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Briefly

The Sonora ISD Food Service Department is holding a bake sale on Saturday, December 6 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Junior High Snack Bar. The proceeds will be donated to local charities for needy families in Sonora. Please help us help our neighbors have a Merry Christmas.

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison cancelled her December 5th visit to Sonora. Plans are in the works for her to come in the spring. As soon as a date, time and place is scheduled, The Devil's River News will announce it.

Hudspeth Hospital & Nursing Home Auxiliary meets every 2nd Monday of each month at the Sutton County Steakhouse from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

The Middle School Choir has rescheduled their performance at the Sr. Center. They will appear Dec. 11 at 11:15 instead of Dec. 3.

The Vocational Trade classes are having their annual fruit sale. If you wish to purchase fruit and have not been approached by a student, please contact Mari Sanchez at 387-6533 or Reggie Williams at 387-2108.

St. Ann's CCE is taking orders for tamales. Call Tammy Favila at 387-3661. They will be selling popcorn balls, carnal and candied apples during the Cowboy Christmas Lighting downtown.

4-H Christmas Caroling Party will be Dec 8 at 6:30. Meet in the Methodist Church basement. Be sure to bring a warm blanket.

The Sr. Center Christmas and Birthday Party will be Dec. 19 from 4:30 - 6:30 at the Sr. Center.

Post Office Holiday Hours
Open to 8 p.m. on Dec 4th for pictorial cancellation
9-12 Sat., Dec. 6th, 13th, & 20th
Open to 7 p.m. on Dec. 24th.

Parents who wish to purchase senior ads for the yearbook should do so no later than Dec. 19. No orders will be taken after that date. Costs for ads are as follows: full page - \$125, half page - \$95, quarter page - \$75, and eighth page - \$65. Parents should provide pictures and text. For further information, contact Kristin Keel at SHS, 387-6533.

Pupils from the Jones Piano Studio will present a variety of musical selections at St. John's Episcopal Parish Hall on Sunday, Dec. 7. The first group will perform at 2 p.m. the second at 3. Refreshments will be served. There is no admission charge and the public is invited.

King's Kids present musical *It All Happened in the Country*

Submitted
King's Kids, (an afternoon school music program sponsored by First Baptist Church) presents the musical, "It All Happened in the Country." The musical takes place this Sunday night, December 7th at First Baptist at 7:00 p.m.

"It All Happened in the Country," is about two city kids, Daniel and Chelsea, that end up stranded in the country for Christmas. These city kids meet some very colorful country characters that help them to understand what is the real meaning of Christmas. The music is upbeat and will be presented by a large cast of very energetic 1st through 6th graders.

The performance is Sunday night at 7:00 and everyone is invited. The performance will be in the main sanctuary. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.

Physical therapist opens shop at L.M. Hudspeth Memorial

By Stephanie Campbell

Do you suffer from an injury that causes pain? Physical therapy could be for you.

Defined as the healing art to improve movement and function, relieve pain, and expand movement potential, physical therapists use a number of procedures to improve quality of life.

Eric Goodwin, physical therapist and owner of Premier Therapy Services has expanded his business to Sonora. Goodwin with the help of PT Assistant, Randy Cosby, and PT Tech, Neria Galindo, use heat, massage, exercise, electrical stimulation, cryotherapy, and aquatic therapy to treat patients.

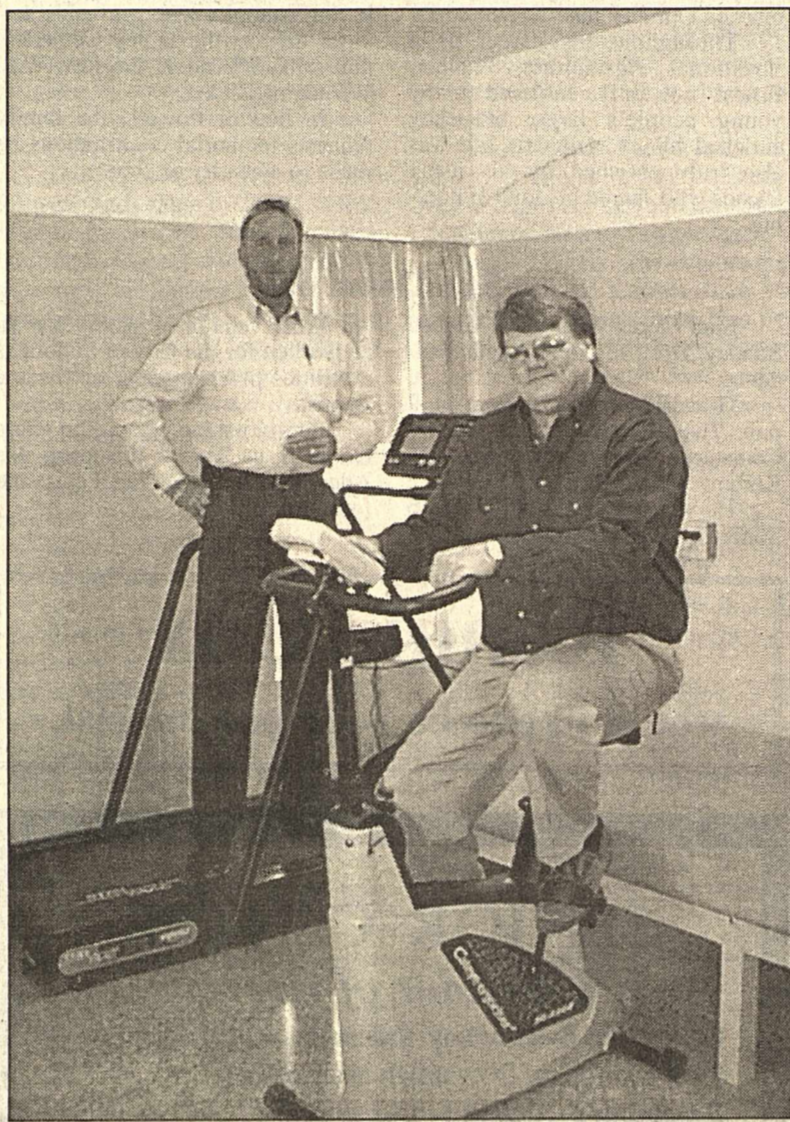
Eric provides outpatient rehabilitation in Sonora at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Randy is available Monday through Friday.

"Our goal is to improve health care," says Hospital Administrator, Joe Hendrus. "What are we doing to improve the care?" he continues.

Mr. Hendrus states that the therapists work with nursing home residents. One is now walking that had been resigned to a wheelchair. Hendrus says the resident looks forward to his sessions.

According to Director of Nurses, Ram Perez, their goal is to provide cardiac rehabilitation in the next six months. And a long range goal is to hire a speech therapist and offer occupational therapy.

"Basically, physical therapy is a common sense approach to return the individual to maximal functional independence," says Goodwin.



Eric Goodwin (standing) and Randy Cosby demonstrate the equipment at the newly renovated physical therapy room at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital

Eldorado Woolen Mill open house

The Eldorado Woolen Mill is celebrating a Christmas Open House this weekend. Times for the event are 9-6 Saturday and 12-6 Sunday, Dec. 6th & 7th. Everyone is invited to enjoy hot wassail and Christmas cookies. Tours will also be available at a discount.

The Eldorado Woolen Mill, founded on November 3, 1939, was the first woolen mill ever built in the State of Texas. The mill was intended to process Texas wool, so that Texans could create a finished product that represented Texas heritage and style.

The Eldorado Woolen Mill was the inspiration of native son Joe Muller Christian, and his father J.B. Christian, president of the First National Bank of Eldorado.

Limestone for the building was quarried right in Schleicher County while most of the machinery was bought from a mill in Massachusetts. The oldest piece of the machinery was made in the 1880's in Germany.

During the Nazi bombing blitz of London, refugee blankets were woven at the mill. Local ranchers would designate part of their clip for "Blankets for Britain" at the wool warehouse.

Beginning in July of 1942; however, all civilian production stopped, and the mill went into full-time war production. The mill employed 20 people at the time, and ran 16 hours a day, six days a week. 24,300 blankets for the U.S. Army

were shipped out by rail from Eldorado.

After the war, the olive drab Army green was replaced by a brilliant rainbow of hues. Ranchers from at least 40 states took advantage of the "Custom Weaving Program", sending in part of the wool and accepting finished blankets in exchange.

July 27, 1995, The Texas Historical Commission designated the Eldorado Woolen Mill as a Registered Landmark for its merit as part of the unique heritage of the State of Texas. A product from the mill is a true piece of Texas history.

Wade receives 25 year service award

Submitted

The National Weather Service maintains a nationwide network of volunteer weather observers.

In West Central Texas, there are sixty sites with volunteer observers, one of which is 25 miles southeast of Sonora. Each year, a few of these observers reach pinnacles that deserve recognition.

This year, Mr. John Wade of the Humble Pump Station 5WNW, of Sonora 25SE, received the award for 25 years of volunteer service to the community and to the National Weather Service. Mr. Wade's award was due in February of 1995, but was overlooked during the transition and modernization of the National Weather Service.

Mr. Wade is a valuable part of the Cooperative Weather Program that numbers nearly eleven thousand nationwide. The data collected by these dedicated volunteers is compiled and processed by the National Climatic Data Center, where it is then archived and published.

The information is used to develop computer models based on climatology, and it is used by scientists who study the world's climate. Many local, State and Federal agen-



John Wade

cies as well as the private sector use the information collected by these observers in a variety of ways, helping to solve some of the many everyday problems of industry, commerce, and agriculture.

We, at the National Weather Service, are very proud of the Cooperative Weather Program and grateful to Mr. Wade and all of the dedicated volunteers who give some of their time everyday to make the program work.

The tradition continues

Cowboy Christmas Lighting Promenade

By Justin McGeath

The 4th Annual Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade will be tonight (Thursday, Dec. 4) from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. The lighting will begin at dusk with the traditional riders down Main Street.

The Bronco Band will set the mood with Christmas music, and the evening could not be complete without a visit from Santa Claus. The event will include various craft and food booths, a live nativity scene along with games and entertainment for the children. Then, to top off the evening, the Ol' Tyme Band will be playing for the street dance in front of Broncho Ford.

This year's Promenade should

be a little brighter with more lights being placed on the courthouse lawn, and a larger live Christmas tree that will be planted on the courthouse lawn.

The event will be especially appealing to the children, with the addition of the following games: Snowball Bowling, Elf Races, Snowman Dressing, Snowball Pop, and many more. The children will be able to play all the games for a donation of 2 canned food items, or 25 cents with the food going to the Ministerial Alliance.

So make plans to attend an evening of shopping, food and fun Sonora style!

School Board to host reception for new superintendent

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District is hosting a reception for Dr. and Mrs. William Harlan.

Dr. Harlan is the new Superintendent of Schools. The reception will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 10 from 4 until 6 p.m. at the Junior High School Snack Bar.

All members of the community are cordially invited to attend.

Sutton County 4-H Community Center Fund Raising Campaign

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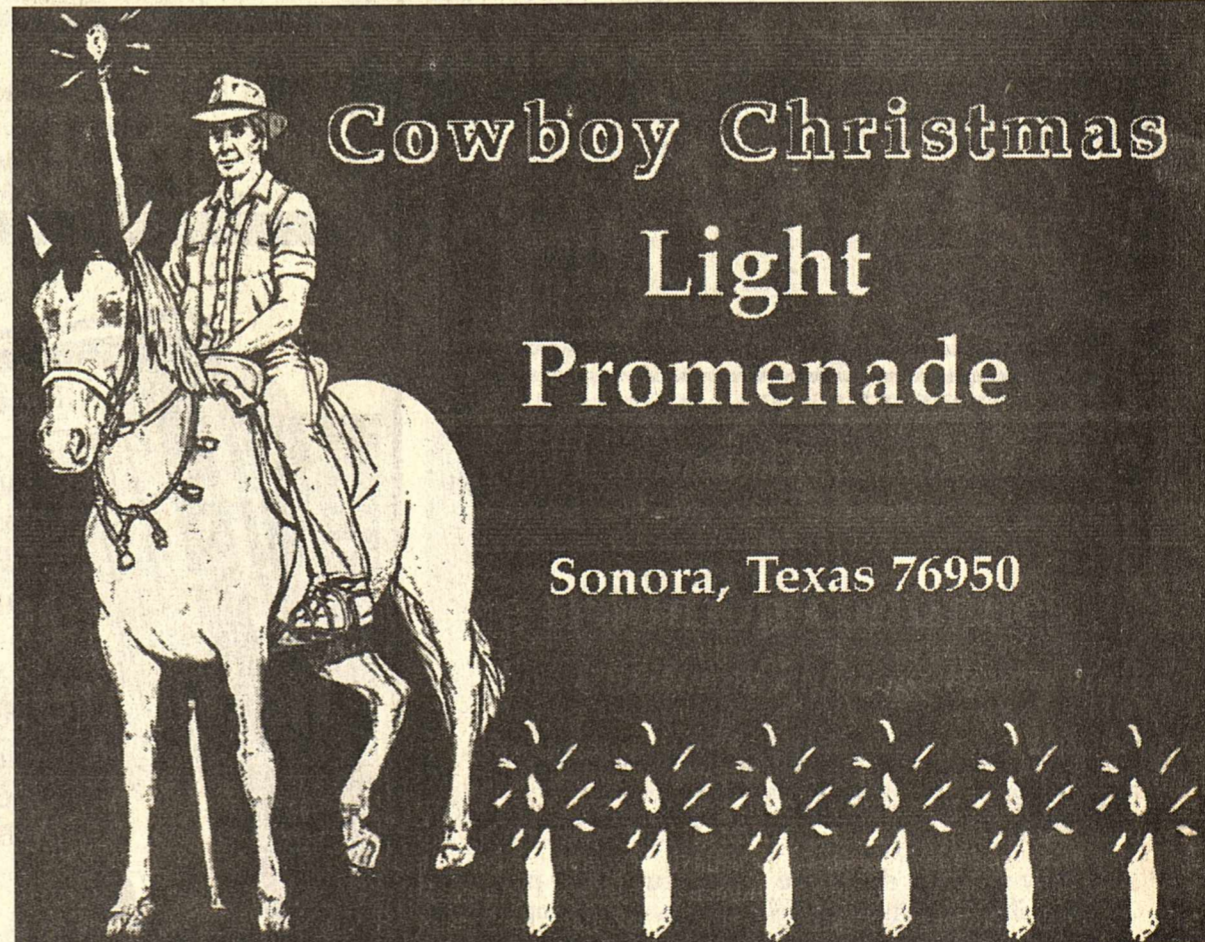
A&M Professor Missing

Texas A&M Geology Professor Norm Tilford missing in small plane since Nov. 13. He had camping gear, food, and water and may still be alive. We must find him quickly. This country is in the search area. Please search your land for a small aircraft. Call toll free 888-656-2903 with information.

Reward of \$1000
for location of his plane.

Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade

Sonora, Texas 76950



By Justin McGeath

The Sonora Post Office will be open late on December 4, until 8:00 p.m. for the public to have their Christmas postage cancelled with a special edition, pictorial cancellation stamp. Nanette Sanchez, a Sonora High School Senior, designed the cancellation stamp.

The stamp is used to depict the annual Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade celebration in Sonora. This stamp allows people from all around the world to get a feel for what Christmas is like in Sonora, Texas.

These cancellation stamps are also popular with collectors from

around the world. The post office has already received requests for the stamp from Michigan, California, Pennsylvania, and other parts of Texas. There is no extra charge for the cancellation stamp, and it will be available from December 4 until January 4.

Dining Out Directory

Food Center Deli 600 S. Crockett Ave.
387-5616

La Mexicana 240 N. Hwy. 277
387-3401

Pizza Hut 401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe 207 E. Glasscock Ave.
387-5552

Sonic Drive-In 202 Hwy. 277 N.
387-5292

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

Town & Country Subway 610 S. Crockett
387-6181

Town & Country-Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169

Sonora Church Directory

<p>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA Rick Sanchez 504 Santa Clara 387-2035</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST Tim Dobbs, Minister 304 W. Water 387-3190</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Jim Stephen, Pastor Rev. Paul Cornelius, Assoc. Pastor 404 NE Oak 387-2951</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector 404 NE Poplar 387-2955</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor 201 NW Water 387-2466</p> <p>JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS St. Ann's Street 387-3600</p> <p>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Rev. Charles Huffman 417 E 2nd St. 387-5366</p> <p>NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Brother Rick Brinson 306 N. 4th Street 387-2898</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Attend the church of your choice this Sunday</i></p>	<p>THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN Lewis Allen, Pastor 319 NE Mulberry 387-2616</p> <p>OUTREACH CHURCH OF CHRIST Hwy. 277 S. Glasscock</p> <p>PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE Willie West, Pastor 509 Amistad 387-3236</p> <p>ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I. 229 SW Plum 387-2278</p> <p>JEHOVAH'S WITNESS 310 St. Ann's Street 387-5658 or 387-5518</p> <p>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH Don Sessom 511 Cornell 387-5215</p> <p>COWBOY CHURCH Monty Price The Depot Weekly Starting Sept. 2</p>
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387-2266

Our Sympathy

Ernest Clifton Mahon, Jr.

Ernest Clifton Mahon, Jr., born July 16, 1923, passed away November 22, 1997 at the age of 74 years. Mr. Mahon was born in Wrightsboro, Texas to Ernest Clifton Mahon, Sr. and Alice Pouncey Mahon, and lived most of his younger years in Dilley, Texas.

He graduated from high school in Dilley in 1941 and graduated from Texas A&I College in Kingsville with a Bachelor and Master's Degree in Agriculture Education in 1949. Ernest served in WWII as a Platoon Sergeant in the 16th Armored Tank Division of General Patton's Third Army. Upon his return from serving in WWII, he married Dorothy Jane Shaw.

Throughout his career as a Vocational Agriculture Teacher, Ernest not only enriched many young people's lives, but they enriched his as well. His life was also truly enriched by his many friends who shared his love of hunting.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Dorothy; his son, Ernest Clifton Mahon, III and wife, Shirley and their children, Blake and Brooke of Bellville; his daughter, Sarah Jane Wade and husband John and their child, Johnna of Sonora; his daughter, Nina Margaret Koenig and husband Charles and their children, Jenna and Jarred of Calallen.

He is also survived by his sister, Doris Mahon Vanham of Uvalde; and brother, Willis Mahon and his wife, Mary of Dallas; and two nephews and one niece.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, November 25, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at Porter Loring Chapel, in San Antonio, with graveside services held in the Dilley Cemetery, that same afternoon, the Rev. W.L. Wootan officiated.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to a charity of choice.

Sam Odom Sr.

Sam Merck Odom Sr., 76, died Sunday, Nov. 23, 1997, at his residence.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25 in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 28, 1921, in Sonora and was a lifetime resident.

An Army veteran of World War II, he worked for the City of Sonora as a utilities plant operator and was a Baptist.

Survivors include a son, Sam Odom Jr. of Sonora; a stepson, Joe Allen Gatlin of Marble Falls; and four grandchildren.

Our Sympathy

Ella Mae (Hartmann) Dunstan

Mrs. Dunstan entered the kingdom of God on Monday, Nov. 24, 1997, at her residence with her family at her side.

Mrs. Dunstan was born Sept. 24, 1919, in Mason, and was brought to the Lord in baptism on Oct. 26, 1919, and was confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mason. She was a graduate of Mason High School and Brady School of Nursing, receiving her registered nursing license in 1940. She attended Baylor University and Hardin-Simmons University furthering her education in psychological and geriatric nursing.

She married Rudolph Alfonso Balas May 1, 1942, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. After retiring from a 40-year nursing career she moved to Odessa from Fredericksburg and was employed for nine years at the West Texas Adult Literacy Council in Odessa. Preceding her in death were her husband, Rudy Balas; her parents, Conrad and Rosa Hartmann; her brother, the Rev. Kurt Hartmann; her sister, Estella Orrison; and a great-grandson, Shane Warren.

Mrs. Dunstan was a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church where she was active in the evangelism program and the Careciples. Services were held Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the Redeemer Lutheran Church conducted by the Rev. A. Dean Kelm and the Rev. Paul L. Willweber. Burial was in Lawhaven Memorial Gardens in San Angelo with the Rev. Charles E. Huffman of Hope Lutheran in Sonora officiating.

Survivors include her three children Aurelia Ann (Balas) Warren and her husband, Don, of Odessa, Louis Paul Balas and his wife Loyce, of Sonora, and Felicia Louise (Balas) Mulder and her husband, Jim, of Odessa; six grandchildren, Kevin Warren of Odessa, Alan Warren of Midland, Stacey Warren of Kodiak, Alaska, Lori Biancalana of Raeford, N.C., Tonni Balas of College Station and Stephen Mulder of Odessa; five great-grandchildren; three brothers, Clarence Hartmann and William Hartmann of San Angelo, and Clinton Hartmann of El Paso; three sisters, Pearl Stockum of Pasadena, Martha McCauley of Cedar Park and Simmie Smith of San Antonio; 23 nieces and nephews and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Kevin Warren, Stacey Warren, Alan Warren and Stephen Mulder and nephews Kenneth McCauley and Tony Balas.

Funeral arrangements were by Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Ronnie Cox

would like to be your pharmacist.

SENIOR CENTER

Calendar of Events

December 4- Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade 5:00-10:00 p.m. Downtown Main Street.

December 5- Trip to San Antonio

December 8- Bingo!

December 9- C.O.A. meeting 5:30

December 10- HouseCalls Blood Pressure Checks 11a.m.-1p.m.

December 11- Jr. High Choir sings Christmas Carols

Lunch Menu

Thursday, December 4
Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Carrot Sticks, Applesauce

Friday, December 5
Fish Sticks, Herbed Potatoes, Roll, Peaches, 3 Bean Salad, Lemon Pudding

Monday, December 8
Spaghetti and Meatballs w/Tomatoe Sauce, Spinach, French Bread, Tossed Salad, Banana Pudding

Tuesday, December 9
Pork Roast, French Cut Green Beans, Sweet Potato, Dinner roll, Prunes

Wednesday, December 10
Chicken Fajitas, Beans, Rice, Salad, Cheese, Fruit Jello

Thursday, December 11
Pork Chop w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Coleslaw, Fruit Cocktail

Friday, December 12
BBQ Chicken Breast, Pinto Beans, Mustard Greens, Cornbread, Sliced Tomatoes, Peaches

Guest Meals are \$4.00.
Suggested donation for Senior Citizens is \$1.75.

Cards of Thanks

It is with great appreciation and gratitude that I thank everyone for thinking of me during my recent surgery. Your flowers, visits, cards, gifts, phone calls, and especially your prayers made my recovery much more expedient.

May God Bless You All
Brenda P. Sanchez

The Sonora Bronco Band Boosters would like to thank all the wonderful parents and students who gave many hours of their time to help in the football concession stands. We couldn't have done it without your help. Can you just imagine a football game without any popcorn or cold Coke? We would like to offer a special thank you to those who showed up more than one time to help out by cooking hamburgers or working in the front area on a last minute call. Your support and dedication is what helps our band students to be all that they can be. The money being raised goes towards the purchase of much needed new band equipment, meals on long out of town trips and admission fees to contests. We also pay for other instructors to come out and critique our students' performances before contests, for end of year trips, scholarship for a deserving senior and soon some much needed new band uniforms. We would also like to send a special thank you to Creek Swabbing, Location Builders, Son-Tex Rathole and Thorp's Laun-Dry for their donations and continued support of the Mighty Sonora Bronco Band.

Thank you from the Sonora Bronco Band Boosters

SCHOOL MENU

<p>Monday, December 8 French Toast w/ Syrup, Sausage Patty, Fruit or Juice</p> <p>Wednesday, December 10 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit or Juice</p> <p>Friday, December 12 Banana Nut Muffin, Ham Slice, Fruit or Juice</p> <p>Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Salad, Mixed Vegetables</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 9 Blueberry Muffin, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit or Juice</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Buttered Peas, Jello w/Mixed Fruit, Roll</p> <p>Thursday, December 11 Egg Burrito, Fruit or Juice</p> <p>Grilled Cheese, Turkey Noodle Soup, Jello w/Pears</p>
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All meals served with milk

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Community Calendar

December 4

Thursday, December 4
6:00 p.m. Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade, Main Street

Sunday, December 7
2:00 p.m. Jones Piano Studio presents Musical Selections at St. Johns Parish Hall

7:00 Kings Kids presents It All Happened in the Country, First Baptist Church

Sutton County National Bank
207 Hwy 277 N

December 11

Sunday, December 7
2:00-5:00 p.m. Lisa's Flowers and Gifts Open House

Monday, December 8
9:00 a.m. County Commissioners Meeting

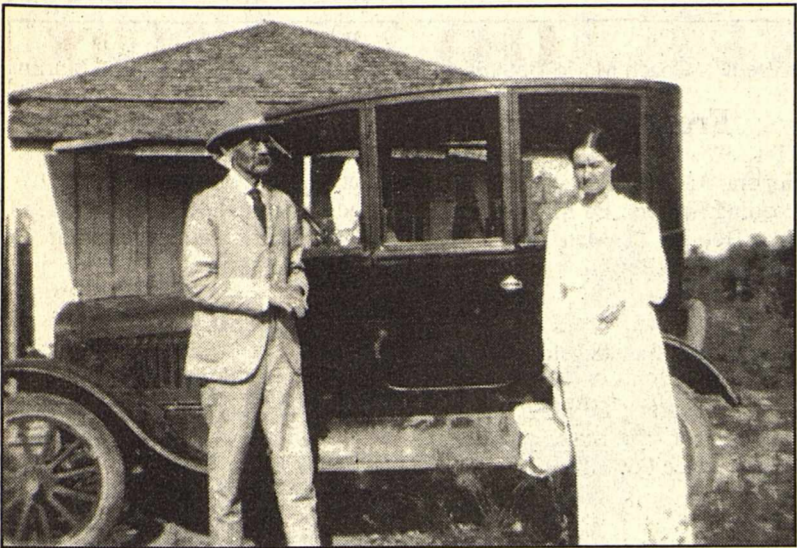
6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 10
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Reception for Dr. Harlan, New School Superintendent

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The Community Calendar is made possible by:

Ask The Historical Society



Job Taylor "J.T." Shurley & Nannie Belle McCullum Shurley and their Model T Ford in Sonora, circa 1920

By Jo-Ann Palmer

It is a quiet week around here for questions. I think everyone is either recovering from Thanksgiving or trying to get ready for Santa Claus.

Let us take a walk back through 1937, 47 and 57 in the first week of December and see what was happening then.

Friday, December 3, 1937 *Devil's River News*. Work was started this week on a five room frame and stucco residence, that will cost approximately \$3,000, behind the Magnolia warehouse on the Del Rio Highway.

A baby girl, weighing 6 pounds, was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Allison. The baby has been named Bobbie Faye.

Mrs. Collier Shurley began work this week at the Corner Drug Store. She succeeds Mrs. R.D. Trainer, who recently became a post office employee.

Joe F. Logan, Dave Locklin and Paul Turney left Thursday for Waco for the Masonic Grand Lodge at Waco session.

A picture of Connie Mack Locklin was sent to that great man

of baseball, Connie Mack, with a short letter. Connie Mack responded with a long letter which has been placed in the First National Bank, in a vault, to be given to the young Connie when he gets a little older.

Four hundred ewe lambs were delivered to M.E. Joy, who took them to his ranch on the Llano.

Wedding vows were spoken Saturday afternoon between Miss Helen Claire Berry and Lea Pascal Allison at the First Presbyterian Church in San Angelo.

Max Almaguer was selling cord wood, any length, for \$6 a cord.

Mrs. George E. Bean and son Richard returned Wednesday from San Angelo where Richard had undergone an appendicitis operation. Richard is recovering nicely.

At the Piggly Wiggly you could get a one pound package of Chase and Sanborn Coffee for 25 cents, Gebhardt's canned tamales for 15 cents, canned peaches for 19 cents, two cans of Monarch applesauce for 25 cents, two boxes of Royal Jello for 13 cents, fresh spinach for 5 cents a pound, tomatoes at 2 pounds for 15 cents and 5 pounds of yams for 23 cents.

Friday, December 5, 1947 *Devil's River News*. R.A. Halbert, prominent rancher, was named president of the newly chartered Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital Corporation Monday afternoon when the board of directors held their first meeting at the First National Bank.

Fred Nichols, Sonora truck driver, suffered severe bruises and a cracked pelvis, when the truck he was driving went out of control on a slippery hill near Junction and crashed into a parked truck last week.

Clayton Puckett, Fort Stockton ranchman and formerly a citizen of Sutton County, was elected president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association at its annual convention in El Paso. Named first vice-president was Sayers Farmer of Junction and J.C. (Jake) Mayfield, Jr. of Del Rio was made second vice-president. Vestel Askew, secretary of the association for the past six years, resigned to accept a position with the public relations staff of Armour and Company.

Chili Poteen, owned by V.A. Roueche and ridden by Bing Crosby, romped home first Sunday to win the Sutton County Futurity, quarter mile race for Sutton County bred horses under 24 months. Second was Flame, owned by Granville Barker and ridden by Merlin Lemmons and third was Westex, owned by George E. Smith and piloted by Big Turney.

Miss Lila Chalk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Chalk, became the bride of Vernon T. Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.V. Cook, Wednesday evening in San Angelo.

Mrs. Margaretta Samaniego, President of the L. W. Elliott PTA announced that they will conduct their own Christmas Seal sale for the fight against tuberculosis. Remittances will be mailed to the county TB Association.

There is a letter to Santa from Joe Friess asking for a tricycle or a car bike, a bb gun, and a real live burro. Turney asked for a real live

horse, a bb gun, an electric drill, a tool set, a jig saw and a motor to run them, a chemistry set or a camera and a kick stand for his bike.

At E.F. VanderStucken Company Incorporated you could get fresh cranberries for 39 cents a pound and California iceberg lettuce for 10 cents a head.

Thursday, December 5, 1957, *Devil's River News*

There was a "Big Stink at the Courthouse." It seems custodian G.G. Bennett had to coax a skunk from the courthouse steps. The little critter had evidently enjoyed a good night's sleep and was in no hurry to leave.

Mrs. Lee Fawcett shot a 14 point buck with an antler span. The buck dressed out at 126 pounds.

The Holiday Host, a new motel on highway 290, opened for business last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Shurley, managers of the 20-unit motel, moved into their quarters in the establishments' main building earlier this week.

Grand Master Paul Turney of Sonora, presided at the Masonic Grand Lodge held at Waco with over 4,000 Texas Masons in attendance.

Piggly Wiggly was celebrating its 22nd birthday. Carrots were 10 cents a bag, Gandy's milk was 45 cents a half gallon, Charming Tissue in the 4 pack was 39 cents and a giant box of Tide or Cheer was 69 cents.

At Evans Foodway you could get sirloin steak for 65 cents a pound, a 5 pound bag of Texas oranges for 29 cents, a 10 pound bag of Russet Potatoes for 39 cents, a 3 pound bag of Old Fashioned Franks for \$1 and Swanson TV dinners, two packages for \$1.

Jean Ellen Schwiening was advertising in the Classified Section that she would do reliable babysitting after school, evenings and weekends.

Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Chastant and children of New Orleans, Joe D. Ross, who was a student at Texas A

and M College and Betsy Ross who was at the University of Texas were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown Ross during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Hunters were finding deer in Sutton Co. in prime condition. Over 114 were put into the Food Locker only four days after the opening of the season.

Richard and I are happy to announce that our daughter, E-5 Tina E. Lara, a communication specialist with the USCG will be spending her holiday leave with us from

December 6 through December 27. After four years in Alaska and one in Portland, OR it will be nice to have her home again for the holidays. So, if I miss a column please forgive me. We will be a little busy around here catching up. We wish you all the happiest of holiday seasons.

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

Hospital & Auxiliary prepared Thanksgiving Dinner for nursing home residents

By Claire Richards

Residents of Hudspeth Nursing Home and their families enjoyed a fabulous Thanksgiving meal Sunday, November 23rd, at noon. Doris Hartsfield and the kitchen staff, Martha Garza, Elvira Romo, Sulima Lozano, Irene Dominguez, Maria Guerra, Estelle Holguin, and Josie Mendez, prepared delicious turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, and hot rolls for over 125 residents and their families. Family members and Nursing Home Auxiliary members added fruit salads, congealed salad, and a large variety of pies, cakes, and other favorite dishes of family members.

A special thank you goes to Terry Surridge and Doris Hartsfield, as well as to all of the staff, and Auxiliary members who coordinated and graciously assisted with this special event.

**Westerman Drug
Bridal Registry**

Rebeca Garcia, bride elect of Juan Mendoza
Brenda Murrillo, bride elect of Anthony Mungia
Toni Moltz, bride elect of Brad Morgan
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Bridal Gift Registry
Rebeca Garcia, bride elect of Juan Mendoza

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Bronco Scoreboard

Girls 7th Grade A

11-24-97
Sonora: 24 Eldorado: 17
Leading Scorers: Kara Hard - 8, Courtney Hill - 6, Ashley Parker - 4, Myra Martinez - 2, Landry McMeans - 2, Katrina Hernandez - 2.

"The Lady Colts hosted Eldorado Monday night and came away with a victory. Offensively the Colts had a great game. Defensively the Lady Colts held the Lady Eagles to 5 points through three quarters. Overall the Lady Colts showed a lot of improvement since their last game. Other team members are Koda Armke, Amanda Sanchez, and LeeAndra Perez." - Coach Carol Sesson

Girls 7th Grade B

11-24-97
Sonora: 0 Eldorado: 4
"The Lady Colt "B" team played Eldorado "B" team Monday night. Offensively the Lady Colts never got on track. Team members are Kesha Frasier, Rhonda Moore, Mariana Hinojosa, Maura Chavez, and Shannon Vick." - Coach Carol Sesson

Girls 8th Grade A

11-24-97
Sonora: 17 Eldorado: 19
Leading Scorers: Heather Lawson - 6, Maribel Hernandez - 6, Kasey

Miller - 2, Pam Shahan - 2, Monica Lira - 1.

"The Sonora 8th Grade Lady Colts played a tough game Monday night against the Eldorado Eagles. The Lady Colts put on a tough press to face turnovers for the Eagles. Offensively, our game struggled all night. We were tied in the fourth quarter. Two free throws late in the game pushed the Eagles up by two. The Lady Colts could not recover, and time ran out. The girls are to be commended for playing hard and not letting up." - Coach Kate Jennings

Girls 8th Grade B

11-24-97
Sonora: 0 Eldorado: 5
"The Sonora Lady Colts struggled against the Eldorado Eagles in the 8th Grade Girls "B" Game. The Lady Colts worked hard, but could not get the offense moving. Time ran out with Eldorado out scoring the Lady Colts 5 to 0." - Coach Kate Jennings

Boys 7th Grade

11-24-97
Sonora: 32 Eldorado: 31
Leading Scorers: Dustin Martin - 10, Landon Brockman - 6 Israel Arevalo - 4, Manuel Lopez - 4, Louis Segura - 2, Heath Prather - 2, Eloy Torres - 2, Thomas Bloodworth - 2
Coach Steven Ashley

Boys 8th Grade

11-24-97
Sonora: 41 Eldorado: 37
Leading Scorers: Stetson Hall - 16, Brandon Scott - 6, Chance Armke - 6, Chance Dillard - 4, Juan Reyes - 2, Bill Renfro - 2
"It was a great effort by our players. We had nine players that

scored." - Coach Mario DeSantiago

Freshman Boys

11-18-97
Sonora: 47 Wall: 19
Leading Scorers: Ed Mayfield - 15, Jake Trainer - 11, Matt Torres - 9
Coach Lance Powell

11-21-97
Sonora: 38 San Angelo Lakeview: 41
Leading Scorers: Ed Mayfield - 10, Dana Duhon - 4, Japha Word - 8
Coach Lance Powell

11-25-97
Sonora: 49 Ft. Stockton: 42
Leading Scorers: Ed Mayfield - 20, Jake Trainer - 10, Ryan Hardgrave - 9
Coach Lance Powell

JV Girls

11-18-97
Sonora: 41 Midland Lee: 46
Leading Scorers: Marisha Henson - 14, Sara Ball - 13, Kim Marshall - 7, Dana Duhon - 4, Japha Word - 2, Lindsey Bowers - 1

"On Tuesday, November 18, Sonora Junior Varsity team opened their season playing a 5A Midland Lee. The girls had a good start, but just couldn't handle any of the loose balls. In the second half, the girls stepped up the defense. At one point in the fourth quarter we came back within 3 points. Midland Lee made two final free throws, putting Sonora behind by only 5 points. The girls played a good game. Leading in rebounds was Japha with nine and Sara with five." - Coach Kathy Marshall and Coach Martha Martin

11-21-97
Sonora: 44 Abilene Cooper: 41
Leading Scorers: Dana Duhon - 12, Marisha Henson - 11, Sara Ball - 7, Japha Word - 7, Lindsey Bowers - 7

"Friday, the JV Lady Broncos traveled to Abilene for their second game of the season. The game started at a slow pace with a halftime score of 14 to 18. The second half of the game the JV Lady Broncos came alive with good defense, good rebounds and good shots. The JV Lady Broncos beat Abilene Cooper 44 to 41. Dana Duhon led in rebounds with six." - Coach Kathy

Marshall and Coach Martha Martin

JV Boys

11-25-97
Sonora: 38 Fort Stockton: 43
Leading Scorers: Russell Dempsey - 10, Crispin Lira - 6, Riley Crain - 6
Coach Brian Lowe

Varsity Girls

11-18-97
Sonora: 34 Midland Lee: 54
Leading Scorers: Camille Marshall - 9, Daisy Mireles - 8, Heather Felts - 7, Kari Purvis - 4

"We got off to a really slow start with first game nervousness but settled down in the second half. I was very pleased to see us keep our intensity level up and hold Lee to only six second half points. Our leading rebounders were Camille and Heather with five each." - Coach John McMeans

11-21-97
Sonora: 45 Abilene Cooper: 58
Leading Scorers: Camille Marshall - 16, Cindy Jones - 12, Kara Eaton - 6, Heather Felts - 5

"Our shooting really improved this game. We are still making too many turnovers but we are improving in this area Kara and Cindy had solid performances and Heather came off the bench and played well. Leading rebounders were Kara with eight and Daisy with seven." - Coach John McMeans

Varsity Boys

11-25-97
Sonora: 57 Fort Stockton: 54
Leading Scorers: Ty Harrelson - 28, Kasey Wood - 6, Anthony Luna - 5, Drew Dempsey - 5, Fernie Emiliano - 4, Brad Legan - 4, Anthony Renfro - 3, Mayer Anderson - 2

"Broncos won the game in overtime. It was an excellent Road Victory considering Emiliano, Legan and Luna were in foul trouble all night. Drew Dempsey led all rebounders with ten and Kasey Wood with eight. Ty Harrelson contributed five steals." - Coach Scott Harrelson

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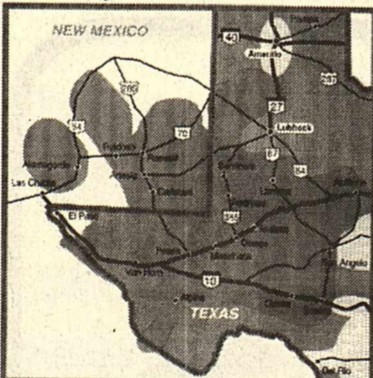
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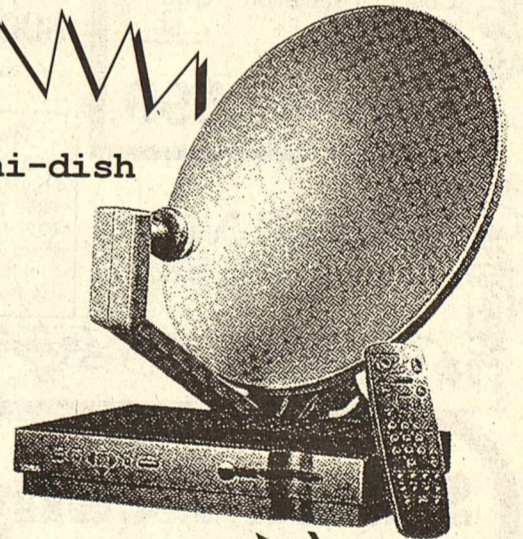
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Girl Scout Troop 100

Submitted By Debbie House

October 28, 1997- The girls were given a beautiful green folder with our girl scout figure head on the front crafted by Leader Monica McGee. Monica introduced the girls to having an Executive Board System.

This meeting, President Deidra Warden called the meeting to order, motion made by Dee McGee and seconded by Julia Lugo and all approved. Treasurer report given by Desirae Boldt Morriss. Secretary Dee McGee collected dues, read the roll call.

Sergeant Mike House came to the meeting and gave safety tips for Halloween night and a lecture about saying "No To Drugs."

We then traveled to the Sutton County EMS Building for Pat Campbell to give the girls a first aid course and showed us the new ambulance.

We returned had snacks; provided by Charlotte Higdon and Carmen Castillo and refreshments by Mrs. House. The meeting was adjourned.



Merchants hold first holiday season ticket drawing

By Justin McGeath

The first Merchants Association Christmas ticket drawings for 1997 were held last Saturday at the Ol' Sonora Trading Company parking lot. The crowd anxiously waited for each number drawn in hopes of winning a part of the \$550 in prizes that was given away Saturday.

There were five different drawings for prizes that were donated by local merchants and generous donors. Winners for the November 29 drawing included: Antonia Sanchez, Pepper Longoria, Rosa E. Sanchez, Maria Elena Mendez, and Alissa A. Adkins.

There will not be a ticket drawing on Saturday, December 6, but the drawings will resume again on Saturday, December 13 at the Ol' Sonora Trading Company parking lot.

We will have a special guest join us for the drawing on the 13th; Santa Claus will be there to visit the children, and spread Christmas cheer. So if you missed the drawing last Saturday, make plans to join us on December 13.

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Sutton County 4-H Food Show results

By Kelly Thorp

The Sutton County 4-H Food Show was held on Sunday, November 16, from 6-9 pm at the 4-H center.

Some seventeen 4-Hers competed in this annual event with the hopes of advancing on to District competition which will be held on December 6, 1997 in San Antonio.

The members who participated were: Kooper Liverman (Shooting Star Punch), Jonell Casparis (Broccoli Cornbread), Taylor Liverman (Jello Mold), Erin Newton (Sweet & Sour Spinach Salad).

Madeline Higdon (Pilgrim's Potato Chowder), Tissie Wagoner (Tater Tot Casserole), Brandy Neff (Meat & Potato Pie).

Lacy Ragsdale (Creamy Low Fat Banana Pudding), Megan Fitzgerald (Chile Cheesey Cornbread), Kate Higdon (Hot Hominy Casserole).

Thia McKissack (Beef Fajitas), Will Ferguson (California Casserole), Jalys Mabry (Summer Stuffed Peppers).

Johnna Wade (Corn Bread Salad), Austin Wagoner (Hamburger Turnovers), Courtney

Strubhart (Italian Spaghetti), and Allison Higdon (Texas Tortilla Chili).

Special awards such as the "Best Beef Dish" sponsored by Hill Country Cattlewoman's Association went to Will Ferguson and the Best of Show was awarded to Thia McKissack.

First place winners, who will represent Sutton County at district competition are Taylor Liverman, Erin Newton, Tissie Wagoner, Lacy Ragsdale, Megan Fitzgerald, Kate Higdon, Thia McKissack and Johnna Wade.

Angelo State University accepting Carr Scholarship applications

Applications from high school seniors are being accepted by Angelo State University for Carr Academic Scholarships for 1998-1999.

Over 300 Carr Academic Scholarships for 1998-1999, ranging in value from \$1,500 to 6,000, are available to qualified high school seniors. During the current year nearly 1,000 students from throughout Texas and the nation, as well as numerous foreign countries, are attending Angelo State University on Carr Academic Scholarships.

In order to be eligible, students must normally be in the top 15 percent of their high school class, and present a combined math and verbal score of 1140 or higher on the SAT-

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The priority deadline for submitting applications and all supporting materials is February 1, 1998, although completed applications from outstanding students may be considered up until June 1, 1998, to

the extent that funds are still available.

Application material and information regarding the Carr Academic Scholarships can be obtained by contacting or writing to: Financial Aid Office, Angelo State University, Box 11015, ASU Station, San Angelo, Texas 76909 or (915)942-2246. Additional information is available through the Angelo State University web site on the Internet at <http://www.angelo.edu>.

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Medical experts and Safety Coalition remind consumers: when used properly, air bags save lives and put few at risk

To keep your air bag or not to keep your air bag. That is the question. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recently announced plans to offer some people the option to install air bags on/off switches in their vehicles. But, experts say that the overwhelming majority of Americans and their families are safer with an air bag as long as they follow a few simple safety steps. A limited number

of people may not be safer with an air bag, and they may want to consider a switch.

That's the message the Air Bag Safety Campaign and the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Emergency Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Brain Injury Association and the Emergency Nurses Associations delivered immediately following NHTSA's

announcement.

A panel of medical specialists also released the Final Report of the National Conference on Medical Indications for Air Bag Disconnection. "I hope the findings provided in this report help put in perspective the risks that air bags pose," said Dr. Tilman Jolly, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the George Washington University Medical Center. "Only a very limited number of people would actually benefit, medically, from deactivating their air bags. Most people are better off with their air bags left on."

NHTSA's announcement comes after much public debate about the safety of air bags and the risks they pose to children, in particular. "Right now, when people are evaluating their choices regarding air bags they need the facts," said Janet Dewey, Executive Director of the Air Bag Safety Campaign. "And the facts are almost all people who have died from air bag-related injuries were either unbuckled or improperly buckled."

According to NHTSA, 49 children have died as a result of serious fatal head or neck injuries caused by an air bag. According to crash investigations, virtually all of these children were unrestrained or improperly restrained. Of those who were improperly restrained twelve were infants riding in rear-facing child safety seats that were improperly placed in front of passenger air bag, two five year olds and a two year old each weighing under 40 pounds were wearing adult lap and shoulder belts, (the correct restraint for children this size is a booster seat) and others had slipped the shoulder strap behind them.

The speed at which an air bag deploys creates an instant buffer that, with safety belts, protects

people from serious injuries in a head-on-collision. During pre-crash braking, unrestrained drivers and passengers are thrown against the hub of the steering wheel or dashboard, where the air bag is housed. Individuals who are not wearing their lap and shoulder belts and/or riding less than 10 inches from where the air bag is housed can receive serious or fatal injuries from deploying air bags.

"The risks that air bags pose to children can be entirely eliminated when kids ride properly restrained in the back seat," said Dr. Marilyn Bull, a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. "Parents should know that, with or without an air bag, children are significantly safer riding in the back seat."

Air bags are a supplemental restraint and, when combined with safety belts, reduce the risk of serious head injury by 75 percent, compared with a 38 percent reduction for belts alone. Air bags reduce the risk of fatal injury by 30 percent in frontal crashes.

"The steering wheel itself is a primary cause of injury to drivers during a crash," said George A. Zitnay, Ph.D., President and CEO of the Brain Injury Association. "That is why it is important to sit back as far as possible from the steering wheel whether or not the vehicle is equipped with air bags."

The vast majority of Americans can retain the benefits of air bags and virtually eliminate the risk by maintaining a safe distance between the steering wheel and the chest, properly buckling all occupants with lap and shoulder belts and properly restraining all children 12 and under in the back seat.

NHTSA says, if all children were properly restrained all of the time, we would save an additional 630 children's lives and prevent an additional 182,000 child injuries each year. Currently belt use in the nation stands at 68 percent. Last year nearly 9,000 adults died because they were not wearing their seat belts.

The ABC's of Air Bag Safety: Always slide the seat back and sit back. Buckle everyone. Children 12 and younger ride properly restrained in the back seat.



Jackie Rains, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Rains, was recently selected as the 1997 San Marcos Homecoming Queen. Not only has Jackie excelled in her academics, but she has also distinguished herself as a leader through National Honor Society and athletics. Jackie has set a fine example for many to follow. Jackie is the granddaughter of the late Harva Cooper and Pat Cooper. She is also the great-granddaughter of Jackie and Cleve Jones.

Scroggins receives Good Conduct medal from Marine Corps

November 13, 1997 (FHTNC)-- Marine Cpl. Thad M. Scroggins, son of Robert L. Scroggins of Sonora, recently received the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal.

The medal recognizes the service member's honest and faithful service during a three year period. To earn it, Scroggins achieved and maintained a satisfactory level of performance and unblemished conduct record for the entire period.

Cpl. Scroggins recently visited Singapore while on a six month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group.

During the port visit, Marines from Scroggins' unit participated in a community relations project at a boys and girls brigade camp. Working with minimal equipment in the hot and humid climate, the Marines dismantled a cabin piece

by piece, moved the pieces and rebuilt them at the new location on the campsite.

Scroggins' unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. MEU's are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, an aircraft squadron, a support group and a command element. With the combination of these teams, Scroggins' unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for the follow-on forces.

Scroggins is currently assigned with 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Fleet Marine Force, Camp Pendleton, California.

The 1989 graduate of Central High School of San Angelo, Texas, joined the Marine Corps in August 1994. Scroggins is a 1993 graduate of Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas, with a BA degree.


TOYS FOR TOTS

Dr. Debbie Dorie, area pediatrician, and her clinic staff are helping the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in its annual Toys for Tots project. Each year, the Marines set up collection sites for donations of new, unwrapped toys. The toys are given to needy children at Christmas. If you wish to donate a new toy, Dr. Dorie's collection site is:

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Who started chiropractic and when?

Modern chiropractic health care was founded by Dr. Daniel David Palmer in 1895 in Davenport, Iowa which makes this non-surgical and drug-free healing accepted around the world in one century. Additionally, however, historical records show the art of

Back Talk Chiropractic Care Questions & Answers

spinal manipulation has been used for centuries by most cultures including Greeks, Romans, Egyptians and Chinese. That would make chiropractic one of the oldest forms of health care.

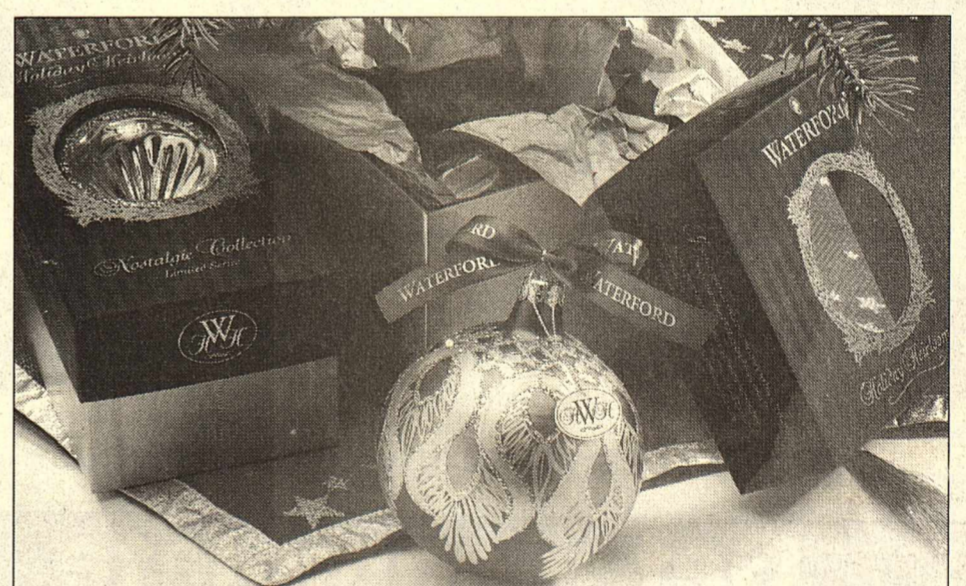
I read an article that said that headaches can be caused by misalignment of the spine. Do chiropractors treat headaches?

The article was correct. Headaches can, and frequently are, caused by misalignment of the spine. If this is your problem, a chiropractor can treat your condition. I suggest you have a thorough chiropractic exam and history visit. Additionally, chiropractors are educated to recognize, diagnose

and treat other headache causes including muscle tension, allergies and posture problems. If your problem is severe I would get to a chiropractor quickly. The sooner you see a doctor the quicker you may get relief.

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As part of its Operation Decoration campaign, Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), an independent, not-for-profit product testing and certification organization, in cooperation with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), a non-profit fire safety advocate group, remind children and adults alike that toys can pose safety risks if they are misused.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), approximately 150,000 children were treated in hospital emergency rooms for toy-related injuries last holiday season. To play it safe this holiday season, and all year long, the safety experts at UL and the NFPA offer the following tips and precautions for toy safety:

- When shopping for toys, especially electrical toys, look for markings that indicate the product has been tested for safety by an independent, third-party product safety and certification organization, such as UL. If you spot a UL certification Mark on a toy, it

- Pay close attention to the recommended age designation marked on the toy or its packaging. Always make sure the child's age matches or exceeds the manufacturer's recommended age specification.

- Before children play with a new toy, read the manufacturer's warning markings, and, if applicable, the use and care booklet. Make sure you and your children understand the proper way to play with a toy.

- Immediately discard plastic packaging and gift wrapping—these materials can pose a suffocation hazard.

- Initially and periodically inspect toys for cracks, breaks, ripped seams, etc. Parts from damaged toys can break off and

become a choke hazard. Sharp edges can cause dangerous cuts or other abrasions.

- If a toy requires assembly, make sure a responsible adult assembles the product by completely following the manufacturer's instructions.

- Electric toys can become a shock hazard if they're misused. Remember, water and electricity never mix. Never allow your children to use electric toys near water.

- Be alert. Watch television newscasts and scan newspapers and consumer magazines for information on toy or other household product recalls. Whenever they are available, complete and return product warranty and registration forms to the manufacturer. If a product is recalled, the manufacturer can use these forms to contact you directly.

- In the event of an emergency, make sure you have emergency telephone numbers for the appropriate law enforcement agency, fire department and poison control center posted near every phone in your home.

Remember, the holiday season is a time for sharing. By sharing Operation Decoration's safety messages with your family, you and your family can enjoy a safer and happier holiday season.

For additional safety tip information, visit UL's Web site at <http://www.ul.com> or call UL's fax-on-demand hotline at 1-800-473-4766.

Buyer Beware: It's holiday scam time AARP alerts consumers

By Carole Barasch

Austin, TX-- 'Tis the season to be jolly, and carefree, and giving.

But this year can end on a sour note if you're caught in a scam. During the holiday season, requests for charitable contributions increase significantly. While most are legitimate, fraudulent telemarketers use the seasonal spirit to take advantage of people's good will and generosity by ripping them off. The Department of Justice estimates that Americans are bilked out of more than \$40 billion every year by fraudulent telemarketers, who specifically target older persons.

"Most of us want to help those less fortunate than ourselves, but we need to be careful," warns AARP Texas State President, Cathy Greene. "The telephone can be a weapon in the hands of a con artist. We must always remember," she continues, "that fraudulent telemarketers are criminals and we should make every effort not to fall for their telephone lines."

Law enforcement agencies nationwide urge consumers to make wise decisions when donating to charities. At the beginning of each year, try making a plan for giving, specifically designating the charities that you want to financially support. Contact the organizations, and

ask for information, including a statement that describes how and where charitable contributions are used. Legitimate charities will have written materials that include their name, address and telephone number.

If you receive a telephone call asking for a charitable donation, think about your personal plan for charitable giving, and decide whether the solicitor's charity should be included. Don't respond to high pressure tactics. Give yourself time to investigate the organization, and make a wise, thoughtful decision. Never give your credit card or bank account number over the phone to a solicitor, and never send cash.

"So many legitimate charities need our support, and welcome the opportunity to provide us with information about their activities as well as how our contributions are used," says Ms. Greene. "Especially during the holiday season, when fraudulent telemarketers are working overtime to take advantage of our giving spirit, we must all be very careful to

make sure our donation dollars count. One of the best ways to be certain that the charitable organization asking for your support is deserving," she concludes, "is to become involved. Speak to the charity's organizers, participate in events, volunteer. By contributing directly to these charities, you can be sure your money is doing the most good."

For more information, or to check out a particular charity, call the National Fraud Information Center at (800)876-7060. For a free fact sheet on telemarketing fraud, call the AARP Texas State Office at (512)480-9797.

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1/4 cup maple syrup
Drizzle with: Maple Syrup & Powdered Sugar

Cut 24 dinner rolls in half, or 15 Texas rolls into fourths. Mix all other ingredients together in a bowl. Dip rolls in mixture and place in large bundt pan sprayed liberally with non-stick cooking spray. Cover the bundt and the leftover mixture with plastic wrap and refrigerate both overnight.

In the morning, remove wrap and slowly pour leftover mixture over rolls. Cover again with wrap and let rise at room temperature until rolls barely reach the top of the pan (about 2 1/2 to 3 hours-do not let rolls over rise.)

Remove wrap and bake at 350 F for 35 minutes.

Do not under bake. To prevent bundt from falling over sides of pan, carefully press rolls inward with fingertips during baking cycle.

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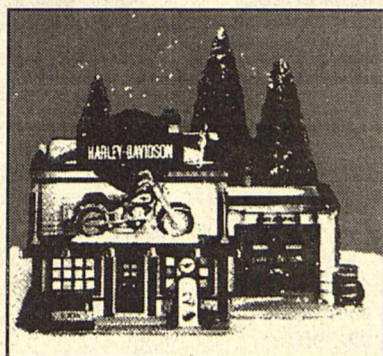
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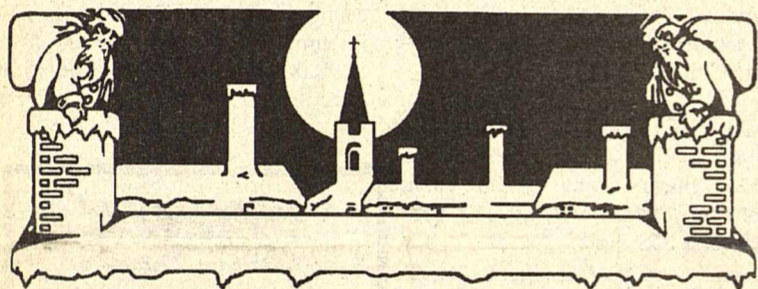
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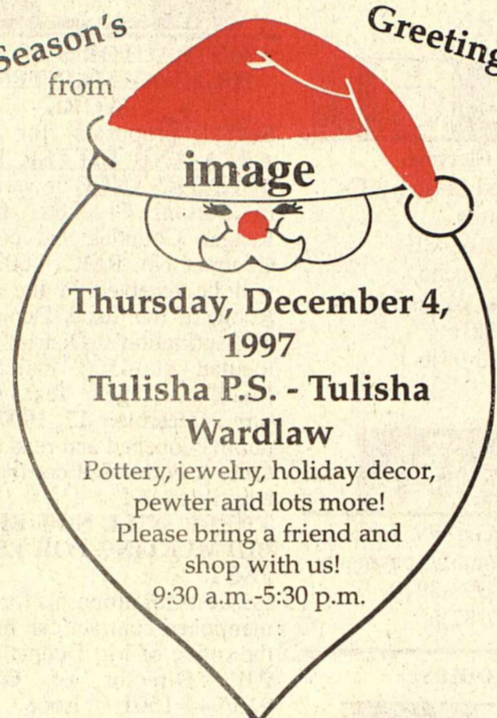
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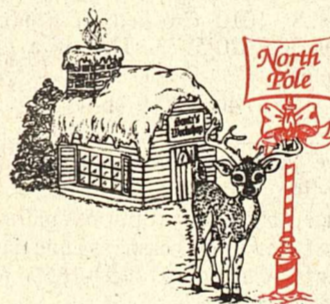
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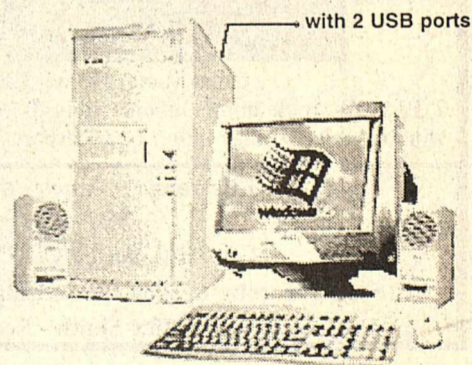
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