

# THE Devil's River NEWS

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## Merry Christmas From the Staff of the Devil's River News

### A Safe Holiday Tops Santa's List

Santa Claus has a holiday wish for Texas drivers: please don't hit him.

Santa and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) have teamed up to remind Texans not to drink and drive during the holiday season. Santa has good reason to be concerned. Last December, 83 people were killed and 2,244 were injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas. In fact, Texas leads the nation in the number of traffic deaths where alcohol is involved.

"Drinking and driving is a problem anytime, especially during the holiday season," said Susan Bryant, TxDOT's traffic safety director. "We anticipate that the problem could be even worse this year due to turn of the century New

Year's parties. People who don't normally drink and drive may be out for this unique celebration."

TxDOT's holiday public education effort conveys a serious reminder with a touch of humor. Colorful materials everywhere bear the message "Santa is Coming to Town. Please Don't Hit Him. Don't Drink and Drive."

And just in case anyone is tempted to get behind the wheel after too much holiday cheer, local police and sheriff's departments will be on special patrol for impaired drivers during the holidays. All available state troopers from the Texas Department of Public Safety will be on Texas highways for Operation Motorcade between December 24 and 26, and between December 31 and January 2.



To the kids (and young at heart) of Sonora,

I received all your letters to Santa, via the Devil's River News, just in time to get ready for my visit to Sonora. I have made my list and checked it twice, and I've decided which of you have been naughty or nice. I hope to find all of you tucked snug in your beds, with stockings hung and happy thoughts bouncing in your heads. Don't forget that I'm watching year round, not just at Christmas, so always be kind and good.

I'm looking forward to making my rounds this year, especially to Sonora!

God Bless you all and to all a Good Night!

Santa Claus

P.S. My favorite is Chocolate Chip cookies and the reindeer love apple scented corn!

### DON'T PANIC... Be Prepared!!

The Texas Department of Banking says... Don't Panic!

As Commissioner of the Texas Department of Banking, I want to express to the Citizens of Texas the Department's confidence in the Texas banking system's preparedness for the Year 2000. Our state banks have reviewed all of their systems, and have tested and re-tested them after making necessary upgrades. Our banks have developed detailed contingency plans to deal with possible power and communication disruptions. Furthermore, they have looked at potential cash demands and made

plans to have sufficient currency on hand to satisfy their customers' needs.

Every bank in the state, as well as the nation, has been examined at least three times over the last two years to verify their readiness for the Year 2000 changeover. Examinations show that community banks are just as prepared as large banks. While examination findings are confidential by law, each bank can, and should, tell you what it has done to prepare for Y2K.

Banks are still the safest place

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### Bob Turner Visits Sonora to Kick Off Re-Election Campaign



Bob Turner visited the Devil's River News office on Wednesday, December 15, 1999. Pictured here with Chief Croy, Bob Brockman and Trent Thomas, Turner told of his plans for his re-election campaign.

Saying that public education and public safety were his top priorities in the last session of the Legislature, State Representative Bob Turner said he was proud to have supported pay raises for teachers and DPS troopers.

"We faced a terrible situation with both our public school teachers and Department of Public Safety troopers," Turner said. "Poorly paid teachers were leaving education for better-paying jobs, while DPS troopers were applying to large, urban police departments that paid better than the state. Something had to be done."

Turner made his comments here as part of his 4-day, 16-town Campaign Kick-Off throughout his

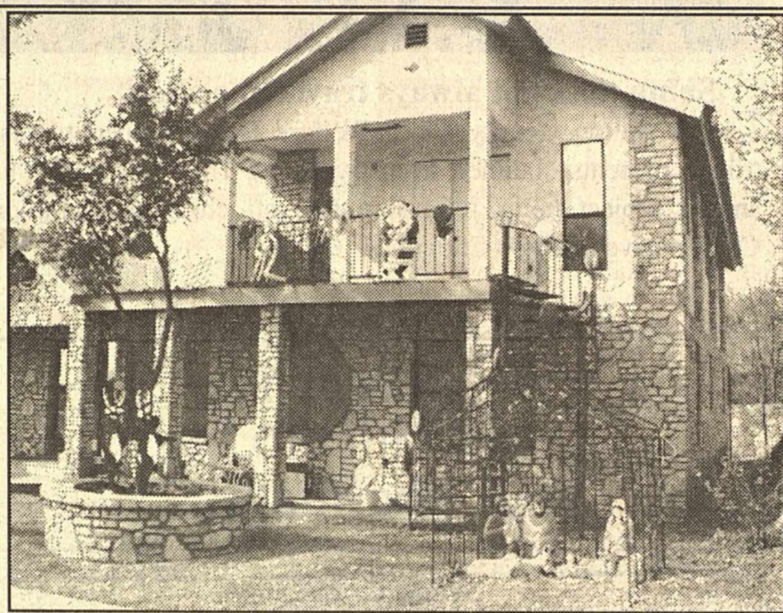
sprawling district.

With Texas teachers earning \$6,000 less than the national average, Turner said retaining teachers and attracting new ones had become a severe problem, which was why he supported a \$3,000 pay raise for every school teacher, librarian, nurse and counselor in Texas.

Now, we'll have a better chance of retaining our best teachers and attracting new ones to the profession," he said. "In the end, this is the best thing we could do for Texas school children."

Turner also voted for expanded reading programs, new programs to increase parental involvement, and

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Congratulations to Johnny Solis & Family! Their house has been chosen as the Grand Prize winner of the "Dress Up Your Home for Christmas" contest.

### Sonora Photo Contest Winners Announced

The Chamber of Commerce recently held a photo contest in an effort to collect photos that we may use in our advertising efforts and for our new brochure. The contest was divided into four different categories. Those categories are Business and Industry, History and Culture, Nature and Wildlife, and the Heartbeat of Sonora. The winners of each category will receive a camera bag. The winners are as follows:

#### Business and Industry

Lola Beth Jones

#### History and Culture

Patti Rainer

#### Nature and Wildlife

Mary Rowland

#### Heartbeat of Sonora

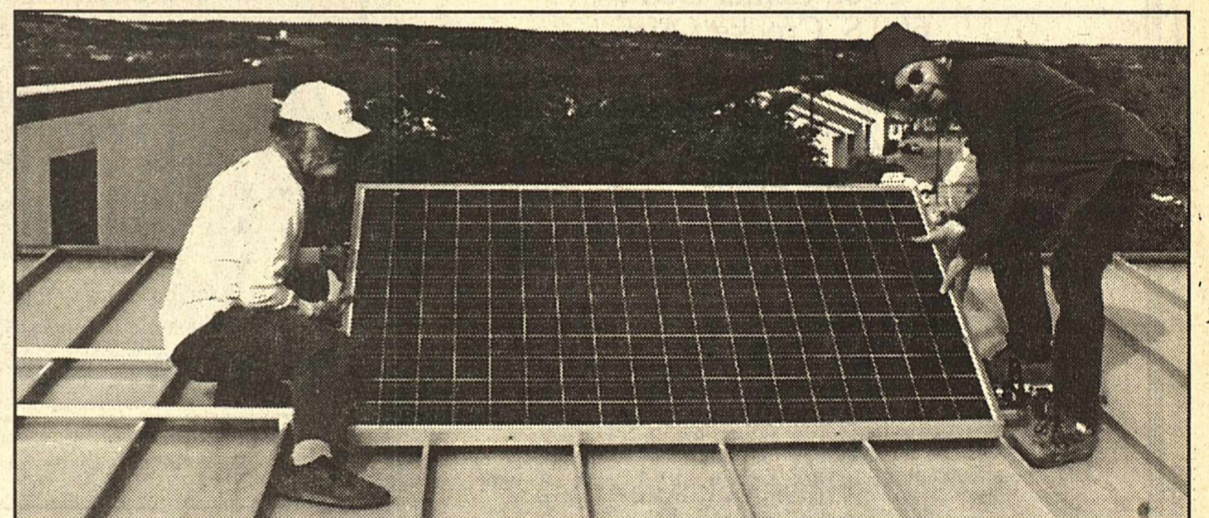
Storie Sharp

We would like to thank everyone who submitted pictures for the photo contest. If you submitted a photo for the contest, we are still reviewing photos for promotional purposes so if your photo did not win the contest, it still may be used in the brochure or during a trade show. If you would like to see the winning photos, please feel free to come by the chamber office to view them.

### Solar Panels Installed at High School

Sonora is one of nineteen schools that has been chosen to participate in the CSW Watts on Schools program. The program involves Central Power and Light Company, Southwestern Electric Power Company and West Texas Utilities Company, and has installed solar electric (photovoltaic) systems on the Sonora High School roof.

The Watts On Schools program will contain a variety of educational components useful in teaching about renewable resources at both the school and in the community. Planergy, Inc., an independent energy services company, created the educational module and Internet site that will contain data about the schools selected for the solar electric systems. A formal selection process was introduced to representatives from the operating companies in February 1999, with selections now taking place. Planergy and Terry Allison, CSWS renewables program manager, have been working with school systems to ensure compliance with physical criteria required to support the PV systems. The Watts on Schools program will benefit schools by providing an educational resource to teachers and students, improving a

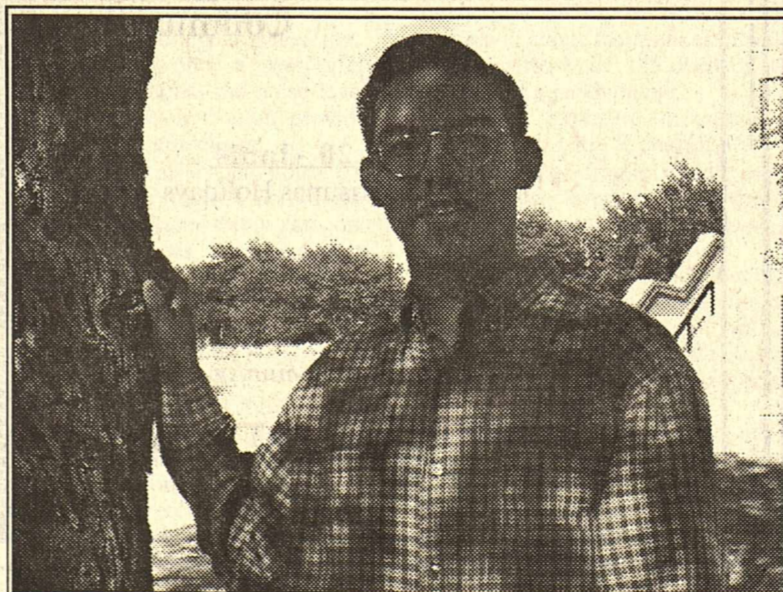


Solar panels were recently installed on the roof tops of Sonora High School last week.

school's ability to compete for science grants, reducing each school's billed usage up to as much as 6,000 kWh per year (determined by each geographic location's variable conditions) and much more. It will benefit Sonora by providing a new renewable technology to the community, allowing schools to serve as focal points for community energy awareness and giving students the knowledge to educate their parents and friends about renewable energy.

Sixteen solar electric panels that generate electricity are on the roof top of the school or adjacent to a school building. Each panel is 6 feet by 4 feet in size. Panels are mounted on metal racks tilted to the south, and are arranged in two eight panel rows. The flat roof area required is 60 feet by 20 feet. The system will produce up to 4 kilowatts of power. Inside the building there is an inverter that converts the generated electricity into usable

electricity, and electrical switches and a system circuit breaker used for operation of the system. The solar system is connected to the school's main electric distribution panel. The system is installed according to codes set by the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineering, the National Electric Code (NEC), PV U.S.A., and all local building codes. Basic solar electric safety guidelines are provided to the schools.



Joe Flores, Jr. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Flores. He was the only member of the Bronco Band to try out for Region Band. He made the Symphonic Band - 2nd Chair and will be participating in a Symphonic Concert on January 15 in Abilene, Texas. Joe will continue on to compete in Waco, Texas, on January 7th and 8th. If he makes it he will move on to compete at State. Joe is sponsored by his parents.

### HEALTH FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANT TO HUDSPETH

On December 20, 1999, grants to thirteen Concho Valley Organizations, totaling \$819,500, were announced by the Board of Trustees of San Angelo Health Foundation. David Hirschfeld, Foundation Chair, pointed out that with the completion of its third year of grant making, the Foundation has committed over \$6.8 million to community and health projects. He said, "We welcome the new year and, with it, continued opportunities for community service. We are fortunate in San Angelo, and within the Concho Valley, to have so many innovative organizations working to improve the quality of life of all our citizens."

Among the awards announced was a grant of \$149,500 to the Sutton County Hospital District, for replacement of the base X-ray unit at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. The present equipment

was purchased used in 1979, and had become inadequate for today's needs. The hospital is certified as a Basic Trauma Facility and treats an ever-increasing number of victims of accidents on I-10, state and county highways.

The generous gift of Myrtle Williams in honor of her parents, William Harden Williams and Mary Eveline Holmes Williams, made this grant, replacing the X-ray equipment would have required a tax increase, which would have jeopardized the future operation of the hospital. The Board of Directors is most grateful to Myrtle Williams and the San Angelo Health Foundation for their help and support.

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387-5616

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387-3401

Los Jarritos  
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387-2838

Pizza Hut  
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387-3540

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903 N. Crockett Ave.  
387-2169

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## Cards of Thanks

We would like to thank Sonora Middle School for their recent donation of coats and blankets to Christian Outfitters. We need donations all year but at this time of year, coats and blankets are really needed. Thanks for remembering others.

Christian Outfitters  
First Baptist Church  
Ilene Stewart

Thank you for your cards, flowers, food, phone calls, and all acts of kindness during our recent loss. Most of all we thank you all for your prayers and thoughtfulness.

With love and gratitude,  
Pam Calvin & Family  
Rick Bounds & Family  
Dale Bounds & Family

## Obituaries

### Barbara Bounds

Barbara Bounds, 62, of San Antonio and formerly of Sonora, died Monday, December 13, 1999, in a San Antonio hospital.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

She was born August 20, 1937, in Temple, Oklahoma. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include a daughter, Pam Calvin of Miller, Mo.; two sons, Rick Bounds of Sonora and Dale Bounds of Utopia; three brothers, Sammy Kindred of Hondo and Jimmy Kindred and Jeff Kindred, both of San Antonio; a sister, Kay Rainwater of San Antonio; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

### Dean McLain

Delbert Dean McLain was born May 14, 1934, in Perryton, Ochiltree County, Texas. He was the son of Francis Keith and Audrey Beaver McLain and the grandson of Samuel and Lina Bergin McLain and Edmund and Bessie Beaver.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents; his stepmother, Lucille Guffey; a sister, Cheryl Ann; and a brother, Sammy.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Valliant McLain, whom he married July 9, 1961, in Perryton, and a daughter, the Rev. Melinda Valliant McLain of San Francisco. Surviving also is his twin brother, Roy Gean McLain of Kilgore; and his uncles, Dale and Kenneth McLain of Perryton. Dean died Wednesday, December 15, 1999, in San Antonio.

Dean was educated at Perryton High School and the University of Texas at Austin. He was a wheat farmer, who was active in business in both Perryton and Midland. In the late 50's and early '60's he was an announcer for KEYE radio in Perryton. He was an organizing and active member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Perryton. In 1980, he retired and lived on the ranch near Sonora. The last three

years he lived in San Antonio where he was active in community theater.

Dean was currently spearheading the renovation and conversion to a live theater of the old Woodlawn Movie Theatre on Fredricksburg Road in San Antonio. He was serving on the Board of Directors of Actor's Theater of San Antonio and the Board of the Theater at Jewish Community Center. He had recently finished four years of judging for Alamo Theater Arts Council.

Dean McLain received the Globe Award for his set designs for "The Trip to Bountiful" in 1996-1997. He was known in the theater community for his wonderful set designs and for sharing stage pieces, props and costumes with all the theatres in San Antonio. Currently, his set for "The Last Night of the Ballyhoo" is on stage at the Woodlawn Theater.

Memorial services were held on Friday, December 17, at the Woodlawn Theater. Memorial contributions should be made to a favorite charity. Dean McLain lived a long and joyful life and will be missed by many. Arrangements were by Porter Loring, 1101 McCullough, San Antonio.

### Johnny Luna

Johnny Borrego Luna, 49, passed away Monday, December 20, 1999 in a San Angelo hospital. graveside services were held Wednesday, December 22, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born July 22, 1950 in Zaracoza Coahuila, Mexico and was a long time resident of Sonora. He

was a driller for Patterson Drilling. He is survived by his wife Catalina Galindo Luna, 2 sons Juan G. Luna and Miguel G. Luna both of Sonora and Antonia L. Mireles of San Angelo, his parents MP & Mrs. Aureliano Luna of Sonora, 3 brothers, Ubaldo Luna and Roy Luna of Sonora and Aureliano Luna, Jr. of Ozona, a sister Angelica L. Castro of Sonora and 3 grandchildren.

### Rubin Morin

Rubin C. Morin, 36, of Ozona died Friday, December 17, 1999, in San Angelo.

Services were held at Preddy Funeral Home.

He was born April 18, 1963, in Ozona.

Survivors include his wife, Beth Shattuck of Ozona; a daughter,

Senny Marie Morin of Ozona; a son, Chance LeCroy of Chattanooga, Tenn.; his parents, Juan Antonio Morin of Raleigh, N.C.; and Senaida Martinez of Ozona; a sister, Emily Janke of Junction City, Kansas; and his grandmother, Tules Valadez of Sonora.

### Chuco Carrasco

Chuco Carrasco, 40, of Odessa died Friday, December 17, 1999, at his residence.

Rosary was held at his parents residence. Services were held Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial in Resthaven Cemetery. Arrangements were by Richard W. Box Funeral Home.

He was born March 19, 1959, in McCamey.

Survivors include his parents, Baltazar and Pilar Carrasco of McCamey; five brothers, Manuel Carrasco and Reinaldo Carrasco, both of McCamey, Joe Carrasco of Crane, Sam Carrasco of San Angelo and Edward Carrasco of Sonora; two sisters, Mary Baiza of Andrews and Teresa Valenzuela of McCamey; 10 nephews; nine nieces; and two great-nephews.

### Bill Holmes

Bill Holmes, 72, of Buchanan Dam died Thursday, December 16, 1999, in a local care center.

Memorial services were held Tuesday in Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Home with graveside services in Rochester Cemetery in Rochester.

He was born August 27, 1927, in O'Brian and was a longtime resident of Buchanan Dam. An Army veteran of World War II, he was a retail salesman and a member of the Masonic Lodge and a Baptist.

Survivors include a son, Phillip J. Holmes of Georgetown; four daughters, Patti Holmes Raynes of Rule, Joy Lee Holmes of Wichita, Kansas, Evalynda Holmes Shelton of Dripping Springs and Lesa Holmes Herring of Avery; a brother, Ray Holmes of Sonora; three sisters, Betty Jo Hawkins of Aspermont, Pauline Ringgold of Abilene and Fayrene Johnson of Oklahoma; eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.



**Santa does not always travel in a sleigh.**  
The Sutton County Child Welfare Board helped to distribute presents obtained from the Angel Tree Program. This annual project helps to ensure that all children in Sutton County have a Merry Christmas!

## Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

### Senior Center News

- Dec. 27 - Bingo!
- Dec. 28 - Volunteer to deliver meals for 2000!
- Dec. 29 - Birthday party for December babies!
- Dec. 30 - Center Closed!
- Dec. 31 - Center Closed! Happy New Year!!

### Senior Center Menu

- Dec. 27 - Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, fresh orange.
- Dec. 28 - Salisbury steak with gravy, blackeyed peas, roll, broccoli with cheese, jello with fruit.
- Dec. 29 - Meatloaf with tomato sauce, blackeyed peas, okra, cornbread, banana pudding.
- Dec. 30 - Center Closed!
- Dec. 31 - Center Closed! Happy New Year!

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.  
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### Community

**Dec. 20 -Jan.4**  
SISD Christmas Holidays

The Community Calendar

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**Dec. 29**  
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## Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary  
Q. Why do we have Christmas trees?

A. There are lots of different answers to this questions but this is my favorite:

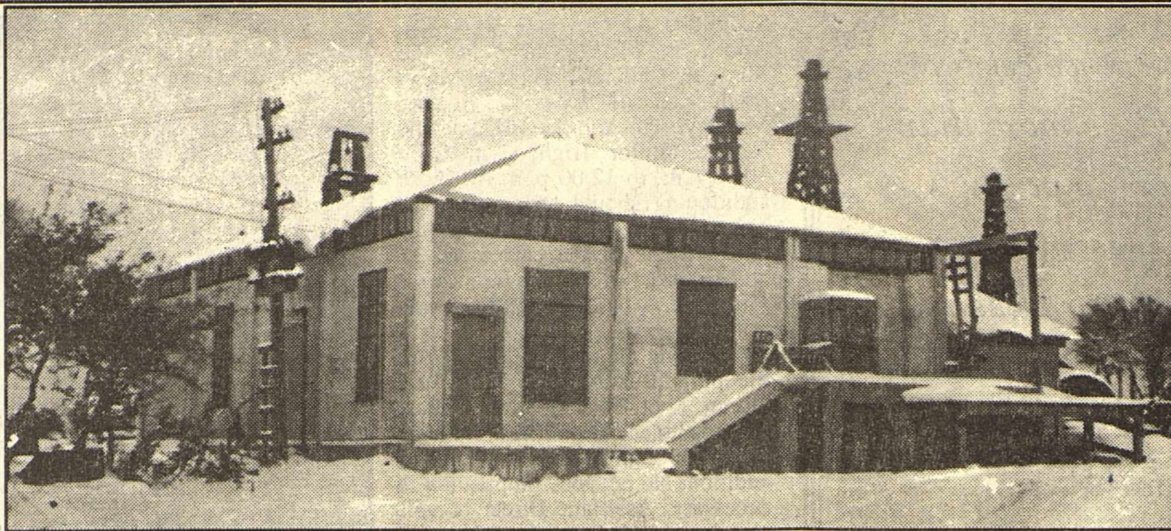
There is a legend that comes to us from England in the early days of Christianity. There was a monk named Wilfred, later to be known as St. Wilfred, who was trying to spread Christianity to the Druids. The oak tree was an object of worship in the Druid religion. One day surrounded by a group of his converts Wilfred took an axe and struck down an oak tree. It split into four pieces and from the hollow center there grew a young fir tree, pointing a green spire toward the sky. The crowd was amazed to see the tree growing inside the oak.

Wilfred dropped his axe and turned to the people saying "This little tree shall be your Holy Tree tonight. It is the wood of peace, for your houses are built of the fir. It is the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are evergreen. See How it points toward the heavens. Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child. Gather about it, not in the wilderness as the Druids worship the oak, but in your homes. There it will be surrounded with loving gifts and rights of kindness."

Christmas in Sonora

The earliest mention of Christmas in existing issues of the Devil's River News tells that there will be a grand dance held the nights of December 24th and 31st, 1891. The Christmas Eve dance was to be held immediately following a celebration around a Christmas tree in the old wooden school house. The decorating committee was E. C. Saunders, L. L. Russell, Geo. Traweek, G. L. Moore, J. M. Bell, Mrs. Dr. Coleman, Mrs. Baugh, Misses May Callahan, Mary Rudicil, Agnes Murchison, Oillie Cusenbary, Susie Martin and Lucille Adams. Evergreen collectors were Geo. Traweek, Dave Dunagan, G. Huber and P. Hurst, Jr.

In October 26, 1895 issue of the Devil's River News we find that the citizens of Sonora are meeting to plan the Christmas celebration that year. It was to include a Christmas Tree at the church on Christmas Eve, a grand ball and supper at the courthouse on Christmas night and racing, sports and games, etc for the week. S. G. Tayloe, C. J. Nichols and C. F. Adams were to get the



Sonora's first complete utilities plant, water, electric and ice is covered in snow. (circa 1930's)

Christmas tree and greens. Felix VanderStucken, E. R. Silliman and Mike Murphy were the committee on the hall and supper and the racing committee were Geo. W. Morris, T. B. Birtrong, R. C. Dawson, Max Mayer, G. H. McDonald, Dr. H. G. Colson and C. F. Adams. John W. Hagerlund was the general chairman of the events. In the January 4th issue we found mention of "The Christmas tree at the church last week was one of the most beautiful ever shown in Sonora. The presents were of great variety from a Negro doll to the most handsome silverware and jewelry. The committee on the Christmas tree are to be congratulated."

Christmas in the 1896 season opened with a dance at the courthouse on Dec. 23rd. The 24th presents were collected and put under the tree at the church for distribution that night. Church services were held at the courthouse on Christmas morning at 11 A.M. by Rev. Arthur Rooney of the Episcopal Church.

The rest of the day was devoted to racing, cattle roping, turkey shooting, games and Christmas dinner. That night a grand ball was held at the courthouse. On Dec. 30th the ladies of the Baptist church gave an entertainment at the courthouse consisting of vocal and instrumental music, recitations and games to benefit the church building fund. New Years Eve there was dancing. On Jan 1st the Sonora Fire Dept. gave a grand ball for the purpose of supplementing the fire dept. fund. There was also mention in the Jan. 2, 1897 issue of a large Christmas Dinner

that was held at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bond which was followed by dancing and refreshments that evening with many of the surrounding country participating. In the same issue we found the following: In the foot race on Christmas day 75 yards, between Abe Mayer and Edgar Simmons, the judges gave the race to the former by one-half foot. The dance at the courthouse Christmas night was attended by 300 people and about 100 being children under sixteen years of age who should have been in bed. The majority of those present however thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Christmas tree at the church on Christmas Eve was largely attended. The tree was tastefully decorated with numerous presents and those who assisted Col. Halbert in the arrangement and decorations and those who assisted Santa Claus, T. D. Newell and Santa Claus, Jr., Oscar Drennan, in the distribution of the presents deserve to be congratulated.

In December 1899 there was again a Christmas tree and dances but this year there was a racing program with much larger stakes. Purses were set of \$325 for holiday races on December 25, 26 and 27, 1899. There were 1/4 mile, 3/8 mile and 1/2 mile dashes with purses of \$200, \$100 and \$125 to be paid.

The first horse got 70% the second 20% and the third 10%. A. J. Swearingen, Frank Sparks, Mike O'Mears, Geo. S. Allison were the committee to see that American Turf Association rules were followed. In the newspapers of 1899 the horse

races seem to take preference over the other Christmas celebrations in the news.

As you read the paper each week we see how Christmas is being celebrated in Sonora today. If you have not taken a ride around town to see the lights yet you really should. Sonora you have done yourself proud again. The lights all over the county are so beautiful. I think there are more lights this year than I have seen in the 10 years I have lived here. Your hard work certainly has made some beautiful displays around the town. It was a joy to watch the looks of wonder and happiness on the faces of little children that were out looking at the lights. So many people are working to make the holidays a happy time, the Senior Center, the churches, downtown businessmen and merchants all over town, people who have adopted angels, entertain at the nursing home or bring treats to shut ins. Once again you all are showing the true spirit of Christmas in your sharing and giving of yourself to others. Sonora is such a wonderful place to live because of all the wonderful people that live here. May everyone have a very Merry Christmas.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to Ask the Historical Society, P. O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may call me at 915-387-2855. Donations and dues should be sent to the above address attention Al Elliott, treasurer.

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## Santa's Secret Wish

In the spirit of the season we thought we'd run this to remind everyone to slow down and enjoy the real meaning of Christmas.

On Christmas, a young boy with light in his eyes  
Looked deep into Santa's, to Santa's surprise,  
And said as he nestled on Santa's broad knee,  
"I want your secret. Tell it to me."  
He leaned up and whispered in Santa's good ear,  
"How do you do it, year after year?"

"I want to know how, as you travel about,  
Giving gifts here and there, you never run out.  
How is it dear Santa, that in your pack of toys  
You have plenty for all of the world's girls and boys?  
Stays so full, never empties, as you make your way  
From rooftop to rooftop, to homes large and small,  
From nation to nation, reaching them all?"

And Santa smiled kindly and said to the boy,  
"Don't ask me hard questions, Don't you want a toy?"  
But the child shook his head, and Santa could see  
That he needed the answer. "Now listen to me,"  
He told the small boy with the light in his eyes,  
"My secret will make you sadder, and wise

The truth is that my sack is magic inside.  
It holds millions of toys for my Christmas Eye ride.  
But although I do visit each girl and each boy  
I don't always leave them a gaily wrapped toy.  
Some homes are hungry, some homes are sad,  
Some homes are desperate, some homes are bad.  
Some homes are broken, and children there grieve.  
Those homes I visit, but what should I leave?

"My sleigh is filled with the happiest stuff,  
But for homes where despair lives, toys aren't enough.  
So I tiptoe in, kiss each girl and boy,  
And pray with them that they'll be given the joy  
Of the spirit of Christmas, the spirit that lives  
In the heart of the dear child who gets not, but gives.

"If only God hears me and answers my prayer,  
When I visit next year, what I will find there  
Are homes filled with peace, and with giving, and love  
And boys and girls gifted with light from above.  
It's a very hard task, my smart little brother,  
To give toys to some, and to give prayers to others.  
But the prayers are the best gifts, the best gifts indeed,  
For God has a way of meeting each need.

"That's part of the answer. The rest, my dear youth,  
Is that my sack is magic. And that is the truth.  
In my sack I carry on Christmas Eve day  
More love than a Santa could e'er give away.  
The sack never empties of love, or of joys  
'Cause inside it are prayers, and hopes. Not just toys.  
The more that I give, the fuller it seems,  
Because giving is my way of fulfilling dreams.

"And do you know something? You've got a sack, too.  
It's as magic as mine, and it's inside of you.  
It never gets empty, it's full from the start.  
It's the center of lights, and of love. It's your heart.  
And if on this Christmas you want to help me,  
Don't be so concerned with the gifts 'neath your tree.  
Open that sack called your heart, and share  
Your joy, your friendship, your wealth, your care."

The light in the small boy's eyes was glowing,  
"Thanks for the secret. I've got to be going."  
"Wait, little boy," said Santa, "don't go.  
Will you share? Will you help? Will you use what you know?"  
And just for a moment the small boy stood still,  
Touched his heart with his small hand and whispered, "I will."

By Betty Werth December 15, 1998 issue of Family Circle

## "...visions of Sugarplums Danced in their Heads"



Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance held its annual Christmas recital on Tuesday, December 14, 1999 to a packed house. These little "sugarplums" danced to Christmas music and brought holiday happiness to all who attended

## NOISY TOYS CAN DAMAGE CHILDREN'S HEARING

Houston - Noisy toys from Santa do more than shatter "peace on earth" and "good will toward men." They can damage your child's hearing.

"When selecting a toy, most parents are guided by the child's request, the color or the novelty. Parents assume that if a toy is in the store, it's okay. But, that's not so," said Dr. Lois Sutton, a clinical assistant professor of otorhinolaryngology at Baylor College of Medicine.

Currently, only a few safety regulations address the noise levels of toys, however, Sutton provides the following guidelines:

\* If a toy makes any noise, parents should try it out before they take it home. "Loud things can come in small packages, even plush toys. Test everything before you buy."

\* If you have to raise your voice to be heard over the sound of the toy, if it hurts your ears or causes ringing, do not buy it.

"And remember, children don't usually play with toys the way the manufacturer intended. Sounds that may be tolerated at arms-length become dangerous when a child puts the toy to his or her ear."

Sutton notes that standards set by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration limit the level and length of noise exposure in the workplace to 80-85 dBA in an 8-hour period for adults. The dBA is a scale that reflects the sensitivity pattern of human ears in decibels.

"OSHA recommends that hearing protection be worn in the workplace when loudness and exposure

time exceed the standards. However, there are no standards for children," Sutton said.

Parents could be surprised to find that musical toys such as electric guitars, drums and horns emit sounds as loud as 120 dBA. Toy phones can measure between 123-129 dBA, and toys that produce firearm sounds can measure 150 dBA one foot away from the noise source. According to Sutton, 85 decibels is about the loudness level of city traffic while 135 decibels is the level of a jackhammer.

"Noise exposure is cumulative," Sutton said. "Constant wear-and-tear on the fragile middle and inner ear structures can cause trauma. Over time, those noise exposures begin to add up.

"Loud may be considered cool, but we are seeing more and more high school students who suffer from hearing problems," she said. "Loud noise levels can become a habit."

Sutton urges parents to set limits. "The louder the toy, the shorter the play time." And, limits should include pre-teens and adolescents who listen to stereo systems with headphones and boom boxes with noise levels of 105-110 decibels.

"If you can hear the music when you approach a child wearing a headset, it's too loud," she said.

Sutton encourages parents to do the entire family a favor this Christmas by shopping wisely and enjoying a "Silent Night."

### St. Ann's Catholic Church

*Holiday Mass Schedule*

**Dec. 24th** Confessions 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Christmas Vigil Mass - 7:00 p.m.  
Midnight Mass 12:00 a.m.

**Dec. 25th** Christmas Day Mass 10:00 a.m.

**Dec. 26th** Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m.  
Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.

**Dec. 31** Vigil Mass 7:00 p.m.

**Jan. 1** New Years Mass 10:00 a.m.


**Jan. 2** Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m.  
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Children's Program at 10:00 p.m.  
Festival of Eucharist at 10:30 p.m.  
Christmas Day Holy Eucharist 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday Eucharist 10:15 a.m.

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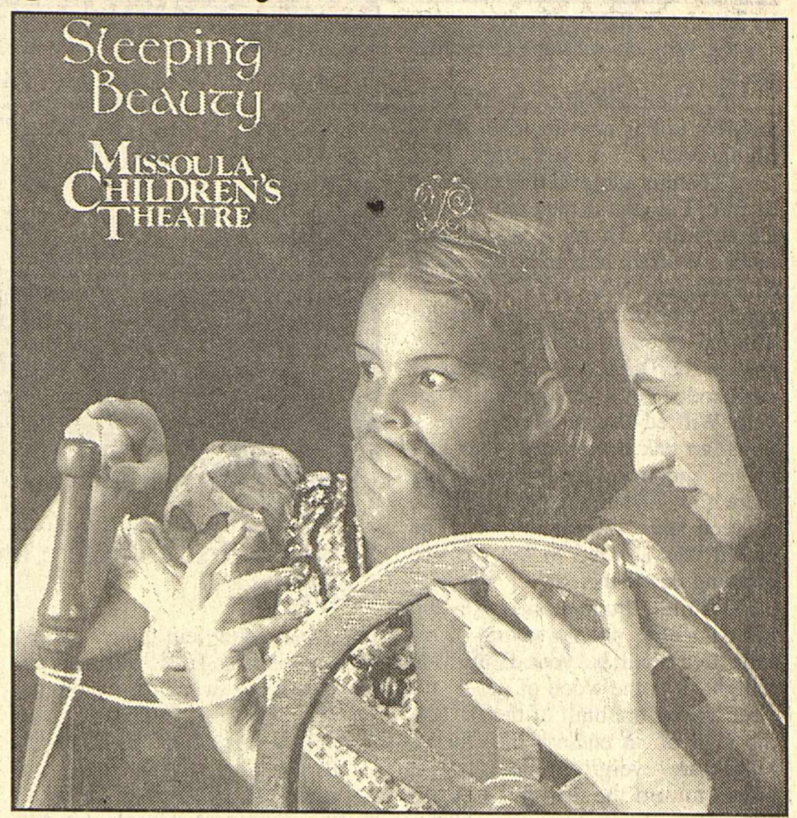
## "Sleeping Beauty" Auditions

Submitted Auditions will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of *Sleeping Beauty*, Monday, January 3, 2000, at the Sonora Junior High Gym from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All those auditioning should arrive at 10:00 a.m. and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the auditions.

Among the roles to be cast are *Sleeping Beauty*, the King, the Queen, Spot, Fairies, Trolls, Palace Attendants and Butterflies. Students ages K through 18 are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant Directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week, and to take on essential backstage responsibilities.

Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props and makeup. The MCT Tour Actor/Directors will conduct rehearsals throughout the week.

*Sleeping Beauty* will be presented on Saturday, January 8, 2000 at the Sonora High School Auditorium. The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Sonora is brought to you by the Sonora Community Arts and Theatre with support from The Bank & Trust - Sutton Co., Dairy Queen,



First National Bank, National Endowment for the Arts, Phil Miller, DDS, Sonora Main Street Program, Texas Commission on the Arts, Wal-Mart, and Westerman Drug. For more information, call

Kristen Hicks, 387-3286. *Sleeping Beauty* - a Rock 'n Roll Fable for the ages. This is definitely NO sleeper!

## Sonora Hosts Resource Conservation & Development Meeting

Submitted The Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) meeting was recently held at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. Hosting the event was Jim Garrett and the City of Sonora. The RC&D gave their annual report and reported on their accomplishments for the year of 1999. A representative from Ft. Chabourne was there with a wonderful display and a short testimony of what the RC&D had helped with in the restoration of Fort Chabourne.

The representative for this area is Tony Resendez from Brady, Texas who gave his report of how the RC&D has helped with grants in some of the small rural communities. The success stories were many and it gave the feeling that the government really cares about the rural communities.

Rick Taylor reported that he had recently visited Washington D.C. on behalf of the RC&D and visited with our representatives on the needs of the small rural communities. He said that the feedback was very positive and the representatives had been very responsive. He feels

that he learned a lot about how "The Hill" operates and he may have even made a difference. Out of ten guests at the meeting the majority were from Sonora.

Jim Bob Solberry, of Big Lake, was also a guest speaker. He told many amusing stories that held a lot of truth about the life of the citizens in the rural communities.

Lunch was served by the Sutton County Steakhouse and numerous door prizes were donated by local merchants. Sonora was very pleased to have this conference in our community and welcomes the

## Keeping the Spirit Forever Burning

by Ashley Brockman For those of you who are associated with Texas A&M University, you are aware of the enormous bond held by everyone. Faculty, students, parents, friends, family, everyone who has ever had contact with the university and campus shares that special bond, the companionship of a family. The 1999 fall semester has been a bit challenging for those associated with A&M, but we have come to find that the tragedies which have occurred have only brought the "family" closer. The year began with the tragic skydiving accident, which took the lives of seven students. During the weekend of the Baylor, A&M football game, another accident occurred in College Station, killing five others. Only one was a student at A&M, three attended Baylor University, and the other Southwest Texas University. Then the most tragic of the year. The collapse of bonfire on Thursday, November 18, at 2:28 a.m. This is a day that will not soon be forgotten.

much. It was that day that I truly realized the great bond that Texas A&M held, and the great importance of each tradition. All day, there were different organizations helping to move the logs off of the pile, slowly, one by one. We began to see everyone become closer and reach out to those who needed help. Twelve students were killed in the bonfire collapse, and many more injured.

Standing outside the boundaries of the bonfire site, you could feel the mixture of pain which so many had been struck by, and the open arms of others wanting to comfort those who were suffering. It was impossible to stand there and not be affected by the incident. It is known that some of the greatest things at Texas A&M are the football games, midnight yell practice, or the marching of the Corps of Cadets. This is true, but the most amazing thing that I have been to during my time at A&M is the memorial service held on Thursday night at Reed Arena. Every seat was filled, there were people sitting in the isles, there were chairs covering the floor, people standing in the outer halls and people simply standing outside because there was no more room in the arena. There were sounds of tears, of sobbing, of condolences, but the most deafening sound was that of the silence at the closing of the service. Everyone was silent and motionless. After nearly ten minutes of silence, the people seated on the floor started a song known nation wide. You could hear the melody of "Amazing Grace" begin on the floor and work its way up to the top seating level of Reed Arena. It was a moment that I know I will never be able to erase from my mind, a time of tragedy, yet a time of such closeness.

bringing students and alumni close for years, will continue to do so. Bonfire was one of the most memorable traditions at Texas A&M, and the collapse of the 1999 bonfire will not be forgotten. Parents of those killed or injured have said how much it meant to their children to be a part of such a strong tradition, and want to see it continued. The building of bonfire is such a large part of the lives of so many at A&M. There is currently a committee looking into the cause of the collapse who will help make the decision of whether or not to continue the tradition of bonfire. By March of 2000, they will have the cause of the accident and will be ready to make that decision, with the help of faculty, students, and alumni of Texas A&M. This decision will be made within the A&M "family" and with the best interest of the university in mind.

The traditions at Texas A&M are shared by present and past generations who have been associated with the university, and will continue to grow stronger as the years go by. To those not associated with A&M, it is hard to comprehend the closeness felt by all, but to those involved, it is hard to imagine it not being there. It was said of the A&M "family" during the bonfire tragedy, "From the outside looking in, you can't understand it, from the inside looking out, you can't explain it."

This is my first year at Texas A&M University, and I can't imagine myself anywhere else. The entire experience has been wonderful and I feel so lucky that I have become a part of the traditions and family at A&M.

Ashley is a 1999 graduate of Sonora High School.

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## Happy Birthday

- December 23**  
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- December 24**  
Teri Foulds, Jason Brock, Freddy Casillas, Joe Esquivel, Marco Jimenez
- December 25**  
Father Bill DuBuisson, Curt Dempsey, Chris Vylecka, Ty Love, Betty Arredondo
- December 26**  
Jesus Capuchina Jr., Jessie Noriega, Brandon Munn
- December 27**  
Charlie Alewine, Dora Escalante, Ryan Garmon, Melinda Crain
- December 28**  
Brent Newkirk, Kent Newkirk, Joey Creek, Amy Gann
- December 29**  
Kimberley Thompson

## F.Y.I.

- The Devil's River News will be closed on December 23rd & December 24th.
- New Year's Eve party for the youth of Sonora & surrounding area. Friday, December 31st. Transportation will leave Alco parking lot at 7:30 p.m. to go to "The Barn" located at Keith and Vicky Wallace's place, 7 miles out of town. An evening of live music by Barefoot from San Angelo and special guest speaker Brian Pape of San Angelo. Food, games, music, and prayer will bring in the Year 2000. For more information call 387-5589.
- Found at the Plainview Football Stadium - a pair of bifocals in a black case. Look like mens. Contact the Devil's River News at 387-2508.
- The 2000 American Cancer Society Golf Passes are now available. 450 rounds of golf at 273 courses throughout Texas. The cost of a pass is \$35.00. Please call Lou Faulks at 387-3269 for Christmas giving.
- 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.
- The Hudspeth Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary meets the 2nd Monday of each month, at noon, at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

# Bronco Basketball

The Boys Varsity Broncos competed in the Ballinger Tournament on December 2nd and 3rd. The first game was against Abany with Sonora winning, 56 - 47. Scoring for the Broncos were Anthony Luna - 30 pts., Russell Dempsey - 12 pts., Isaac Ramos - 6 pts., Edgar Gonzalez - 3 pts., Sloan Holley and Ryan Hardgrave - 2 pts. each and Alan Nicholas - 1 pt.

The second game against Sweetwater again found a victorious Bronco team, winning in overtime 78 - 66. Scoring for Sonora were: Anthony Luna - 31 pts., Russell Dempsey - 19 pts., Isaac Ramos - 16 pts., Edgar Gonzalez and Sloan Holley - 5 pts. each, and Alan Nicholas - 2 pts.

On the 3rd the boys were defeated by Eldorado, 71 - 68, again going in to overtime. Scoring were: Isaac Ramos - 23 pts., Anthony Luna - 21 pts., Russell Dempsey - 8 pts., Edgar Gonzalez - 7 pts., Sloan Holley - 5 pts., and Ryan Cramer and Alan Nicholas with 2 pts. each.

Anthony Luna and Isaac Ramos were named to the All-Tournament team.

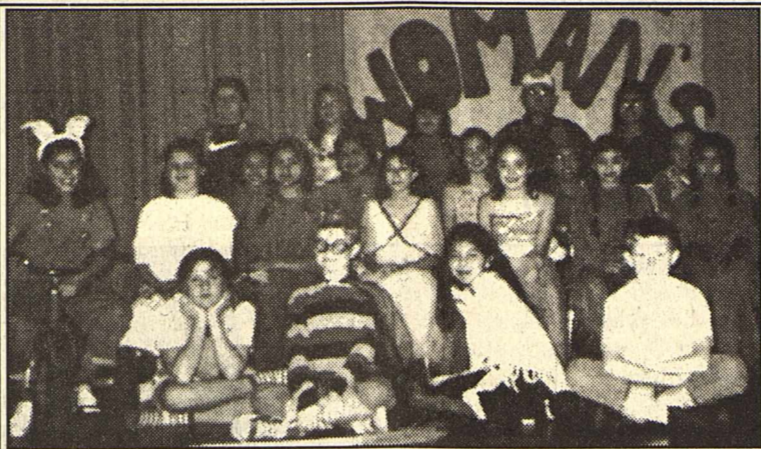
On December 7th the Broncos hosted Grape Creek, defeating them 59 - 46. Points for Sonora were: Isaac Ramos - 17 pts., Edgar Gonzalez - 10 pts., Sloan Holley - 8 pts., Bryce Williams - 7 pts., Russell Dempsey and James Elliott - 6 pts. each, Anthony Luna - 3 pts., and Alan Nicholas - 2 pts.

The Broncos competed in the 69th Annual Ozona Tournament December 9 - 11, 1999. The Broncos brought home 3rd place and received the

"Sterling Lay Memorial Sportsmanship" award. Isaac Ramos and Edgar Gonzalez were named to the All-Tournament Team. Co-players of the week were Edgar Gonzalez and Sloan Holley for consistent play and great defense. The Broncos started the tournament strong with a win against Brooksmith, 69 - 40. Scoring for Sonora were Edgar Gonzalez and Sloan Holley - 13 pts. each, James Elliott - 9 pts., Bryce Williams and John Samaniego - 7 pts. each, Alan Nicholas - 6 pts., Isaac Ramos and Ernie Perez - 4 pts., Ryan Cramer, Riley Crain and Russell Dempsey - 2 pts. each. The 3rd game against Irian County broke the winning streak, with the Broncos being defeated 64 - 43. Scoring for Sonora were Isaac Ramos - 13 pts., Russell Dempsey, Riley Crain, and James Elliott - 6 pts. each, Edgar Gonzalez - 5 pts., Sloan Holley - 4 pts., Ernie Perez - 2 pts., Bryce Williams - 1 pt.

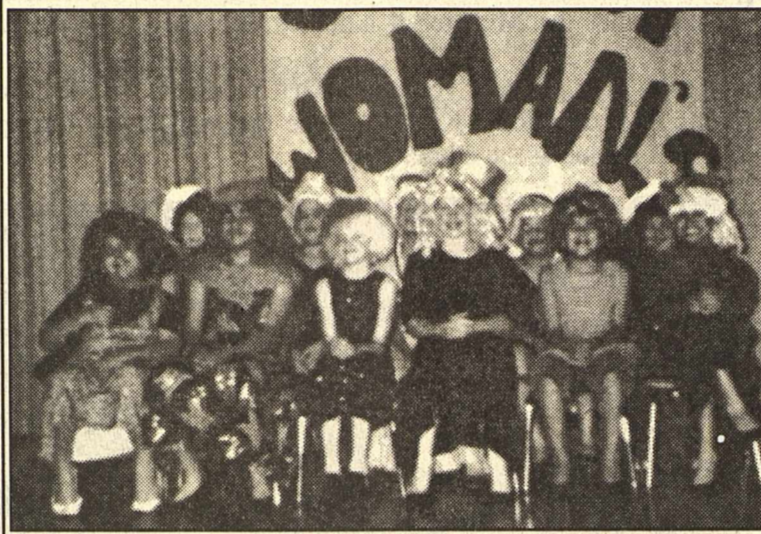
The tournament ended against Coleman with a Bronco victory 52 - 32. Scoring for the Broncos were: Isaac Ramos - 24 pts., Ernie Perez 10 pts., Russell Dempsey - 5 pts., Edgar Gonzalez - 4 pts., James Elliott - 3 pts., Sloan Holley, Bryce Williams and Ryan Cramer - 2 pts. each.

On the 13th the Broncos traveled to Comstock and won 55 - 40, bringing them to 8 - 4. Points for Sonora were Russell Dempsey - 18 pts., Bryce Williams - 10 pts., Sloan Holley - 8 pts., Edgar Gonzalez - 7 pts., Isaac Ramos, Ernie Perez, Riley Crain - 4 pts. each.



Front row: Jaimee Duran, Madeline Higdon, Andy Cariens, Delilah Alvizo, Eric Welch. 2nd Row: Brandy Neff, Delma Tovar, Crystal Capuchina, Chasady Garcia, Jennifer Gonzalez, Teresa Castillo. 3rd Row: Victoria Tovar, Daisy Perez, Meghan Krieg, Melinda Lopez, Erika Hernandez. 4th Row: Daniel Thornton, Starlyn Chadwick, Queena Hernandez, Aric McGee, and Mackenzie Perez.

Mrs. Benson's and Mrs. Brockman's classes entertained Sonora Primary and Elementary Schools with their play entitled *Sonora Women's Club*. Main characters included very talented characters out of novels read by the 5th graders including Pippi Longstockings, Greek and Medieval periods, Bright Star, Sarah (Plain & Tall), Betsy Read, Homer Price, and Laura Ingalls Wilder. Other characters included Beezus and Ramona Quimby, Fern Arable, Sarah Bishop, Alice in Wonderland, and the new comer Harry Potter. These characters were joined by the beauties of the *Sonora Women's Club*. "Bless your hearts"; you all did a wonderful job!!



Front Row: Steven Lozano, Augustine Vaquera, Shane Love, Travis Valliant, Jacob Ibarra, Abraham Rivera. Back Row: Eli Casiano, Liano Luna, Robert Guerra, Luis Lira, Aaron Nitsch.

## Concho Valley Council Nominates Officers

Submitted  
The Concho Valley Council of Government General Assembly met at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center on the evening of December 8, 1999. The meeting was hosted by Mike Villanueva. Also attending were representatives from the City of Sonora, Sutton County, the District Staff, spouses, and family members. The dinner, prepared by La Mexicana Restaurant, was great and the atmosphere was a taste of Christmas. Mike was a wonderful host with the most!

The meeting was called to order and new officers were elected. The minutes and financial reports were read and approved. The annual

report of the Membership was given and approved. The Presentation of service awards was followed by the report from the Executive Committee. Nominations were made for the following offices of the General Assembly for 1999: President: Judge Jackie Walker; Vice-Pres: Judge Jeffrey Sutton; and Secretary-Treasurer: Judge Allen Amos.

Judge Walker called for nominations from the floor. There were none, and the nominees were elected by unanimous vote. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Christmas flowers were given out as door prizes along with door prizes from many local merchants. We would like to express our appreciation to all the Merchants and people that made this evening a great success.

## 7th Grade Lady Colts Host the Bravettes

The Lady Colts 7th grade "A" team hosted the Iraan Bravettes on Monday, December 13, 1999. The Lady Colts were defeated 4-19. Offensively the girls couldn't get their plays going and had a difficult time scoring points. Defensively the girls played hard and held the Bravettes to 9 first half points. Overall the girls had a good game defensively. Scoring for the Colts were Kenia Gutierrez and Chelsea Seaton with 4 pts. each. Other members are Tara Green, Amanda Samaniego, Courtney Caruthers, Alyssa Ibarra, Amanda Word, Erica McClintock, Devra Martinez and Deidra Warden.

The Lady Colts 7th grade "B" team also hosted the Iraan Bravettes on Monday night. The girls played hard defensively but had a difficult time on offense. Scoring for Sonora were Adrianna Castillo and Allison Higdon with 2 pts. each. Other team members are Tabitha Ovalle, Catherine Herrera, Angie Ibarra and Jennifer Hernandez.

## WTU Announces New Low Income Energy Assistance Program

West Texas Utilities Company has joined with community service agencies across its service territory to offer a new low-income energy assistance program. Called Neighbor to neighbor, the program provides a fund that helps WTU customers pay their home energy bills in emergency situations.

Funds for the year-round program are provided by an initial contribution from WTU's stockholders with continued funding by customer contributions and a company-matching program. Thirteen community action agencies in West Texas administer the program.

"We are indebted to these agencies for their enthusiastic support," said Paul Brower, WTU's general manager and president. "Without the, this program wouldn't be possible." The various agencies, following criteria established by WTU and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

(TDHCA), determine the eligibility of participants and implement the program in their respective areas. No program funds are used to administer the program, so 100 percent of each contribution directly benefits those in need.

A special feature of the program allows customers to participate in the program through regular or one-time contributions. "Everyone can be a neighbor by extending a helping hand to someone in need," said WTU's Brower. Customers who want to help can obtain a brochure and pledge card at a WTU Business Office, or simply call 1-888-216-3523 (English) or 1-888-216-3505 (Spanish). The donation you indicate will appear on your next electric bill. All contributions to the program are fully tax-deductible.

While the company is committed to supporting this program, Brower noted that WTU expects the

West Texas tradition of neighbors helping their neighbors will make it an even bigger success. Summer temperatures in West Texas regularly exceed 100 degrees, and that can be life threatening if individuals don't have adequate cooling. Winters can be equally challenging for people without adequate heat. Financial hardships and unexpected emergencies can compound the situation for those people already in need.

Applicants to the program must meet the following requirements:

- \* Be a WTU customer
- \* Be responsible for paying the energy expense in question
- \* Have a genuine financial need at the time of application

For more information call 1-888-216-3523 or contact a WTU area business office.

## Police Reports

**12-14-99 Theft of Service** - Officer received a call to go to Town & Country #191 in reference to a theft of service. Upon arrival the officer contacted clerk, she advised that an unknown person driving a white four door car had pumped \$15.16 worth of unleaded fuel and drove away in an unknown direction. Attempts to locate vehicle were negative.

**12-15-99 Making Alcohol Available** - Officer received a report that a 1990 red Nissan pick-up truck had been involved in a disturbance. Officer located the vehicle and the occupants, John D. Ortiz was found to be the driver of the vehicle and passenger was Claudia Gomez.

After further investigation the driver of the vehicle was cited for Minor in Possession and Claudia Gomez was charged with Furnishing Alcohol to A Minor.

**12-17-99 Aggravated Sexual Assault** - This office (Sonora Police Department) received a report of an Aggravated Sexual Assault. This report was received from StateWide Intake Austin, TX. Investigation Pending.

**12-17-99 Theft** - Officer was dispatched to Alco Department Store in reference to a theft. Upon arrival officer met with management. According to the manager, a couple went into the store and purchased some items. The clerk had become

confused on giving change and was short money (flem flam).

**12-18-99 Accident** - Officer was dispatched to the 500 Block of Crockett Ave in reference to an accident. Upon arrival officer located the accident and no injuries were reported.

**12-19-99 Theft of Service** - Officer received a call that a theft of service had just occurred at Shots #6. The vehicle was described as a white Mazda pick-up with unknown license plates. According to the clerk, a male wearing a blue jean and blue shirt driving a white Mazda had pumped \$13.89 worth of fuel and drove away without paying. Results locating the vehicle were negative.

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to keep your money during the Y2K date change. Your money in the bank is FDIC-insured and will remain accessible through withdrawals, ATMs, checks and debit cards. For your safety and financial well-being, I recommend that people withdraw only the amount of cash they normally would need for the holiday weekend during which the New Year falls.

The Department's biggest concern is that citizens may endanger themselves and their money by withdrawing large amounts of cash from the bank. We strongly urge that you not give out personal or financial information, such as account numbers, credit card numbers, or social security numbers, to individuals requesting it based on Y2K concerns. Some Texans have already lost their savings by having it stolen from hiding places at home, or sending it to scam artist trying to cash in on the Y2K scare.

The Department also urges citizens to adopt or maintain good financial practices, such as reconciling account statements monthly, and keeping receipts and records of all financial transactions. These safeguards are always advisable, and ensure that you can identify discrepan-

ancies, whether or not they are related to Y2K.

We also recommend that you not wait until the last minute to withdraw your funds for the New Year's weekend. Many banks will be closed on Saturday, January 1, and ATMs are likely to see heavy usage. Please don't assume that because your bank's ATM is out of cash that the bank is having a Y2K problem; the greater likelihood is that a high number of withdrawals have emptied the machine.

And though we have the utmost confidence in the Texas banking system, you should know that we will be standing ready in full force over the date change to ensure that everything runs smoothly. We will have representatives at all federal bank regulatory agencies in the state, and at the State Office of Emergency Management to exchange information and to quickly resolve any banking-related issues that may present themselves. The Department will also be staffing a phone bank throughout the date change to address any banking-related Y2K questions you may have. That toll free number is 877-276-5554.

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technology improvements.

As chairman of the House Committee on Public Safety, Turner said he saw firsthand the problem with trooper recruitment. "Over the last nine years, applications to become a trooper dropped more than 50 percent, from 3,500 to 1,500," Turner said. "Instead of applying with the DPS, good candidates were applying to large police departments where they could earn, on average, \$8,000 more."

That's why Turner led the fight to provide troopers with their first significant pay raise since 1900. "Now, the DPS is competitive with the large police departments, which means we should have plenty of dedicated and well-trained troopers

patrolling the highways in rural Texas," he said.

Next, Turner said he will focus on the re-drawing of the lines for legislative districts. "If the urban and suburban areas get their way, more state representative districts will be controlled by urban areas than now," he said. "It could mean that rural Texans would have five fewer state representatives, which would mean the problems facing rural Texas would get far less attention at the Capitol than they do today."

"I intend to fight for rural Texans and make sure their issues - such as water, agriculture, rural health care and property rights - are dealt with in Austin," he said.

# Ori T. White Seeking Reelection as 112th District Attorney

I am seeking reelection as the 112th District Attorney. During my tenure as district attorney we have successfully pursued the death penalty in two capital murder cases in the last year. Defendant Melvin Wayne White kidnapped, raped and killed a little 9 year old girl who was his neighbor. Defendant Charles Edward Smith gunned down Pecos County Deputy Tim Hudson in cold blood and then led dozens of officers on a 44 mile chase while shooting at other officers. Both these defendants were a future danger to society and are now facing lethal injection.

In addition, we have seized well over \$1,000,000.00 in cash from drug dealers and have put this money to work by purchasing radio equipment, bullet proof vests, and computers for law enforcement agencies in the 112th District. We also used those funds to hire prosecutor Mike Brown. It is very gratifying to seize illegal funds which dangerous criminals intended to use to poison our communities with drugs and instead use these funds to help law enforcement.

I am fortunate to have assembled an excellent staff who are devoted to public service. They are a tremendous team, and I owe them a debt of gratitude. We created our victim's assistance program from scratch. Now victims are notified of court dates so they can participate in the judicial process. In one case, we were able to get burial expenses reimbursed from the State Victim's fund for the family of a murder victim who had been murdered in the early 1990's.

We have increased the fines on probationers and collections are up district wide. This defrays the costs counties have to pay for prosecution and probation services. We have also

been successful in requiring certain employed probationers to pay their own court-appointed attorney's fees.

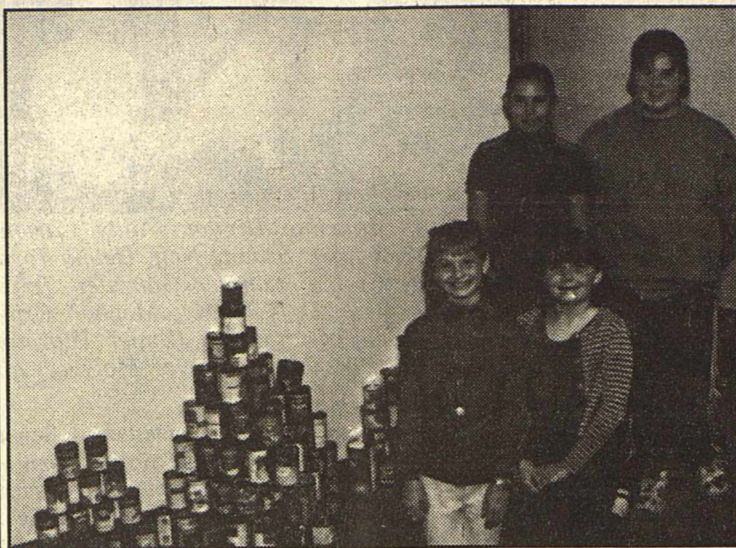
We pursued some tough cases involving crimes, which occurred before I took office. I believe that these defendants thought that they had beat the system. Some of these crimes involved people who were hired to protect us and our children. I did not let these defendants' positions affect me. Other defendants thought that calls from "powerful people" would dissuade me from pursuing their cases. They were wrong. A man who does not differentiate according to money, power or position is the type of prosecutor the 112th District needs. I am that man.

Additionally, I am pleased to report that we have been 100% successful in the appellate battles we have fought. A prosecutor is only effective if the prosecutor's work withstands appellate review. When a case is reversed by an appellate court, the prosecutor's resources have been wasted and, most importantly, the taxpayers foot the bill to bring the defendant to trial again.

We have also been available to law officers 24 hours a day. This makes sense because most serious crimes occur at night. If an officer has a procedural question after hours, we are available to answer questions day or night. This has commitment has been well received by law enforcement and helps avoid criminals getting off on technicalities.

Finally, I want to thank all who have supported me during this term as District Attorney. There are many challenges we face as citizens in making our communities a better place to live, and I renew my commitment to serving the citizens of the 112th Judicial District.

# 4-H Members Help Others This Christmas Season



Above: Gabriella Alvites, Jalys Mabry, Jenna Teasley and Erin Newton helped to collect canned food at the 4-H Christmas dance on Tuesday, December 14, 1999. The non-perishable items were divided and made into Christmas Baskets that the Ministerial Alliance delivered to those in need.

Below: Two of the youngest 4-H members, Bailey Jo Pennington and Rose Karnes, dance the night away during the 4-H Dance at the Civic Center.



# Fryar Announces Run for HD 73

Steve Fryar, businessman, rancher and civic leader, announced today he would seek the Republican nomination for State Representative in District 73.

Mr. Fryar, a Brownwood native, said, "As a conservative businessman who grew up ranching, I understand the issues important to our district. I'll go to Austin and fight for lower taxes, more local control for our schools, and to protect our water and property rights."

Mr. Fryar, who filed his official campaign papers Thursday in Austin, said he is encouraged by the widespread support he has received in recent weeks throughout the district.

"My family has been in Brownwood for three generations," Fryar said. "We have been involved in agriculture, ranching, business and civic affairs. I know what it takes to create jobs, meet a payroll and balance a budget. This experience, coupled with my long ties to our district, will enable me to be an effective representative for

us in Austin."

Fryar, 34, is the Vice-President of Operations for Calper, Inc. After graduating from Brownwood High School, Fryar earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

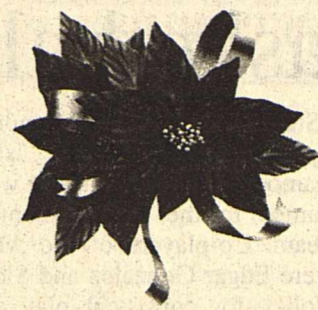
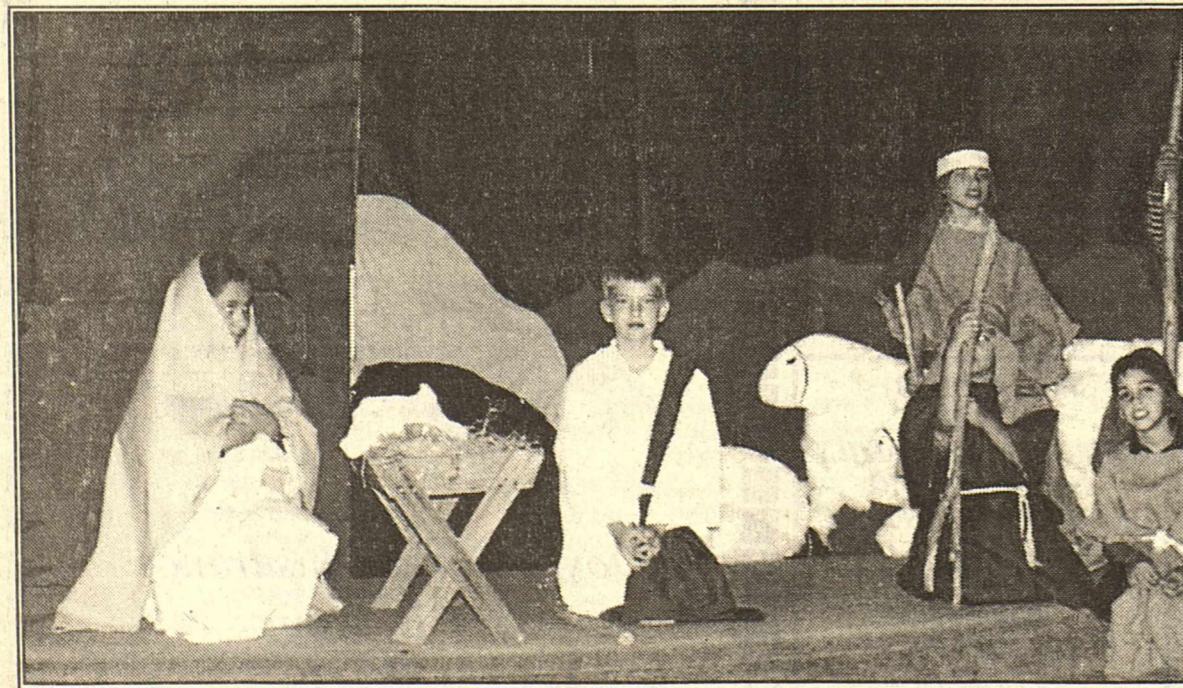
Fryar has been active in Brown County community affairs for several years, and currently serves as a director of the Brownwood Area Chamber of Commerce.

Fryar and his wife, Stephanie, have three children: Tate, aged 10; Douglas, age 8; and Cameron, age 1. The Fryars are active members of the Coggin Avenue Baptist Church in Brownwood.

House District 73 comprises all of Bandera, Brown, Coleman, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Edwards, Kimble, Llano, Mason, Menard, Real, Schleicher, Sutton, Upton, and Ward counties, plus a small portion of Ector County.

# The Reason for the Season

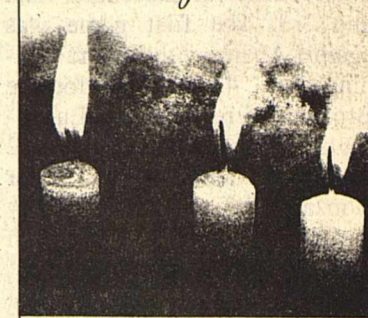
St. Ann's Catholic Church CCE classes reenacted the birth of the Baby Jesus as one of their three Christmas presentations performed on Sunday, December 19, 1999. The children all worked very hard and helped to remind friends and family what Christmas is all about.



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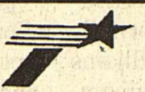


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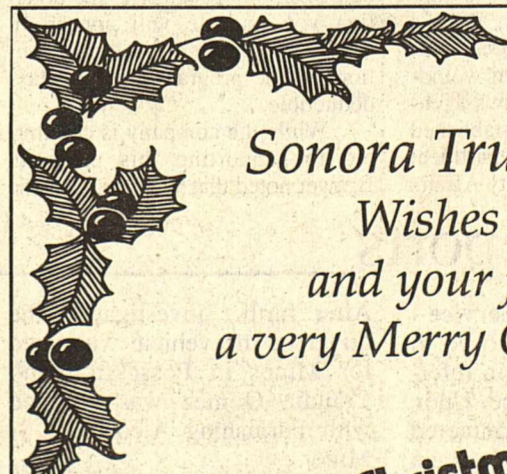
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## Spirit of Christmas



by U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla. When I was a boy, I would write a letter to Santa every year. I would usually ask for a toy gun, a football, or some new game. I would address it to "Santa: North Pole" and send it on its way. Oh, how times have changed.

A friend's granddaughter told me privately that she was taking no chances on the mail room at the North Pole this year. She wrote her letter to Santa, then faxed copies to her grandparents.

When you take your child to the store to sit on Santa's knee, there's a good chance your "Santa Representative" was hired from a company whose whole job is to supply Santas who are guaranteed to have had drug tests and background checks.

And gone are the days of simply staring out the window until way past dark, trying to see Santa's sleigh. Now the local TV station breaks in with hourly reports, and on Christmas Eve you can log on to the Internet to see exactly what his coordinates are.

Still, no matter how much Christmas has changed, the spirit of it is as alive as it was back in the fourth century when Saint Nicholas was supposedly tossing little bags of gold down the chimneys of the poor in what's now Turkey.

Every Christmas, millions of Americans step in where St. Nick left off. They give to churches, they give to charities, and they give to their neighbors.

Police departments across the nation take part in toy drives every year, distributing them to poor families right before Christmas. The young men and women of the U.S. Marine Corps spend hours in shopping malls and outside of stores, standing ready to take donations of toys as part of their "Toys for Tots" program. The Salvation Army places Angel Trees in every corner and kettles on every sidewalk. And Project ABC matches families with other families who have children with expensive medical problems. The sponsoring families go out and buy gifts for the families they've adopted, as well as everyday things like pots and pans or canned food. Then, a couple of weeks before Christmas, the presents are delivered.

Hundreds of thousands of families across our country repeat their own similar traditions every year.

The amazing thing about the generosity we see around the holidays is that somehow, every year, without rules, regulations, or government oversight, caring Americans are doing their best to see that the 20 million or so children in the United States will receive a Christmas present. That is the spirit of Christmas, and the spirit of America.

## Producers Livestock Auction

Dec 16, 1999

Close and Weekly: Compared with last week, feeder steers and heifers firm. Slaughter cows firm to 2.00 higher, slaughter bulls steady. Stock cows and pairs steady. Trading fairly active, demand good. Quality average. Supply included 60 percent calves, 15 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 15 percent yearlings, 10 percent stock cows and pairs. Of the feeders 60 percent were heifers and 40 percent steers.

**Feeder Steers:** Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 117.00-121.00; 300-400 lb 105.00-116.00; 400-500 lb 94.00-106.00; 500-600 lb 85.00-96.00; 600-700 lb 79.00-84.00; 700-800 lb 75.00-81.00. Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 106.00-116.00; 300-400 lb 90.00-105.00; 400-500 lb 85.00-94.00; 500-600 lb 78.00-85.00; 600-700 lb 70.00-79.00; 700-900 lb 67.50-75.00.

**Feeder Heifers:** Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 96.00-106.00; 300-400 lb 90.00-99.00; 400-500 lb 80.00-91.00; 500-700 lb 76.00-86.00, set 88.00; 700-800 lb 72.00-79.50. Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 86.00-96.00; 300-400 lb 77.00-90.00; 400-500 lb 69.00-80.00; 500-700 lb 67.00-76.00; 700-800 lb 62.50-72.00.

## Junction Livestock Auction

Monday - 12/20/99  
Sheep and Goats: 2,710 Week Ago: 4,512 Year Ago: 3,019

Compared to last week: Feeder lambs 1.00-2.00 higher. Slaughter ewes and bucks 1.00-2.00 higher. All classes Spanish goats 5.00-10.00 higher. Trade active. Demand good. Supply included around 5 percent sheep including near 250 lambs.

**Stock and Feeder Sheep:**  
Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1: 40-60 lbs 93.00-101.00; 60-90 lbs 88.00-100.00.

**Slaughter Sheep:**  
Slaughter Ewes: Utility to Good 2-3 41.00-44.00; Bucks 34.00-43.00, few 45.00-55.00.

**Stock and Feeder Goats:**  
Spanish Goats: Nannies 40-60 lbs 85.00-91.00; 60-70 lbs 75.00-80.00.

Angora Goats: Nannies 40-60 lbs 49.00-55.00.

**Slaughter Goats:**  
Spanish Goats: Kids and Yearlings: Choice and Prime: 15-35 lbs 86.00-91.00; 35-65 lbs 78.00-88.00.

Nannies: 65-100 lbs 54.00-60.00, thin 49.00-54.00.

Muttons: 70-120 lbs 75.00-85.00.

Billies: 81.00-92.00.

Source: Texas Dept of Ag Market News-USDA

# AGRIBUSINESS

## Country Of Origin Labeling

Idaho Congresswoman, Helen Chenoweth-Hage, has introduced a House Resolution (H.R. 1144) that will require the meat packing industry to label meat with the country of origin. In a speech on labeling to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture, the Congresswoman said, "What is missing is, the label doesn't tell us where the meat came from, and, today we are importing meat from as far away as Croatia, Korea, and New Zealand. Twenty-two percent of beef that we are eating has come from a foreign country. We have believed in the American USDA stamp of approval, but the fact is, that USDA has inspected less than 1 percent of the foreign meat!" With 53 co-sponsors, H.R. 1144 has broad bipartisan support in Congress, and is backed by producer and consumer groups alike.

In a recent speech the congresswoman noted, "Opponents of label-

ing originally estimated the cost to consumers of meat products at sixty million dollars; then one hundred million dollars. Recently in front of the House Agriculture Committee, they argued that it would be about one billion dollars. To me, these are nothing but scare tactics. But, even taking their numbers at face value, according to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, there are about 250 million meat eaters in the U.S. That comes to approximately four dollars per consumer, per year." *Paragon Foundation, Office of Public Relations, 505-653-4024*

## Deer Show No Signs of Rare Disease

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), a rare and fatal disease that destroys brain function in deer and elk, has been in the media spotlight this fall, but Texas animal health officials say the disease has not been diagnosed in the state. Furthermore, measures have been taken to prevent the introduction of the disease into Texas, and nationally, surveillance has been instituted to watch for possible cases.

"Since 1978, fewer than 200 CWD-infected deer and elk have been detected in the U.S.," said Dr. Gary Svetlik, Texas' assistant area veterinarian in charge for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Veterinary Services. "In a small contiguous area in Southeast Wyoming and Northeast Colorado, this rare disease is considered endemic, or naturally occurring in three to five percent of free-ranging deer. Infection also has been limited to four captive elk operations in South Dakota, and one each in Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado and Montana."

CWD, first seen in 1967 at a Colorado wildlife research facility, is thought to be caused by a "prion," an agent smaller than a bacteria or virus, that lodges itself in the brain of deer and elk, resulting in emaciation, tremors, hyper-salivation and extreme thirst. Changes in the animal's behavior can include listlessness and lack of fear of humans.

## Meat Goat Clinic

by Jalys Mabry

A Meat Goat Clinic was held at the 4-H Civic Center barn, Wednesday, December 15, 1999. The purpose of this clinic was to give newcomers in the meat goat project some idea of what they can expect in this project.

Preston Faris conducted the clinic with the help of some senior 4-H exhibitors, Kendra Jones, Brady Lock, Jalys Mabry and Brad Mogford.

The first part of the clinic covered the project form sheet. The exhibitors were challenged to set some project goals. They were encouraged to compile a project journal, so they can see the progress of their project. The second part of the clinic was a "hands on" program. Demonstrations were given on the proper way of setting and walking of their goat in front of the judge during competition. The exhibitors practiced moving their goat around the arena and setting up their goat properly.

Officers were elected for the meat goat project. The new officers are: President, Mandy Brister; Vice-President, Colton Moore; Secretary, Steeley Ingram; Reporter, Jalys Mabry. There will be another clinic the first week of January, it will be a continuation of what was covered in this clinic plus we will learn how to trim hooves and shear the goats - watch the paper for that announcement.

## Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Sutton County Hospital District will receive bids for depository of the District's funds for the period commencing February 1, 2000 and ending December 31, 2001. Any banking organization qualifying under the laws of the State of Texas as a depository of municipal funds, may submit a written application, sealed and marked on the outside "Depository Bid". Such

bids shall be received in the Office of the Hospital District. Attention: Alvis Johnson, Jr., President of the Board, P.O. Box 455, 308 Hudspeth Ave., Sonora, Texas, 76950. Bids will be opened at 7:00 P.M., January 10, 2000 at the District's regular meeting in the conference room of the Hospital. The Directors reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 21216b

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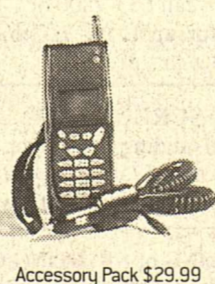
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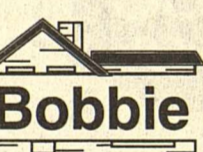
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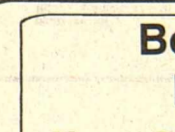
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