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Ramirez found guilty of Delivery of Controlled Substance

After fifteen minutes of deliberation Tuesday afternoon, a six man, six woman jury found Ernesto C. Ramirez guilty on charges of delivery of a controlled substance-methamphetamine (less than 28 grams). Ramirez entered a plea of not guilty to the charges when court proceedings began in the 112th Judicial Court Monday morning at the Sutton County Courthouse.

Hood was to work alone and was not supplied with a list of suspected drug dealers.

Among witnesses for the prosecution was Lonnie Hood, a paid undercover narcotics officer recommended to Sheriff Bill Webster by Yoakum County Sheriff Jim Rice. After verifying that Hood met the criteria to work undercover in Sonora, Hood was hired by Webster in the Fall of '88, but according to Webster's testimony, Hood was to work alone and was not supplied with a list of suspected drug dealers.

When Hood took the stand, he claimed Ramirez sold an "eight ball" of methamphetamine (which should equal 3.5 grams) to him on February 24, 1989. Hood testified that he stopped at Ramirez's home on Poplar Street because he was told Ramirez was looking for him. Upon his arrival, Ramirez asked Hood to wait outside. According to the testimony, when Ramirez joined Hood outside, he informed Hood that he had an "eight ball" of methamphetamine. At that time,

according to Hood, the purchase of the controlled substance took place. Later in the trial, Midland D.P.S. lab chemist, David Lake, testified that the controlled substance in this case was received in the Midland lab on February 28, 1989 and analyzed by him on March 3, 1989. His analysis revealed that the powder submitted was 1.6 grams of methamphetamine.

In his defense, Ramirez claimed Hood came to his house unexpectedly at approximately 5:30 p.m. on February 24, 1989 to inquire about where he (Ramirez) had gotten a headache rack made for his truck. According to Ramirez, Hood was interested in having a step ladder constructed for his van similar to the welded chain style of Ramirez's headache rack. Ramirez

Upon his arrival, Ramirez asked Hood to wait outside.

stated that there was no talk of drugs and no transaction took place. As he left the stand, Ramirez looked at the jury and said, "I'm just innocent."

During cross examination of Ramirez by 112th Assistant District Attorney Albert Valadez, Ramirez stated that he did not deal methamphetamine, had never heard the terminology "eight ball", and his only knowledge of "speed" was obtained from watching television. At that point, the State brought in a triple beam scale which had been seized from Ramirez's home during a search by the Sutton County Sheriff's Department in March 1989. Although Ramirez had

agreed to this search, Valadez indicated he felt bringing the scales in at this point of the trial helped the State's case. Ramirez, in his own defense, stated that he had used the scales to weigh tomatoes and peppers. When asked by Valadez if he was a farmer, Ramirez replied, "no."

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In Valadez's final arguments, he mentioned that the last time he was at the grocery store, produce, such as tomatoes and peppers were weighed in pounds. Valadez then pointed out the triple beam scale weighs not in pounds, but in grams.

However, defense attorney Bradley Miles, in his closing argument stated that the defendant did not object to the scales being brought in as evidence and it is not uncommon to have scales in a kitchen. He described Ramirez as a disabled family man with one

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school age child and a working wife who contributes to the family finances. Miles also said that Ramirez did not need to sell drugs

to get by financially and the choice the jury would have to make is that of determining who to believe, Ramirez or Hood.

The punishment phase of the Ramirez trial will take place in less than thirty days and will be held in open court. Judge Brock Jones has ordered a pre-sentencing investigation report from the Adult Probation Officer. Sentencing will occur upon completion of this report.

Following the trial, Defense Attorney Bradley Miles had no comments on the verdict. However, Assistant District Attorney Albert Valadez said, "The verdict was much quicker than I

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expected." In reference to this verdict and previously tried drug related cases in Sonora, he added, "I hope this will convince defendants to save taxpayers money and plead guilty to their offense." Prior to the verdict being handed down in this trial, Valadez indicated that regardless of the outcome of this case, Ramirez faces another trial on a second count of delivery of a controlled substance from February 11, 1989.

Jury selection for the trial of Eriberto "Beto" Bernal, will begin Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Sutton County Courthouse. Bernal also faces drug related charges which stem from his arrest in March 1989.

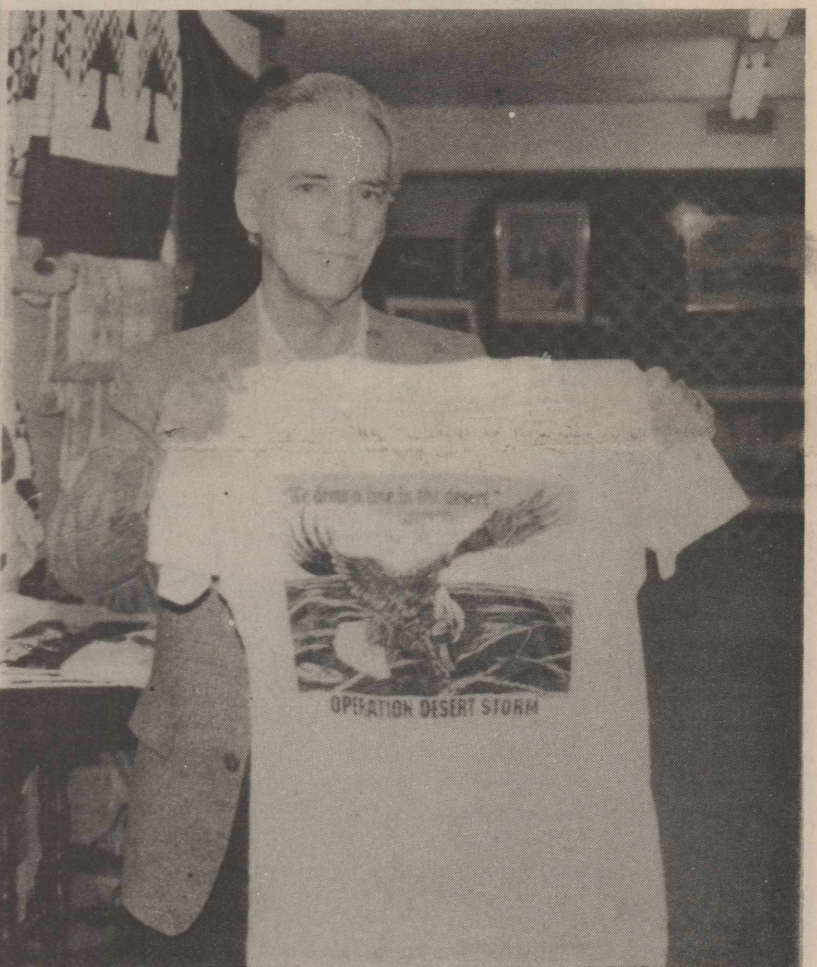
Judge strikes Johnson's name from judgement

112th District Attorney J.W. Johnson's name was struck from the judgement reached in a conspiracy case filed against Johnson, Upton County Sheriff Glenn Willeford, and informant Walter Woolf. Federal District Court Judge Lueious Bunton found insufficient evidence to prove Johnson had conspired with Willeford and Woolf in the August 1985 arrest and subsequent trial of Mary Turner for possession of methamphetamine.

Turner claimed that Willeford and Woolf had conspired against her by planting evidence. During the U.S. District Court proceedings, Turner testified that Johnson's motive for conspiring against her was a result of Turner's criticism of his handshake. On the witness stand, Ms. Turner had stated, "I told him he had a limp handshake. He really

didn't like that at all." Johnson dropped all charges against Turner during the March 1987 trial, when he discovered that Woolf had planted the narcotics in Turners store. Woolf claimed he was getting even with Ms. Turner for previously turning him in to authorities. Johnson, due to this evidence, proceeded to prosecute Woolf on charges of possession of methamphetamine and aggravated perjury.

Attorneys for the plaintiff submitted the judgement for signature on Friday, January 25, and the Judge, by his own decision, struck Johnson's name from the judgement. The judgements returned by the U.S. District Court against Willeford, Woolf, and Upton County will remain the same.



Artist John Butterworth proudly displays T-Shirt printed with his watercolor design.

Father of Sonora resident designs Desert Shield/Storm T-Shirts

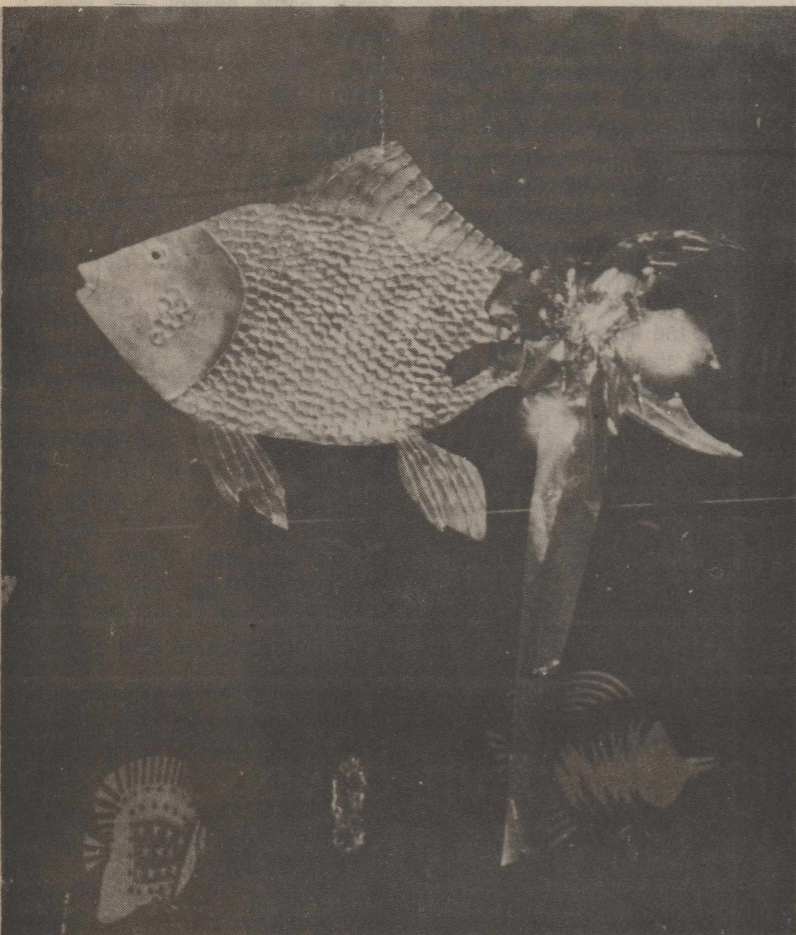
Sonora resident Ron Butterworth, sent his father an eagle combined with President Bush's statement, "We drew a line across the desert," instilling the idea for a watercolor drawing that is now being printed on T-shirts.

John Butterworth, a high school English teacher in Ripley

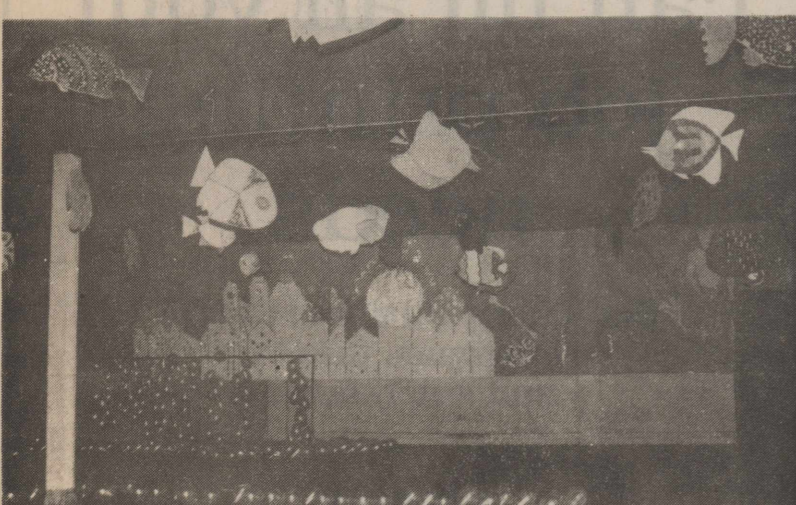
Tennessee, had sold forty-five prints of his watercolor before the T-shirts were available. The eagle carries a pencil in its talon and is drawing a line across the desert.

Desert Shield and Desert Storm T-shirts are available locally at Bits And Pieces.

Fling Ding attracts over 1300 to "Underwater Odyssey"



Sonny Anderson contributed the winning fish decoration for the 1991 Fling Ding.



The City of Atlantis designed and created by Jessie Kerbow and Janice Caruthers was a spectacular sight for those attending the Fling Ding.

Dancing in an "Underwater Odyssey" appealed to approximately 1,320 people Saturday night as they attended the 1991 Fling Ding. The Sonora Wool & Mohair Warehouse, consisting of 28,000 square feet, was elegantly decorated with fish created by Fling Ding Club members, as well as gorgeous mermaids, and the City of Atlantis.

For a different twist this year the decoration committee asked each member to make and decorate a fish according to a specific pattern. The fish contributed to the "Underwater Odyssey" and a winner was chosen Saturday for the best fish. Sonny Anderson was chosen for his creative artwork and several others received honorable mention. They include: Sam Dillard, Bob Teaff, Carolyn Earwood, Mrs. Robert Kelly, Joanne Wilkinson, Kay Campbell, Kathy Jones, Janice Caruthers, Ethel Olson, Rosalee & Glen Richardson, Matthews-Jennings, Sandi Elliott, Bobbie Thompson, Linda Fisher, Kristen Hicks, and Ruthie Cahill. Other fish were recognized but since names were not on them, the members couldn't be identified.

Fling Ding Club members and their guests danced to music provided by the Charlie Patteson Orchestra from Ft. Worth. Wolenda Holden, from Ozona, entertained people in the bar area which was set up in the "feed room" of the wool house due to the impracticality of removing excessively large amounts of wool and mohair from the adjoining building used for storage.

Serving as 1991 Fling Ding Club President is Mr. Carl Teaff. In reference to this year's dance, Mr. Teaff stated, "I was especially pleased with the large turn-out, decorations and the mild weather." Teaff's wife, Melissa, headed the decoration committee. Ebie Sutton and Carolyn Earwood assisted her as co-chairpersons. Ms. Teaff credits the effort of many Fling Ding Club members for the success of the decorations. She said, "Without all

the great help, the Fling Ding would not have been possible." She added, I would like to thank all the Fling Ding membership who designed a fish for our ceiling decorations. It certainly added to all the fun of the night."

Several members contributed many hours insuring the wool house would be exquisitely decorated for this year's dance. They include: Carla Fields, Rex Ann Friess, Honey Hicks, Pam Armke, Anna Eustace, Jessie Kerbow, Janice Caruthers, Ebie Sutton, Carolyn Earwood, and Sandi Elliott.

1991 Fling Ding officers include: Bruce Kerbow, vice president; Barbara Jennings, secretary; and Roberta James, treasurer.



This mermaid was one of the beautiful decorations greeting guests at the Fling Ding Saturday night.

Christmas in April

Twenty-seven interested citizens of Sutton County met at the First National Bank building, Tuesday, January 22, to organize a Christmas in April project for Sonora.

Christmas in April is a community project in which volunteers assist homeowners with housing repairs which the homeowners are unable to do by themselves. The Christmas in April concept was born in Midland, Texas, some fifteen years ago, and has since been organized in communities large and small nationwide.

Roberta James spoke for many Sutton Countians when she said, "We look at Christmas in April as an opportunity to invest in our community."

The idea for a Christmas in April project in Sonora originally surfaced last July during a White House Conference on Aging meeting at the Sonora Senior Center. Those present at that meeting named housing and home repairs as the most critical issue facing the elderly in Sonora.

Since that time, Carole Thorp, Senior Center Director, and other local citizens have sounded out the community about ways to address home repair needs among elderly residents. The response has been

enthusiastic from individuals and from businesses in Sonora. Thus the effort to begin a Christmas in April project here was undertaken.

At the close of the organizational meeting a Christmas in April Board of Directors was elected by those present. Those elected were Johnny Jones, Nelda Mayfield, Lewis Allen, Louis Olenick, Carole Thorp, Harold Martinez, Sonny Anderson, Roberta James, and Mike Street. Herschel Davenport and Reggie Williams were selected as alternates to the Board.

The Board of Directors will hold its first meeting on Thursday, February 7, at the Senior Center. At that time the Board will address such matters as seeking tax-exempt status, determining which homes to repair, fundraising, estimation of materials needed, recruitment of volunteer workers and publicity.

The actual date of the Christmas in April work day has not been set. While it is hoped that the work day can occur in April, it is possible that the amount of advanced preparations required will push the work day into June.

All persons and businesses who are interested in participating in Sonora's first-ever Christmas in April are urged to contact any of the members of the Board of Directors.

Christmas In April

Sonora's Voluntary Housing Repair Project
106 Wilson St., Sonora, Texas 76950

- APPLICATION FORM
1. Christmas in April homes can only be repaired if there is a Christmas in April Team available to do the repair work.
 2. Christmas in April homes will be selected on the basis of greatest need. You will be notified by a Home Review and Selection member of C. in A. ONLY if your home is selected.

COMPLETE AND RETURN TO:
Christmas in April
c/o Sutton County Senior Center
106 Wilson St.
Sonora, Texas 76950

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____
Last _____ First _____

Address _____
Street _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Own Home? Yes No

Age _____

Number of people living in your home _____

Number of handicapped people living in your home _____

Number of children below the age of 13 living in your home _____

Number of full time adult workers living in home _____

Number of part time workers living in home _____

Total income for household per month _____

Number of people receiving Medicaid or AFDC _____

Number of people receiving Supplemental Security Income _____

Number of people living in your home who receive Veterans Administration benefits _____

Number of people receiving pensions or retirement benefits other than Social Security _____

LIST AND EXPLAIN THE MOST NECESSARY WORK NEEDED IN ORDER TO MAKE YOUR HOUSE SAFE, SECURE, AND WEATHERPROOF:

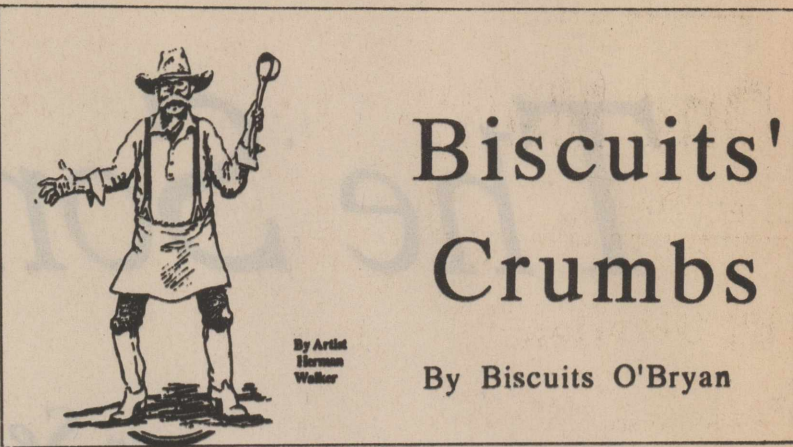
REASON REPAIRS CANNOT BE DONE BY YOURSELF AND YOUR EXTENDED FAMILY:

Your home will be inspected by a licensed contractor and a member of the Christmas in April Committee to review repairs requested. You will be contacted before such inspection and must be home or have an adult family member present.

Please sign below giving your consent to this inspection.

Signature _____

NOTE: Applications must be returned before March 8, 1991



Biscuits' Crumbs

By Biscuits O'Bryan

Cowboys Come in Lots of Styles.

First of all, let's be sure you know what I'm talkin' about when I say "cowboy." I don't mean them picture show fellers like Gene Autry and Roy Rogers, and I don't mean them high-dollar rodeo types, either. I'm talkin' about the men who earn a day's wage ridin' a cow pony and workin' cattle day in and day out as their main means of support. I hope that definition don't step on the toes of workin' cowhands. These fellers are the backbone of ranchin' even today, although I have to admit that lots of things about ranchin have changed a lot since the days when the chuckwagon rollin' out was ordinary 'stead of historical.

Cowboys and horses will be necessary 'til the day all beef is raised in feed lots, and I hope I don't live that long. It really makes me sad that there's a whole generation of city kids who ain't got the slightest notion of where their food or clothes come from, and with all these so-called "animal rights" nuts runnin' around spreadin' a thick layer of pasture patties about ranchin' and farmin', these kids may never be exposed to the truth, but that's not what I set out to talk about.

From back in the days of the open range up to modern times, as a group, cowboys have been about as unprejudiced a bunch as there is around. I'm not sayin' they're not judgemental, but they usually do their judgin' based on what a feller can do rather than who or what color his parents were. There's an ol' sayin' out in West Texas that we judge a person by the size of his heart rather than the size of this bankroll, and I reckon the soame pretty much holds true with cowhands. You've probably noticed I keep usin' words like "usually," and "pretty much." That's 'cause cowboys, like anybody else, ain't perfect, and there's always some ol' sore head who'll be helt up as an example just as soon as somebody says "always."

I reckon I've fed just about ever variety of hand that's ever sat a horse, rangin' from baby pink Englishmen and Swedes to basic black, no-doubt-about-it African Americans, and I've seen one common thread that truly binds 'em all together, and that's pure love of what they're doin'. If a feller sits his pony well and cares about the critters he's workin', it really don't make a hill of beans what color he is or what slant his lingo takes. If he tackles the hard and dirty jobs just as fast the fun and easy ones without belly-achin', and does the best he can, then he's just one of the boys, and they'll stand up for him without blinkin' twice.

I recollect one of my best friends and one of the best hands that ever sat a horse was a black feller whose name I won't mention, 'cause he's kinda shy and would be embarrassed by bein' named. He was soft-spoken when he talked at all, and even though he could claim a

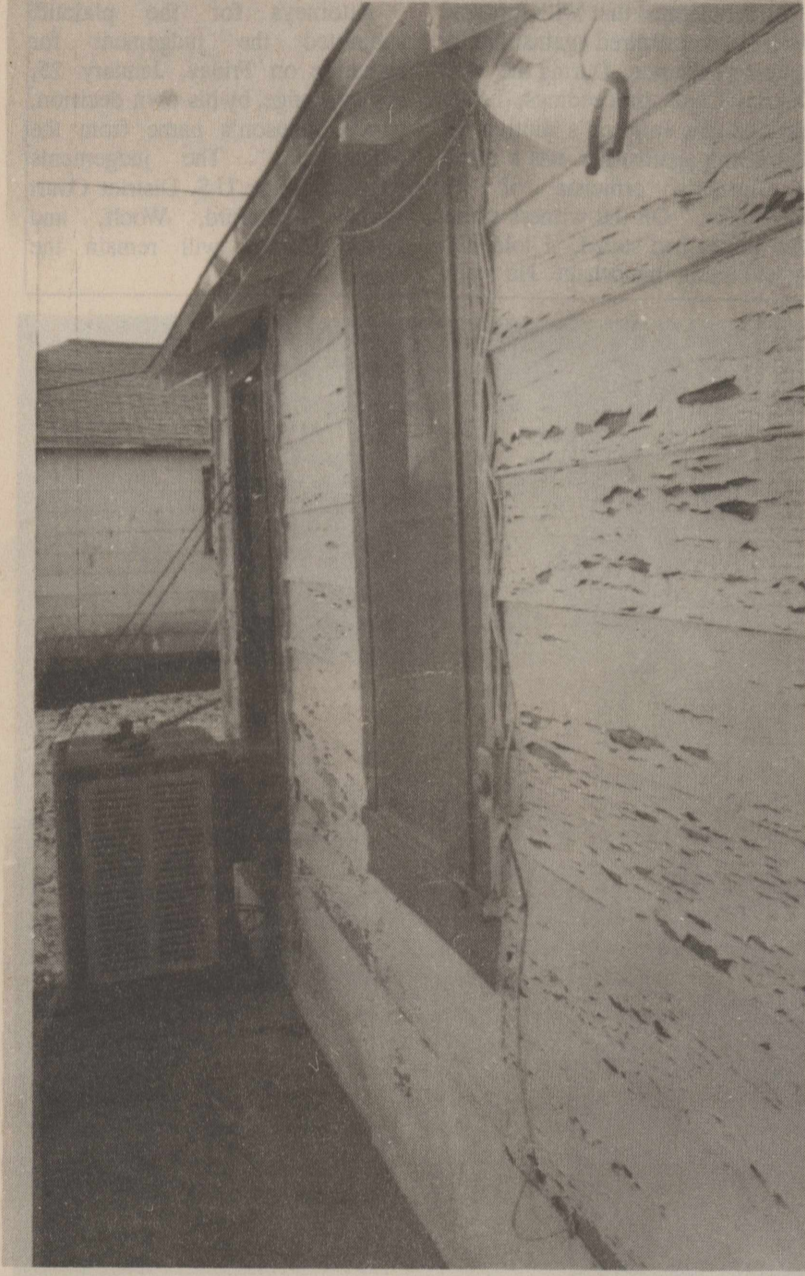
wealth of braggin' rights, he never tooted his own horn. But if you worked with him for a day, you knew that he was plumb gifted with horses, cattle, and other cowboys. He always heads for the tougher end of the chore, but never argues if his pardner wants to do it instead. When it was necessary, he could ride the same horse all day, workin' as good as anybody, and still bring his mount back to the remuda with somethin' left in him. He seemed to be able to charm the hornieriest, most protective mother cow or the rankest bull and get them where they were supposed to be without ever losin' his temper or his patience.

I reckon one of the finest parties I ever cooked for was when he found the love of his life and she consented to become his bride. The boss offered, and my friend accepted, the main ranch house as the wedding site. I fixed up my favorite dishes: fried sweetbreads, son-of-a-bitch stew, sour-dough camp bread, tater salad, beans, fresh green chile salsa, chicken-fried steak, pot roast with taters, onions and carrots, and 5 rum cakes stacked up on each other for the weddin' cake. I also fixed my friend's favorite dish, hoppin' John, which is part of a style of cookin' called soul food. Here's the recceet:

Hoppin' John
In a good size pot with a lid, brown 1/2 pound of diced salt pork. Add a cut-up onion and a finely chopped fresh jalapeno or serrano pepper. When the onion gets soft, add 4 cups chicken stock and 1 cup dried black eyed peas. Bring to a boil, reduce to simmer and cover. Cook til the peas are just done. Season with salt, black pepper and Louisiana hot sauce (a smidgen of fresh garlic don't hurt none, either). Dump in a cup of good quality raw rice. Bring to a boil, cover, then turn heat down to where it's just barely simmerin'. It'll be ready in twenty minutes.

My black compadre ate so much hoppin' John I got worried about whether his marriage would last 'til the next mornin', but that was 30 years ago, and he and his bride are grandparents, so I reckon it didn't affect him too bad. That weddin' was attended by ranch folks, cow hands, cattle buyers, and even a couple of cotton farmers who was fairly liberal in their outlook, and I doubt if anyone went home sad or hungry.

Wouldn't it be fine if we could get the whole world to act like that? Wouldn't it be nice if people started lookin' lots deeper than skin color or accent to find out what somebody else was really like. Maybe we need to drag all the ol' chuckwagons out of storage, gather up all of us ol' coosies, and invite the whole world to set down to a meal of beef, beans, and camp bread and figger out that we're all pretty much alike. It's somethin' to consider, ain't it? Y'all keep on cookin' and don't forget to keep your coffee strong, your chili hot, your bread fresh baked, and maybe it wouldn't none to feed a passin' stranger so's he won't be a stranger no more!



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One Man's Opinion

by T.Driskell

Gulf Overview

Looking at the sequence of events in the Persian Gulf and consideration of those events is almost sickening. The most nauseous thing about it is the struggle the media waging against any restriction whatsoever upon their access to and distribution of information. They imply that the information presented by the military briefers is propaganda and sheer falsehood. They generate a great verbal struggle against any censorship, or threat thereof. The sheer audacity of them standing there presenting themselves as the epitome of truth, while providing to the enemy aid and assistance which borders on bare faced subversion.

Consider if you will the CNN network. Saddam Hussein has excluded all network journalists from Iraq, excepting Peter Arnet of CNN. Saddam is not noted for charity he does nothing which does not benefit him. Why, therefore does he leave only CNN reporters in Iraq? The answer is quite simple. Saddam has TV receivers which are tuned to the CNN satellite in all his residences and bunkers, complete with translators. If all CNN reporters were excluded from Iraq it is highly probable that the satellite would have been turned off giving Saddam an intelligence disaster.

Instead, he has a respected reporter performing in the image of "Charley McCarthy." The Baby Milk Formula plant, labelled in English (in a country speaking Arabic) and guarded by uniformed soldiers where Arnet witnessed the destruction is strange considering the necessity for culture media production for bacteriological warfare. The civilian casualties that Arnet witnessed were oddly enough listed on intelligence maps as producers of electronic components.

We must ask ourselves; "What is a seat on every Allied briefing worth to Saddam Hussein? If CNN's satellite were not supplying it to him, what would the intelligence cost to duplicate the information? Many millions. The information is nice, but how does an informed public balance with the sacrifice of the lives of Americans in the Gulf. The CNN so called services seem to me to drift awfully close to that thin line in the Arabian sands labelled TREASON!"

The proof is quite simple. Take CNN off the satellite and watch for two months; the ball will be in Saddam's court then. It might have a positive effect in population reduction of Iraq by one reporter and shortening the war through reduction of Saddam's overview. How stupid we must look to him, spending all the effort and lives to destroy his communications network and providing a overall readout in his bunker via a simple TV receiver.

Death Notice Wilma (Faulks) Keese

Wilma (Faulks) Keese, 63, of San Angelo, died at 7:00 a.m. Sunday, January 20, 1991, at her residence.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday with Kirk Simpson officiating. Burial followed at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens, directed by Johnson's Funeral Home.

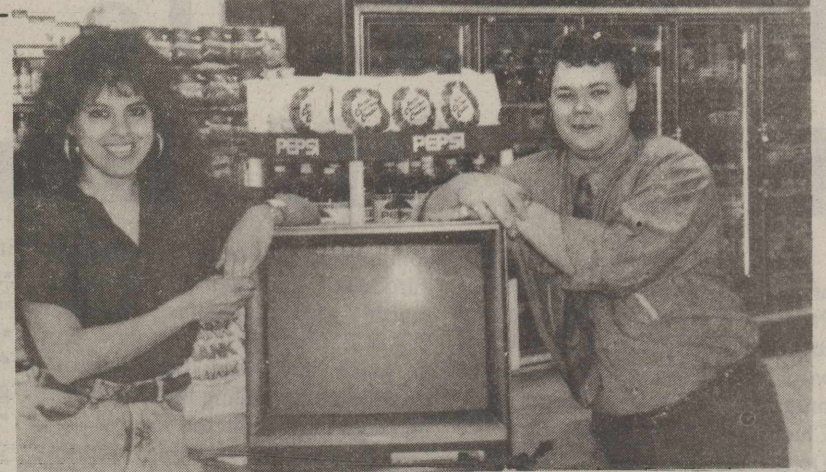
She was born April 6, 1927, in Eola. She was a homemaker and a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses.

She married Hilary Keese March

7, 1946, in Wichita Falls. He preceded her in death December 20, 1988.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, George and Donna Keese of Sonora and Ronald and Brenda Keese of San Angelo; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Dan O'Bryan of San Angelo; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and one sister, LaVerne Duren of San Angelo.

Pallbearers were Bill Bruton, Ray Camron, Hubert Adams, Carl Word and Steve Alvey.



Thomas Adkins presents the grand prize, a 19" Toshiba color television, to Sylvia Ponce during L & H Grocery's grand opening drawings.

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D.A.R.E. To Keep Kids Off Drugs

Many people may not fully understand what the D.A.R.E. Program is all about and because I feel so strongly about D.A.R.E. I would like to attempt to explain the program to you. I am Brent Gesch, Chief of the City of Sonora Police Department and I am the D.A.R.E. Officer at Sonora, Texas.

D.A.R.E.

Because we care.

They're our kids. Our future. Our legacy. And we all want the same thing for them--the best.

We want their futures to be bright, and secure, and healthy, and safe. We want them to succeed. To join us in the worlds of business and commerce, law and medicine, manufacturing and selling, teaching and serving.

That's why we care about their ability to cope with the challenges of life in contemporary America. About their capacity to resist negative influences around them, to focus instead on their strengths and their potential.

And that's why we D.A.R.E.

D.A.R.E.

To believe in themselves.

D.A.R.E. A simple acronym with a big message. Drug Abuse Resistance Education. It's a crusade that works.

D.A.R.E. teaches our children--from kindergarten through high school--that popularity can be found in positive behavior, that belonging need not require them to abandon their values, that self-confidence and self-worth come from asserting themselves and resisting destructive temptations. D.A.R.E. teaches them not just that they should refuse drugs and alcohol, but how to do so.

D.A.R.E. gives our children the tools they need to build a better, fuller, more satisfying life.

The program was created in 1983 as a joint venture of the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Unified School District. A highly trained police officer is sent into fifth and sixth grade classrooms every week for 17 weeks to teach students how to refuse drugs and alcohol. Separate

components have been developed to introduce kindergarten through fourth grade students to the D.A.R.E. program and to follow-up in junior high and high school classrooms, spreading the D.A.R.E. message throughout the schools.

In Sonora, only the third, fourth and fifth grade levels are targeted for the D.A.R.E. program.

The D.A.R.E. officer visits the school two days a week, and has reached approximately 290 students in the 1990-91 school year.

The D.A.R.E. program follows a carefully structured curriculum, focusing on topics such as personal safety, drug use and misuse, consequences of behavior, resisting peer pressure, building self esteem, assertiveness, training, managing stress without drugs, media images of drug use, role models, and support systems.

By getting the message from a street wise police officer--one who has been out there, one who knows how drugs and alcohol can destroy lives--kids take that message seriously.

And, by getting to kids when they're most vulnerable to social pressure--when they're 9, 10, and 11 years old or sooner--D.A.R.E. helps them to build the willpower and belief in themselves that they'll need to stay on track as they forge their futures.

D.A.R.E.

Because it works

D.A.R.E. has been doing its job for half a decade. And it's succeeding.

It's not a one-hour, once a year visit by a stranger. It's a four-and-a-half months of straight talk and conversation with someone who becomes a friend, a confidant, an ally. It leaves a lasting impression on kids and their families. And more.

In two studies, one by the Evaluation and Training Institute and another funded by the National Institute of Justice, a sample of

students who had completed the D.A.R.E. curriculum shows:

- Significantly less substance abuse,

including cigarettes and alcohol;

- A sharp decrease in school vandalism and truancy;
- Improved student work habits;
- Reduced tension between ethnic groups;
- A more positive attitude toward police;
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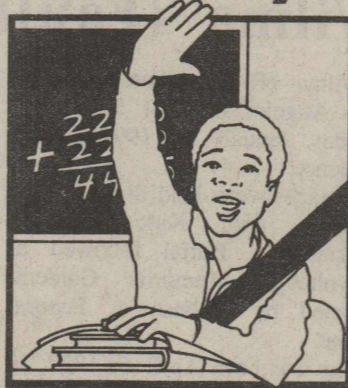
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- Thursday:**
Fish Nuggets
Potato Salad
Sliced Peaches
Cornbread Muffin
Milk
- Friday:**
(Mike's favorite)
Chicken Nuggets
Mashed potatoes w / gravy
Green beans
Cinnamon Roll
Milk
- Monday:**
(Brook's favorite)
Sausage Pizza
Fried Okra
Vegetable Salad
Banana Pudding
Milk
- Tuesday:**
Beef & Cheese Chalupas
Pinto Beans
Spanish Rice
Sliced Peaches
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- Wednesday:**
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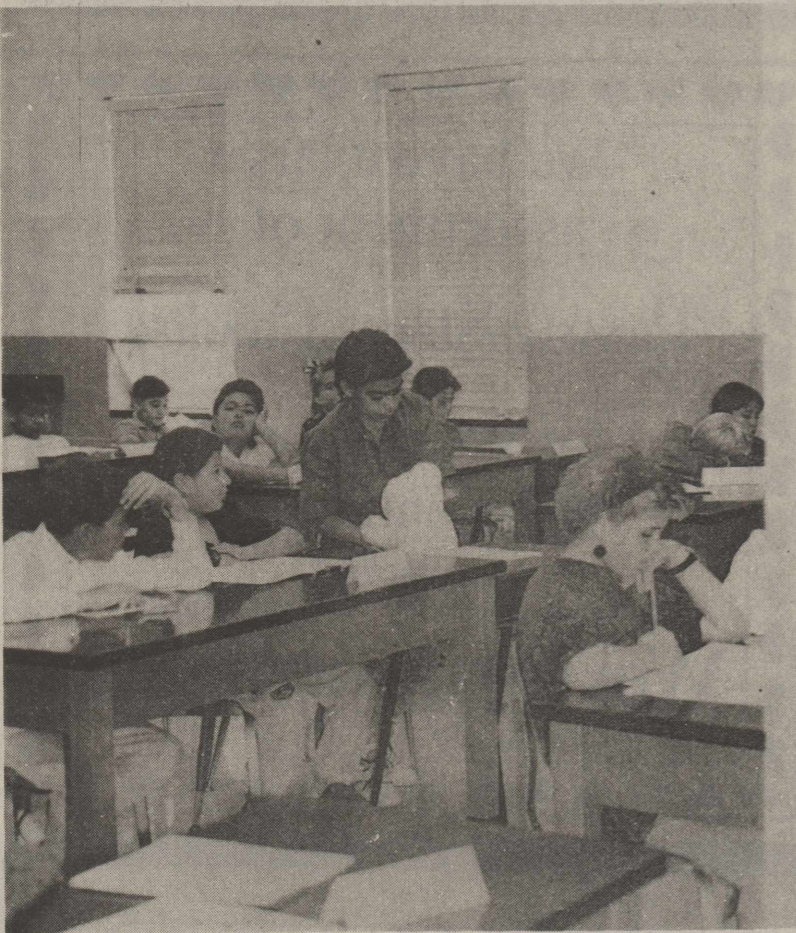
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Officer Brent Gesch helps a student during D.A.R.E. class Tuesday.

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7th grade boys take 4th in McCamey tournament

In what would be the best game of the tournament, the Colt 7th Grade boys defeated Crane 38-12. The first quarter was close, ending 6-5 in favor of Sonora. After that, the Cranes couldn't stop the Colts as they dominated the 2nd quarter 16-7, 3rd quarter 24-9, and the final quarter.

The next opponent was a tough Iraan team. "The Colts challenged a team that had little trouble beating us earlier in the season," said Coach Heryford. The Colts had trouble stopping Iraan though and ended up losing 15-28.

The 3rd game of the tournament was no less than disastrous. Though the Colts had played well, it seemed nothing they could do was right. Ozona hounded the Colts with the press and even when things did start to work, the Colts couldn't score. Throughout the game it was evident the Colts were tired as they lost 13-37.

Tournament points were scored by Josh Burnham with 17, Davis Hale and Levi Pool with 14, Kurt Dempsey and John Jones scored 6 each, Jeff Floyd 4, and Ben Taylor 3.

7th grade boys blasted by Ozona

The 7th grade Colts had a very off night against an Ozona Cub team that couldn't be stopped, losing 45-14.

During the 1st quarter the Colts stayed within 3 points of the Cubs. However, it was the closest the game would ever get as the Cubs shot at will making most of their baskets. At halftime the Colts were down by 9 points, 17-8.

The Cubs held the Colts to no score in the 3rd as they pressed on to a 27-8 lead. The Colts managed to get 6 points in the fourth quarter. However, the Cubs never backed off, and won the game.

Scoring points for the Colts were, Josh Burnham with 5, Kurt Dempsey with 4, John Jones 3, and Jeff Floyd 2.

7th grade Lady Colts lose by 4

In another good close game, the Lady Colt 7th grade team was edged out by the Eldorado Eagles by 4.

The first quarter the Lady Colts only made 4 points to Eldorado's 12. This would prove to be part of the reason for the loss because in the 2nd and 3rd quarters both teams scored 6 and 3 respectively.

The 4th quarter rolled around and

the Lady Colts came on strong scoring 10 and holding Eldorado to 6. It was a case of too little too late as the Lady Colts made only 3 of 14 from the free throw line and lost 23-27.

Elaine Ortiz and Lilly Trevino led the Colts in scoring by shooting 8 points each. Missy Hearn scored and Laura Purvis had 3.

8th grade boys lose to Eagles

In the second game of the evening, the Eldorado 8th grade showed to be just as tough to handle as their 7th grade counterparts. The Eagles seemed to shoot with ease from any angle on the court. Though the Colts tried eagerly to meet them and form a good defense, the halftime score was pretty bleak showing Sonora behind by 10 points, 9-19.

The second half saw more action but from both teams. For each

basket the Colts made, the Eagles came back with a basket plus more. As the final buzzer sounded it was obvious that the Eagles came to win.

The final score was the Sonora Colts, 21 and the Eldorado Eagles, 40. Scoring 8 points for the Colts was Chris Gutierrez. Others scoring points were Robert Trevino 4, Jesse Capuchina and Hadley Smith 3 points each, Chris Neal 2 points, and Cody Bush with 1.

8th graders lose in overtime to Eagles

In an exciting game the Lady Colt 8th grade played well against Eldorado. The first half was all Colts as they scored 9 in the 1st quarter and 6 in the 2nd quarter to lead at halftime 15-7.

The 3rd quarter the Eagles rallied back not allowing Sonora to score a single point and scoring 12 points themselves to go ahead 15-19. The fourth quarter ended in a 23 all tie

sending the teams into overtime.

As in the 3rd quarter, the Eagles did not allow the Colts a basket, winning the game 27-23.

Six Lady Colts were responsible for the 23 points. They were; Beth Covington 8, Candie Sessom 5, Katie Burge 4, Vicky Richardson 4, Jennifer Covey 2, and Sara Reston 1.

J.V. boys out shoot Wolves

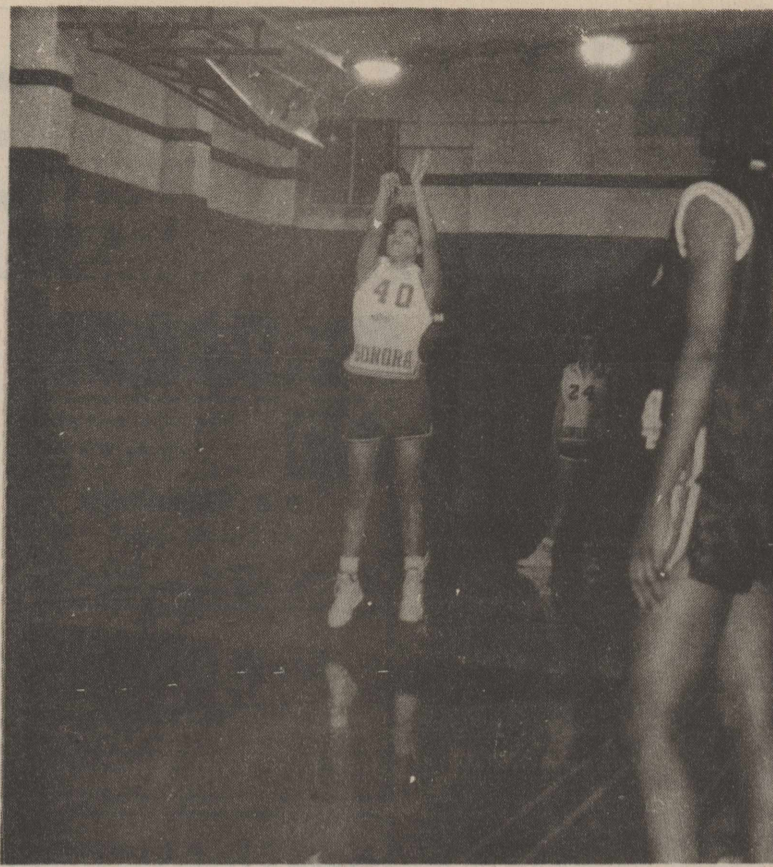
In another close shooting match Friday night the Bronco J.V. boys held on to defeat the Colorado City wolves 56-54.

The 1st quarter was decisively the Broncos as they shot ahead 17-11. However, the Wolves came back in the 2nd quarter to make-up some of the lead and stay only 3 points behind, 29-26.

In the 3rd quarter, the Broncos gave up 14 points to allow the Wolves to come within 1 point, 41-40. As the 4th quarter

continued, the lead traded hands between the two teams, but the final was 56-54 in favor of Sonora.

Brian Faris had an excellent evening, scoring 20 points and Shane Keller backed him up with 12 of his own. Michael Smith scored 7 and Wil Trainer had 5. With 4 points each were Michael Escalera and Shannon Escalera, and rounding out the evening were Kent Newkirk and Pete Perez with 2 each.



Adrienne Noriega--concentrates and shoots to score 1 point on a free throw.

J.V. girls defeat Colorado City

In the evenings events the Lady Bronco's J.V. played a good game against a persistent Colorado City team.

The 1st quarter the Lady Broncos fought hard to maintain a lead and psychologically wound the C-City girls 10-5. However, the opposition was not intimidated as

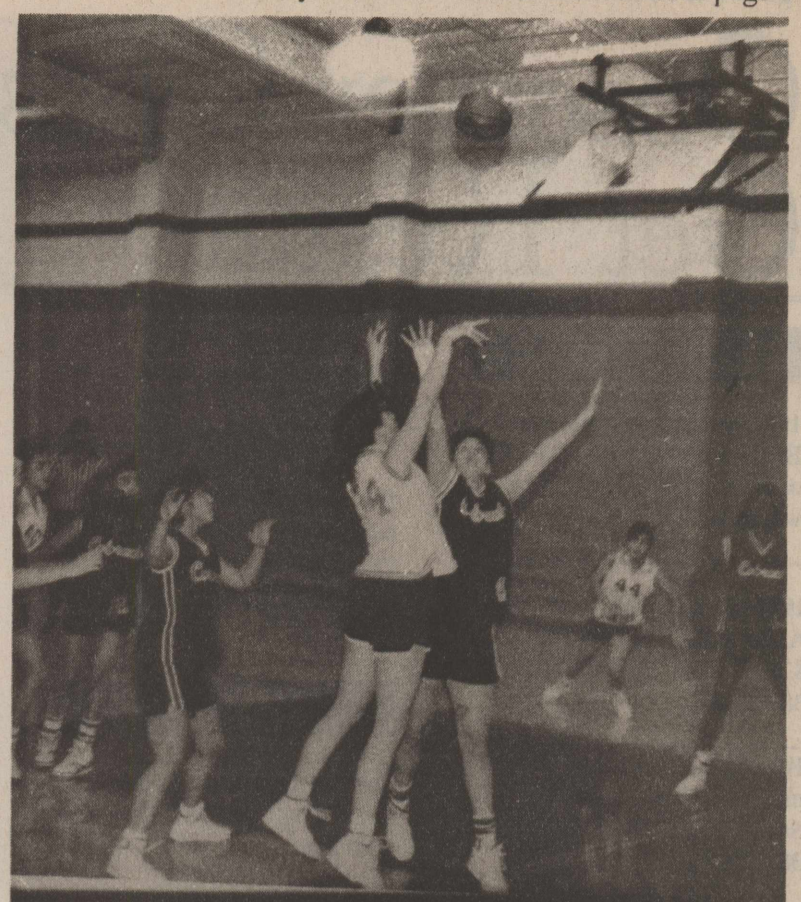
they showed the J.V. team they could fight back and score 12 points allowing Sonora only 2, to take a 17-12 lead to the locker room.

The Lady Broncos were not to be out done as they came back the 3rd quarter scoring another 13 points

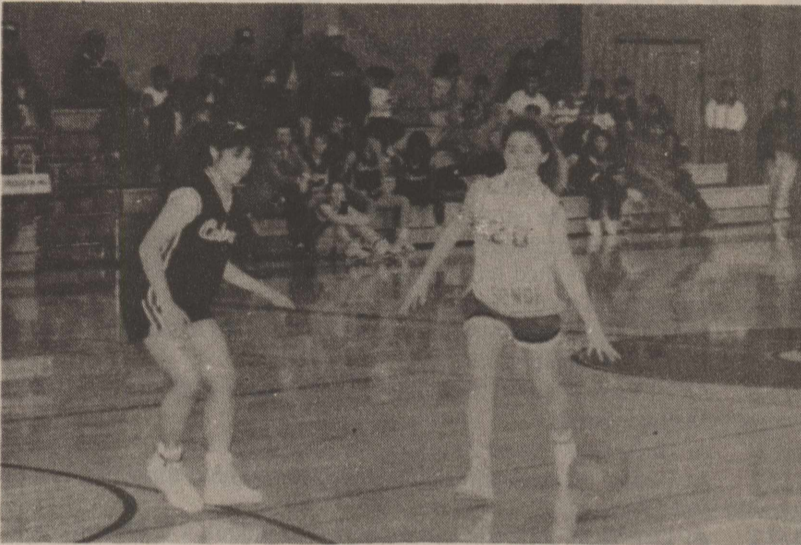
and holding C-City to only 2. As the clock ticked away in the 4th there was an intense feeling as the game went into overtime, tied at 31.

The overtime was all Sonora, as Colorado City failed to score a single point and the J.V. girls charged ahead with 8 points winning 39-31.

Adrienne Noriega had 12 points for the evening, followed by Anna Teaff with 8, and Jessica Ortiz with 7. Alma Sanchez scored 6 while Kelly Kiwoski had 4 and Shawn Wallace had 2.



Shawn Wallace has a shot rejected by Colorado City team member.



Jessica Ortiz drives past a Colorado City defender.

Varsity boys lose by 2 to Colorado City Wolves

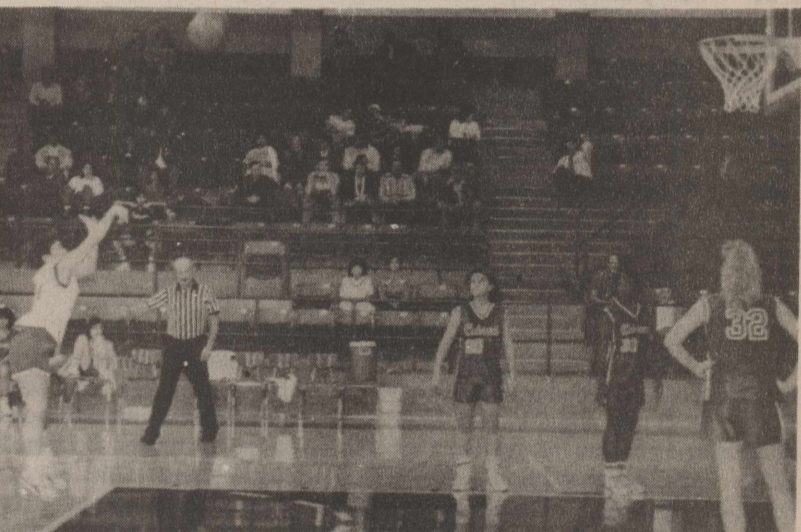
The evening ended with a down note as the Bronco Boys fell to a strong Colorado City team 57-55.

The first quarter was exciting and entertaining as the Broncos managed a 19-15 lead, only to relinquish it to the Wolves strong defense and take a 2 point deficit to the dressing room.

The second half play was fast and furious as both teams charged down the court and shot for as many points as possible. Though Colorado City was ahead by 4 at

the end of the 3rd period, the Bronco boys rallied scoring 17 points to bring them to within 2 at the final buzzer.

Scoring 16 points was Ramiro Luna including 6 of 6 free throws. David Mirike scored 15 points of which 12 were 3 points shots. Blake Adkins and Oscar Perez shot for 6 while Blayze Sykes had 4. With 3 points a piece were, Michael Smith and Cody Black, and Sam Taylor with 2.



Free throw attempt by Monica Gonzales in Friday evenings action.

Sonora varsity girls squeak by Colorado City

In the closest game of the evening, the Lady Broncos once again played heart-attack basketball. It was evident that the Lady Lobo's had come to play ball. The first quarter was close but the Lady Lobo's managed to take a 1 point lead, 11-10 and in the 2nd quarter maintain that lead, 26-25.

As the 3rd quarter came to an end, due to some good defense and fine shooting, the Lady Broncos led 36-

34. In the 4th quarter both teams took the lead off and on, and with 18 seconds left the Lady Broncos, ahead 50-49, managed to keep control of the ball until the end of the game.

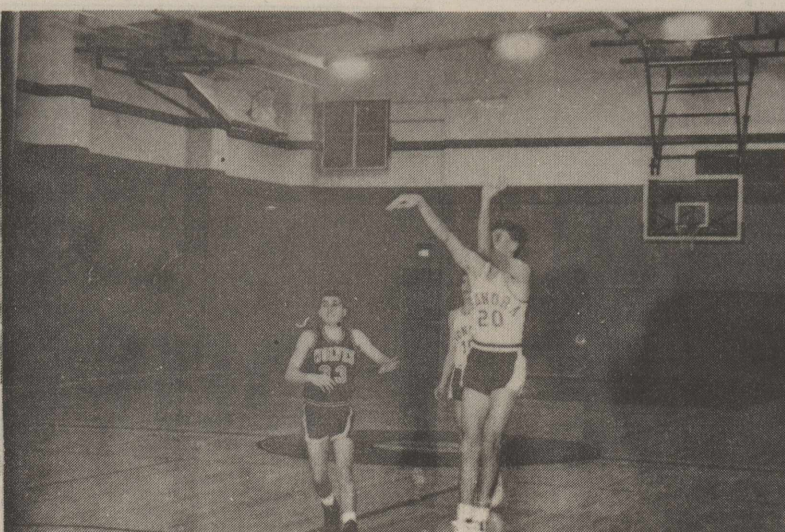
Dana Evans had 22 points for the evening. Following her was Tana Churchill with 11, and Amy Reston with 6. Monica Gonzales scored with 4, Susen McCleery scored 3 and Cenisa Cauthorn 2.



Easy lay-up for Michael Smith in Friday nights action.



Ramiro Luna looks for an opening as he brings the ball down court.



Brian Faris fires a 3 pointer against the Wolves.

Church Directory

The Church of the Good Shepherd
Presbyterian
Worship Service-11:00 am
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Choir Practice-Wed. 7:30
Communion first Sunday of
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Lewis Allen, Pastor

New Life Assembly of God
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Sun. evening worship 6:00 pm
Weds. Study 7:00 pm
Daniel Timmerman, pastor

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Weds. Childrens Bible Study-7 pm
Dana Floyd, pastor

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Deacon E. Samaniego
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Sunday Mass
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Daniel Diaz de Leon, pastor

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

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Watchtower Study-11:55 Sunday
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Bible Study-7:30 Monday

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Worship-11 am
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Wednesday Night-7:00 pm

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- 1/21 At 1:49 p.m. a welfare case requesting gasoline assistance.
- 1/21 At 3:09 p.m. a female caller has locked her keys inside her car and the children are still in the car at a West Main Street residence.
- 1/22 2:00 a.m. Complainant at Town and Country #1 reported that a female friend had assaulted him at about 1:00 a.m. Complainant said she bit and scratched him on the back.
- 1/22 At 9:00 a.m. a minor traffic accident is reported in the 400 block of West 1st Street. No injuries.
- 1/22 At 9:15 a.m. a report of theft of TV cable service is taken by Chief Gesch and Officer Jarratt.
- 1/22 At 10:20 keys locked in vehicle at Circle K.
- 1/22 At 10:25 a.m. the report of unauthorized people entering the school gym on Water Avenue.
- 1/22 At 11:14 a.m. an Officer is requested to unlock a U-Haul truck at the Devil's River Inn.
- 1/23 7:34 p.m. two suspicious men on a motorcycle are reported to be hanging around Mr. D's on Hwy 277 north.
- 1/25 10:10 p.m. a complainant reported that person or persons had taken his stereo amplifier from his car that had been parked at the Sonora High School. Total loss was \$200.00.
- 1/25 10:27 p.m. a Poplar Street resident reports the theft of a stereo amp.
- 1/25 10:48 p.m. a minor accident is reported at the Sonic Drive Inn.
- 1/26 9:33 p.m. a passer by reports a suspicious pickup truck in the downtown area.
- 1/26 12:52 p.m. report of a 60's model blue Chevy pickup spinning out in the parking lot near the football stadium.
- 1/26 8:28 p.m. a report of hot rodding on Rock Avenue.
- 1/27 3:12 p.m. a caller from the 400 block of Poplar Street reports that her neighbor has company and they have their old car blocking her driveway.
- 1/27 3:45 p.m. a guest at the Holiday Host Motel reports that someone is shooting a gun and having target practice up on the hill behind the motel.
- 1/27 5:50 p.m. Officer House was contacted by phone at the Sonora Police Department. Complainant reported that Holmes Wrecking had picked up one of their trucks by their request. Holmes would not release truck until debt was paid.
- 1/28 7:55 p.m. a resident in the 400 block of Glasscock reports that her patio door has been broken.
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