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Merry Christmas



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Texas' Best Cowboy Merchants Association Christmas Promotion Drawing to a Close

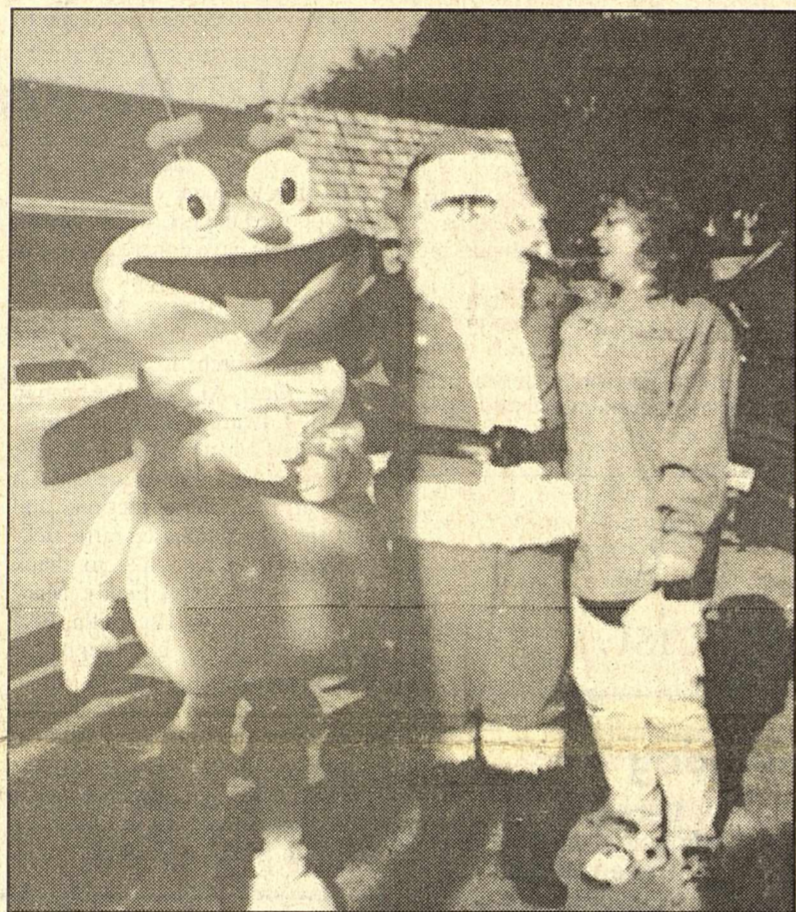
The Texas Circuit Finals Rodeo is just around the corner and promises to be just as exciting as the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, NV. During the National Finals Rodeo earlier this month, 48 of the 120 contestants competing were from the state of Texas. Many of those same contestants will be competing in Waco, TX on December 30- January 2 at the Waco Heart of Texas Fairgrounds.

The Texas Circuit is one of twelve regional circuits in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. The circuit system was created to allow contestants that are unable to travel full time in pursuit of the World Championships, to compete for the Circuit Championships. Points (or money) won at any rodeo in a contestants home circuit counts toward the year end circuit finals held in each region.

The top 15 contestants that qualify in each event will be competing for the Circuit Finals Championships as well as the Circuit Year-end Championships. Over \$98,000 in prize money will be up for grabs at this year's Texas Circuit Finals Rodeo. The Circuit Champions will then progress to the prestigious Dodge National Circuit Finals in Pocatello, ID, in March of 1999, to represent the state of Texas for the team title and a chance at over \$500,000.

The closest race for a title is in the Calf Roping event. NFR qualifiers, Johnny Emmons and Stran Smith, the reigning Texas Circuit Calf Roping Champion, are a mere \$69.17 apart with each having won over \$30,000 in 1998. They will be competing against a tough field of ropers including Joe Beaver, Bubba Paschal, Neal Felton, Keith Hudson, and others. Another tight

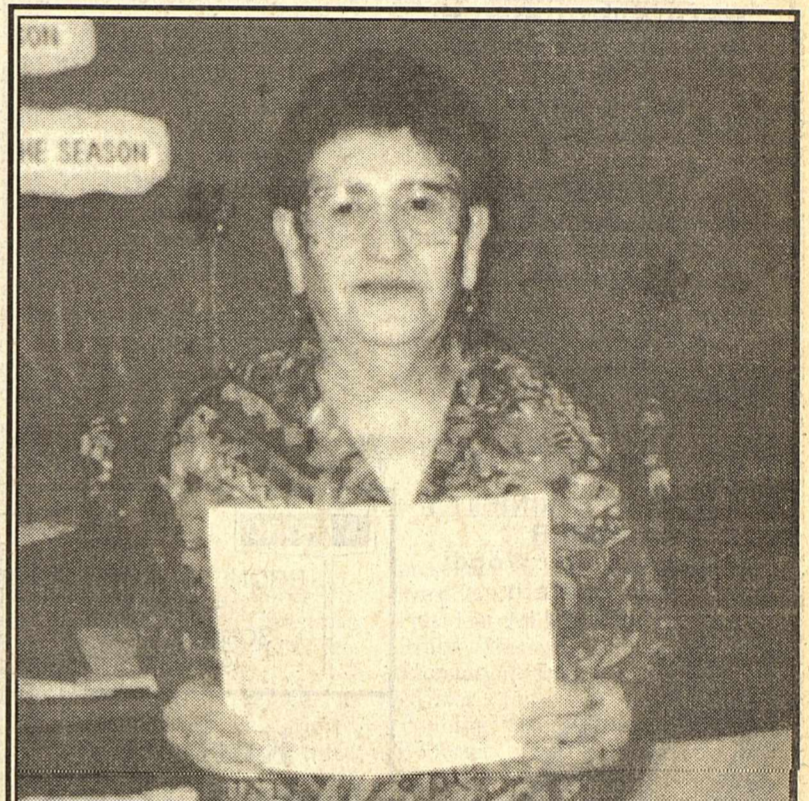
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Santa Claus and Louie the Lightning Bug visited downtown Sonora last weekend.

The Sonora Merchants Association Christmas promotion, "Santa has lost his buttons", is entering it's final stages. Last Saturday's drawing saw Rosa Noriega and Odel Mera Flores come away as the next two entries in the "Santa has lost his buttons" contest. They are now eligible to dig in the hay on Thursday for Santa's buttons. The downtown area was teaming with activity and Christmas cheer as the drawing began. Along with the drawing, entertainment included several children's games, a visit from Santa Claus and Louie the Lightning Bug.

The final stage of the contest will come on Christmas Eve morning when the haystack will be put on the courthouse lawn and the buttons will be carefully hidden. The drawing for the last four finalists will begin at 10:00 a.m., with the dig immediately follow the drawing. This should prove to be a fun time, so even if you are not a registered finalist in the contest come on out for the fun.



Congratulations to Maria Guadalupe Mendez on being recognized for contributing more than 1,000 Senior Companion hours during the 1997-1998 program year at the Senior Center.

Commissioner's Court Meets in Regular Session

Sutton County Commissioners Court held their Regular Meeting on the December 14, 1998. The following officers were present: Carla Garner-County Judge, Mike Villanueva-Commissioner Precinct No. 1, John Wade- Commissioner Precinct No. 2, Bill Keel, Commissioner Precinct No. 3, Belia Castaneda, Commissioner Precinct No. 4 and Bobbie Smith-County Clerk.

The motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the prior meeting. All members voted for approval.

Examination and consideration of various claims against Sutton County since the last term of court. The additional bill of \$24.75 for dog food for the drug dog was approved. Motion was made and seconded to approve payment for the accounts. All commissioners voted for approval.

Judge Alvarez presented the Justice of Peace report. The report was approved unanimously.

The Jailers Report was presented by Sheriff Webster and was approved unanimously. The confiscated vehicle storage policy was discussed. The motion was made and seconded that the County would pay the storage fee if the vehicle was awarded to the County by Court Order at disposition of the case. If the vehicle was

returned to the defendant or any other party, that recipient would pay the storage fee. A discussion was held to consider building a storage area at the county yard. It has been agreed upon to place this item on the next agenda for any action.

The County Treasurer's monthly report was approved by unanimous vote. The report from the EMS Department was presented by Pat Campbell and was accepted as presented. The R&B Department report was also accepted as presented.

The Tax Appraisal Office report was presented by Rex Ann Friess stating that 20% collections had been received of the 1998 taxes. The report was accepted.

Charles Graves, County

Auditor reported on the state mandated audit required on the Sutton County jail and commissary according to the jail standards commission. Graves reported that he was required to audit prisoner's accounts also. Sheriff Webster had called the State office and explained to their satisfaction that the jail had no commissary and he was informed that this would be corrected on their records.

Commissioner Villanueva requested that the court consider hosting the General Assembly of COG next year. Villanueva said that the 4-H building should be complete and ready for use. It was agreed to make plans for this event.

David Wallace, County Attorney reported collections of \$481.80 for the County Attorney

Hot Check Trust Fund. This report was accepted.

District and County Clerk's monthly report was accepted as presented.

Judge Garner reported a request from the Regional Water Planning Board for the amount of \$1,088.00 being the amount assessed to Sutton County according to the State mandated regional plan for the Texas Water Development Board. A motion was made to rebudget and pay this amount. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, the motion was made and seconded by Commissioner Wade, to adjourn until the next regular or special session. Court adjourned by unanimous vote at 9:30 a.m.



Fran Pennington & Cades Pope, representing the Sonora High School Class of 1981, show the winning ticket in the Mason Surber Educational Fund Drawing. The class raffled off a 270 Bolt Action Winchester that was won by Garrett Watkins of Sonora. Garrett, an 11 year old sixth grader at Sonora Middle School donated the gun back to Mason Surber.

Lady Broncos Going Strong

Monday, December 14, 1998

The Comstock Lady Panthers found out how George Custer must have felt, "surrounded and about to be overwhelmed." Monday night the Lady Bronco offense was in high gear as they defeated Comstock by a score of 66 to 17 and improved to 10 and 3 for the season.

Coach Marshall pushed the offense button and the Lady Broncos took complete control of the game, scoring 30 points in the second quarter. Every Lady Bronco in uniform scored on the way to a 49 point victory.

Scoring leaders were Cindy Jones-22 (season high), Kara Eaton and Stacy Fox- each with 8 points. As a team the Lady Broncos hit 12 of 17, 70.5% from the free throw line.

Defensively, Japha Word and Stacy Fox had big games on the boards. Off the rebound the Lady Broncos moved quickly into transition, just another weapon in the arsenal. According to Coach

Marshall "rebounds and the transition game are areas that needed improvement and we took a step in that direction tonight." Scoring: Cindy Jones-22, Kara Eaton-8, Stacy Fox-8, Daisy Mireles-7, Marisha Henson-5, Sarah Ball-4, Japha Word-4, Liza Ramirez-4, Kim Marshall-2 and Kari Purvis-2.

Friday, December 18, 1998

Friday night the Lady Broncos got a rematch with Reagan County, and a chance to avenge an earlier loss. The good news is the Lady Bronco defense was outstanding, the bad news is the offense didn't get out of the locker room. As the Lady Broncos suffered their fourth loss of the season 38-34.

Through the first quarter both teams struggled offensively. The Lady Broncos got a few good looks at the basket but converted only two field goals to trail 6-4.

In the second quarter the offense scored 7 points but like the first quarter many opportunities were missed. However, the Lady

Owls were shut out by great defense, as the Lady Broncos took an uncomfortable 5 point lead at halftime.

The Lady Broncos began to look like they might get the offense going in the third quarter. Finally getting a few shots to fall, but turnovers spoiled each rally.

The fourth quarter began with the Lady Broncos leading 23-17. Slowly that lead increased to as much as 10 points before the Lady Owls began to rally. Reagan County switched to a fierce full court press which the Lady Broncos were unable to solve. The intensity of the press resulted in too many turnovers and steals which the Lady Owls alertly converted to scores. Adding to the Lady Broncos problems were untimely fouls. The frustrated Lady Broncos were charged with several unnecessary, and a few imagined, fouls. Reagan County, who struggled from the freethrow line early, found the range converting 5 of 7 down the stretch. As the Lady Owls held on to preserve a 38-34 victory.

This was a bitter loss for the Lady Broncos as the season record falls to 10-4. But they should be proud of the defensive effort, as long as they play this quality defense they can expect to be in every game. Now they have to learn how to win the close games. There's no question these Ladies have what it takes.

The offense was led by Japha Word and Kara Eaton. Japha had an outstanding game, according to Coach Marshall "she was all over the court, great hustle." Everyone contributed to the defensive effort. Scoring: Japha Word-9, Kara Eaton-8, Cindy Jones-6, Daisy Mireles-4, Sarah Ball-4, Dana Duhon-2 and Marisha Henson-1.

The Lady Broncos will be idle next week as they prepare for the Brownwood Tournament December 28th-29th.

Thanks to everyone who purchased items at the bake sale, it was a great success. And a special thanks to Maria DePugh and the ladies who made the sale possible.

Sonora Church Directory

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| PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Rick Sanchez
504 Santa Clara
387-2035 | THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN
Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 E Mulberry
387-2616 |
| CHURCH OF CHRIST
Tim Dobbs, Minister
304 N. Water
387-3190 | OUTREACH CHURCH OF CHRIST
Hwy. 277 S. Glasscock |
| FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Jim Stephen, Pastor
Rev. Paul Cornelius, Assoc. Pastor
404 E Oak
387-2951 | PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED
Lonnie McGallion, Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266 |
| ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Ted W. Harris
404 E Poplar
387-2955 | ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I.
229 W Plum
387-2278 |
| FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor
201 N Water
387-2466 | JEHOVAH'S WITNESS
310 St. Ann's Street
387-5658 or 387-5518 |
| JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
St. Ann's Street
387-3600 | NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Sessom
511 Cornell
387-5215 |
| HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Charles Huffman
417 E 2nd St.
387-5366 | COWBOY CHURCH
Stanley Adams
Monty Price
Auction Barn
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. |

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

FORD
BRONCHO FORD INC.
115 N CONCHO
SONORA, TX 76950
(915)387-2549

Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Cards of Thanks

On December 16, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. Sonny and Jennifer Samaniego were remarried at the Cowboy Church of Sonora by Rev. Monty Price.
We would like to thank our family at the Cowboy Church for the nice reception after our wedding. We love you and appreciate all your prayers!

Love, Sonny & Jennifer Samaniego

We're Welcoming An Addition

Sarah Layton Howie would like to announce the arrival of her baby brother Parker Hayden Howie. He was born Aug. 27, 1998. Weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 22" long. Proud Parents are Ed & Kathryn Howie. Maternal Grandparents are Jamie & Carol Parker of Sonora, TX. Paternal Grandparents are Bill & Betty Howie of Durham, NC. Maternal Great Grandmother Mrs. Ray Parker of Odessa, TX. Paternal Great Grandmother Mrs. Reubin Johnson of Durham, NC.

Poems Sought in Contest

A \$1,000.00 grand prize is being offered in a free poetry contest sponsored by Celestial Arts, open to everyone. A whopping \$25,000.00 in prizes will be awarded during the coming year!
"Even if you have never entered a competition before," says Poetry Editor Michael Thomas, "this is an opportunity to win big. Even if you have written only one poem it deserves to be read and appreciated. Beginners are welcome!"
To enter send one original poem on any subject, using any style, to: Free Poetry Contest, 1257 Siskiyou Blvd., Suite 4, Ashland, OR 97520, or enter online at www.freecontest.com.
Be sure your poem is 21 lines or less and your name and address appear on the pagewith your poem. The deadline for entering is January 1, 1999. All entrants will be professionally affirmed.

Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

Happy Birthday

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| December 25
Betty Arredondo
Haven Holekamp | December 29
Kimberly Thompson |
| December 26
Jesus Capuchina Jr.
Jessie Noriega
Brandon Munn | December 30
William Hearn
Mario Lira Jr.
Austin John Rodriguez
Jeannette Thompson |
| December 27
Charlie Alewine
Dora Escalante
Ryan Garmon | December 31
Katelynn Trevino
Catrina Burris
Tina Covey
Maria Murillo
Lupe Ramon
Anita Samaniego
Patsy Samaniego |
| December 28
Brent Newkirk
Kent Newkirk
Joey Creek
Amy Gann | |

Catholic Church Holiday Schedule

Saint Ann's Catholic Church has the following schedule for this holiday season:

Dec. 24th	Confessions 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass 7:00 p.m. Midnight Mass 12:00 a.m.
Dec. 26th	Confessions 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 27th	Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.
Dec. 31st	Vigil Mass 7:00 p.m.
Jan 1st	New Year's Mass 10:00 a.m.

Obituaries

Freeda Barrow

Mrs. Freeda Barrow, 94, of Sonora and formerly of Alpine passed away Thursday, December 17, 1998, in Sonora.
Services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 21, at the First United Methodist Church in Alpine where she lived and served for 57 years. Interment was followed in Alpine Cemetery. Arrangements were by Geeslin Funeral Home.
Mrs. Barrow married James G. Barrow who preceded her in death. Survivors include a son and two daughters, Clay G. Barrow of San Angelo, Selette Suratt of El Paso and Gaile Cade of Sonora.
Her family included 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and so many friends in Alpine, El Paso and Sonora.
The grandchildren were the pallbearers.

Pete Thompson

Lano "Pete" Thompson, 73, passed away Thursday, December 17, 1998, at his home on Thompson Hill.
Memorial service was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 20, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Stephen presiding. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.
Pete was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sonora and a veteran of World War II. Pete was an avid fisherman and hunter and loved people and dancing. He loved his grandchildren dearly and was so very proud of the young adults they have become.
He was preceded in death by his wife, Bobbye Thompson, and son, Bill Thompson.
Survivors include sons, Gene Thompson and wife, Jeannette, of Sonora; grandchildren, Coleby and Walker; Sam Thompson and wife LuAnn, of Fort Stockton, grandchildren, Christi and Richard, Haley and Kimberly; a brother, J.T. Thompson of California; sisters-in-laws, Joyce Aaron of Sonora, Mary French of Dallas and Irma Thompson of Colorado; and a very special friend, Hazel Hodges of Brady. He will be missed by many other friends.
Memorials at Pete's request may be sent to the West Texas Boys Ranch.

Elementary News

The Sonora Elementary staff would like to thank everyone who has supported the E.L.K.S. Program. Many people have donated time and finances for the program. A special thanks to the Merchants Association, WTU, St. John's Episcopal Church, Louis Dreyfuss Natural Gas, ALCO, Westernman Drug, Edward and Carolyn Earwood, T.M. and Jean Mayhew, everyone who donated or bid on items at the silent auction, and everyone who purchased raffle tickets. We would also like to thank Glenda Barton, Jeryl Fields, Mary Beth Morgan, Lulu Escamilla, Elsa Banda, and Stella Lumbreras for their many hours of support.
We are happy to report that the program will begin operation on January 5, 1999. The children who attend E.L.K.S. will be provided a safe, supervised environment in which to study, complete homework, participate in enrichment projects and activities. The program will be in operation each school day from 3:30-5:30. The E.L.K.S. Program will be closed on student holidays and early dismissal days. Space is still available for any Sonora Elementary student in Kindergarten through fifth grade. The tuition is \$15 a week for one child and \$5 for each additional child; \$7.50 a week for one child for families qualifying for free lunches and \$2.50 for each additional child; and drop-ins will be \$5 per day. (Drop-in tuition must be paid by 3:30 of the day the child is to attend.) Tuition must be paid the first school day of the week. Due to budget restraints, students who have not paid the tuition by the first school day of each week will not be allowed to attend the program.

Senior Center News

- December 28** - Last Bingo of 1998!
- December 29** - Nutrition Program with Kelly L. Thorp at noon.
- December 31** - Center will be closed for New Year's Eve.

Senior Center Menu

- December 28** - Baked chicken, fried rice, zucchini, tomatoes, roll, juice, peach cobbler, milk
 - December 29** - Roast beef, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, wheat roll, baby carrots, applesauce, milk
 - December 30** - Fish sticks, herb potatoes, 3 bean salad, roll, peaches, lemon pudding, milk
 - December 31** - Closed for New Year's Eve!
- Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 noon. \$1.75 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 from all others.

Dining Out Directory

- Dairy Queen
134 N. Hwy 277
387-2118
- Food Center Deli
600 S. Crockett Ave.
387-5616
- La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy. 277
387-3401
- Los Jarritos
605 S Crockett
387-2838
- Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540
- Rosie's Cafe
207 Glasscock Av.
387-5552
- Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd.
387-3833
- Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181
- Town & Country-Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169

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Community

December 25
Merry Christmas

January 9
Market Lamb & Meat Goat Show

January 16
Angora & Swine Show. BBQ and sale will immediately follow.



The Community Calendar
Sutton County National Bank
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Calendar

January 26, 27, & 28
Concho Valley RC&D grant writing II Workshop at the Crockett County Extension Building.

January 30
Annual Fling Ding Club Dance

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Ask the Historical Society



Frank Bond in uniform of military school in San Antonio.

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer

Q. Where do candy canes come from?

A. There are as many different stories on where candy canes come from as there are stars in the sky. I think I like this one best:

The Story of the Candy Maker Who Loved Jesus

There was a man who loved Jesus so much that he decided to do something special for Jesus' birthday. Since he was a candy maker, he decided to use his talents to make a special candy to honor Jesus, so he designed the first candy cane.

If the candy is held upright, it is in the shape of a shepherd's staff which the shepherd uses as he watches over his sheep. Jesus is our Shepherd. If the candy cane is turned upside-down, it becomes the letter "J" for Jesus.

The scriptures tell us that by Jesus' stripes, we are healed. Jesus was beaten and stripes were put upon His back when He was crucified in payment for our sins. So the candy cane was made with red and white stripes to represent the blood of Jesus which washes away our sins and makes us pure and white as snow. One bold stripe represents our belief in one God who is Father of us all. The three fine stripes represent the Trinity; one God who reveals Himself to us in three ways: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

There are a lot of candy canes in the stores today made with different colors, but they are not true candy canes unless they are red and white and have one

bold stripe and three little stripes.

It is the time of many holidays in many countries right now. Our Christmas and New Year's and the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah, the feast of Ramadan are just a few that come to mind.

This will not be the first year that Americans have been off involved in conflict during the holiday season. Washington and his troops were freezing in Valley Forge during the Revolutionary War, men of both the North and South spent Christmas in trenches during the Civil War or in prison camps like Chancellorsville and Andersonville.

During WWI our troops were freezing in the Argonne Forest and during WWII they went back to the same place again to the Meuse Argonne, to Africa, Asia, and let's not forget the Aleutian Islands in Alaska. During Korea our troops spent Christmas in the frozen Chosen Reservoir and Heartbreak Ridge where they were so cold they couldn't dig fox holes into the concrete-like frozen ground. Next came Vietnam with our men stationed in places like Khe Sanh, Pleiku, Danang and Chu Lai. Since then we have had Grenada, Panama, Haiti, Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Now there is the latest Desert Fox and our men also stationed in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Fighting to keep peace and freedom in the world is nothing new to our men in uniform or the families they leave at home waiting for them. Holidays can't be spent with

loved ones when there is a crisis in the world.

I would ask you all to take a moment to remember these brave young men and women at this time. Please send letters and cards to the young men and women on Diego Garcia, on the ships in the area and Air Force units that are involved in the assault. We must show these young men and women, just as we did those in WWII and Korea, that we care about them and support them in carrying out the orders they have been given to protect our world and keep it free.

Devil's River News, December 29, 1944

Flight Officer Kenneth K. Babcock, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Babcock of Sonora, has written of his safe arrival in North Africa about a month ago. He is with the A. A. F. in the Transport Command.

First Lt. Walter L. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Davis of Sonora, arrived back in the States at San Francisco on Christmas Day, according to a wire received by his parents. Lt. Davis has been in New Guinea for almost two years and was recently confined for several months to the hospital suffering from malaria. For gallantry in action against the enemy in New Guinea, Lt. Davis was last summer awarded the Silver Star.

Lt. O. L. Richardson, Jr., according to a letter received by his parents and postmarked "somewhere in France" has arrived safely at this station in France. Lt. Richardson is with an Infantry division and is in a hut with several other officers. He said he had been seasick on the whole cruise over and when the war was over he was going to "stay there until they build a bridge across the Atlantic."

In the Sixth War Loan Drive Sutton County citizens have purchased a total of \$389,346.50, with \$112,712.50 being in Series E. bonds. The quota for our county had been \$235,000.00 which was more than filled by the generous people of Sonora.

The Hillman Browns before going to Cpl. Brown's new station at

Sheppard Field stopped in to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Simmons and Mrs. Maysie Brown while enroute from Camp McClelland, Sacramento, California.

In the column 43 Years Ago we find: The Christmas tree, with A. J. Swearingen as Old Santa, was a grand success. The committee put gifts on the tree for over 400 children. More than a thousand other gifts of various values were distributed in this manner. Geo. Black was in from Green's ranch Monday attending to some business and buying Christmas presents. Ed Mayfield and Floyd Turney arrived home from the Peacock School in San Antonio to spend the holidays. Nannie Word, who is attending Sacred Heart Convent at Waco, arrived home to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Word.

Just a little note now: Did you know that December 28th is the anniversary of the "workingest, fightingest bunch of men" in the nations armed forces? The Navy Seabees were formed in 1941 and will be celebrating their 57th anniversary this year. Congratulations to the men and women of the United States Naval Construction Battalions. The Seabees were born just three weeks after the Pearl Harbor disaster, with an authorized strength of 3,000. They won their spurs on Guadalcanal and have been with the assault troops in every major American amphibious operation. They can now boast of the many Naval and Air bases they have built all over the world.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton Co. history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society" P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, e-mail them to schs@sonoratorx.net, drop them off at the Devil's River News office, or give me a call after noon or evenings at 915-387-2855.

We wish you a happy and safe holiday season!



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Fire Department Takes Time Out For A Christmas Celebration

If you heard the Fire siren last Saturday, December 19, 1998. Well it was because Santa Claus was arriving at the Fire Station. The Fire Department had their Christmas Party last Saturday. The Catfish Korner catered the meal.

Some of the Firefighters received a plaque: Russell Green and Shirley Odom received a five year plaque, Allan Prather received a fifteen year plaque, George Keese and Harold Martinez received a twenty year plaque, and Tim Thorp received a Firefighter's of the Year Plaque. Two of the retired firefight-

ers joined us at the Christmas Party. They were Louis Olenick and Vernon Humphreys. We have three retired firefighters all together. The third firefighter is James McLaughlin.

Mr. Humphreys retired from the Department in July 1990, James McLaughlin retired in December 1992 and Louis Olenick retired in August 1994.

The party was a success. Everyone had a great time. Especially the kids. Congratulations to all of the Firefighters for a year well done.

Police Reports

12-16: Minor Accident- 200 block of Dos Street and 400 block of Calle Real Street. No injuries.

12-17: Incident- Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to truancy. Student was picked up and transported to school.

12-18: Possession of Controlled Substance- Officer was patrolling in 400 block State Highway 277 South. Officer stopped a blue 97 Ford pickup on a traffic violation. After further investigation officer located contraband in vehicle. Suspect was arrested and transported to the Sutton County Jail.

12-20: Criminal Mischief- Officer was dispatched to 500 block of East College in reference to criminal mischief. Officer contacted

complainant and she advised that an unknown person had scratched her pickup. Investigation still pending.

12-20: Warrant Arrest- Officer received a *capias* instanter out of County Court warrant for a known subject. Subject was found and served and was transported to the Sutton County Jail. After further investigation subject was also wanted by DPS- Pecos for no insurance warrant.

12-20: Lost Wallet/Theft- Officer was dispatched to Circle K in reference to a theft. Officer contacted complainant and he advised he had left his wallet on top of the phone. Complainant advised that he left and when he returned to pick up his wallet, the wallet was missing.

EMS held yearly Christmas party

By Carol Sesson

The EMS met December 18, 1998 for their yearly Christmas party. The EMS enjoyed food, fellowship and fun.

Awards were presented to Pascal Allison who was named EMT of the Year and was presented with the Gene West Memorial Award. Attendance Certificates were presented to Monica McGee, Donna Keese, Leslie Thorp, Karen Frasier, Patrick Campbell, Tim Thorp, George Keese and Tonya Brown.

Appreciation Certificates were

presented to last year's officers: President- Carla Garner, Vice President- Maggie Mesa and Patrick Braly, Treasurer- Tonya Brown, Secretary- Monica McGee, Training Officer- Jody Luttrell, Assistant Training Officer- Karen Frasier, Reporter- Sonia Gamez and Historian- Rosie Butler.

Santa Claus had made an early delivery and before the evening was over gifts had been exchanged. A good time was had by all. A special thanks to all who brought or donated food for the party.

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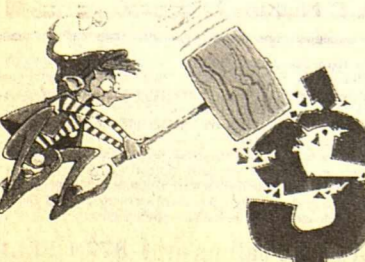
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An Emergency Medical

Technician (EMT) course will be offered in Sonora beginning January 12, 1999. Meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. The course will end May 13, 1999. If you are interested in this course contact the Sutton County EMS office at 211 E. 3rd, or call 387-5132. Advance registration is required. The last day for registration is January 7, 1999.

Thunderbird is back in service. For more information call 387-2509.

Lillian Hudspeth Nursing Home & Hospital Auxiliary meets 2nd Monday of every month at 12:00 p.m. at the Sutton Co. Steakhouse. New members welcome.

Cowboys from page 1

race for the championship is in the Steer Wrestling. Rope Myers is in the lead with \$25,740, but is followed by two tough competitors, Steve Duhon and Brian Fields, who are less than \$3500 behind.

Blu Bryant, who finished the 1998 PRCA regular season in 2nd place, is leading the bull riding standings going into Waco. He is followed by top bull riding talents such as Tony Booth, Phillip Elkins, Cory McFadden, and the 1997 Circuit Champion Michael Daniel. The 1997 Bareback Champion is in the top spot again in 1998. Jon Brockway will defend his title against Pete Hawkins, Chris Harris, Eric Swenson, Kirby Berry and 10 other top Bareback riders from Texas. The Saddle Bronc riding is lead by Tom Reeves. Reeves won the event at last years Circuit Finals and looks to repeat if he can out ride the likes of Johnny Pollock, Craig Latham, TJ Kenney, and Bronc Collier.

Newly crowned PRCA World Champion Team Ropers, Speed Williams and Rich Skelton, head the field of Team Ropers that will compete this year. The event is packed with some of the best Texas

has to offer in professional team roping. Tee Woolman and Tyler Magnus; Todd Arthur and Shot Branham; Kevin Stewart and Martin Lucero; and Chuck Doebbler and Joe Beaver will all be competing. The Women's Barrel Racing is sure to be fast as Charmayne James, Janet Stover, Sue Miller, Lisa Ogden and Kay Blandford will all be racing the clock for their shot at the Circuit Finals Title.

The rodeo performances will begin at 7:00 p.m. nightly, December 30- January 2. Other events that will be held during the weekend include a chance to "Meet the Cowboys," a PRCA Rodeo Committee Convention, a style show and luncheon, a New Year's Eve dance and the Texas Circuit Shindig fund raiser dance. For information on tickets or the schedule of events call (254)776-1660. For more information on the Texas Circuit Shindig please call (830)775-7459. Don't miss the biggest and best Texas Circuit Finals ever!

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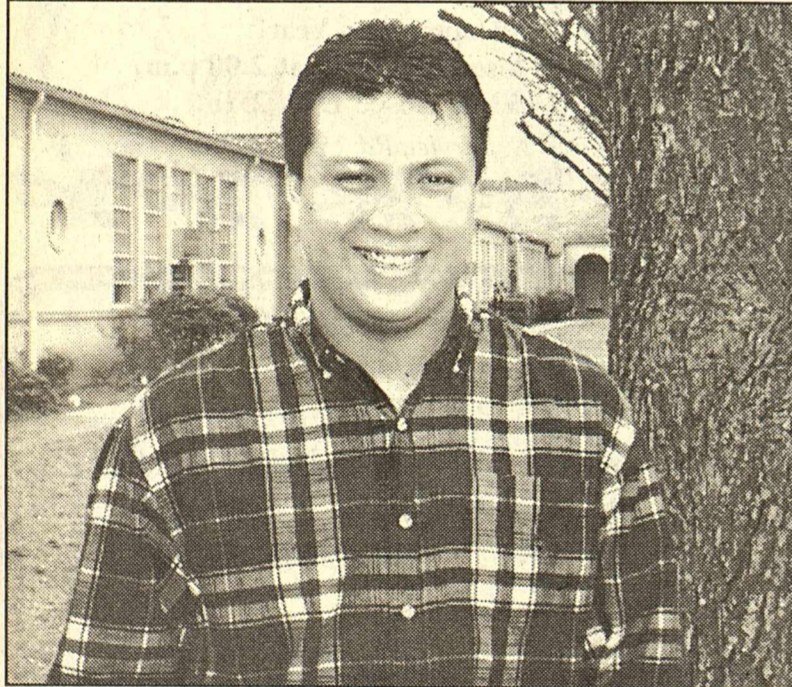
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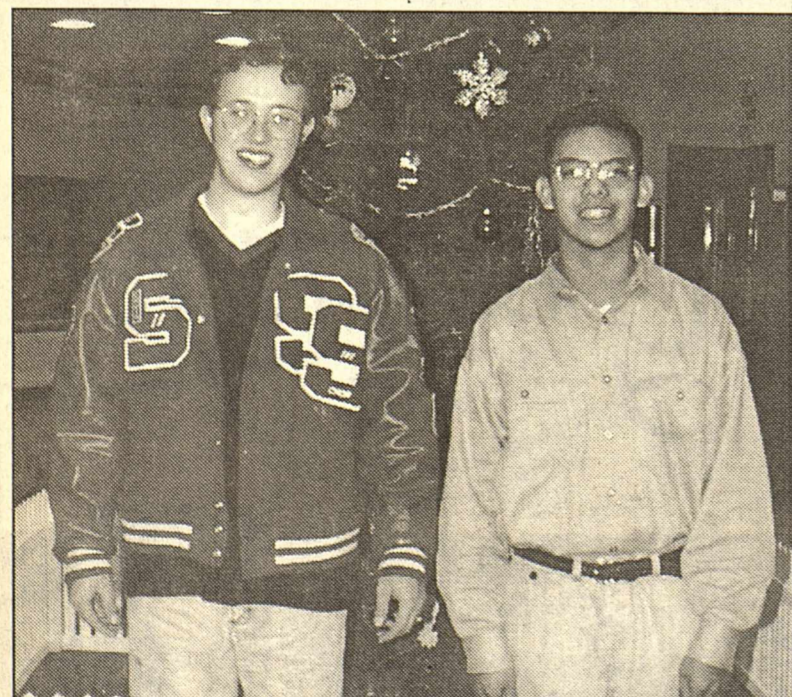
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Colt Basketball

7th Grade Boys Team

12-14: Sonora 7th grade "A" team played Iraan. The leading scorers were Scottie Moore-16 and Chris Martin-10. The final score was Sonora 38 and Iraan 30.

12-14: Sonora 7th grade "B" team played Iraan. The leading scorer was Hernandez-8 points. The final score was Sonora 16 and Iraan 12.

7th Grade Girls Team

12-14: Sonora 7th grade "A" team played Iraan. The leading scorers were Dainah Hernandez-12, Elizabeth Elliott-3 and Laura West-2. The score was Sonora 17 and Iraan 20. The girls played a great game defensively. Offensively the Lady Colts struggled. Overall the Lady Colts showed a lot of improvement. The girls are looking forward

to the holidays.

12-14: Sonora 7th grade "B" team played Iraan. The scorer of the game was Amy Vandivere with 6 points. The score was Sonora 6 and Iraan 6.

8th Grade Boys Team

12-14: Sonora 8th grade "A" team played Iraan. The leading scorers were Reyes Garcia-16 and Manuel Lopez-7. The final score was Sonora 44 and Iraan 27.

12-14: Sonora 8th grade "B" team played Iraan. The leading scorers were Juan Rodriguez-10 and Luis Segura-6. The final score was Sonora 32 and Iraan 0.

8th Grade Girls

12-14: The 8th grade Lady Colts played Iraan. The scorers of

the game were Ashley Parker-18, Koda Armke-7, Kara Hard-4 and Morgan Hobbs-2. The team made 14% of their free throws. The girls showed maturity during this game by being able to adjust to Iraan's offense. The girls also had to adjust to having a different mix on the floor. Shannon Vick and Amanda Sanchez came off the bench when Hobbs and Perez got into foul trouble and did an excellent job. Koda Armke was our floor leader. Ashley Parker was our scoring leader. Great game ladies. The final score was Sonora 31 and Iraan 19.

The holiday schedule is as follows: First week the gym is closed and second week check with Coach Marshall. On January 4 work out will be at 8 a.m. and the game will be at 5 p.m. at Eldorado.

J.V. Lady Broncos

J.V. takes 4th at Wall Tournament

12-3-98: Game 1 vs. Miles

The girls had a relatively easy time handling this Miles team defeating them 38-15. As usual our team defense was outstanding. Scorers for Sonora were: Lindsey Bowers-11, Daisha Henson-8, Stephanie Hard-6, Rita Lopez-5, Heather Lawson-4, Shalayne Hobbs-2 and Veronica Velez-2.

12-4-98: Game 2 vs. Wall

The girls had a difficult time finding the basket in this game losing to a very good and big Wall team 38-12. Scorers for this game were: Lindsey Bowers-5, Daisha Henson-4, Veronica Velez-2 and Heather Lawson-1.

12-5-98: Game 3 vs. Lakeview

This game was closer than the score shows. The Lady Broncos frustrated the bigger and stronger Lakeview team throughout the game with stingy defense but Lakeview's size finally prevailed 52-31. Scorers were: Daisha Henson-8, Lindsey Bowers-6, Shalayne Hobbs-5, Rita Lopez-2, Veronica Velez-2, Stephanie Hard-2, Heather Lawson-2 and Desiree Gozales-2.

12-8-98 vs. Grape Creek

The Lady Broncos went to Grape Creek's new facility not knowing what to expect from the new program at Grape Creek. The

girls came out and played hard jumping out to a 26-7 lead at the half. The stingy Lady Bronco defense held the Grape Creek girls to just 3 more points in the second half easily defeating them 40-10. Scorers were: Heather Felts-8, Daisha Henson-7, Veronica Velez-6, Lindsey Bowers-6, Shalayne Hobbs-4, Desiree Gonzales-2, Rita Lopez-2, Lorena Lopez-2, Stephanie Hard-2 and Heather Lawson-1.

J.V. takes 2nd at Sonora Tournament

12-10-98: Game 1 vs. Big Lake

The girls came out and played good defense but could not keep up with a taller Big Lake team losing 26-16. Scorers were: Lindsey Bowers-4, Desiree Gonzales-4, Daisha Henson-2, Veronica Velez-2, Stephanie Hard-2 and Shalayne Hobbs-2.

12-11-98: Game 2 vs. Del Rio

The Lady Broncos came out and played a very good offensive game against a slower Del Rio squad scoring easily on many fast breaks and winning 42-25. Scorers were Rita Lopez-6, Lindsey Bowers-6, Shalayne Hobbs-6, Heather Lawson-6, Desiree Gonzales-5, Veronica Velez-4, Heather Felts-4, Daisha Henson-3 and Stephanie Hard-2.

12-11-98: Game 3 vs. Grape Creek

For the second time in four days

the Lady Broncos were challenged by the team from Grape Creek. The results were the same. The Lady Broncos overpowered Grape Creek in every aspect of the game winning 50-28. Scorers were: Daisha Henson-24, Lindsey Bowers-8, Stephanie Hard-4, Rita Lopez-4, Desiree Gonzales-4, Shalayne Hobbs-3, Heather Lawson-2 and Veronica Velez-1.

12-12-98: Game 4 vs. Lakeview

This was a rematch of their game at the Wall Tournament except this time the outcome determined the Sonora Tournament Champion. The Lady Broncos gave a good effort but again could not overcome the size and speed of the Lakeview team losing 40-16. Scorers were Daisha Henson-6, Veronica Velez-4, Heather Lawson-3, Rita Lopez-2 and Desiree Gonzales-1.

12-18-98: Game 5 vs. Reagan County

The Big Lake team challenged the Lady Broncos for third time this month, however, this time the Lady Broncos showed the Big Lake team how to take advantage of a well executed press. The Lady Broncos again displayed their stingy defense and managed to win this game 42-38. Scorers were: Veronica Velez-13 (3-3 point), Lindsey Bowers-8, Desiree Gonzales-7, Rita Lopez-5 (1-3 point), Monica Lira-4, Daisha Henson-3 and Stephanie Hard-2. Team Record 7-6



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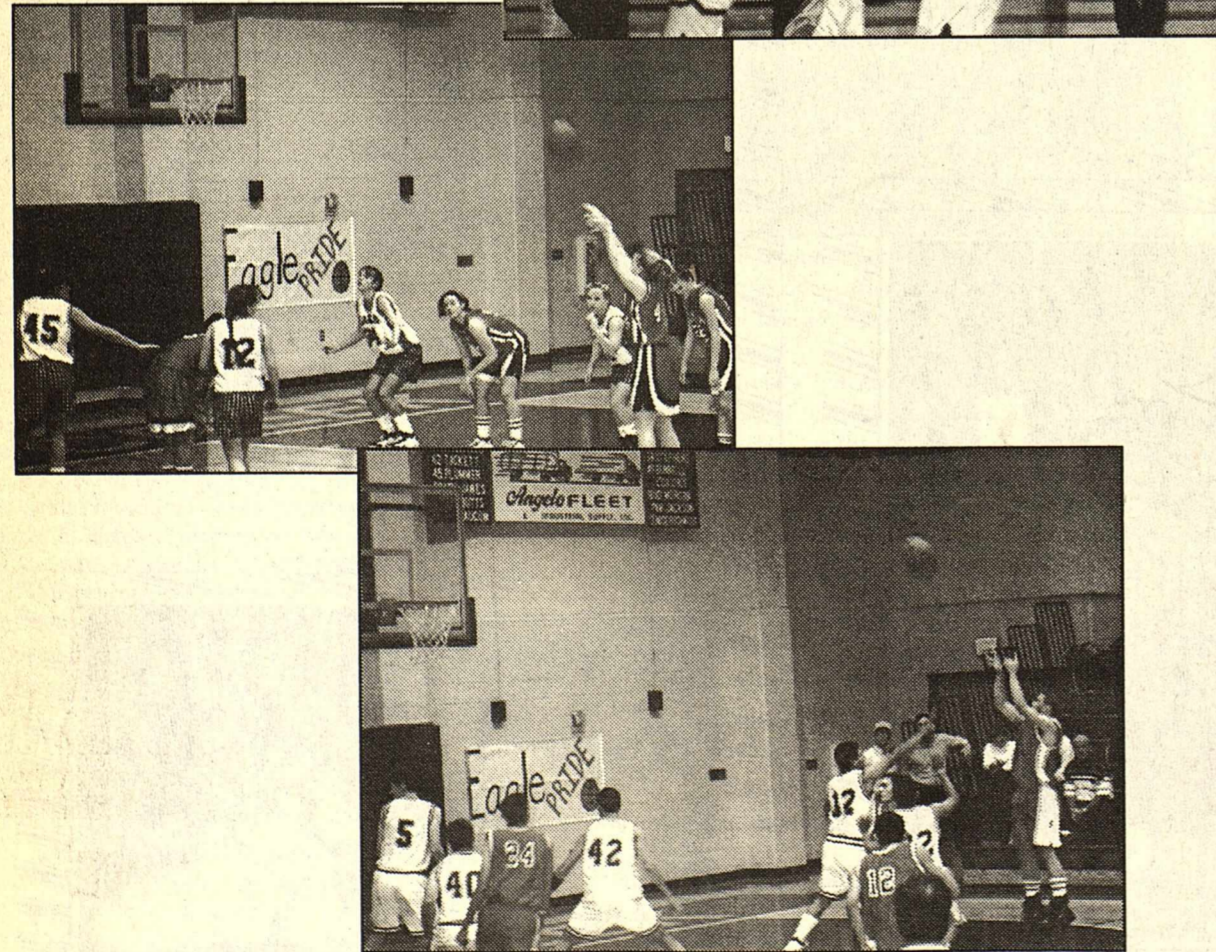
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Varsity Broncos

Varsity Boys

12-5: Sonora Varsity boys played Glenn. The scorers of the game were Anthony Luna-25, Riley Crain-11, David Mayer-10, Isaac Ramos-9, Edgar Gonzalez-5, Ernie Perez-4, Ryan Cramer-4, Demetrio Castro-3 and Anthony Renfro-2.

Other players of the team were Tanner Fields and Russell Dempsey. The final score was Sonora 73 and Glenn 44.

12-14: Sonora Varsity boys played Comstock. The scorers of the game were Anthony Luna-21, Isaac Ramos-15, Ernie Perez-6, Anthony

Renfro-5, Riley Crain-4, Russell Dempsey-3, Tanner Fields-2. Other players of the team were Ryan Cramer, Edgar Gonzalez, Demetrio Castro and David Mayer. The final score was Sonora 56 and Comstock 51.

For many Texans,
1998 was a year
that tested our spirit,

our resilience and our compassion to reach out to

others in need. Whether it was flood or drought, neighbor stood by neighbor

in ways that should make us all proud to be Texans.

This holiday season, may we all pause and reflect on the many good things in our

lives: family, friends and the promise of a new, exciting year.

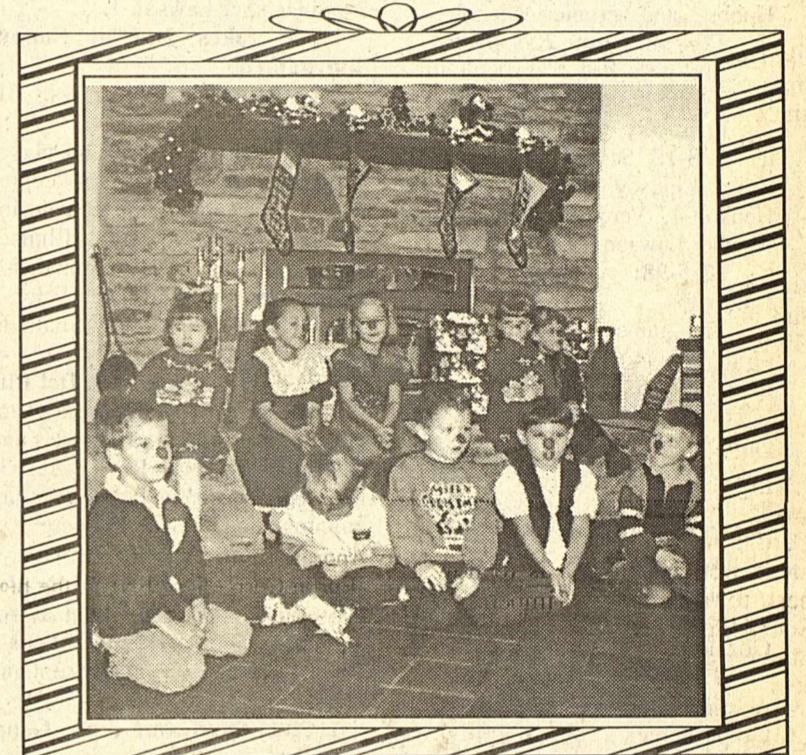
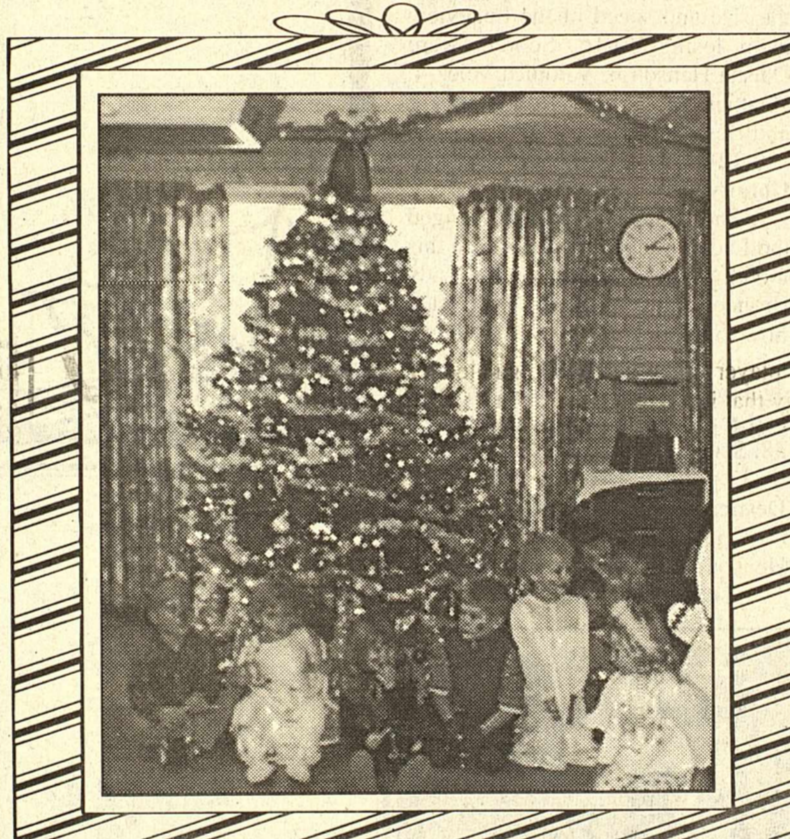
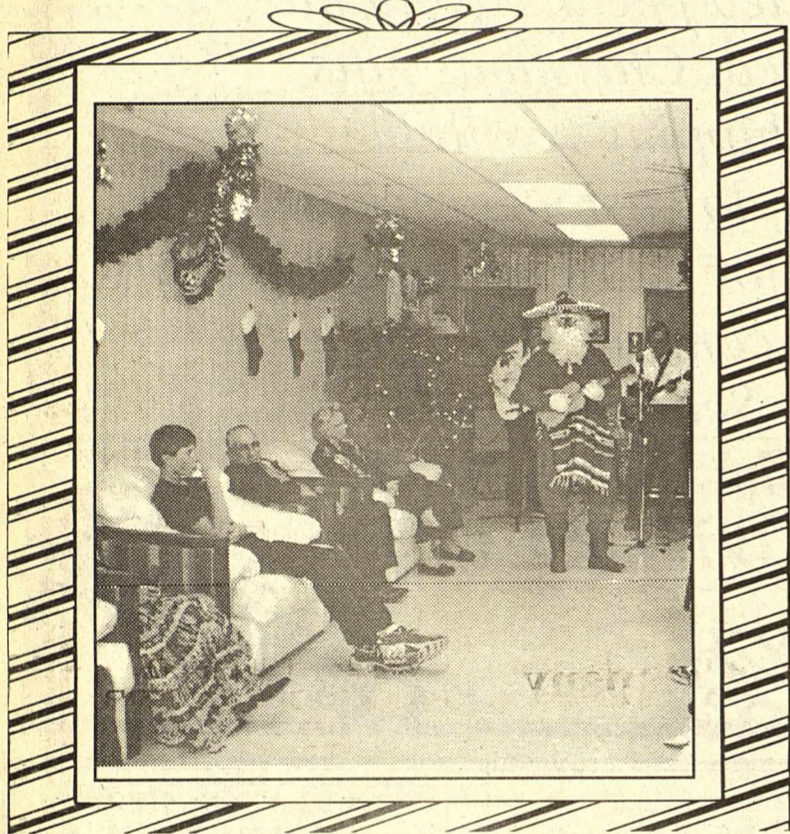
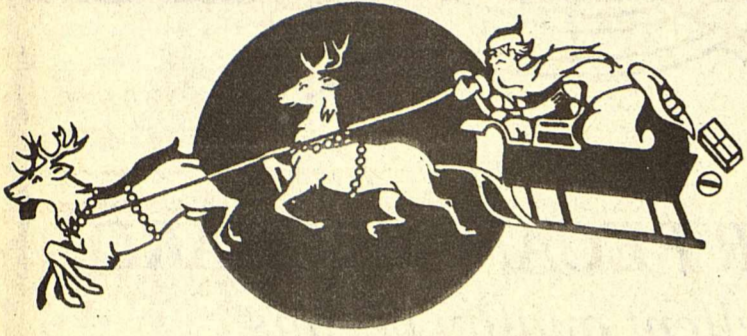
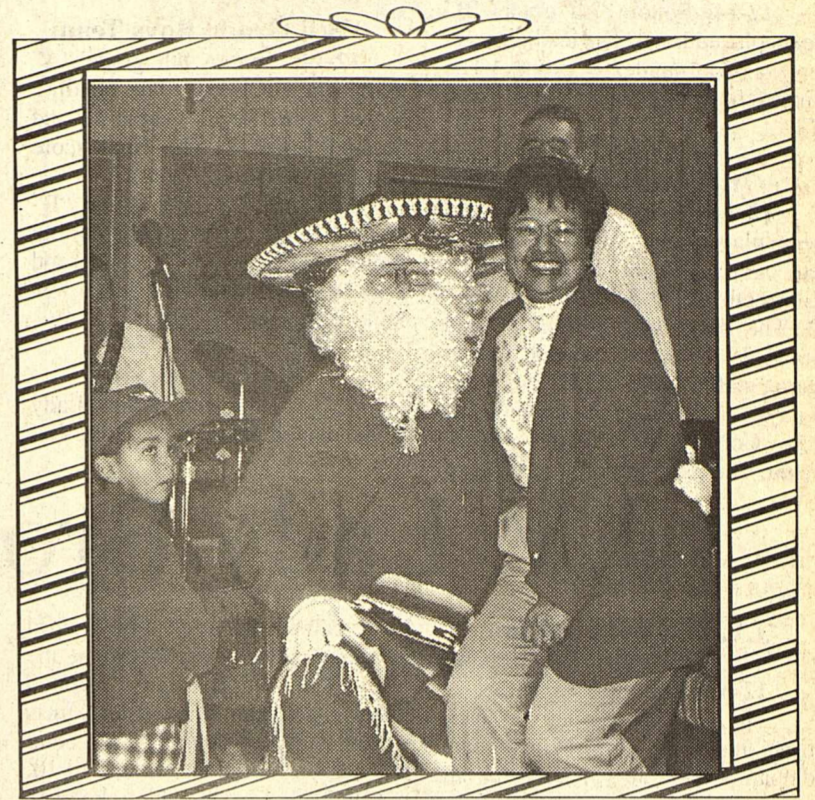
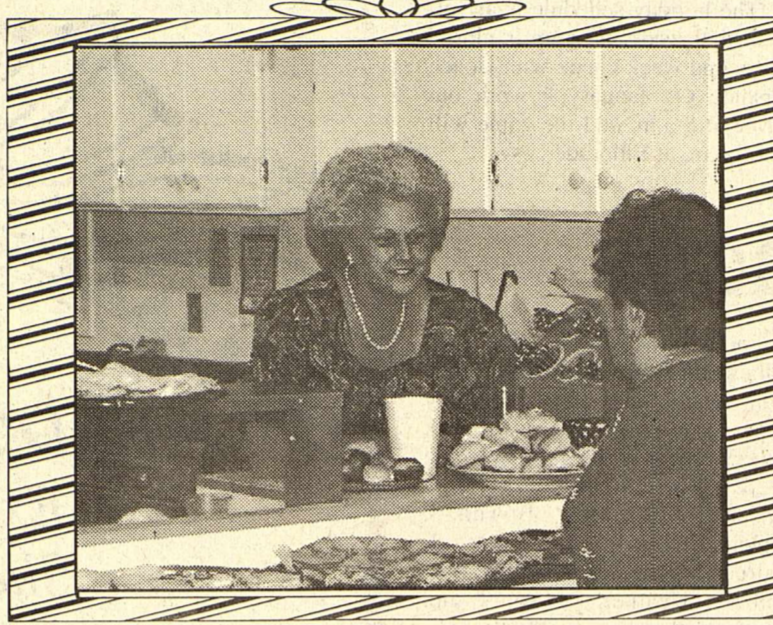


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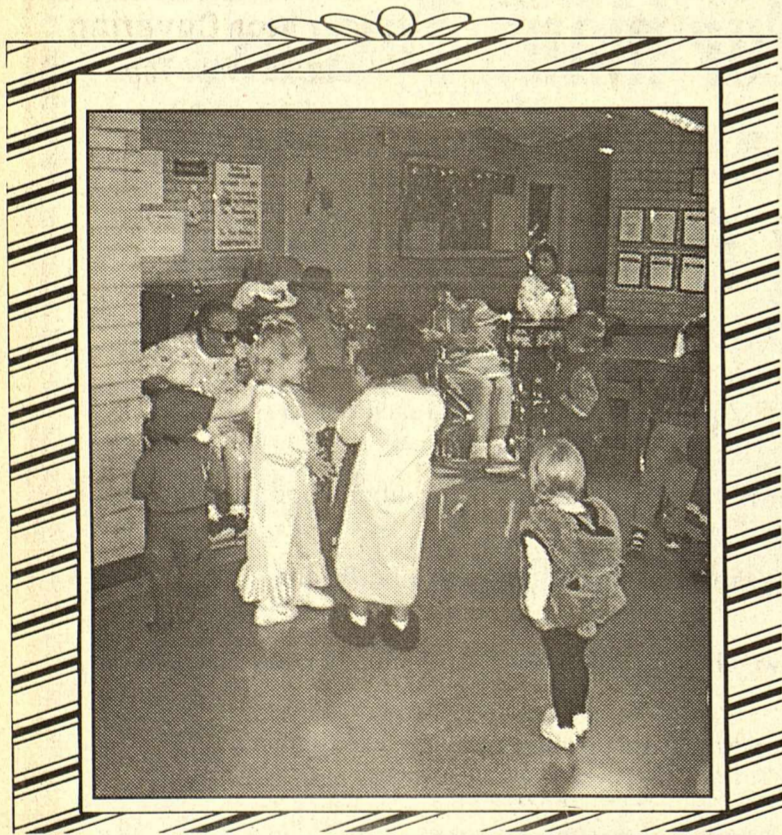
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Sonora Celebrates the Season

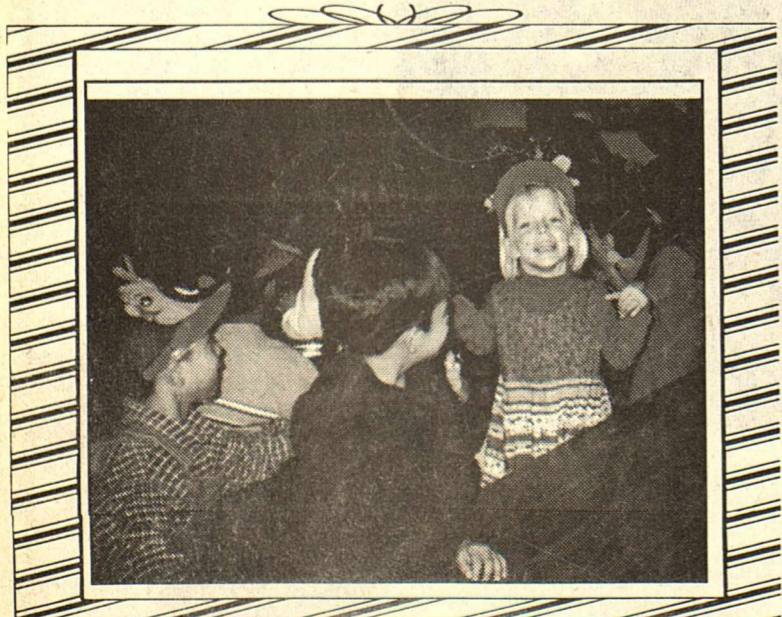
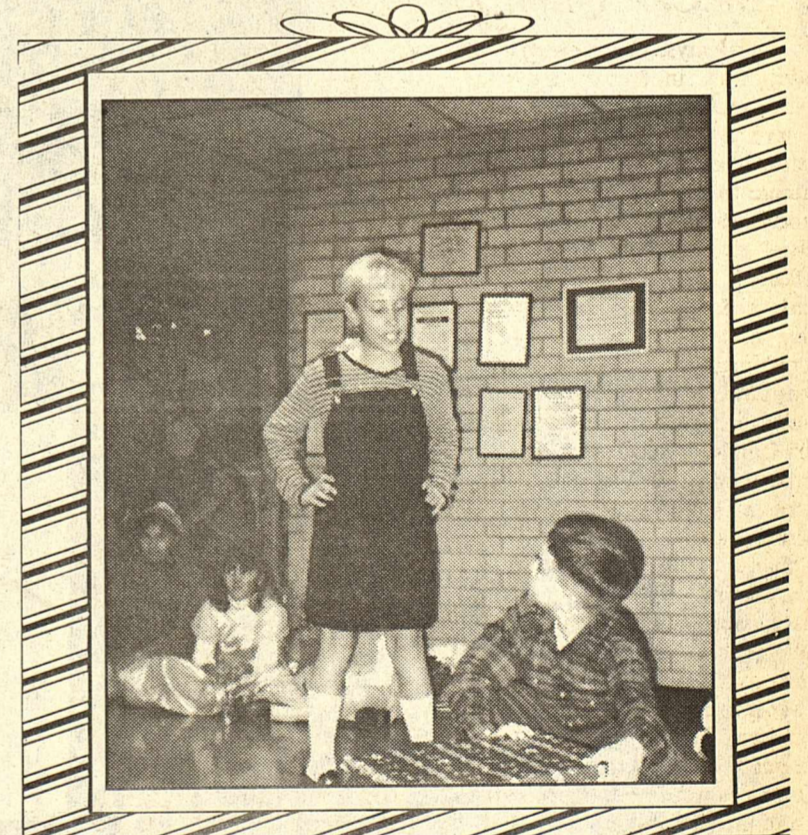
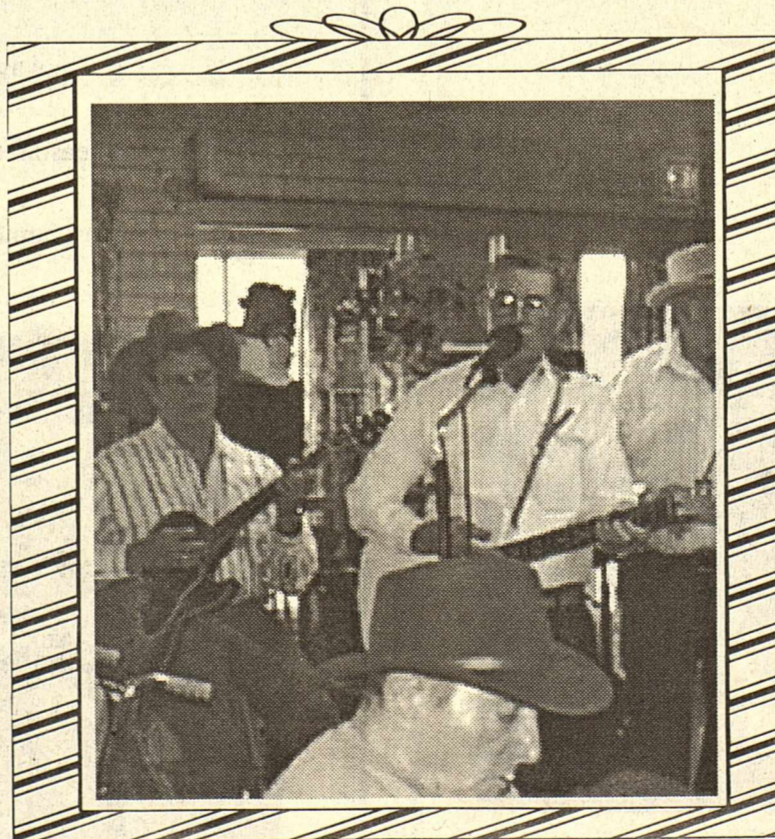
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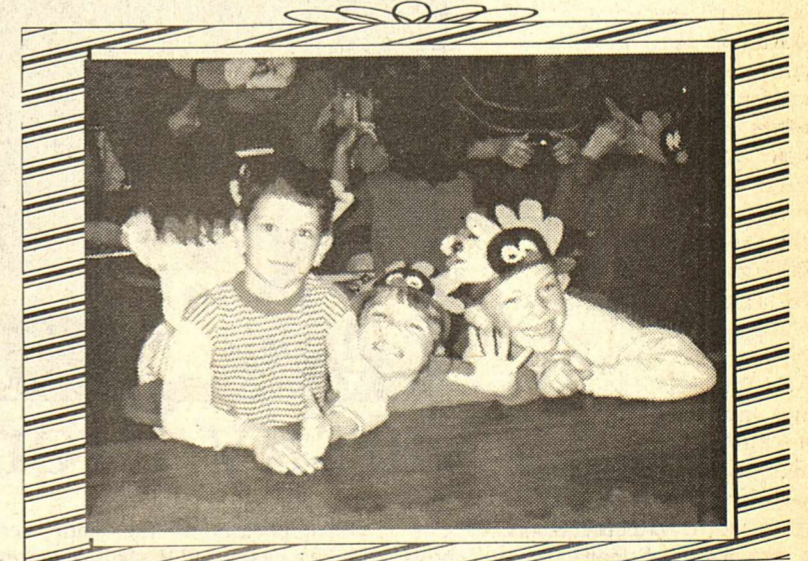
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Once Upon A Time



by U. S. Congressman, Henry Bonilla

As you tuck your children into bed at night try telling this bedtime story:

"Once upon a time there was a great program called Social Security. Social Security helped retired people like Grandma and Grandpa. Years ago when Grandma and Grandpa were very young, they worked very hard. Some of the money they earned was put into the Social Security program to take care of their grandparents. For years your grandparents paid money into the Social Security system. And when they retired, they too got money every month from Social Security.

Some day when your mommy and I retire, we'll be able to collect some of the money we've been paying into Social Security all these years. We won't get a lot of money. It might not even be enough to live on, but at least we'll get a little bit of money each month to help us buy food. You see, Social Security is running out of money. There are more people on Social Security than there are workers paying into the program. And I'm sorry to tell you this son, but unless changes are made to Social Security, the program won't be there for you when you retire."

It's bedtime story that's more likely to give nightmares rather than pleasant dreams—especially since the story is true.

In the next ten years, millions of Baby Boomers will begin to retire. The current Social Security system cannot handle this avalanche of new retirees. If we do not make changes to strengthen and preserve Social Security, the system will eventually grind into bankruptcy.

Last week, I was included in a select group of Republicans, chosen by House Speaker-elect Livingston, to attend the White House Social Security Conference. At the conference, ideas were discussed as to how best to address the impending Social Security crisis. There are many ways to tackle this problem.

We know if we don't take action, Social Security will eventually crash, so doing nothing is not an option. We can cut some

It's Not Sexual McCarthyism

As always, the pendulum will swing back in President Clinton's favour. But will it swing far enough to save him this time? The national apathy that has shielded him from outrage for so long is now his foe. Americans are too busy with themselves to rally, decisively, to his defence. . . . The rule of law cannot abide a double standard. Which is why it is facile to accuse the Republicans of staging a coup d'etat. They are not threatening to install one of their own in the White House. Mr Clinton's successor, should it come to that, is Vice-President Al Gore, a Democrat, and a far more committed advocate of liberal causes than the chameleon Mr Clinton. Yes, the impeachment has been a nasty, partisan, degrading spectacle, but which of the two sides is the more guilty of venal self-interest? . . . My gripe against Kenneth Starr is that he is not inquisitorial enough. He has failed to pursue the Clintons for their worst sins, namely the misuse of the FBI and the corruption of the US Justice Department. . . . In the death investigation of Vincent Foster, he refused to proceed when his own prosecutor, Miguel Rodriguez, told him that he had uncovered evidence of an FBI cover-up. Rodriguez resigned in protest, suspecting strongly that Foster was murdered. The case was shut down. Mr Starr also botched the investigation into the White House's illicit use of confidential FBI files on 900 Republican opponents. He used FBI agents to probe misconduct involving the FBI itself. Needless to say, they came up empty handed. A civil suit on behalf of the victims has since uncovered evidence that the purloined files were part of a campaign of political espionage ordered by Hillary Clinton herself. . . . The dirt in the files, including raw data on congressional leaders, was fed into computers. Presumably it was later used for blackmail, or fed to media surrogates for the systematic smearing of Republicans. . . . Ambrose Evans-Pritchard, *The Spectator*

of the Social Security benefits currently offered. But that is not fair to retirees currently relying on Social Security. And besides, cutting benefits won't save Social Security, it will only delay the problem. We can raise the payroll tax to put more money into Social Security. But raising payroll taxes unfairly punishes today's working generation and still delays the inevitable.

One thing we can do however that is fair to every generation, is to look at ways to get a better return on the money already in the Social Security system. Currently, the Social Security Trust Fund is invested in government bonds. It's a safe investment because government bonds are one of the most secure investments around. But government bonds alone do not provide enough of a return to keep the Social Security system afloat.

The stock market, however, has provided an average annual return of 10% over last 50 years. If we invested part of the Social Security Trust Fund in the stock market, Social Security would get a much better return on its money. Partial investment in the stock market could be a smart way to protect retirement income and could ensure equity between generations.

Saving and protecting Social Security for future generations will be a priority on the 106th Congress. We cannot wait any longer to make the changes necessary to save Social Security. The time to make those changes is now while we still have choices before us. Delays will only limit our choices in how best to protect Social Security for us, our children and our grandchildren.

Enron signals possible exit from exploration

By Andrew Kelly

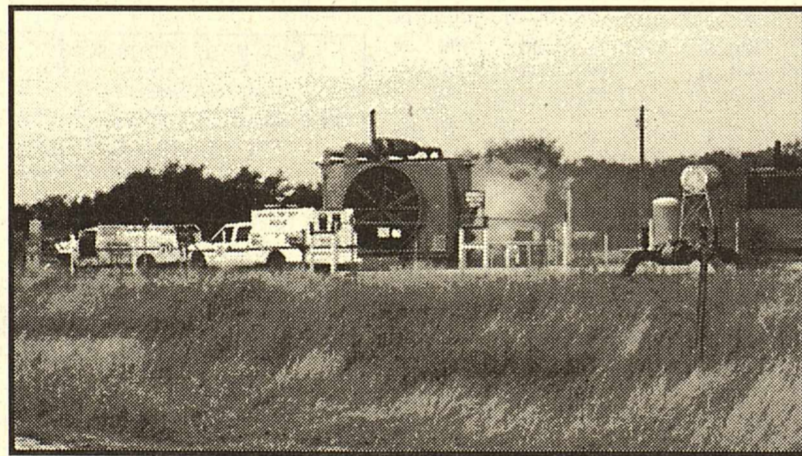
Enron Corp (NYSE:ENE), the biggest player in the newly deregulated U.S. electricity market, signaled on Tuesday that it might be close to a deal that could result in its exit from the oil and gas exploration and production business.

In a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Enron said a potential buyer had expressed an interest in acquiring Enron's 53.5 percent stake in Enron Oil & Gas Co (NYSE:EOG), which has a market value of \$2.3 billion.

The potential buyer was also willing to make an offer for the rest of the outstanding shares of Enron Oil & Gas, it added.

Enron did not identify the suitor and said it was considering the approach along with other possible alternatives for its majority stake in the exploration and production company.

One market source, who asked not to be identified, reported hearing that Burlington Resources Inc (NYSE:BR) was the company interested in Enron Oil & Gas. A Burlington spokesman declined to comment.



Sonora's local fire department responded to a compressor fire approximately 6 miles south of Sonora, Monday afternoon. The gas compressor owned by KCS Medallion, caught fire around 2:00 p.m. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Cold weather enhances the already dangerous atmosphere of gas gathering systems causing icing of many of the gathering lines. This was reportedly the cause of a fire last week when another local gas companies gathering line exploded while being thawed, burning several vehicles and injuring one man.

Rig Locations as of December 18, 1998

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Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 300-400 lbs 88.00-98.00; 400-500 lbs 78.00-86.00; 500-600 lbs 68.00-76.00, few 79.00-81.00; 600-700 lbs 62.00-68.00; 700-800 lbs 60.00-62.00.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lbs 90.00-95.00, 300-400 lbs 77.00-88.00, 400-500 lbs 68.00-78.00, 500-600 lbs 60.00-68.00, 600-700 lbs 55.00-62.00, 700-800 lbs 52.50-60.00.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lbs 80.00-87.00; 300-400 lbs 73.00-81.00; 400-500 lbs 67.00-75.00; 500-700 lbs 60.00-70.00, few 70.00-71.50; 700-800 lbs 58.00-60.50.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lbs 70.00-80.00, 300-400 lbs 65.00-73.00, 400-500 lbs 57.00-67.00, 500-700 lbs 53.00-60.50, 700-800 lbs 53.00-58.50.

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Source: USDA-Texas Dept of Ag Market News

Extended Forecast

12/22 thru 12/25

Tuesday-Cloudy with light freezing drizzle possible. High 30-35. East wind 5-15 mph. **Tuesday Night-Cloudy** with light freezing drizzle possible. Low in the mid 20s.

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