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Saturday shooting claims life of Sonora woman

by Jim Fish

Bernice (Haberlandt) Thorp, age 54, died Saturday night, March 16th, from a gunshot wound to the head. Receiving the call at 7:57 PM, Sutton County dispatcher Eva Van Zandt, immediately notified all officers of the shooting at 415 W. Mulberry.

First to arrive on the scene were Texas Department of Public Safety Norbert Ortiz and Don Vand Zandt, and Sonora Police Officer Mike Routh. Upon arrival at 8:01 PM, officers found Edgar Thomas (Tommy) Thorp, 46, sitting on the front porch of the residence. Thorp was armed with a loaded, blue steel .357 magnum revolver.

Thorp, in a highly intoxicated state, was promptly taken into custody.

According to police report, Bernice Thorp, wife of suspect, "... was found in the kitchen with a gunshot wound to the face between the left nostril and left eye." The victim was sitting, slumped over an octagon-shaped dinette table.

Justice of the Peace Adelita Smalling pronounced Bernice (Haberlandt) Thorp dead at the scene

and ordered an autopsy to be performed. The body of the deceased was subsequently transported to the Bexar County Medical Examiner in San Antonio by Sutton County Emergency Medical Service.

Sheriff Bill Webster reports that Tommy Thorp attempted to commit suicide within minutes of placing him in his cell, by tying one sleeve of his shirt around his neck and the other from the crossbar at the top of the cell front and jumping from the bunk. The attempt was noticed immediately and Sheriff's Department personnel cut Thorp down. Webster confirmed the suspect was in a highly

intoxicated state and was belligerent for several hours after arrest.

Several items of evidence were submitted to the Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Lab in Austin on Monday, March 18th. According to Sonora Police Chief Brent Gesch, "It was ascertained the victim was shot from a distance of two feet." The investigation is ongoing and the incident is considered to be alcohol related.

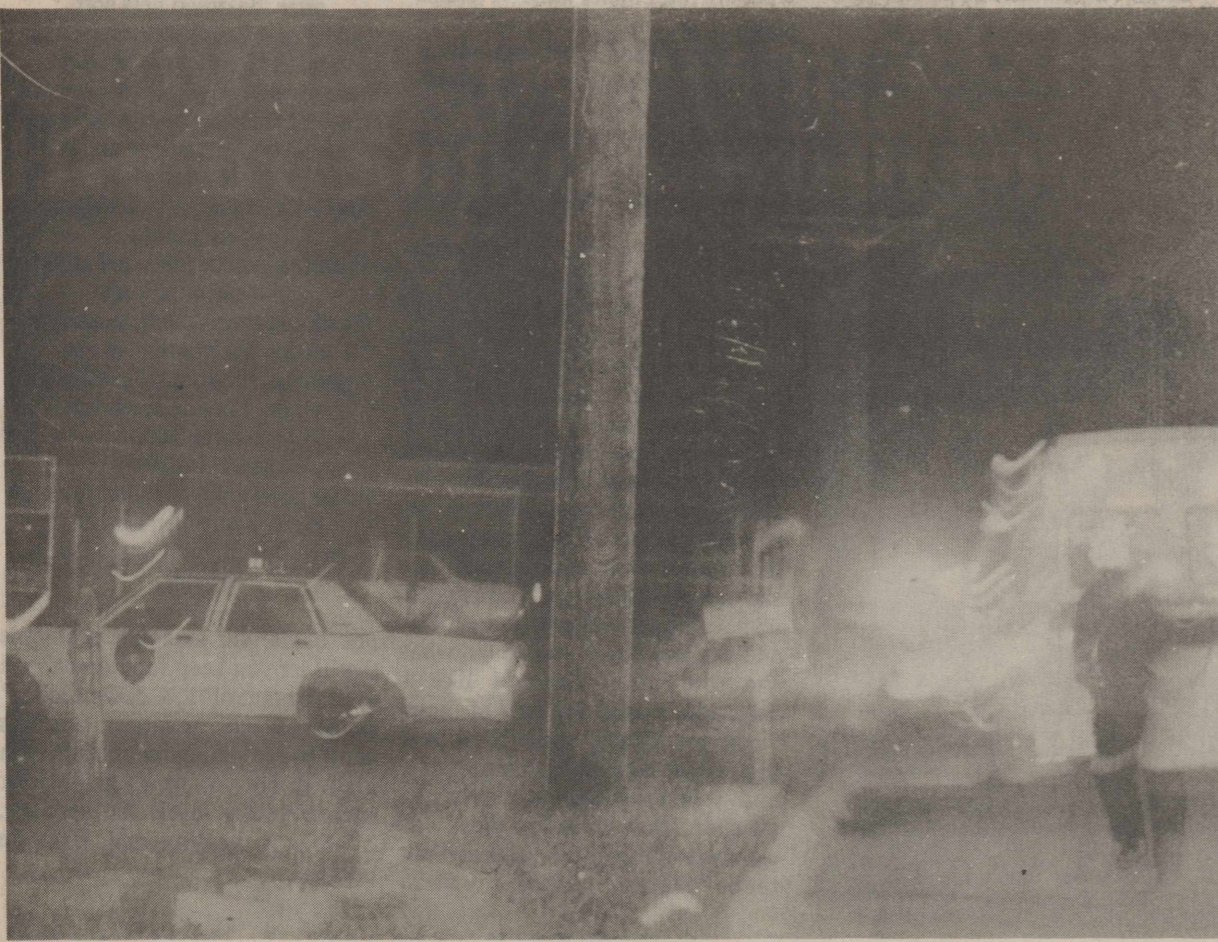
Assisting in the initial investigation and securing the crime scene were Sutton County Sheriff's Deputy Mo Salinas, Texas Department of Public Safety L.D. Whiddon, and Troyce McKnight of the Sheriff's Reserve. At one time or another, all members of our various law enforcement agencies were involved in the crime scene.

Witnesses have placed the suspect in a local bar at or around 2 PM of the day of the shooting. Others have stated he had the .357 magnum revolver in his possession at one point during the day and had fired it two or three times near the city. One individual reported that Thorp had informed him, he had purchased the weapon four days earlier for protection on the job, against rabid animals.

Additionally, it was reported that the suspect had recently been released from his job as a result of his alcohol consumption and may have been under stress at the time of the shooting. Police are investigating the possibility that domestic violence could have been a factor in the case.



According to D.P.S. Officer Don Van Zandt, Donald Ray Hanselman, 42, of Del Rio had fallen asleep at the wheel when his '89 Chevrolet Van ran off the road and rolled over a fence. The accident occurred on Hwy. 277 between Eldorado and Sonora Saturday, leaving Hanselman with a broken collar bone and an injury to his arm.



Lights scream at the scene as Officers and EMS gather the facts in Saturday evenings shooting incident.

Desert Storm troops to be honored

by Jim Fish

Sonora is planning a series of ceremonies and celebrations in coming months to honor our returning Desert Storm veterans, and pay tribute to veterans of all wars.

The Ministerial Alliance sponsored a meeting Monday, March 18th, for all interested individuals, families and organizations. Thirty-two attended the gathering to discuss ways in which to welcome the men and women returning from the Middle East.

Charles Graves, officiating speaker, says "We need to provide a place or a way to express the town's appreciation to Sonora's 56 armed forces members, when they return from Saudi Arabia."

There was a flood of ideas by meeting's end and plans were

underway to utilize a Fourth of July celebration, Sutton County Days and Veterans' Day to achieve their

purposes. Three committees were formed to coordinate the affairs in the coming year.

The "Welcome Home Committee," chaired by Charles Graves, will see to it our veterans are individually recognized and welcomed as they return.

The "Fourth of July Committee," whose co-chairpersons are Kathy Davis and the Rev. Monte Jones, will plan a celebration in accordance

with President Bush's appeal in his recent address to the nation. Additionally, the group will seek to include its objectives in Veterans Day ceremonies and our annual Sutton County Days celebration.

A finance committee will be chaired by Smith Neal. It will handle funds and fund-raising for all three committees.

All information and addresses of any of our armed forces members would be appreciated and can be given to Maxine Locklin at City Hall.

If you would like to have a part in paying for the celebrations, you may give your tax-deductible donation to the Rev. Kent Kepler, Joe Garcia, Smith Neal, or Jo Ann Jones at First National Bank. Checks should be made payable to the "Sutton County Community Trust."

Also, contributions may be placed in jars labeled "Sonora's Desert Storm Welcome Home Fund," located in various businesses around town.

Plans Underway for Project Graduation

Last year, fifty or more Sonora adults stayed up all night after graduation, but they were not worrying about the kids - they were partying with the kids. 200 or more individuals and businesses were responsible for making last year's "Project Graduation" a

success, not by staying up all night, but by donating money and prizes. Project Graduation is a community-wide project to provide our youth an all-night, alcohol-free party after graduation. High school juniors and seniors "lock in" at the city pool area for an evening of fun,

including a casino, where the money reads, "I'm not going to gamble with my life." Other activities include swimming, volleyball, food, and D.J. pumping out tunes all night. An auction is held in the early morning hours, where the kids bid on valuable prizes with the money they have won during the night.

We are beginning to plan for Project Graduation II, and, again, we will be asking Sonora for support in terms of volunteers for casino workers, cash donations, or prize donations. An important element of this project is that all

money donated will be spent in the community, so a donation is an investment in Sonora. If you would like to donate money, call Rex Ann Friess at 387-2809; if you would like to donate a prize, call Virginia Jones at 387-2472; if you

would like to volunteer to work in the casino, call Cleve Jones at 387-3074; and if you would like to know more about Project Graduation, call Jeryl Fields at 387-6533. Let's give our kids the message that Sonora supports them, and that they can have a great time...chemical free.

Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be March 26

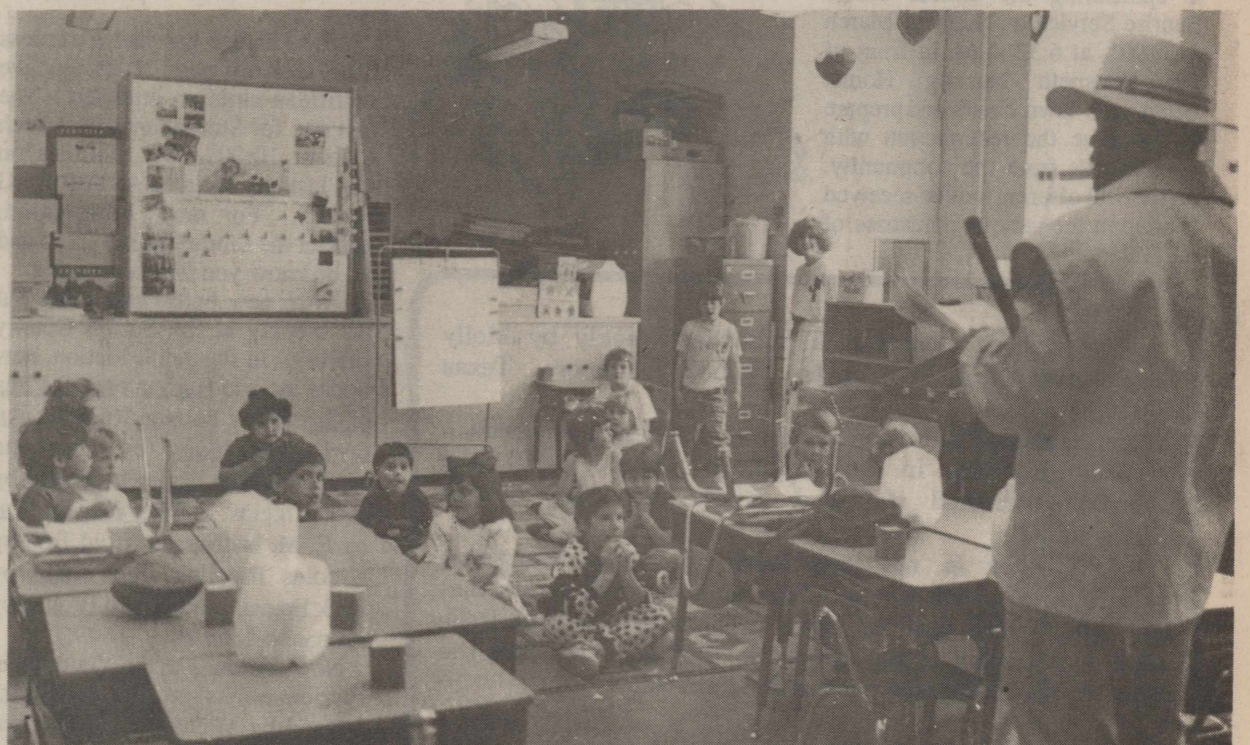
Tickets for the Annual Sonora Chamber of Commerce Banquet are now on sale. The banquet will be held on March 26, 1991, at 7:00 P.M. at the Clint Langford Memorial 4-H Center. The meal will be catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children twelve and under. Tickets may be reserved or purchased by contacting the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 706 Crockett or by

telephone (387-2880). They may also be purchased from any Chamber Director. All ticket sales will be in advance.

The annual presentation of awards and recognition of the outgoing and incoming directors will highlight the evening. The new directors will be Ray Smith, Carl Teaff, Albert Ward, Jimmy Cahill, and Dr. Bernard Rust. They will join Johnny Jones, Tim Thorp, Charles Russell, Carol Parker, and Claire

Powers to form the Board of Directors for 1991-92. At this time, we would also like to take this opportunity to thank Becky Covington, Jerry Landers, Seco Mayfield, and Mary Adele Balch for serving as directors the past two years.

Mark March 26, 1991 on your calendars and purchase your tickets now for the Chamber of Commerce Banquet. A night of good food and entertainment is promised.



Students listen and discuss General Sam Houston's offer Wednesday. (See related story page 4)

WHISPERS IN THE WIND

by Jim Fish

Scattered throughout the area are monuments which have endured the elements, mankind, and the passage of time. One whispers in the wind, telling tales of an earlier time when Comanche, Apache and Kickapoo Indians roamed and raided in what is now private ranch land. It stands guardian over pastures our ancestors passed through in their quest to settle on a piece of land or to graze and gather livestock.

The "Sixes Camp Tree", located on the Bill Stewart Ranch in southwestern Sutton County, is a living landmark estimated to be around three hundred years old.

The Sixes Camp Tree

When my father, Gordon F. Stewart came to this country in 1914, it was all open. He said, from horseback you could see a good long ways. Indians raided the settlements along the Llanos and San Saba River during the early and mid 1800's. They would steal all the horses they could get and follow the divides westward, setting fire to the grasslands to hide their trail. Here and there, a tree would escape the fires that burned unchecked until they reached the breaks of the rivers. The Sixes Camp Tree was one of the lucky ones.

The tree was a known landmark in early times and was referred to when giving directions to those traveling through this country. It got its name from an early cattle outfit (The Sixes Ranches) in the San Angelo area, in the 1870's and 80's. After their fall work was done, they sent their horse herds here to spend the Winter and the hands would camp under its branches. This country was not fenced before the windmill opened it

up for ranching.

Our first banker, Ed R. Jackson (organized the First National Bank of Sonora in 1900), had been a part owner of the Half-circle 6 brand about that time in the San Angelo/Knickerbocker area. His may have been the horses that were sent here. He would have known of this area and its grasses.

John Eaton brought his metal detector out one time to see if we could find evidence of a camp. We found a fifty cent piece dated 1854. Later on, I went back with my own detector and among other things, found a five dollar gold piece, four dimes, and a thimble. The coins were all dated before the Civil War with New Orleans proof marks.

Then I remembered Willie Meirs' story about Bill Taylor and his band of outlaws. It seems they had held-up a train near Comstock and were on their way back to Sonora country. Rangers were on their tail and closing in.

Taylor said to the others, "Boys, we'd better get rid of this." He was talking about the rings, watches, and other valuables they had taken from the passengers. They put them all in a hollow tree, then separated and escaped. The loot was never recovered.

I passed my detector down a large dead limb of the tree when suddenly it started to vibrate and give a strong signal. I dropped the detector, grabbed an ax and chopped into the hollow.

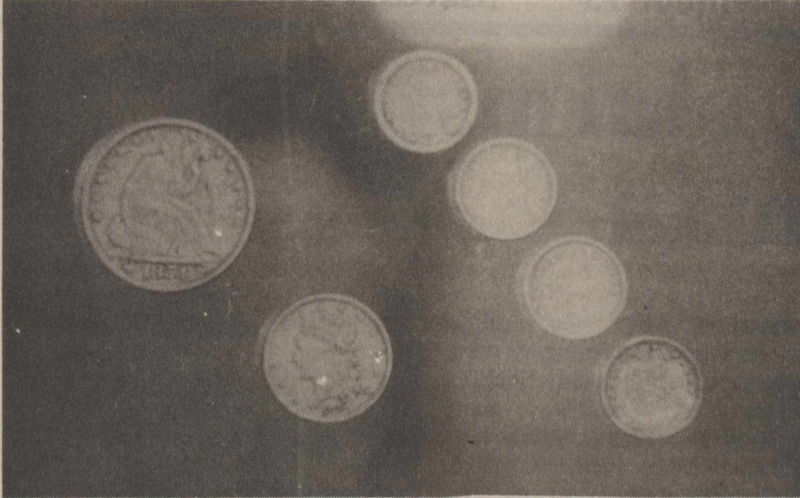
It was a coke can that a bow hunter had deposited from above.

- Bill Stewart

Bill, I's just wondering. Did you ever let that bow hunter back on your place?



Bill Stewart indicates the hollow limb on the "Sixes Camp Tree" in which he found a "treasure".



These coins; a fifty cent piece dated 1854, a five dollar gold piece dated 1836, and four dimes dating in the 1840's and 50's were found under the branches of the "Sixes Camp Tree".

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

What are we doing about getting another doctor?

For the past two years, the Hospital District Board of Directors has been diligently searching for another physician to supplement the coverage provided by Dr. Pajestka.

We have used every avenue available to us to locate a physician. We have advertised. We have appealed to the Texas Medical Association. We have appealed to medical groups and we employed placement search firms.

We have been offering a gross income guarantee of \$150,000 per year with free office space. We have interviewed a number of physicians, but we have not even found anybody to interview in the last six months.

Recently, we have been advised by two placement firms that our

guarantee is unrealistic. They have advised us that we need to increase our offer to a net guarantee of \$120,000 or more.

We do not have the funds available to us to increase the guarantee at this time in spite of the fact that we are at present spending in excess of \$100,000 a year to provide week-end coverage for the emergency room. If we do not provide coverage, we lose our hospital accreditation and will not be able to continue Medicare coverage. We may also incur some legal liability.

We will continue to make every effort to find a physician and will consider increasing the financial guarantee if funds become available to us.

Dr. Alvis Johnson



Shane Benson slaps his "stick" horse as he heads around the barrels looking for the best time.


Library News

The Library has had a success Storyhour this year. Between five to fifteen children attended. The last day for Storyhour is on March 27th at 10:00 A.M. Join us on this last day for an EASTER EGG HUNT. For more information, contact the Library at 387-2111 and let us know you will be coming.

Also, new books are being put out weekly at the Sutton County Library. In the Adult Fiction, new books include *Haroun and The Sea of Stories* by Salman Rushdie; *An Owl Too Many* by Charlotte MacLeod; *The Eagle Has Flown* by Jack Higgins; *A Dirty Distant War* by E. M. Nathanson; *Cold Iron* by Nicolas Freeling; *For Kicks* by Dick Francis; and *Gus in Bronze* by Alenandra Marshall.

New additions to the Youth Non-Fiction books include *Northern Ireland* by Michael Kronenwetter; *Benazir Bhutto* by Katherine Doherty; *Harriet Tubman* by D. J.

Herda, *Land Use and Abuse* by D. J. Herda; *The Throwaway Society* by Sally Lee; *Nazi War Criminals* by Elaine Landau; *Teen Guide to Survival* by Alan Nause; *Community Services* by Marjorie Schulz; *Hospitality and Recreation* by Marjorie Schulz; *Youth in the Middle East* by David Abodahe; *Water Pollution* by Kathryn Gay; *Children of the World-Singapore* by David Wright; *Children of the World-Hong Kong* by David Wright; *Children of the World-Cuba* by Ronnie Cummins; *Children of the World-South Africa* by Barbara Rogers; *Desmond Tutu* by Patricia Lantier; *Albert Schweitzer* by Patricia Lantier; *Jane Addams* by Jacquelyn Mitchard; *Oscar Arias* by Kellie Peduzzi; *Charlie Chaplin* by Pam Brown; *Mikhail Gorbachev* by Anna Sproule; and *Joseph Stalin* by Janet Caulkins.



Biscuits' Crumbs

By Biscuits O'Bryan

Home Remedies

Can you believe everthing that's happened over the last 20 years as far as medicine and doctorin' is concerned? Way back yonder when I was a kid, we only went to the doctor for somethin' real serious, or better yet, if necessary, the ol' doc would hop in his Model A Ford and come out to the ranch. Try tellin' one of them modern-day specialists that you need him to drop by the house late some evenin' and see what happens! 'Course back then, mothers and grandmothers did most of the doctorin', and their medicine cabinets weren't overloaded with things you'll find in a doctor's bag. Coal oil (kerosene) cured a world of ills and hurts, since it was both rubbed on and swallowed. The other most used (and most dreaded) medicine was castor oil. Some folks tell me they still can't stand orange juice 'cause that's what the castor oil was mixed in, but we only had oranges at Christmas (if we was lucky), so the putrid concoction was literally poured down us kids straight, with the only chaser bein' Mama with a switch if we gagged and spit it out.

One of Grandma's favorites was asafetida, which was this plumb stinky stuff she put in Bull Durham sacks and hung round our necks durin' cold season. It kept the germs away 'cause nobody'd get close enough to us to infect us. She also made us drink sassafra tea in the late springtime to thin out our blood for the coming hot weather. I always liked it, 'cause it tasted kind of like root beer, 'specially with a dab of honey stirred in. One of my worst memories about home cures come about when I was seven and we all went to the county fair. I drank about a gallon of root beer (at 2 cents a mug) and broke out with a rash to end all rashes. (I get plumb tickled when I hear folks say they broke out in "whelps," 'cause whelps are puppies. What they mean to say is "welts," but I kind

of like the picture of someone breakin' out in puppies, don't you?) Anyways, by the time we got back to the ranch, I was scratchin' and carryin' on like I didn't have good sense (which I probably didn't, 'cause I was itchin' so bad), and Grandma told me to take off all my clothes and get in bed, that she'd be along in a while with somethin' to fix me right up. You can imagine the kind of dread that caused, but she wasn't somebody you argued with, especially when you are ailin' and she was curin', so I done what she told me. Seemed like I fidgetted around for half an hour when she finally come in with a big mixin' bowl full of somethin', and I had visions of havin' to swallow that whole mess of whatever it might be. It turned out to be oatmeal soaked in warm

water, and she commenced to plasterin' that gooey, soggy stuff all over my broke out little body, much to my embarasment. Then she covered me up with a sheet and told me to lay still. Before long, the oatmeal pack started to dryin', and I pictured myself bein' encased in a cookie-like crust for the rest of my life. I'm still not sure which itched the worse, the rash or the oatmeal, but I can tell you for sure and certain that that was the most miserable night I ever hope to spend. "Course, knowin' how things get exaggerated in a kid's mind, I probably went to sleep in less than half an hour and slept most of the night, but back then, it seemed like pure-dee hell that lasted three eternities. The next mornin' the rash was all gone, the oatmeal come right off with a warm bath, and I went about my rat killin' with a vengeance, never lookin' back, but I sure would hate to relive that night.

Nowadays, it's pills and shots and hospitals (and lots of money), but somehow we got by without all them things back then. But there's still one home remedy that I use, 'cause it works most ever time when somebody around the ranch gets the punies, and that's potato soup. I hear tell that in Jewish homes, it's chicken soup, and that Jewish moms use the feet and all in their chicken stock. That's all well and good, but give me a big ol' bowl of my remedial potion ever time, and that's:

SURE-CURE POTATO SOUP

In a heavy pot, cook:
2 strips of bacon, cut up in little pieces, &
About 1/4 (no more than that) of an onion, chopped fine
Pour off any extra bacon grease after the onion gets soft
Add 3 or 4 Irish potatoes, peeled and cut in bite size chunks
Pour in enough whole mild (don't use blue John (skim milk) to cover the potatoes by about 2 inches
Add a bit of salt and a smidgen of white pepper
(A little pinch of dill weed adds to the curin' power)
Cook over real low heat, stirrin' often, but gently, 'til the potatoes are done (this takes a while, but you're makin' medicine, so do it right!)
Add a good lump of butter (the real kind), and when it melts, serve this up with lots of soda crackers

For colds, flu stomach problems that'll let you keep food down, and even for that ol' low down feeling' we all get ever now and then, this soup'll get you goin' before you know it, but you won't go very far before you're back for seconds. Y'all stay healthy and keep on cookin'.

Attention Ranchers: Hunting info needed

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is in need of any information concerning deer leases for the 1991 hunting season. If you have not contacted the Chamber with deer lease information already, please do so soon. This information will be printed and sent to any person interested in leasing land in the Sutton County area. Contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 1172 or 706 Crockett, Sonora, Texas 76950, or phone 387-2880 with any lease information available.

Western Oil Painting to be given away

This is the last week to buy chances to win the Western Oil Painting by Mary Lou Gilly. The drawing will be held on March 28, 1991, at the Sutton County Senior Center during the Hat Day Festivities. Contact Mandy Turk, Mary Lou Gilly or any Committee on Aging Member for tickets.

Easter Services planned

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring the annual Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, March 31, 1991, at 6:32 A.M. in front of the Hudspeth Nursing Home. Bring your lawn chairs and prepare to welcome the resurrection with your friends from the community. A free-will offering will be received to support the various ministries of the Alliance.

Confetti Eggs on Sale Now!

Cascarones for sale! The Sutton County Senior Center is making Confetti Eggs to sell for donations of only fifty cents each. They are a fun and festive tradition for Easter! The colorful eggs are being decorated by senior citizen volunteers at the center and will be available from March 21st through Hat Day, March 28th. Please call early for large orders. The Sutton County Senior Center, 106 Wilson Street, 387-5657 or 387-3941.

Cheerleaders chosen for 1991-92

Sonora Bronco Cheerleader try-outs for the 1991-92 school year were held on Wednesday, March 20, 1991 at the Sonora High School Gymnasium. Varsity Cheerleaders elected by the student body include Juniors Monica Gonzales, Susen McCleery, Michelle Lozano, Laura Chalk, and Sophomores Kathy Cook and Annette Gamez. J. V. Cheerleaders for next year include Kelly Kiowski, Cherie Morrow, and Stephanie Virgin.



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Hospital at Crossroad

by Dr. Alvis Johnson

Sonora and Sutton County citizens are facing a crisis in medical care in the immediate future. The Hospital District will exhaust its funds later this year. This will probably happen before the tax revenue for next year begins to be available in November. When the funds now available are exhausted the Hospital Board of Directors will face the alternative of deferring payment of its bills, borrowing money against next years tax revenue, or closing the hospital.

The hospital does not meet the present day standards of hospital construction but is allowed to operate under a "grandfather" clause in the requirements. If it should close it would not be allowed to reopen unless a new building is constructed.

Some will ask about the Hudspeth Trust and the "ranch". Before the Hospital District was established, Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital was operated as a non-profit corporation established by a trust provided by the will of Roy Hudspeth.

When the Hospital District assumed the responsibility for operating the hospital the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Corporation transferred the hospital, nursing home, clinic building, and the homes owned by the corporation to the Hospital District. This was accomplished by the corporation officers and trustees filing a "Friendly Law Suit" against the Attorney General of Texas requesting that the original charter of the hospital, which established the corporation, be altered to allow the corporation to cease operating a hospital as a charitable trust and for the distribution of the assets of the trust. A judgement was rendered by the District Court which was agreed

to by the Attorney General and the corporation trustees.

This judgment allowed the Hudspeth Corporation to retain control of the ranch. At that time there was a mortgage against the ranch of about \$650,000. The income from the ranch was to be applied to reducing the debt against the ranch. This income will meet the interest payment and provide for some reduction of the debt each year. When the debt has been satisfied (10 - 15 years) the funds generated by the ranch may be used for support of the hospital. First priority is to be for capital improvements, but if the funds exceed the requirements for capital improvements they can be used for operating expenses and to provide services not now provided.

The judgement provides for the corporation to exist for 100 years. Therefore it is unlikely that any institution, individual, or group of individuals could gain control of the ranch for personal gain. The corporation does not now have any funds to divert to operating the hospital. So much for the ranch.

What, then, are our options? The Board of Directors does not want to transfer the expense of keeping the hospital open by deferring our bills. We do not propose to purchase anything that we can not pay for on a timely basis. We must also meet our payroll.

What about borrowing funds against next years revenue? This could be done if we knew that there would be enough revenue to operate next year. At present if we borrow against next years revenue we would just run out of money earlier next year.

What about establishing and operating a 24 hour emergency room? This would require having

both physician and nurse coverage for 24 hours a day. Even if we could contract with a group of emergency physicians in San Angelo the cost would exceed our present revenue.

It appears to me that we have only two alternatives. We can close the hospital or we can increase the revenue.

Do we need a hospital? Think about that with an open mind for a minute. Each of you who reads this will be able to think of someone whose life has been saved within the recent past because he or she were able to get emergency care here before being transported to San Angelo. The next person may be you or your loved one.

Can we continue to attract good teachers and their families without a hospital? Can we ever hope to attract any type of industry without a hospital? Can we keep our present physician without a hospital? Can we keep the nursing home open without a hospital? Can we provide care for the tourists we hope to attract without a hospital? Think about these questions and admit that failure to maintain a hospital would be a step into the past.

Much as I dislike the idea of more taxes, I think the only answer is to raise more revenue by increasing the tax rate.

The tax rate is limited to 10 cents per \$100 valuation at the present time. Increasing the rate would require passage of a new enabling act by the legislature and a favorable vote by the registered voters of Sutton County.

The Hospital District Board of Directors would welcome your attendance at its board meeting to discuss this problem, or your comments to individual board members.

Celebration planned to honor veterans

Sonora is planning a celebration to welcome back those men and women who had a part in Desert Storm, and to honor all veterans of all wars.

If you would like to have a part in paying for this celebration, you may give you tax-deductible donation to Rev. Kent Kepler, Joe Garcia, or Smith Neal, or give it to Jo Ann Jones at First National Bank. Checks should be made out to Sutton County Community Trust.

You may also place contributions in jars labeled Sonora's Desert Storm Welcome Home Fund which are located in various businesses around town.

Students compete in Area Science Fair

For the first time, the Sonora Junior High Science Fair winners went a step further and competed in the District XI Texas Science Fair held in San Angelo.

There were 160 projects from junior high and high schools representing 23 area counties in the competition. There were a total of 51 judges for 13 various categories. Top high school winners will be participating in Orlando, Florida at the International Science Fair. Top winners in the junior high categories do not go any further.

Several Sonora Junior High School students competed for honors and many of these students succeeded in making Sonora's first trip a truly memorable one.

Casey Fitzgerald took 1st place in the Micro-biology category with his Bionic Microbes - oil-eating bacteria used to help clean up oil spills. He also won an honorable mention in the sweepstakes category.

Kasey Farrah placed 2nd in the Zoology category, with his study on earthworms' Diet - Balanced Meal vs. Junk Food.

Davis Hale placed 3rd in the Engineering category with his wind tunnel or study of how wind affects differently shaped objects. Davis also received special awards from the Army and from N.A.S.A.

Other students placing in the Science Fair categories were: 6th graders Lori Hale and Johnna Adams, 7th place; 6th graders Sarah Marrs and Carla Weaver, 7th place; 6th grader Pam Jones, 8th place; 7th grader Kurt Dempsey, 5th place; 7th grader Ben Taylor, 7th place; and 8th grader Josh Burnham, 10th place.

Those students receiving Honorable Mentions were 6th graders Kristie Burge, Michelle Cramer, John Paul Hudman, and Robert Teaff, and 7th graders Gayla Fredrickson and John Jones.

Congratulations to these students on a job well done and we look forward to hearing more from them in the future. This is just another example of how the Sonora I.S.D. students receive a whole education - not just a partial education.

"Walkie Talkies for Life"

March 26, 1991, is the beginning date of a new fitness and weight control program in Sonora. Lolabeth Jones, County Extension Agent - Home Economics, says this program is the end result of intense planing by the Home Economics Advisory Committee of Sutton County.

Agricultural Extension Service and the Dairy Council provide sound medical diets and information.

The "walking and talking" will also begin March 26, 1991, at 6:00 P.M. Jones says anyone who attends the first session at the Methodist Church can then go directly to the football field track to walk if they desire. The walking program is flexible and very informal. The designated walking times are 5:00-7:00 A.M. at the track, 5:00 P.M. gathering at the Methodist Church for anyone looking for partners to walk in town, and 6:00 P.M. at the football field track each day. Walk as often as you like. The program is set up for enjoyment with the end result of Sonorans becoming more physically fit.

The Home Economics Advisory Committee includes Chairman, Louise Barlemann, as well as Vicenta Lopez, Rita Hale, Lisa Galindo, Scott Gilmore, Ileen Stewart, Letty Campos, Celeste Prugel, Dee Martinez, Cindy Allen, Mary Perez, and Kay Faris.

The weight control sessions on Tuesdays are geared to all ages, and include special diets for diabetes and other health problems. The Texas



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School Board votes to purchase new bus

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 12, 1991 in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 807 South Concho, Sonora, Texas.

Members present were Gary Hardgrave, President, Jesse Bustamante, Jim Garrett, Becky Johnson, Gloria Lopez, Donald Patton, Michael Smith, and Charles Russell, Superintendent.

Others present included Bob Bellard, Clay Cade, Jeryl Fields, Rex Ann Friess, Donna Hill, Jerry Hopkins, Cynthia Keel, Smith Neal, and Mark Nelson.

Chief Appraiser Rex Ann Friess stated that the tax collection rate stood at 96% of the current levy, up 1% from the previous year.

Superintendent Charles Russell reported that the enrollment was as follows: Primary 257, Intermediate 255, Junior High 226, and High School 292 for a total of 1,030.

Mr. Russell also reported on the March meeting of the District Committee and gave a detailed report on the proposed Senate and House bills affecting school finance.

personnel as recommended by principals. No action was taken on the contract of the Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Russell informed the Board of the Sutton County Water District's request to share election workers and expenses for the election scheduled for May 4, 1991 and the Board gave its approval.

The Superintendent informed the Board that a coalition of area schools is being formed and will be composed of school board members and superintendents. The organization will address current education issues. The Board gave its approval to Mr. Russell and two representatives from the Board, Gary Hardgrave and Michael Smith, to attend the meeting.

Mr. Russell concluded his remarks with a report on the track and said that the final stage of the project will begin on Monday, March 25 when Cahill Construction begins work on the drainage problem.

Counselor Jeryl Fields gave a presentation on various programs she uses to provide high school

students and their parents information about scholarship funds and financial aid. She complimented the community of Sonora for the large amount of funds contributed for scholarships.

The Board was informed by Mr. Russell that current bills in the amount of \$179,478.00 included the additional \$21,918.12 representing the change from 250 tons to 710 tons of asphalt for grading and leveling purposes on the track, which not only increased the quality of the track, but the long lasting effect should be favorable. The current bills were unanimously approved for payment.

The Board discussed budget goals for the 1991-1992 school year with the areas to be addressed listed as instruction, technology, salaries, maintenance of facilities, and personnel units. Mr. Russell informed the Board that Budget proposals are due at the end of the month and the Board agreed to discuss budget goals more fully in April after the outcome of pending school finance legislation is known.

Bits and Pieces of Sonora and Bright Spot Fashions
will be hosting a luncheon style show at the Sutton County Steakhouse Thursday - March 28
Bits and Pieces will be featuring a sample of their one-of-a-kind custom made apparel while Bright Spot Fashions will be introducing their line of "cute-affordable" larger size ladies clothing.
Come on out and enjoy a savory meal while you watch local models style the newest looks for Spring.
I-10 & Golf Course Rd. 387-3833

The Board voted unanimously to purchase a mid-size bus to replace an 1976 model bus in order to keep the bus fleet in quality condition.

The Board also voted unanimously in favor of a girls' golf program as part of the Athletic Department.

A discussion was held about the possibility of a faculty sick leave bank which would be used in the event of catastrophic illnesses. The Superintendent was instructed to develop a plan, using the Lubbock I.S.D. plan as a guide, and to present it at the April meeting for more discussion.

The Board reconvened in open session, after going into executive session to discuss personnel matters, and voted unanimously to renew contracts of all professional



Sutton County ASCS 4-H News

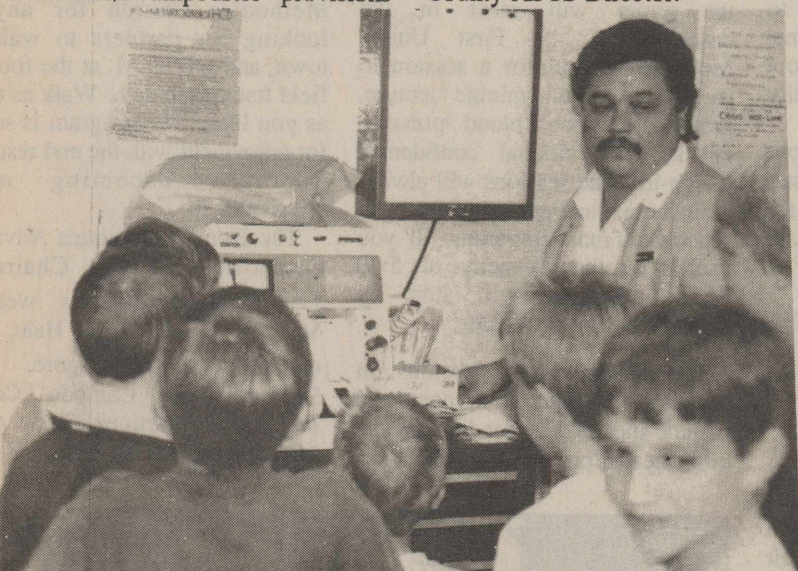
by David Fisher

The Sutton County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) announces a meeting to be held on March 21, 1991. Subject of the meeting is to review provisions of the 1990 Farm Bill recently signed into law. The meeting will be held at the First National Bank Community Room (second floor annex building), 102 North Main Street in Sonora. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. Topics to be discussed include sodbuster/swampbuster provisions

(highly credible land determinations), Producer eligibility for ASCS programs, and Payment Limitations. The Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 contains several new program options. It is

important that agriculture producers become acquainted with these options and program changes before May 1, 1991. "All Sutton County ranchers are urged to attend this meeting," said Herb Schwertner, County ASCS Director.

Last Monday, the Sutton County 4-H attended our monthly meeting. At our meeting, Police Chief Gesch gave us tips on controlling our environment. He taught us that avoiding dangerous situations was our best self-defense. At the meeting, we also announced the dates of several different things. The Health Project has started and there have already been two meetings, one on "Your Health," and the other was a tour of the hospital. The next Health Project meeting will be Wednesday, March 20, 1991, at 7:00 P.M. It was also announced that record books will be due around the end of June and if you would like to do a method demonstration and do not know enough about it, please contact Lolabeth Jones. The Range Judging practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. at the 4-H barn.



Ramiro Perez explains and demonstrates the Cardiogram while Russell Dempsey looks at his brother Drew who is hooked up to the machine.



Kindergartners enjoy a taste of Texas History

What was all the commotion up at the Elementary school this past week? It was history being relived by some of the youngest Texans around. The Sonora kindergarten classes have been busy learning all about Texas from their teachers and some special guests.

General Sam Houston (alias Tryon Fields) stopped through on a recruiting mission Wednesday afternoon. He asked for volunteers to help re-form the Republic of Texas Army to defeat Santa Anna in April at San Jacinto. He explained that the army had received a severe blow with the loss at the Alamo, and spoke of the tragedy and how we needed to all "Remember the Alamo". General Houston assured these able bodied Texans that their heroes had not died in vain, but instead, gained valuable time for the army. Over sixty brave and true students volunteered to help and received letters of intent.

Christmas in April update

The Christmas in April of Sonora, Inc. Board met Thursday, March 14, 1991, at the Sutton County Senior Center. The purpose of the meeting was to go over all applications received with the appraisal committee. Board Members also approved the purchase of insurance and tentatively approved the purchase of caps and a logo for volunteers. The latter hinged on whether the corporation's request for a mini-grant from the Texas Department on Aging was approved. Verbal approval for that \$1,000.00 grant was received by board member, Carole Thorp, on Friday, March 15th.

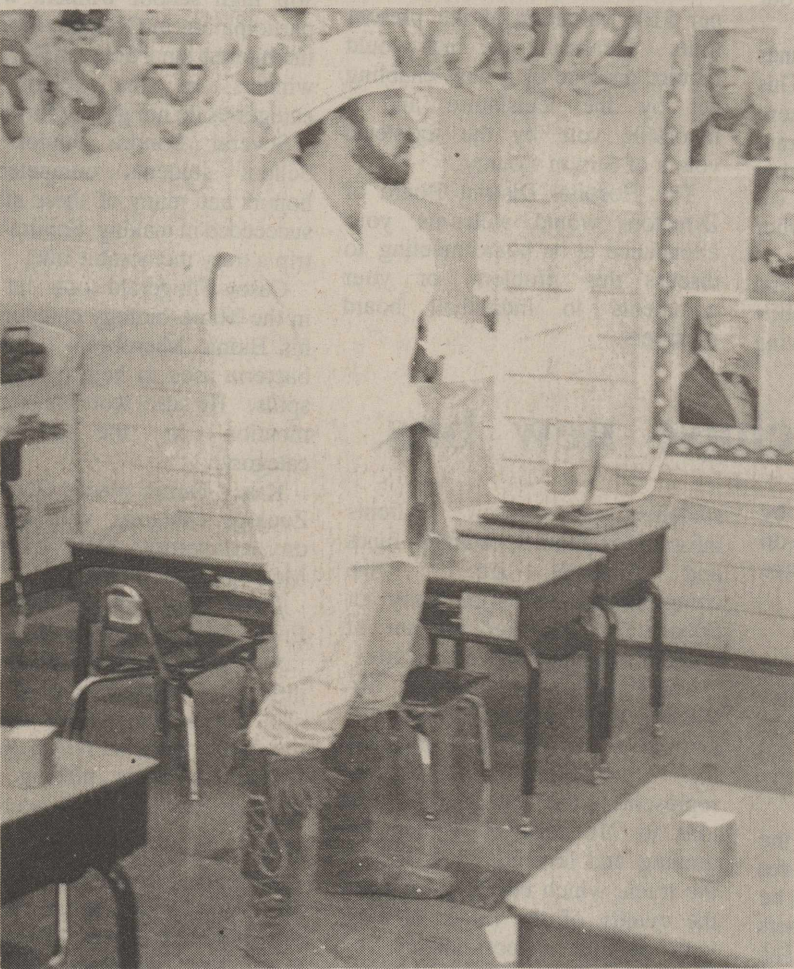
The board then review each of the thirty-three applications received by the March 8th deadline. Board members prioritized houses to be repaired according to which houses

needed the most work to become safe, dry, and secure; the absence of relatives to assist with repairs; and the feasibility of the repairs being completed in one day. The photos taken and donated by Griffin Cole of the Devil's River News proved to be a valuable tool in the prioritization process. All board members expressed gratitude for his assistance.

No homes have been eliminated yet, but many will be after the April 4th House Selection Committee meeting. All board members and house captains must attend this meeting.

The C.I.A. Board continues to be impressed by the enthusiastic support of our entire community for this project. Lewis Allen, President of the C.I.A. Board, can be reached at 387-2616 or 387-3948 for more information.

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General Sam Houston in search of volunteers for the Texas Army.

Tax News: Render income producing personal property now

AUSTIN -- Leon A. Willhite, executive director of the State Property Tax Board (SPTB), today reminded business owners that they must file property rendition forms with local appraisal district offices by April 1, 1991.

The legal deadline for renditions is actually March 31, which falls on a Sunday this year. As a result, the 1991 deadline been moved to the first working day after March 31. Property owners may receive a 30-day extension, but must file a written request with the appraisal district by April 1, 1991.

A rendition is a report a property owner files each year, listing taxable property he owns or manages as of January 1.

"The law requires certain property owners to file renditions every year," noted Willhite.

Anyone who owns or manages income-producing personal property on January 1 must file a rendition statement with the local appraisal district. "Businesses, for instance, must report their inventories, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment, and other tangible business property on a rendition. It is to their benefit to do so because chief appraisers use the rendition report to establish the property's fair taxable value," Willhite explained.

"When business personal property isn't rendered, the chief

appraiser is forced to estimate the value," he added. The chief appraiser may also require other property owners or managers to render property. If so, the chief appraiser will send a notice and the appropriate rendition form.

While only business personal property must be rendered, anyone may voluntarily file a rendition with the appraisal district. Texas law does not require a property owner to render a home or other real property, but Willhite pointed out that homeowners who do render are in a better position to exercise their rights as taxpayers, for several reasons.

First, by filing a rendition, property owners ensure that the correct address will be on their value notices, notices of hearings which may be scheduled if they protest the appraisal of their property, and on their tax bills.

"It is essential that property owners receive this information in a timely manner," said Willhite. "For example, if the tax collector cannot deliver a tax bill because of an incorrect address, the property owner is still responsible for paying the taxes plus penalties that result from late payment."

Second, rendition is an opportunity for a property owner to record an opinion of the property's value.

Third, by recording an opinion of the property's value, the property owner has ensured that the chief appraiser must send the owner a notice before placing a higher value on the property. This notice allows the property owner time to gather information to protest the appraisal if the proposed value is too high.

If a property is appraised by more than one appraisal district, the property owner should file a rendition in each appraisal district office.

Property owners whose homes were damaged last year by a storm, flood, or fire may also file a special type of rendition report with chief appraisers, called a report of decreased value. The deadline for filing this report for 1991 is April 1.

Rendition and report of decreased value forms are available at local appraisal district offices. The law requires that the property owner provide all information requested on the form. Willhite noted that making false statements on renditions and reports of decreased value is a criminal violation.

Rendition forms and decreased value reports are confidential and not open to public inspection.

For more information, contact the local appraisal district office or the SPTB Tax Information Section at (512) 329-7901.

Senior Center News

Senior Center Director and Assistant Director, Carole Thorp and Gina Gamez, attended a two-day mandatory training class at the Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging on March 14th and March 15th. The training agenda included classes on Supplemental Security Income, Tips on publishing newsletters, Employee/Time Management, Stress Management, Budgeting/Cost Allocation, and Senior Center Operations and Volunteer Recruitment.

While at the training session, Thorp learned that her request for carry over funds from 1990's fiscal year had been approved with a 9% cut. This approval came from the Concho Valley Executive Council

and still must receive formal approval from the Texas Department on Aging in Austin, but AAA Director, Betty Ford, felt this would be forthcoming. So the Sutton County Senior Center will soon be able to install new linoleum in its original addition and install an ansul breaker system in its kitchen vent-a-hood at an estimated combined cost of \$7,000.00.

Both Gamez and Thorp feel that they are now ready to manage their time, employees, newsletters, budgets, and all operations of the center in a stress-free environment. Well, at least they now have some well-defined goals.

TEXAS PROPERTY TAXES:

A Taxpayers' Guide to Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities

Want to learn more about the property tax system? That's possible by reading a pamphlet the State Property Tax Board has written and made available at the local appraisal district office.

It's called *Texas Property Taxes: A Taxpayers' Guide to Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities* and it may help you save money. Learn about tax relief available through

- homestead exemptions
- disabled veteran exemptions
- productivity appraisal for farm, ranch, and timber land
- tax deferral for over-65 homeowners

You'll learn how your property is appraised. That way, you can decide if the appraisal district's value is reasonable.

If you think it isn't, the pamphlet tells you how to prepare an appeal to the appraisal review board. You'll learn the types of protests the appraisal review board can hear and useful evidence to bring to your hearing.

Important dates in the tax year are listed. You'll know what your responsibilities are and when you are obligated to satisfy them.

Remedies is free and it's available in both English and Spanish. Ask for yours today at

(list the name, address and telephone number of the local appraisal district)

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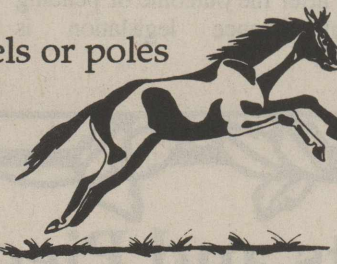


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Senior Center Menu

Thursday:
Creole Chicken
Corn
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Pear w/cheese
Rice Crispie Squares

Friday:
Fried Catfish w/tarter sauce
Baked Potatoes
Spinach
Corn Muffins
Mississippi Mud Cake

Monday:
Meat Sauce w/cheese
Lasagna Noodles
Spinach
Garlic Toast
Tossed Salad
Banana Pudding

Tuesday:
Baked Chicken
Blackeyed peas
Carrots
Cornbread
Egg Custard

Wednesday:
Beef Tips w/ Mushroom sauce
Rotini Noodles
Yellow Squash
Hot Rolls
Tossed Salad
Fruit Cup

Thursday:
Roast Beef w/brown gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Carrots
Hot Rolls
Creamy Coleslaw
Gingerbread w/ topping

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The Sonora Observer

387-5719

School Menu

Thursday:
Bar-B-Que Chicken
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Cinnamon Roll
Milk

Friday:
Soft Bean & Cheese Burrito
Confetti Corn
Apple Cobbler
Milk

Monday:
Chicken Nuggets w/ gravy
Pinto Beans
Apple
Roll
Milk

Tuesday:
Beef Fajitas
Corn
Onions & Pepper
Nachos & Cheese
Jello w/banana
Milk

Wednesday:
Chicken Tacos
Lettuce, Tomato, & Cheese
Applesauce
Cookies
Milk

Thursday:
Sloppy Joe Sandwich
Fries
Fruit
Milk

Plan now for severe weather

Although tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and floods can strike virtually any part of Texas at any time, spring seems to bring an increase in violent weather.

You can take precautions to assist yourself and your family in the event of a tornado.

Periodically hold a tornado drill so that family members know what to do and where to go if the national weather service issues a tornado warning. The safest part of a house during a tornado traditionally is the basement, but be aware of the potential for flooding if there is heavy rain in the area. Interior bathrooms, hallways and closets on the ground floor also offer protection from tornadoic winds. Avoid windows and outside walls. Take along blankets or sleeping bags to protect yourself from falling debris and shattering glass, which are frequently cause of death and injury during a tornado.

Make certain you have a portable radio and several flashlights (and fresh batteries for both) as well as bottled water, extra prescription medications and first aid kit in your shelter area.

Remember, if a tornado strikes, electricity, gas, water and sewer service may be disrupted for several days.

Mobile homes and automobiles are dangerous places to be during a tornado. If you live in a mobile home, make sure all family members know where the nearest substantial shelter is. If you are in your mobile home or car and cannot get to a better shelter: go outside, lie down in the nearest ravine, ditch or culvert and cover you head with your hands. Be aware of the possibility of flooding in low-lying areas. Do not hide under your mobile home or car because both can easily be picked up and carried away by a tornado.

Your local emergency management office can provide you with additional information on severe weather precautions. The Governor's Division of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service, the Texas Insurance Advisory Association and the Federal Emergency Management Agency are sources of information and publications on various weather phenomena and related information.

Harris announces relief from set-aside cover crop rule for Texas farmers

COLLEGE STATION -- The Texas State ASC Committee today exempted Texas from the fifty percent cover crop requirement on Acreage Conservation Reserve (ACR) acres according to Jerry Harris, Chairman of the Texas State ASC Committee. The Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 required that half of the acreage set-aside under commodity programs be planted to a cover crop. The legislation also allowed for the exemption of those areas determined to be arid by USDA.

The determination to exclude Texas was based on meteorological

data that shows the line between non-arid and arid regions running from North Dakota through Texas. All states east of the line are not considered arid and must comply with the fifty percent cover requirement. Most states west of the line are considered arid and do not have to comply with the fifty percent cover requirement.

"Since this line runs through Texas, the Texas State ASC Committee determined to exclude all of the state from the fifty percent cover requirement," Harris said.

Rabies outbreak worsens

Rabies is on the rise, with many cases all over West Texas. Two new cases were discovered in Sutton County, including one fox and one skunk. This brings the total rabies cases in Sutton County to eight. These consist of five foxes, one raccoon, one skunk, and one white-tailed deer. Two of these were in the town area, six were in the country. The last two rabid animals exposed three dogs, which were not current on their shots and had to be destroyed. At press time, another skunk had tangled with an unvaccinated dog, and the skunk's

head is being sent off to be tested for rabies.

Rabies is a contagious disease which affects any warm-blooded animal. If people are bitten, scratched, or licked by a rabid animal, they can catch the disease.

Be on the lookout for wild animals that act unusual, even friendly or tame. Be suspicious of skunks, foxes, bobcats, and bats out during the daylight house. Beware of animals showing signs of excitement or meanness, as well as pets which seem to have a hard time walking, eating, or drinking. Rabid dogs often become mean, roam, make strange noises and

attack people and other animals. Rabid animals may drool and sometimes swallow stones or sticks or other things. Later, when the rabid animal gets even sicker, it will have trouble shewing, swallowing, drinking, or walking. It may be able to close its mouth, and may appear to be choking. Never try to clear the throat of an animal with these symptoms. If you see an animal with any of these signs, call the police and have them send an animal control officer.

If you are bitten by an animal, follow these steps - they may save a life. Wash the bite area, then see a doctor as soon as possible. He will decide what you might need to do to avoid rabies. Then notify an animal control officer. He will try to catch the animal and keep it for quarantine or testing.

State and city laws require pet owners to get rabies shots for their dogs and cats every year. Check your pet's records and make sure that each dog or cat three months of age or over has had a rabies shot within the last twelve months. During a rabies outbreak like this, authorities may have to go house-to-house to make sure pets have had their shots.

Protect your family - vaccinate!



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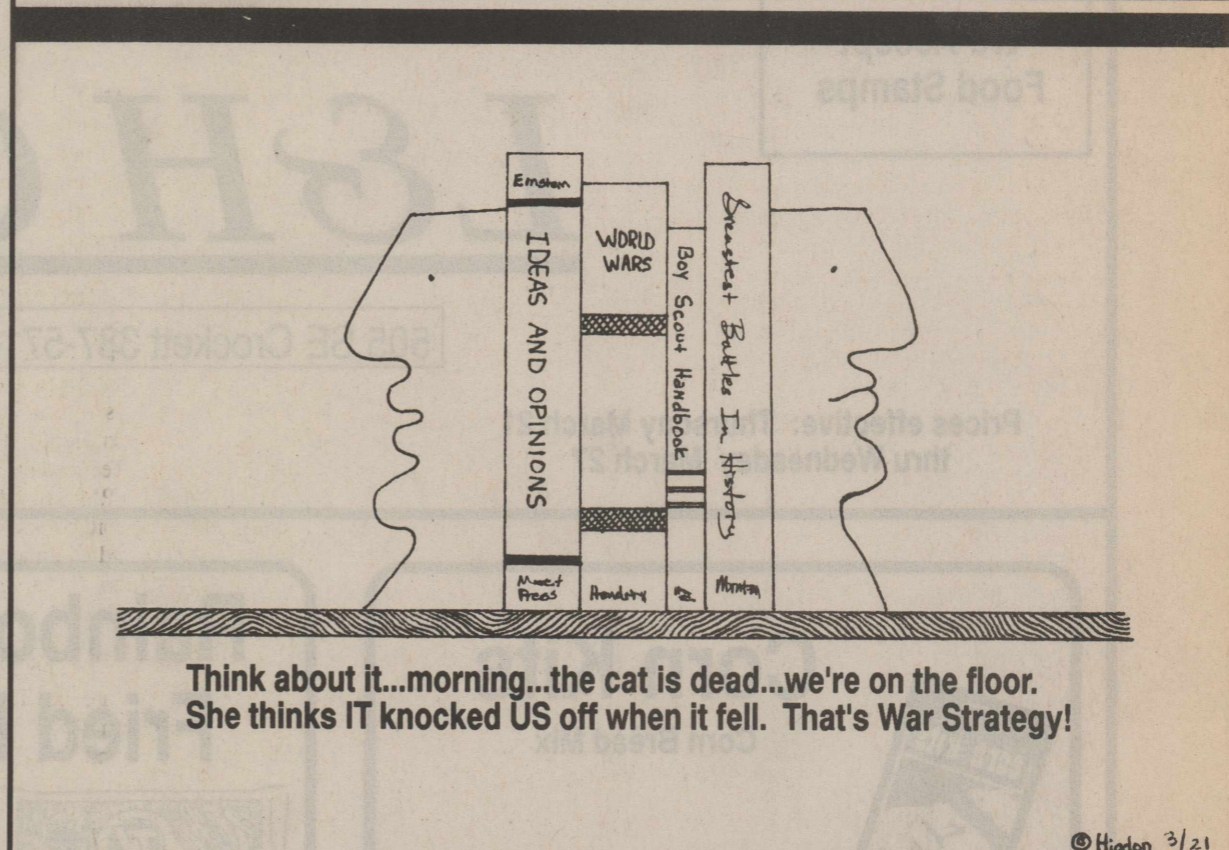
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OAK HEADS - by Charlotte Higdon



Think about it...morning...the cat is dead...we're on the floor. She thinks IT knocked US off when it fell. That's War Strategy!

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Registration for Sonora City League

Registration for the Sonora City League 1991 Season will be held on Tuesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 3, from 6:00 until 7:30 at the Jr. High Snack Bar. All children who are 6 years of age before August 1, 1991 and have not reached the age of 16 years before August 1, 1991 are eligible to play Tee-Ball, Minor, Major or Pony League Baseball.

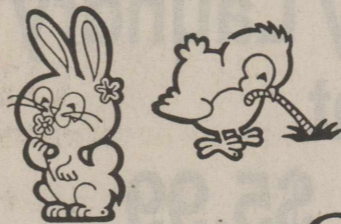
Tee Ball - 6, 7, and 8 year olds, Minor - 8, 9, and 10 year olds, Major - 10, 11 and 12 year olds, and Pony - 13, 14 and 15 year olds.

Registration fee will be \$5.00 for each child. This fee will be payable at registration. A parent or guardian should accompany their child to register and a valid birth certificate is necessary to register.

Due to the necessity of ordering new uniforms, the deadline for registration has been set for Wednesday, April 17, 1991. Try-outs will be held on Saturday, April 20, 1991.

Any person interested in helping coach, umpire, etc. are urged to notify Michael Krieg at 387-5700 as soon as possible.

Any club, organization, or persons interested in being responsible for the concessions during the Sonora City League Baseball Season needs to contact Michael Krieg, President, at 387-5700 for further information. Plans are to have one large concession for all three fields at the county park with the T-Ball and Minor League games being played at the old softball field rather than the location previously used.



CHURCH GUIDE

The Church of the Good Shepherd
Presbyterian
Worship Service-11:00 am
Church School-9:45 am
U.Y.F. Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Choir Practice-Wed. 7:30
Communion first Sunday of each month
Lewis Allen, pastor

New Life Assembly of God
306 N. 4th Street
Sun. Worship 10:30 am
Sun. evening worship 6:00 pm
Weds. Study 7:00 pm
Daniel Timmerman, pastor

St. John's Episcopal Church
404 NE Poplar
Holy Eucharist-Wed. 7:15 p.m.
U.Y.F. Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Morning Prayer M-F 6:30 a.m.
Sunday School -9:45 am
The Rev. Monte Jones, Rector

First Baptist Church
Sunday School-9:45 am
Morning Worship-11:00 am
Church Training 6:00 pm
Evening Worship -7:00 pm
Wednesday Service -7:00 pm
Rev. Jim Stephen

New Hope Baptist Mission
708 SE Crockett
Sun. morning bible Study-10 am
Sun. morning Worship-11 am
Sun. evening Worship-7 pm
Weds. Childrens Bible Study-7 pm
Dana Floyd, pastor

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

Jehovah's Witness
310 St. Ann's
387-2679 or 7-3947
English Meeting
Public Talk-10 am Sun.
Watchtower Study-11:55 Sunday
Theocratic School-7:30 pm Wed.
Service Meeting-8:15 Wednesday
Bible Study-7:30 Monday
Spanish Meeting
Public Talk-1:00 Sunday
Watchtower Study-1:55 Sunday
Theocratic Ministry-7:30 Tues.
Service Meeting-8:15 Tues.
Bible Study 7:30 Thurs.

First United Methodist Church
Sunday School-9:45 am
Worship-10:55 am
KHOS 92.1 FM-11:00 am
U.Y.F. Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Kent L. Kepler, pastor

Visit the Church of your choice this Sunday.

Church of Christ
Bible School-10 am
Worship-11 am
Sunday Night-6:30 pm
Wednesday Night-7:00 pm
Don Jones, pastor

Hope Lutheran Church
Sunday School-10:00 am
Worship Service-11:00 am
Thursday:
Adult Bible Class-8:00 pm
Charles Huffman, Pastor

St. Ann's Catholic Church
Deacon E. Samaniego
Saturday night Mass 7 pm English
Sunday Mass
8 am Spanish
11 am English
Holy Day Mass 7 pm
Rev. Lawrence D'Mello

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Sunday School-9:45 am
Worship Service -11:00 ar.
Training Union-5:00 pm
Evening Service -6:00 pm
Wednesday Service 7:00 pm
W.M.U.-Sunday-2:00 pm
Between Santa Clara & Chestnut

Templo Jerusalem Asamblea de Dios
St. Ann's Street
Sunday School-10:00 am
Sunday Evening Serv. -5:00
Wednesday Serv. -7:00 pm
Friday Prayer Meeting -7:00 pm
Daniel Diaz de Leon, pastor

LOS DERECHOS, RECURSOS Y RESPONSABILIDADES DE LOS CONTRIBUYENTES

¿Quiere saber más acerca del sistema de impuestos sobre las propiedades? Eso es posible leyendo el folleto que el Consejo Estatal de Impuestos sobre la Propiedad (State Property Tax Board) ha escrito y se ofrece en la oficina del distrito de valoración local.

Usted va a aprender como se fija el valor de su propiedad. De esa manera puede decidir si la valoración del distrito de valoración es razonable.

Si usted cree que no lo es, el folleto le indica como puede preparar una apelación a la junta de revisión de valoración. Usted va a aprender los tipos de protesta que esta junta puede recibir y la información que debe de preparar para presentar en su audiencia.

Este folleto es gratis para los contribuyentes. Pida el suyo hoy mismo en (list the name, address, and telephone number of the local appraisal district)

Se llama Los Derechos, Recursos y Responsabilidades del Contribuyente de Impuestos y puede ayudarle a ahorrar dinero. Aprenda como puede reducir sus impuestos por medio de:

- exenciones de residencia
- exenciones para veteranos incapacitados
- valoración agrícola para granjas, ranchos y terrenos madereros
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18.75 oz.
89¢

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Breadsticks**
8 ct.
\$1.29

Krispy Crackers
1 lb. box
79¢

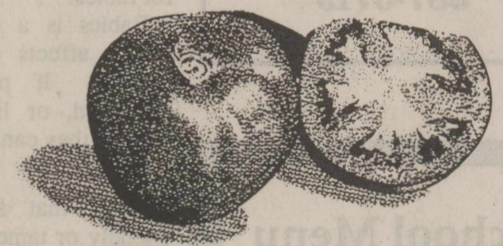
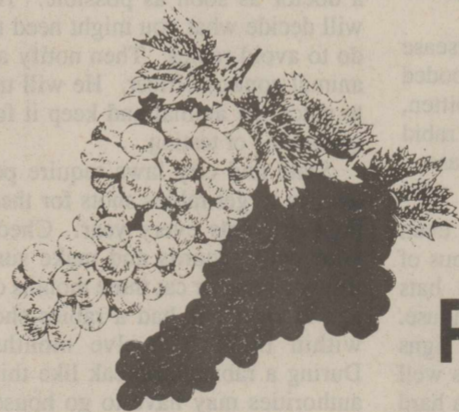
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- Potatoes Bag.....\$3.19
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- Arm Steak.....\$2.09 lb.
- Dankworth Sausage 12 oz. pkg.....\$1.89
- Covered Wagon Bacon pkg.....\$5.99
- Jimmy Dean Sausage & Biscuit 4 ct. pkg....\$1.99
- T.V. Luncheon meat 1 lb. pkg.....\$1.29

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Varsity boys take first

The Bronco varsity boys won its 3rd track meet in as many tries Saturday in Ozona, scoring a total of 191 points. The closest team to Sonora was Iraan in 2nd place with 151 points.

Results of the field events were: Shot put - Johnny Terry (1st), Robert Gallion (2nd), and Russell Crenwelge (3rd); Discus - Johnny Terry (1st) and Russell Crenwelge (4th); High Jump - Adam Mirike (3rd); Long Jump - Eric Espinosa (1st) and Ricky Gandar (3rd).

In the running events, Romero Luna finished 3rd and Ector Castilleja 4th in the 3200-meter run and 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in the 1600-meter run, with Chris Hazelton placing 6th. In the 1600-meter relay, the team of Adam Youngblood, Blayze Sykes,

Michael Escalera and Eric Espinosa placed 1st, and in the 400-meter relay, the team of Shane Keller, Adam Mirike, Adam Youngblood, and Blayze Sykes also placed 1st. In the 800-meter run, the Escalera brothers showed their stuff as Michael finished 2nd and Shannon finished 3rd. In the 400-meter dash, Blayze Sykes placed 3rd and Adam Mirike placed 4th in the 200-meter dash and 3rd in the 100-meter dash. Eric Espinosa placed 1st in the 110-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles, while Ricky Gandar finished 5th in the 300-meter hurdles.

This week, the Sonora Relays will be run once again on Friday and Saturday - Come on out and back our track team and see the new track!



Johnny Terry shows that track indeed is a sport of expression as he throws the discus.

Jr. High hosts tennis tournament

Despite the rather cool and wet weather Saturday, the annual Jr. High Tennis Tournament was held as scheduled in Sonora. In the 7th grade, Del Rio won 1st, Eldorado 2nd, Sonora 3rd, and Ozona place 4th. The 8th grade results were Eldorado 1st, Del Rio 2nd, Ozona 3rd, and Sonora 4th.

The 7th grade individual results were in the girls' single division

where Echi Samaniego received consolation. In the boys' singles, Josh Burnham also received consolation, and in boys' doubles, the team of Johnson/Kaminski

received consolation. Becca Chalk and Elaine Ortiz captured 3rd place in the girls' doubles. Candie Sessom and Katie Burge placed 3rd in the 8th grade girls' doubles.

7th boys compete in Ozona

On Friday March 15, the Sonora Jr. High Colt 7th graders went to Ozona as participants in the track meet. They made a good effort and managed to place 4th overall.

Individually, these are the boys who placed for team points. Davis Hale placed 4th in the 400 meter dash; Carlos Salinas placed 4th and Josh Burnham placed 6th in the 1600 meter run. Marcus Montez finished 1st in the 200 meter dash.

The relay team of Mike House, Davis Hale, Levi Pool and Marcus Montez, placed 3rd in the 400 meter relay; and Burnham, Hale, Pool, and Montez placed 4th in the 1600 meter relay.

In the field events Levi Pool placed 4th in the high jump, Marcus Montez finished 1st in shot and 2nd in discus and Davis Hale finished 3rd in shot put. Marcus' throw of 40' 6" set a new record.

8th grade takes 2nd place

Friday the 8th grade Colt boys travelled to Ozona to show what they were made of. Though the weather was cool, the Colts stayed heated up as they flew to a 2nd place team finish.

One of the highlights of the day came when Joey Guerra won the 100 meter dash and set a new meet record with a time of 11:52, breaking the 11 year record of 11:55. In the 1600 meter relay the team of Gilbert Vara, Chris Gutierrez, Robert Trevino, and Joey Guerra placed 2nd and in the 400 meter relay the team of Cody Renfro, Hadly Smith, Trevino, and Guerra also placed 2nd. In the 1600 meter run Ruben Lomas finished

4th and Francisco Vaquerria finished 5th. In the 800 meter run Gilbert Lara finished 4th and in the 200 meter dash, Robert Trevino placed 3rd. In the 110 meter hurdles, Gabriel Perez finished 6th and in the 300 meter hurdles Chris Gutierrez placed 6th.

In the field events, Trini Banda placed 2nd in the Discus while Gilbert Vara placed 4th in the Pole Vault. Joey Guerra placed 3rd in the long jump and Robert Trevino finished 5th in both the long jump and the high jump.

Don't miss the Colt's in action Saturday in Bronco Stadium for the Sonora Relays.

Lady Broncos come on strong

In their best effort yet this year, despite the rather inclimate weather, the Lady Bronco tracksters cranked it up in Ozona Saturday finishing 3rd overall.

The running statistics looked like this: In the 3200 meter run, Jessica Ortiz 4th; Anna Teaff 5th; and Gloria Escalera 6th. In the 1600 metre run Gloria Escalera also finished 6th. In the 800 meter run Carmen Chavez finished 3rd and Jody Trainer 6th.

In the 1600 meter relay, the team of Alma Sanchez, Cindy Chavez, Jodi Trainer, and Yvonne Mata placed 2nd with a time of 4:31:07. In the 800 meter relay the team of Cherie Morrow, Dana Evans, Laura Hearn, and Monica Gonzalez finished 3rd with a time of 1:57:47 while Crane finished in 1st with 1:56:55. In the 400 meter relay the

team of Alma Sanchez, Yvonne Mata, Laura Hearn and Monica Gonzalez finished 3rd with 54:95.

In the 400 meter dash Alma Sanchez placed 2nd and Yvonne Mata placed 4th. In the 200 meter dash Laura Hearn took 3rd while Cherie Morrow finished 5th and in the 100 meter dash Monica Gonzalez finished 2nd and Cherie Morrow finished 4th.

Dana Evans stood in the spotlight Saturday as she finished 1st in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17:74 and 1st in the 300 meter hurdles with a time 52:82.

As the year goes on, we will see even more improvement and remember, this is a very young team and has yet to reach their peak. Watch them in action Friday at Bronco Stadium during the Sonora Relays.

7th grade Lady Colt's take 2nd

The Lady Colts have shown improvement each week of track so far and Ozona was no exception. The 7th grade Lady Colts brought home 2 trophies as they placed 2nd overall with 151 points. The relay team of Veronica Gandar, Megan Meyer, Elaine Ortiz, and Tonni Balas won the 1st place trophy for the 800 meter relay.

In the 400 meter relay Gandar, Meyer, Ortiz, and Kristie Wallace placed 2nd and in the 1600 meter run the team of Balas, Wallace, Becca Chalk, and Betty Samaniego also placed 2nd.

In the 1600 meter run, Prissy Castilleja placed 3rd, Rachel Ramirez 4th, and Laura Purvis 6th. In the 800 meter run, Betty Samaniego placed 3rd. In the 100 meter run, Missy Hearn placed 6th and in the 200 meter dash Veronica Gandar placed 4th while Elaine Ortiz placed 6th and Tonni Balas

placed 3rd in the 400. Becca Chalk placed 2nd in both the 100 meter and 300 meter hurdles while Megan Meyer placed 4th in the 100 meter hurdles and Jesse Crain placed 3rd in the 300 meter hurdles.

In the field events, Elaine Ortiz placed 2nd, Melissa Hearn 4th, and Jennifer Gallion 6th in the shot; Amber Barnes placed 3rd and Jennifer Gallion placed 5th in the discus; and Becca Chalk placed 2nd in the high jump. In the long jump Kristie Wallace placed 2nd, Tonni Balas 4th, Becca Chalk 6th, and Elaine Ortiz placed 6th in the triple jump.

Coach Sessom said, "The team is improving every week. They are all working hard and looking forward to district." Next week:

The Sonora Relays, here starting at 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

8th grade girls bring home 3rd

On Friday, March 15, the Lady Colt 8th grade made an excellent showing as they brought home 3rd place honors from Ozona. Here are the individual place winners for the girls: In the 1600 meter run, Beth Covington placed 4th while in the 100 meter hurdles, Candie Sessom placed 4th and Mary Gail Galvan 5th. Candie also placed 3rd in the 300 meter hurdles.

In the relay events the team of Josie Cumpian, Mary Gail Galvan, Serena Torres, and Sara Reston, placed 4th in the 400 meter relay. The team of Josie Cumpian, Candie Sessom, Beth Covington, and

Vicki Richardson placed 2nd in the 800 meter relay. The team of Cumpian, Covey Reston, and Covington placed 3rd in the 1600 meter relay.

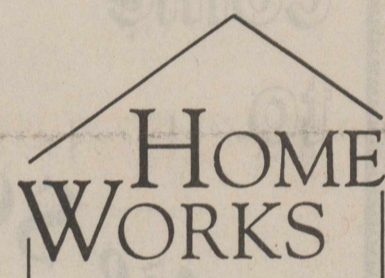
Vicki Richardson placed 2nd in the 100 meter dash, 3rd in the 200 meter dash, and 4th in the long jump, while Sara Reston placed 5th in the 400 meter dash.

In the field events, Rosalba Gloria placed 1st in the shot put and fourth in the discus.

Coach Martin says, "The girls are improving and getting better times with every meet they have attended."

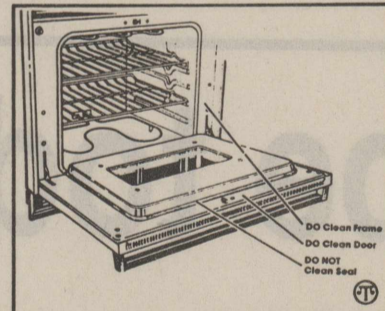


Dana Evans ahead by a leg in the hurdles at Saturday's track meet in Ozona.



Oven Cleaning

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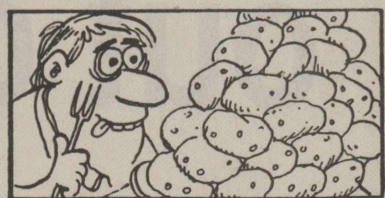
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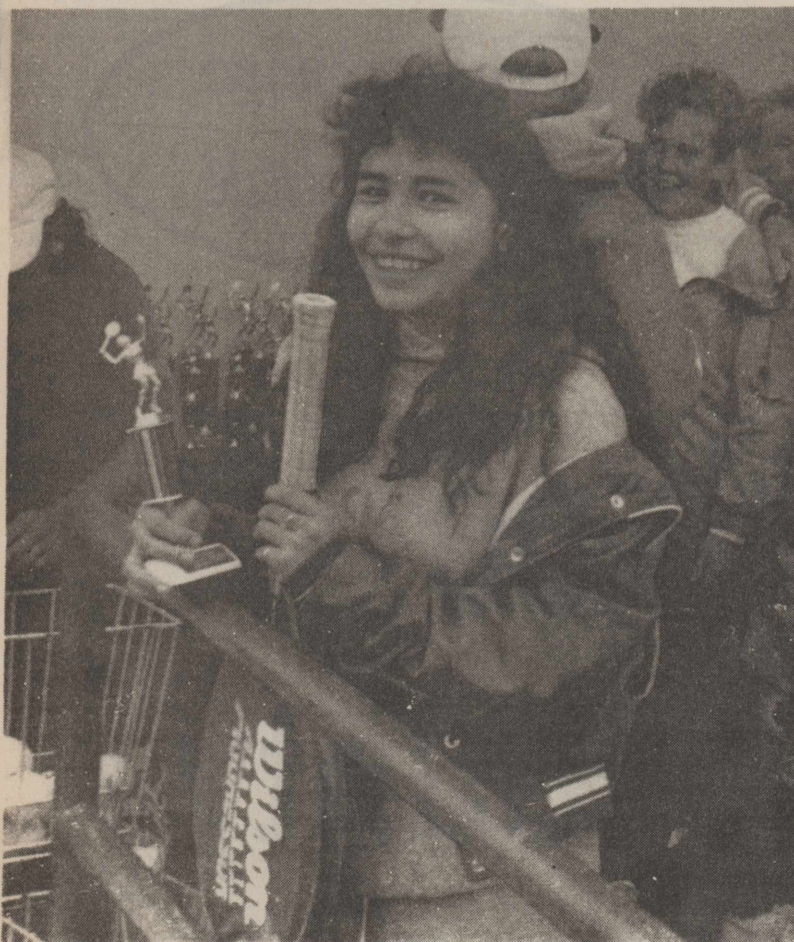
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