266

## Dining Out Directory

**Dairy Queen**  
134 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-2118

**La Mexicana**  
240 N. Hwy 277  
387-3401

**Pizza Hut**  
401 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-3540

**Stagecoach BBQ & Catering**  
109 W. Main  
387-0623

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

**Taco Grill**  
232 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-9127

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## In These Times

No one likes the thought of facing war. Yet in most of my lifetime there has always been the potential danger of a major war and our being in it. What can we do about these situations? The Bible gives us some answers and hope.

First it tells us take everything to God in Prayer (Philippians 4:6). God loves us and wants to be involved in our lives (Psalms 91:14-16). Secondly He tells us to especially pray for our leaders (whether we like them or not) and the rulers of other countries (1 Timothy 2:1-3). One thing about prayer is it is as conditional as most promises of the Bible are. In 2 Chronicles 7:14 there is a little formula or recipe for suc-

cessful prayer. First we must humble ourselves before God. We must be willing to acknowledge, submit and recognize a higher power or authority (God). Without this our prayers don't go higher than our heads (James 4:6). Next, pray and seek God both privately and in our local churches (Isaiah 56:7). There is one other requirement; we must be willing to turn from wicked lifestyles (sin keeps God from being near us). It is only then that God promises to hear our prayers and answer them. Lets forsake sin and get together for more prayer.

See you in Church on Sunday.

Brother J.

## Look Out For Tax Scams In Tax Season

by Greg Abbott  
Attorney General of Texas

Last year, several Texans lost their entire personal savings to con artists reporting to be IRS agents. Phony bank and IRS documents were sent to the victims in order to obtain bank account information. I don't want this to happen to anyone. I'd like to take this opportunity to inform you of some common tax season scams to look out for. Pay the tax, get the prize? No!

This type of fraud is usually done via telephone. The person on the other end of the phone will tell you that you've won a prize. All you have to do is pay the tax on the prize in order to receive it. Don't be fooled! There are no requirements to prepay taxes on winnings. If you actually win something of value, you might have to adjust any estimated tax payments so as to avoid penalties from the IRS. However keep in mind that taxes are paid directly to the IRS, not to third parties.

"I don't pay taxes, why should you?" Don't Believe It! This is another common scam with many faces. Typically, someone will claim that you don't have to have taxes withheld from your paycheck, or that you can buy an "untax package" that will make you exempt from all taxes. A fee is required in order to learn their secrets to tax freedom. This scam works on the premise that taxes are voluntary. This argument has been repeatedly reflected from US courts. Taxes are NOT voluntary - we must all pay our share.

The tax man is coming. Or is HE?

Some scam artists are so bold as to show up at your door! You might find someone knocking on your door claiming to be an IRS agent. He or she will claim that you owe back taxes and will

pressure you into writing a check on the spot. Don't do it! Don't let anyone into your home claiming to be an IRS agent without verifying their identification and documentation. All IRS employees, including field auditors, collection officers and special agents, carry proper identification cards. If an IRS employee does have a legitimate reason for visiting you, you will usually receive a phone call first. If you believe an imposter has shown up at your door, do not let them in! Call your local police department and then call the US Treasury Inspector General's Hotline at 800-366-4484.

African-American reparation tax refund? No. Thousands of African-Americans have been scammed by individuals who claim that tax law allows credits or refunds due to reparations for slavery. Usually they will ask for a fee in return for filing the false claim. The scam artist is long gone before the victim realizes what has happened. The truth is, there is no such law and the victim may be subject to civil penalties for filing a false claim.

Be Smart. We would all love large tax returns, especially during these tough economic times. It is very tempting to listen to snake oil salesmen. Keep your guard up and remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. You can find out more about these and other types of scams or report a new scam by visiting the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov. As always, if you feel you have been defrauded by a business, you can also file a complaint with the Consumer Protection Division of my office, by telephone at 800-621-0508 or via our Web site at www.org.state.tx.us.

## Eulojia Flores celebrates her 101st Birthday



Ms. Eulojia Flores celebrated her 101st birthday with family and friends at the Sutton County Senior Center on March 11, 2003. After a round of Happy Birthday, Eulojia blew out her candles and was ready to dance... but she couldn't find a partner that could keep up! Everyone then celebrated by playing Bingo and catching up. Happy Birthday Eulojia - and may you enjoy many more!

## Cards of Thanks

We would like to thank Lynn Hinsley for all you did for the Little Dribblers "Rockets" team. We appreciate all the time and patience you put into making our season so great! We learned a lot and at the same time had fun!

Thanks Again,  
Rockets and their Parents

The Little Dribblers "Hot Tamales" and Parents would like to say thank you to Kenny and Casey Henderson for taking the time to coach us and take us through a good season. We appreciate your involvement! We all had a great time!

I would like to thank everyone who helped in one way or another in the sale of tickets and preparation of the pancake breakfast, brisket lunch and enchilada dinner. Thanks to all who purchased tickets and to all who made donations. All the money raised will go towards St. Ann's Catholic Church Building Fund, for the construction of a new parish hall. A hall which can be used by anyone in our community and one which will make us, the Catholic parishioners all proud. My thanks again to all of you.

Blanca Lozano  
St. Ann's Catholic Church  
Cinco de Mayo Queen Candidate

Ronnie Cox  
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## American Cancer Society Relay For Life 2003 May 16 & 17, 2003



School Lunch Menu • Mar. 17 - Mar. 21, 2003

### Breakfast

**Mon.** - Pancakes, syrup, juice or fruit.  
**Tues.** - Breakfast pizza, juice or fruit.  
**Wed.** - Toast, peanut butter, juice or fruit.  
**Thurs.** - Muffin, juice or fruit.  
**Fri.** - Potato and egg burrito, juice or fruit.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

### Lunch

**Mon.** - Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, buttered corn, rice krispie cookie.  
**Tues.** - Macaroni and beef, green beans, jello with fruit, Texas toast.  
**Wed.** - Frito pie, cheese, pinto beans, vegetable salad, cornbread, banana pudding/topping.  
**Thurs.** - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fries, bread pudding.  
**Fri.** - Cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, tossed salad, peaches, crackers.



## Community

**Mar. 18**  
Annual Lion's Club Broom Sale  
8:00 - 5:00 p.m.

City Hall • U.S. Post Office  
Major League Baseball Try-outs 6:00 p.m.  
Pony League Baseball Try-outs 6:30 p.m.

**Mar. 20**  
Minor League Baseball Try-outs 6:00 p.m.

The Community Calendar



## Calendar

**Mar. 24**  
County Commissioners Meeting  
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.

**P.T.O. Meeting**  
Elementary Auditorium • 6:00 p.m.

**March 26**  
Lenten Luncheon hosted by  
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12:00 Noon

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## Letters To The Editor Policy

The Devil's River News encourages letters from its readers. Letters should be to the point, typed if at all possible and signed. Name, address and telephone number should be included for verification purposes. Letters will be printed on a space available basis. Letters should stick with issues, and not simply be personal attacks. Letters endorsing a particular position on issues of local interest will be accepted, however letters endorsing a candidate for political office will not be accepted.

We reserve the right to edit for length, content, and potentially libelous statements.

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### Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer,  
Secretary  
Sutton County Historical Society

**Q.** Part I, Do you have any info on the arrest of a murderer on the Humble Pipe Line in the late 1920's?

**A.** Devil's River News, Friday, August 26, 1927-Dave Rutherford, under life sentence from Brown County for the fatal shooting of Deputy Sheriff Joe Griffith and another man in Brownwood nearly two years ago, and who afterwards broke jail at that place, was taken into custody at ten o'clock Monday night by Federal rangers Ellison and Johns, stationed here, working on a tip furnished by Deputy Sheriff Leslie Galbreath of Eldorado, and Sheriff Young of Sutton County. Rutherford was surrounded and taken into custody by the officers while asleep in a tent at the Humble Pipe Line Co.'s "Black Jack" camp seven miles north of Sonora, and the handcuffs were on him before he was fully awake to put up a fight. He is being held in the Schleicher Co. Jail, pending advise from Brown County.

**Q.** Part II, I am also looking for an escape from the Sutton County Jail about the same time?

**A.** Two men, giving the names of Turner and Jones, who were arrested late last week for alleged bootlegging and placed in the Sutton Co. Jail here, made a successful jail break last Saturday afternoon, and made their escape in a confiscated Chevrolet car which they found near the Sutton County Courthouse. The men when arrested, were not placed in cells usually used for criminals, but in a misdemeanor cell, from which they obtained egress by picking the lock to the window, securing a piece of the sill and battering the lock to the cell door with it, after which they coolly descended the steps of the jail and took the car.

Sheriff Augustine in Ozona was notified of the break, and when the men passed through that town they were ordered to halt, but refused to do so, and the sheriff gave chase and fired several shots at the fleeing duo, upon which they both jumped from the car and took separate

directions, with the result that one of the men, Turner, was overtaken and captured, and returned to the jail here, but the other made good his escape.

In the same issues we found that G. W. Stephenson during the convention of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers' Association recently held at Uvalde, bought a registered Angora yearling billie from T. C. Hampton of Rocksprings for a handsome sum of \$600. This animal was the champion billie exhibited at the convention, and was bought at private sale. The billie will be place in a herd at the Stephenson Ranch, four miles north of Sonora. Mr. Stephenson has registered Angoras on is ranch, and sells about 150 a year, for which he receives an average price of \$35, ranging from \$20 to \$100.

On the back page we found that Mr. Stephenson had just had his 70th birthday and a sumptuous chicken dinner was enjoyed in his home in Sonora by his son Wirt, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Stephenson and family, Mrs. Rose Thorp and family and Mr. Stephenson's granddaughter, Mrs. Iris Chalk. It was stated that Mr. Stephenson was in perfect health, hale and hearty, and had the splendid physical condition that would be a credit to a man of fifty years.

You could get good enchiladas and chili every day and tamales on Wed., Fri., and Sat. at the Mexico Café says Theo Virgen. The Sonora Dairy, D. T. Speed, Prop. has milk, butter and cream and cleanliness is their motto. Pleasant Cup Brand Coffee, packaged and roasted by Wilcox-Nelson Co. is always good and good always and recommended and sold by W. O. Hightower & Co. You could get a genuine 13 plate Ford Battery for \$10 and your old battery at the Sonora Motor Co. and Walker-Stites Motor Co. was selling a 11 ton truck chassis for \$395. K.V.E. Scott, manager of the La Vista Theatre lists the following movies for the week ending Sept. 3, "The Lady of the Harem," "The Ace of Cads," "Slide, Kelley, Slide," "War Horse," "Love Thrill," and "High Hat."

Mrs. Johnny Hamby entertained with a bridge party and kitchen shower Tuesday afternoon at the home of her sister,



Do you know who this woman is?

Mrs. Carl Morrow, honoring Mrs. Sam Allison a recent bride.

Pink and white floral decorations an color theme were carried out in mints and tally cards. The brides table was decorated with pink rose buds. The high score, one half dozen Madeira napkins, was won by Mrs. L. W. Elliott. The low score, a Madeira tray cloth was won by Mrs. Hi Eastland. They each presented their prizes to the honoree, Mrs. Sam Allison, who was also presented with a Madeira buffet set by the hostess. After refreshments, consisting of pink angel cake and iced bride slippers, were served, the bride was surprised when she was taken into the other room and found every conceivable gift in the way of kitchen utensils were arranged on a large table. The ten tables of bridge and additional guests included the honoree, Mrs. Sam Allison, Mesdames W. A. Miers, George Allison, A. H. Nathan, Claude Keene, Bryan Hunt, Frank Bond, Louie Stuart, Alton Hightower, Thomas Espy, John Fields, S. T. Gilmore, Bill Gilmore, Tod Patton, Fred Simmons, Fred Turner, E. F. VanderStucken, L. W. Elliott, A. G. Blanton, Ed Mayfield,

Arthur Stuart, Jack Neill, Chas. Reming, Charley Evans, Russell Martin, W. S. Youngblood, Mans Hoggett, Sid Evans, W. L. Aldwell, Gordon Stuart, Vernon Hamilton, Hi Eastland, Stella Stanley, Carl Morrow, Misses Addah Miers, Bernice Stokes, Jamie Gardner, Bertha Harris, Lucille White, Bonnie Glasscock, Guila Lowrey and the hostess Mrs. Hamby.

If you have any questions, concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratrax.net. The telephone number for the Sutton County Historical Society is 915-387-5084 and my home number is 387-2855. The office is open Monday, Tuesday mornings and Fridays unless we are out on research. We do try to answer questions on surrounding counties if the answers were published in the back issues of the Devil's River News. We do not go out of the county, except on rare occasions, to do research. Anyone who would like to volunteer time to help do work in the society offices are welcome to come in any day we are open.

## Tedford Jewelry

**Bridal Registry**  
Christy O'Mealey bride elect of Levi Pool  
Mrs. James Bradley Nicholls nee  
Sandra Elaine Fuentes

**15th Celebration**  
Delilah Edith Alvizo

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### TEXAS TALES TOLD BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH



#### Odessa's Underexposed Crater

Finally. That big crater just outside Odessa is getting a little respect. State legislator Buddy West is responsible for passing a bill to create a museum and visitors' center at the site, complete with living quarters for a curator.

For years the crater has been advertised in Chamber of Commerce literature, on highway signs and by an occasional newspaper or magazine article. But few people ever go there. For one thing, the highway signs don't give good directions. The crater is in an isolated oil patch down a small road 15 miles southwest of Odessa. And who's interested in meteor craters, anyway?

Tom Rodman is. He's an Odessa attorney who is the major spokesperson for the crater. He has been fascinated with the geological wonder since boyhood because he's interested in things from outer space.

"Flying through the air it's a meteor. When it comes to rest on the earth, it's a meteorite," says Tom. Odessa's crater is the second largest meteor crater in the world. Arizona has one larger. "Both places contribute more meteorites than any other locations in the world."

He says the meteor could have hit the earth fifty thousand years ago.

"It weighed about seventy tons and was the size of a small car. It impacted the earth with such force and released so much energy that the resulting heat and explosion completely vaporized the main mass of the meteorite. It had more energy than the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

Anything within a few

miles would have been destroyed."

It made a crater five hundred feet wide and one hundred feet deep. The University of Texas excavated the site in the late 30's, thinking a huge chunk of the meteorite might be buried. But only small fragments were found.

Limestone rocks form the rim of the depression, which over the years has been filled in with sand and silt. Tom helped construct rock-lined caliche paths around the crater. He spends countless hours at the site and wonders why others don't have the same boyish enthusiasm for it as he does. Tom says scientists believe some meteorites came from the moon or Mars.

A small museum was built at the crater site in 1963 but people were breaking into it and stealing the valuable, irreplaceable meteorites inside. The museum was closed and the collection of meteorites was moved to the Ector County library. The new museum has added more meteorites collected from several sources.

The site was discovered in the 1920's when a rancher found a fist-sized metallic rock, composed mostly of iron and nickel. One astronomer says it came from the core of a planet which had to be about 4 billion years old and several hundred miles in diameter, creating speculation that the planet may have exploded, sending debris into the universe.

"You wonder what it must have been like when it hit. You also wonder what destruction would have occurred had it hit in modern times," says Tom.

Odessa's meteor crater might not be much to look at, but it gives you plenty to think about.

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
THE SADDAM HUSSEIN ADDRESS

Threescore and seven years ago, his father brought forth upon this planet a new abomination, conceived in insanity, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are cremated equal.

Now we are enraged with his great "Mother" war, testing whether that abomination or any abomination so conceived and so dedicated, is full of manure. We will meet there on a great battle-field for this war. He is set to decimate a portion of the Holy Lands as the final resting place of those who there gave their lives so that his insanity might live. It is altogether fitting, and proper that we should not be remiss.

But in a larger sense, we can not dedicate-we can not consecrate, that hallowed ground. The brave men, living

and dead, who have struggled there, have consecrated it far above his poor power to defend or attack. The world should sign a note, and remember what he tried to do here, but hopefully forget that he was ever here. It is for us, the living, to be burdened by his unfinished work that he thus far has so idiotically advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great tanks remaining before us-and that with humongous amounts of lead and incensed emotion at his gall, we give him his last full measure of commotion.

That we here should highly resolve that he shall be fried on the plain; that his abomination, under sod, shall have complete loss of freedom, and that government of the despot, by the despot, for the despot, shall perish in an urn.

By Jim Runge...Eldorado, Texas

### Public Invited To Texas Pecos Trail Meeting

**Iraan, Texas** - The Texas Historical Commission (THC) will host an organizational meeting to help the Texas Pecos Trail Region become a heritage tourism destination.

"The purpose of the meeting is to help those interested in developing the region as a heritage tourism attraction prepare their application for official designation," said Janie Headrick, director of the THC's Texas Heritage Trails Program.

The meeting will be held March 25, at the Iraan Civic Center on Alley Oop Lane in Iraan from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is requested and lunch will be available for \$7.

The meeting is for anyone interested in promoting their historical and cultural resources to tourists, particularly museum directors, heritage society members, main street managers, chamber of commerce directors, convention & visitors bureau directors, city managers, economic development directors, historic site operators, county judges, county historical commission members and county

extension agents in the region.

The Texas Pecos Trail Region covers the following counties: Andrews, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Edwards, Glasscock, Kimble, Kinney, Loving, Martin, Maverick, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward and Winkler.

The Texas Heritage Trails Program is a regional tourism initiative that helps Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies and foster community leadership through historic preservation.

For more information contact Janie Headrick at 512/463-6092. To register for the meeting, contact the TransPecos Financial Corporation at 210/228-9960 by March 18th.

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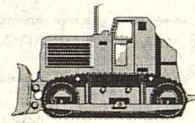
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**Happy Birthday**

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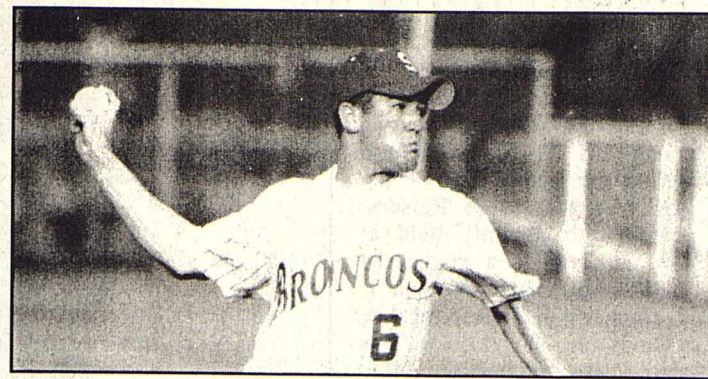
**Lady Bronco Golfers Finish Fourth In Ozona**

by Drew Cox  
The lady Bronco golf team of Tamika Marshall, Kayla McBride, Missy Longoria, Candice Martin and Sarah Gutierrez finished 4th out of a field of 11 teams at the Ozona girls golf tournament on Monday, March 3rd. The girls shot well in a field of teams that was comprised of 2A and 3A teams.

**JV Bronco Boys Golf In San Saba Tournament**

by Drew Cox  
The Sonora Bronco JV team competed in the San Saba boys golf tournament against teams that were comprised mostly of 1A to 4A varsity teams. The team of Embre Smith, Anthony Longoria, Cullen Parker, Heath Prather and John Healy finished 7th out of twenty teams competing. Embre Smith finished as the 4th overall medallist with a score of 79.

**Broncos Take Third At Dry Devil's River Classic**



Landon Brockman pitches in the Dry Devil's River Tournament.

The Dry Devil's River Classic Baseball Tournament was held in Sonora the weekend of February 27, 2003.

Eight teams participated in the tournament, Sonora, Brady, Bracketville, Brady, Eldorado, Ft. Stockton, Junction Miles, and Ozona.

The games started on Thursday with Sonora taking on Bracketville with the victory going to the Broncos, 5 to 2. Ozona defeated Miles 14 to 13, Ft. Stockton shut out Junction 5 to 0 and Eldorado took the strongest win against Brady, 11 to 6.

Friday didn't fare as well for Sonora, who fell to Eldorado in their second game, by one point. The final score was Eldorado 9, Sonora 8. Brady defeated Bracketville 16 to 9, Ft. Stockton went over Ozona 12 to 2 and Junction defeated Miles 11 to 1.

Saturday was the last day of

the tournament and Sonora found themselves matched up with Ozona for the 3rd place spot. Scottie Moore, Landon Brockman and Lance Roberts pitched against the Lions. Moore had 1 KO and Brockman and Roberts each had 3 KO's. Sonora had 4 left on base, and Ozona had 6. Moore, Brockman, Manuel Lopez, Israel Arevalo and Stevie Hernandez each hit doubles. Roberts finished the game with 2 doubles.

The final score was 15 to 7 in favor of the Broncos, giving them the 3rd place trophy. Eldorado took 2nd and Ft. Stockton was the 1st place winners. Ozona took home the consolation prize.

Saturday's other games finished with Junction defeating Brady 15 to 2, Bracketville beating Miles 10 to 4 and Ft. Stockton winning over Eldorado 6 to 4.

**F.Y.I.**

The Bronco Booster Club will be manning the concession stand during the Bronco Relays on Saturday March 15. All proceeds from concession sales will go towards upgrading equipment and mats in the weight room. If you would like to volunteer to assist in the concession stand on Saturday, call Ray Glasscock at 387-5617 or stop by the stand on Saturday.

The Sutton County Historical Society offices will be closed from March 15 through March 23. They will reopen March 24.

Senior Seminars on Frauds and Scams - Tuesday, April 1, 2003 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 3536 YMCA Dr., San Angelo TX - This free conference is designed for senior Texans, law enforcement personnel, service providers who work with older adults and other individuals committed to combating fraud and educating older consumers. Topics will include: Auto Theft Prevention, Homeland Security, Identity Theft, and much more. Seating is limited, so please reserve yours. Contact Lynn Alexander, (915)223-5704. Co-sponsored by Concho Valley Triad/S.A.L.T. Council and Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments.

Little Dribblers' pictures have arrived! Parents can contact Casey(387-5774) and go by and get the pictures from her. Cost \$24.

Sonora Little League and Pony League Try-outs will be as follows: Major League on Tuesday March 18 at 6:00 p.m., Pony League on March 18 at 6:30 p.m. (at the High School Field) and Minors on Thursday, March 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Daisy Troop #215 will be meeting as follows: 03/20/03 from 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. at the Girl Scout Hut.

Concerned Seniors will be kept up-to-date on all of the latest information available regarding Medicare and its continual changes. In addition, there are prescription drug plans recently enacted which will help pay for all or part of an individual's prescription drugs. Forms will also be given out for the Canadian Drug Program. This information will be provided by senior solutions on Thursday, March 13th at 12:00 p.m. at the the Sonora Senior Center. All Seniors are welcome.

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance Lenten Luncheon hosted by St. Ann Catholic Church will be at the St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall (404 NE Poplar) on March 12, 2003 at noon. Everyone is invited.

The Chance Armke Memorial Fund is being administered through the Sutton County Community Trust. Any donations can be made in care of Joann Jones at the First National Bank, PO Box 798, Sonora, TX 76950.

The Annual Lions Club Broom Sale will be held on March 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in front of the Post Office and City Hall.

GED classes are meeting at the Middle School building every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you've come before, come on back any time! If you would like to register as a new student, please come on Tuesday! For more information, call Laura Bedwell at 387-7190.

The 2003 Yearbooks are on sale for \$35. Come to the high school or send your payment to the following address: S.H.S. Yearbook Department, 807 SE Concho, Sonora, TX 76950. You can also call Kristin Keel at 387-6533 ext. 315 for more details.

The 2002 Varsity Football Highlight Tapes are now on sale for only \$15 from the S.H.S. Radio and T.V. Class. The tape contains all of the best plays edited to the best music. We also have highlight tapes from the 96 - '01 seasons. Call Kristin Keel at 387-6533 ext. 315 for more details.

**That Bloomin' Eaton Hill**



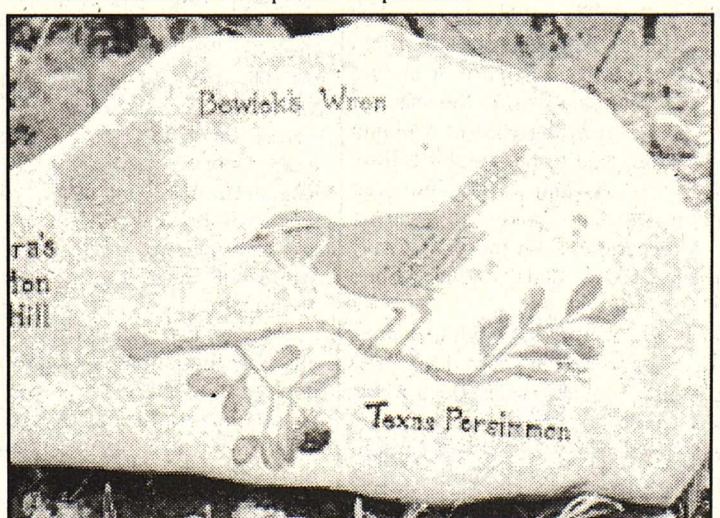
This black and white photo doesn't begin to give justice to the beauty of this blooming Bluebonnet on Eaton Hill. You will have to take the hike and see it in living color! Photo by Delyse Jaeger

by Delyse Jaeger

Oh glorious springtime! Bluebonnets and other wildflowers are popping out all over Eaton Hill. The hummingbirds are returning, hibernators are emerging from their winter naps and birds are building nests in preparation for the season of renewal. The Bewick's wren is especially busy, as this energetic little bird builds several nests, but lays eggs in only one. Eaton Hill is home to numerous Bewick's wrens. (pictured below) so watch for this bird on your next hike.

If you enjoyed hummingbirds, check out the feeders just below the Eaton house and around the covered observation deck. Once the hummingbirds return in full numbers, there is always plenty of buzzing activity here. Hummingbirds can also be easily enjoyed in your own backyard. According to Dan Brown, owner/operator of Hummer House in Christoval, a 4 to 1 ration of water and sugar with a little red food coloring is just the ticket for a hummingbird feeder. If you have never visited Hummer House, it is well worth the short trip to Christoval. The Browns offer an enclosed observation room for close-up and comfortable viewing, lots of Texas hospitality, and a plethora of hummer information, gifts and collectable. There's even a cottage for overnight guests, all in the beautiful river bottom country. Call ahead for hours and directions.

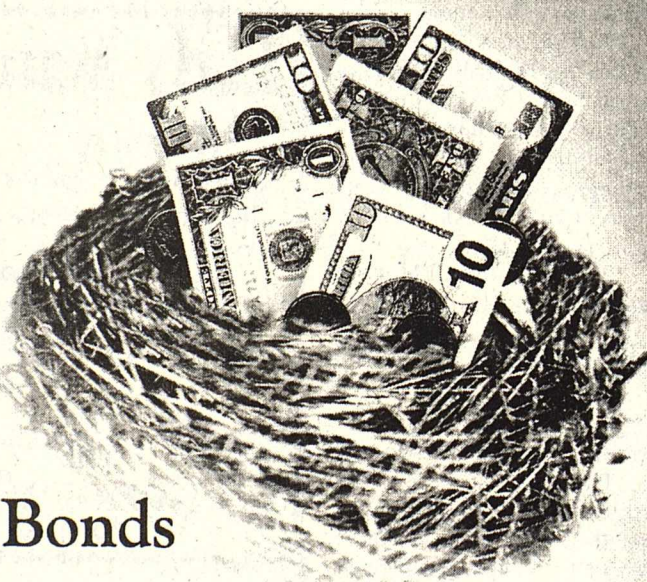
Other Hill notables: A second rock water tank has been completed and the platform for our own enclosed birding house awaits its topper. We are working on getting water to the pools and the birding house will soon be in place. We are looking forward to a fabulous spring season. Hit the trails and don't forget your camera and binoculars! Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation.



Trail Art helps visitors identify plants and animals found on Eaton Hill. Photo by Delyse Jaeger

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## Sonora 7th Grade Colts Win Reagan County Meet

The Sonora Colts competed in the Big Lake, Reagan County Track Meet on March 7.

The 7th Grade boys showed them who was boss by winning the meet with 180 points. Kermit was 2nd with 143<sup>1/2</sup>, Reagan County was 3rd with 189<sup>1/2</sup>, Ozona was 4th with 95, McCamey was 5th with 44<sup>1/2</sup> and Rankin was 6th with 7 points.

Zadrian McGee was 6th in the Discus with a throw of 83'3" and 3rd in the Shot Put with a toss of 31'5<sup>1/2</sup>"

In the High Jump, Victor Vaquera was 2nd with a jump of 4'10" and Colton Moore tied for 6th with a jump of 4'4".

Alonzo Peña was 2nd in the Long Jump with a leap of 16'6" and 2nd in the Triple Jump with a 30.3.

The Colts dominated the Pole Vaulting, with Riley Sanchez winning 1st, clearing 7'6", Colton Moore 2nd, clearing 7'0" and Dalton Dover 3rd, clearing 6'6".

Clayton Sahr took off in the 2400m Run, finishing 2nd and J.T. Downing placed 6th.

The 400m Relay and 800m Relay teams both won 1st and the 1600m Relay team was 3rd.

Moore was 2nd in the 800m Dash with a time of 2:43.018.

Peña won the 100m Dash, running 12.03 and Felipe Silva was 3rd with a 13.47.

In the 400m Dash, Silva was 3rd with a 1:02.80, Juan Rodriguez was 3rd with a 1:03.67 and Zenon Acosta was 4th with a 1:10.57.

Rodriguez also finished 4th in the 300m Hurdles.

In the 200m Dash, Peña finished 3rd with a time of 27.70 and Hunter Lawson was 5th with a time of 29.71.

Clayton had his second 2nd in the 1600m run, finishing in 5:50.721.

The 8th grade Colts finished 3rd behind Ozona and Kermit, with 93 points. Reagan County was 4th, McCamey 5th and Rankin finished 6th.

J.J. Galindo started the field events with a 6th place finish in the Shot Put, throwing for 34'7<sup>1/2</sup>". Galindo then finished 3rd in the Long Jump with a jump of 16'5<sup>1/2</sup>".

Jose Casillas was 2nd in the Triple Jump with a distance of 34'1".

In the Pole Vault, Galindo and Justin Northcott split 1/2/3 with Rankin, all clearing 9'0".

Tony Torres ran the 2400m run in 9:33.

The 400m Relay team finished 4th, the 800m Relay team was 5th and the 1600m Relay team finished 3rd.

In the 100m Hurdles, Northcott was 3rd with a time of 19.10.

Caleb Ramos ran 1:03.30 to finish 5th in the 400m Dash and Lito Trevino was 2nd in the 200m Dash with a time of 26.62.

Tony Torres finished 4th in the 1600m Run with a time of 6:06.268.

All the boys did a great job and are to be commended for their efforts. Keep up the good work.

## Broncos Dominate Double-Header In Del Rio

The Sonora Bronco Baseball Team was on the road last weekend, competing in a Double Header in Del Rio on March 7th. The trip proved to be successful for the Broncos, who defeated Del Rio 13 to 1 in the first game and 10 to 9 in the second.

Justin Sims was the winning pitcher, on the mound for the first time since his ankle injury he obtained during the Basketball season. Sims pitched 5 innings, with 3 KO's. Due to a 10 run lead by Sonora, the game was called in the 5th inning. Lance Roberts had a Double and Sims had 2, and both boys hit a home run. Sonora left 6 runners on base and Del Rio left 5.

Sims had 4 RBI's, Roberts had 3 and Brockman and Stevie Hernandez each had 1.

The second game saw four pitchers for Sonora. Clint Cearley pitched 3 innings with 5 KO's, Doug Yocham pitched 2 innings with 2 KO's. Lance Roberts came in for the 6th inning, pitching 1 KO and Scottie Moore pitched the 7th inning closer with 2 KO's. Congratulations Broncos!

## Lady Broncos Give It A Good Run At Reagan County Relays

The Lady Bronco Track Team participated in the Reagan County Relays on Saturday, March 8, finishing in 2nd overall. Reagan County took 1st place with 211 points, followed by Sonora with 128, Ozona 122, Ft. Stockton 76, Monahans 37, Rankin 27 and Midland Lee (9th graders) 12.

Morgan Hobbs was the 1st place winner in the High Jump, clearing 5'4". Elizabeth Elliott was 2nd, clearing 4'10".

Courtney Caruthers finished 5th in the Pole Vault with a 6'6" vault.

Elliott was 1st in the Long Jump with a leap of 17'2<sup>1/2</sup>" and Megan Berry jumped 16'1" in the same event for 3rd place.

Berry finished 1st in the Triple Jump with a 32'4", Lauren Smith was 3rd with a 30'11" and Cady Taylor was 7th with a 28'1<sup>1/2</sup>".

Danielle Fox finished third in the Shot Put and the Discus. Her Put toss went 32'1" and the Discus throw was 89'6".

Erika McClintock finished 5th in the 3200 run with a time of 15:27.

In the 400 Relay, the team of Lauren Smith, Elizabeth

## Lady Colts Take To the Track At Colt Relays

The Colt Relays were held in Sonora on February 28, 2003. The 8th Grade Lady Colts showed a lot of try, finishing 3rd overall with 113 2/3 points. Wall was first with 206 points, followed by Junction with 120. Finishing 4th behind Sonora was Reagan Co. with 96 1/3 points and Ozona with 47.

The 8th Grade Lady Colts got on the board first with Amanda Berry winning 2nd in the Long Jump with a leap of 14'7" and Kayla Fields finishing 6th with a 12'10" jump.

Berry was 1st in the Triple Jump with a distance of 30' 1/2" and Fields finished 5th with a 27'3".

In the High Jump, Taylor Liverman and Emily Butler each cleared 3'8" to tie for 4th place.

Lexie Ortiz was 2nd in the 2400m Run with a time of 10:19.45 and Butler finished in 12:01.92 for 5th place.

The 400m Relay team finished 2nd with a time of 54.63 and the 1600m Relay team was 5th with their time of 5:11.03.

In the 100m Dash, Fields took 3rd with a time of 14.12 and Liverman was 6th with a 15.13 on the clock.

The 800m Relay team finished in 1:57.59 for 1st place.

In the 300m Hurdles, Liverman finished 6th with a time of 1:03.19.

Sonora placed well in the 200m Dash, with Berry finishing 1st with a time of 28.01, Chassady Garcia was 2nd with a time of 29.52 and Delma Tovar was 5th with a time of 31.40.

Ortiz won the 1600m Run with a time of 6:31.79.

The 7th Grade Lady Colts, made up of 18 young ladies, did an excellent job for their first track meet of their career, finishing 5th overall. The following Lady Colts placed at the Colt Relays:

- Shot Put - Chelsea Martinez 3rd
- 800m Run - Kimble Luna 5th
- 100m Dash - Kalya Garcia 2nd, Sierra Gomez 6th
- 200m Run - Kelsey Watkins 5th, Whitney Perez 6th
- 2400m Run - Emily Earwood 4th
- 100m Hurdles - Kyla Turney 3rd
- 300m Hurdles - Kyla Turney 1st
- 1600m Relay - Kelsey Watkins, Kayla Garcia, Lauren Schauer, Emily Earwood 4th
- 400m Relay - Whitney Perez, Sierra Gomez, Adriana Botello, Heather Hughes 5th
- 800m Relay - Kelsey Watkins, Lauren Schauer, Heather Hughes, Kayla Garcia 3rd.

Kyla Turney was chosen as the 7th Grade Lady Colt Trackster of the Week.

## Reagan County Relays Good For Lady Colts

The Lady Colts traveled to Big Lake on March 7, 2003 to compete in the Reagan County Relays. Sonora's 8th Grade girls were the top winners, finishing 1st with 158 points. Kermit finished 2nd with 121, Ozona 3rd with 120, Rankin 4th with 75, McCamey 5th with 68 and Reagan County 6th with 59.

Brandy Neff started off the field events with a 5th place finish, tossing the Discus 57'4".

Neff finished 1st in the Shot Put with a throw of 25'4", followed by Delma Tovar who was 3rd with a 23'2<sup>1/2</sup>" throw and Amanda Castilleja who was 6th with a 22' toss.

Megan Krieg won the High Jump, clearing 4'6".

Amanda Berry finished 2nd with a 14'4<sup>1/2</sup>" jump in the Long Jump and 1st in the Triple Jump with a 32'1<sup>1/2</sup>" leap.

In the Pole Vault, Kayla Fields was 1st, clearing 7'0" and Jenna Teasley tied for 2/3 with a 5'0" vault.

Lexie Ortiz finished 1st in the 2400m run with a time of 10:29, Jennifer Gonzales was 2nd with a time of 11.29 and Emily Butler was 3rd with an

11:39.

The 400m Relay team finished 2nd with a time of 55.62.

Felicia Gamez finished the 800m Dash in 3:07.39 for 6th place.

Teasley was 6th in the 100m Hurdles with a 20.60 and 5th in the 300m Hurdles with a 59.94.

In the 100m Dash, Fields finished 3rd with a time of 14.30.

Sonora took 2nd in the 800m Relay with a time of 2:02.02.

In the 200m Dash, Garcia ran a 30.38 for 4th place.

Ortiz was 1st in the 1600m run with a time of 6:27.13, Gonzalez was 3rd with a 7:07.15 and Gamez was 4th with a time of 7:07.62.

The Lady Colts ended the meet with a 5th place win in the 1600m Relay, running it in 4:52.01.

The 7th grade Lady Colts also took their fast legs to Reagan County, where they competed against five teams. The girls all competed well, with the end of the day finding them in 3rd place.

Results for the 7th graders were as follows:

- Shot Put - Danielle Rodriguez 6th
- High Jump - Kyla Turney 6th
- Long Jump - Kimble Luna 6th
- 2400m Run - Emily Earwood 2nd
- 400m Relay - Whitney Perez, Lauren Schauer, Adriana Botello, Heather Hughes 5th
- 800m Relay - Kelsey Watkins, Emily Earwood, Kyla Turney, Kayla Garcia 1st
- 200m Hurdles - Kyla Turney 1st, Shelbi Johnson 5th
- 200m Run - Kelsey Watkins 3rd, Whitney Perez 4th
- 1600m Relay - Kelsey Watkins, Kayla Garcia, Whitney Perez, Emily Earwood 2nd

The 7th Grade Lady Colt Trackster of the Week is Kayla Garcia.

## Broncos Capture Owl Relays

by Eddie Favila

The Bronco Track Team competed in Reagan County and captured its first meet of the year. With a full team and some very hungry competitors, the team scored a total of 137 points for the win. That consisted of 40 points in the field events and 97 in the running events.

The Broncos were led in the field events by Trapper Valliant and Scottie Moore as they placed first in the Shot Put and High Jump consecutively. Trapper had a throw of 44'08.5" and Scottie jumped 6'2".

Placing third and scoring points in their events were Israel Arrevalo in the Shot and Anthony Longoria in the Long Jump. Israel threw a 41'04" and Anthony jumped 19'6" to score six points each for the team.

Longoria and Valliant also added points in their other fields with a fourth place finish in the triple jump and discus. Anthony jumped a 38'9" and Trapper threw for 131'10".

In the running events, the 400 meter relay team of Manuel Lopez, Juan Rodriguez, Wilson Wallace, and Doug Yocham finished third place with a time of 45.16, kicking off the scoring for the running events.

Scottie Moore added a third place finish with a time of 17.21 in the 110 Hurdles.

100 meter sprinters Hilton Bloodworth and Anthony Longoria, both freshmen runners, ran a time of 11.43 and 11.66 to place second and fourth to add points to the team total.

Luis Segura ran the 800m

## J. V. Bronco Track Team Finishes Third

The Sonora Bronco J.V. Track Team was on the road last weekend, competing in the Reagan County Invitational Meet in Big Lake on Saturday. The boys finished 3rd overall, with 86.60 points. Midland Lee was 1st with 211.60 points and Monahans was 2nd with 132.60. Rankin finished 4th with 56 points, Fort Stockton was 5th, Reagan County 6th, McCamey 7th, Forsan 8th, and Kermit and Ozona tied for 9th.

Nick Favela ran the 3200 yard run in 12:39.42 for 2nd place, earning 8 points for the team.

Miguel Vaquera tied for 5th place in the High Jump and was 2nd in the Pole Vault. Lance Roberts finished 5th in the Pole Vault.

In the Shot Put, Diego Cardona was 3rd and Travis Herd was 5th.

Uriel Santana was 3rd in the 100 yard dash, with a time of 11.99.

In the 200 yard dash, Austin Wagoner was 2nd with a 24.94.

Federico Romo was 4th in the 400 yard dash with a 1:00.18 and Jeb Hunt was 5th with a 1:00.28.

Boomer Galindo finished 2nd in the 110 hurdles, with a time of 17.54 and Embré Smith was 7th with a 19.53.

In the 300 hurdles, Nash Traylor was 4th, running a 48.93, followed by Embré Smith finishing 5th with a 50.04.

The 400m Relay team of Uriel Santana, Austin Wagoner, Diego Cardona and Brian Payton finished 2nd with a time of 47.90.

Romo, Cardona, Wagoner and Payton ran the 800m Relay in 1:42.51 to finish 2nd and the 1600 Relay team of Romo, Traylor, Smith and Hunt were 6th with a 4:09.35.

Dash in 2:15.95 for first and Chris Castro was fourth with a time of 2:32.00.

The 800 meter Relay team of Cameron Cox, Caleb Gulley, Manuel Lopez and Doug Yocham finished third with a time of 1:37.59.

The 400 meter dash featured three of Sonora's runners, with Wilson Wallace placing second with a time of 54.77, Cameron Cox fourth with a time of 57.71 and Steven Duhon fifth with a time of 57.73.

Juan Rodriguez had a first place finish, running a 41.88 in the 300 meter hurdles.

Doug Yocham added a fourth place finish in the 200 meter with a time of 24.40.

In the final race of the evening, the team of Luis Segura, Wilson Wallace, Caleb Gulley and Juan Rodriguez placed third in the 1600 meter Relay with a time of 3:38.41, finishing the scoring for Sonora with 12 points.

This group of young men competed hard and showed a lot of promise winning their first meet of the year. The Broncos will host their home meet this week at Bronco Stadium with field events beginning at 9:30 a.m., prelims at 11:30 a.m. and finals will begin about one hour after the prelims. Some of the teams competing in the Bronco Relays will be Ozona, Wall, Reagan County, Iraan, Junction, Comfort, Ballinger, Cross Plains, Andrews, Nueces Canyon, Leaky, Eldorado, Wink. Everyone is encouraged to come out and show your support for the Broncos and Lady Broncos on Saturday, March 15.

## 2003 Sonora Bronco Tennis

Mar. 14 - 15

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Mar. 21 - 22

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Mar. 22

Sonora

Mar. 29

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## 2003 SHS Golf Schedule

Varsity Boys

Wed. Mar. 19

Iraan

\* Wed. Mar. 26

San Angelo (Quicksand)

\* Wed. April 2

Eldorado

Varsity Girls

Tues. Mar. 18

Iraan

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## 2003 Track Schedule

Mar. 15

Sonora • VB, VG, JVB

Mar. 20

Ozona • VG

Mar. 21 - 22

San Angelo • VB

Jr. High

Mar. 14

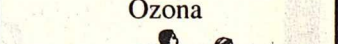
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Mar. 21

Wall

Mar. 28

Ozona



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Baseball

Varsity

Mar. 13

Miles • There

4:00 p.m.

Mar. 14

Brady (D.H.) • Sonora

2:00/4:00 p.m.

Mar. 18

Reagan County • There

4:00 p.m.

Mar. 21

Wall • There

4:00 p.m.

J. Varsity

Mar. 14

Brady • Here • 12:00

Mar. 17

Miles • Here • 4:30 p.m.

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## Spotlight On Sonora Bronco Baseball

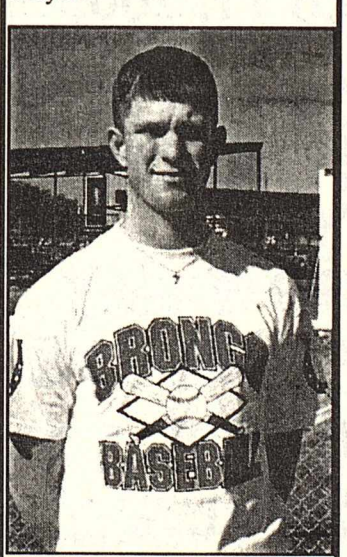
This week's "Spotlight" shines on:

Justin Sims

Justin is the 18 year old son of Jimmy and Mary Jean Sims. He is a Sr this year and will either be pitching or covering 2nd or 3rd base.

Justin's favorite food is a t-bone steak and his favorite song is "Pictures" by Kid Rock and Sheryl Crow. He says his dream car is a late 60's Corvette.

Curt Shillings is Justin's favorite Professional Baseball Player.



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## 2003 Softball Schedule

Mar. 18

Winters • Here

4:30 p.m.

Mar. 25

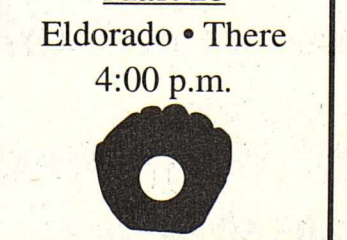
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Mar. 28

Eldorado • There

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Crockett County  
New Harrison Interests; 10000' Norman Dudley Johnson #11, Patterson Drilling.  
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Chevron; 9500' Scheuber-Wilkins #50, Nabors Drilling.  
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Paramount Energy; 16800' Foote-Whitehead - S74 - #1, Patterson Drilling.  
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Edwards  
New EEX E & P Co.; 10000' Shaw - A - #7501, Patterson Drilling.  
Par Minerals Corp.; 8000' Richardson #1, Key Energy.  
New Dominion; 7750' Canyon Ranch #2122E, Patterson Drilling.  
Schleicher  
TXP, Inc.; 6800' Case - B - #3, Heart Land Drilling.

**Oil & Agribusiness**  
**Annual Ram Performance Field Day and Sale Set For March 14**

by Steve Byrns  
SONORA - The Annual Ram Performance Test Field Day and Sale conducted by the Texas A&M Agricultural Research Station is set for March 14. The station is 28 miles south of Sonora on Highway 55.  
"If bigger is better, then this year's set of rams is the best group we have had on the test since it started in 1947," said Dr. Dan Waldron, San Angelo-based researcher and the test's coordinator. "We had more rams finish this year's test at 300 pounds or above than we've ever had in the past. This indicates the breeders have obviously been making progress in their programs to select for larger framed rams."  
"The breeders that have stayed involved with this program are selecting for improved lamb crops along with better wool production. Buying these animals at the sale will provide an opportunity for other producers to make use of the genetic improvement these breeders have been working on for years."  
The top 30 percent of the animals completing the test will be eligible for the sale that's set for 2 p.m. following a brief educational program. Waldron said all the eligible sale animals should make excellent stud ram prospects for the registered or commercial operator.  
Participants are invited to inspect the rams and their performance data during the morning of the field day. Lunch will be sold on the grounds, followed by the afternoon's program directed by Dr. Frank Craddock, Texas Cooperative Extension sheep and goat specialist at San Angelo.  
Wade Polk, Extension risk management specialist at San Angelo, will provide an update on the Wool Loan Program. Waldron will follow with a talk on the results of a five-state study examining the consequences of docking lambs at different tail lengths. A common practice for club lambs is to remove the entire tail.  
Waldron and Dr. Chris Lupton, San Angelo-based wool and mohair researcher, will offer their comments on the ram test, and Burk Lattimore, Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association secretary, will award breeders the certified ram certificates.  
The day concludes with the sale of the performance-tested animals under Craddock's direction.  
For further information, contact Waldron or Craddock at (915) 653-4576 or call the Sonora Station at (915) 387-3168. Visit the test's Website for in-depth performance data and an explanation of the testing procedure. The address is <http://sanangelo.tamu.edu/genetics/ramtest.htm>.

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**Combs Offers National Agriculture Week Salute To Texas' Agricultural Legacy**  
AUSTIN - Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that March 16 to 22 is National Agriculture Week in Texas.  
"Agriculture starts with the growing and harvesting of food and fiber and ends with almost everything we eat, wear and use," Combs said. "This week we honor the hard work and dedication of Texas' farmers, ranchers and many other agriculture professionals in our state's food and fiber industry. These are the people who ensure that we have an abundant, reliable and affordable supply of food, natural fiber, horticultural, forestry and other agricultural products."  
Combs kicked off National Agriculture Week in Texas by signing a proclamation and presenting a display at the state capitol that recognizes more than two centuries of Texas agriculture and the families that are part of that history. The display is a tribute to Texas' farm and ranch families who for generations have helped to cultivate the state's rich agricultural heritage. On Friday, March 21, she will wrap up National Agriculture Week by honoring more than 130 of those families during the 28th Annual Family Land Heritage Ceremony.  
"It is easy for us to take for granted our agricultural abundance, which is why it is important that we recognize the rich legacy that makes this all possible," Combs said. "These are the people who have worked hard to build Texas agriculture into the second-largest industry in Texas. It is important that everyone is aware of their reliance upon farmers and ranchers whose stewardship ensures a substantial resource base for future generations."  
From the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle, Texas is the most agriculturally diverse state. Agriculture generates \$73 billion annually throughout the state's economy, with one out of every five Texans working in an agriculture-related industry.  
"Texas agriculture plays a major role in health and nutrition as well as in water conservation, rural economic development, global trade and the preservation of the environment," Combs said. "National Agriculture Week gives us a chance to recognize the people who consistently enrich our lives in so many ways."  
"Whether you produce the food and fiber, prepare and deliver the finished products, or consume them," Combs said, "you are part of Texas' agriculture heritage and should take pride in that legacy."

**Correct Steps in Planting Trees, Shrubs Beneficial**

As winter comes to a close and spring begins to emerge, homeowners and agricultural producers alike begin to plant trees and shrubs. The best time to plant hardy native trees and shrubs is when the weather is not frosty, or excessively windy and drying. Ideally, months such as March and April also provide much needed rainfall to help water newly planted trees and shrubs.  
The first step in planting trees and shrubs is to find a species that is most tolerant of the climate in your area. For help in finding the right trees or shrubs for your home, office, recreational area, farm, or ranch, you can call your local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).  
Site selection is the next important step in planting trees and shrubs on your chosen property. First, test soil drainage before planting. Dig a test hole to determine drainage in the area. Also, consider weed control in the planting area, as weeds compete for water and nutrients that are beneficial to your young tree or shrubs. Soil should also be examined for compaction before planting. If soils are compacted, consider replacement with a good loam, or incorporating several inches of an organic material such as composted yard waste.  
Site preparation, first dig a shallow planting hole two to three times as wide as the root ball. Wide, shallow holes encourage horizontal root growth that trees and shrubs naturally produce. Next, backfill half the soil, then water thoroughly to settle out air pockets. Finish backfilling, then water again. Cover any exposed root ball tops with mulch. You may choose to incorporate slow-release granular fertilizers into backfill soil to provide nitrogen or other nutrients. Avoid using fast-release agronomic fertilizers that can dehydrate tree roots. Your local SWCD can perform a soil test for your chosen planting area.  
Tree care after planting can also help to increase tree health and hardiness. First, remove tags and labels from trees and shrubs to prevent girdling branches and trunks. Following up with good watering helps promote root growth. Two to three inches of mulch around the new tree or shrubs helps prevent weed growth and retain moisture. Finally, only stake trees with large crowns or those situated on windy sites or where they can be easily knocked over. If your tree must be staked, only stake for a maximum of one year and allow for a slight amount of flex.  
For more information on soil surveys and trees native to your area, contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District, or call the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board Headquarters at (254) 773-2250.

**West Texas Heritage Day March 22 At Fort McKavett State Historic Site**

Fort McKavett State Historic Site invites everyone to join us in the Celebration of our Annual Living History Day March 22, 2003. This date will also include the official opening of the Fort McKavett Post Library and Research Center. Reenactors and Living Historians from across the state will help portray the military and civilian life of Fort McKavett State Historic Site.  
Park gates open at 8:00 a.m. with Flag Raising and Morning Formation at 10:00 a.m. A Special Ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m. to honor the men and women stationed at Fort McKavett and the fallen crewmembers of the Space Shuttle Columbia. A bar-b-q lunch will be provided at noon. Regular park fees do apply for the day.  
Activities throughout the day include Infantry and Cavalry drills, Artillery and Gatling gun firing, as well as individual interpretation of Military and Frontier life. Invited to attend the event include Fort Concho's Infantry and Cavalry, Fort Lancaster's Garrison, Engineers, Medical Corps, Civilian Impressionists, TPWD Buffalo Soldiers, Texas Rangers, 1st U.S. Infantry, Blacksmiths, Soap makers, Buffalo Hunters and Laundresses.  
Fort McKavett State Historic Site is located 23 miles west of Menard, 41 miles north-east of Sonora, 34 miles east of Eldorado and 41 miles north of Junction.  
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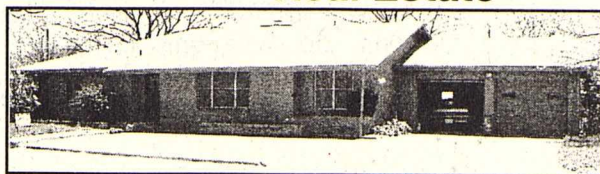
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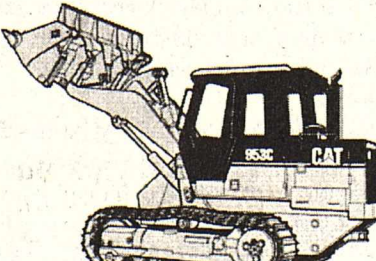
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