

# THE Devil's River NEWS

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## Caverns of Sonora Offers New Trail

Beginning December 22, 2000, exciting trips through parts of the Caverns of Sonora, not seen on regular tours, will be available by advance reservation. The "Discovery Challenge" will be for persons in good physical condition who want a true caving experience. The trip will include climbing and crawling in close quarters. Equipment, including helmet, light, and gloves, will be provided. The "Discovery Challenge" will take approximately two and one-half hours, including forty-five minutes in the decorated portion of the cave on the commercial trail. Groups will consist of a minimum of two persons, or a maximum of six.

For reservations, please call Bill Sawyer or Gerry Ingham at (915)387-3105, Caverns of Sonora. Additional information may be obtained online at [www.cavernsof-sonora.com](http://www.cavernsof-sonora.com).

## Gaytan is Big Winner of the Week

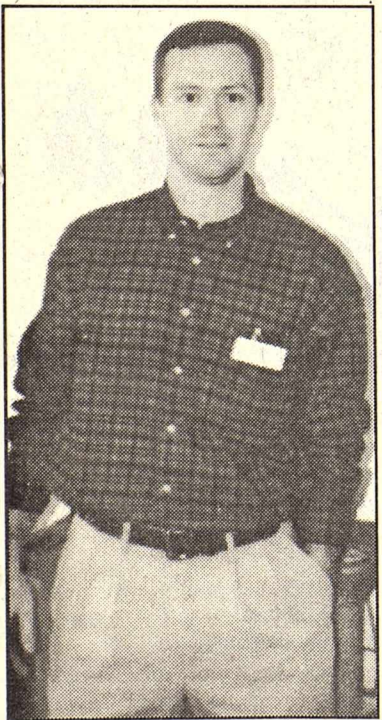
This week's Merchants Association Christmas Promotion winner is: **Martha Gaytan**.

Martha will receive: A photo frame from image apparel, 1 free Makeover and jar of Peach Amaretto Pecan Honey Butter pack from Ol' Sonora Trading Co. and Merle Norman, Shower Gel and Lotion from RADICAL Rays, 1 free C.D. from KHOS/KYXX Radio, 1 pair of Mohair Socks from Sonora Mohair & Co., \$25 Gift Certificate from Sonora Art.com, 1 Poinsettia from Lisa's Flowers & Gifts, \$25 Gift Certificate redeemable at any participating merchant (Given by: First National Bank).

Don't forget to tune in to KHOS Radio each Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. for the live drawing. Then, be sure to Shop Sonora each Monday to take advantage of Discount Mondays.

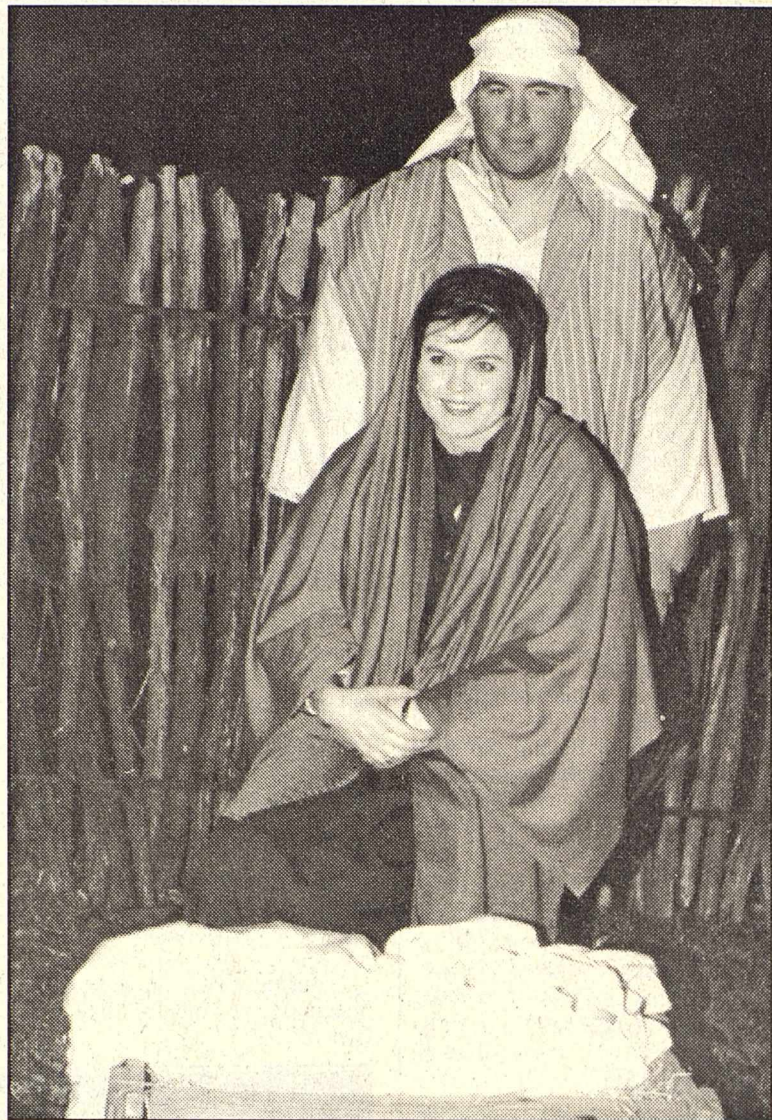
KHOS/KYXX would like to alert the Merchants and Citizens of Sonora. If anyone other than Vivian Miers contacts you or your office soliciting advertisements, it is not legit. Please contact the radio station immediately if you are contacted.

## Hudspeth Gets New Physical Therapist



Darin Waldon

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital welcomes Dain Waldon as the new Physical Therapist with the West Texas Rehab, located on the second floor of the hospital. Darin, a New Boston, Texas native, graduated from Texas Tech Medical Center in Lubbock with a Master of Physical Therapy in May of 2000. He moved from Tyler, TX where he worked at the Trinity Mother Frances Hospital. Darin and West Texas Rehab are here to serve your physical therapy needs.



## 'Tis The Season...

The 7th Annual Cowboy Christmas Promenade was held on Monday, December 4, 2000 on Main Street. Santa and Ms. Claus made their appearance in Sonora's traditional mule drawn wagon. The little ones that braved the cold got to tell the Jolly Old Man in Red what their Christmas wishes were, while their parents wandered down Main Street to see what was being sold. Christmas crafts, cookies, and hot cocoa were being offered by several local groups and individuals. Students from the elementary school and the Bronco Band entertained shoppers while they waited for the lighting ceremony to begin.

After the sun went down and the temperature dropped even lower, Miss Sutton County, Heather Felts and Sutton County Princess, Kasey Kearney led a group of riders down the darkened street of Sonora to officially light the Courthouse and its lawn for the Christmas season.

A living nativity scene then came to life on the Courthouse Lawn as Lewis Allen read the Christmas Story from the Book of Luke.

The evening ended with Christmas Carols filling the night air, sending everyone home in a festive mood, with a real feeling of the Christmas spirit to begin the holiday season. See more Christmas fun - page 6.

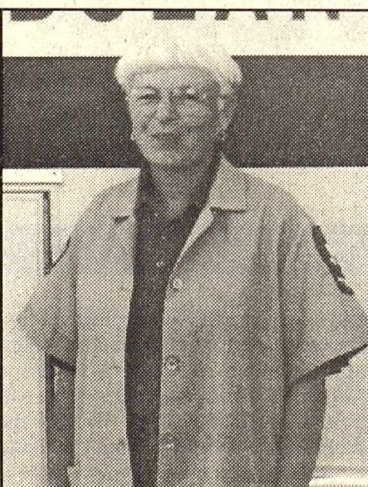
## Spotlight on Sutton Co. EMS



Alta Alewine  
EMT - Intermediate

Meet Sutton County EMS members, Alta Alewine and Carol Sessom. Alta joined the Sutton County EMS in February of 1998. Alta and her husband Charlie have one daughter, Charlotte and one son Charlie. They have one beautiful grandchild, Britney. In addition to being an EMT Intermediate, Alta is certified in CPR, and Basic Trauma Life Support. She was voted Firefighter of the Year in 1999.

Carol joined the EMS in the spring of 1998. She completed her EMT-Basic and EMT-Intermediate courses here in Sonora. Carol and her husband Don are retired school teachers and now live in Millersview, Texas. They have two daughters, Candie Welch of Del Rio and Tracy Alston of Rockdale. Carol returns once a week to take call with the Sonora EMS service.



Carol Sessom  
EMT - Intermediate

## Sutton County EMS Wants You !

Submitted  
An Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) course will be offered in Sonora beginning January 11, 2001 through May 10, 2001. The course will be sponsored by Sutton County EMS. Classes will be held at the Sutton County EMS Training Facility at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The course provides emergency medical training in such areas as bleeding and shock, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, emergency childbirth, pediatric care, and other emergency illnesses and trauma.

While attending the course, the student will be required to spend twenty four (24) hours in the emergency room at San Angelo Community Medical Center. It is also necessary to make five ambulance runs with a certified ambulance service.

Upon completion of the course, a student will be trained to work for public or private ambulance firms, and in some hospital emergency departments.

EMT courses normally cost approximately \$300.00 to \$500.00 per person, but Sutton County EMS will make this class available at \$100.00 plus cost of the text book. The cost of the course has been reduced, due to a grant from the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council.

If you are interested, contact Patrick Campbell, EMS Coordinator, at the Sutton County EMS Office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. The office is located at 211 East Third Street, and the phone number is (915) 387-5132. Pre-registration is required.

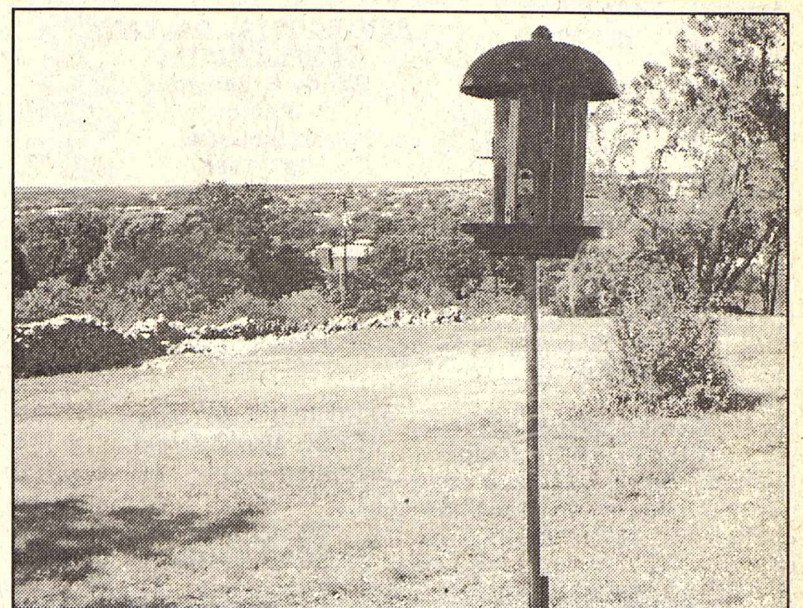
## Winter Birding On The Hill

by Mary Humphrey

The Sonora Industrial Development Corporation has chosen a steering committee of local volunteers dedicated to the development of Sonora's very own Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary. The Sanctuary comprises the 32 acres surrounding the city maintenance complex located on top of the hill behind the Sutton County Sheriff's office/jail complex. This acreage once was the heart of the old John Eaton Ranch - site of the very first water well for the township of Sonora. The property was recently purchased with intentions of transformation into a nature-tourism attraction for Sonora and Sutton County as well as the new office for the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation.

Through several phases the area will be developed into a wildlife-viewing haven complete with walking trails, rest areas, observation blinds, and enhanced native plant communities. Exclusively designed specialty gardens featuring native plants endemic to the Edwards Plateau will be established to draw in various bird and animal species for visitors' viewing enjoyment. The Sonora Sanctuary will be advertised in the soon-to-be-released Heart of Texas Wildlife Trail Map, and is projected to invite various nature lovers to this and other local sites developed with nature tourism in mind. The Trail Map itself is jointly sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Department of Transportation - enhancements to the Sanctuary will be performed by local citizens and volunteers making it truly a Sonora attraction.

Phase I of the development stage of the Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary includes documenting some of the different flora and fauna on the Hill in order to offer visitors lists of species they can expect to

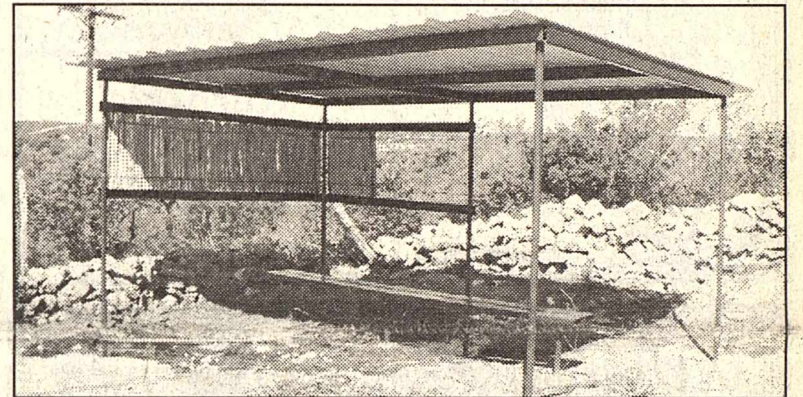


The birdfeeders on Eaton Hill attract all types of birds.

view during certain seasons of the year. One of the first lists to be developed will be a preliminary bird list of resident winter birds. To further develop the list, follow-up birding sessions will be held throughout 2001 to determine spring and fall migrants and summer residents and breeders.

A few local volunteers are hereby being requested to assist with developing a bird list for the Hill. If you are a seasoned birder or know

someone who would be interested in assisting with this project, the steering committee would like to hear from you. The first birding session will most likely take place on the morning of Wednesday, December 20, 2000. For more information about meeting time and place, contact TPWD Wildlife Biologist Mary Humphrey at 387-5539 or Steering Committee Leader Lewis Allen at 387-3948 or at 387-2616 (Church of the Good Shepherd).



This observation point is located near the top of Eaton Hill and is a great place to sit and watch wildlife and birds.

## BRONCOS ADVANCE TO SEMI-FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP

by Tryon Fields

Texas Football at its finest. This is the best way to describe the game between the Sonora Broncos and the Olney Cubs last Saturday. This was a matchup between possibly the two best schools in 2A. At least in Division 1. Both teams came into this 2A Division 1 Quarter-Final Championship game ranked 1 and 2 in Division 1 and ranked 4 and 5 over all depending on which poll you looked at. Olney and Sonora brought matching 12 and 0 records into this bout. Not only were they both undefeated; but, when the game was over the statistics showed that these two teams were almost mirror images of each other. Sonora had 286 of total offense ( 196 rushing and 90 passing ) while Olney had 258 total yards ( 215 on the ground and 43 through the air ).

Sonora recorded 19 first downs to Olney's 16. Both teams committed 20 yards of penalties. The big difference and possibly what ended up giving Sonora the advantage was in the turn-over department. Both teams suffered turn-overs related to the kicking game; with each team scoring off of these miscues. The Broncos and the Cubs both suffered a fumble loss.

The big difference came in interceptions. Sonora quarterback, Bryce Williams, threw two interceptions; while Olney quarterback, Steven Hinson, threw three. The one interception difference possibly was the difference in who won the game. Bronco linebacker, Cole Cearley, intercepted a Hinson pass in the third quarter and returned it eighty plus yards for the touchdown that put the Broncos up by seven points. This heavy weight match-up was a game that was not decided until the final minute of the ball game. The explosiveness of both football teams kept the 7500+ fans on the edge of their seats for the entire event and neither team was able to take time out for air for fear of the other team taking advantage and putting points on the board. Truly this was a War - with neither team feeling they were ever out of the game.

Winning the coin toss, Olney elected to defer to the second half. Electing to take the football, the Broncos would have a very strong northerly breeze blowing into their faces to start the game. This did not seem to phase Bronco quarterback,



#74 Thomas Schenkel does a great job blocking for #10 Bryce Williams.

Bryce Williams, as he took the first snap from center starting at his own nineteen. Throwing passes to Sean Fields, Riley Crain, and William Renfro and using the running attack of William Renfro the Red Hosses moved the football into Cub territory at the Olney fifteen. On a third and seven at the fifteen, Williams suffered his first interception of the game. Olney secondary back, Mace McClatchy intercepted the errant Williams pass in the end-zone to thwart the Broncos scoring opportunity. Not to be out done nor showing any intimidation, the Olney cubs showed everyone why they are one of the best offensive teams in the state. Quarterback, Steven Hinson, did a very good job of incorporating the pass with the run to use six minutes of the first quarter game clock on an eighty yard scoring drive. Working out of a one back set; Hinson ran the option and either kept the ball, handed off to his big fullback, David Dockins, or pitched the ball to his trailing back Mace McClatchy. His favorite receiver on this drive was Chase Pratt. Chewing up large chunks of real estate; the Cubs moved the ball to the Bronco three. At the three, Hinson would throw a three yard strike to one of his wide receivers Joey Brown for the Cubs first score. Mathew Langford added the PAT to give Olney a seven point lead with a minute and thirty-six seconds left in the first quarter. Sonora 0 - Olney 7

After the ensuing kick-off, the Red Hosses would start their second possession at their own twenty. Runs by Williams and William Renfro would move the ball out to mid-field at the Bronco forty-two. On fourth and ten; the Big Red Machine would suffer its second miscue of the ball game. On the snap from center, the ball somehow sailed over Bryce Williams head with the Cubs recovering the ball at the Bronco twenty-one. The Bronco offense normally the ones to strike quickly had to sit and watch as the Olney Cubs only needed three plays and a minute of the game clock to get their second touchdown on as many possessions. Langford would add his second PAT of the game to give the Cubs a fourteen point advantage. Sonora 0 - Olney 14.

With the Sonora faithful sitting in the stands not really believing what was happening to their Broncos and the Bronco football team coming to the sidelines for a gut check. One thing was very clear. The Broncos needed something good to happen. On the ensuing squib kick, a heads up play by Cameron Sims gave the Broncos the football on their own thirty-four.

The Cub defense smelling a kill continued to limit the Red Hoss offense to minimal yardage. Faced with a fourth and two at their own forty-one, the Bronco coaching staff gambled for the first time of the game.

A short snap to Tom Jacoby and a five yard power run on the fake

See Broncos page 5



## Sonora Church Directory

<p><b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA</b> Rick Sanchez 504 Santa Clara 387-2035</p> <p><b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 304 N. Water 387-3190</p> <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> T. Wayne Price Pastor 404 E Oak 387-2951</p> <p><b>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> Rev. Ted W. Harris 404 E. Poplar 387-2955</p> <p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor 201 N. Water 387-2466</p> <p><b>TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS</b> Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr. 306 W. 4th St. 387-5713</p> <p><b>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> Rev. Charles Huffman 417 E. 2nd St. 387-5366</p> <p><b>NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER</b> Jerry &amp; Joy Wood 204 E. Main 387-3241</p> <p><b>LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC.</b> Pastor Hector A. Portillo 807 Orient Ave. 387-6065</p>	<p><b>THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN</b> Lewis Allen, Pastor 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616</p> <p><b>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Don Longoria, Pastor Corner of Hwy. 277 S. and Glasscock</p> <p><b>PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED</b> Randy Greenwood Pastor 509 Amistad 387-5266</p> <p><b>ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I. 229 W. Plum 387-2278</p> <p><b>JEHOVAH'S WITNESS</b> 310 St. Ann's Street 387-5658 or 387-5518</p> <p><b>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Don Seigler 511 Cornell 387-5207</p> <p><b>SONORA FAMILY FAITH CENTER</b> Sonora Stock Pens Sunday 8:00 p.m.</p>
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115 N CONCHO  
SONORA, TX 76950  
(915)387-2549

**Kerbow Funeral Home**  
387-2266

### Cards of Thanks

Thank you Sutton County! Sincere thanks and appreciation to all for the very special "Retirement Celebration" on Sunday, December 3rd. To the loyal employees in the Sheriff's Department who planned this huge surprise, and to each of you who came out despite the rainy weather, my family and I want to say "Sonora is the Greatest Community". Your support over the past 24 years has been very much appreciated and your good wishes are very heart-warming. Thank you so much for the gifts, flowers and cards which will find a very special place among my memoirs. God bless each and every one of you!

Bill Webster  
Sheriff, Sutton County

Dearest Friends,  
We celebrate the goodness in all of you. Your prayers have strengthened and uplifted us throughout all the weeks and months of this past year. Ben's wonderful doctors tell us that all is well for now, and that the cancer is completely gone. We have so much to be grateful for.  
In "The Lord's Prayer", we say "...Give us this day our daily bread..." On our knees we thank God, and we thank you for "this day."  
This poem, by Wendy Kay Norman, was on the wall of our doctor's office:

*What Cancer Cannot Do*  
It cannot cripple love,  
It cannot shatter hope,  
It cannot erode faith,  
It cannot eat away peace,  
It cannot destroy confidence,  
It cannot kill friendship,  
It cannot shut out memories,  
It cannot silence courage,  
It cannot invade the soul,  
It cannot steal eternal life,  
It cannot conquer the spirit,  
It cannot lessen the Power of Resurrection.

*Much love,  
Ben and Virginia Epps*

Thank you to the ladies of St. John's Episcopal Church for helping make Gwen Wyatt's funeral a beautiful and memorable occasion. We are so very grateful to have friends and family as yourselves. Thanks also to Priest Harris, for a lovely sermon at the funeral. Also, Irene Friess for the kindest attention to the flowers and details. Special thanks to Nancy W. Davis, Mary Adele Balch, and Elsie Schwiening for their dedication and time to help us through this sad time. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts, to all our friends and family.

Guy Wyatt Askew  
Mary Gayle Jordan and Sons

**Ronnie Cox**  
would like to be  
your pharmacist.

### Senior Center News

- Dec. 8 - Christmas party! 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at our Center. Pancho Claus will be here!
  - Dec. 11 - Bingo! After lunch.
  - Dec. 12 - Pointsettia Day!
  - Dec. 13 - Run errands and pay bills...sign up with Lilia Now!
  - Dec. 14 - Kooking with Kelly Nutrition Program! Noon
  - Dec. 15 - Christmas Carols with Charlotte Wilson & Oscar Galindo.
- Senior Menu**
- Dec. 8 - Barbecue chicken breast, pinto beans, cornbread, sliced tomatoes, mustard greens, peaches.
  - Dec. 11 - Beef stew with vegetables, sweet peas, crackers, peaches, chocolate pudding.
  - Dec. 12 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, orange.
  - Dec. 13 - Meatloaf with sauce, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wheat roll, fruit cocktail.
  - Dec. 14 - Beef/cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, coleslaw, fruit salad with citrus.
  - Dec. 15 - Catfish with tartar sauce, corn/tomato casserole, roll, seasoned spinach, jello with fruit.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.  
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

### Public Service Announcement

**Foster Parent Information Meeting To Be Held**  
You can make a difference in a child's life. How? By becoming a foster parent. Foster parents provide a temporary home for abused and neglected children. Financial and medical reimbursement is provided. Your home could change a life! For more information on becoming a foster parent call the San Angelo Children's Protective Services office at 915-657-7400 or the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services Foster Care and Adoption Inquiry Line at 1-800-233-3405.

Children's Protective Services is looking for families willing to open their homes and their hearts to abused and neglected children. San Angelo and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a foster parent, meet with us on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Texas Department of Protective & Regulatory Services, 622 South Oakes, San Angelo, Texas. Please make plans to attend. Remember.....your home could change a life!

### Business Tips

#### Americans with Disabilities Act

It is important for business people to understand how the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) can affect them in the area of employment practices and in public accommodations. The ADA gives civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities similar to those provided to individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, and religion. Among other areas, the ADA guarantees equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in employment and public accommodations.

Employment. Private employers with 15 or more employees are included in Title I of the ADA. Under this title the ADA prohibits discrimination in all employment practices, including job application procedures, hiring, firing, advancement, compensation, and training. It applies to recruitment, advertising, tenure, layoff, leave, benefits, and all other employment-related activities. Employment discrimination is prohibited against "qualified individuals with disabilities." This includes applicants for employment and employees.

Public Accommodations. Title III of the ADA affects a wide range of businesses and entities such as restaurants, hotels, theaters, doctors' offices, pharmacies, retail stores, museums, libraries, parks, private schools, and day care centers. A public accommodation is a private entity that owns, operates, leases, or leases to a place of public accommodation.

The ADA requires that all new construction of places of public accommodation, as well as of "commercial facilities" such as office buildings, be readily accessible to qualified individuals with disabilities.

When altering facilities, all alterations that could affect the usability of a facility must be made in an accessible manner to the maximum extent feasible. Existing facilities need to remove barriers to accessibility only when it is "readily achievable" to do so. The ADA defines "readily achievable" to mean "easily accomplishable and able to be carried out without much difficulty or expense." When barrier removal is not readily achievable, alternative steps can be taken such as in-store assistance for removing articles from inaccessible shelves, or coming to the door to receive or return dry cleaning.

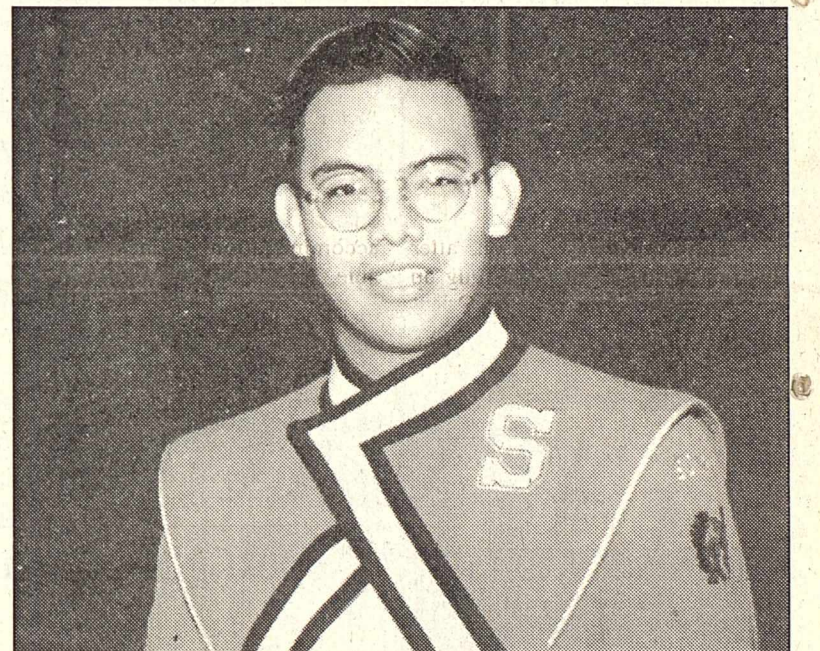
In the area of leased spaces, responsibility for ADA compliance falls on both the landlord and the tenant. The landlord and the tenant may decide by lease who will actually make the changes and provide the aids and services, but both remain legally responsible.

Most state and local building codes have been certified to meet or exceed the minimum accessibility requirements for public accommodations and commercial facilities. For assistance on ADA public accommodations requirements, contact your local building inspection department.

For more information on employment or public accommodations ADA requirements, see the U.S. Dept. of Justice website: [www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/](http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/).

Business Tips are provided by Dave Erickson, Business Development Specialist, at Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center.

### Who's Who



On November 17 & 18, senior Joe Flores travelled to Texas A&M at Commerce, TX. The college was having their 45th Annual Band Competition where 175 students from 45 different schools attended. The director of the Honor Band said that "Texas" had some of the best students and band members. Joe, who is a senior drum major with the Sonora High School Band, competed against two other students with the same instrument and came out with a rating of "1" and made the Honor Band.

Joe travelled to the competition with his parents, Jose Eleno and Cris Flores, who commented that "the best thing of all was that Joe could have been doing other things with his time, but he chose to compete at the college." The Flores family would like to thank the principle for letting Joe participate in the competition and they also thank God for the talent he has given their son. Joe has also been selected as an "Outstanding Student of America" which is based on community services, school activities and academic achievements. This honor is given to only 3,500 seniors nationwide. Congratulations, Joe!



## Dining Out Directory

- La Mexicana  
240 N. Hwy 277  
387-3401
- Los Jarritos  
605 S. Crockett  
387-2838
- Pizza Hut  
401 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-3540
- Rosie's Cafe  
207 Glasscock Ave  
387-5552
- Sutton County Steakhouse  
1306 N. Service Rd  
387-3833
- Taqueria El Torito  
210 S. Hwy 277  
387-9307
- Town & Country Subway  
610 S. Crockett  
387-6181
- Town & Country - Country Kitchen  
903 N. Crockett Ave.  
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### Community

- December**  
Sonora Merchants Weekly Drawings every Monday.
- December 8**  
Senior Center Christmas Party 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 11**  
School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

*The Community Calendar*

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### Calendar

- Dec. 14**  
Sonora Chamber of Commerce Members "Business After Hours"  
FNB • 5:00 p.m.
- AI- Anon Meeting**  
Held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  
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The Devil's River News encourages letters from its readers. Letters should be to the point, typed if at all possible and signed. Name, address and telephone number should be included for verification purposes. Letters will be printed on a space available basis. Letters should stick with issues, and not simply be personal attacks. Letters endorsing a particular position on issues of local interest will be accepted, however letters endorsing a candidate for political office will not be accepted. We reserve the right to edit for length, content, and potentially libelous statements. Letters to the Editor published in this newspaper do not necessarily reflect the position of this publication on any subject. Correspondence should be mailed to : The Devil's River News-Letters to the Editor, 228 East Main, Sonora TX. 76950. Email us at [editor@sonorax.net](mailto:editor@sonorax.net)



## Historical Society



Can you identify these people?

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Readers, I need your help again. There are two pictures with this article. They were both taken in Sonora at the same fence. From the angle of the pictures to Sonora, as seen behind the little girl, I would guess they were taken along Concho Street, possibly across the street from the old football field and the Rock School. A picture taken from the field shows a similar view of the city in the background. There is a good chance that these are Allison or Schwienig family members or their neighbors. The pictures are in the possession of an Allison family member. Do any of you recognize these pictures? If you do please give me a call so we can put a name with the faces.

Q. You said that Clay Allison died in 1887, I thought he died in 1886?

A. Robert Clay Allison, after his first burial service, was dug up and buried again next to the Orient Hotel as a tourist attraction. There are two markers on his grave with writing on them: Robert Clay Allison, 1840-1887 HE NEVER KILLED A MAN THAT DID NOT NEED KILLING and a military marker with Robert C. Allison, CSA, CO. F, Texas Cav, Sep. 2, 1840 - Jul 2, 1887 GENTLEMAN GUNFIGHTER. The picture that Sam Gauny sent to me has shadow running across it that obscured the day in 1887. If you think the markers are wrong, send me a copy of a death certificate to prove your date is right, or the obituary.

One of my readers gave me a very, very special early Christmas present, a copy of the Saturday, January 17, 1914 newspaper. I know, you are thinking that isn't such a great present but to me it is the best kind. This was an issue of the Devil's River News that was not on file and is therefore very, very precious to us. To any person that is trying to preserve the history of Sutton County an old picture or news-

paper with Sonora news is always an extremely precious gift. It will make a wonderful addition to the new archival storage building when it is finished.

I will share a few of the ads and items with you now:

"The Sonora Bakery is now ready to supply all demands for BREAD and PASTRY. Bud Hurst, Proprietor. JOHN HURST, Experienced Well Driller, Quick, Reliable and Satisfactory, Contracts to go down 1000 feet or less. Post Office Address, Sonora, Texas."

"THE DECKER HOTEL, Mrs. Laura Decker, Proprietress. This House has just been Remodeled and Refurnished, and we are prepared to do a first class Hotel business. Nice clean rooms and first-class rate. Sample Room. Bath room.. COMMERCIAL HOTEL, Arthur and Miss Estelle McDonald, Proprietors, Rates \$2.00 Per Day, Headquarters for Commercial Men, Best accommodations, Rates Reasonable, Sonora, Texas."

"Sonora, Eldorado & San Angelo Mail, Express and Passenger Line, L. L. Craddock, Proprietor. Automobile or Stage Service, Automobile - Leaves Sonora daily, Except Sunday, at 7 o'clock a.m., arrives at San Angelo the same evening. Leaves San Angelo at 7 o'clock a.m. and arrives in Sonora in the evening. Automobile fare \$6 one way. Round Trip \$10."

"Stage leaves Sonora Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock a.m. arriving in San Angelo that night. Leaves San Angelo Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock a.m. arriving in Sonora that night. Stage Fare - \$4.00, Round Trip \$7.00 Office at Millinery Store."

We found three saloons advertised: The Favorite Saloon, Theo Savell, Proprietor; The Rock Front, J. G. Barton, Proprietor and the Bank Saloon, J. W. Trainer, Proprietor.

"A light fall of snow fell over the Sonora Country Sunday night and Monday morning. Some rain accompanied the storm and the

moisture was noticeable. While there is plenty of season in the ground the snow was acceptable as a livener up of weeds and pulverizer of plowed land."

"Jap Holman, who was in Sonora Sunday, said that on bright clear evenings, before the sundown, the windmills of the Water Works could be seen from the windmill on the Holman ranch 25 miles south west of Sonora. That is a pretty good indication of the purity or lightness of the atmosphere of the Sonora country. The Holman ranch is less than 100 feet higher than Sonora."

The U. S. War Department is making inquiry as to the number of horses and mares 4 to 12 years old, 14 to 15 hands, available in case of emergency, in West Texas.

Alfred Vander Stucken of Fredericksburg, with large ranch interests in Kinney county is in Sonora looking after business interests here. He is a member of the E. F. Vander Stucken Co. and half-owner of the E. F. and A. Vander Stucken ranch in this county.

J. N. Ross the cattle and goat raiser whose ranch is 18 miles east of Sonora was in town this week visiting his family.

Numbers of Mexicans, mostly women and children, are coming into West Texas from the distressed country across the border. Many of these innocent unfortunates have reached Sonora and are passing through to the north and east.

One fourth of a mile from Sonora a 17 section ranch with 3 good wells with sufficient tanks was for sale for \$7 an acre. In town a four roomed house on a corner lot, 50 x 150, near the school house was selling for \$750.

Worth, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Evans, Jr., broke his arm cranking his fathers car Sunday. R. B. Mattox, who ranches 8 miles above Sonora was in town Thursday.

Lawrence Westbrook of San Angelo has the contract to wire the Sawyer home and install a private

electric lighting plant. W. G. Bollinger of the plumbing and heating firm of Bollinger-Petty Co., San Angelo, is in Sonora to do the plumbing and install a septic tank and sub-irrigation system for E. E. Sawyer. The News thought this would be a wonderful system and should be installed in the school, Court House, hotels and boarding houses of Sonora.

So one paper has told us the names of local businessmen, that the War Department is worried about a possible need for stock, cranking a car can be dangerous, Mexicans are fleeing their country because of war, the price of land in and out of town and the fact that E. E. Sawyer was a very progressive man and way ahead of the city and county in installing modern conveniences. We also learned of the local weather and lack of pollution in the winter of 1914 and how long it took and how much it cost our ancestors to travel to San Angelo. So readers, never think one little paper isn't important, every paper we get helps to fill in gaps in the history of this area; each one has it's own story to tell.

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 sehs@sonoratx.net. You may call me any day but Wednesday at 915-387-2855. I try to make myself available to people most of the time and during the holidays when some people come to visit relatives but sometimes this is impossible. I had four people here doing research when someone else wanted to drop by to look things up. This is a tiny house, and I too have responsibilities during the holiday season. With the Christmas tree taking up half of one room, the office overflowing with file cabinets and papers, I must ask that you call ahead and set up an appointment to come do research. Thank You!

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## Surviving Holiday Stress

Although the holidays are known for bringing people together in the spirit of joy, cheer and goodwill, they are also recognized as the most hectic time of the year. People are rushing to get somewhere and then are stuck in long lines to buy presents, food for the holiday meal or just to get to their final destination. It's no wonder that frustration and tension are becoming synonyms for year-end celebrations.

It happens to the best of us. Nonetheless, it is important to practice safety when you're behind the wheel. Stressed drivers with sore feet and spent pockets can lead to a holiday tragedy, when not concentrating on the task at hand. Progressive Insurance provides these tips to all commuters out on the roadways this season.

### Going to grandma's house.

- It's best to leave early, allowing more time to reach your destination.
- Make sure everyone has had something to eat and drink before a long drive. Hungry or thirsty passengers can elevate stress levels when you're stuck in traffic.
- Do not speed, it causes stress for you and other drivers, more so when roads are congested.

### Mall traffic

- Wear your walking shoes. Wherever you go, you will probably have a long hike from your parking spot.

- Expect crowds. You can try to dodge some of this by shopping during non-peak hours, such as weekdays.
- Don't weigh yourself down with packages. Make trips to the car to store your purchases safely in your trunk.

### Parties should be approached responsibly

- Appoint a designated driver and keep an eye on him or her.
- Inquire about office policies providing car or cab service for employees attending a company affair. Taking a cab can be the best investment you can make for yourself and others.
- Attend gatherings that offer a safe ride home.
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A total of 24 students from this area are included in the 34th Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1999-2000*.

*Who's Who*, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of *Who's Who* students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

The 34th Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1999-2000*, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 750,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 14,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000

public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

*Who's Who* students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed on a complimentary basis to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country. To learn more about *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, visit [www.honoring.com](http://www.honoring.com).

Sonora students that were included in this year's list are: Cody Ainsworth, Andi Allen, Chance Armke, Lindsey Bowers, Cassi Cole, Russell Dempsey, James Elliott, Chris Green, Tommy Gutierrez, William Gutierrez, Stephanie Hard, Ryan Hardgrave, Nathan Longoria, Lorena Lopez, Kasey Miller, Alan Nicholas, Isaac Ramos, Jon Ramos, Cameron Sims, Caleb Taylor, Walker Thompson, Chris Weingart, Jacob West and Jason West.

### Sonora Elementary News

The "back" door at Sonora Intermediate School will be locked from 8:00 a.m. - 3:10 p.m., beginning Dec. 11. Please enter through the main entrance by the office during these hours. The locked door will require "additional steps" for visitors. However, student safety is a top priority and the locked door will improve security and student safety during the day. The door has a panic bar and will be used as an exit throughout the day. Our campus underwent another safety assessment earlier this year. The locked door is one more step we can take to enhance student safety. We appreciate your concern, patience and help!

Please remember that we must have a note anytime a child is absent or tardy. Please remember to indicate a reason anytime your child needs to check-out early. Legal action is required if a student has 10 or more unexcused tardies/absences/early check-outs. Students are required to be in attendance the entire day. Excused absences/tardies/early check-outs are granted for illness, doctor appointments, funeral, etc. Your child's attendance is important to his or her success in school. Thanks for your concern.

**Look for Letters to Santa in the December 14 issue of The Devil's River News**

### F.Y.I.

The 6th grade Christmas Concert will be Monday, December 11, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sonora Intermediate Auditorium. There will be a Band Booster meeting at 5:30 p.m., prior to the concert.

Sonora Intermediate is collecting empty printer cartridges. Recyclers USA pays the school \$1.00 - \$2.00 per empty cartridge. Please help our school recycle and raise money for student activities. Empty cartridges may be dropped off at the Sonora Intermediate School office. Thanks for your help!

**WIN! WIN! WIN!** Win a 20 x 30 Varsity Football Framed Autographed Group Poster. The tickets are only \$2 each and there are two chances to win. For more information, call Kristin Keel at the high school at 387-6533 ext. 315 or go by Ronda's Styling Haus or the Administration Building to purchase your tickets. The drawing will be held on December 20th with all proceeds benefiting the Senior Class for the Senior Trip.

The Region F Regional Water Planning Group for the Senate Bill 1 Regional Water Planning Program will meet on Monday, December 11, 2000, at 10:30 a.m. in rooms 110/111 of the Houston Harte University Center at Angelo State University, 2601 West Avenue N, San Angelo, TX.

Pack 19 Popcorn will be arriving on Thursday, December 7, 2000. All scouts need to be at the Scout Hut at 5:00 p.m. to pick up their popcorn to distribute.

Advent Bible Study - Wednesdays, December 13, and 20 at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall from noon - 12:45 p.m. Advent is a time to prepare our heart and minds to meet Jesus Christ. Bring your Bible, a friend and a brown bag lunch and join in on a time of study, fellowship and preparation. For more information, call the church at 387-2466.

Angels for the Angel Tree are now available at the First National Bank, The Bank & Trust and Alco. For more information call Noemi Samaniego at 387-2234 or Sue Moore 387-3977.

The Library will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 12 for Library Staff computer training.

Sonora Broncos vs. Pilot Point Bearcats  
Saturday, December 9, 2000  
6:00 p.m.  
Waco, Texas @ Waco ISD Stadium (see directions page 5)  
Bronco Send off - 10:00 a.m. - Football Fieldhouse  
Ticket Prices - \$7.00 - Adults/ \$5.00 - Students  
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### Happy Birthday

- December 7**  
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- December 12**  
Mary Mauldin, Richard Bernal, Kassandra Tyler, Guadalupe Marquart, Amanda Miller, Mark Van Hoozer, Mackenzie Perez, Lupe Buitron, Lupe Chavez
- December 13**  
Ginger Everett, Scottie Moore, Michael Harris, Bobby Dickenson, Dianne Luckie, T.J. Thorp, Valerie Lopez, Andres Chavez, Virginia Hernandez

### Counting Christmas Calories

by Andi Allen  
The calendar pages are turned to December, the air outside has become crisp and cool, and strands of twinkly lights are beginning to appear on houses and lawns throughout town. The signs all show that Christmas is coming.

Yet for many people, there is even clearer evidence that the holidays are here: the pants that were loose at the beginning of November now just won't quite zip.

One of the most integral parts of the holidays is, of course, the food.

From the time we carve the bird at Thanksgiving until we finish up all the Christmas leftovers in January, we are inundated with an assortment of culinary treats. In our weight-conscious society, it seems that the extra temptations to indulge our palates would cause added stress during the holidays. To get the skinny on what people in Sonora thought, I surveyed 36 natives ranging in age from 15 to 67 about this issue.

Of the 18 females surveyed, almost two-thirds said that they were concerned about their weight. Four of the 18 are more concerned during the holiday season. Some said that there is greater temptation to eat more than usual during this time because of Christmas parties and family gatherings where food is served, and that it is harder to exercise because the weather is cooler. Two females responded that they were more weight conscious during the summer because that is typically when they wear more body-baring clothing. Only one female said she would consider using an eating disorder to combat weight gain.

One-third of the 18 males surveyed reported being concerned about their weight. Four of them are more concerned in the holiday season, generally for the same reasons that females gave.

"There is so much to eat, particularly pies, tarts, nuts, etc.," a 47-year-old male wrote. "So much effort has gone into the preparation of food at holidays, you feel obligated to eat every bite."

Only one male would consider affecting an eating disorder to con-

rol weight. Many of those who were reportedly not concerned about their weight did respond that they do try to maintain good health.

"I feel like you are what you eat, and I don't want to be a bag of processed sugar," a 40-year-old female wrote. "Cancer runs in my family, and I think it is fueled by what we put in our mouths. I just wish I had the willpower to turn away sweets and junk food."

A 20-year-old male wrote that his weight was not as important to him as overall health.

"When I do need to lose weight, I try to do it in the healthiest way possible," he said. "This means proper diet and exercise."

How do Sonorans stay fit? Many exercise. A 51-year-old woman likes to do Tae Bo, while some 17- and 18-year-old males play football to stay in shape.

Some people try to control how much they eat, and others try to eat nutritious foods.

"I only eat during daylight hours," a 41-year-old male said. "Of course, it's always daylight somewhere."

There are many people who indulge during the holiday season instead of worrying about their weight.

"I make a pig of myself," a 52 year-old-male responded. "Then I diet and exercise the rest of the year."

A 16-year-old female said, "I eat all the pie and cookies I can."

From both sides of the holiday weight spectrum, however, it is clear that this season is not just about food. Having a second slice of Grandma's chocolate pie won't be half as satisfying as simply getting to spend time with extended family. And those of us who are agonizing because we've put on a pound or two would be wise to remember that there are many people all over the world who will go hungry on Christmas Day. So whether we choose to gorge on holiday food or pass up those tempting morsels to save our figures, let's remember what really counts this holiday season. It's the blessings, not the calories.

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**Jan. 8, 2000**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Purpose of meeting:

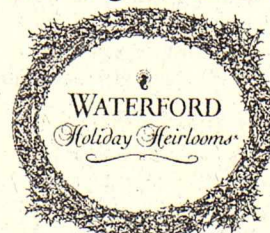
**Discuss Lillian M. Hudspeth  
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**Broncos from page 1**

punt gave the Broncos a first down. However, Olney's defense would continue to dominate the line of scrimmage and force the Broncos to punt after three more downs. Knowing what the Cub offense was capable of, there were a lot of people holding their breath on the Broncos side of the football field. It was time for the Bronco defense to make its presence felt. Chris Green and the middle of the Red Hoss defense did exactly that as they stuffed the big Olney fullback for no gain. On the next play, James Elliott broke up a pass play and on a third and ten, Sean Fields made a super solo tackle on the shifty Chase Pratt to force the Cubs into a punting situation. Three and out - the Bronco defense is back. Taking a cue from the defense, the Bronco Express began to stoke the fires.

Behind the lead blocking of Tom Jacoby and the offensive line, William Renfro gained 21 of his game high 127 rushing yards to move the Red Hosses to the Olney twenty-five.

Bronco tight-end, Riley Crain, then caught a Bryce Williams pass in the flat.

After the completion, Crain ran over and drug defenders to the Cub one. At the one, Tom Jacoby followed the blocking of Jacob Percifull and Thomas Bloodworth into the end-zone for the Broncos first score of the evening. With two minutes and six seconds left in the half, Javier Gayton would add the PAT to cut the deficit by seven. Sonora 7 - Olney 14.

The Cubs, sensing a momentum change, came roaring back. Alternating between runs by Dockins and passes from Hinson to Brown; Olney began to inch their way down the field. With fifty-six seconds left in the half, Olney got greedy. Trying to put six points on the board before half, Olney put the ball in the air one two many times.

Bronco linebacker, Cole Cearley picked off his first interception of the game. The Bronco offense was back in business at their own forty-one. Three runs by Renfro for forty yards and one run by Williams of thirteen yards moved the ball to the Olney two with time running out. With twelve seconds showing on the clock; Sonora called a time out. Go for broke or play it safe? - that was the question on everyone's mind. When the huddle broke - The Broncos were going for broke!

Then Olney called their last time out. Would Coach Herring change his mind?

This time when the huddle broke - the Bronco line and running backs lined up on the left side of the field. The center, Beau Hughes, and quarterback, Bryce Williams, were in the middle of the field. The ball was snapped - a shuttle pass to William Renfro behind the other eight Broncos. Swinging Gate / Polecat - What ever you call it - The Bronco Fans went crazy as Renfro scampered into the end-zone to pull the Broncos within one. Javier Gayton with no time remaining in the half split the uprights to knot the score at fourteen apiece.

Halftime: Sonora 14 - Olney 14

Receiving the second half kickoff, the Olney Cubs came out fired up. Starting at their own thirty-four, David Dockins and Steven Hinson began to pound out the yardage. When the Broncos thought that they had the Cubs stopped; the Olney coaches went to their bag of tricks.

On a fourth and two, Hinson gained eleven yards on the fake punt to give the Cubs new life in Bronco territory at the Sonora forty-one. Olney stayed with the ground game behind Hinson, Dockins, and McClatchy to move the ball to the Bronco twenty-eight.

Thinking he would catch the Bronco secondary sleeping, Hinson went to his speedster Pratt on a ten yard out route. Pratt catching the pass forgot to take care of business. Before he could tuck the ball away, Bronco linebacker, Cole Cearley, stripped him of the ball and the race was on. Smart down-field blocking enabled Cearley to return the interception eighty+ yards for the touchdown. Javier Gayton split the uprights to give the Broncos a seven point lead with six minutes and forty-three seconds left in the third quarter. Sonora 21 - Olney 14.

The Bronco defense rose to the occasion on Olney's next possession. Three plays and out. Riley Crain, Anthony Sanchez, and Thomas Bloodworth led the Red Hosses with a vengeance. The Bronco offense finally got their first chance with four minutes and twenty two seconds left in the third quarter. Starting at their own sixteen, the Broncos came out in their "Smash Mouth" offense. Power running by Tom Jacoby and William Renfro began to move the football down the field. As the Broncos crossed into Cub territory, the third quarter expired. To begin the fourth quarter, Coach Herring went back to his bag of tricks. Lining up in the Swing Gate/Polecat formation; Williams dropped back to pass. This time the Cubs stayed with their respective duties and Mace McClatchy intercepted the Williams pass at the Cub thirty-five. Once again the Red Hoss defense refused to give the Cubs anything. Anthony Sanchez stuffed Dockins for a one

yard gain. Sean Fields from his corner back position stepped up and tackled the speedy Chase Pratt for a one yard gain and then broke up a deep pass to Pratt to force the Cubs into punting situation. On the punt, Fields received the football at his twenty-seven and returned it to the Cub forty-five. However: the Bronco offense met with some very stiff resistance and were forced to punt. Scottie Moore filling in for Bryce Williams got a good angling punt off and then a Sonora bounce to boot. It was the bounce that cost the Cubs.

Olney deep man, Chase Pratt, elected to pick the ball up and run with it. He did not anticipate the quickness of the Bronco cover squad. In his haste to get the ball; he lost control of it. "Mr. Special Team", Shane Mathews, recovered the muff to give the Broncos the football at the Olney six yard line. Two plays and forty five seconds - that is all the Big Red Machine would need.

Jacoby for two yards and William Renfro gets the score on the sweep for four yards. Gayton boomed it through the uprights to give the Broncos a fourteen point advantage. Sonora 28 - Olney 14.

After a short kick by Stetson Hall, the Cubs were back in business at the Olney forty-seven. It did not take the Bronco defense long to give the ball back to the offense. Two plays in fact. After a short run by Pratt; the Cubs suffered their second turn-over in as many possessions. A crushing hit by Chris Green on the fullback, David Dockins, would jar the pigskin loose. "Mr. Everywhere", Riley Crain, picked up the loose pigskin and rambled to the Olney twenty. Once again, the Bronco Express would only need two plays, and the lightning attack of the Broncos would put the game out of reach with the score by Renfro. Excellent hands by Sean Fields and excellent concentration by Javier Gayton would complete the unanswered thirty-five points by the Broncos. Sonora 35 - Olney 14.

At this point, I think that most of the Bronco fans thought that they could stop and take a few gasps of air. Wrong - the Olney Cubs with seven minutes and three seconds left in the game came roaring back. They only needed a minute and a half to go fifty-seven yards for the touchdown. The quarterback, Steven Hinson, did most of the work. Gaining 40 of his game high 106 rushing yards moved the ball down the field very quickly. Aided by a five yard face mask penalty and a ten yard pass to Chase Pratt, the Cubs had a first and goal at the Sonora five. With five minutes and twenty three seconds left in the game. Hinson would once again go to Pratt for the touchdown. Langford added the PAT to cut the Bronco margin: Sonora 35 - Olney 21.

A perfect outside kick by Langford gave the Olney Cubs the football at the Bronco forty-eight.

It was a good thing that the Bronco fans got a few gasps of air earlier, because now everyone was holding their breath. And here came Mr. Hinson once again. His elusiveness and a late hit penalty moved the ball to the Bronco nine yard line. Hinson going back to the air, zipped a pass to one of his wide receivers. Through his hands and off his shoulder pads; it bounced straight up!

Coming out of nowhere - Riley Crain made a game saving interception in the end-zone to stop the Cubs with three minutes and fifteen seconds left on the clock.

Everybody takes a breath!

All the Bronco offense has to do is get one or two first downs and the game is in the bag. It was not to be - the Olney defense aided by a penalty stopped the Broncos in four plays. A short punt gave the Cubs excellent field position at the Bronco forty-two. Here we go again - No Breathing!

With its back to the wall - the Bronco defense stepped it up. A super all out effort by the defensive line, linebackers, and secondary forced the Cubs to turn the ball over on downs with a minute and three seconds still on the game clock. Can we breath? Bryce Williams would take a knee on three consecutive times to ensure the Bronco Express victory!!! Now we can breath!!!!

Sonora Broncos 35 - Olney Cubs 21

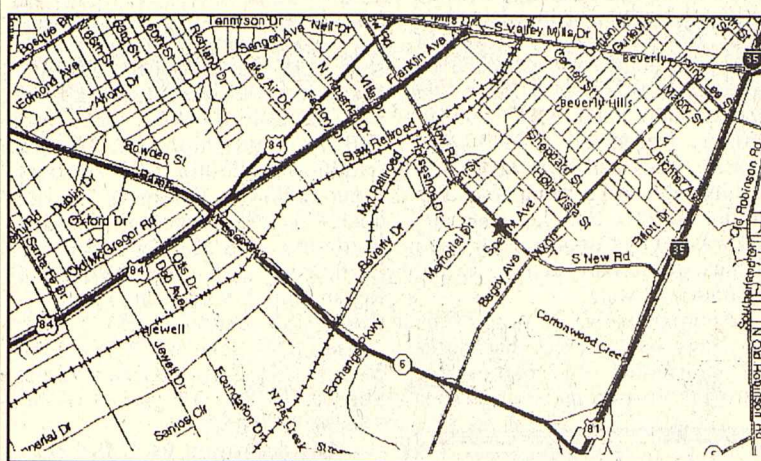
Congratulations Broncos - You are the first team since 1971 to reach a Semi-Final game!

This victory will go down in the annuals with similar play-off games: Forney, Honey Grove, White Deer, and I'm sure several others. It shows that the Bronco tradition is alive and well.

Now you must complete your goal and the next stop for the Bronco Express is in Waco on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. against the Pilot Point Bearcats. This will be another great test of what the Broncos are made of. There was a great showing of Bronco support in Brownwood and the Broncos will need that support in Waco. The fans and the Bronco goal is what keeps the fire burning in that fire box on the Bronco Express' locomotive. So make plans to attend and bring your noise makers and lets raise the roof!

GOOD LUCK BRONCOS!!!  
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**How To Get To the Waco ISD Stadium**



Coming in to town on Hwy 84 from Gatesville, stay right on Franklin Ave. When you get to New Road, turn right. You will see a V.A. Hospital on your right, the Waco Sports Complex is next to it at 1401 S. New Road.

If you are coming in on I-35, take Exit 331 and the complex is one mile west on New Rd.

If you are coming in on Loop 340 (Hwy. 6) Exit Bagby Ave. and follow to New Rd.

**Lady Bronco Basketball**

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The Lady Broncos opened their season on November 18 against Christoval. The Ladies have seven returning lettermen from last year's Bi-District Championship.

The team started playing hard from the beginning and continued to hustle throughout the game. They worked on executing their offense and defense, and won the game 42-33.

On November 21st the Lady Broncos traveled to San Angelo to take on the Lakeview Maidens.

In the first half the Ladies lacked teamwork, but after walking back onto the court to start the second half they made the necessary adjustments to pull together and work as a team.

Although they played well during the second half, it wasn't enough to pull ahead of the Maidens. The final score was 48-42, in favor of the Lakeview.

After the loss to Lakeview, the Lady Broncos had an improved attitude the next day as they prepared to face Brady.

From the opening tipoff, the Lady Broncos did not let up until the last buzzer sounded. They held the Lady Bulldogs to only 45 points, with a final score of 62-45 in favor of the Lady Broncos.

On November 28 it was the Lady Broncos turn to host the Lakeview Maidens. The Ladies came out and played a strong first half.

Going in at half time the score was tied 26-26. In the 3rd Quarter, the girls stayed with the Maidens, but fell short in the 4th Quarter. The Maidens won the game, 56 - 40. Coach Marshall commented, "It was a hard loss to swallow, but we

should all learn from it."

November 30 - December 2 the Lady Broncos traveled to Ballinger to compete in the Girls Basketball Tournament. In the first round the Lady's met up with the Eldorado Eagles. Both teams came to play, but only one team could be victorious. Fighting to the bitter end, the Lady Broncos came out on top, winning the game by three points, with the final score being 44-41.

Next the Ladies met the Brady Bulldogs for a second time this season. Still excited from the big game the night before, the girls came out ready to play hard. The Lady Broncos took an early lead and never let the Bulldogs come back. The final score was 47 - 30, in favor of the Lady Broncos.

Having back to back games that day, the Lady Broncos challenged the home town favorites, going against the Ballinger Bearcats. The Lady Broncos stayed in the game during the first and second quarter, having a tie to end the first half. After half time, the Ladies could not seem to get their feet back under them and took a hard loss of 32-45.

The girls had an early game on the final day of the tournament, challenging the Winters Blizzards for 3rd place. This game was a shuffle, as the Blizzards were up by one at the end of the first quarter and the Lady Broncos were up by one at the end of the second quarter. The Lady Blizzards went ahead in the third quarter and the Lady Broncos came back in the fourth. It was a head to head struggle, until the last second. The Blizzards won by one with the final score being 45 - 46.

The Lady Broncos ended up fourth overall in the tournament.

**Lady Colts Win Again**

submitted by Coach Larry Jennings

The Sonora Lady Colts took on Grape Creek at home last week, on Monday, November 20. The 7th grade Lady Colts beat the Grape Creek girls, 35 to 8. Lead scorer for the team was Tissie Wagoner with 8 points. Also scoring for the 7th grade Lady Colts were: Kristina Hernandez - 7, Desirae Boldt and Kayla McBride - 6 each, Kathy Ibarra - 4 and Jillian Gulley and Kaleena

Samaniego - 2 each. There were 12 free throws attempted by Sonora, with only 1 going in.

The 8th Grade Lady Colts also defeated Grape Creek, 34-33.

Debra Martinez and Danielle Fox led the 8th grade scoring with 10 pts. each. Amanda Word was close behind with 9 pts. The girls attempted 26 free throws with a 46% success rate, sinking 12.

**Catchin' Up With the Colts**

submitted by Coach Creek

The 7th grade A and B Colts began their season on November 16, 2000 against Junction. The 7th grade "B" team took a hard loss against the Junction team, with a final score of Junction 21 - Sonora 6. Scoring for the Colts were Tyler Talley with 4 pts. and Adam Hopper with 2. The "A" team also took a hard hit, losing to Junction 47 - 27. The boys all tried hard and scoring for the Colts were: Embre Smith - 7, Boomer Galindo - 5, Anthony Longoria - 4, Nash Traylor - 3, Chris Perez and Hilton Bloodworth - 2 each, and Steven Barthelemy, Cullen Parker, Cameron Cox and Roland Solis - 1 pt. each.

The Colts took on Grape Creek on November 20th. The "B" team boys ended up with a tie of 6 - 6. Tyler Talley scored 4 pts. and Trent Reiner scored the other 2.

The "A" team played a close one, but ended up being defeated by one basket, with a final score of Grape Creek 29, Sonora 27. Scoring for the Colts were: Cullen Parker - 10, Embre Smith - 8, Nash Traylor - 4, Chris Perez and Hilton Bloodworth - 2 pts. each, and Cameron Cox - 1.

On November 30, the 7th Grade "B" team defeated Mason, 18 to 12. Scoring for the Colts were Tyler Tally and Adam Hopper - 6 pts. each and Trent Reiner, Justin Gray and Jose Rodriguez with 2 pts. each.

The "A" 7th graders took another close loss, with a final against Mason of 32-30. Scoring for the "A" boys were: Embre Smith - 9, Cullen Parker, Chris Perez, Hilton Bloodworth, and Boomer Galindo - 4 pts. each, Anthony Longoria - 3, and Roland Solis - 2.

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- Tues.** - Biscuits, gravy, sausage patty, assorted juice.
- Wed.** - Waffles, fruit or assorted juice.
- Thurs.** - Grilled cheese, tator tots, assorted juice.
- Fri.** - Oatmeal, blueberry muffin, assorted juice.

*Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.*

**Lunch**

- Mon.** - Pizza, Mexicali corn, tossed salad, frosted brownie.
- Tues.** - Sloppy Joe on bun, baked beans, sliced pears, chocolate pudding.
- Wed.** - Chicken tacos, Spanish rice, tossed salad, jello with fruit.
- Thurs.** - Grilled cheese, chicken noodle soup, peaches, crackers.
- Fri.** - Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fries, spice bar.

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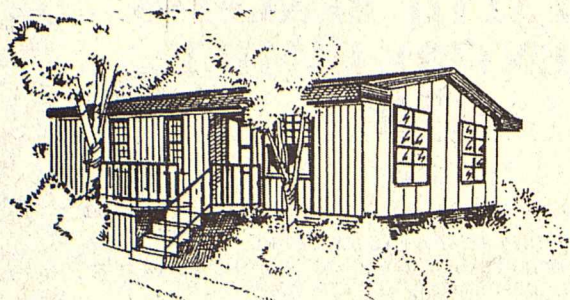
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Pearl Harbor, on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii, (then a territory of the United States) was attacked by the Japanese Imperial Navy, at approximately 8:00 A.M., Sunday morning, December 7, 1941. The surprise attack had been conceived by Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto. The striking force of 353 Japanese aircraft was led by Commander Mitsuo Fuchida. There had been no formal declaration of war.

Approximately 100 ships of the U.S. Navy were present that morning, consisting of battleships, destroyers, cruisers and various sup-

port ships.  
USS Arizona (BB39) - Battleship, USS West Virginia (BB48) - Battleship, USS California (BB44) - Battleship, USS Oklahoma (BB37) - Battleship, USS Nevada (BB36) - Battleship, USS Pennsylvania (BB38) - Battleship (in dry dock #1), USS Tennessee (BB43) - Battleship, USS Maryland (BB46) - Battleship, USS Vestal (AR4) - Repair ship, USS Neosho (AO23) - Oiler, USS Detroit (CL8) - Light cruiser, USS Raleigh (CL7) - Light cruiser, USS Utah (AG16) - Target Ship, USS Tangier (AV8) - Seaplane Tender

Two destroyers, the USS Cassin (DD372) and the USS Downes (DD375) were in dry dock #1 (with the USS Pennsylvania) and the destroyer USS Shaw (DD373) was in floating dry dock #2, approximately two hundred yards to the west. The USS Ogala (CM-4) was moored next to the USS Helena (CL50) near the "1010" dock, Naval Ship yard.

Over half the U.S. Pacific fleet was out to sea, including the carriers.

Simultaneously, nearby Hickam Field was also the victim of the surprise attack by the Japanese.

18 Army Air Corps aircraft including bombers and fighters and attack bombers were destroyed or damaged on the ground. A few U.S. fighters struggled into the air against the invaders and gave a good account of themselves.

A total of twenty-nine Japanese aircraft were shot down by ground fire and U.S. pilots from various military installations on Oahu.

Information provided by the "Pearl Harbor Remembered" web page.

## Middle School U.I.L. Winners

The Sonora Middle School students recently competed in U.I.L., the following students placed:

- Listening Skills**  
6th grade - Travis Valliant - 3rd place, Mackenzie Perez - 6th place.  
7th grade - Warren Wallace - 1st place, Hilton Bloodworth - 3rd place.  
8th grade - Jason Chadwick - 5th place.

- Maps, Graphs, and Charts**  
6th grade - Tracey Randolph - 7th place.  
7th grade - Embre Smith - 1st place, Jack Turney - 8th place, and Hilton Bloodworth - 10th place.  
8th grade - Dustin Creek - 5th place.

- Mathematics**  
6th grade - Mackenzie Perez - 8th place  
7th grade - Embre Smith - 2nd place, Jack Turney - 9th place.  
8th grade - Dustin Creek - 4th place, Chelsea Seaton - 6th place and Erika McClintock - 10th place.

- Modern Oratory**  
7th grade - Tissie Wagener - 1st place, Kristina Hernandez - 2nd place, Hillary Lawson - 5th place.  
8th grade - Benny Frasier - 1st place.

- Oral Reading**  
7th grade - Lauren Smith - 6th place.  
8th grade - Courtney Caruthers - 6th place.

- Number Sense**  
6th grade - Meghan Krieg - 2nd place, Tracey Randolph - 6th place, Mackenzie Perez - 7th place.  
7th grade - Embre Smith - 2nd place.  
8th grade - Dustin Creek - 1st place, Chelsea Seaton - 9th place.

- Calculator**  
6th grade - Stacy Sanchez - 4th place, Tracey Randolph - 8th place, Jamie Duran - 8th place.  
7th grade - Ty Love - 3rd place, Chantel Arispe - 5th place, Tyler Talley - 7th place.  
8th grade - Chris Castro - 4th place, Jesse Garza - 7th place, Angie Ibarra - 8th place.

- Dictionary Skills**  
6th grade - Alison Carroll - 6th place, Marc Hernandez - 9th place.  
7th grade - Kristina Hernandez - 1st place, Chantel Arispe - 8th place.  
8th grade - Erika McClintock - 4th place, Amanda Samaniego - 6th place.

- Impromptu Speaking**  
7th grade - Warren Wallace - 2nd place, Hilton Bloodworth - 4th place.  
8th grade - Allison Higdon - 5th place.

- Spelling**  
6th grade - Cristal Capuchina - 8th place, Starlyn Chadwick - 9th place.  
7th grade - Lauren Smith - 8th place, Anthony Longoria - 10th place.  
8th grade - Tara Green - 5th place, Brooke Nothcutt - 7th place, and Jennifer Hernandez - 9th place.

- Science**  
7th grade - Cameron Cox - 7th place.  
8th grade - Benny Frasier - 9th place, Tara Green - 10th place.  
**Ready Writing**  
6th grade - Eric Welch - 4th place, Delma Tovar - 8th place, and Madeline Higdon - 10th place.  
7th grade - Erin Newton - 9th place.  
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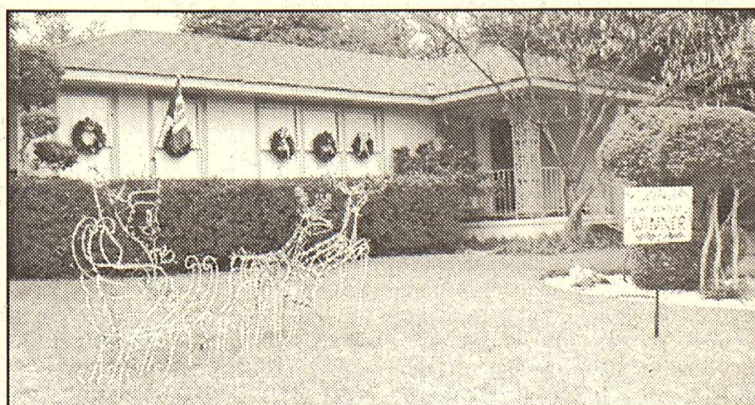
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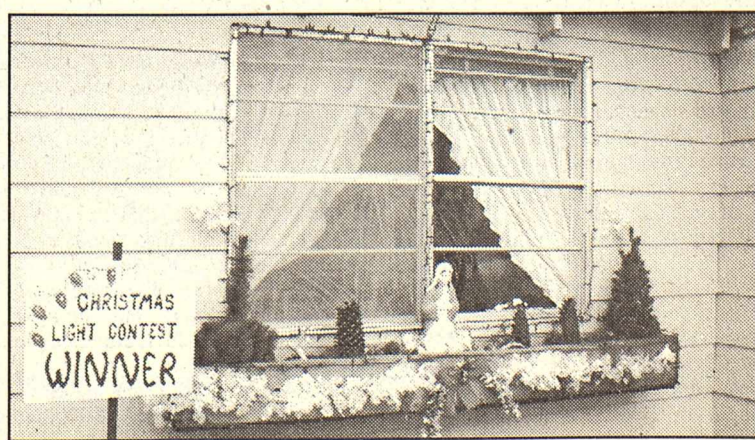
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# The Military Vote



Washington, D.C. - U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla, R - Texas

Many of you have expressed your frustrations over the hundreds of military absentee votes thrown out in the Florida presidential election. I want you to know that I share your concerns. This is no way to treat the men and women who serve our country.

I'd like to begin by giving you some background on the military vote and what happened in the Florida election. Pentagon figures show that more than 180,000 of our nation's 1.4 million active-duty troops are registered in Florida. Some 150,000 of those troops claim Florida as their home, but do not live there due to deployments. More than 4,000 of these Florida absentee ballots remained to be counted after election day this year.

Of the 4,000 ballots received, more than 1,500 were rejected - that's about 37 percent. Election officials report that these military overseas ballots were rejected in Florida for a variety of technicalities, which no other ballots were subjected to. For example, signing your name as "Bob," instead of "Robert," may have caused your vote to have been tossed out. It simply is not right that the men and women of our armed services were subjected to this form of admonishing.

The bottom line is that these votes were questioned only in attempt to reverse this election. It seems the special circumstances surrounding an overseas military voter were not as important as other factors. When these men and women signed up for service, they

placed their lives in the hands of the executive branch of the federal government. The overseas deployments of our troops are not made by personal choice, but by military orders. These deployments deny our nation's defenders many comforts we take for granted, and some of the ease to exercise their rights.

A hallmark of our democracy is the right of the men and women who serve in our armed forces to vote. Unlike their fellow servicemen and women based in the United States, it is difficult for those who serve aboard ships to vote. Soldiers and sailors serving on the front lines often do not have the chance to get their mail postmarked, yet they still submit valid ballots, which should be counted. These technicalities were beyond the control of our servicemen and women. For these reasons and others unmentioned, federal, state and local governments have the responsibility to defend our military's right to vote.

In order to address the injustices committed during this election I am introducing legislation which reaffirms and defends the military's constitutional right to vote. My legislation will urge the Justice Department to fully investigate the current abuses and take all appropriate legal action to protect the future civil rights of our military and their dependents.

Our military is scattered across the globe in a time of record deployments.

The thousands of servicemen stationed on ships or stationed abroad did their part in our democracy. It is now in the hands of our federal government to see that their votes are counted and to ensure that we do not repeat this event in the future.

## Texas Railroad Commissioner Supports Additional Pipeline Safety Standards

Austin--Texas Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews supported a proposal regarding additional requirements to pipeline safety standards.

"This requirement will allow the Commission and industry to identify various types of plastic pipe and flag those that show repeat failures," Matthews said. "The rule was written in response to recent failures of poly I pipes used in the Texas Utilities (TXU) service areas."

The Railroad Commission has been working on improving pipeline safety standards. Today, the Commission unanimously approved adding requirements for natural gas operators to file reports regarding the installation and/or removal of plastic pipe. The Commission's action is based upon two factors: a Commission investigation into the use of plastic pipe and a recommen-

ation made by the National Transportation Safety Board regarding the lack of information on plastic pipe installations.

Operators will now have to file three reports to the Commission. The three reports will consist of an annual plastic pipe failure report, plastic pipe installation and/or removal report, and a list of plastic piped installed within each system by the date of installation. The Railroad Commission is authorized to adopt rules relating to safety standards for the transportation of natural gas and to require record maintenance and reports.

"The Railroad Commission is committed to the safety of all Texans," stated Matthews. "I believe actions such as this will only continue our efforts toward greater pipeline safety."

## RRC Passes Emergency Rule to Stop Discontinuance of Natural Gas During Winter Months

Austin, TX - The Texas Railroad Commission today adopted an emergency rule to stop discontinuance of natural gas service during winter months.

In 1999, at least 21 people died in Texas from hypothermia; of those 21, at least 17 (81 percent) were age 60 or older and many of them died unexpectedly in their own homes. Without adequate heat, many people, especially the elderly, are in danger long before the temperature drops to freezing.

"Our action today protects disadvantaged Texans, especially children and the elderly, when winter temperatures drop towards freezing," Williams said. "We do not want Texans forced to choose between home heat and other needs."

Under the new rule: \*Natural gas utility companies may not disconnect a customer on a day when the previous day's temperature in the county where the customer takes service fell below 40 degrees Fahrenheit and the National Weather Service predicts that the temperature in the county will fall below that level during the next 24 hours;

\* Providers may not disconnect service to a delinquent residential customer for a billing period in which the provider receives a pledge, letter of intent, purchase order, or other notification from an energy assistance provider that is forwarding sufficient payment to continue service;

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### Who's Baggin' the Big Bucks



Wylie Wagoner got this 8 pt. buck on his family's ranch, the Lazy 2 Ranch on November 20, 2000. He shot the deer from about 200 yds. out, using a .243.

Larry Finklea (below) got this 5 1/2 year old 11 pt. buck with 25 inch main beams, at the Larry and Bill Finklea Ranch (Miers Black Ranch). The buck scored approximately 164 on the Boone & Crockett scale and was shot with a .270 from about 110 yards out.



### FSA Holding Re-Election

The Sutton County Farm Service Agency is announcing that the Committee election for LAA #1 will be redone. The ballots that were mailed out were not all legible. The old ballots will be destroyed and producers must use the new ballots to vote. The ballots will be mailed December 14th and must be returned or postmarked by December 22nd. The candidates for LAA#1 are Lee Bloodworth, Curry Campbell, Gerry Ingham, and Allan Richards.

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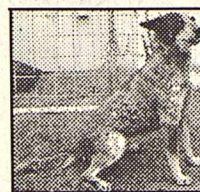
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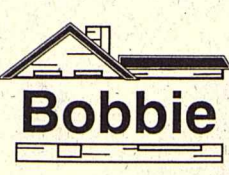
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- 211 Hudspeth • 3 BR 2 Bath • \$77,500
- 11347 Hwy 277 N. • 3 BR 2 Bath • \$75,000
- 107 Oakwood • 3 BR 2 Bath • \$79,500
- 602 S. Concho • 4 BR 3 Bath • \$79,500
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- 505 E. Second • 3 BR 2 Bath • \$92,500
- 105 Hillside • 3 BR 3 Bath • \$127,500
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Sealed bids will be received in the District Administration Office at the following location until; January 4, 2001 @ 2 P.M. at which time said bids will be opened, tabulated, and presented for approval at the next regular Board of Trustees meeting; Sonora I.S.D. Administration Office 807 South Concho Ave. Sonora, Texas 76950

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