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Local Police Capture Murder Suspect



by Storie Sharp

Responding to a tip received early on the morning of Thursday, March 11, 1999, Sonora's Chief of Police, Chris Croy and Officer Bryn Humphrey located the whereabouts of murder suspect Antonio Hilario at a mobile home in the 1300 block of Orient Street.

Hilario is reported to have killed a man in the early morning hours last Sunday in San Angelo, Texas, after being severely beaten up in a fight. He then fled San Angelo and his vehicle was found abandoned by local deputies Sunday evening, about 12 miles South of Sonora. Authorities did not know if Hilario had fled to Mexico

or if he was hiding somewhere in the Sonora area.

At approximately 8:20 a.m. on Thursday, Sonora Police received a call saying that the suspect might be hanging out in a trailer house on Orient Street. Chief Croy contacted Officer Humphrey and the two proceeded to the house, where they found a local citizen sitting outside. When asked if there was anyone inside, the gentleman responded that he did not know and he gave the officers consent for them to enter the house.

Croy and Humphrey entered the trailer and conducted a search for the individual. The suspect was located in a back bedroom under

some covers. When initially told to remove his hands from under the covers the suspect refused. After several minutes of persuasion, he finally removed his hands from under the covers, making them visible to the officers. The covers were removed from the suspect showing no weapon was in possession. Hilario was then handcuffed and taken to the Sutton County Jail, where he was later transferred to the Tom Green County Jail.

Thanks to the cooperation of a local citizen and the quick work of our Police Department, justice was served.

Hospital Auxiliary Game Night Set For Friday

The Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary's Game Night is set for this Friday night, March 19, at the First National Bank Annex. Tickets are available at the door, from Auxiliary members, or at Vallree's Bright Spot, and are \$5.00 each.

Make your plans now to attend! Enjoy a variety of games such as Bridge, 42, Bunko, Blackjack and Chickenfoot, while making a contribution to Sonora's hospital and nursing home. The sandwich supper is at 6:00 p.m. and the games begin at 7:00 p.m. Game prizes and door prizes will be awarded to participants.



Back Row: Japha Word, Johnna Wade, Cassie Cole, Lindsey Bowers, Katy Cariens, Kristen Hardgrave, Lizzie Chavez, Dustin Dillard, Ashley Brockman, Clint Bowers and Coach Larry Jennings.

Front Row: Justin Routh, Chance Dillard, Matt Routh, Reece Simpler, Bryce Williams and Brad Mogford

Tennis Team Makes Sonora History

Submitted

For the first time in school history, the Sonora High School tennis team qualified for State Team Tennis. On March 5 and 6, the team traveled to San Angelo to play in the Regional Tournament. Being seeded 2nd, they had a bye first round, but played and defeated Ozona second round. Saturday was a long day for everyone. The team began by playing Wall, easily defeating them. The next round Sonora met the #1 seeded team, Eldorado. After playing their hardest, Eldorado took 1st place with the score of 10-9. Sonora then had to have a playback with

Big Lake to determine which team would receive 2nd place. Sonora won against Big Lake, taking 2nd at the Regional Tournament.

S.H.S. Tennis then advanced to the State Tournament in Georgetown the following weekend. On Friday, the team overcame an 8 hour rain delay to beat Port Aransas. Saturday started off well as Sonora defeated the 3rd seeded team, Thorndale, which put them in the semi-finals. They then played and won against San Saba, going on to the finals. The #1 seeded team, Eldorado, had been beaten in the semi-finals by the #4 seeded team,

Big Lake.

Sonora and Big Lake met again, this time with a different outcome. The Sonora team all played hard, but was defeated by Big Lake with a score of 10-9. The S.H.S. tennis team took 2nd at the State tournament.

The 1999 Sonora High School tennis team was the first to attend the State Tennis Team tournament. Congratulations to all the players! Thank you to all of the people who supported the team and traveled to Georgetown to cheer on the Broncos!

Hospital Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, was held on Monday, March 8, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Hospital. The following Directors were present: Alvis Johnson, Jr. - President, Sherrill Dannheim, Claire Richards, Lewis Allen, Virginia Epps, Paul Chevalier. Also present were Bill Parrish, of Parrish, Moody & Fikes, p.c., Doris Hartsfield, Dietary Supervisor, Ramiro Perez, RN, Director of Nursing, Hospital, Joe Hendrus, Administrator and Kathy Knight, Board Secretary.

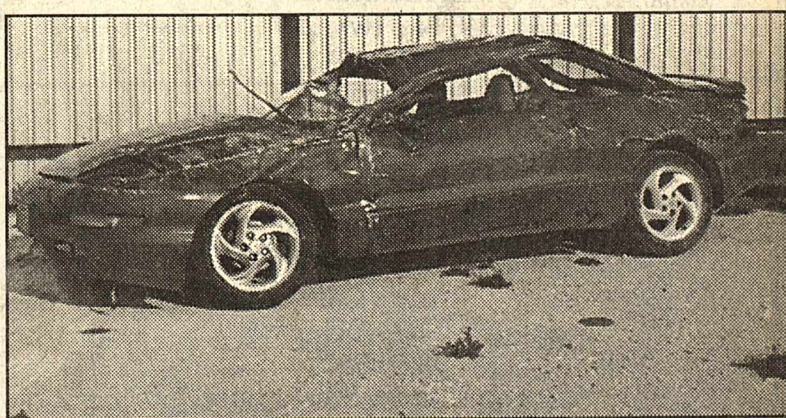
Dr. Johnson called the meeting to order.

Upon motion by Claire Richards, seconded by Sherrill Dannheim, the Board approved the regular meeting minutes of February 8, 1999.

Dr. Johnson advised there was nothing new from the Appraisal District.

Mr. Hendrus introduced Bill Parrish, with the firm of Parrish, Moody & Fikes, p.c. Mr. Parrish addressed the Board stating that their practice consisted of tax, accounting, auditing, computer programming and installation and management advisory services. Mr. Parrish advised that their objective is to be of service to our facility. The main focus of Parrish, Moody & Fikes is the health care industry. They serve more than 150 health care related providers, and have a number of CPAs that are experienced in various fields such as Rural Health Clinics, Managed Care and Medicare Issues.

See HOSPITAL page 3



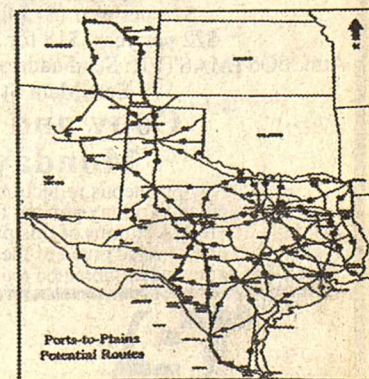
This small sports car carrying a mother and her 3 sons, was involved in a one car rollover on IH10 at the 429 mile marker on Monday, March 15. Highway Patrolman Don Van Zant reported that speed and inattention appeared to be the cause of the accident. All victims of the accident were transported to the Kimble County Hospital. One fatality was reported.

Sonora Industrial Development Corp. Sponsoring Ports-to-Plains Meeting

The Sonora Industrial Development Corporation is sponsoring a meeting of the Ports-to-Plains Coalition on March 23, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the new 4-H Civic Center. The coalition's goal is to develop the route from Denver, CO to Del Rio, TX with improved transportation to meet industry and transportation demands of the nation. Tommy Gonzales from Lubbock will be the guest speaker. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

At this time, there are two options north of Amarillo and two options South of San Angelo. Further studies are recommended to determine the most favorable option for the corridor. In both cases, there are issues that should be explored in greater detail. North of Amarillo, US 287 is considered a viable option because of the significant truck traffic that already exists on this corridor. However, US 87 must be considered as well because of its

inclusion in the Texas System of Trunk Highways and its designation as a high priority corridor within the system. South of San Angelo, US 277 is appealing because it opens access to three border crossings and is a part of the National Highway System (NHS). Although not included on the NHS, US 83 is also considered being an alternative until further studies have been conducted on both routes.



Bottom Row: Jessica Martin, Danielle Dobbs, Elizabeth Elliott, April Flores, Danielle Galindo, Ruby Galindo, Paola Garcia.

2nd Row: Dainah Hernandez, Karina Hernandez, Kate Higdon, Brea Hughes, Kelly Kearney, Tamika Marshall, Evangelina Martinez.

Top Row: Perla Perez, Nicky Samaniego, Treva Smart, Susanna Street and Amy Vandivere. Not pictured: Megan Fitzgerald and Laura Word

7th Grade Lady Colts Won First Place at the Eldorado Middle School Track Meet. See All Track Results - Page 5

Sonora True Value Makes A Grand Entrance

The Sonora True Value held its Grand Opening on Friday, March 12, 1999. In lieu of the traditional ribbon cutting, in True Value hardware style, Manger David Drake sawed apart a piece of lumber in honor of the opening ceremonies. There to celebrate the new store were Seco Mayfield, Jack Smith, Mike Hale, Debra Bean, Makayla Galindo, Justin McGeath, Rick Palmer, Gene Robertson, JoAnn Hernandez, Joe DeLeon (True Value Retail Consultant in training), Milton Zionth (True Value District Paint Representative), Sam Wrinkle (True Value Retail Consultant), JoAnn Jones, Ann Kay, Yolanda Avila, Gerri Ingham and Tonya Brown. Vivian Miears with KHOS Radio station had a live remote, interviewing different people at the True Value store throughout the day, while hot dogs, cokes and door prizes were made available to all those that stopped by for the celebration. Store



Manger David Drake told us that they feel very good about business so far since the doors have opened and that they should only grow from here. Drake also expressed appreciation of the support that has been shown so far and hopes that people

will continue to SHOP SONORA FIRST. The winners of the Grand Prizes were Norma Reyes - \$100 True Value Gift Certificate; Jessie Paredes - \$50 True Value Gift Certificate and Marlene Gilcrease - \$25.

Sonora Church Directory

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

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Taylor Norman,
Interim
404 E Oak
387-2951

**ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
Rev. Ted W. Harris
404 E Poplar
387-2955

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COWBOY CHURCH
Monty Price
Auction Barn
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

FORD
BRONCHO FORD INC.
115 N CONCHO
SONORA, TX 76950
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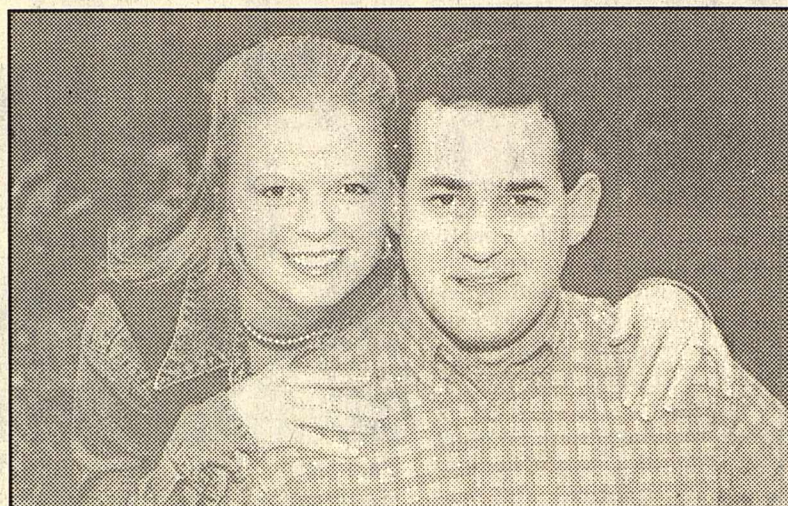
**Kerbow
Funeral Home**
387-2266

Engagement



Tiffie and Bryce to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Tiffie, III announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lyndsey Brooke to Charles Thomas Bryce, Jr. of Uvalde, Texas. The wedding will take place in a double ring garden ceremony at Lightningbug Springs, in Reagan Wells, Texas near Garner State Park on April 3, 1999. The couple plans to live in Uvalde, Texas where Miss Tiffie is a student at Southwest Texas Junior College and employed at XT Western Wear and Mr. Bryce is employed at Texas Boll Weevil.



Sessom and Welch to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Don Sessom are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Candra Jo, to Mr. Tully Dan Welch. Tully is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cox of Uvalde and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Welch of Bryan, Texas. Candra is a 1995 graduate of Sonora High School and will graduate from Angelo State University in August of 1999 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. Tully is a 1993 graduate of Uvalde High School and a 1997 graduate of Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. He is currently employed with the Monahans-Wickett-Pyote Independent School District as a high school science teacher. Following a July 17, 1999, wedding in Sonora, Texas, the couple will reside in Uvalde, Texas.

Ronnie Cox
would like to be
your pharmacist.

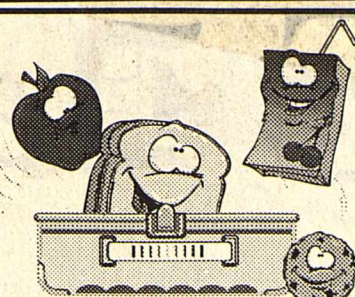
Senior Center News

March 19 - Blood sugar counts & blood pressure checks
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. with TDHS Maria & Noemi.
March 22 - Bingo!
March 23 - Nutrition Program Kooking with Kelly at 12:00 (noon).
March 26 - Birthday Party for March Babies!
After lunch Elida Castro

Senior Center Menu

March 19 - Fried fish with tartar sauce, hominy, broccoli, corn muffins, bread pudding with raisins.
March 22 - Chicken fried steak, oven fried potatoes, carrots, roll, vanilla pudding with fruit.
March 23 - Meat with spaghetti sauce, noodle, zucchini squash, garlic bread, juice, white cake with caramel icing.
March 24 - Chicken enchiladas, pinto beans, broccoli, crackers, tossed salad, fruit cup.
March 25 - Smothered steak with onions, whipped potatoes, green beans, rolls, orange juice, apple crisp.

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



School Lunch Menu March 22 - 26

Breakfast

Mon.-Bagels, cream cheese, fruit, juice
Tues.-Donuts, fruit, juice.
Wed.- Muffins, fruit, juice
Thurs.-Biscuits, eggs, fruit, juice
Fri.-Egg & cheese burritos, juice, fruit

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfast

Lunch

Mon.- Pizza, corn, celery sticks, ranch dressing, jello & fruit
Tues.- Corn dogs, French fries, mixed veggies, pudding
Wed.- Beef & bean burrito, rice, tossed salad, fruit, cookies
Thurs.- Spaghetti & meatballs, fried okra, Texas toast, fruit salad
Fri.-Grilled chicken burger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, jello & fruit



Two Thunderbirds Are Better Than One! Sonora's Public Transportation, the Thunderbird, is pleased to announce that another bus has been added to accommodate the growing need for transportation in Sutton County. Anyone is interested in more information can call 387-2509. There are two full time drivers, Sonia Gamez and Glenda Alvites. This additional bus was made possible with the help of the County. The Thunderbird is open to everyone, is handicap equipped, is Medicaid approved and goes to San Angelo every 1st Wednesday of the month. The buses are a good way for kids to get around in the summer to the pool, library or summer school classes. Prices for the one way ride are as follows: Public - 75¢; Seniors - based on donation; students - 50¢; handicapped - 75¢; Medicaid - call for information. Operating hours are 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Obituary

Lillian Hood Gillette

Lillian Hood Gillette of Fort Stockton died Wednesday, March 10, 1999, in Baptist Memorial Nursing Center in San Angelo.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 13th in Fort Stockton at the First Christian Church. Burial followed in East Hill Cemetery in Fort Stockton under the direction of Fort Stockton Funeral Home.

Lillian was born June 13, 1912, in Rush Springs, OK. to David and Leona Hood. She married Ralph D. Gillette on February 19, 1933, in Chichasha, OK. and is survived by him. They lived in several Texas towns; Crowell, Knox City and Monahans before moving to Fort Stockton in January 1948.

She was a member of the Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ), a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a homemaker. She was also a member of various social clubs during her active years.

In addition to her husband Lillian is survived by a daughter and her husband, Leona and A.W. Bishop of Sonora; two sisters, Ada Williams of Monahans, and Geneva Hargett of Lawton, OK; two brothers and their wives, Temple and Alene Hood of Boise, ID and E.L. and Diann Hood of Yakima, WA. Also surviving are four grandchildren; Mike Bishop of Houston, Deborah Bishop of San Antonio, Karen Porter and husband Jim Porter of Austin and Cynthia Spiers and husband Tracy Spiers of Austin. There are three great grandchildren; Mac and Laine Porter and Jay Spiers.

The family requests memorials be made to a charity of choice. Pallbearers were Mike Bishop, Billy Mills, Jim Porter, Tracy Spiers, Mike Williams, Toby Williams, Gorman Wiseman.

March Little Dribblers Schedule

3-4 Group

March 19 - Jewels vs. Comets • 5:00 p.m.
Panthers vs. Magic • 6:15 p.m.
Shooting Stars vs. Slammers • 7:30 p.m.
March 22 - Magic vs. Rockets • 5:00 p.m.
Shooting Stars vs. Jewels • 6:15 p.m.
Comets vs. Dixie Chicks • 7:30 p.m.

5-6 Group

March 19 - Royals vs. Lil' Broncos • 5:00 p.m.
Rockets vs. Blue Devils • 6:15 p.m.
Lasers vs. Toon Squad • 7:30 p.m.
March 22 - Blue Devils vs. Tarheels • 5:00 p.m.
Lasers vs. Royals • 6:15 p.m.
Lil' Broncos vs. Twisters • 7:30 p.m.

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Community

March 23
TSU Junior Recital - Sam Odom, Tenor accompanied
by Mr. Steve Chambers.
4:00 p.m. at TSU Fine Arts Theatre
March 24
Lenten Luncheon 12:00 Noon
hosted by The New Hope Baptist Church
March 27
P.T.A. sponsored family portraits - March 27 & 28

The Community Calendar

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Calendar

April 3

Sonora Merchants Association
Annual Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 a.m. (Please come 15 min. early)
Courthouse Lawn

April 4

Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m.
Courthouse Lawn

April 16

A.C.S. Fundraiser - Night Golf Scramble
sponsored by The Outlaw Gang

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Ask the Historical Society



St. Patrick

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer

Q. Who was St. Patrick?

A. St. Patrick, the patron saint and apostle of Ireland, lived from approximately 389 a.d. to 461 a.d. He overcame Druid opposition and in 444 a.d. founded a church and monastery at Armagh as the seat of his Irish bishopric.

There are many legends about St. Patrick. It is said that he used the three little leaves of the shamrock, three little leaves of Irish green, to illustrate the doctrine of the Trinity. Another legend says he drove the snakes from Ireland. His feast day is March 17th and is a national holiday in Ireland. The Irish love a hero and have created many and glorified them in their stories and songs.

Just as Columbus Day is a big day for the Italians in America and the Spanish have several different feast days of saints and holidays, depending on what country they are from, the Irish have their St. Patrick's Day. In areas where there is a large population of Irish descent there are parades, green beer, green bagels, green bread and green cream cheese. One sniff and you can tell you are in an Irish neighborhood on St. Patrick's Day by the tantalizing odor of corned beef and cabbage simmering away on the stoves.

Boston and Holyoke, Massachusetts have very large concentrations of Irish descendants. In Holyoke they paint the white line down the center of the street green and have large shamrocks painted at each intersection along the parade route. John F. Kennedy, Tip O'Neill, Ted Kennedy and other prominent politicians of Irish descent have marched in the Holyoke Parade on St. Patrick's Day.

In other areas we recognize this as a day for honoring the Irish. We try to wear a 'bit o' the green, and try to avoid people with great big pins that say "Kiss Me I'm Irish." Knowing how much the Irish have suffered through the years in their homeland with famine and wars and how much many of them suffered during the potato famine to get to America we try to set this day aside as a special day to honor them and all they have done to help settle this country.

Q. Did the Butterfield Stage or San Antonio Stage go through Sonora in the 1850s?

A. First, Sonora did not exist in the 1850s. Second, according to maps of the Frontier of the Fifties and routes of the Butterfield Overland Mail and San Antonio-San Diego Mail, neither came through what is now Sonora.

The Butterfield Overland Mail crossed the Red River at Preston then went to Gainesville, Fort Belknap, Ft. Phantom Hill, Ft. Chadbourne, crossing the Colorado River to Camp Johnston then the Concho River and on to the Pecos River via National Rock Ponds where it would swing north to Pope's Crossing then on to Fort Bliss. It would also swing south at the Pecos River just north of Ft. Stockton and go into Ft. Stockton, Ft. Davis, through the Eagle Mts. to Ft. Quilman, San Elizario and into Ft. Bliss on its southerly route.

The San Antonio-San Diego Mail ran from San Antonio through Castroville to Fort Clark, up to Camp Hudson, then crossed the Pecos River below Ft. Lancaster to

Ft. Stockton. It also ran through Ft. Davis, Ft. Quilman, San Elizario and Ft. Bliss then on to Las Cruces and out to San Diego.

Both of these routes definitely do not come through what would become Sonora or Sutton County. Remember Ft. Concho was not established until 1867.

Ft. McKavett was established in 1852 but was not serviced by either one of these main stage lines in the 1850s.

Q. Was Alexander Patch from Texas?

A. Alexander M. Patch was a United States Army officer who in World War II had important commands in the Pacific and in Europe. He was born at Fort Huachuca, Arizona in 1889 and was graduated from West Point in 1913. He served on the Mexican border and in World War I. In 1942 he was sent to New Caledonia and there organized the Americal (America-Caledonia) Division. This group relieved the 1st Marine Division at Guadalcanal. He commanded the XIV Corps which completed the clearing of Japanese from the island in 1943. Patch as a lieutenant general, commanded the 7th Army in the invasion of southern France in 1944. Patch died in 1945.

Q. How long has Proctor and Gamble been in business?

A. Proctor and Gamble was founded in 1837 by James Gamble and William Proctor to make soap and candles. It was incorporated in 1890 and was headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio. Today it is a leading United States producer of household and industrial products. Its products include soap, synthetic detergents, shampoos, cleansers, toothpaste, home permanents, deodorants, coffee, shortening, baking mixes, peanut butter and paper goods. It has factories overseas and throughout the United States.

This question was in regard to an old product package one of our readers had. I suggested that they either photograph the package all the way around or very carefully draw a copy of it and send it to Proctor and Gamble. I am sure they can identify the product and tell you when it was manufactured.

Q. Are you related to the Palmer that was Mayor of Shreveport many years ago?

A. According to my husband's family tree he is a very very very distant relation. The Palmer family planted roots in America in 1621. The branches of this group of Palmers now circulate the world. Family trees are fun but trying to figure out if someone is your 30th cousin 20 times removed just isn't my cup of tea.

The weather is getting so beautiful now. If you want to get out and stretch your legs why don't you go over to the Sonora Cemetery. If you are a regular reader of this column, you will find many names on the stones that we have written stories on. If you have any question on a grave give me a call and I will run the answer in my column.

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@sonorax.net drop them off at the Devil's River News office or Al Elliott Law Office or give me a call at 915-387-2855.

Hospital from page 1

Mr. Parrish advised the board that their proposal included critical access hospital analysis, possible sole community hospital, price review and optimizer (LCC in 1997), analysis of nursing home loss, review of accounts receivable and business office review. (See exhibit A) Mr. Parrish explained the benefits of being critical access hospital versus being a sole community hospital. Mr. Parrish advised the board that the price review and optimizer would be the most recommended for our facility. Mr. Parrish advised that looking at the 1997 cost report, we hit the lower cost of charge. The hospital's charge structure is low, and the cost is above the charge. Mr. Parrish explained the procedure to optimize the Medicare reimbursement and then to maximize others, to get out of the lower cost of charge. Another area Mr. Parrish recommended would be to analyze the nursing home loss to see if the loss can be cut. Mr. Parrish advised another area they could help with would be an accounts receivable review and business office review, which would include an FTE analysis. Discussion was held regarding the services Mr. Parrish has to offer and how they could benefit the hospital and nursing home. The board thanked Mr. Parrish for his presentation of the services his Company has to offer and that Mr. Hendrus would get back with him later. No action was taken at this time, so the Board can go over the material presented by Mr. Parrish.

Mr. Hendrus advised the board that he had not received all the information on the liability concerns for the Garden Project. As far as the employees are concerned regarding the garden, they would fall under our worker's compensation coverage. Mr. Hendrus gave the directors information regarding the Eden Alternative (see exhibit B) which would be employee, auxiliary, public participation, etc., all working together for the benefit of the residents. Mr. Hendrus explained that the garden project would fall into this program, which would also include having cats, dogs, birds, etc. for the residents to enjoy. Mr. Hendrus advised that he had visited several nursing homes that have the Eden Alternative implemented in their facility. Hendrus advised that he would present more information at the April meeting.

Hendrus then advised that medical staff had approved the Emergency Room and Nursing Policies and Procedures and was presenting them for board approval. Upon motion by Lewis Allen, seconded by Paul Chevalier, the board approved the Emergency Room and Nursing Policies and Procedures.

Doris Hartsfield, Dietary Supervisor, presented the Dietary Policies and Procedures for the hospital and nursing home. Claire Richards made the motion to approve the manuals as presented. Lewis Allen seconded the motion. motion carried.

Hendrus advised that he had received the exempt Bingo license for the nursing home. He went on to report that the facility had received

the \$14,228.61 for the asbestos settlement, which was the 2nd and final payment. Hendrus advised that he had talked with the attorneys for the asbestos suit, and they are sending him a copy of the initial papers on the asbestos in the building. As long as the asbestos is sealed and not bothered there should not be a problem, but care should be taken if any renovations are done as to exposing the asbestos to the air. He advised he would report back when all the information has been received.

Hendrus told that he had talked with Apryl McDonald, Oliver, Rainey & Wojtek, regarding accounts receivable in the hospital. Hendrus advised that monitoring of the accounts receivable should be done on a regular basis. Hendrus went on to say that the in-house policy for collection and bad debts will be looked at and updated. Dr. Johnson stated that at one time an accounts receivable report was given to the board for review. It was the consensus of the board that this report be given each month.

The January 1999 financial report was given. The hospital showed an operating profit of \$27,239.23, which was \$29,316.34 under budget. The nursing home showed a \$32,265.67 loss, which was \$28,634.23 over budget. The board went over the new profit and loss reports, which were implemented with the January figures. Some adjustments will be done for next month's reports. Hendrus reported that a plan for Y2K compliance will be implemented, and some of the money budgeted for Home Health will be used for this.

Upon a motion by Lewis Allen, seconded by Claire Richards, the board approved the February 1999 expenditures.

There were no visitors comments.

Dr. Johnson stated that he had received a letter from Pickett & Company, Inc. regarding the listing of legislation that has been filed that impacts the area of taxable values and tax levies. Dr. Johnson advised that some of the legislation is not good and if anyone knew someone with some influence in Austin, they should contact them and let them know how this will affect our District.

Mrs. Richards advised the board that the Auxiliary Game Night would be March 19, 1999, from 6p.m. to 9p.m. The Auxiliary will be having a bake sale on Saturday, April 3, 1999, during the Sonora Merchants Association Easter Egg Hunt, starting at 10a.m. in the downtown area.

Hendrus told the Board that he would be attending "Capital Day" for nursing homes on Wednesday in Austin.

With no further business, Paul Chevalier made a motion to adjourn. Sherrill Dannheim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

American Cancer Society's 1999 Relay For Life
March 14 -15
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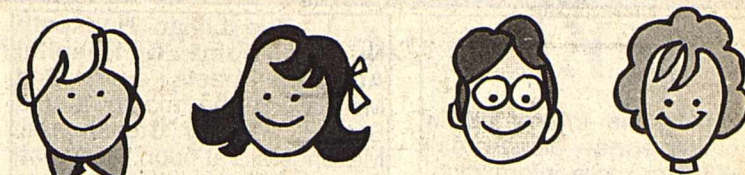
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There will be an **important Homecoming Meeting** on Tuesday, March 23rd, at 7 p.m. at the First National Bank. All ex-students of Sonora Public Schools are encouraged to attend.

The Library is having a **Spring Cleaning Book Sale**. The sale will be through April & May. If you have any books to donate, bring them to the Library. Please come out and support our book sale.

The **Sonora Outlaw Gang** will be hosting a 6 person night golf scramble on April 16, 1999, starting at 5:30 p.m. \$25.00 per person - All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society

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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!

If you will be in **Austin, mark your calendar** for March 31, when a march will be held to promote a state holiday honoring UFW leader Cesar Chavez. A proposal to commemorate the day appears to have momentum. The noon march starting at Republic Park and rally at the south Capitol steps will be followed by a 2 p.m. picnic at Texas AFL-CIO headquarters. The event is sponsored by unions in Texas, led by Texas State LCLAA.

Big Lake Bluegrass Festival - A Bluegrass Reunion. April 9-11, 1999 at the Big Lake Community Center. The event is sponsored by the Big Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. Entertainment will be provided by The Forrest Carter Family, Concho Grass, Star Canyon, The Gore Brothers and Big Sandy. For information call 915/884-3650 or 915/884-3396.

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The **First United Methodist Church of Sonora** holds a Prayer & Praise Service every Wednesday evening. These "come as you are" Wednesday services begin at 7:00 p.m. Come join us at the corner of Oak and Water streets.

All Ladies in the community are invited to attend a Bible Study beginning Wed., January 27th at 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church. Free childcare is available. The study will be "Lord, Only You Can Change Me" by Kay Arthur. This is a light Bible study open to all ladies with any or no Bible knowledge. The study will be held weekly - come prepared for fellowship, new friends and learning more about God. For more information call Linda Savell at 387-2592.



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One-Act Play Competition Underway

Submitted

Rehearsals for this year's One-Act Play competition have been underway since the beginning of the spring semester. This year's play is a comedy entitled *Daddy's Dyin' (Who's Got the Will?)*. The play takes place in the summer of 1986 in Lowake, Texas when the family has been reunited to await the imminent death of their father, who has recently suffered a physically as well as mentally disabling stroke. In essence, it is not the story of the death of a father or the drafting of his will; however, it is a story of a rebirth of the spirit of the family unit.

This year's play consists of eight company members, four stage crew, and four alternates. Playing the role of Sara Lee Turnover will be Peggy Everett. In the role of Lurlene Turnover Rogers is Margie Becknell. Mama Wheelis is played by Genny Cramer, and the role of

Evalita Turnover is Jamie Teasley. Zac Kerbow will take on the character Harmony Rhodes, while Sean Fields will play Buford Turnover. Orville Turnover is being played by Zane Smart. Finally, Andi Allen will play the role of Marlene Turnover. On stage crew we have: Heather Lawson, Josh Payton, Curtis Sanders and Ryan Cramer. This year's alternates are: Amy Gann, Tim Warden, Manual Campos and Tori Valliant.

A public performance will take place before the district competition, which is being held in Ozona on Tuesday, March 30, 1999. The public performance will take place in the high school auditorium on Monday, March 22, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. All friends and family members are welcome to attend. There will be not be an admission charge for the play; however, donations are accepted. This play is being produced with special arrangements through Samuel French, Inc.

Bad Weather Doesn't Stop Bronco Golf Team

Submitted

"Neither rain, nor sleet nor snow..." These words are usually reserved for the postal service, but they certainly applied to the golf teams competing in San Angelo's 30th Annual Boys Golf Classic Tournament this past weekend. The list could include very high winds and below-freezing wind chill factors too! On Friday, March 12, the varsity team from Sonora traveled through a thunderstorm to arrive at San Angelo's Bentwood Country Club for the competition. Play began, but was soon stopped for lightning. After an hour's delay, play resumed, with intermittent rain falling during the morning, accompanied by a chilling wind. After the first day's play, scores were Tommy Gutierrez 77, Ryan Hardgrave 80, Jared Percifull 82, Cole Cearley 86 and Jason West 91. The team score of 325 placed Sonora at 8th out of 17 teams in the Blue Division after

the first day of play.

The second day of the tournament got underway Saturday at the new Quicksand Golf Course, with a chance of snow forecast! The snow never materialized, but non-stop winds, gusting to 35 or 40 mph, kept the wind chill in the mid-20's all day long. Scores reflected the miserable conditions, and Sonora's team posted a disappointing 394, for a combined two-day total of 719. Individual scores on Saturday were Tommy Gutierrez 87, Jared Percifull 99, Jason West 106, Ryan Hardgrave 102, and Cole Cearley 106. The team finished in 14th place for the tournament.

The boy's golf team will compete on Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20, in Ft. Stockton; Thursday, March 25 in Iraan; and Saturday, March 27 in Sonora. District tournaments are scheduled for April 8 and April 15 at Bentwood and Riverside in San Angelo.

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Tim Dobbs
John Duke Hudson
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March 24
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Police Reports

3-8-99: Public Intoxication- Officer was on routine patrol in the 700 block of Glasscock. Officer noticed a subject walking north in the 600 block of Glasscock. Subject was staggering down the street. After further investigation subject was arrested for public intoxication.

3-11-99: Fugitive from Justice- A suspect wanted for a murder that took place in San Angelo was apprehended at a local residence at the 1300 block of Orient. Suspect was taken to Sutton County Jail. Law Enforcement from San Angelo later transferred suspect back to San Angelo.

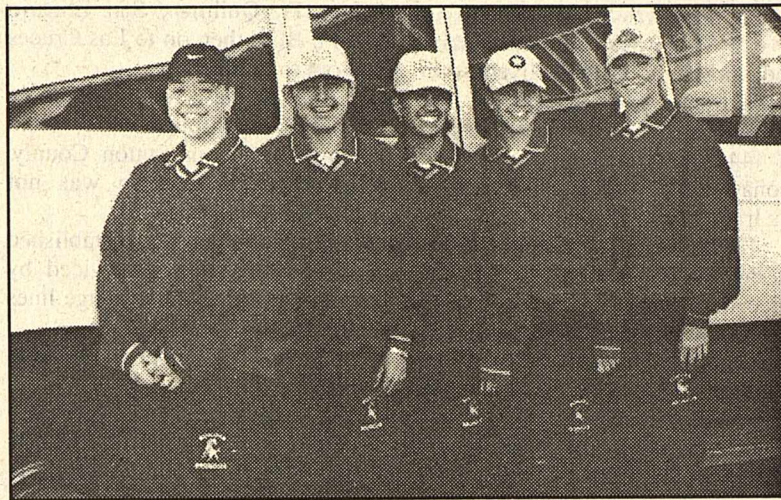
3-11-99: Harassment- Officer was dispatched to the 300 block of Del Rio Street to speak to com-

plainant. Complainant advised he was being harassed. Investigation pending.

3-12-99: Theft of Service- Officer was dispatched to Town & Country #2 in reference to a gas drive off. Vehicle reported was a white pickup with unknown license plate. The amount taken was \$12.70 worth of fuel. Attempt to locate vehicle was negative.

3-13-99: Incident- Local Deputy was assisting a motorist when a pickup fell, crushing his foot beneath it. Deputy drove him self to hospital. X-ray showed he sustained several broken bones.

3-15-99: Minor Accident - Tayloe Avenue and Dolie Stree No injuries reported.



Lady Bronco Golf

Submitted

March 9, the Lady Bronco golf team spent a day of spring break at the San Saba Invitational. Just a bit chilly to start the day with east winds. But as the day progressed, the temperatures rose and took the chill off the wind.

Twenty-two teams and several schools bringing medalists packed the 18-hole golf course. Play was slow for the 111 competitors. The team consisting of Marisha Henson, Daisha Henson, Kim Bustamante, Leslie Gomez, and Genny Cramer finished their round with a score of 397. That put the Lady Broncos in 9th place.

Marisha Henson placed 8th

medalists with a score of 88. Daist Henson placed 16th with a score of 93. Kim Bustamante - 104, Genn Cramer - 112, Leslie Gomez - 114.

The Lady Broncos will be at the Iraan Invitational this Thursday, March 18, and at Fredericksburg on March 30 before going into district play. Good Luck Ladies!

1. Abilene Wylie- 350
2. Hamilton- 364
3. Brady- 369
4. Stephenville- 369
5. Breckenridge- 372
6. Baird- 378
7. Leander- 388
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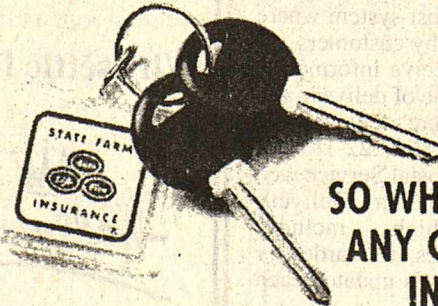
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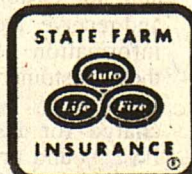


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Friday - Fried shrimp, fries, coleslaw & hush puppies

7th Grade Girls Track

The 7th grade girls traveled to Eldorado Friday, March 12th to compete in the Eldorado Middle School Relays. The girls came back with a first place trophy. Overall the girls had a great track meet, taking home several first place ribbons and a lot of 2,3,4,5 & 6th places. A special thanks goes out to these girls who gave up their Spring Break time to practice and to compete in a track meet that was held during their holiday. Congratulations 7th Girls!

Results were as follows:

Long Jump

Kelly Kearney - 3rd; Ruby Galindo - 4th. Also Participating was Elizabeth Elliott.

Running High Jump

Elizabeth Elliott - 1st; Danielle Dobbs - 3rd. Also Participating was Jessica Martin.

3200 Meter Run

Laura Word - 2nd; Susanna Street - 5th.

400 Meter Relay

April Flores, Tamika Marshall, Brea Hughes & Jessica Martin - 2nd

800 Meter Dash

Danielle Dobbs - 3rd. Also Participating were Nicky Samaniego and Treva Smart.

100 Meter Hurdles

Ruby Galindo - 1st; Paola Garcia - 2nd and Perla Perez - 3rd.

100 Meter Dash

Brea Hughes - 3rd and Kelly

Kearney - 4th. Also Participating was Jessica Martin.

800 Relay

Kelly Kearney, Perla Perez, Ruby Galindo, and Elizabeth Elliott - 1st.

400 Meter Dash

Participants were Danielle Galindo, Treva Smart and Evangelina Martinez.

300 Meter Dash

Paola Garcia - 1st.

200 Meter Dash

Elizabeth Elliott - 1st; Jessica Martin - 6th. Also Participating was April Flores.

1600 Meter Run

Laura Word - 2nd; Nicky Samaniego - 5th. Also Participating was Danielle Dobbs.

1600 Meter Relay

Kelly Kearney, Perla Perez, Ruby Galindo, Elizabeth Elliott - 1st.

Shot Put

Dainah Hernandez - 2nd; Tamika Marshall - 3rd; Kate Higdon - 6th.

Discus Throw

Brea Hughes - 2nd; Tamika Marshall - 3rd; Dainah Hernandez - 4th.

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8th Grade Boys Colt Track

Submitted

The 8th grade boys Colt track placed at the Eldorado Jr. High Relays on March 13. The results are as follows:

400 meter Relay

Dustin Martin, Ervay Torres, Thomas Bloodworth and Juan Rodriguez - 1st place - 48.53.

800 meter

Louis Segura - 1st place - 2:22 and Seth Prather - 3rd place.

110 meter Hurdles

Landon Brockman - 2nd place.

100 meter

Thomas Bloodworth - 1st place - 12.15 and Dustin Martin - 2nd place.

400 meter

Eloy Torres - 2nd place and Josh Everett - 6th place.

300 meter Hurdles

Thomas Bloodworth - 3rd place and Landon Brockman - 5th.

200 meter

Juan Rodriguez - 1st place - 25.68.

1600 meter

Seth Prather - 1st place - 6:11

1600 meter Relay

Eloy Torres, Ervay Torres, Louis Segura and Juan Rodriguez - 1st place - 4:11.

Shot Put

Israel Arevalo - 1st place - 42'3/4" and Thomas Bloodworth - 3rd place.

Discus

Jared Parks - 3rd place and Brandon West - 5th place.

Long Jump

Juan Rodriguez - 1st place - 17'4".

Triple Jump

Juan Rodriguez - 1st place - 33'5".

Pole Vault

Douglas Yocham - 3rd place.

High Jump

Douglas Yocham - 5th place.

Submitted

After winning the championship of the Dry Devil's River Classic, the Broncos took to the road for a tough schedule over Spring Break. On Monday the Broncos visited historic Kokernot Field in Alpine to take on the undefeated Alpine Bucks. Although the Broncos led 3-1 early in the game and Edgar Gonzalez pitched well, the 35 mph winds and the long weekend took its toll on the team, and Alpine eventually won 13-3.

On Tuesday the Broncos went the other direction to take on another AAA opponent, the Wimberly Texans. Some early opportunities to score were missed, and the Texans put together some Texas Leaguers and seeing-eye hits against Bryce Williams and put the game out of reach early. The Broncos eventually lost 11-0.

Finally, Thursday, the Broncos traveled to Llano for the highly competitive Hill Country Classic. In the first round, the Broncos drew

Lady Bronco Track Team Off and Running

The Lady Broncos have competed in two meets so far this season. The girls placed 4th overall at the Junction meet, held two weeks ago. Individual results were as follows:

Triple Jump - Daisy Mireles - 3rd.

High Jump - Shalayne Hobbs - 3rd; Kasey Miller - 5th.

3200 Meter Run - Shalayne Hobbs - 4th.

800 Meter Run - Amy Gann - 3rd.

800 Meter Relay - Lorena Lopez, Kasey Miller, Daisy Mireles, and Kara Eaton - 1st place.

400 Meter Dash - Kasey Miller - 3rd; Sarah Ball - 4th.

300 Meter Dash - Kara Eaton - 2nd; Daisy Mireles - 4th.

1600 Meter Run - Shalayne Hobbs - 4th.

Coach Kate Jennings said "We fared pretty well considering we don't have the number of girls out for track that we should. Varsity track girls include Daisy Mireles, Kara Eaton, Stephanie Hard, Kim

Marshall, Kendra Jones, Sarah Ball, Maribel Capuchina, Andi Allen, Lorena Lopez, Sandra Cardona, Tiffany Henry, Shalayne Hobbs, Kasey Miller, Heather Lawson, and Amy Gann."

Last week the Lady Broncos placed 5th overall in the Eldorado meet. Individual results were as follows:

3200 Meter Run - Shalayne Hobbs

800 Meter Run - Amy Gann - 3rd - 2:46.48. Also participating were Heather Lawson and Stephanie Hard.

100 Meter Hurdles - Emily Matchus - 4th - 18.74.

100 Meter Dash - Kara Eaton - 1st - 13.09. Also participating were Lorena Lopez and Sandra Cardona.

800 Meter Relay - Lorena Lopez, Kasey Miller, Daisy Mireles, and Kara Eaton - 2nd place - 2:00.64.

300 Hurdles - Emily Matchus - 6th - 55.39.

400 Meter Dash - Kasey Miller - 5th - 69.78. Also participating was

Kendra Jones.

200 Meter Dash - Kara Eaton - 4th - 28.2. Also participating were Lorena Lopez and Daisy Mireles.

1600 Meter Run - Shalayne Hobbs - 5th - 6:05. Also participating was Heather Lawson.

1600 Meter Relay - Kasey Miller, Kendra Jones, Amy Gann, and Daisy Mireles - 6th - 4:49.48.

Shot Put - Kim Marshall - 5th - 28.9. Also participating were Sandra Cardona and Tiffany Henry.

Discus - Daisha Henson - 5th - 85'. Also participating was Kim Marshall.

Long Jump - Lorena Lopez - 6th - 13'2 3/4. Also participating was Kendra Jones.

Triple Jump - Daisy Mireles - 4th - 30'6".

High Jump - Shalayne Hobbs - 3rd - 4'8; Kasey Miller - 5th - 4'6.

Coach Jennings comments were "We are still working to improve our times and find the best event for each girl. Now that Spring Break is over, we will get to work!"

Bronco Tracksters Place Third at Plateau Relays

On a cold and windy day in Eldorado, the Broncos could only manage a third place overall finish. The men in red could not overcome all the conditions that were thrust upon them on this particular day. The Broncos did however, manage to bring home two first place finishes.

The 1600 meter relay team of Graham Bloodworth, James Elliott, Anthony Renfro, and Zane Smart placed first with a time of 3:36:66. The relay team improved their time from last week to capture the event. James Elliott also placed first in his individual event. James captured the High Jump with a personal best jump of 6'0".

Along with Elliott's gold in the field events, the Broncos were able to manage a second place finish in the shot put by Andy Sanchez with a

throw of 50'3" and a sixth place by Anthony Sanchez. In the pole vault Roy Luna cleared a jump of 9'6" to finish third in his event. Elliott also placed fourth in the Long Jump with a jump of 20'0". Placing fourth in his event was Riley Crain who jumped a 38'11" in the Triple Jump. Curtis Sanders jumped 5'6" to place sixth in the High Jump and to round out the scoring in the field events.

In the running events, the local tracksters were able to manage two second place finishes. Riley Crain earned a second place in the 110 High Hurdles with a time of 16.57. In the 1600 meter run, Curtis Sanders earned himself a second place finish with a time of 5:07:30. Zacarias Rojo continued to improve his time in the 3200 meter run to place third in that event. Rojo ran a 11:23:00 and was able to cut about

12 seconds off his race. Zacarias also placed fourth in the 1600 meter run. Placing fourth in his event was Cody Ainsworth who also improved on his time (by 13 seconds) in the 3200 meter run by running an 11:27. The sprint relay team of Graham Bloodworth, Tom Jacoby, Danny Solis, and James Elliott placed fourth with a time of 46.21. In the 200 meter run, Anthony Renfro ran a time of 23.91 to come in fifth place. Rounding off the scoring was Alan Nicholas and Shane Mathews who placed sixth in their events. Alan ran a 56.21 in the 400 meter run and Shane ran a 17.12 in the High Hurdles.

The Bronco Track team will travel to Ozona on Saturday, March 20 to run at their relays. Good luck guys and continue the hard work!!

8th Grade Girls Track

The 8th grade girls traveled to Eldorado during the Spring Break holiday to compete in the Eldorado Middle School Relays. The Lady Colts competed very well and had a strong showing. Overall the girls placed 4th. A special thanks goes out to these girls that gave up their Spring Break time to practice and compete during this holiday. Congratulations girls!

Results were as follows:

Long Jump

Myra Martinez - 3rd
Running High Jump
Morgan Hobbs - 2nd; Shannon Vick - 5th.

3200 Meter Run

Virgilia Rojo - 6th

400 Meter Relay

Amanda Sanchez, Katrina Hernandez, Crystal Galindo, and Mayra Martinez - 4th

100 Meter Hurdles

Koda Armke - 2nd; Morgan Hobbs - 3rd

100 Meter Dash

Mayra Martinez - 2nd. Also

Participating were Crystal Galindo and Katrina Hernandez.

400 Meter Dash

Ashley Parker - 4th. Also Participating were Shannon Vick and Amanda Sanchez.

300 Meter Hurdles

Koda Armke - 1st; Morgan Hobbs - 3rd

200 Meter Dash

Ashley Parker - 4th. Also Participating was Katrina Hernandez.

1600 Meter Run

Virgilia Rojo - 6th

1600 Meter Relay

Mayra Martinez, Ashley Parker, Morgan Hobbs, and Koda Armke - 3rd.

Shot Put

Participants were Shannon Vick and Crystal Galindo.

Discus Throw

Koda Armke - 3rd; Morgan Hobbs - 5th. Also Participating was Ashley Parker.

Triple Jump

Amanda Sanchez

7th Grade Boys Colt Track

Submitted

The 7th grade boys Colt track placed at the Eldorado Jr. High Relays held on March 13. The results are as follows:

2400 meter Relay

Carmello Gomez - 1st place - 9:33.

400 meter Relay

Chris Martin, Carmello Gomez, Wilson Wallace and Zed Snodgrass - 3rd place.

800 Meter Relay

Trapper Valliant - 4th place.

100 meter

Zed Snodgrass - 3rd place.

200 meter

Wilson Wallace - 5th place and Chris Martin - 6th.

1600 meter Relay

Trapper Valliant, Carmello Gomez, Wilson Wallace and Zed Snodgrass - 4th place.

Shot Put

Zed Snodgrass - 2nd place and Trapper Valliant - 6th.

Discus

Zed Snodgrass - 1st place 99'1" and Trapper Valliant - 4th place.

Pole Vault

Wilson Wallace - 2nd place.

1999 Sonora Tennis Schedule

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March 19 - 20 - Reagan Co.

March 26 - 27 Sonora - Eldorado

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1999 Sonora Golf Schedule

Girls

March 18 - Iraan

March 30 - Fredericksburg

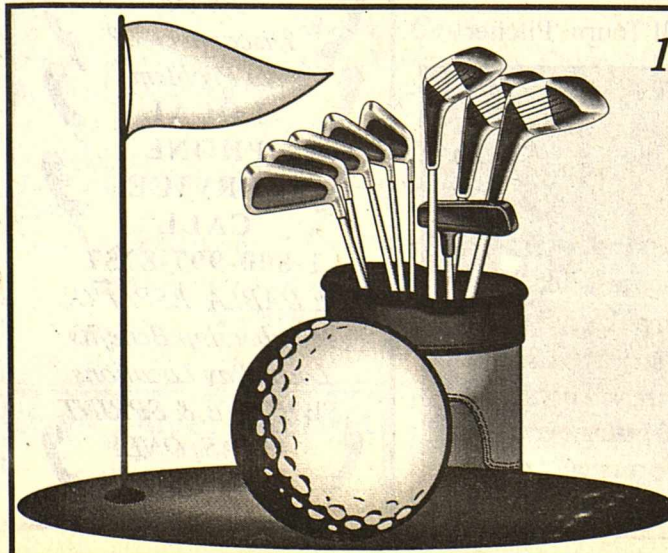
Boys

March 19,20 - Ft. Stockton

March 25 - Iraan

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Sonora Bronco Baseball

the 1995 AAA State Champion Crockett Bulldogs. David Mayer pitched a 4-hit gem, but bases on balls and untimely errors gave the speedy Bulldogs too many opportunities to score. The Broncos lost a 3-2 heartbreaker, but competed well. The next draw for the Broncos was the always tough AAAA Fredericksburg Battlin' Billies. Homer Lozano pitched masterfully as the Broncos built up an early 5-0 lead. Again, some untimely errors and Lozano's tiring out kept the Broncos from holding the lead, as Fredericksburg won 8-5. Lupe Ramon and Greg Hughes had RBI's for the Broncos.

The return of school on Monday, the 15th sent the Broncos to San Angelo's Donsky Field to take on the San Angelo Central Junior Varsity, a team that had beaten several teams from District 2-2A. Edgar Gonzalez delivered a solid pitching performance, and the Bronco bats came alive in the 13-3 victory. Ubaldo Vaquera was 3 for 5 with an RBI; Greg Hughes was 2 for 2 with an RBI; and Bryce Williams, Javier Gaytan, Edgar Gonzalez, and David Mayer each had 2 RBI's for the Broncos.

This weekend the Broncos will travel to Alpine for the Fightin' Buck tournament at Kokernot Field.

The first round opponent for the Broncos will be the Alpine JV at 3:30 on Thursday. The Broncos open district play next Tuesday at Wall at 4:00.

See Page 6 For Dry Devil's River Tournament Pictures



1999 Sonora Bronco Track Schedule

Junior High Track

March 19 - Ozona

March 26 - Sonora ISD

Boys & Girls

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SONORA BRONCOS 1999 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

JUNIOR VARSITY

Sat. Mar. 20 - Brackettville - Location Bronco Field - 12:00 p.m.

Mon. March 22 - Reagan Co. - Location Big Lake - 4:30 p.m.

Fri. Mar. 26 - Miles - Location Miles - 5:00 p.m.

Mon. Mar. 29 - Reagan Co. - Location Bronco Field - 5:00 p.m.

Sat. April 3 - Brackettville - Location Brackettville - 12:00 p.m.

Tues. April 6 - Menard Varsity - Location Bronco Field - 4:30 p.m.

VARSITY

Thurs. Sat. Mar. 18-20 - Alpine Tournament - Location Alpine - TBA

Tues. March 23 - Wall - Location Wall - 4:00 p.m.

Fri. Mar. 26 - Reagan Co. - Location Bronco Field - 6:00 p.m.

Tues. March 30 - Eldorado - Location Bronco Field - 5:00 p.m.</

Ranch Women Exhibit Almost Here

This Weeks Submitted Ranch Woman is Della Rose Halbert



Della Rose Halbert

Submitted

Della Rose Halbert was born in Sonora (the old timers called it Stockman's Paradise) on September 28, 1905 in the Halbert family home on Water Street. She was the third living child of B. M. and Kidie Halbert, pioneer ranchers of Sutton County. The family ranch known as The Model Ranch was located seven miles West of Sonora, today it is part of the Bloodworth Ranch. Della attended school in Sonora, San Angelo and college at Westmoreland in San Antonio.

Ironically, Della's husband was born five years prior (1900) across the street from the Halbert residence in his family home, however it would not be until years later (1922) that Della and Willie B. would meet while attending a Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association social at the Elk's Club in Del Rio. Willie B. was one of seven children born to pioneer ranchers Walter E. and Mary Belle Whitehead, of Northern Val Verde County.

Willie B. Whitehead and Della Halbert married in Sonora on December 22, 1923. They lived and worked sunup to sundown, side by side on the G+ Ranch. She loved her work and her old horse. They were dedicated to each other and to their ranches, the ranching industries and their cities and state. She followed in her fathers footsteps who was President of TS&GRA in 1917. She served as the first

President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association in 1939, the year of its origin and once again in 1958. Della originated the Miss Wool and Mohair Pageant, founded the Whitehead Museum and co-founded the Val Verde Historical Commission. She was a civic leader throughout her life.

Della Rose loved ranch life and her western heritage. She always wore the latest fashions with matching hats and purses. She loved jewelry and designed several personal pieces. She had a grand collection of Indian jewelry and was very proud of her Indian heritage as well. She always had a pot of beans cooking in case family or friends came by. She liked people and loved all social events. From her loving marriage were born a daughter Rose Mary Whitehead Jones and two sons Willie B. (Bill) Whitehead Jr. and Walter E. (W. E.) Whitehead II, all engaged in ranching on the family ranch in Northern Val Verde County. She was a devoted Mother and strived to give her children and grandchildren the best life had to offer. Her heirs consist of seven grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren and as of now two great-great-grandchildren and counting. Della Whitehead passed away on February 22, 1965 at the age of 59, of pneumonia. We love and miss her deeply.

Dry Devil's River Classic

The Sonora Broncos decided to keep the Dry Devil's River Classic trophy right where it belongs - in Sonora.

The Broncos beat Ozona in the semi-finals 10 - 0 with David Mayer pitching a one hitter. This advanced the boys to the finals where they beat the Ballinger J.V. 12 - 4 to advance to the championship game.

Again, David Mayer was the winning pitcher.

Homer Lozano was the winning pitcher in the championship game, leading the boys to a 5-4 win over Brady. Ubaldo Vaquera was 3 for 4 with 2 RBIs and Tanner Fields was 2 for 2 and scored 3 runs in this final game.

Brady had beat Miles 33 - 5 to

advance to the championship game.

All Tournament Team MVP was awarded to David Mayer. Other All Tournament Awards were:

Homer Lozano/Sonora - All Tourn. Pitcher.

Breg Hughes/Sonora - All Tourn. Catcher.

Blake Lewis/Brady - All Tourn. 1st Base.

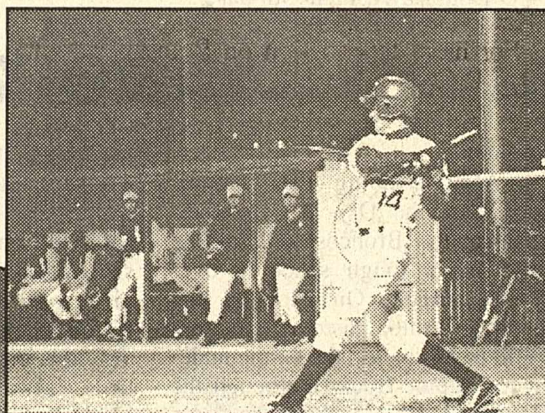
Jim Peel/Brady - All Tourn. 2nd Base.

Lupe Ramon/Sonora - All Tourn. 3rd Base.

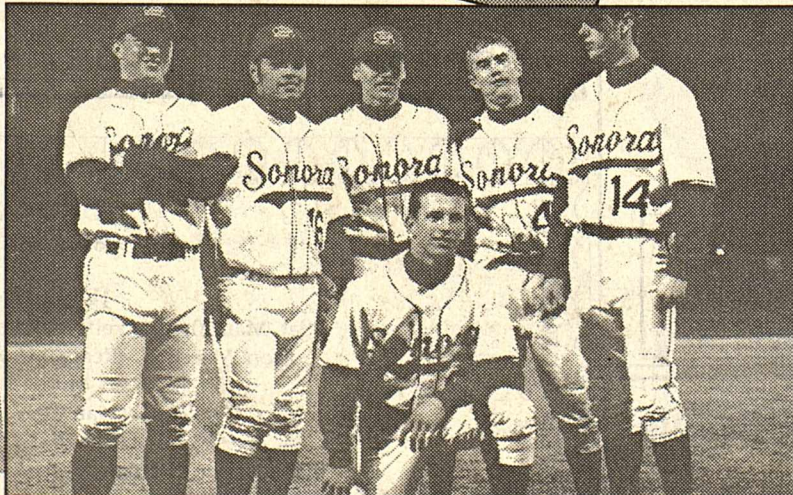
Matthew Price/Brady - All Tourn. Short Stop.

Bobby Salina/Brady, Ubaldo Vaquera/Sonora, and Kenny Vargas/Ozona - All Tourn. Outfield.

David Mayer
MVP

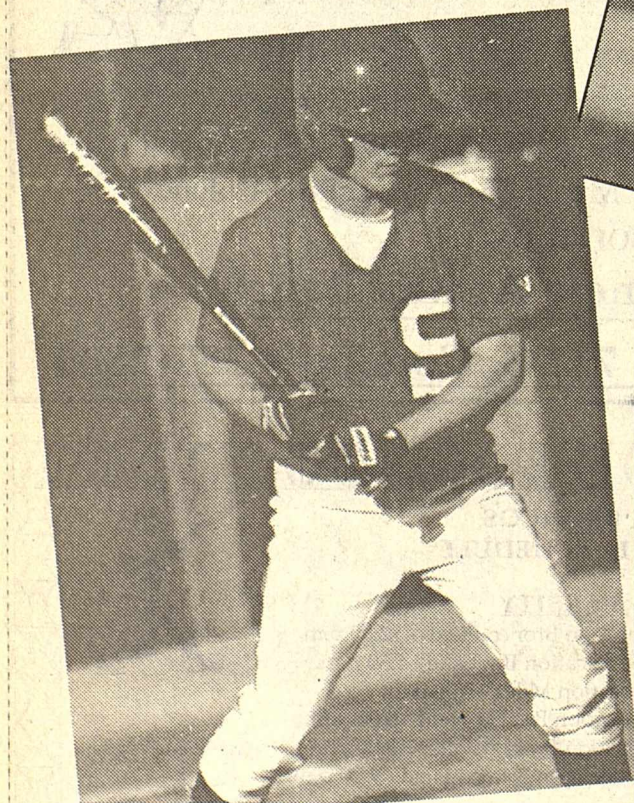


Lupe Ramon - All Tourn.
3rd Base



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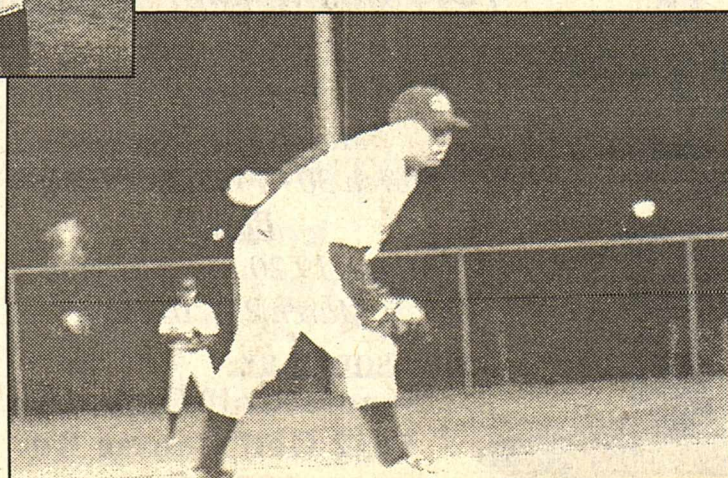
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Grand Champion Fullblood Boer Buck - XS 162 "Scatman"
Shurley XS Ranch - M.D. Shurley, Sonora

Submitted

Shurley XS Ranch of Sonora, Texas, and Stan Benz of Bell Buckle, Tennessee, split four of the six championships at the Open Boer Goat Show on February 22 at the 1999 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Shurley XS Ranch's goat XS 162 Scatman won Grand Champion honors in the Full Blood Buck Division. Its goat BTO 14 also took home the Grand Championship for the Percentage Doe Division.

This was Scatman's first victory, but BTO 14 took second at Houston in 1997 and fifth in 1998.

"BTO has placed in every show she entered," owner M. D. Shurley said. "She won because of structural correctness, her feet and legs, balance and her great bell-shaped ears."

"I'm a judge, too," Shurley added.

Scatman, named for a German musician, weighed in at 326 pounds despite being less than 2 years old.

Stan Benz's goat Mandisa won Grand Champion and his Maruba took Reserve Grand Champion Full Blood Doe.

"She's never finished as

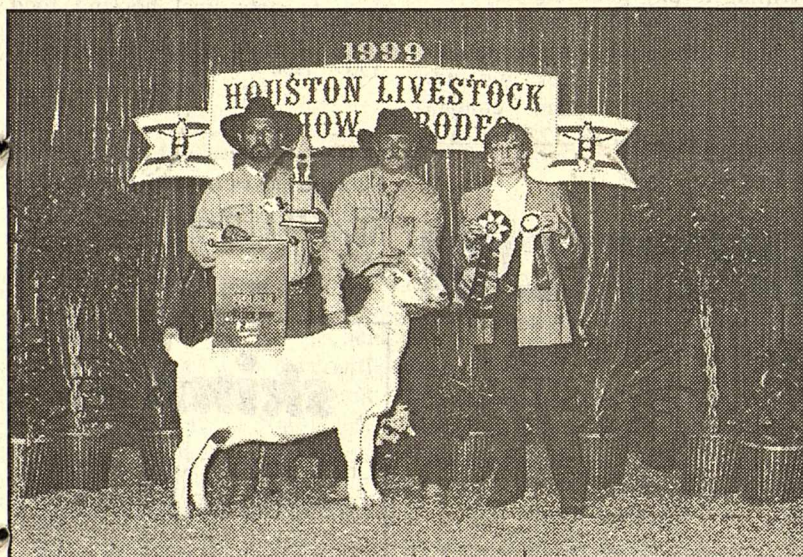
Reserve Grand Champion before," said Rena Lynch, Maruba's exhibitor. "She's been Grand Champion at the 10 or so shows she's been in."

The Reserve Grand Championship in the Full Blood Buck Division went to Concho, owned by Tony Cain of San Angelo, Texas. Concho also was Boer grand champion at the 1999 San Antonio Livestock Exposition.

The Reserve Grand Championship in the Percentage Doe Division went to G2010, owned by W. E. Whitehead of Sonora, Texas. This was her first show.

"This is the first time she's been off the ranch, and she's not sure she's keen on it, but we're proud of her," said Beth Mason of Sisters II Fitting Service, G2010's exhibitor. "Yesterday was her fourth birthday and we entered her in the aged class, so this is a bit of a late birthday present for her."

Boer goats are common in South Africa and New Zealand, and are increasingly popular with U. S. breeders as a meat goat. Boers were introduced into the United States in 1993.



Grand Champion Percentage Doe - BT014, Shurley XS Ranch - M. D. Shurley, Sonora

Extended Forecast

3/17 thru 3/21

Wednesday Night - Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Low in the mid 40s.

Thursday - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. High in the upper 50s.

Friday - Mostly cloudy. Highs 50-60.

Saturday - Mostly cloudy. Lows 40-45. Highs 55-65.

Sunday - Partly cloudy and warmer. Lows in the mid 40s to lower 50s. Highs 70-75.

Rig Locations as of March 12, 1999

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Edwards County

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Terrell County

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New Conoco/Midland; 12,000', Culbertson 18-#2, Tmbr/Sharp.

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Danns Ms S. Pine 7H1 was named Reserve Grand Champion Heifer for Sherrill Dannheim, of Sonora. The junior calf champion is an April 1998 daughter of Windac S. Pine 791E. Jack Ward, Lagrange, IN, evaluated the national show entries at this year's 50th Anniversary Brangus Celebration

International Brangus Show, 1966 was also the first year the prestigious Houston Rodeo was held in its then-new home, the Astrodome.

Making history at this year's International were entries that have certainly been no strangers to the winner's circle. Multi-breed judge Jack Ward, co-owner and manager of Maple Lane Angus, Lagrange, IN, had the opportunity to choose his champions from 180 entries representing 12 states. To assist Ward in his official placing, current show day statistics including hip heights and frame scores as well as scrotal circumferences, weights and weights per day of age on all bulls were provided.

Grand Champion Female Honors were bestowed on Josh Drews, Marlin, TX, and his senior calf champion, JD Ms. Target 27G20, an October 1997, WB Target 804D32 daughter. Drew's heifer has dominated the senior calf division while she's been selected Grand Champion at three of four IBBA national shows and Reserve Grand Champion at one.

Sherrill Dannheim, Dannheim Ranch, Sonora, TX, won Reserve Grand Champion Female Honors with his junior calf champion, Danns Ms. S. Pine 7H1, an April 1998 daughter of Windac S. Pine 791E.

For more information on Brangus activities, please contact the IBBA, P. O. Box 696020, San Antonio, Texas 78269; 210-696-4343.

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Slaughter Goats:

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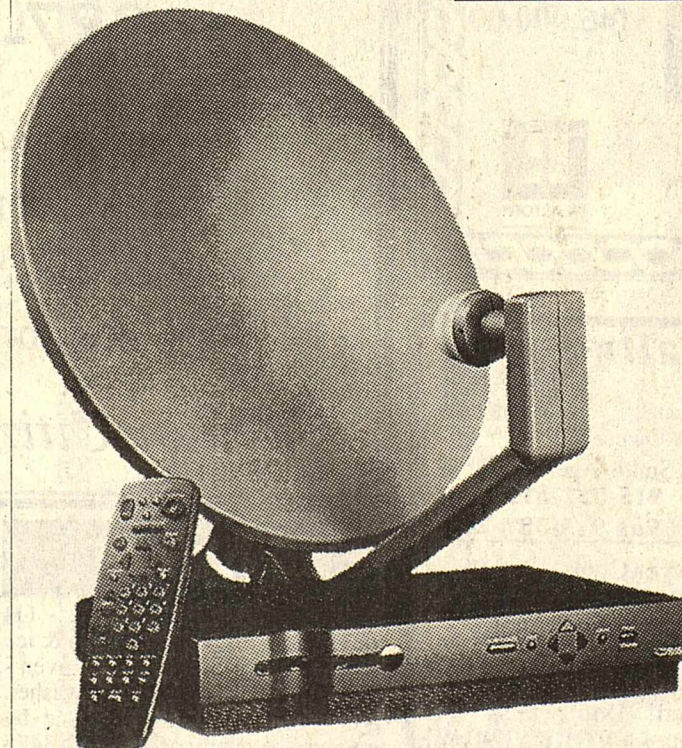
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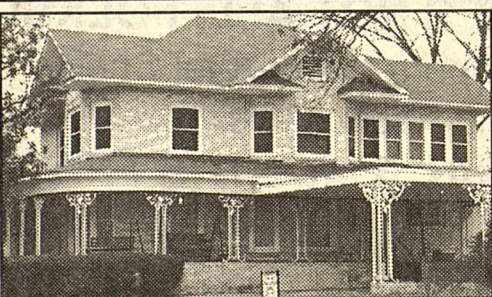
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