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Broncos Stampede Towards State

Bronco Baseball

Submitted

The Bronco baseball team has reached the playoffs for the first time in school history. In Bi-District, they will play the Van Horn Eagles in Alping at historic Kokernot Field in a 2 out of 3 series. The first game will be played on Friday, May 7th at 7:00 P.M. The second game will be played at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, May 8th, and if a third game is needed it will be played immediately following the second game. Admission will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

Tennis Tournament

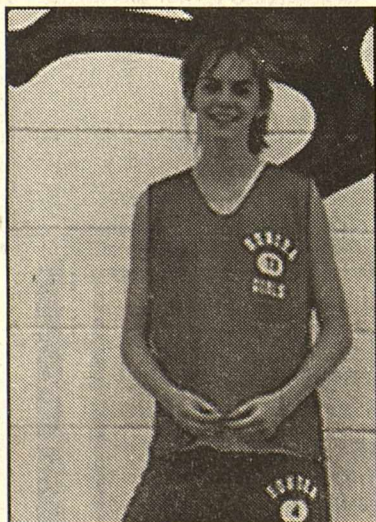
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On March 28-29, Katy Cariens, Reece Simpler and Bryce Williams all traveled to Abilene to participate in the Region I-AA Tennis Tournament. The tournament was held at Abilene Christian University. Sonora, as new comers of this region, did very well. Katy Cariens advanced to the quarter finals after winning her first match with a score of 6-0, 6-3. In the quarters, she played the third seeded player. After a hard match, Cariens was defeated with a score of 6-1, 7-5. Her opponent went on to take 3rd, being regional alternate. Reece Simpler and Bryce Williams easily won their first round match, placing them in the quarter finals. There, they played Talamantes and Reyes from Reagan County. After splitting sets, Simpler and Williams advanced to the semi finals. There they faced the third seeded team from Stamford. Simpler and Williams struggled at first, losing first set, but came back to win. This put them in the finals, playing Jackson and Hemphill from Wall. Both teams played a good match, but Simpler and Williams were defeated. They took 2nd place to qualify for the state tournament in Austin. They will compete on the 10th and 11th of May.

Region 1-2A Track Meet Hobbs Gets the Gold

Submitted

The Lady Broncos traveled to the regional track meet in Abilene on April 29th. Qualifying for region were Kim Marshall in the shot put, Shalayne Hobbs in the 3200m run and 1600m run, and the 400m relay team of Lorena Lopez, Daisy Mireles, Kasey Miller and Kara Eaton. Sarah Ball was the alternate.



Shalayne Hobbs is to compete in the 3200 meter run

School Board Results
Precinct 1
Jesse Bustamante
Precinct 2
Tryon Fields
Precinct 3
Dayton Armke
At Large
Tom Payton

Bronco Golf

Ladies -

Submitted

Ultimate thrill! That's what the S.H.S. Lady Bronco Golf team experienced Tuesday, April 27, at Region 1-2A in Baird.

Sunday's practice round let the girls know why the course was called Shady Oaks. They knew they would have to keep their ball in fairway play to be able to have a chance of advancement.

Monday the winds were slight to start but increased and were gusting by the end of the 18 holes. The Lady Broncos ended their first round with a score of 365, their best score posted this season. This put them in third place, one stroke behind Post with a 364 and Post's #1 girl shooting a 68, the best score of the day. Quanah posted a 346 to lead the tournament. Daisha and

Marisha Henson both posted an 86. Kim Bustamante 95. Ashley Vickers 98. Leslie Gamez 106.

Tuesday's weather was golf perfect. No wind to slight breezes. Knowing what they had to do, the Lady Broncos improved the second day. Daisha improved seven strokes, Marisha improved three strokes, and Kim improved five strokes. Again, posting their best team score of the season 360. Daisha 79, Marisha 83, Kim 90, Leslie 108, Ashley 109.

But was that good enough to beat Post for the opportunity to play at state? Standing, watching, and waiting for the scores to be posted, as the excitement of the Sonora boys were playing off for first place. Quanah posted a score of 680 for first place. Post's second round of 364 gave them a total of 728. Not enough to edge out the Lady

Broncos! A two-day total of 725 earned the Ladies advancement to the State Golf Tournament in Austin! Ultimate thrill!

Team totals:

1. Quanah-680-advance to state
2. Sonora-725-advance to state
3. Post-728
4. McCamey-767
5. Reagan County-800
6. Abernathy-834
7. Sundown-841
8. Idalou-887
9. Olton-891
10. Coahoma-905
11. Sunray-925
12. Ozona-936
13. Albany-unknown

Individual Medalists:

1. Post-Hardin--68-74-144-advance to state
2. Quanah-Whitley--77-81-158
3. Seagraves--Alvarez--81-81-162-advance to state

4. Quanah-Riggs--86-78-164
5. Daisha Henson--86-79-165
6. Marisha Henson--86-83-169

The State tournament will be played at Lion's Municipal Golf Course, in Austin, May 10 and 11.

Good Luck Lady Broncos! Improving 33 strokes from District Champs to Regional Runner-Ups, the challenge of state competition only leaves more thrills and excitement to come!



Ashley, Marisha, Daisha, Leslie and Kim are headed for Austin

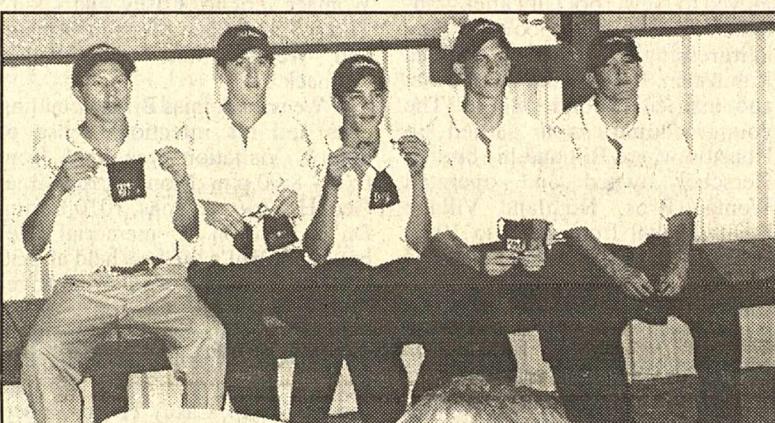
Gentlemen -

Submitted

Did any of the five varsity boys golfers from Sonora High School dare to dream they would be going to State back in February when the season began? Dreams DO come true, at least for Ryan Cramer, Cole Cearley, Jason West, Tommy Gutierrez and Ryan Hardgrave.

On April 26th and 27th, the team traveled to Baird to play in the Regional 1-2A golf tournament. Accompanying them were golf coach Thomas Hanson and assistant Clyde Dukes. Sunday's practice round left them with high hopes of playing well over the next two days.

On Monday, sixteen teams (two from each district in our region) took to the course. Sonora was pleased to finish the day in second place. Individual scores by Sonora's golfers were Ryan Hardgrave 76, Cole Cearley 78, Tommy Gutierrez



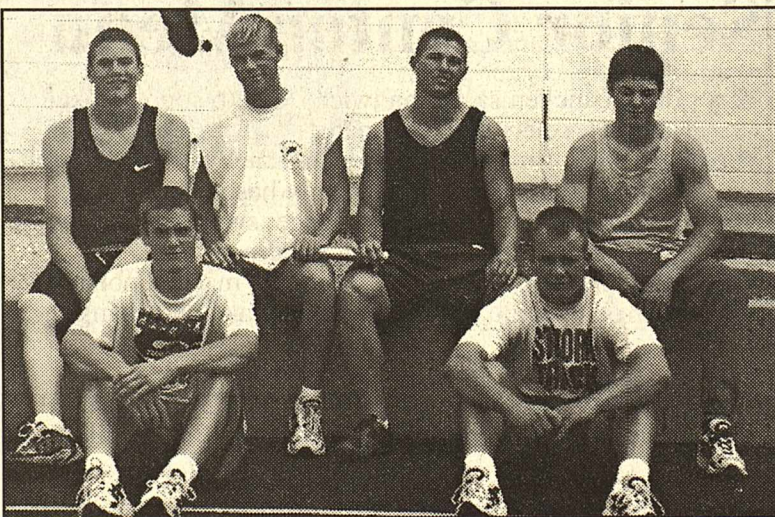
Tommy, Ryan H., Ryan C., Jason and Cole proudly display their medals

79, Jason West 80, and Ryan Cramer 84, for a team score of 313.

As play began Tuesday, no one could have foreseen the excitement that lay ahead. Both Tommy and Ryan bettered their previous day's scores significantly, with Tommy hitting 3 fewer strokes and Ryan an

amazing 8 fewer strokes off of already low scores on Monday. By day's end, Sonora's scores were Ryan 68, Tommy 76, Cole 78, Jason 79 and Ryan Cramer 85, for a second day team score of 301. This score was the lowest shot during both days at the tournament.

Sonora Bronco Boys Track Team Places Second At Regional Meet



The Bronco Sprint Relay team will be advancing to State!

Submitted

The Bronco Track team showed their power as they placed second at the regional track meet. The Broncos were led by a strong first day by the field events and the distance runners. The Bronco team placed second to a strong Stamford team by only nine points.

Leading the Broncos the first day was junior, Andy Sanchez, who placed second in the shot put. Andy threw a personal best of 54' 3 1/2" to qualify him to State. Making his first appearance at Regional, Stetson Hall threw the discus 131' 2" to place him in tenth place. Riley Crain, a sophomore who participated in his first regional meet, jumped a 40' 6" in the triple jump to place him eleventh place.

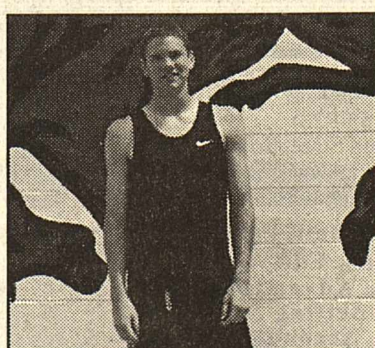
In the running events, Curtis Sanders ran a personal best in the 3200 meters for the bronze medal. Curtis ran a time of 10:24.60 to beat his personal best by over twenty-two seconds. Sophomore Cody Ainsworth ran a 10:49.70 to place

him in tenth place. The sprint relay team of Bill Renfro, Anthony Renfro, Graham Bloodworth, and James Elliott ran a 43.62 to win the 400 meter relay. The group had run a personal best in the prelims with a time of 43.36. Zane Smart a senior ran a 2:07.98 in the 800 meter run to place him in seventh place. Riley Crain ran a 40.97 in the 300 meter hurdles to place him in eighth place. Freshman James Elliott also in his first regional meet placed second with a time of 22.46 in the 200 meters. James qualifies to state in the 200 with his second place finish. Running his second event at the regional meet, Curtis Sanders ran a 4:47.98 to place him fourth in the

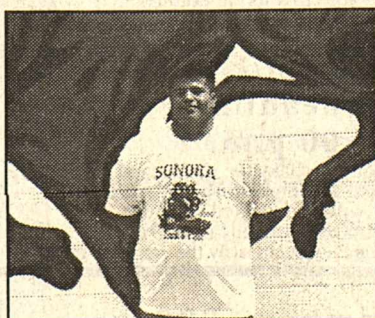
1600 meter run.

The 1600 meter team of Bill Renfro, Anthony Renfro, Graham Bloodworth, and James Elliott ran 3:35.66 to finish in eighth place.

The Broncos placed second overall at the regional meet. That has been the best finish for a Sonora Track team in many years. Sonora will have alternate Curtis Sanders in the 3200 meter run, Andy Sanchez in the shot put and James Elliott in the 200 meters and the 400 meter relay team representing Sonora at the State Track meet. The team would like to thank everybody that supported them during the year. Congratulations to all these young men and Good Luck.



James Elliott will be competing in the 200 meter dash at State.



Curtis Sanders (above) will be an alternate in the 3200 Meter Run and Andy Sanchez (left) in the Shot Put.



1999 Track Regional Qualifiers

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387-5616
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240 N. Hwy. 277
387-3401
Los Jarritos
605 S Crockett
387-2838
Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540
Rosie's Cafe
207 Glasscock Av.
387-5552
Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd.
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Obituaries

Annie Schwartz Berger

Annie Schwartz Berger, 90, of San Angelo died at 10:46 a.m. Saturday, April 24, 1999, in Shannon Medical Center.

Annie was born Jan. 31, 1909, in Moravia near Schulenburg, Texas, to Joseph and Sophia (Loika) Schwartz. Annie married Albert Berger on Nov. 20, 1928, in Moravia, Texas. They moved to Fairview community in 1936. She was a loving wife and mother of four children. She enjoyed gardening and working alongside her husband on the farm.

She was a member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wall and was also a member of St. Helen's Altar Society and the Catholic Daughters of America for 40 years.

Rosary was at 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 26, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass was held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 27, in Wall at St. Ambrose Church with Monsignor Larry Droll officiating. Burial followed in St. Ambrose Cemetery.

Survivors include one son, Eugene Berger and his wife, Ethel, two daughters, Virgin Ann Block and husband, Robert H. Block, and Annabelle Powell, all of San

Angelo; 12 grandchildren, Dennis, Richard and Carl Block, all of San Angelo, Carol Parker of Big Lake, Coleen Schnieder of Johnson City, Tenn., Pam Backlund of San Angelo, Joan Schmidt of Tampa, Fla., Diane Berger of San Antonio, James Berger of Salt Lake City, Kellye Patzer of Austin, Gina Edmiston of Grapevine, and Lance Powell of Sonora; 22 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Otilia Bucek of Schulenburg and Willa Mae Braden and Hilda Mikulik, both of Wall; one brother, Alfons Schwartz of Schulenburg; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Albert Berger; one son, James Allen Berger, and several sisters and brothers.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Dennis, Richard and Carl Block, Lance Powell, James Berger and great-grandson, Ben Backlund.

The family wishes to extend special thanks to John and Ceil Alegre and their children for their loving care of our mother for the last three years.

The family requests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

Billy Marshall Womac

Bill Womac, age 74, went to join Lynn, his wife of 50 years, in Heaven just one month after her death. Bill was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who greeted everyone with a smile and laugh.

Born in George West, TX, he moved to New York City after graduation from high school to study hairdressing under Helena Rubinstein. It was there that he met and married Carolyn Moore. The young couple soon settled in Houston where Bill and his brother Herschel owned and operated Womac Bros. Highland Village Beauty Salon from 1952 to 1997. Bill was a charter member and a Deacon of River Oaks Baptist Church. He served as President of the Highland Village Lion's Club and was a breeder of his beloved Rhodesian Ridgeback dogs.

Bill is survived by his children: Terry Marshall Womac and wife Margo of Houston; Carole Womac Thorp of Seguin; Allyson Womac Peerman and husband Robert of Austin; and Susie Womac Womack and husband Sid of Round Rock.

He is also survived by Frank Womac, Herschel and Phyllis Womac; Alma and Gene Kulchka, Stella and Tex Whitlock, Deany Durik and Barbara Moore Gaines.

His adoring grandchildren include Corbin and Whitney Womac; Jericho, Casey and Claire Thorp; Lander and Megan Peerman; and Wendy, Witt and Walker Womack.

We will all miss Bill's twinkling eyes and his infectious sense of humor. Visitation was held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Monday, May 3, at Geo. H. Lewis & Sons, 1010 Bering Dr. in Houston. A memorial celebration of Bill's life was held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, at River Oaks Baptist Church, 2300 Willowick. Interment followed at Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery. Pallbearers were Corbin Womac, Jericho Thorp, Casey Thorp, Robert Peerman, Sid Womack and Mike Gaines. Honorary pallbearers were brothers James Frank Womac and Herschel Daniel Womac.

Senior Center News

May 7 - Mother's Day at the Center! Hat day contest after lunch, get your hat ready!
May 10 - Bingo!
May 11 - Volunteer to deliver Meals! Call us 387-5657 or 387-3941
May 12 - Sugar & Blood pressure checks with TDHS Maria & Noemi 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Senior Center Menu

May 10 - Chicken salad sandwich, tomato soup, cooked carrots, celery sticks, banana
May 11 - Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced tomato, juice, biscuit, heavenly hash cake
May 12 - Glazed ham, cooked cabbage, sweet potatoes with apples, wheat rolls, banana pudding
May 13 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, veggie salad, roll, white cake with icing

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 noon. \$1.75 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 from all others.

Special Fund

CellularOne has opened a "Burn Fund" for the benefit of Tyler Smith and his mother Tina Webb. It has been set up at the San Angelo Banking Center at 2502 Southland Blvd. or 5710 Sherwood Way. Donations can also be dropped off at the First National Bank of Sonora at 102 N. Main St., Sonora, TX, 915-387-3861. The account number at both banks is: 2000506281.

During the month of May, CellularOne, in lieu of an activation charge, when a customer activates a phone, will charge the customer a \$10.00 donation which will be deposited into the fund for Tyler Smith and Tina Webb.

Three year old Tyler and his mother Tina were seriously burned in a fire that destroyed the Rafter L Bar-B-Q restaurant in Sonora, TX. Monday night. Both were airlifted to the University Medical Center in Lubbock, TX.

For more information please call Tamara Farley at 915-277-8990 or 915-387-3086. The CellularOne address is Sonora is - 205A Hwy. 277N, Sonora, TX 76950.

Card of Thanks

I, Maggie Noriega and family would like to express our greatest appreciation and thanks for all the prayers, calls, visits, and flowers during my recent illness and hospital stay. We cannot express how grateful we are for all the support our family and friends provided us during this time. I am glad to be home and in full recovery.

We are also very grateful to have a hospital and such a great staff here in Sonora. Without the great job Dr. Calderon, Ramiro Perez and the nursing staff on that very night, which was very crucial to me at that time I would not have made it. The preparation was tremendous, we cannot thank you enough.

Alex & Maggie Noriega & Family

Thank you so much to everyone for the love and prayers that I have received during my hospital stay for my heart attack and subsequent heart surgery. Thank you all so much for the visits, flowers, cards and the delicious food that was sent. Words cannot fully express our gratitude, but Randy, Jaly, and I appreciate everything that everyone has done and continues to do. We feel very fortunate to have friends that are so caring. We thank you very much.

Annette Mabry

Elementary News

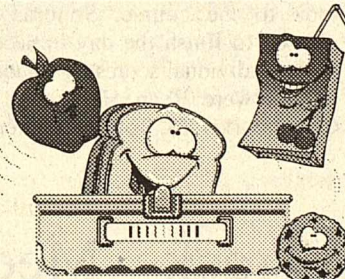
Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration - May 7 from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. See you there!

Mark your calendars now for the Elementary Awards Assemblies. The Intermediate Awards Assembly will be May 27 at 10:00 in the auditorium. The Primary Awards Assembly will be May 27 at 2:30 in the auditorium.

Ronnie Cox
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May 10 - 14**

Breakfast

Mon. - Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice.
Tues. - Pancake pups, syrup, fruit, juice
Wed. - Sweet rolls, juice, fruit.
Thurs. - Grilled cheese, bacon, fruit, juice
Fri. - Egg & ham burritos, fruit, juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfast

Lunch

Mon. - Hot dogs, chili & cheese, French fries, fruit
Tues. - Hot turkey sandwiches, salad, carrots, pudding
Wed. - Tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, beans, brownies
Thurs. - Steak fingers, mashed potato, gravy, rolls, green beans, jello
Fri. - Chicken burger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, potato wedges, cookies

Community

May 7
Women of St. John's Episcopal Church
Bake Sale
9:00 a.m. - Noon
May 13
Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas • Blood Drive
12:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Sutton Co. Civic Center

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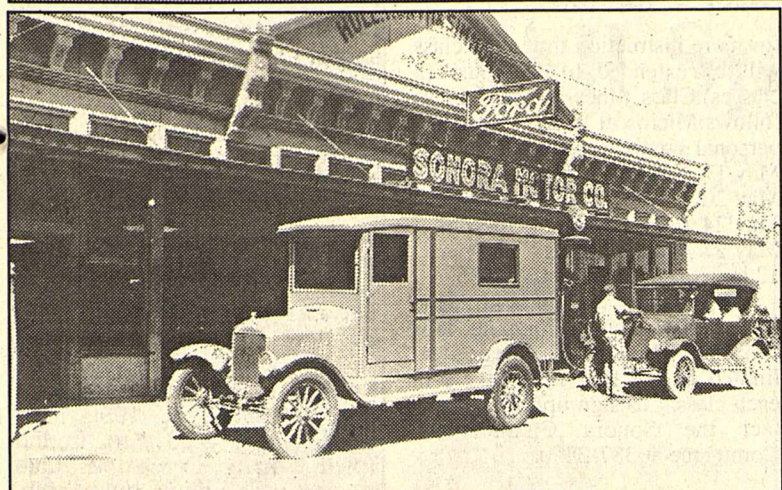
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Ask the Historical Society



First hearse of Sutton County, a four door touring Model T, Ford.

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer

Q. Manuel Rodriguez died in August of 1931 in Sonora, Texas. Do you have any information on his death?

A. Devil's River News, September 11 & 18, 1931 and March 25, 1932 were a great source of information on his death and the subsequent trial of Cleofas Lopez.

Manuel Rodriguez was slain about 7 o'clock on Sunday, August 8, 1931, following an all-night dance honoring Cleofas Lopez and his bride, Paula Hernandez, whose wedding had been celebrated the night before. Manuel Rodriguez was stabbed with a knife, exactly in the heart, at the climax of an early morning gathering which followed the drinking of several bottles of beer in a draw in the west edge of Sonora.

Cleofas Lopez, along with several other Mexicans, was arrested shortly after but only Lopez was indicted in the incident. On Monday September 14, 1931, Lopez was tried. He was represented by M. C. Gonzales, San Antonio attorney who was President of the League of United Latin-American Citizens. It took half a day to pick the jury as Gonzales was very exacting in the process. J. W. Trainer served as interpreter during the trial. The defense tried to establish a motive of

self defense and show that there was no apparent motive for the killing.

Attorney's arguments in the case were heard on Tuesday, September 15th, in the morning, with Weaver Baker, District Attorney, closing his plea at 10:45AM with a demand for a life sentence.

The audience at the trial had varied opinions while the jury was out. Some thought Lopez would be acquitted, some thought he would get 25 years or longer and some guessed correctly. Tuesday afternoon the jury returned with the verdict that Cleofas Lopez, 22, must serve 5 years imprisonment in the Texas penitentiary on a charge of murdering Manuel Rodriguez. The court affirmed the punishment as assessed by the jury and pronounced sentence immediately. Lopez' sentence was ordered begun on August 8, the day on which he was arrested and placed in the county jail on the charge.

This was the first murder trial to be held in Sutton County in almost a decade. The last one before this was the trial of Joe Velasco, whose case was brought here on a change of venue from Pecos County in 1922.

In the March 1932 issue we found the following:

Cleofas Lopez, who was serving a five year sentence from Sutton

County on a charge of murder, died Tuesday in the state penitentiary at Huntsville. No details of his death were available here. He was reported to have been sick only two days. The remains were buried in Huntsville.

So we know that Lopez was buried in Huntsville but can any of my readers tell me where the grave of Manuel Rodriguez is located?

Some of my readers are much too young to know this, but Will Rogers did a benefit show in San Angelo. The proceeds from the benefit, at which tickets went from \$25 for prime seats, down to \$1 for standing room only, were divided among counties who purchased the tickets. Thanks to Will Rogers, Sonora received \$308 to help the less fortunate in our county. The following citizens of Sonora and Sutton Co. purchased tickets to the show: Messrs and Mesdames E. F. Vander Stucken, Joe M. Vander Stucken, Ira C. Green, W. H. Dameron, Jack Neill, Roy E. Aldwell and Lea Roy, W. J. Wilkinson, Bryan Hunt, Theo. Savell, J. F. Hamby, J. M. Puckett, M. C. Puckett, Hi Eastland, Thos. Espy and son, W. R. Cusenbary, W. R. Barnes, L. W. Elliott, Fred Simmons, Sam Hull, R. A. Halbert, Mrs. Ira Shurley, Mrs. Josie McDonald, Misses Hazel Edwards, Bernice Stokes, Alice Karnes; Messrs. Miers Savell, C. H. Car-n, H. V. Stokes, L. R. Barker, E. S. Long, Dan Cauthorn, M. A. Wilson, Cecil Allen, Alton Hightower, Geo. E. Allison, T. L. Benson, Howard Espy, Dow Puckett, J. D. Lowrey, Ted White, O. L. Richardson, John I. King, Mac Cauthorn.

Some day if you are digging around in the attic, or a storage box or old diary, you might just find ticket stubs to the show or a description of the night. Not everyone was lucky enough to be able to see Will Rogers in his lifetime. The less fortunate of Sutton County that were helped by his generosity in their time of need will never forget him.

I know we have felt some small tremors from an earthquake west of

here since I have lived in Texas but did you know the same thing happened back in 1931?

Devil's River News, Friday, August 21, 1931

Sonora citizens were among those in the state to experience the earthquake which traveled a five-hundred mile strip through Texas on last Sunday morning.

The quake here was of a light nature and short duration, disturbing the rest of a few but a great many were unaware of nature's phenomenon until hearing of it later in the morning. It has been more than a quarter of a century since Texas has had a disturbance of this sort.

Other towns in West Texas were not so fortunate, however. At Valentine it is estimated that \$75,000 of damage was done. Although many houses, of the adobe variety, were shaken down, no loss of life was reported. Valentine, which seems to have been the center of the quake, later experienced a second shock somewhat less severe than the first. San Angelo citizens had some of their choice china broken and window lights knocked out, but fell heir to no great damage. The quake was fairly severe in Ft. Stockton, cracking a few buildings and muddying the flow of water in Comanche Springs, the spring spouting muddy water for about an hour. Sanderson reported a slight shock, as well as Moody, Hamlin, Monahans, Stamford, Brady, Cameron, San Angelo, Pecos, Abilene, Temple, Sierra Blanca, Big Spring and others with varying degrees of intensity.

Hasn't the rain been wonderful. Thank You God! If you have a little more you can spare, please send some of it our way.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to Ask the Historical Society, P. O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, e-mail them to schs@sonoratrax.net or give me a call at 915-387-2855 afternoons or evenings.

Breastfeeding Counseling Made Available

The Texas Department of Health sponsored a Breastfeeding Counselor Training class in mid April.

Deby Wells, an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant, Certified Breastfeeding Educator, and a mother of four breastfed children out of San Angelo conducted three days of training for three mothers. The mothers in the class were Luciann Bolding, Christy Espinosa, and Sterling Thompson. The classes consisted of training in the normal aspects of breast feeding and how to help encourage moms to breastfeed.

In the *Special Edition*, a newsletter provided by Wells it states that the American Academy of Pediatrics' Workgroup on Breastfeeding has issued a new policy statement reemphasizing the AAP's strong belief that

breastmilk is the ideal food for infants and that breastfeeding has an essential role in the nurturing and health of infants.

Following are eight points that the AAP has recommended:

1. Human milk is the preferred food for all human infants. Although the mother has the final decision on feeding, the pediatrician's role in promoting breastfeeding is important.

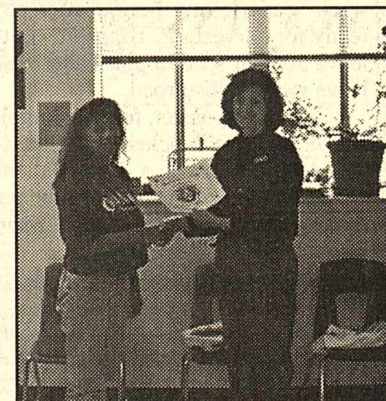
2. Breastfeeding should be initialized within the first hour after birth, and procedures that interfere with breastfeeding should be minimized.

3. Newborns should be nursed whenever they show signs of hunger, approximately eight to 12 times every 24 hours. Rooming-in of the baby with the mother in the hospital should be encouraged. A formal evaluation

of the mom's breastfeeding efforts should take place during the early days of breastfeeding by trained observers.

4. Supplemental formula should not be given to newborns in the hospital, unless there is medical indication. Formula and pacifiers should be avoided until breastfeeding is well established.

5. If discharged from the hos-



Christy Espinosa



Luciann Bolding

Sterling Thompson

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Bridal Registry

Sara Reston bride elect of Joel Cox
Candra Sessom bride elect of Tulley Welch
Laura Livingston bride elect of Espy Whitehead

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Bridal Registry

Candra Sessom bride elect of Tulley Welch
Anna Balch bride elect of Brady Johnson
Sara Reston bride elect of Joel Cox
Lora Hale bride elect of Jesse Burnham
Laura Livingston bride elect of Espy Whitehead
Michelle Torres bride elect of Jimmy Davis
Christi Moore bride elect of Jim LaPlante

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Bridal Gift Registry

Anna Balch bride elect of Brady Johnson
Becca Chalk bride elect of Dean Burns
Sara Reston bride elect of Joel Cox
Laura Livingston bride elect of Espy Whitehead
Candra Sessom bride elect of Tulley Welch
Laura Lee Barlemann bride elect of Jack Isbell
Juanita Gandar bride elect of Salvador Barrera

To the voters of Precinct 2, I would like to say
"Thank You" for your vote and support during the
school board elections. I would also like to thank
everyone who supported me during the campaign and
the community for the opportunity to serve as an
appointed member of the School Board for the past 10
months. The School Board needs your continued support
as it takes everyone working together for the benefit of
our children. Once again, thank you.
Joe Casillas

I would like to thank the voters
of Sutton County
for your support in the recent
School Board Election.
Tom Payton

Westerman Drug Bridal Registry

Laura Lee Barlemann bride elect of Jack Isbell
Laura Livingston bride elect of Espy Whitehead
Candra Sessom bride elect of Tulley Welch
Sara Reston bride elect of Joel Cox
Anna Balch bride elect of Brady Johnson
Becca Chalk bride elect of Dean Burns
Mrs. T.J. Harris nee Amy Harrell
101 NW Concho 387-2541



*Mother and Daughter Style Show
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Benefit Sale for Annette Mabry
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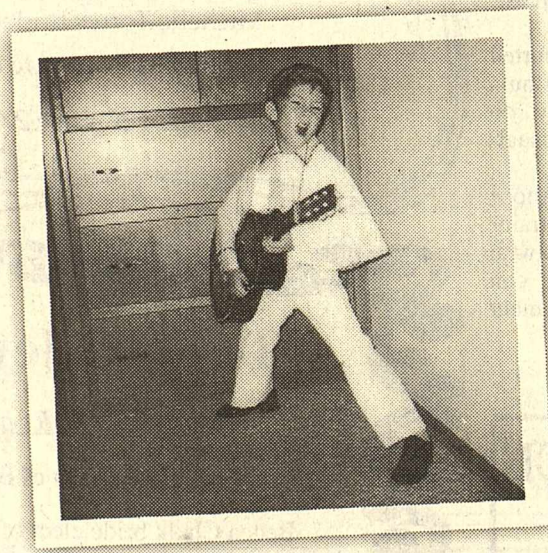
**All proceeds to go to Annette who is
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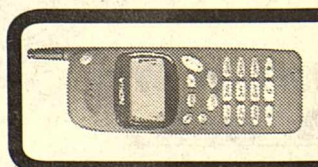
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Chamber of Commerce Taking Registration for Computer Classes

A new set of computer classes will be starting on Thursday May 13. The classes that will be offered will be introduction to personal computers and introduction to Microsoft word. The introduction to personal computers will be a very basic computer class consisting of basic skills needed for computer operation. A Microsoft Word class will replace the introduction to Windows 95 class that was offered in the last session. The Microsoft Word class will cover the basic skills needed to work in Microsoft Word. (Setting up a document and different features of Microsoft Word) Due to the need

for more instruction time, this class will be extended to 15 hours (5 classes). Class times & fee's are as follows: Microsoft Word Intro to personal computers May 13 6-p.m., May 17 6-9pm, May 17 6-9pm, May 20 6-9pm, May 20 6-9pm, May 24 6-9pm, May 24 6-9pm, May 27 6-9pm, May 27 6-9pm 12 hours = \$29 15 hours = \$35

All classes will be held at the Sonora High School computer labs in rooms 316 & 318. Classes are limited to the first 20 students in each class. To sign up, please contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880.

Sonora Elementary Teachers are Appreciated....

This week is National Teacher Appreciation week. The Sonora Schools P.T.A. sponsored an Appreciation Breakfast at the Elementary School for their Teachers on Tuesday, May 4th. Teachers were welcomed to school with breakfast treats and tokens of our appreciation were left on their desks. Our teachers are important parts of our children's lives. Please join us! Show our school faculty and staff how much they are appreciated.

Sonora Middle School Annual Induction Ceremony Will Be Held May 7

Submitted
Sonora Middle Schools annual Induction Ceremony for the Sonora Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society will be Friday, May 7, 1999 at 2:00 in the elementary auditorium.

To be eligible for membership consideration, students must have a

cumulative grade point average of 90 percent. Additionally, potential members must meet high standards of leadership, service, character, and citizenship. Members of the 7th and 8th grade classes were evaluated by the faculty council. This year 22 students are being considered for membership.

Sonora Chapter of National Junior Honor Society To Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Submitted
The Sonora Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society will celebrate its 25th Anniversary. It was chartered on November 1, 1974 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Mr. Smith Neal was principal at the time, and its first sponsor was Mrs. Carol Parker. Other teachers who

have sponsored the organization are Kay Holdridge, Jacki Polocsek, Bobby Morgan and Delia Samaniego.

Former members and sponsors are invited to the annual induction of new members on Friday, May 7, 1999 at the Elementary Auditorium and to a reception afterward at the Sonora Middle School Cafeteria.

Don't Cut The Bluebonnets

By Lise Miller
Please,

Don't Cut Your Bluebonnets Yet!

To help meet the Sonora's Chamber of Commerce Beautification Goals, the Brownies of Troop #100 are volunteering to harvest the local abundance of Bluebonnet seeds. With the seeding rate of 35 pounds per acre and a price of \$11.00 per pound, the local seed crop is quite valuable in getting this project started.

With the commercial producers and longtime residents advising a two week seed-setting period after blooming, the precious bounty is nearly ready for harvesting. To insure continued local displays, the Brownies will leave 30% of seed in place and break or strip just the seed-bearing stem to leave roots undisturbed.

It's much easier for the nimble pickers to harvest seed from plants before they are knocked down or scattered by mowing.

All it takes is a little patience to secure your own place in the Beautification Campaign and the potential payoff can be enjoyed for years to come. Help the "Bluebonnet Brownies" and the Chamber turn our draws into wildflower heaven.

Other Service organizations are challenged to help with the harvest, cleaning and sowing of the seed.

Call Justin or Ladonna today at 387-2880 to register your lawn or pasture pledge. Help leave a Lupine Legacy.

Happy Birthday

May 6
Alyssa Vela
Kim Yocham
May 7
Paul Freeman
Elvira Kreitz
Manuel Lopez
Joanne Wilkinson
Gaye Sanchez
Jerrad Solis
May 8
Josh Burnham
Rudy Charo
May 9
Robert Duran

**Ross Sanchez
May 10**
Chelsea Garcia
Alex Gonzales Jr.
Kimberly Gonzales
Minnie Gonzales
Tammy Rae Ramirez
**Spunky
May 11**
Cade Kearney
Alfredo Gonzales
Lupe Gutierrez
Dee McGee
Jessica Zaragoza

F.Y.I.

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas is sponsoring a blood drive Thurs. May 13, 1999 from 12-7 p.m. at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. To schedule an appt. please call 387-3588 between 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. from Mon. - Friday. Donors will need to bring ID showing legal name & one of the following: (a) date of birth (b) SSN, (c) U. Blood Services assigned Donor # (d) photo ID.

Rehab Appreciation Day - Saturday, June 5, 1999 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Town Square in Ozona. Live music, walk-a-thon, bake sale, quilt raffle, pinewood derby, face & street painting, silent auction, basketball shoot, chuckwagon cooking, lots of family fun. All proceeds to benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Lone Star Baseball will hold a Memorial Day Tournament in Brenham, Texas May 29-30. There will be four different divisions. High School Varsity, High School Junior Varsity, Select Varsity and Select Junior Varsity. The format will be a 3 game guarantee round robin. For more information contact Frank Dörner @ 281-469-6721.

Women of St John's Country Store and Bake Sale will be held Friday, May 7th from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Parish Hall.

Registration for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten will be held Friday, May 7 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Jr. High Gym. **Matriculacion para Pre-Kindergarten y Kindergarten** Viernes, 07 de mayo 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Jr. High Gimnasio

Screening for Children Ages 3 to 5 - Sonora Independent School District Primary Building - 807 S. Concho - Speech/Language, Cognitive Skills and other areas of developmental delays will be screened - Friday May 7th, 1999 - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call 387-5944 for more information.

The Sonora Municipal Pool will start booking pool parties May 1, 1999. You may book your party with Melissa Teaff at 387-2773 or leave a message at 387-2452. Melissa will get back with you as soon as possible. You may also call Chandra Hughes at 387-2858 at night. After Monday, May 31, 1999 all parties will be booked at the pool! The pool number is 387-5377.

Little Miss & Mr. Relay For Life - May 15th at 10:00 a.m. to be held at the Bronco Stadium. For children ages 2-5. \$5.00 donation as entry fee. Entry forms at Devil's River News & image apparel. F.M.I. contact Tamra @ 387-3462. All proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Sonora Little League is selling raffle tickets. 1st prize is 4 tickets to the Texas Rangers Baseball Game & 1 night lodging. 2nd prize is 4 tickets to Sea World in San Antonio. 3rd prize is a \$100. Gift Certificate at Village Market. **1 Ticket for \$1.50; 3 Tickets for \$5.00; 7 Tickets for \$10.00.** All proceeds to go to Sonora Little League. Drawing to be held May 20, 1999. Need not be present to win.

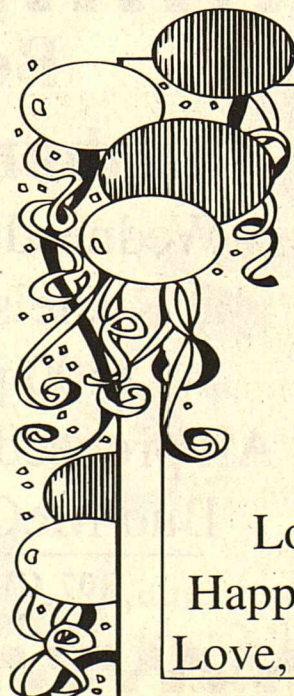
Cub Scout Pack 19 is hosting the Concho Valley Council "Mom & Me" Campout at Camp Sol Mayer in Fort McKavett on May 8-9. We need volunteers from the community to help demonstrate the activities for the Cub Scouts, such as archery, BB guns, roping, etc... Please contact Sherrie at 387-5402, Christie 387-5611 or Tibba at 387-3988.

Any Cancer Survivors interested in participating in the 1999 Relay For Life, please contact Shanna Petty at 387-3378.

Book Sale sponsored by the Sonora Woman's Club. Benefiting the Sutton County Library. Bestsellers, fiction, non-fiction, children's, youth, paperbacks, reference and magazines. April 1st through May 31st.

The Lillian Hudspeth Nursing Home & Hospital Auxiliary meets every 2nd Monday of the month at the Sutton County Steakhouse. Meetings are at noon. Everyone is welcome!

The Thunderbird Transit welcomes you to catch a ride when you need transportation. Thunderbird offers student and senior citizens rates. Our vans are equipped to assist the physically challenged and offer priority seating for Medicaid clients at no cost. For further information or reservations, please call your local Thunderbird office in Sonora 387-2509.



**Look Who's 16!
Happy Birthday Jerrad
Love, Mom, Dad & J.R.**

Sonora Broncos & Lady Broncos All Sports Banquet 1998-1999

The 1998-99 All Sports Banquet was held Monday, May 3, 1999 to honor all the athletes that have worked so hard to represent Sonora this year. There was a lot of talent and hard work shown on the fields and courts this year, and everyone that was a part of that should be proud. A big Thank You goes out to the Bronco Coaching Staff that worked hard with all these students this year!

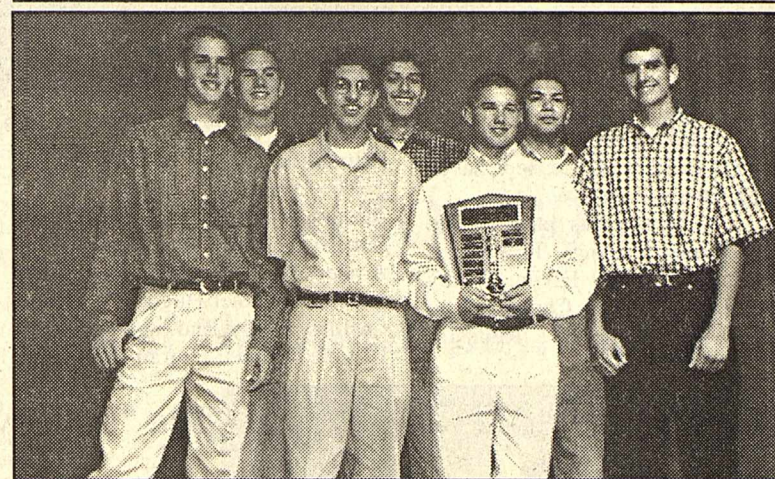


Ashley Brockman and Dustin Dillard were chosen as the Tennis Team Boy & Girl of the Year



Daisy Mireles received the Lady Bronco Basketball Award, Girls Track Award and All Around Athlete - Girl!!

Sonora Bronco Basketball
District 2-2A Runner-Up
Bi-District Champions



Bronco Basketball Team - Riley Crain, Ernie Perez, Anthony Renfro, James Elliot, Issac Ramos, Anthony Luna and Russell Dempsey.



Anthony Renfro received the MVP Football Award and All Around Athlete - Boy.

Bronco Football 1998
District Champions
Bi-District Champs
Regional Champs
State Quarterfinalists

A special thanks goes out to this year's student trainers: Margie Becknell, Jerry Lopez, Friend Mendez and Shawn Odom!



Andy Sanchez received the Boy's Track Award

Bronco Baseball, Golf and Tennis
are still going strong!
Keep up the good work.



1999 Sonora Tennis Schedule

High School Team

May 10 - 11 State (Austin)

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**1999 Sonora Bronco
Track Schedule**

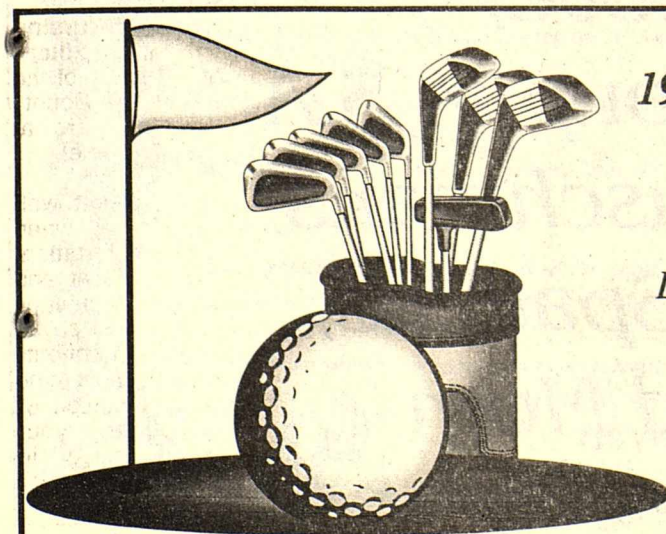
Boys & Girls

May 14-15 - Austin (State)

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1999 Sonora Golf Schedule

Girls & Boys

May 10 & 11

State Tournament

Lions Municipal Golf Course
Austin, TX

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Sonora Golf Club, Inc.
1612 Golf Course Rd.
387-3680

**GOOD LUCK
AT STATE!!**

**BRONCO
GOLF
&
LADY
BRONCO
GOLF**



**SONORA
GOLF COURSE
&
LADIES GOLF
AUXILIARY**

CONGRATULATIONS!

Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance Held Spring Recital

Submitted

On Sunday, May 2, Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance performed their annual Spring Recital. "When You Wish Upon a Star" was the theme with music from your favorite Disney movies.

Soloists Johnna Wade, Allison Benson, Ashley Doran, Thia McKissack, Marilyn Holman, Madeline Higdon, Emily and Meredith Earwood portrayed Disney stars Pocahontas, Mulan, Snow White, Cinderella, Little Mermaid, Belle and Sleeping Beauty. Special dances were performed by graduating seniors Ashley Brockman, Lizzie Chavez and Kristen Hardgrave.

Other Ballerinas participating were Hunter Jennings, Tara Varga, Alyssa and Kelsey Favila, Shelby and Trina Burris, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Rebecca Rudasill,



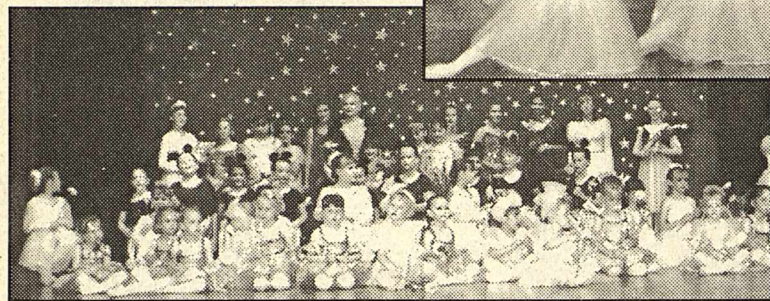
Ashley Brockman dances with some of the younger ballerinas

Lauren, Logan and Morgan Smith, Tissie Wagoner, Kayla Garcia, Alexandra Kenny, Courtney James, Sterling Love, Sara Gillit, Amber West, Rose Karnes, Alex Galindo, Heather Hughes, Adrienne Casillas, Steely and Stella Ingham, Kimble Luna, Lauran Schaefer, Kaitlyn Henderson, Kari Nicholas, Kelsey Watkins, Laura Martin, Alex Lang, Rae Welch, Katy Heap, Abby and Briannah Creek, Micaela Moore, Emily Ellison, Sidney Dermody, Macie Friess, Jacinda Sanchez, McKenzie Croy, Kaitlyn Gibbens, Paige and Alexa Sykes.



The "Lullaby" Dancers

The "Beauties" pose at the end of their dance.



The Grand Finale

Soloists take their final bow



Ranch Women

Madora Fowler Watson

Submitted

Madora Fowler Watson and her husband, John Tully Watson, came as children with their families from Missouri and Tennessee, respectively to Wise County, Texas, where they married in 1896. After the sudden death of their young daughter, they decided to move west to Culberson County in 1908, where they homesteaded and bought more land. The Watsons bought a house in Van Horn where Madora owned and operated the telephone company. John Tully built the first addition on the Methodist Church, a Sunday school room. Madora had a great compassion for orphaned children and helped raise several in her home. She was an energetic lady who was very active in her civic duties as well as being a full-time rancher's wife. She loved animals, keeping her doggie calves and colts in her yard. Madora had a prolific garden each year, and gathered her eggs and churned her butter to take to town to sell. John Tully and Madora were self-reliant and independently self-sufficient. They had no hired help - so they did all the construction and jobs themselves. John Tully built forms and poured concrete to build all the tanks, troughs, and buildings. A wagon and team of mules were used to set up windmill towers and pull rods and pipe. He was still working and climbing on the top of the windmills when he was in his seventies. Madora was still running foot races with her granddaughter when she was in her late sixties.

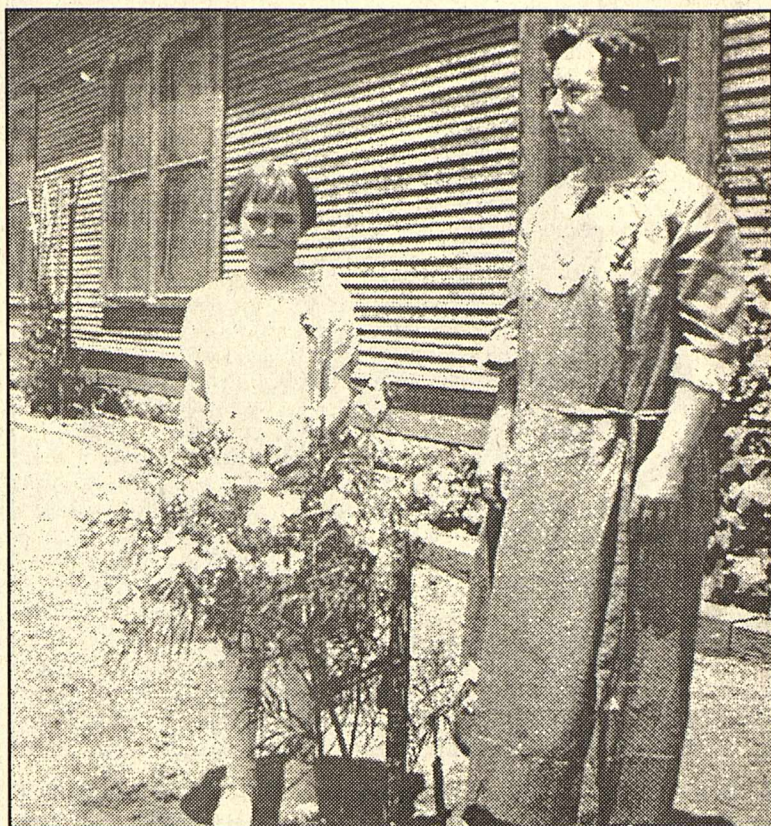
Education was second in priority only to their affiliations. When they daughter, Mary Leontine, was ready for college, Madora moved with her to Abilene to be near while she attended McMurry College. After Leontine's graduation, Madora moved back to the ranch and the country that she loved.

John Tully died in 1951, and is buried in Decatur, and Madora

died in 1958 and is buried in Van Horn.

Madora Fowler Watson is the mother of Mary Leontine Watson

Espy, grandmother of Tommy Espy Whitehead and Mary John Espy Phinizy.



Madora Watson with her daughter, Mary Leontine



Madora (Back row, left) with friends and family

How Does Your Blood Donation Help?

Approximately 4 million people need blood every year -- about one patient every twelve seconds.

The overwhelming majority would die without it. When people think of the need for blood, they generally think of emergencies, but for thousands of Americans it's a way of life.

For example, people who suffer from

- sickle cell anemia •
- cancer •
- heart disease •
- leukemia •
- or other major illnesses •

need blood on a regular basis to survive.

Blood usage varies depending on the type of surgery and whether or not there are complications.

Below are the typical blood requirements for a variety of surgeries.

Blood Usage	Typical # of Units Needed
Liver Transplant	20 red cells, 20 plasma, 10 platelets
Kidney Transplant	4 red cells
Heart Transplant	10 red cells
Miscarriage	2 to 4 red cells
Open Heart	6 to 10 red cells, 1 to 4 plasma
Orthopedic (Knee Replacement)	4 to 6 red cells
Prostate Cancer	4 to 6 red cells
Hysterectomy (with complications)	2 to 4 red cells
Aneurysm	6 red cells, 4 plasma
Bone Marrow Transplant	1 to 2 red cells daily for 8-10 weeks 6 to 8 platelets daily for 4-6 weeks
Automobile Accident	4 to 40 red cells

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas will be sponsoring a blood drive, Thursday May 13, 1999, from 12-7 P.M. at the Sutton County Civic Center. To schedule an appointment, please call 387-3588 between 8 A.M. - 5 P.M., Monday through Friday. Walk in appointments will also be accepted. Donors will need to bring ID showing legal name and one of the following: (1) Date of Birth (2) Social Security Number (3) United Blood Services assigned donor # and (4) Photo ID

Guess Who was **40**
Tuesday, May 4th ?
Happy Birthday!
Love,
"The Group in S.A."
The Buschmans,
The Spaltens,
and Mom

Returning the Power Where it Belongs



By U.S. Congressman, Henry Bonilla

Finally Washington is realizing something parents and teachers across the country have known for years. They're realizing that the parents and teachers have been right all along. It's time for Washington to step aside and let our local communities decide how best to educate our children.

Congress passed, and the President last week signed into law, the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999, or "Ed-Flex". The legislation, endorsed by all 50 governors, gives local schools and school districts more flexibility to spend education dollars as they see fit. It means more decisions will be made at the local level where parents are more involved - not in Washington, D.C.

For too many years education policies across the country have been influenced by the federal government. We all know that schools in rural Texas don't have the same problems or needs as schools in big cities like Detroit, Michigan. But for years the federal government has painted schools all across the country with the same broad brush.

Last week, however, hopefully marked the beginning of the end for the federal one-size-fits-all approach to education. And this is great news for parents, teachers and students all over the United States. Congress is moving the resources and decision making closer to parents and teachers, where it belongs.

The new law lets local school districts do a better job educating their students. Local communities can now gear their programs to meet their students' needs instead of meeting burdensome and unnecessary federal regulations. With the bureaucratic red tape finally cut, communities are free to use federal education dollars where the children need it, not where bureaucrats 2,000 miles away say it should go.

It has been a long battle to end Washington bureaucrats' power and control over our children's education. The power should lie at home, not in Washington. Our children deserve the best and safest public schools in the world. No one knows more or cares more about the quality of our children's education than their parents, teachers and school administrators. It is important to the future of this country that our kids get the best education possible. Letting parents make the decisions is the best way to accomplish that.

Junction Livestock Auction

5/3/99
Sheep and Goats: 2,700 Week Ago: 3,672 Year Ago: 6,237

Compared to last week: Feeder lambs 3.00 higher. Slaughter ewes steady. Stocker Spanish nannies steady. Slaughter Spanish kids over 35 lbs 5.00 higher. All other classes slaughter Spanish 1.00-3.00 higher. Stocker Angora nannies 3.00 higher. Slaughter Angora kids 3.00-5.00 higher. All other classes slaughter Angora 1.00-3.00 higher. Supply including around 10 percent sheep including near 100 lambs.

Stock and Feeder Sheep:
Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1: 55-85 lb springers 82.00-95.00 CWT. Slaughter Sheep:
Slaughter Ewes: Culls 32.00-37.00; Utility 2-3 40.00-45.00; Good 2-3 49.50-52.00 CWT.

Stock and Feeder Goats:
Spanish Goats: Nannies 32.00-46.00

per head; Half Boer kids 40-55 lbs 110.00-113.00 CWT.
Angora Goats: 60-65 lb nannies 44.00-57.00; 65-75 lb muttons 53.00-55.50 CWT.

Slaughter Goats:
Spanish Goats: Choice and Prime: 15-35 lb kids 78.00-89.00; 35-65 lbs 90.00-105.00; Good 15-35 lbs 67.00-75.00; Good 35-65 lbs 71.00-84.00.
Nannies: 85-145 lb fat nannies 50.00-61.00; thin nannies 40.00-46.00.
Billies and Muttons: 75-145 lb muttons 74.00-108.00; 80-165 lb billies 64.00-75.00 CWT.

Angora Goats: 75-120 lb fat muttons and billies 47.00-55.00; 85-95 lb fat nannies 43.00-45.00; 40-60 lb kids 73.00-89.00; thin nannies and muttons 38.00-45.00 CWT.

Source: Texas Dept of Ag Market News-USA Market News

Producers Livestock Auction Co.

4/30/99
Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers steady. Slaughter cows and bulls steady. Stock cows and pairs steady to firm. Trading and demand moderate. Quality average. Supply included 65 percent stock cows and pairs, 20 percent calves. 10 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 5 percent yearlings.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 118.00-129.00, 132.00-135.00; 300-400 lb 99.00-110.00, few 110.00-116.00; 400-500 lb 90.00-93.00; 500-600 lb 80.00-84.50; 600-700 lb 74.00-78.00, set 82.50; 700-800 lb 69.00-69.50.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 100.00-118.00; 300-400 lb 86.00-99.00; 400-500 lb 76.00-86.00; 500-600 lb 70.00-80.00; 600-700 lb 60.00-73.00; 700-900 lb 60.00-69.00.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 90.00-105.00, few 122.00-127.00; 300-400 lb 80.00-90.00; 400-500 lb 75.00-80.00; 500-600 lb 70.00-78.50; 600-700 lb 68.75-75.00; 700-800 lb 64.00-69.50.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 80.00-90.00; 300-400 lb 73.00-82.00; 400-500 lb 67.00-76.00; 500-700 lb 60.00-70.00; 700-800 lb 54.00-63.00.

Slaughter Cows:
Percent Lean
Breakers 75-80%
1100-1250 lb 34.00-39.50.
Boners 80-85%
800-1200 lb 32.50-38.50.
Lean 85-90%
700-1000 lb 30.00-33.50.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1400-2100 lb 45.00-49.00; high-dressing 50.00-51.00; low-dressing 1100-1600 lb

40.00-45.00.

Pregnancy Tested Stock Cows and Heifers: All sold by the head.

Medium and Large 1-2

Heavy Bred

Heifers: 495.00-580.00.

Baby Tooth: 550.00-630.00.

Solid Mouth: 510.00-580.00.

Light Bred

Baby Tooth: 530.00-560.00.

Solid Mouth: 490.00-525.00.

Medium 1-2

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Baby Tooth: 460.00-500.00.

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Baby Tooth: 465.00-500.00.

Solid Mouth: 410.00-480.00.

Cow/Calf Pairs: All sold Per Pair.

Medium and Large 1-2 first calf cows

with 100-300 lb calves 760.00-860.00, set Angus 885.00.

Baby Tooth cows with 100-350 lb calves 730.00-825.00.

Solid mouth cows with 100-300 lb calves 720.00-825.00; with 300-450 lb calves 710.00-815.00.

Medium 1-2 first calf cows with 100-300 lb calves 720.00-760.00.

Baby Tooth cows with 100-350 lb calves 650.00-710.00.

Solid Mouth cows with 100-300 lb calves 610.00-700.00, few thin 520.00-570.00.

Stocker and Feeder Heifers:

Medium and Large 1-2 (young) 800-1000 lb 50.00-54.00 cwt; (young and middle age) 800-1100 lb 43.00-48.00 cwt.

Open Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 675-775 lb 470.00-515.00 per head.

Breeding Bulls: 600.00-1900.00 per head.

Source: USDA-Texas Dept of Ag Market News

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Using Water Efficiently Today Will Protect the Texas Water of Tomorrow

Using water efficiently today will protect the Texas water of tomorrow. As the state population increases over the next 50 years from the current 19 million to a projected 40 million, many communities will struggle to meet the increased demand on their water supply.

Projections by the Texas Water Development Board using currently available supplies indicate that in 50 years the water supply will meet only about 70 percent of the demand. Total demand for water is predicted to equal 20.95 million acre-feet; total supply will equal 14.91 million acre-feet. An acre-foot is the amount of water needed to cover one acre of land 1 foot deep. This potential shortage creates challenges for community leaders as they plan future water use in municipal and agricultural areas.

To meet the demand, Texans need to get more use from the existing water supply. The water supply will be stretched through conservation and reuse, unmet irrigation demand and a small number of new sources such as reservoirs. To help people learn to live with a limited water supply, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will conduct special educational programs across the state during Water Week, May 3-7, to teach citizens to be "Water Smart."

Communities across the state are facing varied challenges related to water. The Extension Service's ongoing Texas Community Futures Forums have highlighted the need for information about water issues. The forums are being conducted in every Texas county to obtain input

from citizens about the most important issues facing their communities. In the forums conducted so far, water is ranking as one of the top five issues in every county, said Dr. Bill Harris, Associate Director of the Extension Service.

"I think water conservation is a must. Clearly there will be water shortages in the future. We must take steps now to protect our water supply and educate people about our water resources," Harris said. "Water in the future will be even more limited as our population increases. It behooves all of us to learn about and protect our water quality and water supply."

The Extension Service is partnering with other state agencies to educate citizens about water supply and conservation issues. Water Week will correspond with other water awareness campaigns during that time, including Water Time in '99 by the Texas Water Foundation and Blue Thumb Week of the American Water Works Association.

"Extension has a mission to provide educational programs to people in the state and deal with priority issues. We recognize the need to deal with water from an educational standpoint and to partner with other agencies to provide information to help people make appropriate decisions about water," Harris said.

During Water Week, County Extension Agents will publicize local water issues and provide information about using water more efficiently, especially around the home. For more information about Water Week activities in your area, contact the County Extension Agent.

Wildlife Project at Texas A&M is "Cats' Meow"

A new research project at Texas A&M is truly the cat's meow, or maybe it's the cats' meows. In a first-of-its-kind study, Dr. Clark Adams and doctoral student Sara Ash are seeking large colonies of cats in urban environments to see how humans react with them and what the impact is on neighborhood environments.

"We're interested in the human dimensions of wildlife management," said Clark, a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station wildlife researcher. "Urban wildlife management is a growing concern, and we are interested in learning more about it so that we can better educate people on how to deal with animals in city ecosystems."

"Wildlife management isn't just deer, quail and turkey in rural areas anymore," he said. Cats, widely accepted as a domestic animal, offer a new twist to urban wildlife management, Clark noted. Not only do cats prey on wildlife, but in some cases large numbers of stray cats have formed colonies and reverted to wild behavior that may preclude them from being "pets."

Clark and Ash want to find and study cat colonies in and around Bryan-College Station in hopes of understanding how humans participate in the phenomenon and what that means for urban wildlife management.

"We'd like to talk to people about the history of their cat colony, observe the cats' behaviors and discuss the possibility of doing a research project on the colony," said Ash.

Interest in urban cat colonies stems from the duo's involvement with a similar project on the Texas A&M University campus. In that work, the wildlife researchers joined veterinary students to find stray cats that live in and around the university's grounds. Those cats, which number about 100, are thought to be cats that were left behind by former students. The cats have reproduced but seem to function independently rather than in large colonies.

Campus cats snared in the project are medically examined, neutered, equipped with radio collars and returned to the campus where several feeding stations have been established to help them maintain healthy lives. But, they are feral, or wild, and are rarely seen.

That project, however, led to a different scenario involving cats -- one in which the feeding and care of a few stray felines by a person grows

into a colony that may number 30 or more mostly wild cats.

The research interest was piqued when a local resident's home -- along with numerous cats she was caring for -- was devastated by fire. Clark began asking his students and friends where other cat colonies might exist. Two were located almost immediately. Ash, whose doctoral focus is on urban wildlife, developed a plan to study the colonies.

"We're interested in how ecosystems in a neighborhood respond to these kinds of colonies," Ash said. "These cats may all come to a porch to eat together, but after that, are they solitary or is there a degree of social behavior?"

She plans to consider the cats' interaction with other animals -- such as rodents and birds -- in a given area.

"In the colonies we've located, the cats are fed well, but some research has shown that well-fed cats still hunt," Ash noted. "Usually, birds are about 20 percent of a cat's diet." In other studies of intercity cats, the felines, long thought to be good for rodent control, have been filmed eating side by side with rats, she said. Ash hopes to use radio collars to determine more precisely how cats impact an area.

She wants to locate more colonies -- both in Bryan-College Station and along the cities' perimeters -- and to compare wildlife in those areas with similar neighborhoods that do not have large numbers of feral cats. Clark expects the work to give educators information to teach city dwellers more about wildlife management.

"As people have become more and more removed from the country, they know less and less about wildlife," he said. "About 80 percent of our state's population is urban, and most of them do not have a good understanding of the needs and impacts of wild animals."

He said Texas A&M is the only university in the nation that offers an urban wildlife emphasis for undergraduate majors. Ash is the second graduate student to study under that focus. He believes that cities will be increasingly needful of information and staff that know how to manage wildlife in urban environments.

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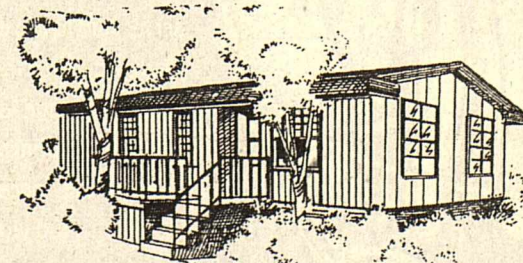
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Thursday Night - Mostly clear. Lows in the 50s.

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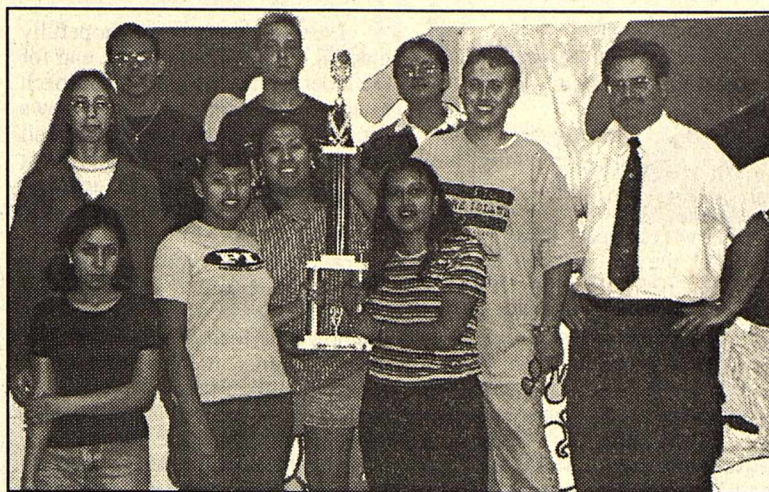
Submitted

The Sonora High School Choir returned Sunday night from a weekend in Corpus Christi, Texas. The trip was a part of the Buccaneer Classic Festival in which many schools from all over the country and close to 1500 students took part. Each choir competes on a rating system of Division I, Superior, Division II, Outstanding, Division III, Good and comments only.

The choir performed their three pop selections at the Corpus Christi Cathedral in front of three professional

judges and came away with a Division I, Superior rating, a first ever for Sonora High School Choirs.

While in Corpus Christi the choir went to the Selena memorial, visited the beach and was treated to an outstanding buffet on the USS Lexington. It was a tremendous weekend. The choir would like to give special thanks to Luis Vasquez our bus driver, Mrs. Flores, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Everett and Mrs. Cornelius our sponsors, for their extra efforts. The choir would also like to thank the community that supported our fund-raising efforts to make this trip a reality.



Choir members are: Manuel Campos, Joe Flores, Mark Cooper, Maria Rojo Jimenez, Reyna Moreno, Felicia Rivera, Leslie Samaniego, Tim Warden, Lizzette Yorba, Lizzie Chavez-NP, Peggy Everett-NP, Natasha Hernandez-NP, Emily Matchus-NP, Brenda Oliden-NP, Olivia Torres-NP, Monica Valdez-NP. (NP = Not Pictured)

Many Winners Enjoy West Side Lions Club Drawing

The West Side Lions Club held a fundraiser drawing on Saturday, May 1, 1999. The proceeds go to help children who need eye glasses. The organization has helped about 23 families so far this year. The drawing was made possible by the generosity of local merchants and the West Side Lions Club. Winners were as follows:

1. Kaci Lewis - Set of Dominoes - Vallree's
2. Don Surridge - 8 pc. Fried Chicken Dinner - Town & Country
3. Shane Dowell - 8 pc. Fried Chicken Dinner - Town & Country
4. Alice Garza - 4 pc. Hamburger Combo - Town & Country
5. Manuel Vasquez - 4 pc. Hamburger Combo - Town & Country
6. Edward San Miguel - Large 1 Topping Pizza - Pizza Hut
7. Barbara Chayler - Large 1 Topping Pizza - Pizza Hut
8. Bob Merrit - \$10.00 Gift Certificate - image apparel
9. Nina Martinez - Mohair Socks - Ol' Sonora Trading Co.
10. Bianca Fay - Virtual Fishing Game - Vallree's
11. Scott Kendrick - Virtual Fishing Game - Vallree's
12. Chacho Mesa - Bella Case Teacup Candle - Merle Norman
13. Manuel Patlan - Poly Stone Table Clock - Shot's
14. Don Surridge - Yankee Sunflower Candle - Westernman's
15. Andy Samaniego - Computer Tire Rotation - Sonora Tire Service
16. Ray Roach - \$25.00 Gift Certificate - Car Quest
17. Roberta James - \$25.00 Gift Certificate - Los Jarritos
18. Eugene Reyna - \$25.00 Gift Certificate - Los Jarritos
19. Gloria Noriega - \$25.00 Gift Certificate - Steakhouse
20. Nancy White - \$25.00 Gift Certificate - Steakhouse
21. Nancy White - Oil & Lube Service - Steve's Flat House
22. Jerry Almaguar - Twisted Brass Capello w/ Candle
23. Roberta James - Grill Size Propane Bottle - Eddin's Walcher
24. Square Sanchez - \$50.00 Alco Gift Certificate

- Grand Prize - Dovie Lewis - Color TV with Remote - Alco



Ben Solis congratulates one of the many winners at the West Side Lions Club drawing.

EMS Reports

Submitted

4-1-99: Medical- College Street to Hudspeth Hospital- Unit #100; Medical- IH-10 395 MM Hudspeth Hospital- Unit #100.

4-9-99: Medical- Paso Del Norte to Hudspeth Hospital- Unit #100; Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital- Unit #101.

4-11-99: Medical- IH-10 394 MM to Hudspeth Hospital- Unit #100; Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center- Unit #101.

4-12-99: Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community- Unit #101.

4-13-99: Medical- Hudspeth Nursing Home to San Angelo Community- Unit #102; Accident- Sutton Avenue to Hudspeth Hospital- Unit #100.

4-14-99: Medical- Hudspeth Nursing Home to Junction- Unit #102.

4-15-99: Medical- Shannon Medical Center to Hudspeth Nursing Home- Unit #102; Accident- IH-10 383 MM to Hudspeth Hospital 2 patients- Unit #100.

4-16-99: Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center- Unit #101.

4-18-99: Accident- Crockett Street to Hudspeth Hospital- Unit #100.

4-19-99: Accident- IH-10 433 MM to Hudspeth Hospital 2 patients- Unit #100; Accident- Hudspeth Hospital to Assist Air Med 1- Unit #100; Accident- Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center- Unit #101.

4-20-99: Medical- Main Street to Hudspeth Hospital- Unit #100;

Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center- Unit #102; Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical- Unit #101; Medical- Calle Castille to Hudspeth Hospital- Unit #100; Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital- Unit #101.

4-23-99: Medical- Hudspeth Nursing Home to Shannon Clinic- Unit #102.

4-24-99: Accident- Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital- Unit #101.

4-25-99: Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to St. Johns Hospital- Unit #101; Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center- Unit #101; Accident- Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community- Unit #102; Accident- Hwy. 277 South 23 Miles to Hudspeth- Unit #100.

4-26-99: Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community- Unit #101; Stand-by-Structure Fire Crockett Street- Unit #100 and #101; Accident- Hudspeth to assist with MedAir 1- Unit #100; Accident- Hudspeth Hospital to Sonora Municipal Airport- Unit #101.

4-28-99: Medical- Hudspeth Nursing Home to San Angelo Community- Unit #102.

4-29-99: Accident- IH-10 407 MM to Hudspeth Hospital- Unit #100; Transport- St. Johns Campus to Hudspeth Nursing Home- Unit #102.

4-30-99: Accident- Crockett Street to Hudspeth- Unit #100; Transport- San Angelo Community Hospital to Hudspeth Nursing Home- Unit #102; Medical- Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center- Unit #101.

Gonzales joins the United States Army

Submitted

Evaristo Gonzales has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Uvalde, Texas. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Gonzales will report to Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma, for basic training July 8, 1999.

He is the son of Leticia Carrejo of Rocksprings, Texas, and Evaristo Gonzales of Sonora, Texas.

Second Annual Golf Scholarship Tournament Held May 1st

Submitted

On May 1st the Second Annual Golf Scholarship tournament was held at the Sonora Golf Club. Ten teams braved the blustery weather to raise \$2,200 for scholarships for deserving Sonora High Seniors that participate in the high school golf program.

The team of Erasmo Lumbreras, Willie Gutierrez, Tommy Gutierrez, Freddie Virgen, and Edward San Miguel successfully defended their title, and won the tournament in a two hole playoff.

Another great score of 58 was turned in by the team of Ryan Hardgrave, Cole Cearley, Ryan Cramer, Jared Percifull and Dustin Martin. Our hats are off to the following sponsors who made it possible: Rye Supply Co., Baker Petrolite, Business Basics, Pool Co., Sonic, Team Graphics, Reliable Equipment, W. H. Hill, Brian Rhodes, Danny and Angela

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Our appreciation also to the following people who brought food and helped cook the supper after the tournament: Ethel Olson, Jodie Finklea, Juanita McBride, Becky York, Ebbie Sutton, Susan Crowder, Tressa Henson, Missy Gentry, Sonic Drive In, Jerri Martin, Shelly Hughes, Sue Moore, Joe Casillas, Rick and Maray Cearley and Mike Percifull.

A very special thank you to Becky York and Juanita McBride for their help during the tournament.

Best of Luck to the Broncos Boys and Girls Golf team at State.

Police Reports

4-20-99: Found Purse- Officer received a call to contact complainant at Dairy Queen in reference to a purse found. Complainant advised she had found a dark brown purse in the women's restroom. Purse was turned over to Officer and returned to owner.

4-21-99: Criminal Mischief- Officer was dispatched to 101 Deerwood in reference to vandalism. Complainant advised unknown person had keyed his vehicle. Investigation still pending.

4-21-99: Cruelty to Animals- Officer was dispatched to 106 Chestnut Street in reference to dogs which had been abandoned. Upon arrival Officer located two dogs which appeared not to have been fed or watered for a few days. Animal control recovered the dogs and transported to Sonora City Pound for safe keeping.

4-23-99: Burglary- Officer was dispatched to Stadium Trailer Park in reference to a burglary of habitat. Upon arrival Officer made contact with complainant. Complainant advised persons unknown to her had entered her home. Persons took several items from residence. Investigation still pending.

4-25-99: Making Alcohol Available- Officer was dispatched to the 400 block of West 2nd Street in reference to loud music. Upon arrival Officer could hear loud music coming from the west side of house. The Officer could see several teenagers scattering in all direction. After further investigation Officers located teenagers. Teenagers were issued citations and released.

4-26-99: Fire- Officer was dispatched to Rafter L B-B-Que located at 506 N. Crockett in reference to an explosion/fire. Investigation of origin and cause is pending lab results.

4-27-99: Theft- Officer received a call to meet complainant at Sutton County Sheriff's Office.

Upon arrival Officer contacted complainant and he reported a person unknown to him had stolen a toolbox containing miscellaneous tools from the back of his pickup. After further investigation owner came and claimed the toolbox.

4-28-99: Theft of Service- Officer was dispatched to T&C #2 in reference to a gas drive off. Clerk advised that she did not see the people driving the motor home. Clerk believed the suspects tried to use their credit card at the pump and had unsuccessful results. Description of vehicle was a brown or tan motorhome last seen traveling West on Crockett. Attempt to locate vehicle was negative.

4-29-99: Incident- Officer was dispatched to 400 Calle Real to talk to a complainant. Upon arrival Officer was contacted by a complainant. Complainant was carrying a small black dog in her arms and advised that someone had shot the dog with a BB gun. Dog was taken to Animal Hospital for observations. Investigation still pending.

4-29-99: Arrest- Officer was dispatched to Sonora Sage Apartments in reference to a disturbance. Upon arrival complainant advised he and his girlfriend had been arguing. Complainants girlfriend was using profane language and was arrested for disorderly conduct. She was transported to Sutton County Jail.

5-3-99: Burglary/Escapes- Officer was dispatched to the 400 block of Oak Street. Upon arrival Officer advised that a subject was standing at a window in the front of the home. Subject was later identified and put in the backseat of the patrol car. After further investigation subject advised that another subject was in the home. Second suspect was found to be in the home and was found and placed in the backseat of the patrol car. Subject is being charged with burglary.

Cooking With Mrs. Kathy and Friends

Submitted

Below are some recipes submitted by the Jack & Jill Playschool children:

ABBY CREEK-- Age 4: Chocolate Chip Cookies- When you start cooking, you put the recipe on the table so you can find out what you need. Get the bowl. Put in 4 cups sugar, 2 cups milk, a little bit of chocolate. Get something to stir it with. Put the dough in the oven for 8 minutes. Don't burn your hands, so use mittens. Drink milk with the cookies, and invite Sidney, Hunter and that's it!

ALEX LANG-- Age 5 1/2: Chocolate Birthday Cake- In a medium bowl, put a quarter and a half of flour, 3 eggs, and 1 bar of the chocolate that doesn't taste like chocolate. Stir it up. Put it in the oven for 1 minute at 4 1/2 degrees. Take it out and put some of that plastic clear stuff on it. Later, put chocolate icing on the cake, with green icing on the top that says, "Happy Birthday Mom!" Invite Roxie and Jeff, and my cousins.

BRAXTON SNYDER-- Age 5 1/2: Chocolate Chip Cookies- Wash your hands first. In a big bowl, put 2 cups flour, 1 spoon butter, maybe 2 spoons of salt, peanut butter (maybe 3 1/2 spoons), 1 pour of milk, 2 spoons of sugar (NOT noodles or sausage!) Stir it; then bake it for 10 minutes in the oven. When the thing beeps, you let them cool off and eat them with Christian, Cody, Jansen, Corley and Zack.

CADESMAN POPE-- Age 5 1/2: Fried Turkey- Shoot a turkey! Throw away the feathers. You're supposed to clean him out pretty good. Cook it for 4 hours or 6 hours or 6 minutes... I don't know! I'll ask my mom to tell me when it's ready, because she went to cooking class. Invite Word B., Gunter and Bailey Joe.

CHRISTIAN KENNEY-- Age 6: Chocolate Cake- Put 1 scoop of flour in a bowl. Next, put 2 scoops of milk and 1 chocolate bar. Then cook it for 10 minutes in the oven at 15 degrees. A little button will say "Ding!" when it's ready. Put chocolate icing on it, and hockey player decorations. Invite Colyer, Cody, Braxton and Ethan.

GARRETT SMITH-- Age 4 1/2: Chocolate Chip Cookies- Get some of those chocolate things. Pour the whole bag of them in a big blue bowl. Put in a little brown food

coloring, and a teeny bit of milk. Maybe like 2 or 1 drops of sugar. Get a big pan, and like use gloves and dig out the mushed up cookies. Put them on the pan, and put them in the oven for like 5 minutes. Invite my grandpa, Mimi and my friends.

GUNTER PENNINGTON-- Age 4 1/2: Sugar Cookies- Put 5 scoops sugar, 3 scoops white powder, 1 scoop of milk in a bowl. You hafta stir it around. Put it in the pan, then start the oven and cook it for 10 minutes. You can smell them when they're ready! Decorate them with white icing and put pink, red and blue sprinkles on top. Invite Word, Jonathan, Nolan and Christian to eat them with me.

HUNTER JENNINGS-- Age 5 1/2: Brownies- You get 5 pecans. Put 2 teaspoons of flour in a bowl, 2 eggs, 1 cup of gooey chocolate, and I think 3 cups of sugar. You get a spoon and stir it up. Then, put it in the oven for 2 minutes at 13 degrees. Let them cool off. Invite Chandler, Brooklyn, McKenzie, Abby and Tyler.

JANSEN McBRIDE-- Age 4 1/2: Blue Cake- Get a cup of sugar, and get 1 egg and crack it in a big bowl. Get 1 cup of water, and get the white stuff and put a little in the bowl. Stir it. Cook it for about 10 minutes in a hot oven. Put blue icing on top with sprinkles. Invite Braxton, Garrett, Colyer, the Anthony that moved, and NO girls.

JONATHAN CASILLAS-- Age 4 1/2: Chocolate Cake- Get a giant bowl, and just 1 scoop of sugar, 2 scoops flour, and 2 scoops baking powder. You put 4 scoops of water, 4 scoops of milk, 5 eggs, and 6 scoops of chocolate powder. Dump it in a pan, and put it in the oven for 2 minutes. Put green icing and different colored sprinkles. Invite everybody and drink red punch.

KATY HEAP-- Age 5- Puppies- First get a medium bowl. Put all of the flour in it, then some pupcakes mix. Fill up the bowl with water, and stir it. We pour it in the pupcake papers, and then we put it in the oven for 15 minutes. Listen for when the bell rings, then decorate them with sprinkles. Invite Kelsey, Desirae, Kristen and Micaela.

KELSEY TAYLOR-- Age 5 1/2: Easter Bunny Cookies- Put about 1 cup of milk in a bowl. Then, 2 cups sugar, a little salt, a little bit of peanuts, and 5 chocolate chips.

That's all. Get a spoon and stir it up. Leave it in the oven for 15 minutes. When it beeps, we are going to let it cool off. Invite Laramie, Katy, Hunter, Shiloh and Shane.

KORY HUMPHREY-- Age 4: Chocolate Cookies- Put 5 things of sugar in a bowl. Put in more sugar. Then frosting chocolate. That's all. Cook it 5 times in the oven. It is ready when it dings. Ask Nicole, Kallie, Kelsey and Garrett to come over.

LOGAN SMITH-- Age 3 1/2: Strawberries- I like to eat fish, and trees, and weeds, and deer. Cook it with strawberries and honey and ketchup. If a monster comes, my dad will kill it. Invite Sidney, Kelsey, Jansen and Braxton, and my sister Morgan and my sister Lauren and my sister Mom and my sister Dad.

MADDIE LANG-- Age 3 1/2: Hamburgers- Get 1 meat that goes in hamburger buns. Cook it for a long time in the pantry. Put crunchy salad on it, and mustard and gravy. Get the orange kind of chips. Invite Katy, Kelsey and Hunter.

MELISSA FREEMAN-- Age 4- Donuts- You need some hot grease in the pan. Put the circle donuts in the grease for a long time. They never burn. Put white icing on top. Invite Sidney for breakfast, and drink chocolate milk.

NOLAN KINDER-- Age 4: Blueberry Muffins- You hafta pour the water in the can. You hafta find 5 berries and put them in the oven and then bake them for about 6 minutes. That's all. I'll eat them with my little brother.

SIDNEY DERMODY-- Age 3 1/2- Nanny's Banana Pie- Put 4 bananas in it. Put vanilla cream on top of it. Put it somewhere nice and cold so the cat's won't get it. Drink chocolate milk with it, and invite my nanny and Mrs. Kathy and all my friends.

STELLA INGHAM-- Age 4 1/2: Gummy's Wienie Surprises- You hafta roll the wienies inside of the bread. Cook them in the stove for a little long but don't let them burn. Dip them in ketchup, and drink them with milk, actually. Invite Abby and Sidney.

TRINA BURRIS-- Age 4: Pancakes and sausage- Cook the pancakes on the stove, and put the sausage on the stove for 5 minutes. Put syrup on it, then you're done. Get a knife and put the butter on the pancakes. Invite all my friends.

WORD HUDSON-- Age 5: Hamburgers- First, you get the grill ready with little black rock things. Get 2 pounds of meat, and smush it together into 14 round shapes. Put salt and pepper on it (just a little). Put them on the real hot grill for about 40 minutes. Put like cheese, ketchup, mustard and lettuce on a patty. Invite Abby, Gunter, Sidney, Jansen, Garrett and Stella.

* Each recipe was told by each child individually, to avoid "copy-cattin'."

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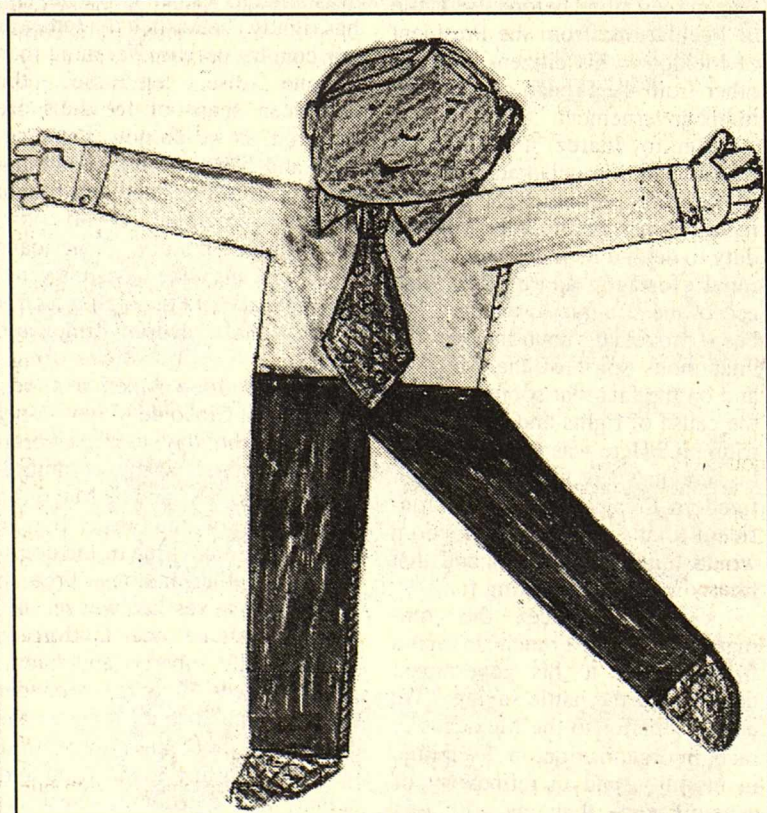
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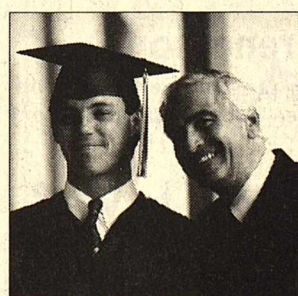
I hope to receive your picture soon. We only have 6 weeks left of school.



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Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owned a home on January 1st (and used it as their primary residence on that date) is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower their school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium, or mobile home. (Counties, cities, and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.)

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. Over-65 homeowners also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's over-65 school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 1998, you won't need to reapply for 1999 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 1999. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled during 1998, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at: 915-387-2809

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For more information, stop in or call for a free copy of

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities"

Protect your rights! "Render" your taxable property by April 15th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year. The rendition form is available at your local appraisal district office... or you may draft a similar form.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- ☞ You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- ☞ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☞ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 1998. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 1999.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 1999 renditions is April 15. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be postmarked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 15 deadline.

Where do you file?

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Don't forget Mother's Day Sunday, May 9, 1999

Safety Tips For Handling Propane Cylinders

Submitted

Propane like all fuels, is STORED ENERGY! Properly handled, energy is useful and safe—it makes your appliance work. However, if accidentally released, energy can be destructive. PROANE CYLINDERS ARE NOT TOYS! Handle your stored energy with respect to avoid accidents!

A special "POL" left hand thread plug will seal the valve when the cylinder is not connected. (This helps prevent leaks if the valve is accidentally opened.)

When not in use, keep the valve tightly closed and plugged—even when the cylinder is empty. (Keep gas in and air out to avoid problems.)

Handle cylinders gently—avoid damage (Dents and rust can weaken cylinders).

Always keep cylinders upright and, when transporting, secure them in position. (Bouncing around could damage the cylinder or valve.)

Keep your vehicle ventilated

when transporting cylinders. (A leak inside a closed car is dangerous.)

Do not transport more than 45 lbs. of propane per container (maximum 2) at one time in a car or other enclosed vehicle. (Leave large scale deliveries to a professional.)

Do not smoke while handling or transporting propane cylinders

Do not leave cylinders in a vehicle after filling—take them directly home and use or store properly. (Sitting in a hot vehicle could cause the safety relief valve to discharge gas!)

Keep cylinders away from heat. (Heat could make the pressure rise too high.)

When cylinders get old, have their health certified by your propane dealer. ("Out of date" extremely rusted or damaged cylinders can't be filled legally and may be dangerous.)

Store and use cylinders outdoors only. (Leaks would be dangerous indoors or in unventilated areas.)



The Sonora Golf teams were escorted through town with sirens as they made their return from Regional competition last week.

Delay the Game When Thunderstorms Approach

Submitted

Countless lightning tragedies have occurred on sport fields in Texas through the years. People on open sport fields are at higher risk for lightning strikes.

Large, open areas where people are often the tallest objects, sports fields also have metal bleachers, fences, light poles, field goal posts or soccer goal posts that attract lightning. When lightning hits these objects, its charge travels along objects shocking anyone who is touching it. Lightning can also bounce off any of these objects and strike people nearby.

"Schools, athletic programs, day care centers, and summer camps, as well as coaches, referees and parents participating in field events need to understand the danger of lightning and be prepared to take immediate action. Activity policies should clearly state that if thunder is heard, games and activities should be suspended until the threat passes and thunder is no longer heard," says Division of Emergency Management Coordinator, Tom Millwee.

"No sporting event is worth

risking the lives of the people and children on or around fields." Says Millwee "When a game or practice is delayed due to the thunderstorm, move everyone indoors or into cars or buses until the storm passes."

The Division of Emergency Management offers the following lightning safety tips:

* Stay tuned to local weather forecasts.

* If you hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning.

* Find a low spot away from trees, bleachers, goal posts and other structures. Make sure the area is not prone to flooding.

* If you feel your skin tingle or your hair stand on end, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands on your knees with your head between them. Make yourself the smallest target possible, and minimize your contact with the ground.

* If lightning is occurring and a sturdy shelter is not available, get inside a hardtop automobile and keep the windows up.

Topic For National Multiple Sclerosis Society Teleconference

Submitted

The National MS Society's 12th annual Teleconference will be held at the San Angelo Hospital—Conference Room 1, 201 E. Harris, Saturday, May 8, 1999 at 2 p.m. The Teleconference is designed to help people make personal decisions by providing the latest information on symptom management from world-renowned experts in MS. There are new symptom management techniques and therapies available; people with MS have more treatment options than ever before. Information is the key to taking a more active role in the medical treatment. These experts will also give tips on things one should consider when choosing treatments that are best for each individual faced with this.

Being able to stay informed of the latest MS research information provides those affected with MS the highest quality of living.

Cinco De Mayo Is A Celebration For All People

By Susan Weddington, Republican Party of Texas Chairman.

For many non-Hispanic Americans, Cinco de Mayo is often a confusing holiday. Sometimes mistaken for Mexican Independence Day, Cinco de Mayo is looked at by many as a strictly Mexican holiday. However, Cinco de Mayo is much more than a celebration of Mexican heritage. It is a reminder of the patriotic spirit of people defending freedom, which is something all Americans, regardless of ethnicity, can celebrate. Living in San Antonio most of my life, I have always been distinctly aware of Cinco de Mayo celebrations. However, it was not until a few years ago that I was fully aware of the true meaning behind the celebrations.

Curious about Cinco de Mayo, and more than a little ashamed that I did not know more, I asked a Hispanic friend of mine to explain it to me. She proceeded to tell me the story of the Battle of Puebla, where a small, less professional Mexican Army defeated a very professional, well-trained French army. Though the French eventually won the war and occupied Mexico for a few years, the meaning of Cinco de Mayo became clear to me when my friend handed me a piece of paper that had written on it two quotes from before the battle of Puebla; one from the President of Mexico to his citizens, and the other from the French commander to his government.

Benito Juarez, President of Mexico, in a proclamation to the Mexican people said, "The government of the republic will fulfill its duty to defend its independence, to repel foreign aggression, and accept the struggle to which it has been provoked, counting on the unanimous spirit of the Mexican and on the fact that sooner or later the cause of rights and justice will triumph." Here was a man rallying his countrymen to the cause of freedom. President Juarez was confident that justice and freedom would ultimately prevail and that liberty was worth fighting for.

General Lorencez, the commander of the French invasion forces, wrote to his government days before the battle saying, "We are so superior to the Mexicans in race, in organization, in discipline, in morality, and in refinement of sensibilities, that as of this moment, at the head of our 6,000 valiant soldiers, I am the master of

Mexico." Here was a man so sure of his racial superiority, so sure of his cultural dominance, that in his mind the war had already been won.

The differences in the values, ideals and principles of each of these men are truly striking. One, President Juarez, believed so strongly in the cause of liberty that he was leading his young nation into battle against a militarily superior foe. But he believed that the God-given right of freedom that all people are born with must be fought for and protected at any cost. General Lorencez, on the other hand, believed only in the perceived superiority of his own race and culture. He did not understand the innate human need to be free and the concept of individual liberty.

The story and meaning of Cinco de Mayo should resonate with all Americans. Less than a century before the Battle of Puebla, another fledgling country was fighting to free itself from this same European dominance. The country, of course, was our own—the United States of America. In this respect, our country's history and that of Mexico are very similar.

The American counterpart to President Juarez was George Washington. General Washington has rightly been called the father of our country because he, more than anyone else, embodies the American sense of freedom. He believed, as we do now, that freedom and liberty is not something to be taken for granted, but fought for and defended at all cost. Throughout history, Americans and Mexicans alike have answered this call and paid the high price for liberty and freedom time and again.

So for those Americans who believe that Cinco de Mayo is only a Mexican holiday, to be celebrated only by the Hispanic community—think again. Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of the basic human desire to be free. Free of the dominance of other nations. Free to govern ourselves as we see fit. Free to pursue our God-given rights of life, liberty, and happiness. Cinco de Mayo is a reminder for everyone that as long as the desire to be free exists, there must be people willing to stand up and defend that freedom against all odds—no matter the cost. Viva Libertad!

¡Varias exenciones de residencia pueden rebajar sus impuestos de propiedad!

Una exención de residencia reduce sus impuestos de propiedad. Por ejemplo, si su residencia tiene un valor de \$50,000 y Ud. recibe una exención de \$15,000, sus impuestos se calcularán como si el valor de su residencia fuera \$35,000.

¿Quién califica para una exención?

Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal el día 1 de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares... y no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio, o casa móvil. (Los condados, municipios, y distritos especiales de impuestos también pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.)

¿Hay otras exenciones?

Si Ud. es incapacitado—o si tiene 65 años o más—tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y si Ud. califica para la exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años, también tiene derecho a un "cielo máximo" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. (El cielo máximo no tiene que ver con impuestos de propiedad de los condados o municipios, y esas entidades pueden ofrecer otras exenciones.) La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años y el cielo máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene 55 ó más años de edad y es dueño/dueña de la casa en donde vive. También el dueño de una casa nueva que tiene más de 65 años puede trasladar un porcentaje de cielo máximo del los impuestos escolares que le tocaron en su domicilio vieja.

¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

No. Si Ud. recibió una exención de residencia en 1998, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en 1999—al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para 1999. Si Ud. cumplirá los 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de esa fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Y si cumplió los 65 años o resultó incapacitado en 1998, tendrá que solicitar las exenciones adicionales.

¿Donde y cuando debo solicitar mis exenciones?

Su solicitud debe llegar en su oficina local del distrito de valoraciones antes del día 30 de abril. Si necesita más tiempo, favor de ponerse en contacto con nosotros antes:

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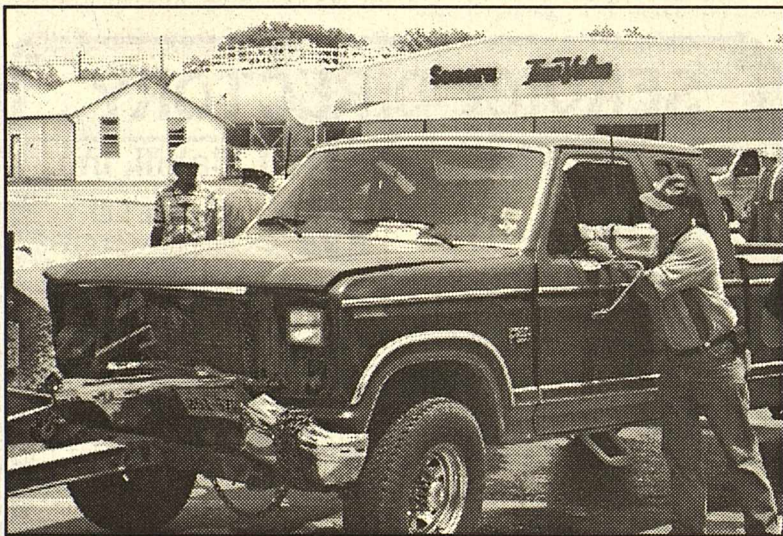


Emily Earwood receives her medal from Coach Carol Sessom for raising the most money in the Jump Rope for Heart.

Two Car Accident - One injured



These two vehicles were involved in a collision at the red light at 277 S. and Crockett last Friday, April 30, 1999. The driver of the smaller pick up was taken to the Hudspeth Hospital, and later released with minor injuries.



Medicare Begins New 800 Service

Submitted

Medicare has set up an 800 number to make it easier for people to get information about services, benefits and other questions they may have. The toll-free number is 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

If you call 1-800-MEDICARE, you can talk with an English or Spanish speaking customer service representative between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for help with questions about Medicare, including

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* general information about Medicare supplemental insurance (Medigap), and

* telephone numbers for assistance with billing questions about Medicare claims or for help with more complex questions about your health insurance.

You can also request a copy of the Medicare & You handbook or an audiotape of the handbook in English or Spanish. And you can listen to pre-recorded answers to frequently asked questions.

If you have a teletypewriter (TTY) or telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you can call 1-877-486-2048.

The Great Texas Tomato Contest

Submitted

Big hats, big trucks and tall tales can all be found in Texas. But, have you ever seen the Great Texas Tomato? In the state that offers the biggest and best of everything, TEXAS GARDENER magazine is looking for the biggest, bragging size tomato around. As the most popular garden crop, tomatoes are often grown by gardeners seeking to be the first on the block with that terribly tasty garden tomato.

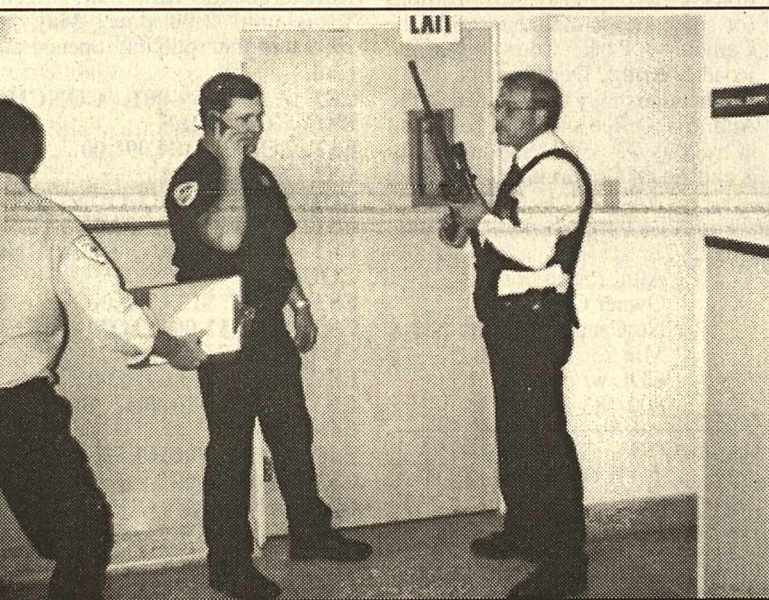
But why not seek to produce the biggest, mouth-watering tomato in the state? TEXAS GARDENER magazine and its sponsors are inviting gardeners to do just that this season. And be rewarded with prizes that include a Honda mini-tiller, Shindaiwa Trimmer, and gifts from TEXAS GARDENER, Willhite Seed Co. and Little's Good Gloves.

If you would like to have braggin' rights to the largest tomato

grown in Texas this year, then you must enter the GREAT TEXAS TOMATO CONTEST. Simply select the largest tomato from your garden, complete the entry form (available at the address below or on the official contest website--www.texasgardener.com.) and mail or bring both to the TEXAS GARDENER judging offices (10566 N. River Crossing Road, Waco, Texas 76712).

All entries must be unaltered and grown in Texas. Sorry, no California tomatoes need apply. Entry deadline is August 1, 1999. Winners will be announced in the November/December 1999 issue of TEXAS GARDENER magazine. Sorry, entries can not be returned. For contest entry form write: TEXAS GARDENER Magazine, P.O. Box 9005, Waco, Texas 76714. Or call for more information: 254-848-9393.

This Is Only A Drill....



The Sonora Police Dept. and Emergency Crews stirred up some things last week when they conducted an emergency drill at Hudspeth Hospital. The drill consisted of a pretend, armed terrorist taking hostages at the

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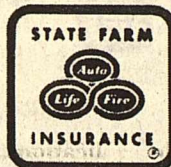
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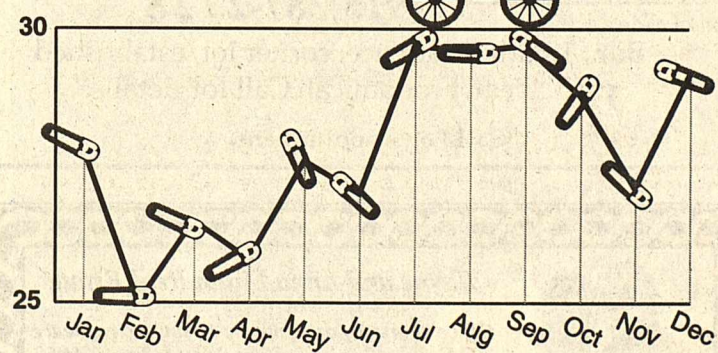
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Keeping an eye on Texas

Babies boom after Mother's Day

On average, Texas mothers welcome 915 newborns each day. In all, 333,829 babies were born in 1997, with most births occurring in the warmer months. Mother's Day 1999 is May 9.

1997 births
(in thousands)



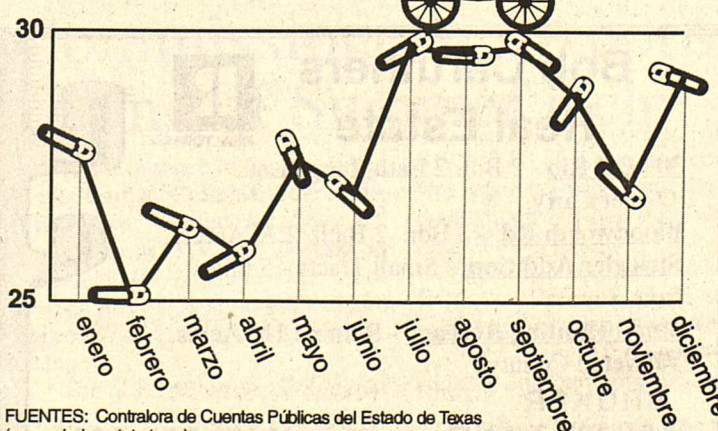
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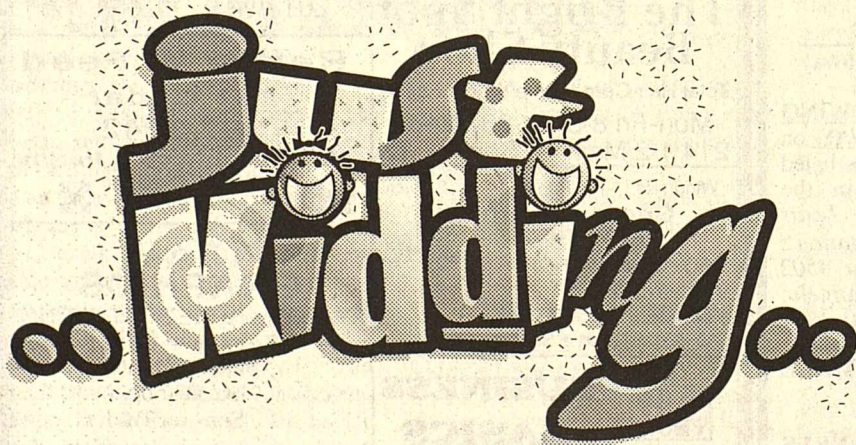
Los recién nacidos abundan después del día de la Madre

Las mamás en Tejas dan luz a un promedio de 915 recién nacidos cada día. En total, hubieron 333,829 recién nacidos en 1997, con la mayoría de nacimientos en los meses más calurosos. El día de la Madre este año se celebrará el 9 de Mayo.

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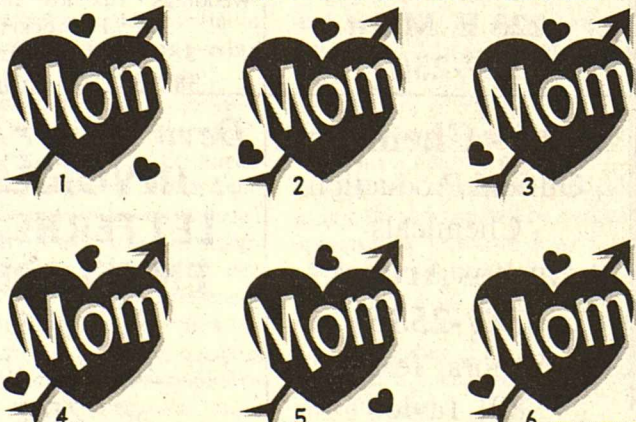


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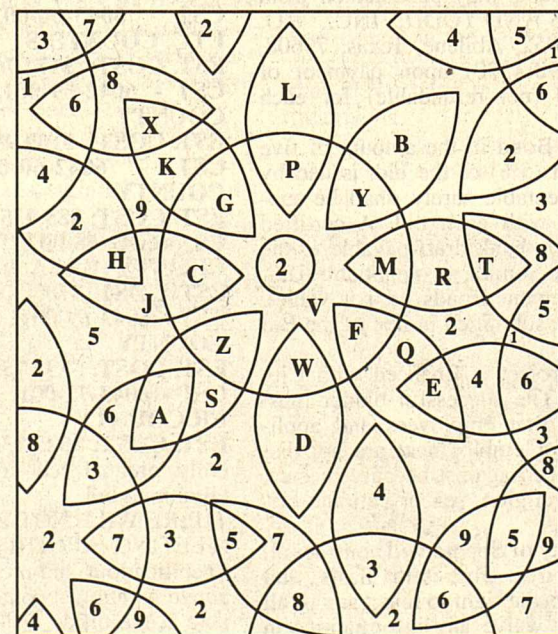
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Notice is hereby given that Sutton County is now accepting applications for five (5) part-time positions for students for maintenance in the Cemetery, Park, Courthouse and Road & Bridge Departments. Applications may be obtained at the Auditors' Office and must be turned in by May 21, 1999. Sutton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 2(4-29-99)b

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Request for Bids

The City of Sonora will receive bids for Water & Sewer Line Improvements until 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 18, 1999, at City Hall, Sonora, Texas. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the City Council meeting at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 18, 1999.

The project includes approximately 2,340 LF of sewer line and 1,200 LF of water line and all necessary appurtenances. Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specification may be examined at Sonora City Hall or at the following location:

HIBBS AND TODD, INC.
2500 S. Willis Ste. 202
Abilene, Texas 79605

Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained from HIBBS AND TODD, INC., P.O. Box 5052, Abilene, Texas, 79608, (915/698-4330) upon payment of \$50.00 (non-refundable) for each set.

A Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, issued by an acceptable surety, shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Sonora, or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value), may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

This project is financed with City funds. The successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The City of Sonora will consider all bids on a line-item basis and reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Sonora for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to the contract award. 2(4-29-99)b

Public Notice

CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for INSTALLING AND UPGRADING METAL BEAN GUARD FENCE on various roads in Irion Etc. Counties and covered by Contract No. RMC - 6044-27-001 will be received in the Assembly Room of the Texas Department of Transportation's District Complex located at 4502 Knickerbocker Rd., San Angelo, Texas until 2:00 p.m., May 18, 1999 and then publicly opened and read. Only prequalified contractors are eligible to bid. There will not be a prebid meeting for this project. Specifications and proposals for the above mentioned contracts are available at the office of Mr. Dennis W. Wilde, P.E., Director of Operations, 915/944-1501, Loop 306 & Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas. Mailing address is 4502 Knickerbocker Rd, San Angelo, Texas 76904. Estimated Cost: \$199,726.06 Minority owned businesses are encouraged to bid. Usual rights reserved

Contractor's Notice of Highway Maintenance Work

Sealed proposals for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHTS OF WAY on various roads in the Counties listed below will be received in the Assembly Room of the Texas Department of Transportation's District Complex located at 4502 Knickerbocker Rd., San Angelo, Texas until 2:00 p.m., May 19, 1999 and then publicly opened and read.

CSJ - 6043-59-001, CONCHO ETC. COUNTIES

EST. COST: \$184,091.00

CSJ - 6043-61-001,

EDWARDS/REAL COUNTIES

EST. COST: \$162,583.00

CSJ - 6042-61-001, STERLING

COUNTY

EST. COST: \$133,350.00

CSJ - 6042-57-001, TOM GREEN

COUNTY (RURAL)

EST. COST: \$131,970.00

CSJ - 6043-70-001, SUTTON

COUNTY

EST. COST: \$98,117.55

CSJ - 6043-71-001,

REAGAN/IRION COUNTY

EST. COST: \$94,979.36

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CSJ - 6043-60-001, KIMBLE

ETC. COUNTIES

EST. COST: \$174,762.00

CSJ - 6042-59-001, RUNNELS

COUNTY

EST. COST: \$109,980.00

CSJ - 6042-60-001, COKE

COUNTY

EST. COST: \$85,935.00

CSJ - 6042-58-001, TOM GREEN

COUNTY (URBAN)

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CSJ - 6043-69-001, CROCKETT

COUNTY

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CSJ - 6043-72-001, SCHLEICH-

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Garage Sale at 302 Laredo St. corner with Corto in back. Thursday, May 6 and Friday May 7. Starts at 9:00 a.m.

Moving Sale- 33 Crockett Heights, Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. daily. Queen size hide-a-bed couch, large coffee table and miscellaneous items.

2-Family Garage Sale - Saturday, May 8, 8:00 a.m. - ? 604 Coates. Tools, clothes, etc.

Garage Sale - Refrig - air unit, clothes, lots of misc., building supplies. Lilly Storage Building at Quail Run #31. Saturday, May 8, 8:00 a.m.

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