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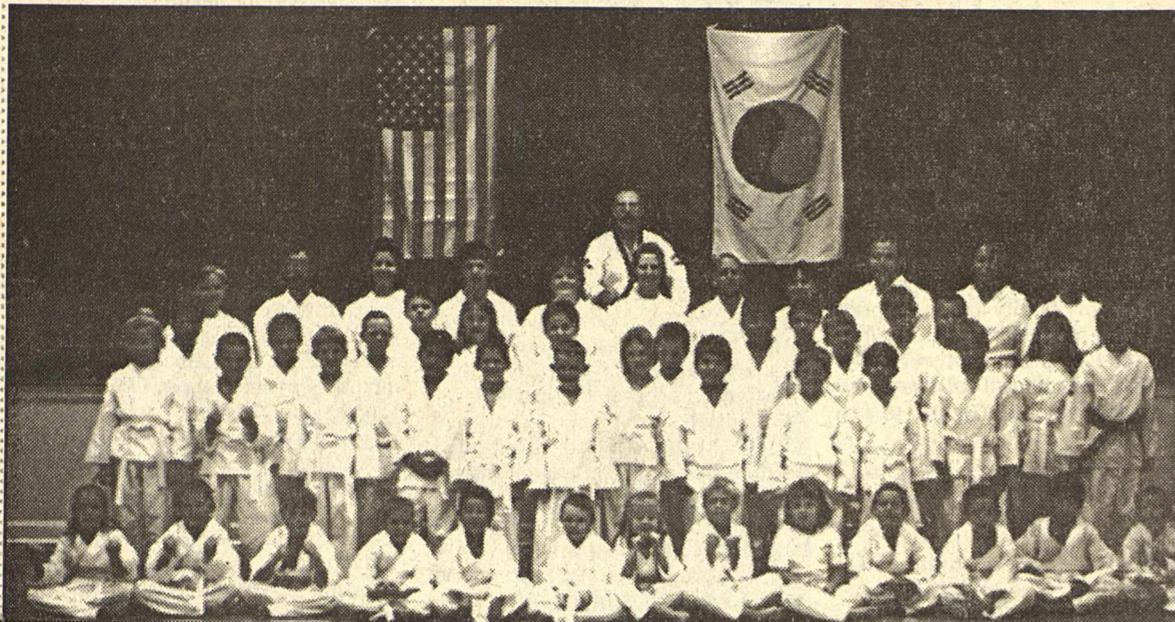
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Sonora's Tae Kwon Do Class

## CHOI'S TAE KWON DO

### Traditional Korean Martial Arts

Diane & Richard White have recently brought the martial arts to Sonora. They started children and adult classes here on October 6th at the Sonora Elementary School Gymnasium. Classes are still open for registration at any time. For more information on these classes please contact Diane or Richard at 1-888-895-5577.

Mr. White is a Director & Chief Instructor for Choi's Tae Kwon Do in the Hill Country and surrounding areas. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in exercise, and associate degree in Japanese language and arts, is a professional athletic trainer and has been both a student and instructor of the martial arts both at home and abroad since 1978.

White teaches under the direction of Grand Master Sin II Choi, a 9th degree black belt (the highest rank attainable). Grand Master Choi has been teaching the martial arts at home and abroad for over 40 years.

The martial arts are one of the most unique activities known to man, but they mean many things to many people.

To a young child they may be considered a game. To a teenager they may be a method of protecting himself from school bullies. To others they may be a sport. To a young man or woman the self-defense and physical benefits may be of paramount importance. And then there are those who study to enjoy the grace and beauty of their body movement, as well as the positive

self-image and psychological benefits gained through training.

Perhaps in some way, Tae Kwon Do and the guiding hand of a qualified instructor may serve as an aid to the misguided, insecure, and physically weak.

If the instructor and ranking belts are articulate, well-groomed, polite, humble, confident, intelligent, and understanding, this leadership will provide, perhaps, the best of all possible influences on the student.

### The first classes:

Be polite, be patient, and be alert. Following the school's etiquette and manners is a must for all students. A sense of self-respect and self worth is one of the most important possessions of a Martial artist. Yes, self respect comes from respecting others. Politeness and proper classroom manners make the learning of the martial arts a civilized venture. Without a sense of propriety a martial arts student will not progress or learn anything from his or her instructors. The formalized bowing, the rules for entering and leaving the dojang (training hall), the titles given to teachers and masters, and many other forms of courtesy are indispensable to the atmosphere and order of the school. A special tip for the beginner is to take to heart all of the customs and practices explained in regards to one's behavior.

For the martial arts to continue to grow it is important that the traditions that have survived these many centuries continue into the future;

otherwise decay will set in and what is truly a genuine art will be forever lost.

Our second tip for the beginner is to not become discouraged by apparent slowness in progress. This is to be expected. The student must also be patient. Success and mastery in the martial arts takes time. No one becomes a Bruce Lee or Chuck Norris "in six easy lessons." Any school that promises instant success is untrustworthy. A student can expect to spend months learning the most basic stances, kicks and punches. A good foundation is necessary to the building up of a true martial artist. Whatever one's natural talents are it takes time, effort and considerable amounts of training to lay a good foundation. After a foundation has been established, marvelous and at times amazing feats will be accomplished by the dedicated student.

The student must be alert from the very first class throughout the entire course of training. Every detail of a stance, punch, kick, or throw has meaning and significance. The practice sessions require one's total attention. Minute mistakes can easily become habits that are difficult to break. For one's own safety, both in the dojang and on the street, attention to detail is important.

The final tip for the beginner is to leave all of one's personal problems and distractions outside the dojang and concentrate entirely on what is being taught.

## Broncos - District 2-2A Champions

by Tryon Fields

Last Friday night, the Sonora Broncos closed out a perfect 10 and 0 regular season play. The last time that a Sonora team did this was in the years 1966 and 1971. With the 37 to 14 victory over Eldorado on Friday, the Broncos earned their second consecutive district title and the right to advance to the first round of the play-offs.

Eldorado won the coin toss and deferred to the second half. After receiving the kick-off, the Broncos set up shop on their own 24 yard line. With the Eagles stacking the line of scrimmage, the Broncos immediately went to the air. Bronco quarterback, Bryce Williams, who had one of his best passing performances of the year (10 for 20 - 238 yards); went to James Elliott on three separate occasions to gain 35 yards and loosen up the Eagle defense.

Fullback Jason Surber and tailback Bill Renfro would add 36 yards between them to help move the ball to the Eagle 10 yard line. At the 10, the Eagle defense would stiffen and force the Broncos to attempt a 25 yard field goal. Bronco place kicker, Javier Gaytan would split the uprights at the seven minute and fifty-six second mark of the first quarter to give the Broncos a 3 point lead. The Eagle offense, not being in awe of the mighty Broncos, began to drive the ball down the field on their first possession.

Starting at their own 17, the Eagles used their tailback, Lance Mitchel, to gobble up the yardage. At the Bronco 32, the Eagles thought they would catch the Bronco secondary sleeping. Quarterback, Joey Bullard tried to hit his split end across the middle, Bronco safety, James Elliott, made an excellent play on the ball and intercepted it; thus thwarting an early scoring opportunity by the Eagles.

For the next eight and a half minutes, (4:38 in the first quarter and 4:00 in the second) the ball game would turn into defensive box-

ing match with neither team scoring any blows. The Bronco defense led by Jared Percifull, Cole Cearley, Mikey Solis, and Brady Lock would limit the Eagles to only 9 positive yards on nine plays. On the other side of the ball, the Broncos would not fare much better. However, at the eight minute and twenty second mark of the second quarter, the big Red Machine would finally begin to engage the gears. Bronco tailback, Graham Bloodworth, would rip off a 36 yard run to move the Red Hosses into Eagle territory at the Eldorado 26. Hard running by Jason Surber and Bryce Williams, would inch the ball closer to the Eagle goal line, at the 17. Faced with a third and eleven at the 17, Williams dropped back to pass. Excellent blocking up front by the Bronco offensive line, gave Williams time to throw a pin point pass to split end James Elliott, who made a leaping grab in the back corner of the endzone for the Broncos first touchdown. Javier Gaytan added his fourth point of the evening to give the Broncos a 10 point advantage.

Eagles 0 - Broncos 10. Three plays and punt - sound familiar - the Bronco defense was back on track. Anthony Sanchez, Jerad Solis, and Jared Percifull would provide the charge for the fired up Broncos. A booming punt

by the Eldorado punter, Lance Mitchel, would put the Broncos back at their own 23.

It would only take twelve seconds for the lightning attack of the Broncos to light up the score board. Bronco quarterback, Bryce Williams, would go back to the air. Williams rolling to his right, would find a streaking James Elliott wide open at the Bronco 45 - the rest is - See ya.!

Elliott with his speed was never contested for the 77 yard completion and run for the Bronco touchdown. Gaytan would split the uprights to give the Broncos a 17 point lead mid-way through the second quarter. Eagles 0 - Broncos 17.

On the ensuing kick-off, Bronco kick-off specialist, Andy Sanchez, would get his best kick-off of the year. The ball not only went out of the endzone, but it split the uprights of the goal post and would have traveled to the interstate if it hadn't hit the power poles on the other side of the track. The Eagles offensive woes still continued on their ensuing possession. On a third and eight, the Eagle quarterback would fumble the snap and an alert Jerad Solis would recover the fumble at the Bronco 20 yard line. Going for the big play on first down, Williams, once again

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Bryce Williams helps move the ball closer to the goal

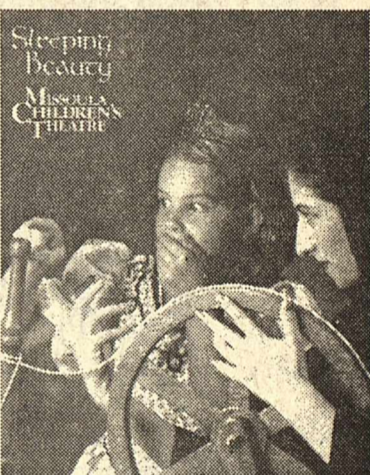
## Have You Heard?

Have you heard who's coming to town? Besides Santa? MCT - Missoula Children's Theatre - the largest touring children's theatre in the nation.

Sonora's kindergarten through 12th graders can get ready for a life changing four-day experience. A two-person actor/director team from Missoula, Montana will arrive on Tuesday, January 4. They will

hold auditions, cast 50-60 children from Sonora and the surrounding area, rehearse the rest of the week and perform Sleeping Beauty Saturday, January 8, in two performances. The team provides the set, lights, costumes, props, and make-up; all Sonora needs to provide is the cast.

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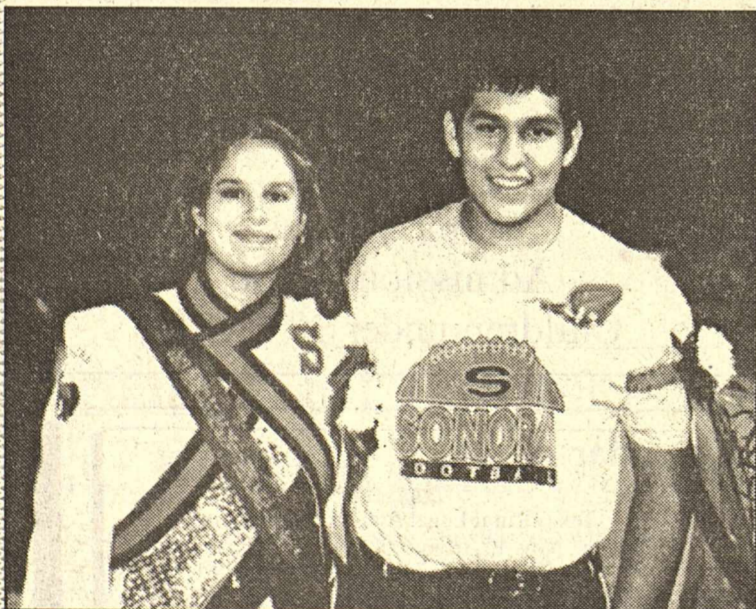


lesson from art that carries into life."

Unsolicited testimonial to the practical value of MCT participation

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## 1999 Band Beau & Sweetheart



Mirabel Capuchina & Kiko Marines

## Veterans Day Reflects Common Bond of Service

What is it about America's veterans that brings us together on Veterans Day? Are we living in the past - attempting to capture a fleeting moment in time that has long since past? Certainly not!

What brings veterans together for Veterans Day is a bond formed in uniform. It is the bond that is entwined within our hearts and minds, which is simply stated: I shall not fail those with whom I serve.

It has been more than a quarter century since the guns fell silent in Vietnam. Longer still for Korea -

and nearly a lifetime for World War II. Yet, that bond of military service - which transcends the years - compels us to come together and keep the faith with those with whom we served.

This final Veterans Day of the 20th century will include observances with the youngest generation of veterans, the men and women of the Persian Gulf War. These are Americans who sacrificed for others. These are Americans who continue to serve us in uniform. These are Americans who will gather on many more Veterans Days because

they also feel that common bond.

As young American military members spend this day deployed to Kosovo, Bosnia, Iraq, at-sea and in distant remote locations, it is appropriate for all of us as a nation to take the time to say 'Thank-You'.

Ironically, this Veterans Day comes on the heels of a disclosure by the Pentagon that a drug given our troops might cause Gulf War Illness. It is tragic that it took nearly a decade to make this discovery. Without a common bond between veterans, compelling them to keep the pressure on our government, there would have been no studies. It

is this common bond that compels us to continue to struggle to find answers for what is right and demand that our nation provide a strong veterans health care system for those who gave so much when called upon. As veterans we have kept our bond of service to our nation. As veterans we ask that our government keep faith with us.

That is why we gather on this Veterans Day. That is why all Americans should gather with veterans this day. For America's veterans are a special group of men and women - bonded through service, committed to the future.

## National Main Street Award Year 2000 to Sonora

The Award was given to the Sonora Main Street Program on November 5, 1999 at the 1999 Texas Downtown Association President's Awards Banquet from Texas Main Street Center Texas Historical Commission.

We are proud to receive the National Main Street Award Year 2000. There are only 35 cities in the Texas Main Street Program that received this award. The Sonora Main Street Program will be recog-

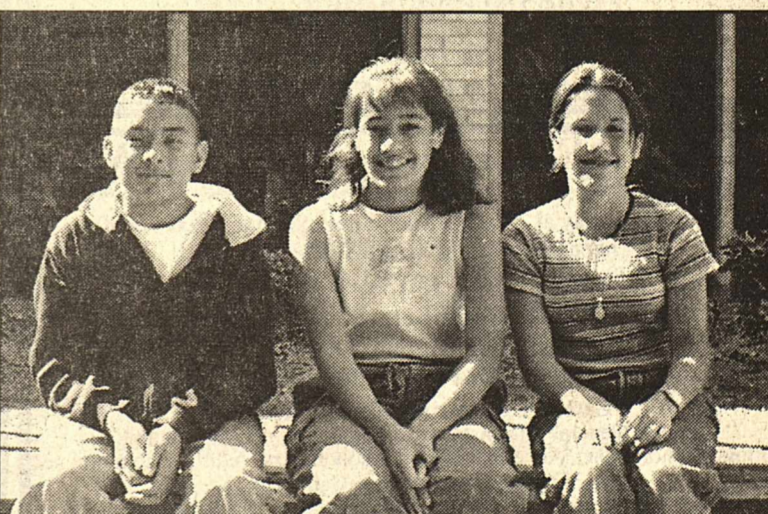
nized at the National Town Meeting on Main Street at Boston, Massachusetts on April 2, 2000. We would like to express our appreciation to all the Merchants, Sonora Main Street Advisory Board, The Bank & Trust of Sutton County, First National Bank, Private donations, City of Sonora, Sutton County, and all of the citizens who have supported the revitalization of our historical downtown.

## Burlington Resources Foundation Awards Grant to Hudspeth Hospital

In response to a request for assistance from Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, Burlington Resources Foundation of Houston has awarded a grant of \$10,000, to help with replacement of portable X-ray equipment. The present unit is not only inadequate, but is bulky, hard to maneuver, and has no battery backup. Total replacement cost is \$19,500. Other foundations are being approached for additional funding.

The Burlington Resources Foundation is to be commended for its consistent contributions program, which supports and improves the quality of life in the communities served by Burlington Resources, Inc.

## Middle School Students Make All-District Band



Stevie Hernandez, Evangelina Martinez and Susanna Street will represent Sonora in the All-District Bands

Three Sonora Middle School students earned spots in the Junior High All-District Bands this past Saturday. The tryouts were held here at the Sonora High School where well over 400 students competed on that day. Much hard work and encouragement from their parents and band director, coupled with countless hours of practice, brought about the payoff for these students. Susanna Street earned a chair in the Symphonic Band on her clarinet, Evangelina Martinez earned a chair in the All-District Concert Band on her clarinet and Stevie Hernandez earned a chair in the All-District Concert Band on his trombone.

These students will have the honor of participating in the All-District Concert and Clinic on Saturday, November 13, 1999 at Angelo State University. The clinic begins at 10:00 a.m. and the concert is at 5:30 p.m. Congratulations to these students.



## Ask the Historical Society



Oliver Morton Wallen - Born: July 12, 1870 - Near Mount Vernon, Rockcastle County, Kentucky. Died: January 19, 1907 - Sonora, Texas. Buried in Sonora Cemetery.

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer

I know that many of you know this but bear with me please so I can share with those that don't. In the early days of Sonora many people came here for the climate in the hopes that it would cure their consumption (tuberculosis). Many were cured, some stayed, some went back to where they came from and some reside in our cemetery. The following story is about just one of the families that came hoping for a cure.

Oliver Morton Wallen, the son of William and Serena Susan Sutton, was born July 12, 1870 in Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle Co., Kentucky. On May 23, 1900 Oliver married Sarah Frances Davis in Mt. Vernon. Oliver and Sarah had 5 children: William Jesse born May 22, 1901 in Clarence, Rockcastle Co.; Sula Susan and Thomas Miller (twins) born July 7, 1903 in Wabd, Rockcastle Co., and Charles Homer and James Hobert (twins) born April 5, 1906 in Christoval, Texas.

Oliver Wallen was a farmer and preacher. Several members of the Wallen family contracted tuberculosis and Oliver, his family, and his brother Jesse Uriah Wallen came to Texas in hopes of being cured. The family went to Christoval to take the healing waters before coming to Sonora. Dr. Salmon treated them while they were there. Jesse Uriah seemed to do much better but Oliver continued to go downhill. The family decided to move further south to Sonora.

Oliver Wallen kept a diary. In it he

states: "Sep. 16, Sun. We got to Sonora about 5 o'clock and moved into our new home, a little house with two rooms in the west of the town." The next day he wrote that he helped Sarah, his wife, to straighten up things and from the 18th to the 22nd he was home and not very well most of the time except for going over to town a few times. On the 23rd he cashed a money order from Mrs. E. E. Thompson for \$18 and on the 24th he was confined to the house again and it was raining. The 25th he went 4 miles out in the country to look at a cow but did not buy it. It seems the trip was a little too much for him because he was confined at home for the next two days. On the 28th he and Jesse Uriah went out and got wood in the country but stayed home the 29th. Sep. 30th The family went to Sunday school at the M. E. church and to church at the Episcopal church at 11 A.M. Oct. 1st through the 5th he was again confined to the home.

On the night of October 6th there is a notation that he attended the meeting of the Masonic Lodge and the 7th there is a notation that he and his oldest son went to Sunday school and to the Baptist Church at 11 AM where Bro. Earles preached. Oct. 23rd his wife attended a meeting at church and Oct. 28th he and Willie, his oldest son, went to the Methodist Church where Bro. Barre preached and went back that night and assisted Rev. Smith and enjoyed himself.

On Oct 29 there was some type

of accident as there is an entry that Jess burned his face very badly. Oct 30 entry states: "I weigh 105 lbs got me some more medicine." He stayed at home, quite unwell, until Nov. 4th when he again took Willie to Sunday school and attended the Baptist morning and 4PM services. He watched the children so his wife could attend the night service.

Nov 28th through 30th he watched the children while his wife helped his brother at the restaurant. "Dec 1st Sarah washed and I went to help Jess all I could. Oliver continues to care for the children and attend church regularly." On Dec 16th he is visited by Sister Briant and Dr. Salmon came to Sonora and stopped to see him that evening. He put his letter in the church after going again when Bro. Earles preached. Dec 20th "The good people of Sonora gave us a real founding which we enjoyed very much. They brought us groceries enough to last two months and about \$13.00 worth of dry goods and \$18.50 in money." Dec. 24th he bought Sula a cap and Sarah a pair of shoes. Dec 25 he enters a prayer in his diary. Dec. 31st "Well goodbye 1906 thou art gone. I have not been as faithful to my master as I ought. May God help me to spend the new year closer to Him and do more for Him. In bed until noon feeling tough. I am by myself now but I can feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and that is the best of company. Glory to Jesus who did save me. Oh how good and kind God is. We had a nice dinner plenty left for supper and more and even now while I write a young man brought us a fine lunch for supper. Miss Georgie Ervin and a young man took dinner with us. Sarah and the children have gone to see Mrs. Glasscock, a poor sick woman, who is very feeble with consumption. Now oh Lord I close this with a supplication unto Thee. Let me get well and see many Xmas yet. Show me what you would have me do. Help me to be a soul winner and worker for Thee. Help wife and I raise our children for Thee. Give us one preacher out of our boys, yes, all if you can use them that way. Help them all to be useful Christians. Help wife and I to honor thee above everything and serve the faithful. Keep us from sin. Give us this day

our daily bread. As Christ suffered, help us to remember that the servant is not greater than his master. We thank thee for past favors and ask for a continuance of the same. Amen. O. M. Wallen."

The January 1, 1907 entry states: "Happy New Year In the bed until noon May the Lord help me to do much for Him this year. Thomas (his son) ate something poison in the evening and he got very sick and looked like we would lose him. We got the Dr. soon and had him vomit and he got better. Jan 5th Bro. Earles, the Baptist minister, came to dinner and the 6th Willie and Thomas went to Sunday school." Jan 7th & 8th entry reads: "I am not doing much good. Breath very short and suffer a great deal. I am in the hands of the Lord. His will be done not mine." Jan 9th the family killed a hog that weighed 300 lbs but it turned warm on the 10th and they were afraid they would lose part of the meat. Jan 11th & 12th entry states: "I am at home not able to get out any. I have been so sick for so long and much that I am very badly run down. Jan 13th Willie and Thomas went to Sunday school. I could not go."

On January 19, 1907, Oliver Morton Wallen died from tuberculosis, leaving his widow and 5 children entrusted in his brother Jesse's care. Jesse became better and the family returned to Kentucky. Sarah married again to a man named John Lloyd Livesay who loved and cared for her and her family. Sarah died in Cloverdale, Indiana in 1939. Oliver's children married and William died in 1976, Sula died in 1994, Thomas died in 1975, Charles died in 1960 and James died in 1987.

So I end the story of the Wallen family. They came to Sonora in hope of finding a cure. One did and one lies buried in a lonely grave in our cemetery. If you are out at the cemetery his grave is about halfway down the section where Will Carver is buried, in almost the same row. There is a Masonic emblem on it and the saying "Farewell my wife and children all. From you a father Christ hath call."



Taken at Oliver Morton Wallen's grave in the Sonora Cemetery, Sonora, Texas, January 1907. Left to right, Oliver's brother, Jesse Uriah, his widow, Sarah Frances (nee) Davis, their children, James Hobart, Charles Homer, Sula Susan, Thomas Miller and William Jesse.

## Welcome to Sonora



Don & Carolyn McMeans

Anna & Wayne Munn of Wayne Munn Real Estate take much pride in welcoming Don & Carolyn McMeans as new residents to Sutton County. Carolyn recently retired from the Austin School system as a math teacher and Don was a computer operations manager with a company in Austin, TX.

They have two grown children,

each married, and two wonderful grandchildren.

Don is a full time realtor with Wayne Munn Real Estate, specializing in Ranch properties.

Please welcome Don & Carolyn to our community. They are good citizens and are anxious to become a part of Sonora & Sutton County.

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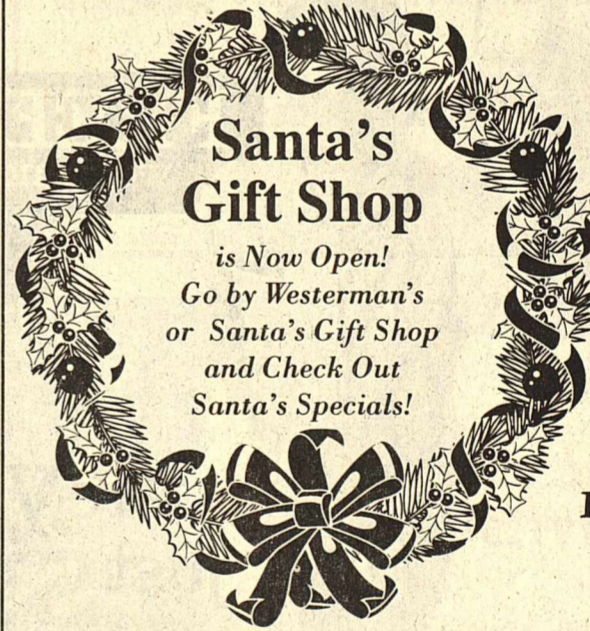
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### Notice:

A Special Message to the person that took the clothes from my store last week. I'm sorry I could not be here to personally wait on you, as my Mother was having surgery. Sharon and Angela would have been happy to help. They did offer, remember?

The clothes are beautiful and I'm sure you will look good. The question is - how are you going to feel wearing them?  
Sincerely,

## Texas Golf Courses Join the Fight Against Cancer

The sport of golf has raised millions of dollars for charitable causes over the years, and now 273 Texas golf courses and their pro's have teamed up with the American Cancer Society's Texas Golf Pass to help raise money to fight cancer in Texas. And, it's just in time for the holidays.

Are you trying to find something for that special person who has everything? Want to help out a good cause while you're sharing the holiday spirit with friends and family? Well, this may be the answer to your shopping needs.

The 2000 Texas Golf Pass is available now. For a \$35 contribution, it provides golfers over 450 rounds of golf at 273 Texas courses.

The Texas Golf Pass can be ordered 24-hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 1-800-ACS-2345 or online at www.act-tx.org. Both the toll-free number and the website can

provide you with a list of participating courses in your area. You can also learn details about each course like the number of rounds offered and any restrictions related to using the Texas Golf Pass. The 2000 Texas Golf Pass is valid January 1 through December 31, 2000.

Thanks to the great support of so many Texas golf courses, golfers now have another way to participate in the fight against cancer, while enjoying the game they love. It also makes it possible to enjoy many different courses throughout the state when traveling for business or fun.

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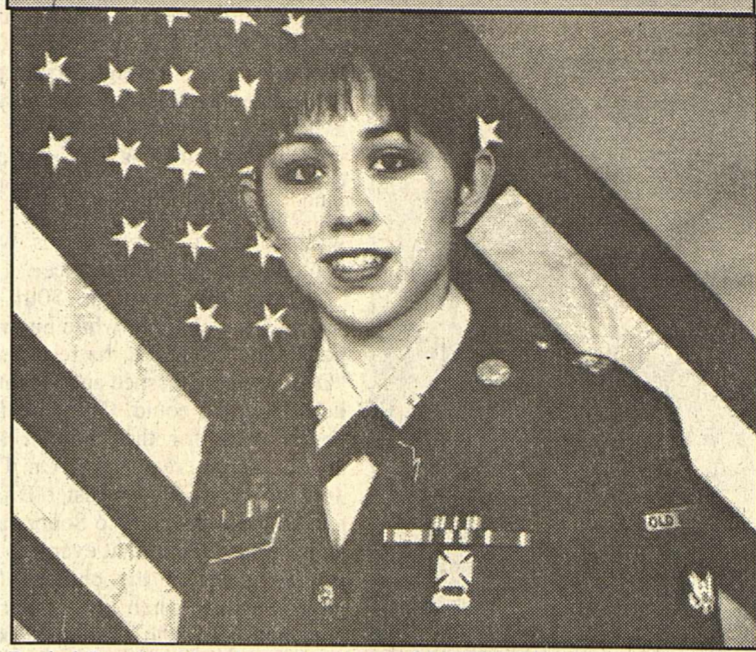
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**Who's Who?**



Rachel Ramirez, daughter of Carlos and Beatrice Ramirez, was promoted to Sergeant on the 2nd of November 1999. Sgt. Ramirez attended the promotion board on July 1, 1999 in Hanau, Germany, where she became battalion soldier of the month. Out of a maximum of 200 points, she scored a 198 in the promotion board. She made her cutoff score on Sept. 1, 1999 and attended primary leadership development course on the 2nd of October, 1999. The course was 30 days long and it consisted of a physical fitness test, drill and ceremony test, map reading and land navigation test, three leadership tests and a 3 day field exercise. Sgt. Ramirez was also evaluated on giving classes to other soldiers. She graduated seventh out of 75 soldiers, made the commandants list and her instructors recognized her as a superior leader. Sgt. Ramirez is a 1996 graduate from Sonora High School and is now stationed in West Point, New York.

**Camporee - Camp Allison**

The Concho Valley Council of Boy Scouts held a Camporee at Camp Allison on the weekend of October 29, 1999. The boys from Troop 19 attending the Camporee at Allison were Roland Solis, Frank Gallegos, Tyler Talley, Justin Odom, Westley Carpenter, Emre Smith and Israel Mendoza. Parent leaders were Lewis Allen, Carlos Gallegos, Johnny Solis and Tim Talley. The group had a great time and survived the cold and rainy weather.

The boys received many awards - 1st place for cobbler cooking, and the Cobra patrol received 2nd place in campsite inspection and knots and lashing, 3rd place in land navigation, emergency preparedness, and first aid. The Diamondback patrol received 2nd place in campsite inspection, 3rd place in land navigation, knots and lashing, first aid and emergency preparedness.

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**Broncos**  
VS  
**Van Horn**  
Ft. Stockton, Tx  
7:30 p.m.

**Knights of Columbus Community Thanksgiving Dinner** to be held Sun. Nov. 21st at noon at the Sutton County Civic Center. Senior Citizens will be honored.

**Pack 19 will hold their annual food drive on Nov. 14th from 2-4 p.m.** Anyone interested in donating must put their canned goods or non-perishable items in a bag on their front porch during this time and a scout will pick them up. All scouts should meet at the Cub Scout hut at 1:30 p.m. and must wear their uniforms. Parent volunteers with vehicles are desperately needed. The food will be distributed in December to local families in need.

**The 3rd grade Bears will have their den meeting on Nov. 15th at the Boy Scout Hut from 5:30 to 6:30.**

**The Sonora High School boys varsity and junior varsity basketball teams would like to invite you to stop by their Bake Sale Booth at the Sutton County Game Dinner after 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 13th.** This is the perfect opportunity for you busy moms and out-of-town hunters to pick up delicious home-made treats. We appreciate your support.

**The San Angelo Civic Ballet is presenting the Nutcracker from Dec. 3rd - Dec. 5th.** Tickets are available at Tedford Jewelry - 387-3839 or call Kristen Hicks at 387-3826.

**The next Elementary PTA meeting will be Monday, Nov. 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary Auditorium.** It will be an informative meeting, please try to attend.

**Piano Lessons on Thursdays** have been put on hold until further notice. Friday lessons will continue as usual. Anyone interested please call 387-5788.

**The Westside Lions Club will be holding its 7th Annual "You're Someone Special" rose sale.** Again, you can purchase 1 dozen roses and have them delivered to your "Someone Special" for \$15.00. Orders will be taken until Friday, November 12 and delivery will be on Thursday November 18. To place your order, contact any Westside Lions Club member or phone 387-3736.

**The Sonora Band Boosters will be meeting on Mon., Nov. 15, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School bandhall.** All parents of Middle School and High School band students are encouraged to attend. All ideas for the upcoming Christmas concert will be greatly appreciated.

**Fort Stockton's 1999 Christmas Night Parade** will be held Saturday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Christmas Memories". For entry forms and additional information please call Terry Lopez at (915)336-7550 or Mary Margaret Brown at (915)336-5377.

**The FFA is holding its Annual Ranch House Meat Sale.** Christmas orders are due by Dec. 6 and will be delivered on Dec. 13. For more information contact your Sonora FFA members or call Michael Kissire in the Sonora Ag. Dept. at 387-6533.

**The Hudspeth Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary meets the 2nd Monday of each month, at noon, at the Sutton County Steakhouse.** New members are especially encouraged to attend. Call 387-2949 for more info.

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The next P.T.A. meeting will be held during this special week on Monday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary Auditorium. Following a brief business meeting, the P.T.A. will sponsor an informative meeting highlighting the important programs available at Sonora Elementary. Mayor JoAnn Hernandez will provide the keynote address.

A variety of mini-sessions have been planned to inform parents about the educational programs which are available to students.

Sessions will include information about the Book Adventure (internet program for reading enrichment at home or the public library) and programs serving Bilingual, Dyslexic, Special Education, Speech, Gifted and Talented, and 504 students. A special public hearing will be held to review school and student performance on the 1999 TAAS Tests.

**Babysitting services** will be provided. Your child's safety is the care giver's number one priority. Your patience while picking up your child from child care would be appreciated. Sonora Elementary and the P.T.A. encourage your attendance and want to help you stay informed about your child's education. See you there!!

**Main Street Traffic**

by Ann Kay  
The 1999 Texas Downtown Association Award Luncheon, was held in "Live It Up Downtown" Houston, Texas on November 5, 1999. I told the great story of The Miers Home Museum for the Community Spirit Award for 1999 at the Texas Downtown Association. The Community Spirit Award for 1999 was given to the city of Tyler, Texas for the revitalization project of the Blackstone Building. The Blackstone Building is a great accomplishment for the City of Tyler. Sonora Main Street would like to express our congratulations on a job well done by Tyler, Texas, Main Street Program and their manager Kathy Comer. Super Job!

The Sonora Main Street Program will display this award in our businesses and in the City Hall.

I would like to express my appreciation to the City of Sonora, Sonora Main Street Advisory Board, Merchants Association, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, private donations, Cauthorn Trust, The Bank & Trust of Sutton County, and First National Bank for a job well done.

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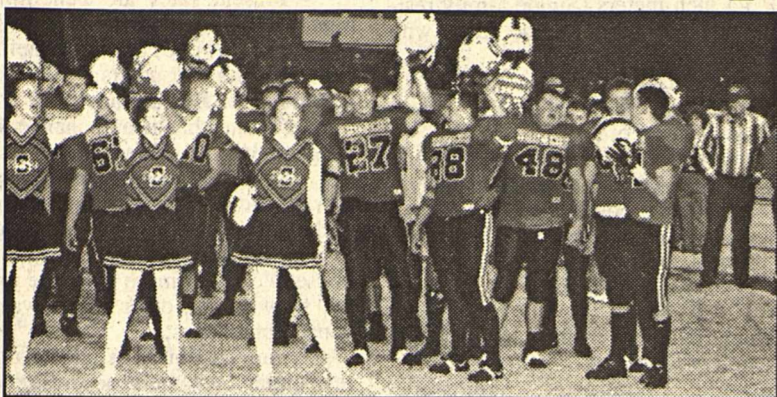
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went to Elliott; a personal foul by the Broncos would nullify the 20 yard touchdown pass. Eldorado's defense would stiffen and force the Broncos to attempt another field goal. However, this time, the 40 yard attempt fell just short. Taking over at their own 20, the Eagles continued to run into a buzz saw. Defensive plays by Jason Surber, Cole Cearley and Andy Sanchez would push Eldorado backward. After a short punt by Eldorado, the Broncos were back in business at the Eagle 38. The Eagles brought everything but the kitchen sink on the ensuing possession by the Broncos, forcing the Broncos to attempt their third field goal of the evening with four seconds showing on the half time game clock. This attempt by Gaytan had the distance, but sailed wide to the left.

Halftime: Eldorado 0 - Sonora 17.

Having deferred to open the game, the Eagles would now take the football to start the second half. Staying with the running game, the Eagles began to drive the ball down the field on the Broncos. At the Bronco 45 yard line, a miscue between the Eagle quarterback, Bullard, and their running back, Mitchel, would result in the pigskin being put on the turf. A hustling Bronco line-backer, Cole Cearley, would pounce on the loose pigskin to give the Broncos the football at their own 45. Using the running attack of Jason Surber, and a pass play from Williams to Bronco wide receiver, Ernie Perez, the Broncos moved the ball to the Eagle 9 yard

line. At the 9, Surber plowed his way into the endzone for the Broncos third touchdown of the game.

Gaytan added the PAT to give the Broncos a commanding 24 to 0 lead. Instead of three plays and out, now the Eagles were going two plays and turn the ball over. After the ensuing kick-off, the Eagles found themselves in a hole at their own 10 yard line. Solid defensive plays by Jared Percifull, James Elliott, and Sean Fields would force the Eagles into a passing situation on third down. Linebacker Cole Cearley would have other intentions, as he would intercept the Joey Bullard pass at the Eagle 23. Mixing pass plays in with the running attack, the Broncos would put the game well out of reach at the two minute and thirteen second mark of the third quarter.

Runs by Graham Bloodworth, Chance Armike, and Jason Surber along with passes from Williams to Ernie Perez and Jason Surber would move the football to the Eagle 1 yard line. At the 1, Williams would call his own number and dive over from the 1 to give the Broncos a 30 point advantage. The point after attempt would fail leaving the score at Eldorado 0 - Sonora 30.

On the ensuing possession, the Eagles would be back in three plays and punt mode, as the Bronco defense led by Jared Percifull, Mikey Solis, Jacob West and Sean Fields would keep them from getting the needed yardage for a first. Lightning strikes quickly, as the Broncos only needed two plays to score their final touchdown of the

evening. A short run by Surber and then a pass from Williams to Cameron Sims made the score. Williams would hit Sims on a crossing route, and Sims would high step to the endzone to gain the promised land. Gaytan would drill the extra point to put the Broncos up by 37: Eagles 0 - Broncos 37.

On the ensuing possessions by both teams, the turn over bug would bite. The Broncos would fumble the ball and Eagle defensive end Rocky Robles would recover for the Eagles. The Eagles would return the favor, as the Eagle quarterback trying to put the Eagles on the score board forced a pass into the endzone. Bronco defensive back, Mathew Torres, intercepted the pass in the endzone and returned it to the Eagle 18. The Broncos, going with the offensive reserves were unable to advance the football and were forced to punt. On Eldorado's next possession, Lance Mitchel became the back of choice, as he carried the ball three times for 36 of his game high 124 yards. Ten of these yards coming on a 10 yard touchdown run to put the Eagles on the scoreboard. Alfredo Munoz added the PAT to make the score:

Eagles 7 - Broncos 37.

With four minutes and eleven seconds left in the game, the Broncos were unable to gain the

needed yardage for the first and were forced to punt on their next possession. After the short punt, Eldorado would take advantage of the good field position at the Bronco 46, only needing 4 plays and a minute and a half to notch the last score of the game. A 12 yard run by Mitchel and a pass from Bullard to John Ray Espinosa would move the ball to the Bronco 9 yard line. Eagle running back, Louis Santellano, would get the last 9 yards and the touchdown on two carries. Munoz would kick the extra point to cut the deficit by 7: Eagles 14 - Broncos 37.

With a little over a minute left on the game clock, the Bronco offense with Wes Baumgardner carrying the ball would run out the clock to preserve the tenth win of the season. Final Score:

Eldorado 14 - Sonora 37.

This Friday, the Broncos will start their playoff run in Ft. Stockton against the District 1-2A third place finisher: Van Horn. Game time is at 7:30 p.m. at Panther Stadium. Everyone that can needs to go and support the Broncos. If you can't, the game will be carried over KHOS 92.1 starting at 7:00 p.m.

**AND THE ROAD GOES ON GOOD LUCK BRONCOS!!!**



*Bryce Williams passes the ball to James Elliot.*

## Sonora J.V. Has Perfect Season

by Tryon Fields

The Sonora junior varsity completed a perfect 10 and 0 season last week as they defeated their counterparts from Eldorado. The young Broncos took control of the game early in the second quarter and never looked back in their 28 to 18 victory.

Eldorado received the opening kick-off and were pinned back at their own 10 yard line after an illegal block. Aided by a penalty and a pass completion from Wesley Jones to Aaron Fuentes, the Eagles were able to advance the football out to their own 40 yard line.

Excellent defensive plays by Eloy Torres, Tim Warden, Byron Williams, and Thomas Bloodworth would force the Eagles to punt at this point. The Broncos would start their first possession at their own 27. With the Eagles crowding the line with nine of their eleven players, the Broncos went to their passing attack. Sonora quarterback, Emanuel Lopez, would throw to his "Go to Man", Stetson Hall, on this drive. Completions of 12 and 33 yards along with runs by Thomas Bloodworth and Juan Rodriguez would move the pigskin to the Eldorado 29 yard line. At the 29, the Eagles would force the Broncos to turn the ball over on downs. On Eldorado's next series of downs, they would once again go to the air. Excellent coverage by the Bronco secondary would force the Eagles to punt after 3 plays. With two minutes left in the first quarter, the Broncos would have possession of the ball at their own 49. Passes from Lopez to Thomas Bloodworth and Ryan Hardgrave would move the ball into Eagle territory at the Eldorado 37. At the Eagle 37, the Broncos would go back to the "Smash Mouth" offense to grind up the yardage. Short runs by Juan Rodriguez and Thomas Bloodworth would inch the ball to the Eldorado 9.

At the 9, Bronco quarterback, Emanuel Lopez, would take the snap from center, roll to his right, and throw a low strike to Bronco wide-receiver, Douglas Yocham, for the 9 yard touchdown. "Mr. Consistent", Stetson Hall added the extra point to give the Broncos a 7 point advantage. At the eight minute thirty-nine second mark of the second quarter, the score board read:

Sonora 7 - Eldorado 0.

For the next eight minutes and nineteen seconds, neither the Broncos nor the Eagles could mount much offense; as both defenses would limit the others offense to only minimum yardage.

The turnover bug would also bite both teams; as Bronco Byron Williams would recover a fumble midway through the second quarter, and the Eagles Michael Ramirez, would recover a Bronco fumble. The half would end with the Broncos holding a 7 point lead.

Sonora 7 - Eldorado 0

The Broncos started the second half off with a bang, as Bronco deep-man, Luis Segura, took the Eldorado kick-off at the Bronco 25. Behind excellent open field blocking, Luis raced 75 yards for the Bronco touchdown. Hall added the PAT to increase the Bronco lead to 14 to 0. Eldorado, not to be outdone, took the ensuing kick-off and drove the football 76 yards for their first score of the game. With Quisto Gonzales carrying the mail and Johnny Herrera throwing to Phillip Martinez, the Eagles moved the ball to the Bronco 31 yard line. On a second and one at the 31, Herrera once again went to the air. Eagle split-end, Aaron Fuentes, would split the Bronco defense and catch the Herrera pass for the 31 yard touchdown. The point after attempt would fail; at the five minute and forty-four second mark of the third quarter, the score board would read: Sonora 14 - Eldorado 6.

Just as in the first half, the rest of the third quarter and half of the fourth quarter, the game would develop into a defensive battle. The Bronco defense led by Stetson Hall, Thomas Bloodworth, Ricky Lumberas, Israel Arevalo, and Eloy Torres would limit the Eagles to minimum yardage on two separate possessions. At the four minute mark of the fourth quarter, the Broncos would start their fourth possession of the second half at the Eagle 36 yard line. It would only take the young Broncos a minute to cover the needed distance to put the game out of reach. Bronco quarterback/running back, Emanuel Lopez, would do the honors on two plays. The first, a 31 yard run aided by a personal foul would move the ball to the Eagle 19.

The second, a 19 yard scamper to give the Broncos their third touchdown of the day. Once again, Hall would add the PAT to give the Broncos a 21 to 6 margin. With time running out in the fourth quarter, the Eagles needed points. Thinking that the airways was the way to go, the Eagle quarterback ended up running for his life. Secondary coverage by Ryan Hardgrave, Tim Warden, Emanuel Lopez, and Luis Segura gave the defensive line (Israel Arevalo, Adam Mendez, Byron Williams, and Ricky Lumberas) time to force the Eagle

quarterback to throw errant passes.

One of these errant passes found its way into the hands of Bronco linebacker, Stetson Hall, who, showing good speed and running skills, took the ball 27 yards for the Bronco final touchdown of the game. Hall, not missing a beat, then stepped up and booted the extra point to give the Broncos 28 points.

Broncos 28 - Eagles 6.

The last two minutes of the game, were probably the most exciting minutes of the season - well, at least for the Eagles.

On the ensuing kick-off by the Broncos, the Eagle receiver fumbled the football, and Bronco "hitman" Jacob Percifull, recovered the ball at the Eagle 21. The Broncos would return the favor, as on a second and thirteen, the Eagles would separate the ball from Lopez and Eagle defensive back Jimmy Joe Rodriguez would pick the ball up and return it for a 66 yard touchdown.

The try for two failed and with a minute and forty-one seconds left on the clock, the Eagles were down by 16, Sonora 28 - Eldorado 12. The Broncos woes would continue on their next possession, as the Eagles would once again force a fumble; this time Eagle defensive lineman, Chris Martinez, to pick the

## Colts Finish Season Strong

The 7th Grade Colts came ready to play in their season finale with Eldorado. Once again the Colt offense was completely unstoppable as they beat the Eagles 48-20. Scoring was as follows: Diego Cardona - 2 touchdowns; Stetson Perez - 2 touchdowns, 1 PAT; Austin Waggoner - 1 touchdown; Clayton Hicks - 2 touchdown receptions; Clint Cearley - 1 touchdown and several TD passes; and Dustin Creek - 1 PAT. Great blocking and defensive play were also shown by J.R. Solis, Steve Reyna, Daniel Rubio, Garrett Watkins, Brian Payton, Roland Segura, Eloy Esquivel, David Adkins, Angel Castilleja, Jesse Garza, Chris Castro, Benny Frasier and Nathan Garcia. The win put the Colts at a 5-3 mark for the year, with much enthusiasm and promise for next year. A sincere "thank you" goes out to all the parents and fans. Congratulations on a great season Colts!!

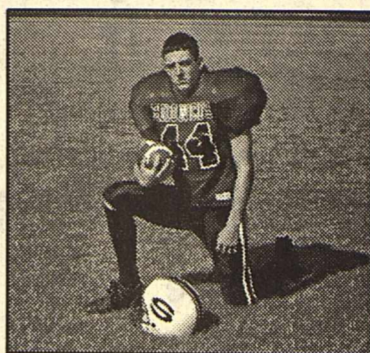
loose pigskin up and advance it to the Bronco 15. The opportunistic Eagles would only need 4 seconds to tally their third score of the game. Eagle quarterback, Johnny Herrera, would find his split end, Aaron Fuentes all alone in the endzone for the touchdown. On the try for two, Bronco defensive back, Tim Warden, would intercept the pass to thwart the attempt. On the ensuing kick-off, the Eagles would attempt an inside kick. A hustling Luis Enriquez would recover the ball for the Eagles to give the Eagles one last gasp. With only eight seconds left in the game, the Eagle quarterback went back to pass; Bronco defensive lineman, Israel Arevalo, would seal the win with an 8 yard sack of the quarterback.

Final Score: Sonora J.V. 28 - Eldorado J.V. 18

This was the final game of the season for this J.V. squad. However, their season is not over. This group of young men will now go up and help the Varsity in its quest for a State Championship.

Congratulations on your PERFECT season. And good-luck with your future endeavors!

### Sonora Broncos Players of the Week US Eldorado



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# 44 Cole Cearley  
LB er  
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## Letters to the Editor

### A Community Concerned Over Water

**Dear Editor:**  
 I recently had the pleasure of attending a special meeting held on October 28th by the City Council of Sonora, Texas. The "Special Session" was to appoint citizens to a Utility Rate Study Advisory Board. In listening to comments from the public, the rate change is creating various concerns to residents and members of this community. I offer to provide the following questions, recommendations, concern and possible solutions.

I have researched the "Increase in Water and Wastewater Rates" documentation available to the public at the City of Sonora, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas at length, and discussed the issues with various community residents and community leaders.

- Questions:**
1. How do single family residential customers having a 3/4" versus family residential customers who have a 1" or 1 1/2" meter benefit by the rate change?
  2. Are we all presently benefiting from the present rates whether we have a 3/4" or 1" or 1 1/2" meter?
  3. Are the customers with 3/4" meters paying the same rate as residents with larger meters?
  4. Why do residential customers with 3/4" meters who consume less water pay the same rates as those with larger meters?
- Recommendations:**
- The Utility Rate Study Advisory Board (URSAB) to:
1. Develop an analysis of present rates on a comparison usage of 3/4 inch meters versus 1 or 1 1/2 meters.

2. Identify residents who have 3/4 inch meters (Single family residents) and residents and others who have larger meters.

3. Determine the amount of water used by each and provide a comparison of cost.

4. Upon completion of analysis, the URSAB, City Council and members of the community will have a clear understanding as to who consumes more water per meter size and what is equitable.

5. Rates should be equally determined according to consumption per resident or meter user;

6. Coordinate 3 community meetings in various location (Senior Center, churches, school or other community facilities) and provide a detailed video or slide presentation on the benefits of the rate change;

7. Provide the community meetings with a translator for those who may not fully understand the issues in English

8. Document all comments, suggestions and recommendations by residential customers.

9. Develop an assessment of all meetings and present solutions and recommendations provided by residential customers to the Council.

**Concerns:**

In analyzing the rate changes and having various discussions with community residents, the following concerns were repetitive:

- Senior housing will be affected if the rates are not changed.
- Residential Seniors will be affected, (Especially if widowed or living alone).
- Residents that do not have sprinkler systems, own swimming pools or with multiple toilets, showers, etc. will be affected.
- Unfair and unequal rates being charged for less water consumed

Present rates are benefiting high water user consumers  
 Present rates are not benefiting low water consumers.

**Solutions for Discussion:**

- No rate change and change all meter to 3/4" for all residents;
- No rate change and implement a water conservation program that will reduce all usage of water for residential recreational activities, households with more than one toilet, shower, and other major water consumption uses;
- Implement rates and charge residential customers according to water consumption regardless of meter size;
- Implement rates and change meters to one size only (meter to measure all water consumed and billed at implemented rate);

At a time where many cities are mandated to implement water conservation programs and that do not have the blessing of having "well water", I must say that the residents of this community, my home town, have a great opportunity in bringing a unified solution where everyone will benefit equally. The benefits of the rate change should be balanced to provide quality of life, not only to the residents who have larger meters, or the ones who benefit the most but to the elders, children, single parents, low income or high income...just think about other cities that have to buy water from elsewhere to survive... Sonora is not there yet...don't let this happen to your community.

Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts and my mother's (Mrs. Juanita Chavez) concerns.

Elida Chavez  
 Elida was born and raised in Sonora

**Dear Editor:**  
 My name is Richard White. I, along with my wife Diane, have had the wonderful opportunity to get to know many in your great little community through Tae Kwon Do classes at the Sonora Elementary School. I am the Chief Instructor for Choi's Tae Kwon Do (a traditional Korean Martial Art) in the Hill Country and surrounding areas under the direction of Grand Master Sin Il Choi.

During our registration in September and over the past month of classes in October we have both taken a great pleasure in meeting so

many really nice and friendly people. Everyone has been so receptive and supportive and I can not tell you, in my 15 years of formal teaching, when I have seen a greater looking or more well mannered group of kids. I must take this opportunity and this forum to acknowledge both the teachers and the parents of the Sonora community for what seems to be a sincere and ongoing commitment to your children and families

Diane and I have tried to

describe our experience in Sonora and what keeps coming up for us: that Sonora seems, to us, to be a community with its priorities in the right place.

We look forward with great enthusiasm to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with all of you.

Most sincerely and with Highest Intentions,  
 Richard H. White  
 Chief Instructor  
 Choi's Tae Kwon Do

The following is a letter that was submitted to Commissioner Combs and to our office, due to recent action taken by the City Council:

**Dear Commissioner Combs:**

Please accept my resignation as a member of the Rural Development Task Force. I no longer serve on the Sonora Industrial Development Board and therefore do not officially represent the economic development

effort in Sonora or this area.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to have been invited to serve on this task force and to have had Sonora and this area of Texas represented in this effort.

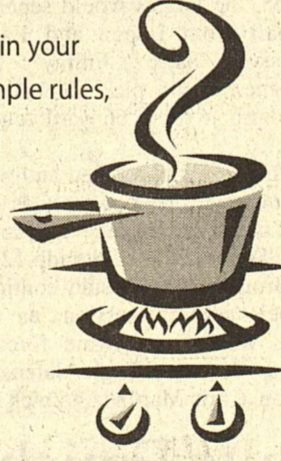
You have my best wishes for the continued effort of economic development in the rural areas of Texas.

Sincerely,  
 A.W. Bishop

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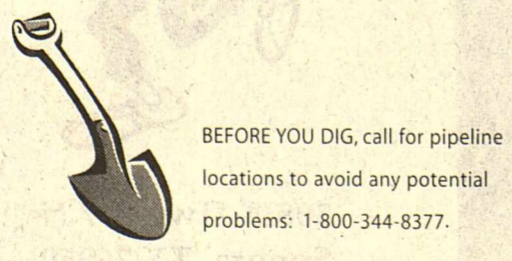
**T**XU Electric & Gas is not only dedicated to providing dependable energy that you can use in your home, we're also concerned with making sure you can use it safely. By following a few simple rules, you can help make sure you and your family stay safe and sound with natural gas:

- Always have qualified service people install, regularly check and maintain all gas heating equipment and appliances.
- Do not use an oven to heat a room.
- Keep flammable materials and liquids away from gas heaters and appliances.
- If your gas appliance is more than 20 years old, have it checked by a qualified professional. Certain older, uncoated brass connectors have flaws that may be dangerous and should be changed. Do not move the appliance and check the connector yourself. Call a qualified professional to inspect and replace the connector if necessary.



IF YOU SMELL GAS in your home, or know you have a gas leak, follow these rules:

- 1 Everyone should leave immediately, leaving the doors open for ventilation.
- 2 Do not switch anything electrical on or off.
- 3 Do not use your telephone (telephones use small amounts of electricity).
- 4 Do not strike a match or do anything else that might cause a spark.
- 5 Go to the nearest telephone and call TXU Electric & Gas. Wait until we have found the cause of the odor before returning to your home. If you smell gas while you're outside, contact TXU Electric & Gas immediately.



Safe energy for your home, naturally.



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are received on an almost daily basis. A stronger performance in a geography oral report, better grades, a healthier rapport with teachers and classmates, confident self-control in that first job interview, an increased sense of tolerance and respect for others, tunnel-vision enthusiasm for the most challenging project, a blossoming imagination and sense of individuality. A perceptible sense of emotional and physical well being - a happier child; these are among the positive results of MCT participation often noted by parents and educators alike.

Creativity, social skills, goal achievement, communication skills and self-esteem are all characteristics that area attained through the participation in this unique, educational project. MCT strives to use participation in the performing arts as a vehicle to develop the life skills necessary to answer the challenges of our times.

This exciting production is sponsored by Sonora Community Arts & Theatre and Sonora Main Street Program and also sponsored, in part by Phillip Miller, DDS, The Bank & Trust - Sutton County and First National Bank of Sonora. If your business is interested in being a part of a life changing experience for Sonora's youth, contact Kristen Hicks at 387-3286. Sponsorship is still available

effort in Sonora or this area.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to have been invited to serve on this task force and to have had Sonora and this area of Texas represented in this effort.

You have my best wishes for the continued effort of economic development in the rural areas of Texas.

Sincerely,  
 A.W. Bishop

### PIPS

A performance group specializing in basketball skills, drills, and tricks. The fee is \$40.00. The program will begin with a 4 hour camp and will continue with a 1 hour practice once a week until the first of March. Camp will be held on Tuesday, November 16 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the new Jr. High Gym. For more information contact Mrs. Hirt at 387-5206 or 387-5669.

## Police Reports

- 11-1-99 - Assault - Officer was dispatched to Detail Graphics in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation 1 subject was arrested for assault. Subject was transported to Sutton Co. jail.
- 11-2-99 - Accident - Officer was dispatched to the corner of Water & Plum Street reference to a minor accident. No injuries were reported.
- 11-2-99 - Theft - Officer was dispatched to E. 3rd and Crockett St. reference to a minor accident. No injuries were reported.
- 11-4-99 - Unauthorized Use Of Motor Vehicle - Officer was on routine patrol when he located a tan Chevrolet pickup parked at Skinny's Convenience store abandoned. Officer submitted a wanted check on license plate. A check revealed that the vehicle was stolen from Kendall County. Vehicle was placed in impound.
- 11-6-99 - Assault - Officer was dispatched to 1100 Block of Savell St. in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation 1 subject was arrested for assault. Subject was transported to Sutton Co. jail.
- 11-7-99 - Assault - Officer was dispatched to the J&V trailer park in reference to a disturbance. Upon arrival officer located complainant who advised she had been assaulted by her husband. After further investigation 1 subject was arrested for assault and taken to the Sutton Co. jail.
- 11-7-99 - Theft of Service - Officer was dispatched to Skinny's in reference to a theft of service. Complainant reported that an unknown person driving a white older van had pumped \$51.00 worth of fuel and driven away. Direction of travel was unknown. Attempts to locate the vehicle were negative.



