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THE BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS

Briefly

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.

Post Office Holiday Hours
Open to 7 p.m. on Dec. 24

Social Security Representative Garland Gregg, has scheduled his December visit to Sonora. He will be at the County Courthouse in Sonora on Tuesday, December 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Anyone who needs to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

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



Joining A.W. and Leona Bishop at the retirement reception are daughters, Deborah Bishop and Cynthia and Tracy Spiers.

Bishop retires from Sutton County National Bank

By Stephanie Campbell
Dec. 31, 1997 completes 15 years as president of Sutton County National Bank for A.W. Bishop. He and his wife Leona moved to Sonora in 1982 and have made it their home.

A reception was held in Bishop's honor Sunday, Dec. 21 in the bank lobby. Their children attending were Deborah Bishop soon to be of San Antonio and

Cynthia Spiers and her husband, Tracy of Austin. Son, Mike Bishop resides in Dallas and daughter Karen Porter and her husband Jim with children, Mac, 2 1/2, and Laine, 4 months, live in Austin.

Mr. Bishop has no definite plans for retirement but spend some time on his computer and continue his civic duties in Sonora.

Saint Luke In Bethlehem

A Greek physician who learned about Jesus only after the Crucifixion, Luke was not one of the Twelve Apostles. He never even saw Jesus, so no part of his Gospel is an eyewitness account. He had, however, good sources of information. He knew well men who knew Jesus well. He heard them tell, over and over, the stories of Jesus' life and teachings, his travels, and the miracles he performed.

When Luke wrote his Gospel, probably between A.D. 60 and 70, he included many details that authors Matthew, Mark and John left out of their accounts. Interestingly, some of these details are the kind a doctor would think worth recording. For example, when Luke tells of Jesus healing a man's withered hand, he tells us to was the man's right hand. When he tells of a man "possessed of a demon" he adds a detail about the man's condition - the man had refused to wear clothing - that points clearly to mental illness.

We know that Luke was well educated, and we know that he was a sympathetic, sensitive person. He is described as a "beloved" physician, and he reappears in Acts as

the trusted friend and traveling companion of Paul and Timothy. More often than the other authors of the Gospels, he mentions the emotional responses of people he writes about. For example, he mentions tears and weeping more often than the other writers.

From whom did Luke hear the story of Jesus' birth? He might have heard it from Mary herself. It is known that Mary lived on after the death of Christ, quite possibly with John in Jerusalem. Luke spent two years in Caesarea, just a few miles away, at a time when she might still have been living. It seems likely that he would have gone to visit her, and asked her to tell all she could remember of the great events that had touched her life.

However Luke learned the story, he retold it well. His account is lyrical, touched with mystery, and yet a very real story of flesh-and-blood human beings who lived in a world where there was discomfort, cold, and darkness. Luke's account of the first Christmas as it appears in the King James Version may be the best known and most loved passage in all the world's literature.

AND IT CAME TO PASS IN THOSE DAYS, THAT there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David);

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

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Commissioners discuss fire works petition

By Stephanie Campbell
Sutton County Commissioners held a special meeting Monday, Dec. 22.

Prior minutes were approved. County Auditor, Charles Graves discussed new procedures for petty cash. Commissioners approved accounts payable.

County Judge's report included the announcement of the New Year's holiday for the county to be Dec. 31 through Jan. 2. Judge Garner also clarified the agreement from the Oct. 14 meeting to tear

down and dispose of the existing 4-H Building to prepare the site for the new structure.

Luz Martinez and Oralia Morales approached the court regarding the ban of fireworks in the Loma Alta and Sinaloa subdivisions. Teenagers have been throwing fire crackers on houses, in their yards and garages.

The court asked them to help by calling the Sheriff's Department when this occurs. Judge Garner stated she will ask that a deputy patrol that area.

A request for waiver of subdivision regulations by Anita Hudson was granted for the construction of a private road.

Charles Graves explained straight time policy for paying employees.

Trooper Todd Ross presented the court with information regarding the purchase of a radar gun for his car that has been issued for Sutton County. Commissioners agreed to lease the equipment for three years at \$80.41 per month.

4-H Building Committee requests use of Hotel/Motel Tax

By Stephanie Campbell
City Council members met Dec. 16 in regular session.

Following the invocation and pledge, members approved minutes from the Nov. 18 meeting.

The council approved a two year contract with the Sutton County Appraisal District for assessment and collection services.

Planning and Zoning Case No. 287: Kathleen Moore, 509 E. 2nd Street requested a variance to build a carport 1 foot from the side property line. Members approved.

Glen Fisher, representing the Sutton County 4-H Building Committee, requested the use of Hotel/Motel Tax funds for the construction project. At present, the city has a contractual agreement with the Sonora Chamber of Commerce to

dispense the funds. 3% of the 7% tax is allocated to the Main Street Program and the remaining 4% to the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Kyle Donaldson, was concerned with the legality of the name of the building which should contain, convention center, civic center or auditorium. Committee members stated they have no problem with changing the name of the building. According to the committee, approximately 81% of the activities are non 4-H events. Preston Faris stated, "We don't want anyone to leave here with the wrong impression about our relationship with the chamber."

Mayor Margaret Cascadden said, "If we're able to give money, I don't think there's going to be a problem."

The City's auditor, Phil

Sagebiel presented the 1997 Fiscal Year Audit. He stated the general and enterprise funds have improved over the past two years and the city will be debt free as of April 1, 1998.

The auditor's concerns were:

(1) water usage - 397 million gallons were pumped with 295 million gallons sold. With the use of meters to track usage in the fire department, utility line repair, and testing meters regularly, these actions should reduce the percentage to 15% of water not sold.

(2) Clean up various sites in city as a response to letters from the Texas Municipal League. City Manager Brent Gesch has committed to cleaning up these locations.

(3) GTE fee negotiations - no money was received from GTE last year because of a disagreement in terms.

Main Street Coordinator, Ann



Participating in the First Methodist Church & St. John's Episcopal Church Christmas pageant held Sunday, Dec. 21 are Star-Audry Hicks, Angels-Chelsey Lou Campbell, Hunter Jennings, Rhapsody Swyter and Laura Martin; Shepherds-Cash Jennings, Daniel Thornton, Alex Steves; Mary-Kaleena Samaniego; Joseph-Thomas Bloodworth; Wisemen-Mark Holman, Travis Valliant, Hilton Bloodworth, Innkeeper-Julio Samaniego as well as numerous readers that narrated the story of Christ's birth.

Chamber hosts informative meeting on Hotel/Motel Tax

Scott Joslove of the State Attorney General's office made a presentation to Sonora citizens Monday, Dec. 15 concerning the use of Hotel/Motel Tax monies.

A two-part test is used to determine if an event falls in the guidelines as outlined by the Texas Attorney General. Part one of the test is: the funds can be used for an event if it increases tourism.

The second part includes: convention centers, registration of convention delegates, advertising and promotion of the city, promotion of arts, and historical restoration and preservation.

Sonora collects approximately \$100,000 a year from guests of local hotels. Currently the Sonora Chamber of Commerce disperses the funds.

DRN Holiday Schedule

Thanks to our advertisers and subscribers for a successful 1997. Have a Merry Christmas.

The Devil's River News office will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24 through Friday, Dec. 26 Thursday, Jan. 1

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>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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Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Attend the church of your choice this Sunday

Our Sympathy

Bonnie Peitchinsky Bingham

Bonnie Peitchinsky Bingham, 90, of San Angelo died at 6:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, 1997, in a San Angelo nursing care center.

She was born July 12, 1907, in Durant, Okla. She was a homemaker and a member of Concho Valley Baptist Church.

She is survived by four children, Jerri Huie, Cleo Owen and Jesse Peitchinsky, all of San Angelo, and Herman Peitchinsky of Odessa; one brother, Coy Livingston of San Antonio; one sister, Veda Steelman of San Antonio; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Raymond E. Johnson.

Services were at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at Concho Valley Baptist Church with the Rev. David Strange officiating. Graveside services were at 3:30 p.m. in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Jack Robert Nixon

Jack Robert Nixon, 71, of Freer, Texas died Saturday, Dec. 20, 1997. Funeral services were Tuesday, at 1 p.m. at Harrell Funeral with Rev. Joe Carrales officiating. Graveside services followed at 3:30 in Luling City Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred Faye Cates Nixon; daughters, Sharon and Michael Nettle of Austin and Sue and David Prather of Sonora; sisters, Betty Joy Benier and Kenneth of Anniston, Alabama and Mary Jo Greenough and Jerry of Round Rock; brothers, William F. (Bud) Allen and Alice, of Norwalk, Connecticut and Henry Eugene Nixon and Ella Mae of Cuero; grandsons, Jeff and Karen Cowley of Austin, Davey Prather and Nathanael Prather of Sonora and J.T. and Fran Nettle of Austin; grand-

Willie B. "Bill" Whitehead

Willie B. Whitehead, 70, of Sonora entered eternity Saturday, December 20, 1997.

A celebration of Bill's life was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 22, at the First United Methodist Church in Sonora. Burial was followed in the G Cross Cemetery at the Whitehead Ranch in Val Verde County. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Bill was born October 3, 1927, to Willie B. and Della Rose Halbert Whitehead, prominent Val Verde ranchers. Bill's busy life was not hindered when stricken by polio at age 21. He never missed a roundup, doing everything from shearing to branding. He was a president's council charter member of the Independent Cattleman's Association of Texas, a member of the American Meat Goat Association and the American Boer

Bethlehem

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;

As it is written in the law of the Lord...

And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons...

And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city of Nazareth.

Family makes plea for help





Kameron Lyann Wike, the 14 month old daughter of Wesley and Erica Wike of Eldorado was diagnosed with arteriovenous malformation; the artery does not penetrate the brain tissue.

Kameron is currently at Parkland Children's Hospital in Dallas and will possibly undergo brain surgery. The family doesn't have medical insurance.

Donations and prayers are needed. A trust fund was established in the child's name at First National Bank of Eldorado, 100 S. Main, Eldorado, Texas 76936.

Grandparents are Billy Joe and Rosa Pina of Eldorado, Felix and Donna Aguilar and Rex and Ursula Wike all of San Angelo. "We love you Kameron and pray for your safe and healthy homecoming."


and


will close at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 31st, New Year's Eve and will be closed Thursday, January 1, New Year's Day.

Both Banks will resume regular banking hours on Friday, January 2nd.

Member FDIC

Ronnie Cox

would like to be your pharmacist.

SENIOR CENTER

Calendar of Events

December 24-26- Center Closed for Christmas Holiday

December 29- Bingo!

December 30- Stretch -n- Step w/Bike & Treadmill 8:30-4:30

December 29 & January 1 Center Closed for New Year's Holiday

Lunch Menu

Wednesday, December 24-26
Center Closed for Christmas Holiday

Monday, December 29
Baked Chicken, Fried Rice, Zucchini Tomatoes, Roll, Juice, Peach Cobbler

Tuesday, December 30
Salisbury Steak w/Gravy, Sweet Peas, Broccoli w/Cheese, Roll, Fruited Jello

Wednesday, December 31 & January 1
Center Closed for New Year's Holiday
Guest Meals are \$4.00.

Suggested donation for Senior Citizens is \$1.75.


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Community Calendar


The Community Calendar is made possible by:

December 25

Thursday, December 25
Merry Christmas
10:00 a.m. St. Ann's Catholic Church
Christmas Day Mass

Saturday, December 27
5:00-6:00 p.m. St. Ann's Catholic Church
Church Confessions
7:00 p.m. St. Ann's Catholic Church
Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 28
8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. St. Ann's Catholic Church
Sunday Mass


 **Sutton County National Bank**
207 Hwy 277 N

January 1

Wednesday, December 31
7:00 p.m. St. Ann's Catholic Church
Vigil Mass

Thursday, January 1
Happy New Year
10:00 a.m. New Years Mass
Sutton County National Bank and First National Bank closed

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY


Member FDIC 102 N. Main 387-3861

Ask The Historical Society



Proof positive it does snow in Sonora!
Pictures of Sonora in the late 1920s

By Jo-Ann E. Palmer

I thought this week I would share with you a lovely carol that was first sung in 1642. It was first written in the Huron Indians language by a Jesuit missionary to Canada, Father Jean de Brebuf and translated to English by J.E. Middleton. I hope you enjoy it.

Jesous Ahatonhia
(Jesus is Born)

"Twas in the moon of winter-time
When all the birds have fled,
That Mighty Gitchi Manitou
Sent angel-choirs instead;
Before their light the stars grew dim,

and wond' ring hunters heard
the hymn-
Jesus your King is born, Jesus
is born,
In excelsis gloria

Within a lodge of broken bark
The tender Babe was found,
A ragged robe of rabbit skin
enwrapp'd His beauty round;
But as the hunter braves drew
nigh,
The angel song rang loud and

high-

Jesus your King is born, Jesus
is born,
In excelsis gloria

The earliest moon of winter-time

Is not so round and fair
As was the ring of glory on
The helpless Infant there.

The Chiefs from far before Him
knelt

With gifts of fox and beaver
pelt-

Jesus your King is born, Jesus
is born,
In excelsis gloria

O children of the forest free,
O sons of Manitou,
The Holy Child of earth and
Heav'n

Is born to day for you.
Come kneel before the radiant
Boy,

Who brings you beauty, peace
and joy-

Jesus your King is born, Jesus
is born,
In excelsis gloria.

Next I would like to share with you a few old superstitions of the south: Don't wash and press a Christmas present before giving it, or you will wash out the good luck and press in the bad.

Make a start on your year's work between Christmas and January fifth-a bit of ditching, a little plowing-to "show your intentions." But never fix your roof between Christmas and New Year's or the holes will come right back.

Leave a loaf of bread on the table after Christmas Eve supper and you will have a full supply until the next Christmas.

Eat an apple as the clock strikes twelve on Christmas Eve and you will have good health throughout the coming year.

If you let a fire go out on Christmas morning, spirits will come to you then and later in the season.

To improve your luck, wear something new on Christmas Day. But not new shoes. They will hurt, and may even walk you into a cata-

strophe.

Last Christmas I decided I would try to decorate using native material and making my own Christmas wreaths and door swags. All I can say, after tangling with the local flora and fauna for hours on end, is that your ancestors that settled here must have been a truly hearty people. My hands were raw, gloves torn apart by the cedar and my nose quickly reminded me of another reason I should not go near cedar. Just think, your ancestors used the cedar to decorate their mantles, their tables and some even used them for Christmas trees. With clever use of native greens, berries, ribbons and dried flowers they made some beautiful arrangements. After trying it myself I can truly appreciate what Christmas was like for the early settlers. A lot of hard work but well worth the effort when there is not other material available.

Now we run to the store and buy lights, tinsel, wreaths ready made, and all kinds of Christmas trimmings. With staple gun in hand they go up in a flash. They look real pretty and save a lot of time and wear and tear on my hands but they don't have that outdoors smell of the land. Somehow those pretty plastic confections just aren't the same once you have had the real thing. I don't think I can ever tangle with making my own swags and wreaths again, but I will always remember the one time I tried it and the wonderful feeling of making my own Christmas decorations from scratch like the pioneers to the area did in their early days. Even though it was a lot of hard work, the smells and sounds and memories of Christmas past were worth it.

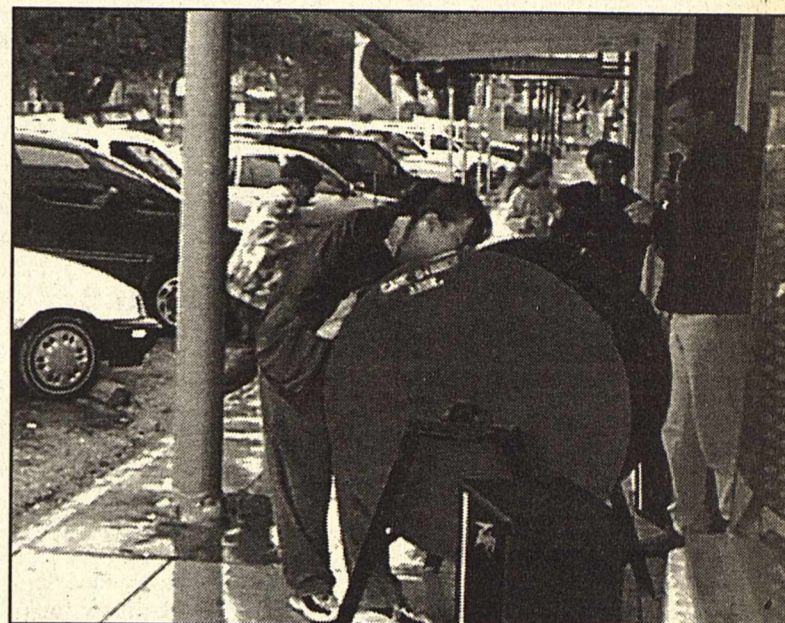
Whether you have store bought, or handmade decorations or none at all. Whether you have Santa Claus, the Christ Child, Lady Befana, Chanukah, Pere Noel, Saint Lucia, a Nacimientos or celebrate Hogmanay-may you all have a safe and happy holiday season and a health and prosperous New Year!

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. You may also e-mail us at schs@sonora.digicom.net as we check our e-mail daily.

HAPPY Birthday!

December 25th
Betty Arredondo
Haven Holekamp
26th
Jesus Capuchina Jr.
Jessie Noriega
Brandon Munn
27th
Charlie Alewine
Dora Escalante
Ryan Garmon
28th
Joey Creek
Amy Gann
Brent Newkirk
Kent Newkirk
29th

Kimberley Thompson
30th
William Hearn
Mario Lira Jr.
Austin John Rodriguez
Jeannette Thompson
Katelynn Trevino
31st
Catrina Burris
Tina Covey
Maria Murillo
Lupe Ramon
Anita Samaniego
Patsy Samaniego
Happy Anniversary
26th
Oeyes and Angelita Trevino



Winners of the December 13 Merchants Association drawing were Martina Weaver, Angelita Trevino, Kathy Malek, Dorthy Jungk and Donna Harris. The December 20 drawing winners were Guggle Thorp, Lucy Ramos, John Wilson, Charlotte Wilson and RexAnn Friess

Tedford Jewelry

Bridal Gift Registry

Rebeca Garcia, bride elect of Juan Mendoza

For Your Family.

In 1897 an editor of the New York Sun wrote an editorial that lives to this day.

It was in reply to an 8-year-old girl who asked, in a letter to the editor, "Is there a Santa Claus?"

I would like to share that editorial with your family this holiday season.



U.S. Representative
Henry Bonilla

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in The Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon,
115 West 95th Street

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they'd be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of

ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know they abound and give your life its highest beauty and joy.

Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We would have no enjoyment except in sense and sight.

The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus coming down, but what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus.

The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



B&C Department Store, owned by Betty and Cuco Hernandez, has been in business in Sonora for two years. Conveniently located at the corner of Crockett and Main, it is well stocked to meet your family's needs for Wrangler jeans and shirts, casual wear for women and belts for men and belts and purses for women.

Go by today and talk with manager, Eloisa Hernandez or Gina Santana and have a comforter, curtains and tablecloths custom sized to meet your needs.

Plan your party with P.M. Office & Variety

P.M. Office & Variety, formerly P.M. Office Supply, has undergone a major transformation in the last few months of its four year operation.

Owner Ann Fisher and manager Vicki Downing have created a darling store that offers party supplies, balloons (with or without helium) gift bags, gift wrap, gift wrap accessories, small gift items, sewing

notions while keeping office supplies on hand.

P.M. Office & Variety can also meet your business needs with faxes, copies, business cards and self-inking stamps.

If you are in the party mood, let Vicki help you find your party supplies at P.M. Office & Variety, 204 Main Street.

Westerman Drug-always here to serve you through the holiday season and the coming year

Cox Drug Inc. of Sonora, better known as Westerman Drug was purchased by Ronnie and Alice Cox 12 years ago. Located at the corner of Concho and Main, it is convenient, accessible, and a vital asset to Sonora.

Established in 1953 by Cecil Westerman, Ronnie has worked in the store since 1958 except for the 5 years he spent at UT College of

Pharmacy and 7 years employment at Westerman Drug in San Angelo.

Employees Rosa Noriega, Vickie Barker, Brian Steves and Bernice Hearn are always available to help you with your many gift needs.

Pharmacists Ronnie Cox and relief pharmacist, Mayon Neel, are a phone call away to service your pharmaceutical and other-the-counter drug purchases.

Find your holiday wear at Chelle's

Michael and Michelle Krieg established Chelle's 2 years ago this coming April 1st located in the mall on Hwy 277 North. Kristen Hardgrave is employed to work on Saturdays and owner, Michelle, is there weekdays to help you with your selections.

Chelle's carries a wide selection of Women & Children's clothing in all sizes, sterling silver jewelry, baby gifts as well as gifts for all ages.

Beginning this spring, Chelle's

will carry sandals and infant wear too.

One special service Chelle's offers is dry cleaning and laundry service by Comet Cleaners.

The convenient hours of Mon-Sat 10:30-5:00 and Saturday 10:30-2:30 is not cut in stone as Michelle has her phone number posted on the front door and is willing to meet you during off hours for your convenience to help you with your fashion needs.

Bring your Christmas to life with gifts from Vallree's Bright Spot

Vallree's Bright Spot, owned by Vallree Draper, opened its doors 5 1/2 years ago at 220 Main Street.

Her store has blossomed into a well-stocked clothing store for infants, children, ladies & plus size clothes and hosiery as well as toys, gifts for all occasions, including babies, wedding, birthday and gifts for men.

Vallree strives to offer quality merchandise at affordable prices and to supply the items Sonorans need and want.



April Casiano and Peggy Everett sing Peaceful, Silent Night



Susanna Street plays a clarinet solo, Angels We Have Heard on High

Sonora bands & choirs add to holiday spirit with concert

Staff Report

The 6th grade Colt band, 7th & 8th grade Colt band, Mighty Bronco Band, Colt choir, Bronco choir and Honor choir presented a beautiful Christmas concert Thursday, Dec 18 in the Bronco gym.

A portion of the music selections included Christmas favorites Jingle Bells, Up On The Housetop, Jolly Old St. Nicholas, Christmas Chimes, A Holly Jolly Christmas, Gloria Deo, Long, Long Ago, Reindeer Boogie, Gloria Festiva, Who Is This Child?, One Star,

Christmas March, We Three Kings and a special Christmas Festival that had the audience singing too.

Directors of the bands are Mr. Fred Bilderback, Middle School bands, Mr. Armando Medina, High School band, and Mr. Brad Heckler, Middle and High School choirs.

Accompanists were Staci Becknell and Charlotte Wilson.

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Rick Perry unveils tough, new anti-drunk driving plan

-Bold plan aimed at saving lives with .08 DWI limit & mandatory jail for drunk drivers-

Saying that Texas should "renew its commitment to fighting drunk driving, not just during holidays but 365 days a year," Lt. Governor candidate Rick Perry called for lowering the blood alcohol content threshold to .08 and imposing tough new penalties, including mandatory jail time, to deter and punish drunk drivers.

"Texas leads the nation in drunk driving fatalities and that's unacceptable in our state," Rick Perry said. "As Lieutenant Governor, I will work to lower the blood alcohol content threshold for driving while intoxicated to .08 from the current .10. To deter drunk driving and punish law breakers, I believe drunk drivers should serve time in jail, the first time and every time."

Perry's plans requires first-time DWI offenders to spend a minimum of three days in jail and have their

licenses suspended for a minimum of 30 days as a condition of probation. Occupational licenses to allow driving to and from work would no longer be granted. Those convicted a second time face a minimum of 30 days in jail, no probation, and a six-month license suspension. Third-time offenders face a felony conviction, 180 days in jail, a 1-year license suspension, and the seizure of their vehicle.

Most experts agree that at .10 blood alcohol content, the current DWI threshold, drivers have impaired judgment and reactions. Lowering the limit to .08 would help ensure that drivers possess the ability to function clearly and operate a motor vehicle properly. Currently in Texas, first-time DWI offenders are not required to serve any jail time. Second-time offenders face three days in jail and third-time offenders are subject to 10 days in jail. Current

law also allows for the seizure of assets, such as automobiles, for certain felony drug offenses.

"I admit that these new penalties are tough," Perry continued. "But we owe this to the families of drunk driving victims and to the parents, husbands and wives who worry about their children and loved ones out on our roads. It's a deterrent when those who have been drinking know they will face jail and license suspension if they get behind the wheel. I am confident that these tough new penalties will lower the number of drunk driving fatalities and make our Texas roads and highways safer."

During the 1997 legislative session, attempts to lower the DWI threshold to .08 were unsuccessful. Rick Perry, whose campaign is based on safer streets, educational excellence, strong families and economic opportunity, was joined at

today's new conference by Comal County Sheriff Bob Holder. Additional portions of Rick Perry's anti-crime platform will be released in the future.

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NEW releases for this week are:

- Air Bud
- Spawn
- Til there was You
- 187

Bronco scoreboard

Freshman

12-11-97
 Sonora: 60 Junction: 21
 Leading Scorers: Jake Trainer 17, Ryan Hardgrave 9, Cody Ainsworth 8
 Coach: Lance Powell

12-12-97
 Sonora: 34 Glenn: 51
 Leading Scorers: Matt Torres 12, Ed Mayfield 7
 Coach: Lance Powell

12-13-97
 Sonora: 27 Colorado City: 51
 Leading Scorers: Jake Trainer 8, Matt Torres 7
 Coach: Lance Powell

12-15-97
 Sonora: 33 Marble Falls: 51
 Leading Scorer: Ed Mayfield 18
 Coach: Lance Powell

7th Grade Girls

12-15-97
 Sonora: 4 Iraan: 1
 Leading Scorers: Hinojosa 2, Mabry 2
 "A combined 7-8th team defeated Iraan "B" Monday night. The girls played hard offensively and defensively."
 Coach: Carol Sessom

12-15-97
 Sonora: 23 Iraan: 20
 Leading Scorers: Ashley Parker-14 points, Courtney Hill-5 points, Kara Hard-2 points.
 "The Lady Colts came away with a victory. The girls still need a lot of work on rebounding. Overall they played well and look forward to coming back after the holidays."
 Coach: Carole Sessom

Boys JV

12-15-97
 Sonora: 52 Marble Falls: 73
 Leading Scorers: Isaac Ramos-16, Riley Crain-11, Russell Dempsey-7, Bryce Williams-6, Crispin Lira-5, Edgar Gonzales-3, Fernie Ramos-2.
 Coach: Brian Lowe

12-19-97

Sonora: 62 Kermit: 47
 Leading Scorers: Isaac Ramos-20, Crispin Lira-11, Russell Dempsey-10, Alan Nicholas-6, Bryce Williams-4, Fernie Ramos-4, Riley Crain-4, Sloan Holley-2, Edgar Gonzales-1.
 Coach: Brian Lowe

12-20-97
 Sonora: 60 Midland Greenwood: 57
 Leading Scorers: Russell Dempsey-16, Isaac Ramos-12, Riley Crain-11, Alan Nicholas-7, Bryce Williams-6, Edgar Gonzales-5, Crispin Lira-3.
 Coach: Brian Lowe

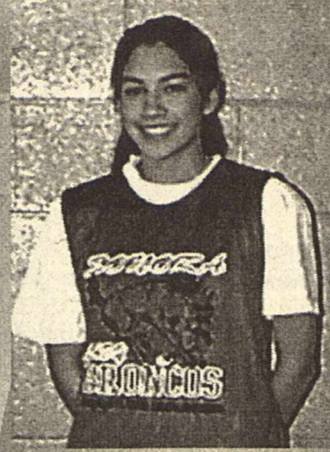
12-20-97
 Sonora: 58 Crane: 47
 Leading Scorers: Isaac Ramos-17, Russell Dempsey-14, Riley Crain-9, Crispin Lira-6, Edgar Gonzales-5, Bryce Williams-4, Fernie Ramos-3.

"The JV Boys finished first in the tournament. They were the winners of the 1997 Golden Cranes Basketball JV Boys Tournament."
 Coach: Brian Lowe

Varsity Boys

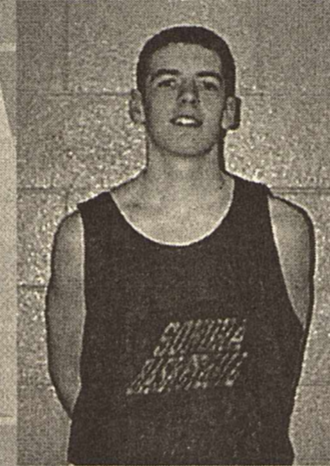
12-15-97
 Sonora: 70 Marble Falls: 78
 Leading Scorers: Ty Harrelson-35, Brad Legan-10, Fernie Emiliano-8, Anthony Luna-6, Kasey Wood-4, Drew Dempsey-3, Mayer Anderson-2, Ernie Perez-2.
 "Brad Legan led all rebounds with six. Ty Harrelson had seven steals. Fernie Emiliano had six steals. Ty and Fernie also had five and four assists respectively. Down 62-42 at the end of the third quarter. The Broncos pulled within three and had the ball with twenty seconds left and were unable to convert."
 Coach: Scott Harrelson

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Daisy Mireles

Mireles had 6 rebounds and 5 steals in the varsity game against Lake View



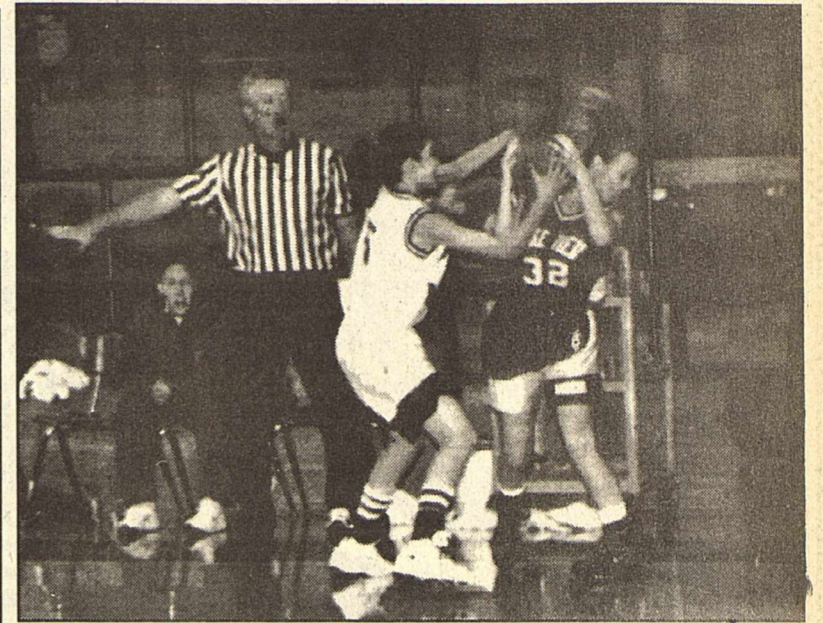
Ty Harrelson

Harrelson scored 35 points, 7 steals and 5 assists in the game against Marble Falls

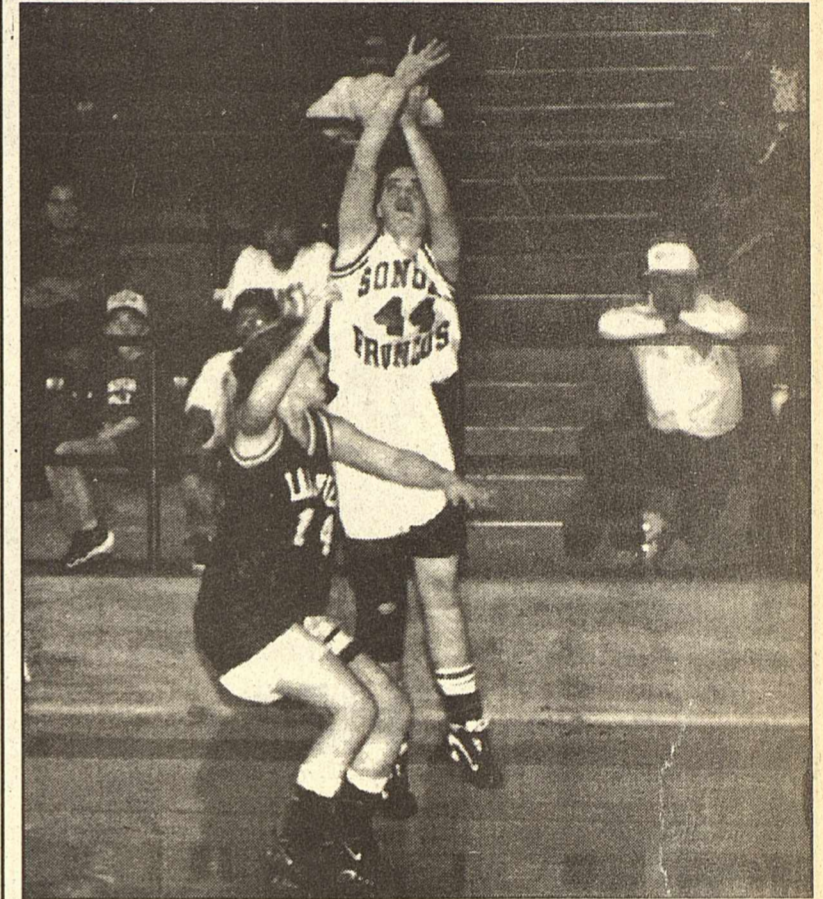
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Daisy Mireles fights for the ball.



Cindy Jones sinks two.

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1997-1998

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1/6	Ft. Stockton	Here	4:30	6:00	7:30
1/10	Wimberly	There	2:00	3:30	
1/10	Edison	Central	2:00		

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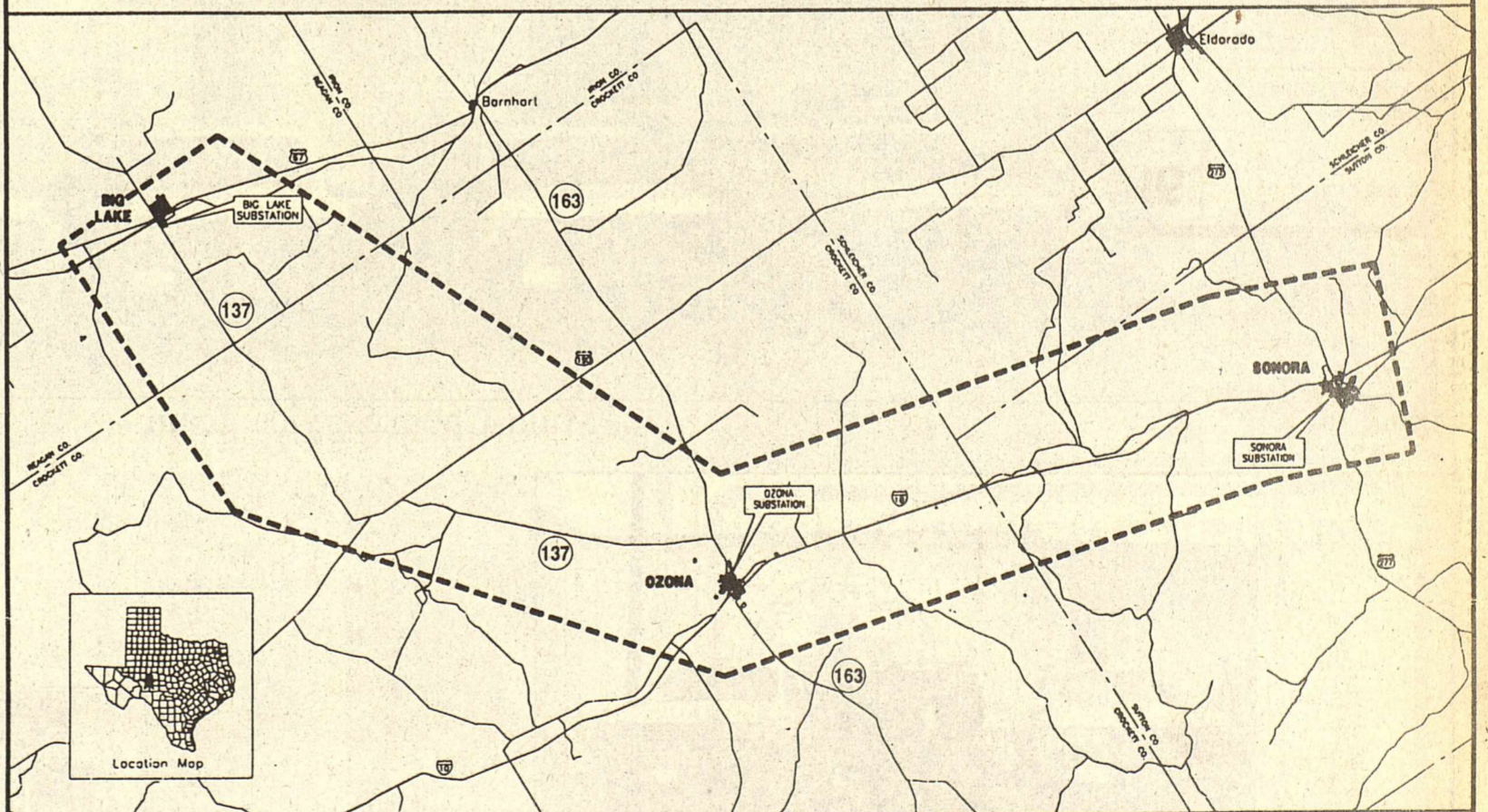
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Tues., Jan. 6, 1998

6 p.m. until 8 p.m.
 Sonora Middle School
 Snack Bar
 Sonora, Texas

Thurs., Jan. 8, 1998

6 p.m. until 8 p.m.
 Ozona Civic Center
 Ozona, Texas



West Texas Utilities Company (WTU) is seeking input from the public on the planned construction of a 138,000 volt (138 kV) electric transmission line and associated substations from WTU's Big Lake substation on the south side of Big Lake, Texas, to either WTU's existing Ozona Substation on the north side of Ozona, Texas, or to a new substation in the Ozona area, to WTU's existing Sonora 138 kV substation on the west side of Sonora, Texas.

WTU representatives will be available at the open houses to discuss the type of structures planned, construction methods, right of way requirements, routing of the proposed transmission facilities and the need for the proposed construction. Visitors will be given the opportunity to ask questions about the project, express concerns and make suggestions about the routing of the line and siting of the substation within the project area.

For more information about the open houses, contact: Paul Evans (915-652-3043) or Gene Morris (915-392-3682) if you are in the Big Lake or Ozona area, or Blake Burchard (915-387-3574) or Steve Terrel (915-396-2742) if you are in the Sonora area.

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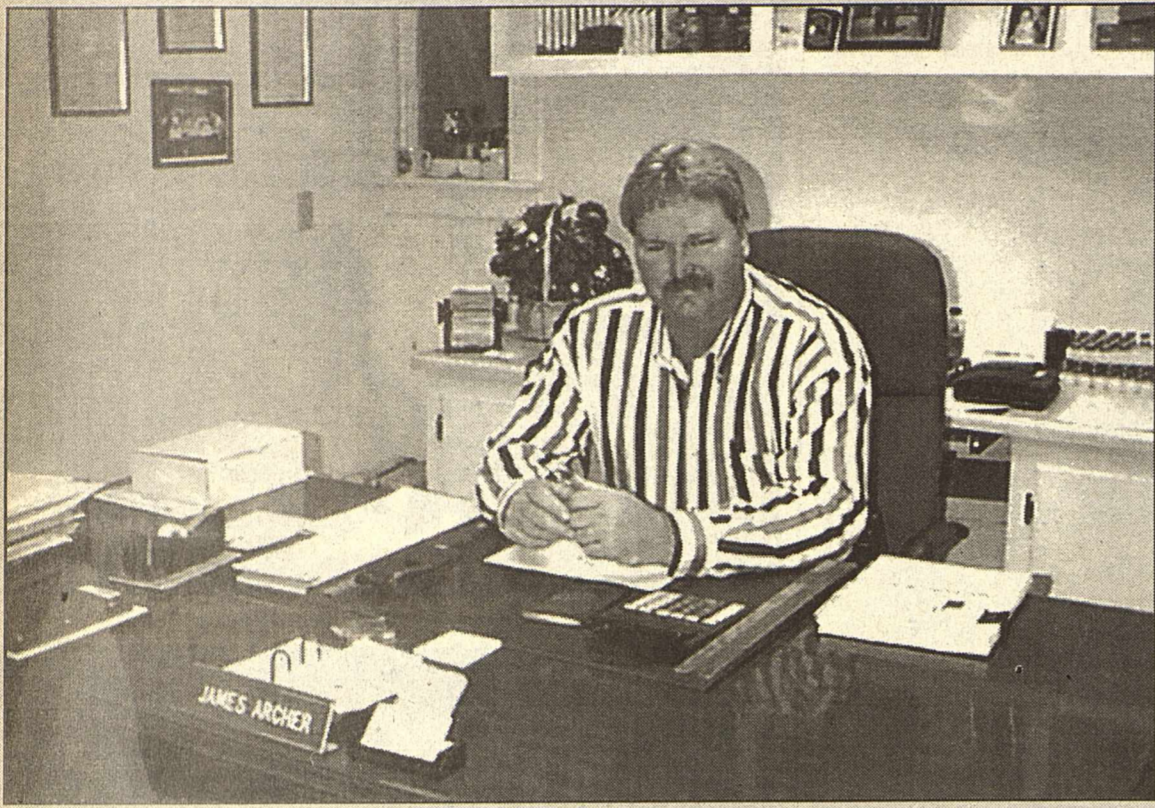
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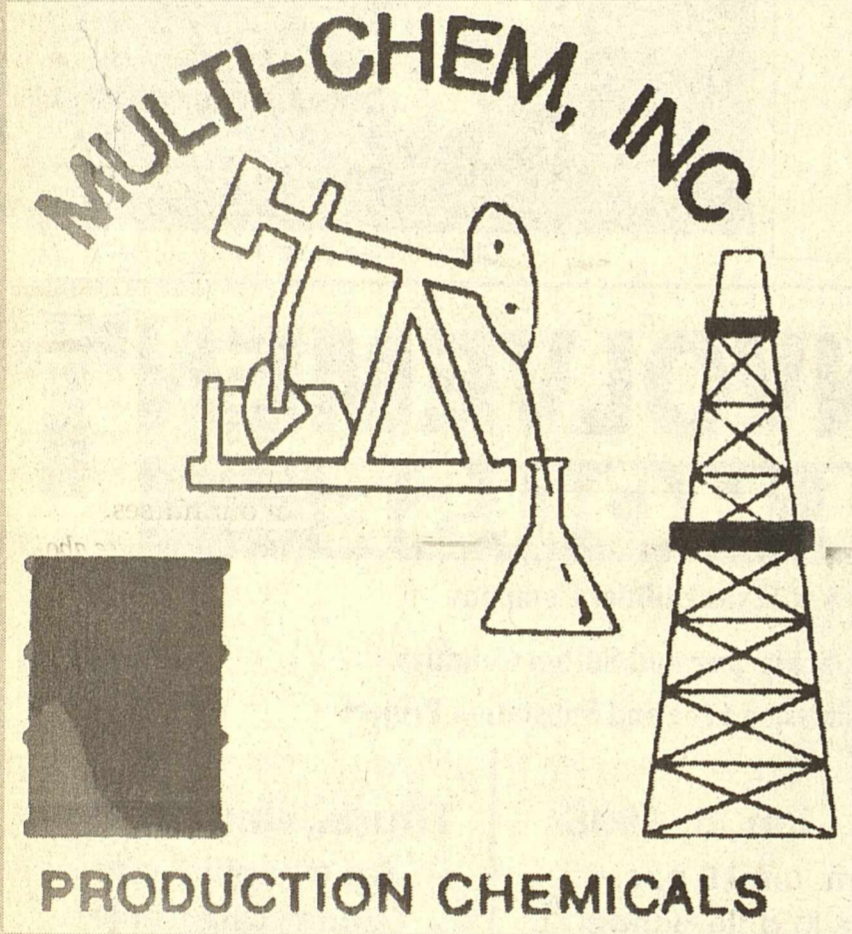


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Nation's 25th census of agriculture begins this week

Submitted

Questionnaires for the 1997 Census of Agriculture will begin appearing in mailboxes this week. This Census is the 25th national count of farms and ranches since the first Agricultural Census was taken in 1840. All farms and ranches across the nation should receive questionnaires within the next two weeks. Forms are due back to the National Agricultural Statistics Service by February 2, 1998.

Census questionnaires ask about basic subjects such as land use and ownership, crop acreage and quantities harvested, livestock and poultry inventories, value of crops and livestock sold, and farm operator characteristics. One fourth of all farms and ranches will be asked additional questions on production expenses, machinery inventories, market value of land and buildings, and income from farm-related sources.

Anyone who receives a Census form should complete and return it. Individuals who don't operate a farm or ranch could possibly receive Census questionnaires. In this situa-

tion, the recipient should return the form with a note stating that the person to whom it was addressed is not involved with a farm or ranch. The cost of conducting the Census can be kept down if questionnaire recipients return their completed forms promptly, so additional mailings can be avoided. Farmers and ranchers who do not receive a report form should call the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS) at 1-800-626-3142 or write to P.O. Box 70, Austin, TX 78767.

Data from the Census of agriculture are used in many ways by many different groups to help chart the future of agriculture. For example:

* Agribusinesses use county-by-county Census data to help meet farmers' needs for items such as fertilizer, seed, equipment and parts.

* Grower organizations use the results to develop marketing associations.

* Land Grant Universities use the Census results to allocate Cooperative Extension programs and resources.

* Local agencies use Census

data to pin-point areas where quick action is most needed in case of emergency outbreaks of disease or pests.

Farm and ranch operators are required by law to file a Census report, and the confidentiality of each report is protected by the same law. Census questionnaires may be seen only by sworn USDA employees and may be used only for statistical purposes. Copies retained by farmers are immune from legal processes.

Assistance in completing Census questionnaires is available by telephone from the National Agricultural Statistics Service; the toll-free number is printed on the back of each form. Locally, assistance is available from USDA Cooperative Extension Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service or Farm Service Agency staff.

AGRIBUSINESS

Producers Livestock Auction Report

Compared with last week, feeder steers and heifers firm. Slaughter cows and bulls firm to 1.00 higher. Stock cows and pairs steady. Trading fairly active, demand good. Quality average to plain. Supply included 65 percent calves, 20 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 10 percent stock cows and pairs, 5 percent yearlings.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 300-400 lb 94.00-108.00; 400-500 lb 85.00-96.00, few 98.00-99.00; 500-600 lb 78.00-88.00, few 89.00-91.00; 600-700 lb 71.50-80.50, set 604 lb 83.00; 700-800 lb 72.00-75.50; 800-900 lb 70.00-74.50.00.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 97.00-104.00; 300-400 lb 80.00-94.00; 400-500 lb 73.00-85.00; 500-600 lb 70.00-78.00; 600-700 lb

67.00-72.00; 700-800 lb 65.00-71.50.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 300-400 lb 80.00-90.00; 400-500 lb 73.00-81.00; 500-600 lb 69.00-77.00; 600-700 lb 69.00-74.00; 700-800 lb 67.00-71.00.

Medium and large 1-2 200-300 lb 71.00-77.00; 300-400 lb 70.00-80.00; 400-500 lb 63.00-73.00; 500-700 lb 60.00-69.00; 700-800 lb 60.00-66.50.

Slaughter Cows: Breaking Utility 2-3 30.00-36.50; Cutter and Boning Utility 1-2 30.50-38.00, high-dressing 38.00-40.00; Canner and low-

Cutter 1-2 25.00-30.00. To Mexico: Breaking Utility 2-4 40.00-42.50; Boning Utility 1-2 34.00-41.00.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1400-22100 lbs 42.00-49.00, high-dressing 50.00-53.00; low-dressing 1100-1600 lb 34.00-42.00.

Pregnancy Tested Stock Cows and Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 500.00-580.00 per head, medium 1-2 410.00-500.00 per head.

Cow/Calf Pair: Medium and Large 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 680.00-740.00 per pair, medium 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 490.00-600.00 per pair.

Stock & Feeder Cows: Medium and Large 1-2 (middle age) 800-1400 lb 34.00-38.00.

Source: USDA-Texas Dept of Ag Market News



A nice buck taken on the Ward Ranch by Jeff Hill out of Midland, Texas. The hunt was guided by Gus Ward of Sonora. The 10 pt. buck scored 141 1/8 with Boon & Crockett. Pictured left to right is Gus Ward and Jeff Hill.

Irradiation approved for red meat

Submitted

On December 2nd, the Food and Drug Administration approved the use of irradiation for fresh and frozen red meat, including beef, lamb and pork.

In this year's FDA spending bill, Congress had ordered the agency to act within 60 days on a three-year-old petition from Isomedix Inc. which requested approval to offer irradiation to meat processors. The New Jersey company has long experience with medical sterilization.

Irradiation, also known as cold pasteurization, would enable meat packers to kill bacteria at the end of the production line, after it is already sealed in packages and cannot be contaminated further.

An FDA statement said that approval of the process is based on a number of studies conducted worldwide which examined chemical effects of irradiation on a wide variety of meat products, impact on

nutrient content, potential toxicity concerns and effects on microorganisms.

"FDA concluded that irradiation is safe in reducing disease-causing microbes in or on meats, and that it does not compromise the nutritional quality of treated products," the statement said.

Before red meat irradiation can be used, the U.S. Department of Agriculture must approve and publish a set of guidelines for processing plants. Once that is done, plants will have to figure out how to use irradiation, whether they can afford it and whether there is a consumer demand.

Dr. Michael Friedman, action FDA commissioner, said irradiation will become a useful tool in combating foodborne illness, but that ultimate responsibility still will rest with the food handler and preparer. "The consumer should not believe that he or she does not have to use good handling techniques."

Rig Locations as of December 19, 1997

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 U.P.R.; 9,800', Perner Ranch #4301-H, Patterson Drilling.
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 New Lomak Prod.; 2700', University Great Plains B-#9, Rod Ric Corporation 2

Edwards County
 New Lomak Production; 6,000', Jack Mann 8-#16, Patterson Drilling.
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Sutton County
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 New Louis Dreyfus/OKC; 5,600', Leo H. McMillan 11-#14, Patterson Drilling.

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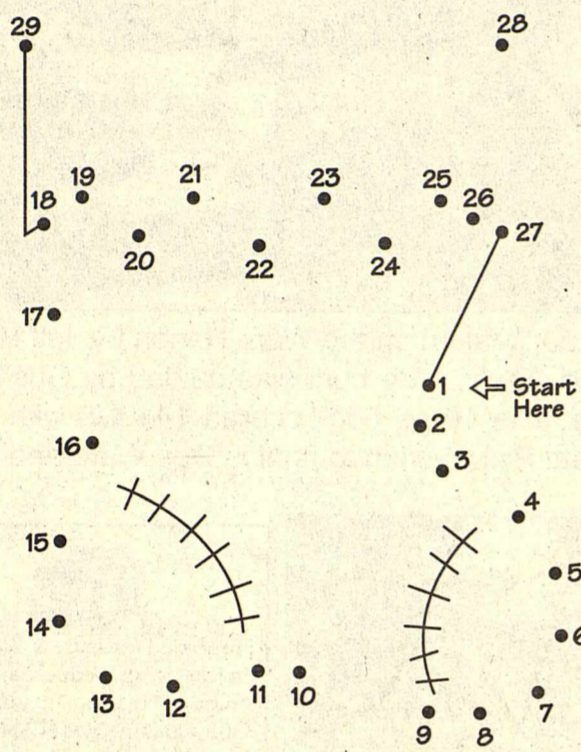
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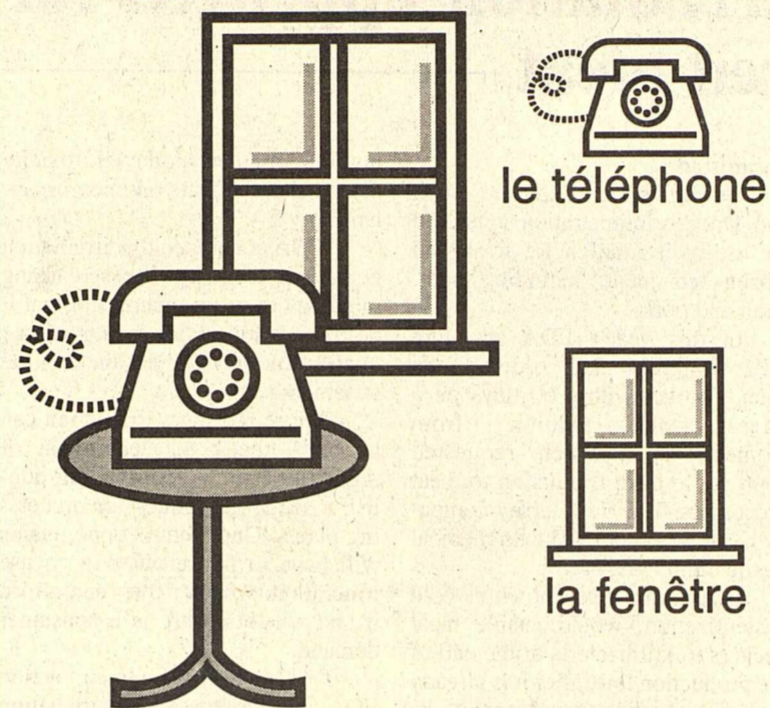
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Riddles

Connect the dots



Learn Some French



The telephone is by the window.
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On December 27, 1822, the man who developed pasteurization was born in France. His name was Louis Pasteur, and that process of preserving food was only one of his major achievements. He spent his life working toward the improvement of people's lives.

Pasteur worked for changes in hospital practices in order to cut down on the spread of disease, and he discovered how rabies were being transmitted. Because of this, Pasteur developed techniques to vaccinate dogs against rabies and to treat people who had been bitten by dogs with rabies.



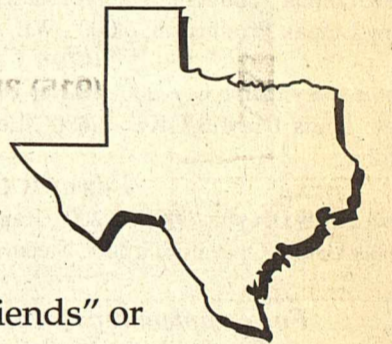
The Pasteur Institute was founded in the late 1880s as a clinic for rabies treatment, a research center for infectious disease and a teaching center.

"Do not put forward anything you cannot prove by experimentation."
—Louis Pasteur

PASTEURIZATION

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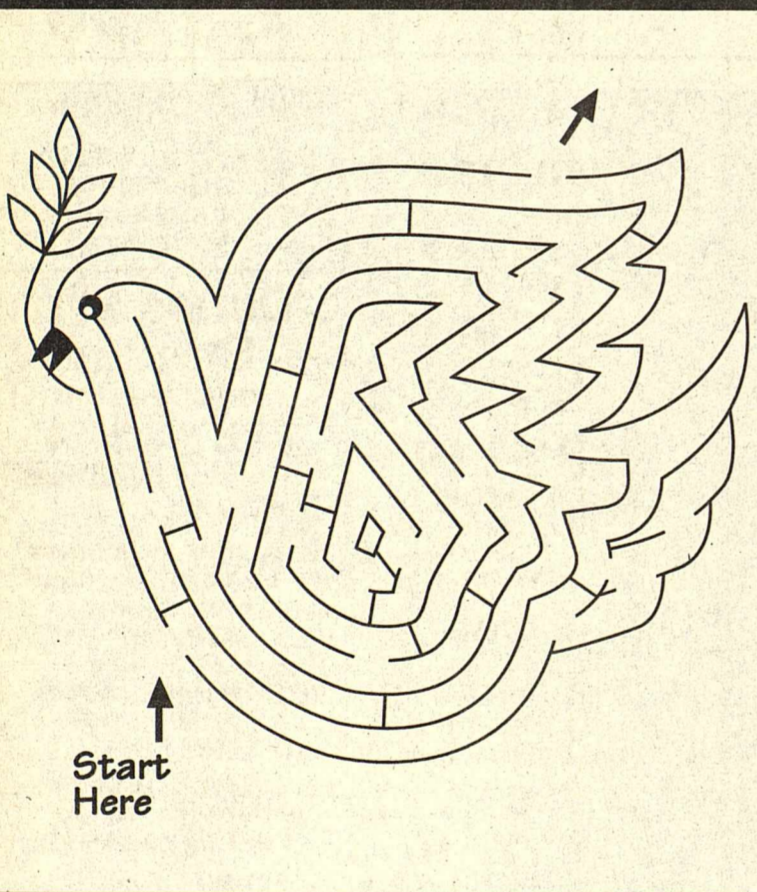


The name "Texas" comes from the Spanish and Indian words *tejas* and *techas*, meaning "friends" or "allies."

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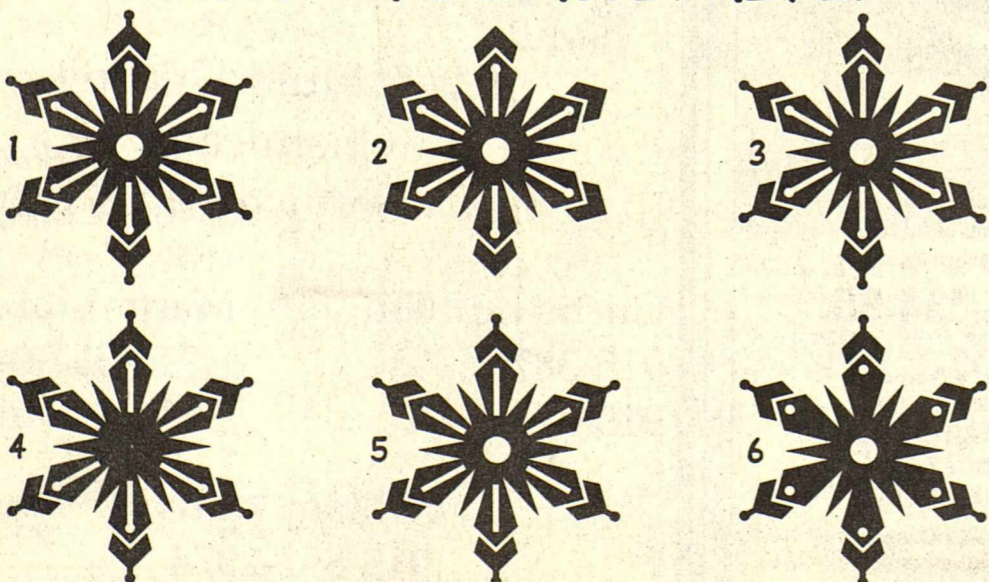
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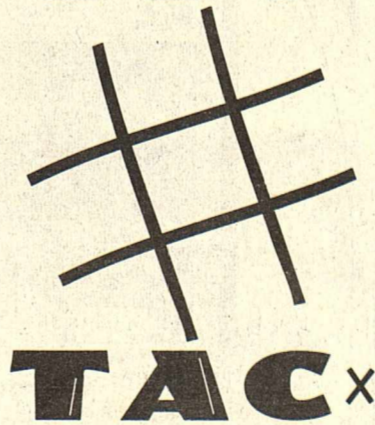
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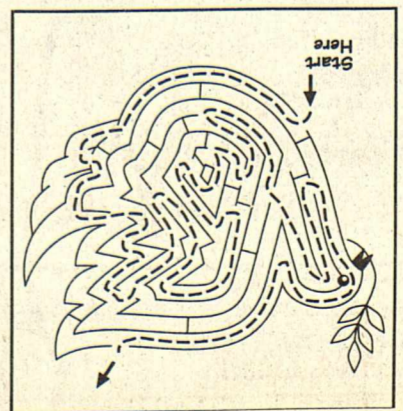
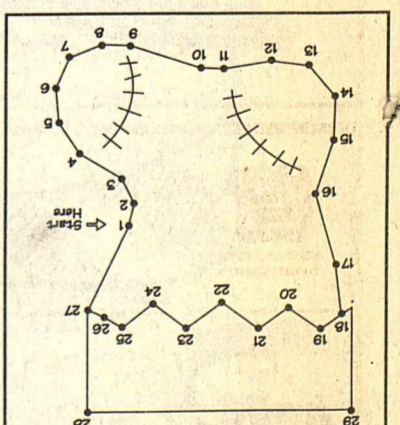


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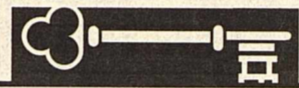
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Philanthropist Eva Camunez Tucker has generously given \$100,000 to begin the fundraising efforts of the cloistered Carmelite nuns of San Angelo for their new monastery.

The new monastery will be built on land given to them by Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Holt near Christoval. The Sisters currently reside in a small ranch-style house in San Angelo. Because of two recent additions to their order, the Sisters need more space.

The isolation of the country will also better suit their vocation of prayer. The Carmelite Sisters spend about eight hours a day in prayer throughout the day and night. "As Carmelites, we are called to a life of prayer, penance, silence and solitude... we hunger for this," explains Mother Miriam Therese.

"I want others to match my gift to the Sisters. All they do is spend

their lives praying for all of us. Their prayers are a tremendous gift to all of our community, not just the Catholics but for all people." Mrs. Tucker has also helped to build other projects in San Angelo.

The Sisters have carefully saved their pennies in order to initiate the building fund, however, an additional \$800,000 will be needed to complete the project.

An account has been established to which people can contribute, "The Our Lady of Grace Fund." People wanting to write to the Sisters or contribute to the building fund may contact them at Our Lady of Grace Monastery, #1 St. Joseph Place, San Angelo, Texas 76905.

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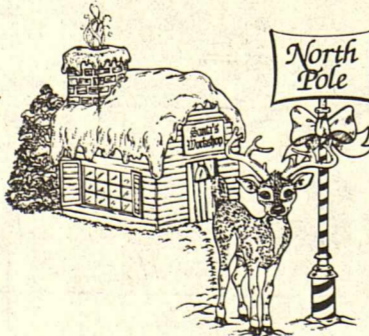
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Sonora High School ends semester with karaoke / pantomime contest



The Dribblets win first place.

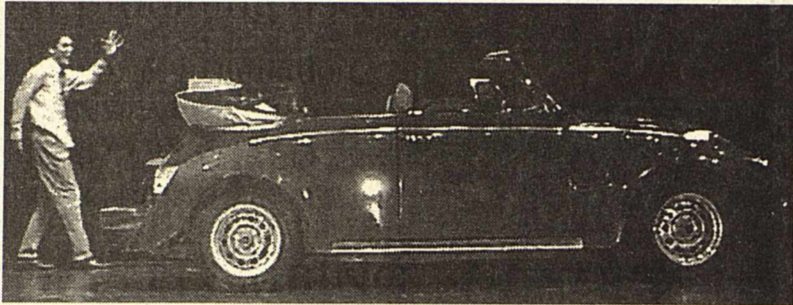
With the first semester of the 1997-98 school year coming to an end, the students of the Sonora High School "tuned it up" and ended 1997 with a good note as they competed in a "Karaoke/Pantomime" contest December 19th in the auditorium of the high school. Award certificates and prizes, donated by local Sonora merchants, were presented to the winners of first, second and third place.

Winning first place were "The Dribblets" - Cam'ille Marshall, Heather Felts, Cindy Jones, Daisy Mireles, Blair Crain, Katy Cooke, Erin Payton, Kari Purvis, Kara Eaton and Stayce Fox performing "Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer."

"Elbissopmi Noissim" - Ty Harrelson, Brad Legan, Tanner Fields, David Mayer and Anthony Renfro received second place performing "Mission Impossible" and winning third place were "The

Funky Monkeys" - April Casiano, Desi Badillo, Lizzy Badillo, Leslie Samaniego and Patty Covarrubiaz performing "Happy Nation."

Though they did not perform to compete, a unanimous decision by applause of the student body voted "The Da-Da-Da's" made up of Mr. Paul Abundez, Mr. Scott Harrelson and Mr. Mike Reilly the "Top Performance."



Coach Scott Harrelson, Principal Paul Abundez, and Counselor Mike Reilly are very entertaining.

Contestants were judged by their overall performance, audience participation and applause. Judges for the contest were Cynthia Keel, Cleone Taylor and Tom Clifton.

"The students have been working very hard this year so I suggested the contest to give them a chance to unwind after they finished taking their semester tests," said Jo Wilkinson, the contest coordinator. "It's a lot of fun working with the students and I must say, I was overwhelmed by the generous donation of prizes we received from the merchants of Sonora. We truly appreciate their continuous support for the students of Sonora."

The participating merchants were Vallree's Bright Spot Fashions, Rosie's Cafe, Sutton County Steak House, Pizza Hut, O' Sonora Trading Co., Merle Norman & Gifts, Sonora Wool & Mohair, Lisa's Flowers & Gifts, Business Basics, Tedford Jewelry, Westerman Drug, Sonic Drive-In, The Video Store and image.

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