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Santa Visits Sonora

Santa came to town, Sonora style, to kick off the 6th Annual Cowboy Christmas Promenade. Mr. and Mrs. Claus came down Main Street in a mule drawn wagon, driven by their favorite Sutton County Elf, LP Bloodworth, to join the Sonora City League Elves who were capturing memories by taking photos. Along with the Claus couple this year were Mr. & Ms. Christmas and Mr. & Ms. Christmas Eve. These couples were Senior Citizens, chosen by their peers at the Sutton County Senior Center. Many of the businesses on Main Street opened their doors and offered refreshments to the people mulling around waiting for the traditional lighting of the courthouse. In addition to these stores, were several craft booths offering great gift ideas for the holidays. As darkness fell, the Elementary students entertained everyone with Christmas carols until the cowboys started their ascent up the street with their lanterns. Soon the courthouse and its lawn were all aglow, signifying that the Christmas season has officially started in Sutton County! Following the lighting, the Ministerial Alliance gave a moving performance of The Christmas Story to ensure that everyone remembers the reason for the season. Once again the 6th Annual Cowboy Christmas Promenade was a Christmas celebration to remember.



Christmas Royalty from Left to right:

Mr. and Ms. Christmas Pablo Favela and Rosa Galindo Mr. and Ms. Christmas Eve Charlotte Wilson and Arturo Trevino

Adopt An Angel



by Storie Sharp

Christmas Angels are once again up for adoption. These Angels can be adopted at either of the two banks, First National Bank of Sonora or the Bank and Trust. Hoping to make sure that all children have a Merry Christmas, the Child Welfare Board sponsors the Angels every year, following in the footsteps of Maxine Locklin, who began the program over 13 years ago. The program caters to school age children in our community.

The adoption process is easy,

just go by one of the banks and pick an Angel from the tree. The Angel will have a number on it that matches a number on the provided list. The list will give you the sizes of the child you have chosen, for whom it is recommended that clothing be the gift of choice. The gifts need to be wrapped and returned to the banks or to Dr. Calderon's office by December 20, 1999.

'Tis the season of love and giving - so give of yourself. Adopt an Angel today!

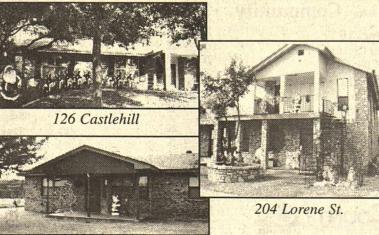
Second Round of Christmas Home Winners

Submitted

The week 2 winners for the "Dress up your Home Christmas" promotion are: Frosty's Playground Section: 204 Lorene St. Santa's Workshop Section: 302 5th St. Home of the Reindeer Section: 126 Castlehill Rd. Angel Land Section: 121 Deerwood

The visiting judges will be back in town next week to announce the winners again in each of the sections of town. Please visit the Sonora Merchants of your choice to cast your vote on the winner. The Sonora merchants will have the winners' photos on display each week in their stores for you to judge and cast your vote for your favorite home. The winners will then be entered for the Grand Prize gift package.

The Sonora merchants have worked hard with Santa to provide a wide section of gifts that will fit any



121 Deerwood

budget. We would like to invite you to shop Sonora for Christmas this year. If they do not have what you need or want, please ask and they will try to locate that perfect gift for you. We would like to express our appreciation to everyone who has decorated their homes for Christmas making this a great holiday season



302 W. 5th St.

Drama Students Share the Stage_

by Cody Eoff

The Sonora High School Drama Department proudly presents Andrea's Got Two Boyfriends by David Willinger. This is the second main stage production for the players at Sonora this semester. The play is a truly remarkable work which, with humor and compassion, captures the half-lit world of the mentally retarded. Ryan Cramer stars as Mike Morrissey, the teacher/counselor of the three residents. Margie Becknell plays Andrea Willinger, the natural leader of the group. The role of Richard Cordez, a more gentle and withdrawn character, is played by Sean Fields. Shane Tinsley will appear in his first production on the Sonora stage with his role as Freddie Cidelli. Show times will be Friday, December 10 and Monday, December 13, 1999 at 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets for the show may be purchased by phone at 387-6533 ext. 313 at \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. Also, tickets will be on sale from the cast and crew members. There will be a limited

Margie Becknell, Sean Fields, Shane Tinsley and Ryan Cramer practice for their upcoming production of Andrea's Got Two Boyfriends.

number of seats for this performance because all audience members will be sitting on the stage with the actors; therefore, it is important to buy tickets in advance. Shane

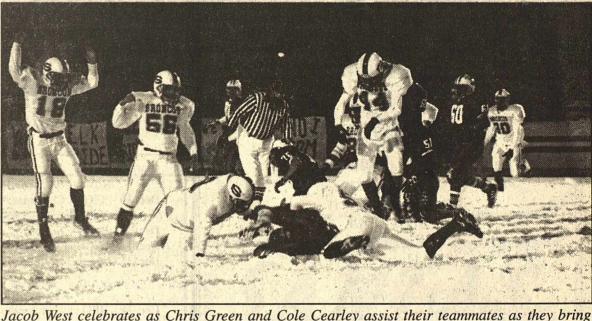
Tinsley said, "The show takes an in depth look at the lives and relationships of retarded individuals and allows ordinary people to examine their everyday lives.'

This letter is dedicated to The Sonora Bronco Football Team:

Congratulations to those who played on the 1999 team. Each of your efforts made it possible for achieving a 13-1 season. You gave us lots of thrills and chills this year. In our hearts all of you are heroes! Way to go Red Hosses!!

Your Supporters, The Bronco Booster Club

Broncos End Season 13-1



down a Stratford Elk in the snow.

by Tryon Fields

Last Saturday, the Sonora Broncos ended their 1999 football season with a Quarterfinal loss to the Stratford Elks 29 to 0. This marks the second year in a row that the Broncos have ended the season as Regional Champions.

This game will be remembered for many years to come, by the participants, as well as the fans. At game time, the temperature was just above freezing and the chill factor was hovering in the single digits. Oh did I mention - the field was completely covered by a 4 to 6 inch blanket of a substance that the people from around this area very seldom see - Snow! These were probably some of the most miserable game conditions that a team from Sonora has ever had to face. Added to this, were Bronco mistakes and numerous non-calls by the refereeing crew; the weather and the previously mentioned factors ultimately led to the Broncos exiting the 2A Division II playoffs.

This Quarterfinal match-up found the Broncos winning the toss and deferring to the second half.

The Elks elected to kick and take the wind. After the opening kick-off, the Broncos would begin the game at their own 23 yard line. On this opening drive, it looked as if the Broncos were unaware of the game conditions as they began to march the football down the field. Fullback Jason Surber being the work horse of choice gobbled up yardage as the Broncos moved into Elk territory. At the 44 yard line of Stratford, the Broncos committed

their first miscue. Bronco tailback, William Renfro, was stripped of the by now wet pigskin; and Elk secondary back, Corey Nagle, recovered the ball at their own 47. The Bronco defense led by Chris Green and Jerrad Solis rose to the occasion and forced the Elks to punt after

three downs and minimal yardage. The Broncos starting at their 21 were unable to advance the ball and were forced to punt into a stiff northerly wind. The Elks not being able to use their ground game went

to their air attack. Bronco safety, James Elliott, forced the only Elk mistake of the game as he intercepted the Adam Ball pass at the Bronco 29 yard line. But; once again the Broncos found themselves deep in their own territory. The Stratford defense once again forced the Broncos to punt after only 3 downs.

This time, the punt by Bryce Williams only traveled 3 yards. With ten seconds left in the first quarter, the Elks had possession of the football on the Broncos 33. It would take the Elks two and a half minutes and seven plays to tally their initial score. The Bronco defense led by seniors Andy Sanchez and Jared Perciful would make the Elks earn every frozen inch. At the nine minute and forty second mark of the second quarter, and faced with a fourth and goal at the four yard line; Elk quarterback, Adam Ball would find one of his wide receivers, Michael McAlister in the corner of the end-zone for the 4 yard touchdown reception. A high snap on the PAT would force the

holder, Corey Nagle, to scramble and eventually throw a pass to Roy McCracken for the 2 point conver-

Sonora 0 - Stratford 8.

As in previous games, the Broncos offense responded to the challenge. Taking the ensuing kickoff and starting at their own 34, the Red Hosses used short runs by Renfro and the long passing game from Williams to Elliott to move the ball to the Stratford 5 yard line. At the 5, the miscue bug bit the Broncos again. A penalty on the Broncos moved the ball back to the 10 and after two incomplete passes, the Broncos were forced with a fourth and goal at the Elk 10 yard line. With the wind at their backs, the Broncos elected to try a 27 yard field goal. Miscue number three occurred on the snap, as the ball sailed over Javier Gaytan's head. End result - a 13 yard loss and more importantly, the Broncos failed to put any points on the board. With five minutes and fifty seconds left in the second quarter, the Stratford Elks would take possession of the ball at their own 23 yard line. The Elks would use a ball control offense for the next five minutes to put the game out of reach.

Primarily using a five yard and cloud-of-snow offense, Stratford would methodically pound the ball up the middle of their interior line. Senior running back Parker Wells would handle majority of the load as he would gain 57 of his game

See Broncos page 5

Sonora &

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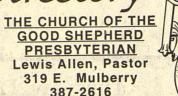
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Member 1999

Cards of Thanks

Dear Volunteer Fire Guys, Thank You, thank you, thank you again. Bob said to tell you we have spare room in our garage in town if you need to store a fire truck there!!! Nancy B

Many thanks on behalf of the Bronco Booster Club, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all of the parents, businesses & community members for their generous donations to help with the expenses for two of the charter buses that were furnished for the Sonora Broncos for their playoff games. Thank you for your help in making it possible for our sons to have the best. And a special thank you to Cleve T. Jones and Grider Trucking for the use of their diesel heaters for the Plainview game. A special thank you to Carl Teaff & staff at Teaff Oil Company for coordinating charter buses during their playoff games.

Booster Club President Lee Bloodworth

Dear City of Sonora,

We would like to commend a group of your very friendly, very helpful citizens!

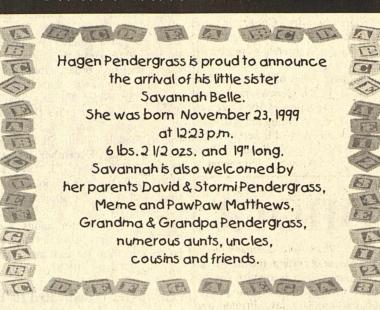
We were traveling through Sonora last Sunday and developed car trouble. A fine police officer (with a cowboy hat), a member of your Sheriff's Department, and Mr. Benny Frasier, were all extremely kind and accoma-

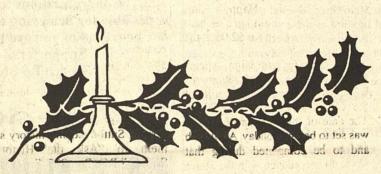
The law officer spread the word and checked on our progress. Mr. Frasier came to his place of business and fixed our ailing vehicle at 8:30 Sunday morning.

We wanted you to know of the kindness of these individuals and to know the thankfulness in our hearts!

Sincerely, Paul & Sondra Thomas

Birth Announcements





Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

Senior Center News

Dec. 10 - C.O.A. Christmas Party 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Santa Claus & Old Tyme Band will be here!

Dec.13 - Bingo!

Dec. 14 - Kooking with Kelly Nutrition Program. Dec. 15 - Van to San Angelo! Call Lilia now!

salad with citrus.

Senior Center Menu Dec. 10 - BBQ chicken breast, pinto beans, cornbread, sliced

tomatoes, mustard greens, peaches. Dec. 13 - Beef stew with vegetables, sweet peas, crackers, peaches,

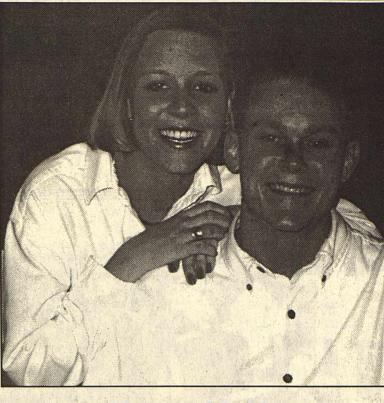
chocolate pudding. Dec. 14 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed

vegetables, roll, orange. Dec. 15 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wheat rolls, fruit

cocktail. Dec. 16 - Beef and cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, coleslaw, fruit

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon. \$1.75 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

Wedding



Henson - Mashburn

Ashley Shantel Henson and Cason Casbeer Mashburn were married October 18, 1999 in Midland, Texas.

Ashley is the daughter of Wes and Tressa Henson of Sonora. She is a 1998 graduate of Sonora High School.

Cason is the son of Mitchell and Juhree Mashburn of Midland. The couple is residing in Midland, Texas.

Obituary

Elizabeth Brown Sanchez

Elizabeth Sanchez Brown, 63, of Sonora died Tuesday December 7, 1999 in a San Angelo hospital.

Rosary will be held Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Kerbow Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be held Thursday December 9, 1999 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Sonora Cemetery. Kerbow Funeral Home is in charge of arrange-

She was born April 23, 1936 in Sonora. She was an LVN and a member of the Catholic Church.

ont Shedistsurvived by her husband, Abelino Sanchez, Jr. of Sonora, 1 daughter Abby Cunningham of Odessa, 1 son Eric Sanchez of San Angelo, 2 sisters, Delfina Brown Artean of Farragut, Tennessee and Emma



Trevino of Bastrop, and by 2 grandchildren, Camron Clint O and Carli Jae Cunningham.

The family requests memorials to St. Ann's Catholic The Arthritis Church, Foundation or a favorite charity.

Anice Barber Read

Forth Worth native and long time Austin resident, died Tuesday, November 30 at her home after courageously battling cancer to a standstill for more than five years.

Loving wife, devoted mother and grandmother, and award-winning professional, she was founder and guiding spirit of the nationally-acclaimed Texas Main Street Program of the Texas Historical Commission, and was deputy director of that state agency prior to retirement.

Anice was active in community and historic preservation activities. She was appointed to the Texas Historical Commission in 1968 by Governor John B. Connally. After serving as commissioner, she accepted a professional staff position where she conceived and created the Texas Main Street Program, which has become a national model for community economic revitalization. One of her trademarks around the

Anice Baber Read, 67, a State Capitol was her renowned Main Street chocolate cake which was widely employed to help encourage lawmakers to provide funding for her program in it's early days. While undergoing treatment at M.D. Anderson Center in Houston, she became equally persuasive in speeding up appointments and paperwork flow by routinely distributing Hershey bars to staff members.

Anice Read came to Sonora to start the Sonora Main Street Program in 1994, in the same year Sonora Main Street Program became a graduate city. She shared her love and knowledge with all small and large cities that the heart beat of their community would always be in the downtown area. I know the streets of gold in heaven are brighter today, because Anice Barber Read will be making her favorite Main Street Chocolate Cake for all to enjoy. WOW! What a Great Lady to have known!

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The Community Calendar



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Dec. 16 - 17 School dismissed 2:00 p.m. Dec. 18 & 19 Merchants Association Stage Coach Rides Dec. 20 - Jan. 4 SISD Christmas Holidays

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Ask the Historical Society



Boys Basketball 1902-21 - R.W. Hamilton, coach; Marvin Logan, center; Horace Rees, forward; Albert Runnels, center; Greydon Rees, forward; John Martin, guard; Weldon Moorland, guard; J. B. Moorland, guard; Curtis Edens, guard.

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary Q. Where were Edward and Maude Earwood married?

A. Not in Sonora! Devil's River News, October 4, 1919: Last Saturday night after Judge B. B. Throop had retired to his virtuous couch an automobile drove to the gate and he was summoned by the inmates to dress and accompany them to the Howard Apartment House on the Hill. The roomers there had retired and old Cynthia was just rising. The party alighted and the last chapter of a romance was enacted when the marriage license of Mrs. Maude Hall and Edward L. Earwood was produced and certified by the dim rays of a flashlight and Judge Throop performed the ceremony on the gallery in the presence of one witness, though many roomers poked their heads out the windows to see and hear this novel procedure.

The contracting parties explained that they had not made up their minds till the last moment, hence the "emergency call," as the groom wanted to get back to his ranch near Juno and Mr. and Mrs. Earwood ammediately left in their car for their future home there. Del Rio Herald

Q. Do you have any information on mysterious fires on the Roy Hudspeth Ranch in the early 1920's? A. Devil's River News, April 7,

Honesty

Holidays

1920: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hudspeth were in town Thursday. The barn on the Hudspeth headquarters ranch was destroyed by fire last Saturday evening entailing a loss of more than \$1000. This is the second barn Roy has lost on the same ranch and the insurance, as always, just expired so that no one can blame him with setting fire to them for insurance. No accounting for the cause of this fire as there was not even any hay stored

Note: I read on for several more months but could not find any mention of anyone ever being arrested for starting fires on Hudspeth prop-

We found the following articles of interest in the April 7, 1920 issue: John T. Mayfield, 13 year old

son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mayfield of Del Rio, sustained a fracture of the right leg just above the ankle when he was struck by an automobile said by police to have been operated by Otto Wesch of Marion. The accident occurred on East Houston Street near the intersection of Navarro Street. Young Mayfield was taken to the Gunter Hotel, where his mother is stopping. The driver of the car is booked at police headquarters with carelessly operating an automobile - San Antonio

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Corder and daughter and son were here this

Happy

all trash and debris removed and hauled to the dumping ground. Following the expiration of this time period, future inspection of action taken with those who have failed to comply with this notice. For the Health of the City, be E. Thomas, who several years ago was principal of the Sonora School, of Grubby Vocational College, Arlington.

Rev. S. C. Dunn of the Methodist Church has returned from San Antonio where he last week took higher degrees in Masonry and attended to duties connected with his church work.

You could buy Columbia Records at the Dew Drop Inn and a Tiffany Never-Wind Clock from T. L. Miller, Jeweler. A room at the Commercial Hotel was \$3.00 a day and you could buy Mulfords Blackleg Pellets at the Sonora Drug

office: Tax Assessor, George J. Trainer and Mrs. Annie Winn; Sheriff and Tax Collector, B. W. Hutcherson and A. D. McKnight; County Treasurer, E. W. Hardgrave; County Judge, L. W. Elliott; County and District Clerk, J. P. Lowrey; Commissioner,

Q. Was there anything in the papers about the marriage of Gus and Nora Wheat in 1919?

A. Devil's River News, Rocksprings.

If you have any questions con-76950-0885 or e-mail them to

are instructed to have their premises put in sanitary condition and have premises will be made and further Sanitary. Claude Keene, Mayor R. has been elected associate dean and professor of history and economics

The following were running for Glasscock and J. W. Wilson.

November 22, 1919: Gus Wheat and Mrs. Nora Benton Dibrell of Rocksprings were quietly married at Brackettville, on Friday Nov. 14. The bride is the daughter of Ab Benton of Rocksprings and has a host of admirers and well wishers who have known her for years. The groom is well-known to the people of Edwards and Sutton counties and has been prominent in the cattle business in Edwards county for years having until the past few years been associated with Ira Wheat. They will make their home in

cerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX schs@sonoratx.net. You may also call me at 915-387-2855.

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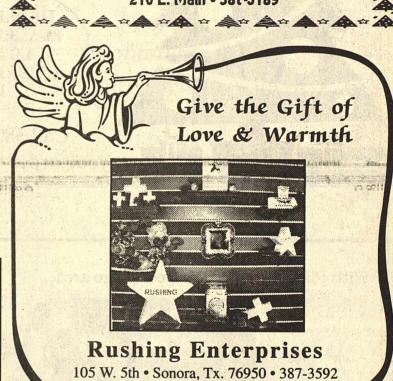
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will be here for the first time, bringing with her handmade soaps, bath salts, candles, deer horn antler lamps, candle holders and many more Cowboy oriented gift giving ideas.

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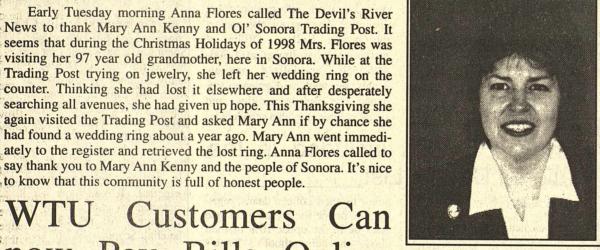
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week from the ranch near

Sanderson. Mrs. Corder is well

remembered as Miss Emmie Palmer

and her many friends were pleased

Captain of the Queen's Bodyguard

at the Coronation of the Queen of

the Alamo and during the festivities

of the Battle of Flowers in San

Antonio next week. Sonora will be

further represented in the person of

Capt. Dudley Henderson of New

York and Sonora, a guest at present

of the Thomas Bond Ranch, who

will be Duke to the Duchess of

Angelo was selling the Series 20 Studebaker five passenger car for

\$1785. There were regular picture

shows on Tuesday, Friday and

Saturday at the Happy Hour

Theatre. You could get a suit

cleaned and pressed for \$2.00 at the

A cleanup campaign, spear-headed by the Sonora Woman's

Club, was discussed at a meeting of

the City Council Thursday night.

The date of the cleanup of Sonora

was set to begin Monday, April 19th

and to be completed during that

week. In accordance with the above

the week designated will be cleanup

week for the City of Sonora and all

the residents and property owners

Sonora Tailor Shop.

Williams Auto Company in San

Frank Bond of Sonora will be

to see her.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently awarded a Service Award to Karen Wilson of the Sonora Area Office.

Wilson was recognized with a framed certificate for 5 years of service with the department. The San Angelo District employee is construction record keeper for the Sonora Area Office.

Customers now Pay Bills Online through TransPointTM

Early Tuesday morning Anna Flores called The Devil's River

seems that during the Christmas Holidays of 1998 Mrs. Flores was

visiting her 97 year old grandmother, here in Sonora. While at the

counter. Thinking she had lost it elsewhere and after desperately

searching all avenues, she had given up hope. This Thanksgiving she

again visited the Trading Post and asked Mary Ann if by chance she

had found a wedding ring about a year ago. Mary Ann went immedi-

ately to the register and retrieved the lost ring. Anna Flores called to

say thank you to Mary Ann Kenny and the people of Sonora. It's nice

to know that this community is full of honest people.

Space and time have just been compressed for customers of West Texas Utilities (WTU). WTU customers now may utilize the ease and convenience of the Internet for payment of electric bills.

WTU is the first Central and South West Corporation public utility subsidiary to offer electronic billing through TransPoint™, a leader in the merging Internet bill delivery and payment industry. TransPoint™, established in June 1997, is a joint venture of Microsoft Corporation, First DataCorporation and Citibank.

"This service provides the convenience and security that is essential and allows us to offer our customers another solution for today's hurried lifestyle." said Paul Brower, WTU general manager and president. Several WTU employees took part in a pilot prosject for the e-billing system before it became available to customers.

Customers with internet access can register for the service at no additional charge by following simple sign up instructions at the TransPointTM Web site -

www.transpoint.com. Once registration is complete, customers will begin receiving and paying their WTU bills over the Internet, with ease and convenience.

"We think our customers will appreciate saving time without writing checks, buying stamps or making sure the check gets in the mail," Brower added. "This is a payment option we believe our customers will embrace enthusiastically."

WTU joins a growing number of leading companies to offer ebilling. A recent study by Jupiter Communications reflects anticipated growth for the industry. The study estimated that the number of U. S. consumer bills delivered online will reach 130 million this year and two billion by 2003, or about 13 percent of all bills.

WTU, which is a subsidiary of the Central and South West Corporation, serves approximately 188,000 customers in a 53,000 square mile area of Central and West Texas. On December 22 1997, CSW announced a definitive merger agreement for a tax-free stock-for-stock transaction with Columbus Ohio based American Electric Power Company, Inc.

Holidays Are Festive But **Road Rage Is Not**

The holidays being a time of peace, so why are people so short tempered on roadways? Roads are more congested this time of year with travelers and locals buzzing all over town. The stresses of day-today business combined with holiday preparations can often cause anxiety and loss of composure on overcrowded highways, a frustration that can make some people crazy with rage - road rage.

Because more instances of aggressive driving are being seen on a regular basis, Texas highways are marked with reminders to "DRIVE FRIENDLY." With aggressive drivers on the road, the potential for automobile accidents is high, especially during this busy time of year.

Progressive Insurance offers these proactive tips to guard against

*A good rule of thumb is to follow all the laws of the road.

*Slower traffic should keep right so the left lane can be used for

*Do not offend drivers with hand gestures, verbal abuse or intimidatory diving. This type of behavior can only antagonize an already aggressive driver.

*Avoid eye contact to keep the situation from becoming personal

*You should not provoke drivers by flashing your lights or honking your horn.

*Do not tailgate. Try to keep a two second following distance. *Use your signals to alert other drivers to your intention s.

*Pull off the road to make your cellular calls. *Be a defensive driver.

Awareness will minimize your accident risk. *If you are threatened or harasses by another driver, do not engage. Participation will only

encourage an undesirable situation. *Allow plenty of time for your trips and make your vehicle as comfortable as possible to keep you relaxed on your vacation.

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FFA Competes at Area Happy Birthday Competition

to compete in the Area II Leadership contests. There were a possible 14 Chapter Conducting, Junior Creed, and the Ag Issues team. The Senior Lock, Graham Bloodworth, Stetson

On Saturday, Nov. 20th, the Hall, Chance Armke, and Heather Sonora FFA traveled to Big Spring Felts. The Junior Creed speaker was Landon Brockman, and the Ag Issues team consisted of: Brady teams that competed on the Area Lock, Jacob West and Jason West. level. These teams were the Senior The Senior Chapter Conducting placed 5th, the Junior Creed placed 5th and the Ag Issues placed 6th. Chapter Conducting members were: Congratulations to all these students Jacob West, Jason West, Brady for their hard work and dedication to

Woman's Club Updating Address Book

Sonora Woman's Club is in the process of updating and reprinting the Sonora and Sutton County Mailing Address Book for 2000. The book will go to press by February 15, 2000. Profit from the sale of the book will benefit the Sutton County Public Library.

If you have had a change of address since March 1995 or you know you will have a change in your mailing address after February 2000 and you wish to be included in the 2000 book, please fill out the mailing address book form at the Post Office or Sutton County Public Library or mail your changes to Mailing Address Book, PO Box 1446, Sonora, TX 76950. If you do not wish to be included in the mailing address book, please send your request to the above address.

The 2000 update will also list Business mailing addresses for a one time charge of \$10. Participating businesses will receive one address book. If your business has not been contacted, call Sharon Holman at 387-3122.

SONORA RESIDENT ELECTED TO THE BAPTIST MEMORIALS MINISTRIES BOARD

elected to a major position on a Texas Baptist board during the annual meeting of the 2.7 million -Baptist Convention of Texas, Nov. 8-9 in El Paso, Texas.

James M. Parker, managing general partner of James M. Parker Enterprise LTD, was elected to the board of Baptist Memorials

The BGCT Executive Board staff, from its offices in Dallas,

responds to the needs of churches One Sonora area resident was and multiplies their ministries through various institutions and agencies.

Texas Baptist institutions include eight universities, San Marcos Baptist Academy, Valley Baptist Missions/Education Center in Harlingen, Hispanic Baptist Theological School in San Antonio, hospital systems, child care institutions and homes for the aging in multiple locations throughout the

Local Student Attends **Two-Day Preview at Austin** College

Sonora resident Alan Nicholas, a student at Sonora High School, was among 45 students who visited Austin College recently to participate in a two-day College Preview on the campus.

Previews are designed to offer high school and college-transfer students a first-hand look at the academic and extracurricular activities at the private four-year liberal arts college.

The students attended regular class sessions and met with professors, as well as admission representatives and financial aid staff members. Many parents also attended the preview and were guests at information sessions about the college's curriculum, residence life, student affairs programs, and admission procedures.

College Preview dates are scheduled throughout the academic year. For more information about upcoming preview events, contact the Austin College Office of Institutional Enrollment at 1-800-442-5356. Specialized preview events for math and science students, arts and humanities, and social sciences are also scheduled

Former Broncos included in the National Dean's List

Two students from this area are among the approximately 120,000 students included in the 22nd Annual Edition of The National Dean's List, 1998-99. The students from Sonora are Michelle Cramer, Baylor University, and Cole W. Crenwelge, Texas Tech University.

The National Dean's List, pub-Educational Communications, Inc., is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving college students.

Students are selected for this

honor by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10% of their class, on their school's "Dean's List," or have earned a comparable honor. Listed students are eligible to compete for \$50,000 in scholarship awards funded by the publisher, and may also use a referral service for future employment opportunities. More than 2,500 colleges and universities nationwide use the publication to recognize their academically qualified students. To learn more about The National Dean's List visit www.honoring.com.



Looks like Virgil might want to pay Linda a visit at

The Sonora Bronco Football team and Bronco fans would like to thank Virgil Burge, Clyde Dukes and Jed Davenport for their commentaries on all the 1999 football games on the KHOS radio station. Great job gentlemen!!!

December 9

Jessica Bruns, Martin De Luna, Cris Flores, Sue Hosford, Carol

December 10

Tyler Edmondson, David Lopez,

Kristen Hardgrave, Tommie

Sanchez, Melanie Smith, Kristen Thurmond, December 11 Lupe Aguayo, Letty Brown,

Manuel Flores, Amelia Gamez, Yolanda Martinez December 12

Richard Bernal, Lupe Buitron, Lupe Chavez, Amanda Miller, Mark Van Hoozer, Mackenzie Perez, Guadalupe Marquart, Kassaundra Tyler

December 13 Valerie Lopez, Andres Chavez, Virginia Hernandez, Scottie Moore, T.J. Thorp, Michael Harris, Bobby Dickenson, Dianne Luckie

December 14 Jerry Almaguer, Randy Mabry, Mano Mireles, Sergio Mireles, Billie Renfro, Michelle Rushing

December 15 Quincy Garmon, Dustin Neff, Sean Matchus

Attn: Cub Scouts

All popcorn money needs to be turned in by Friday, Dec. 10th to your den leader or to Shannon Liverman 387-5673. Pack 19 will have their annual Christmas Caroling on Sunday Dec. 12th from 2-4 p.m. Please meet at the Middle School snack bar at 1:30 p.m. The Pack meeting will follow from 4-5 p.m. at the Middle School snack bar with a special visit from our jolly old friend (who might bring a special gift). Come join us for hot chocolate and popcorn.

Found at the Plainview Football Staduim - a pair of bifocals in a black case. Look like mens. Contact the Devil's River News at 387-

The 2000 American Cancer Society Golf Passes are now availble. 450 rounds of golf at 27: ourses throughout Texas. The cost of a pass is \$35.00. Please call Lou Faulks at 387-3269 for Christmas

Merry Christmas! For our customers convenience the Post Office will be open on the following Saturdays: December 11 and December 18, 1999 from 9:30 a.m. o 12:30 p.m.

The Community Youth Choir, composed of 6th-12th graders of Sonora, will have their first performance on Sunday, Dec. 12. The entire community is invited to the Methodist Church, located on the corner of Oak and Water. The performance will begin at 4:00 p.m. and a reception will follow.

The Vocational Trades students are selling apples, oranges and grapefruit. If you have not been contacted for your delivery, please call Reggie Williams at 387-2108 or the High School at 387-6533.

The Junior Class is selling Sonora Bronco State Quarter Finalist tshirts and sweatshirts. The cost for short sleeve t-shirts is \$15, long sleeve are \$18, and sweatshirts are \$20. Payment is due when you place your order. Call Kristen Keel at the high school at (915)387-6533 ext. 315 form more details. The deadline for ordering is Tuesday, December 14th at 4:00 p.m.

Volunteers Needed: Let's help an elderly couple with home improvements. Materials wil be supplied, but need your labor. (Carpenters, Electricians, Painters, etc.) Call JoAnn Hernandez for more details, 387-2593 or 387-

Auditions for Sleeping Beauty, being presented by MCT, will be Jan. 3, 2000 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Sonora Middle School Gym.

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 Hudspeth Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary meets the 2nd Monday of each month, at noon, at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

Broncos from page 1

high 114 yards on this drive. With fifty-three seconds left in the half, Wells would put the Elks up by 14 points on an untouched 35 yard sprint. The PAT by Cesar Peregrino would increase Stratfords advance by 15.

Sonora 0 - Stratford 15.

After the kick, the Broncos were 60 yards from paydirt and only had forty-nine seconds to work with. A pass from Williams to Surber moved the ball into Elk territory at the Elk 31. A very aggressive Stratford defense forced a sack on the next play and forced Williams to hurry his next three throws. Consequently, the Broncos were forced to turn the ball over on downs with twelve seconds left on the halftime clock; Stratford was content to run the halftime clock out and take a 15 point advantage to the intermis-

Halftime score: Sonora 0 -Stratford 15.

Having deferred at the beginning of the game, the Broncos would begin the second half in possession of the football. After successive penalties, the Broncos would find themselves 95 yard from the goal line. Runs by seniors Graham Bloodworth and Jason Surber, as well as a run by junior quarterback, Bryce Williams, the Bronco offense would get the ball out to the Bronco

At the 34, the Broncos fourth miscue occurred. Hard hitting by the Stratford Elks forced Renfro to cough the football up. The Elks were back in business at the Bronco

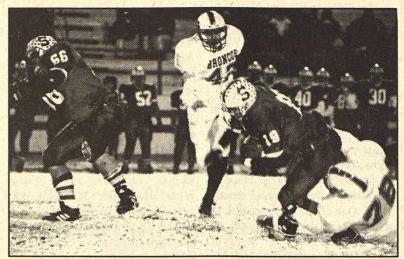
football closer to the goal line. When it looked like the Broncos might stop the Elks, the fifth miscue happened. A personal foul on the Broncos gave the Elks new life at the Bronco 6 yard line. Stratford gained the endzone on three straight runs by Wells. At the four minute and fifty second mark of the third quarter Wells scored his second touchdown of the game on a 1 yard run, putting the Elks up by 21. After the PAT by Peregrino the Elks led by

Sonora 0 - Stratford 22.

With four minutes and forty seconds left in the third quarter, the Broncos went to their air attack to try and get on the score board. Tremendous pressure by the Stratford defensive line, as well as excellent coverage by the secondary, forced the Broncos to punt after three downs. After the short punt, the Elks were back on track at the Bronco 46. Runs by Wells and a pass from Ball to David Hunsaker, the Elks moved the ball to the Bronco 31. At the 31, excellent defensive plays by Jared Perciful, Chris Green, and Andy Sanchez forced a fourth and seven.

On the fourth down, the Elks elected to go for it. A nice defensive play by Jason Surber, Bronco cornerback, forced the Elks to turn the ball over on downs.

The Broncos woes continued on the very next play. Bronco fullback, Jason Surber, was separated from the ball giving the ball back to the Elks at the Bronco 31. With their backs to the wall once again, the Bronco defense began to dig in. Stratford used the running Jared Perciful, Andy Sanchez, attack of Parker Wells to inch the Anthony Sanchez, Jacob West, and



Andy Sanchez stops an Elk in his tracks!

Mikey Solis would lead the Bronco defense in grudgingly giving up ground to the advancing Elks. The Broncos would force Stratford to use over six minutes of the fourth quarter to gain the 31 yards. With five minutes and fifty-five seconds left in the game and faced with a fourth and goal at the Bronco 4 yard line; the Elk quarterback, Adam Ball, would call his own number to ice the game for the Elks. Ball's 4 yard run for the Elk touchdown, along with the PAT by Peregrino would give the Elks a commanding 29 point lead: Sonora 0 - Stratford

Sonora would have two more possessions in the last five minutes and fifty seconds to try to get into the end-zone, but to no avail. Final Score: Sonora 0

Stratford 29 POSTSCRIPT: One can not judge the 1999 Sonora Broncos on this one game. This group of young men had an excellent season. There are not many teams in the state that are able to accomplish what this group of young men did:

Record: 13 Wins 1 Loss **District 2-2A Champions** (Undefeated Season) **Bi-district Champions Area Champions Regional Champions**

The 1999 Bronco Football team was led by a group of Seniors that will be missed next year; Jason West, Jacob West, Jared Percifull, Graham Bloodworth. Ernie Perez, Jason Surber, Brady Lock , Kiko Marines, Caleb Taylor, Andy Sanchez, Ruben Ynguanzo, Wes Baumgardner, Miky Solis.

Good luck to this group of young men and Thank-You for the

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2-AA Offensive Player of the Year Running Back - William Renfro, Bryce Williams QB Jr. 2-AA Defensive Player of the Year Jared Percifull LB Sr.

1st Team:

Center - Brady Lock, Sr. Off. Line - Andy Sanchez, Sr. Caleb Taylor, Sr. Tight End - Riley Crain, Jr. Wide Rec. - James Elliott, Soph. Running Back- Tom Jacoby, Jr. Defensive Line- Chris Green , Jr. Linebacker - Crispin Lira, Jr. Secondary - Jason Surber, Sr.

Graham Bloodworth, Sr.

2nd Team: Off. Line- Javier Gaytan, Jr.

Kicker- Javier Gaytan, Jr. Def. Line- Anthony Sanchez Jr. Punter- Bryce Williams Jr.

Honorable Mention:

Off. Line - Dustin Patina, Jr. Tight End - Jake Trainer, Jr. Wide Rec. - Ernie Perez, Sr. Running Back - Jason Surber, Sr.

Graham Bloodworth, Sr. Kicker - Andy Sanchez, Sr. Secondary - Matt Torres, Jr. Def. End - Miky Solis, Sr. Linebacker - Jacob West, Sr. Cole Cearley, Jr.

Coach of the Year- Dale Heath

ady Basketball

On December 6, 1999 the Lady Colts 7th grade "A" team traveled to Grape Creek to play the Grape Creek Lady Eagles. Overall the girls played very aggresively and showed a lot of improvement offensively. Final Score was Sonora 16 - Grape Creek 20. Scoring for the Lady Colts were Chelsea Seaton and Alyssa Ibarra - 5 pts., Deidra Warden - 4 pts., Amanda Word and Debra Martinez - 1 pt. each. Other team members are Tara Green, Kenia Gutierrez, Amanda Samaniego, Erica McClintock and Adrianna Castillo. The Lady Colts "B" team also traveled to Grape Creek for a rematch. The Lady Colts came out playing hard and defeated a much improved Grape Creek team 10-9. Scoring for Sonora were: Jennifer Hernandez - 6 pts., Tabitha Ovalle and Courtney Caruthers - 2 pts. each. Other team members include: Monica Samaniego, Catherine Herrera, Angie Ibarra, and Allison Higdon.

with a final score of Sonora 66, Coleman 23. Scoring for the Broncos were Heather Lawson and Ashley Parker - 12 pts., Morgan Hobbs and Kara Hard - 9 pts., Amy Gann - 6 pts., Monica Lira, Desirea Gonzales, and Kacci Lewellen - 4 pts. each, Shalayne Hobbs, Lorene Lopez, and

1999. Coleman defeated Sonora 60 - 46, leaving their record at 2 - 2. Scoring for Sonora were Kim Marshall - 13 pt., Kara Eaton and Cindy Jones - 11 pts., Japha Word - 7 pts., and Heather Felts - 4 pts. The Ladies traveled to Iraan on December 2nd to compete in the Iraan tournament. They played Alpine first, defeating them 36 - 22 and bringing their record to 3-2. Scorers were: Kim Marshall - 13 pts., Kara Eaton - 7 pts., Cindy Jones - 6 pts., Heather Felts - 4 pts., Lindsey Bowers and Japha Word - 2 pts. each. On the 3rd the Lady Broncos defeated McCamey 64 - 27. Scoring for the Ladies were: Cindy Jones - 13 pts., Japha Word - 9 pts, Kim Marshall - 8 pts., Kara Eaton - 7 pts., Stephanie Hard - 6 pts., Heather Felts - 4 pts., Sarah Ball, Rita Lopez and Lindsey Bowers - 4 pts. each, and Veronica Velez and Kasey Miller - 2 pts. each. The Ladies now

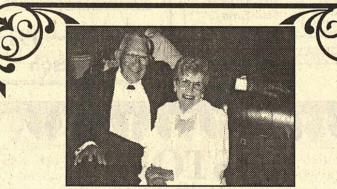
The Lady Bronco J.V. "A" team defeated Coleman on Nov. 30, 1999, Koda Armke - 2 pts. each.

The team competed in the Wall J.V. tournament on December 2 & 3, Sonora were: Kara Hard - 9 pts., Koda Armke - 7 pts., Ashley Parker, Morgan Hobbs and Desirea Gonzales - 6 pts., Amy Gann - 4 pts., Monica Lira - 3 pts., Shalayne Hobbs and Kacci Lewellen - 2 pts. On the 3rd the Ladies played Bronte, with a victory of 40-17. Broncos baskets were as follows: Ashley Parker - 10 pts, Kara Hard - 9 pts., Desirea Gonzales - 8 pts., Shalayne Hobbs and Morgan Hobbs - 4 pts, Heather Lawson and Kacci Lewellen - 2 pts. and Koda Armke - 1 pt.

The Lady Broncos Varsity Girls played Coleman on November 30,







Alfred & Susie Bermea celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary

on October 7th, 1999. They were born in Sonora in 1919 and married in Eldorado in 1939. They had four children; Alfred, Jr., Arthur, Robert (deceased) and Richard. They lived in Sonora till 1964 when they moved to San Jose, CA. where they now reside. They are blessed to be in good health and celebrated their Anniversary by taking

a cruise to Mexico with their sons, daughter-in-laws and grandchildren.

Academic All District Football



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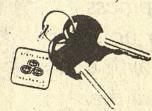
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Texas Water Development **Board News**

Submitted

There will be a Public meeting of the Region F Regional Water Planning Group on Tuesday, December 14, 1999 at the Brady Civic Center on US Highway 87 North, Brady, Texas at 4:00 p.m.; and on Wednesday, December 15, 1999, at the Reeves County Civic Center, on US Highway 285, Pecos, Texas at 10:00 a.m.

In 1997, the 75th Legislature of the State of Texas passed Senate Bill 1. One of the major directives of this bill is to develop a state water plan to meet the water needs of Texas for the next 50 years. The state plans to be developed from the bottom up through a regional water planning process. As part of its committment to public participa-

tion, the Region F Regional Water Planning Group will be holding a series of public meetings to provide the public an opportunity to follow the planning process, ask questions, and offer comments.

Currently, the Region F -RWPG is considering water supply and an allocation scheme. Groundwater supply entails such categories as historical use, water in storage, net annual recharge, and retrievable water. An allocation scheme is also being considered in order to prioritize water uses. The proposed allocation scheme is in the following order: municipal, manufacturing, steam-electric, irrigation, livestock and mining.

Rep. Turner Kicks Re-Election Campaign

Texas State Representative Bob Turner announced today that he is running for re-election and will start his campaign with a 4-day, 16-stop tour of his sprawling district in Central and West Texas.

"Except for becoming more experienced in the job. I haven't changed much since I was elected eight years ago," Turner said. "I'm still conservative, and I still believe the most important part of my job is to solve people's problems."

As the Chair of the House Committee on Public Safety, Turner worked hard this year to make the Department of Public Safety as effective in fighting crime as possi-

"DPS troopers needed a raise badly," Turner said. "I was proud to help them get a little extra money and make sure we retain experienced troopers."

Turner has also focused on lowering taxes, improving our schools, helping farmers and ranchers, protecting our water supply, and ensuring families have access to good health care.

If re-elected, Turner will devote much of his time to redistricting. "If the urban and suburban areas get their way, we could lose five seats in the Texas House west of I-35 and people in West Texas could be represented by someone in San Antonio," he said. "I plan on fighting to ensure that rural Texas is still represented by people who live in rural areas."

As part of his tour, Turner will hold a press conference in Sonora at 4:30 PM, Wednesday, December 15, 1999. The press conference will be held in front of the Devil's River News, 228 E. Main.

"If anyone has questions, I invite them to come by the press conference and discuss them with me," said Turner, a Democrat from Voss. "After all, helping people is what this job is all about."

EMS Reports

11-3-99 - Medical - Hwy 277 N. to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100 11-3-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101

11-3-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101

11-5-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Nursing Home to Shannon Clinic -Unit 102

11-7-99 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101

11-8-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101

11-8-99 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101 11-12-99 - Medical - Hwy 277

South, 16 miles to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100 11-12-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical

Center - Unit 100 11-13-99 - Medical - Tayloe Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100 11-14-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101

11-15-99 - Medical - Rock Ave. to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100 11-16-99 - Accident - IH-10, 412 MM to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit

11-16-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101

11-16-99 - Medical - IH-10 West Service Road, Unit 101 - Unable to locate patient

11-16-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101 11-17-99 - Accident - Hwy 1691, 19

miles to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 11-17-99 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to Assist AirMed 1 - Unit

11-19-99 - Medical - St. Anns Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 101 11-19-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Assist AirMed 1 - Unit

11-19-99 Accident - Hwy 277 South to Hudspeth - Unit 100 11-19-99 - Accident - IH-10, 424 MM to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit

100, 2 patients 11-19-99 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 100

11-19-99 - Accident - Hwy 277 South, 19 miles to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100 11-20-99 - Medical - Hudspeth

Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - U nit 101 11-20-99 - Accident - Hwy 277

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Hospital - Unit 101 11-20-99 - Accident - IH-10, 394 MM to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit

11-21-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101 11-22-99 - Accident - Hudspeth

Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101, 2 patients 11-23-99 - Medical - Cancelled Enroute by Dispatcher - Unit 100 11-24-99 - Accident - IH-10, 427 MM to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 101, 3 patients

11-24-99 - Medical - Glasscock Road to Kerbow Funeral Home Unit 100

11-24-99 - Accident - Poplar Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 101 11-24-99 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to Poplar Street - Unit 101, 11-25-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center

- Unit 101 11-26-99 - Medical - Solis Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100 11-27-99 - Accident - Davis Road to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100 11-27-99 - Accident - Hwy 277 North and Crockett to Hudspeth

Hospital - Unit 100 11-27-99 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101

11-27-99 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center Unit 102

11-29-99 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center

Police Reports 2000 Comes Early

Nov. 29, 1999 - Accident -Officer was dispatched to 900 Block of Poplar St. in reference to a minor accident. No injuries were reported.

Nov. 30, 1999 - Accident -Officer was dispatched to the 200 Block of Glasscock in reference to a cident. No injuries were reported.

Nov. 30, 1999 - Criminal Mischief - Officer was dispatched to 1700 Block of Tayloe in reference to a car having it's window broken out. Investigation continues.

Dec. 1, 1999 - Theft of Service Officer was dispatched to Shot's 6 in reference to a theft of service. Complainant advised that a brown Chevrolet pickup with a camper received \$32.05 of fuel and drove away without paying. Attempts to locate vehicle were negative.

Dec. 1, 1999 Public Intoxication - Officer was on routine patrol when he observed tow males at the intersection of Highway 277 North and South E. Frontage road whom appeared to be intoxicated. After further investigation both subjects were arrested for Public Intoxication.

Dec. 2, 1999 Public Intoxication - Officer received a report of two males being intoxicated at the corner of Martin St. and Glasscock Ave.. After further investigation both subjects were arrested and transported to Sutton Co. Jail.

Dec. 3, 1999 -Public Intoxication - Officer

97 in reference to intoxicated persons. Upon arrival officer located two males standing outside the store. After further investigation 1 subject was arrested for Public Intoxication. Subject was transported to Sutton Co. Jail

Dec. 4, 1999 -Public Intoxication - Officer was on routine patrol in the 300 Block of St. Ann's St. when he

observed a male subject staggering back and forth in the street. Subject was arrested for Public Intoxication. Dec. 4, 1999 - Theft - Officer was dispatched to the Day's Inn in

reference to a theft. Complainant reported that some items had been taken from the back of his pickup.



Students at the Sonora Intermediate School were rewarded with an old fashioned sock hop, (with a modern flair,) for reaching their reading goal. Smoke filled the gym as the kids danced to their favorite music and celebrated their accomplishment of finishing 2000 books before the year 2000.

Helpful Holiday Hints

With Christmas shopping on state or within 100 miles of your everyone's agenda and catalog and Internet shopping becoming increasingly popular, we thought the following question and answer session, provided by John Cornyn, Attorney General of Texas, might be of some

Q: I ordered a gift for a friend from a catalog and was horrified at what was sent. It did not match the description or the picture at all. I am having a hard time getting the company to take the product back and dispute is resolved. refund my money. What can I do?

A: Mail-order catalogs offer many people, especially the elderly or homebound, an easy way to shop from the convenience of their homes. Unfortunately, catalogs also allow unscrupulous people a way to sell merchandise that no one would buy if they had a chance to see it

If you ordered the merchandise paid the credit card company for that General charge, you do have the option of a charge back. Under federal law, a credit card company is as liable for

However, some conditions must mind to protect yourself. be met. First, you must have made a good-faith attempt to resolve the issue with the merchant. Second, the amount of the purchase must exceed to verify its size. You should also be \$50, and third, the purchase must sure that you receive everything you have been made within the same ordered. Often, several items will be

billing address. This requirement generally includes purchases made through the mail or by phone from your home. Charge-back rights are limited

to amounts that you have not yet paid when you give the credit card company notice of the dispute with the merchant. If you are having a problem with an item that you purchased with a credit card, deduct the amount from your payment until the

You can also take advantage of the dispute resolution service offered by the Consumer Protection Division (CPD) fo the Office of the Attorney General. CPD has a voluntary process that often helps to resolve issues between consumers and merchants.

To file a complaint against a company, call CPD at (800) 251-0805 to request a complaint form. You can also download a complaint with a credit card and have not yet form from the Office of Attorney Website www.oag.state.tx.us.

When you consider ordering products from catalogs, there are products purchased as the merchant. some things that you should keep in

Since many catalogs contain enlarged pictures of items, be sure to check the description of the item shown in a picture, but only one or two are actually sent. Check the text to make sure you know exactly what you should receive.

Beware of "list" or "suggested retail" prices. Often a seller will show one of these prices to get you to believe that you are getting a bargain. Check prices of similar items at local stores to make sure it really

You should be especially cautious of performance claims in ads. This is especially true for exercise or weight-loss items. Often, the items will not produce the results touted in the advertisement.

Some unscrupulous companies will send you unsolicited items in the mail and then attempt to bill you for them. In most cases, you can treat unordered merchandise as a gift. The seller can not require you to send it back, but can make arrangements to have it picked up. To be on the safe side, you should ask the seller for proof that someone from your household actually ordered the item.

One final thing to remember as we head into the holiday gift-giving season: no matter how good a sale or bargain, if you purchase an item by credit card but don't pay it off immediately, you will lose any savings you might have gained by having to pay monthly finance charges.

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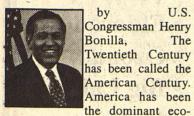
Straight Talk About Y2K

As the new millennium approaches, Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative has taken all prudent steps to help keep the lights on.

Although no electric utility can guarantee service at any given time due to storms, fire, and accidents. Our power suppliers have assured us that they don't expect risks on January 1, 2000, to be any greater than any other day. Further, Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative will have employees on duty or standby if needed.

Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative has been hard at work preparing for the year 2000. We believe that we have done everything possible to be sure that the delivery of electricity will continue reliably through Y2K dates. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-643-3980 or visit us at www.swtec.com

Man of the Century"



Congressman Henry Bonilla, The Twentieth Century has been called the American Century. America has been

nomic, military and cultural force throughout the world. We have been the example countless societies have modeled themselves after. We have been the inspiration for millions around the globe. We have built the most prosperous and free society in the history of mankind.

America's success is not an accident. It is not by chance that this century was not a Russian or German or Japanese century. There was no guarantee that America would triumph. At many times during this century it looked as if the future belonged to other nations. It looked as if the forces of tyranny and oppression would triumph and usher in a dismal tragic future for mankind. It looked as if Nazism or Communism could not be stopped. Many feared freedom and hope would be extinguished. Tyrannies' militaries ran rampant over free nations erasing independence and freedom.

However, there was a force far stronger than the tyrant's army: it was the American G.I. The American G.I. ended the slaughter in the trenches which was World War I. The American G.I. stopped and destroyed the Nazi and Japanese killing machine in World War II. For the next fifty years the American G.I. went to battle and stood watch

in the epic struggle against Soviet Communism. The American G.I.'s triumph was our triumph and a triumph for mankind.

General Colin Powell put it well when he said:

The twentieth century can be called many things, but it was most certainly a century of war. The American G.I.'s helped defeat fascism and communism. They came home in triumph from the ferocious battlefields of World Wars I and II. In Korea and Vietnam they fought just as bravely as any of their predecessors, but no triumphant receptions awaited them at home. They soldiered on throughout the twilight struggles of the cold war and showed them what they were capable of in Desert Storm.

As this century closes, we look back to identify the great leaders and personalities of the past 100 years. We do so in a world still troubled, still full of promise. That promise was gained by the young men and women of America who fought and died for freedom. Near the top of any listing of the most important people of the twentieth century must stand, in singular honor, the American G.I.

The American G.I. was the man of this century. We owe these men our freedom and prosperity. As we enter a new millennium we must not forget our debt to those in uniform, and our responsibility to remain vigilant so that future generations of Americans can enjoy the freedom and prosperity which are America's birthright.

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Texas Counties Approved For The Livestock Assistance Program

Susan Combs announced today there are currently 128 Texas counties approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service for the Livestock Assistance

For drought-related losses, LAP benefits are available in Sutton County where precipitation was 40 percent or more below normal for at least four months and where there FSA 915-853-2720.

Commissioner was at least a 40 percent loss of available grazing during a 90-day period due to drought.

> Eligible producers must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing for a 90-day period during 1999. Eligible livestock include beef and dairy cattle, buffalo or beefalo, sheep, goats, swine. For more information on the Livestock Assistance Program contact USDA-

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Announces 2000 Drilling Budget

Corp. announced that its Board of Directors approved an exploration and development budget of \$210 million for calendar year 2000, a 53% increase from the \$135 million estimated to be invested in drilling activities in 1999. The Company intends to fund the 2000 drilling program from operating cash flows. Proved reserve acquisitions are expected to add approximately \$50 million to the 1999 capital program. A budget for reserve acquisitions in 2000 has not been established.

The Company's exploration and development plans include regional allocations of \$104 million to the Texas Gulf Coast, \$62 million to the Permian Basin in West Texas and

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas southeastern New Mexico, and \$44 million to the Mid-Continent Region. About 30 percent of the budget is dedicated to exploration drilling, acreage acquisitions and seismic surveys.

Mr. Mark Monroe, Chief Executive Officer commented, "This year's capital program has been very successful. Not only do we expect to report year-over- year production and reserve growth, we will also reduce our debt from last year-end's level. Our 2000 drilling program has an excellent blend of low risk development and high impact exploration projects and we are anticipating another year of superior drilling results."

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Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 300-400 lb 103.00-111.00; 400-500 lb 94.00-105.00, few 105.00-107.00; 500-600 lb 83.00-94.00, few

94.00-99.00; 600-700 lb 78.00-84.50; 700-800 lb 75.00-80.00. Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 105.00-115.00; 300-400 lb 90.00-103.00; 400-500 lb 83.00-94.00; 500-600 lb 73.00-83.00; 600-700 lb 70.00-78.00; 700-800 lb 68.00-

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 300-400 lb 88.00-96.00: 400-500 lb 78.00-88.00, few 88.00-94.50; 500-700 lb 76.50-85.00, set

88.50; 700-800 lb 72.00-79.50. Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 85.00-91.00; 300-400 lb 80.00-88.00; 400-500 lb 70.00-78.00; 500-700 lb 68.00-76.50; 700-800 lb

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Breakers 75-80% 1050-1450 lb-35.00-38.50,set 41.50. 80-85% Boners 900-1200 lb 33.00-37.50. Boners Hi-Yld 80-85% 1100-1200 lb 38.00-42.00. 85-90% Lean 28.00-33.50. 800-1000 lb 700-850 lbs 23.00-27.00.

dressing 1100-1500 lb 38.00-42.00. **Pregnancy Tested Stock Cows** and Heifers: All sold by the head. Medium and Large 1-2 530.00-600.00. Medium 1-2 400.00-

Cow/Calf Pairs: All sold Per Pair: Medium and Large 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 630.00-Medium 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 510.00-630.00.

Stocker and Feeder Cows: Medium and Large 1-2 (young) 800-1000 lb 50.00-56.00 cwt; (young and middle age) 800-1150 lb 42.00-48.00 cwt; (middle age) 800-1100 lb 31.00-38.50 cwt. Source: USDA

Rig Locations as of December 3, 1999

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EOG Resources/Mid; 8500', Powell 72-#1, Patterson Drilling. New Pedeco, Inc; 10000', Shannon A-#40, Patterson Drilling. New J. Cleo Thompson; 10000', University 46-29-#1, Patterson Drilling. New Altura Energy; 5600', South Cross Unit #211, Key Energy. **Edwards County**

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Tom Brown Inc.; 13000', Culbertson 17-#3, TMBR/Sharp Drilling. Athanor Texas; 9000', Mitchell 6-#6, Cleere Drilling. Tom Brown Inc.; 13000', ACU-48-#2, Nabors Drilling.

> For complete report contact: Scott Huggins, Rig Location & Permit Report Service (800) 627-9785

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by the specified deadline regard-

less of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Paul R. Chevalier, Area Engineer, Sonora, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested for the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO INCREASE RATES

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Pursuant to Tex. Utilities Code § 104.103 (1999), TXU Lone Star Pipeline, a Division of TXU Gas Company ("Applicant") hereby gives notice of intent to change the city gate rate of TXU Lone Star Pipeline (formerly known as "Lone Star Pipeline Company") established by Order of the Railroad Commission of Texas in Gas Utilities Docket No. 8664 ("GUD 8664").

Applicant proposes a two-part transportation rate that consists of a demand charge per MMBtu based upon the contractual demand for city gate service and a volumetric charge per MMBtu based on actual delivered volumes. This transportation rate would result in a revenue increase to Applicant. Applicant also proposes to increase the storage rate applicable to city gate deliveries established in GUD 8664. The storage rate would consist of a monthly demand charge for capacity and a monthly demand charge for deliverability. The deliverability demand charge would only be charged during the months of November through March.

The proposed effective date of the change is December 20, 1999. The change is a major change, and will result in an increase in annual revenues of approximately \$20.3 million or sixteen percent (16%). The change will affect 1.3 million residential and commercial customers. The rate change will affect transportation and storage rates at the city gate for TXU Lone Star Gas-Transmission, who in turn sells the gas to TXU Lone Star Gas which serves 1.3 million residential and commercial customers in Texas under the rates established by the local regulatory authorities in municipalities and the Railroad Commission in environs areas.

A Statement of Intent to make such a change has been filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas in GUD 8976 and is available for inspection at the Commission's office at 1701 North Congress in Austin, Texas, and at the offices of Applicant at 301 South Harwood in Dallas, Texas. Copies of the Statement of Intent have also been sent to the appropriate city official of each incorporated city served by TXU Lone Star Gas. Any affected person may file in writing comments or a protest concerning the proposed change in the rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time on or before 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 30, 1999. Any person or agency who has a justiciable or administratively cognizable interest who desires to be designated as a party may petition for leave to intervene and request to become a party to this proceeding. The final date for intervention in this case shall be 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 30, 1999.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation will receive bids for depository of the Corporation. This period commences January 15th, 2000 through January 14th, 2001. Any banking organization, qualifying under the laws of the State of Texas to act as depository of municipal funds, which desires to act as such depository for the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation shall submit written application thereof, on the forms supplied by the Corporation. The "APPLICATION FOR DEPOSITORY OF SONO-RA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-MENT CORPORATION FUNDS WILL NOT BE OPENED UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 2000." Such application shall be received in the office of the Manager of Sonora Development Industrial Corporation, 103 Hwy 277 N.,

P.M. December 23rd, 1999. Applications will be opened and read aloud at the regularly scheduled board meeting at City Hall on January 3rd, 2000.

Sonora, Texas no later than 3:00

All terms conditions, specifications and requirement for such applications are available upon request made to the Manager of SIDC and are hereby incorporated into this Notice to the same extent as through

fully set forth herein. The Board of Directors will review and take action on bids on January 3rd, 2000 and shall have the right to accept the application which offers the most favorable terms and conditions for handling of such funds. The Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any and all applications and to waive informalities.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp., 14000 Quail Springs Parkway, Suite 600, Oklahoma City, OK 73134, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Sawyer (Strawn, N), Shurley 99 Lease, Well No. 7. The proposed injection well is located 3 miles southeast of Sonora, Texas in the Sawyer (Canyon) Field, in Sutton County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 6860 to 7120 feet (Strawn zone).

LEGALAUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or request for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). 11209b

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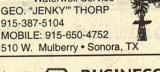
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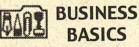
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