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Sonora Celebrates Arrival Of Santa & Mrs. Claus



Little Miss Sutton County, Sydney Burnham and Little Mr. Sutton County, Dustin Holmes escorted Santa & Mrs. Claus down Main Street (above) to kick off the Holiday Season in Sonora. After their arrival, Santa and the Mrs. posed for pictures at the Friends of Historic Sonora/Main Street office and the Christmas Lighting Promenade celebration got underway. There was Christmas music in the air, holiday snacks provided by local restaurants and businesses to enjoy and gift ideas of all sorts to purchase.

After the sun set on a brisk evening, Miss Sutton County, Tori Valliant, led a posse of riders down Main Street, lighting up the street and courthouse lawn along the way. Tori was joined by her brother, Trapper Valliant, Amberlie Kinder, David Cook, Steely and Stella Ingham.

The Christmas season is now officially underway with only 19 shopping days left to find that perfect gift. Don't forget the Reason for the Season this year and help spread good cheer!



New York Rescue Worker To Visit Sonora

submitted

After the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center, Sonora came together to answer the question, "What can I do?". Students from Sonora I.S.D. and area businesses helped decorate and fill shoeboxes up with items requested by the relief workers who were working on the recovery efforts around the Trade Center. These items included: toothpaste, toothbrushes, bubble gum and anything else that would fit into a shoebox.

The drive was a huge success, one of the rescue workers will be traveling to Sonora to personally thank everyone for the hopes and prayers that accompanied each box.

Sonora I.S.D. and area businesses in Sonora would like to invite everyone to welcome Frank

Riboni from New York City on December 10, 2001. An assembly will be held from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the High School Gym to honor Mr. Riboni.

Following the assembly everyone is invited to a Texas style, Bar-B-Que lunch at the 4-H center, by donation, to help support the next shoebox drive. Please R.S.V.P. to Ann Kay (915)387-9417.

We would like to thank the area businesses and students that made this effort such an outstanding accomplishment: Multi-Chem Inc., Dowell Schlumberger, City Hall, The Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Historic Sonora Inc./Main Street Program, and the students and teachers of Sonora I.S.D.

See more on the "Shoe Boxes of Support" on page 9.

Rowdy Business of the Week



After a short hiatus to get legged up for the playoff games, Rowdy is back and has chosen Patti Strauch, D.V.M., at the Animal Care Clinic as the "Rowdy Business of the Week". Let's All Get Rowdy and show our spirit!

Sonora Broncos - Regional 2A Champions

Nothing But Heart

by Tryon Fields

In the game between the Sonora Broncos and the Spearman Lynx last Friday night for the Regional 2A Championship, the Broncos showed, to everyone in attendance and possibly to those listening in over the radio; that they have the characteristic that could possibly take them all the way to week sixteen. After having Spearman tie the score twice and then take a seven point advantage to the locker room; the Broncos went to the intermission and left the Bronco faithful pondering the questions: Could the Red Hosses overcome the size, strength, and power of the larger Spearman squad? Could the Broncos overcome the major momentum swing in the closing minute of the first half? And the unthought of thought - The only two other times that the Broncos had been down at half - both resulted in losses! What everyone watching or listening witnessed after the intermission can be described in one word - HEART!

Whether it came from the Seniors or the underclassmen - All 34 of them beat as 1! And for the next twenty-four minutes; the Big Red Machine took control of its destiny and thundered down the track to claim yet another "Gold Football" and a Regional Championship.

Coach Herring, respecting the ball control offense of the Lynx; elected to take the football after his team captains won the coin toss. This proved to be very prudent; as the Bronco Express took the first snap from center and using less than ten seconds of the game clock scored the initial touchdown of the game. Starting at their own twenty-seven; the Bronco Express, ran student body left. Excellent blocking by the front line, (Beau Hughes, Israel Arevalo, Zed Snodgrass, Byron Williams, Josh Everett), Stetson Hall, Chance Armke, Scottie Moore, and Sean Fields would let William Renfro break into the open at about the Spearman forty-five; Renfro igniting the after burners would sprint into the end-zone for the touchdown. Stetson

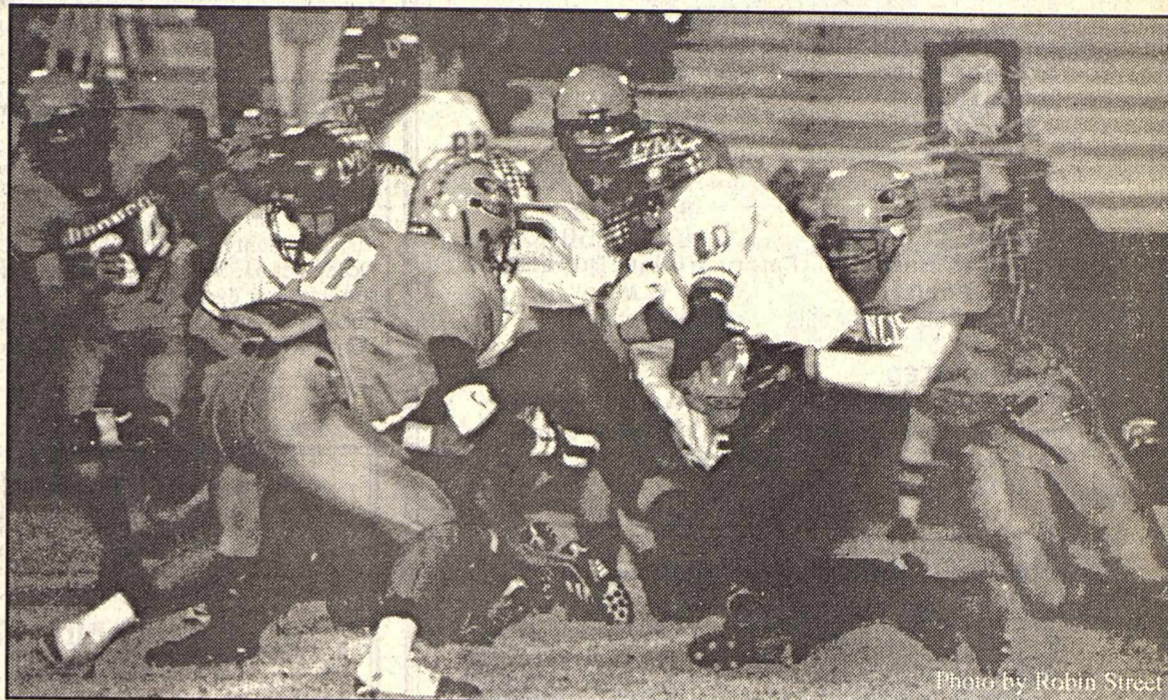


Photo by Robin Street

The Sonora Broncos bring down the Spearman Lynx for the Regional Championship title.

Hall staying true to form would add the PAT to put the Broncos up by seven with eleven minutes and forty-one seconds showing on the score board clock.

Spearman's first possession would begin at their own twenty-six. Wanting to make a statement early, an inspired Bronco defense came out with all guns blazing.

Excellent defensive secondary coverage along with defensive plays by Juan Rodriguez, Chance Armke, Thomas Bloodworth, and Beau Hughes would force the Lynx to punt the ball after only gaining seventeen yards on six plays. This defensive stand by the Broncos would dictate what would occur for the next six minutes of the first quarter. Both teams would exchange punts with the Red Hosses starting their third possession at their twenty-five with two minutes and twenty-four seconds left in the first quarter. The defensive pressure by Spearman would continue and force the Broncos into

a passing situation at their own thirty-nine. To begin the second quarter the Broncos faced a third and six. Screen left to Renfro was the call. The Spearman defense read the play perfectly with Marty Miesner intercepting the pass at the Bronco thirty-five and sprinting into the end-zone to bring the Lynx within one.

Lynx place-kicker, Eduard Vasquez, would knot the score with eleven minutes and fifty-one seconds left in the second quarter. Lynx 7 - Broncos 7. The ensuing possession by the Broncos would be vintage ball control. Using the running attack of Sean Fields and William Renfro, the Bronco Express began to grind out the yardage. A pass interference call along with a pass from Scottie Moore to Sean Fields would aide the running attack in controlling six minutes of the game clock. At the Spearman one; William Renfro running behind the blocking of Thomas Bloodworth and Juan Rodriguez would cumulate the thirteen play drive with his second touchdown of the game. Hall's second PAT would once again give the Red Hosses a seven point advantage. Spearman 7 - Sonora 14.

The high powered offense of the Spearman Lynx were in dire need of a drive of their own. This possession would begin at their own

eighteen. Going to their big running back, John Brock, the Lynx began to ramble down the field. Brock, gaining 55 of his game high 163 yards, was aided by a pass reception by Colton Miller in moving the pigskin to the Bronco thirteen.

With a minute and fifty-one seconds showing on the second quarter clock; Brock would add thirteen more yards to his total, as he would get to the outside and score easily. Vasquez would tie the game for the second time on the PAT. Spearman 14 - Sonora 14.

The Broncos needing to get Ol' Mo back on their side lines went to the air. Moore trying to get the ball to his split end, James Elliott, would suffer his second interception of the half.

Lynx quarterback/safety, Lance Beedy would intercept the pass and keep Ol' Mo on their side lines. With fifty-nine seconds left in the half, Spearman would have their best field position of the game at the Bronco forty-three. Slowly and methodically Spearman began to inch toward the Bronco goal line.

With the game clock on their side, the Bronco defense led by Israel Arevalo, Emmanuel Lopez, Stetson Hall, and Thomas Bloodworth made stop after stop to slow the Lynx advance.

See Broncos page 5

Snow Hits Sonora...



...and Sonora Hits the Snow



The children of Sonora may have been thrilled to see the white covered ground of Sutton County last Wednesday morning, but most drivers sure didn't feel the same way. The kids, and some adults, got to enjoy a break from school and work, snowball (or maybe slushball?) fights and some even had old fashioned sleds to play on.

The local law enforcement weren't so lucky, they were busy working wrecks and stranded motorists calls all over town. The City of Sonora crews were also kept busy sanding icy areas.

Some areas received several inches of snow and icy rain. That snow quickly turned to slush on Thursday as the sun came out and began to warm things up quite a bit. This was an unusual sight in Sonora for the end of November, and very short lived. Shall we dare dream of a White Christmas?

Children of Sonora:

Santa called and told the Devil's River News that he would love to hear from you! Email him at: santaclaus@sonoratx.net and your letter will be forwarded to him at the North Pole! Remember - You better not be naughty! Santa is watching you!

EMT Course To Be Offered In Sonora

An Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course will be offered in Sonora beginning January 10, 2002. Classes will be held at the Sutton County Emergency Medical Services Training Facility.

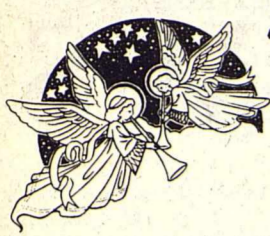
The EMT course provides emergency medical training in areas such as bleeding and shock therapy, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, airway obstructions, and emergency childbirth. After successful completion of this course participants will receive a Texas Department of Health EMT certification. The Student would then be trained to work for public or private ambulance firms and some hospital trauma centers.

If you are interested in this course, contact Patrick Campbell, EMS Coordinator, at the Sutton County Emergency Medical Service office at 211 East 3rd, or call 387-5132 for more information. Advanced registration is necessary. Call or come by the office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Alco Makes Donation To Ministerial Alliance



Michael Samuels (left) Manager of Alco, presents Lewis Allen (right) with a check for \$473.91. Alco recently sponsored a "Cute Baby" Contest, which ran for the entire month of October. The funds collected were donated to the Ministerial Alliance.



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T. Wayne Price
Pastor
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ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Ted W. Harris
404 E. Poplar
387-2955

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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201 N. Water
387-2466

TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
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387-5713

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Charles Huffman
417 E. 2nd St.
387-5366

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Pastor
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387-2278

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Cards of Thanks

The family of Bernie Nolen Gibbs would like to express their sincere gratitude for the prayers, phone calls, food, flowers, cards and memorials in memory of our Mother and Grandmother.
Thanks to all the caregivers at Hudspeth Nursing Home for their wonderful care before its closing. Special thanks to the Minister and members of the Church of Christ for their support.
Sincerely,
Ruth Gibbs and Grandchildren

I would like to thank the Guadalupe Association for their cooperation and all the hard work they put into making the Mexican Dinner so wonderful. You did an excellent job.
Thank you again,
Irene Friess

I would like to thank the Los Compadres Club for including us in their Fandango 2001. We had a wonderful time and enjoyed all the beautiful decorations.
Thank you,
Turney and Irene Friess

Paving the way to a Perfect Christmas Gift

The Sonora Woman's Club is once again selling engraved pavers for the walkways at the Sutton County Public Library. Everyone is invited to purchase an engraved paver that will be placed in the walkway at the Sutton County Public Library. The deadline to submit your order is December 31, 2001. This is a great idea for Christmas for that special person who has everything. The price is \$30 each and includes one or two lines of 16 characters or spaces. All profits will go to support the Library. Forms for ordering a paver are at the Library.

Lighthouse Baptist Church

Family Life Center 305 S. Crockett
Listen to our Radio program on KHOS 92.1 every Sunday Morning at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m
Worship 11:00 a.m.

You're Invited

Join Lighthouse as they present
"Trees, Jesus and Me"
a Christmas Musical performed by the
Flashlight Club.
Children ages 4 yrs. - 5th grade
at the Sutton County Civic Center.
Sunday, December 16, 2001
at 6:00 o'clock p.m.



A Reception to honor our
Flashlight Stars will follow.

Senior Center News

- Dec. 10 - Bingo!
- Dec. 12 - Life Line Screening. Pre-registration is required! 1-800-407-4557.
- Dec. 14 - CVCOG* Auto Theft Prevention... with Jessica Harper. Noon.

Senior Menu

- Dec. 10 - Meatballs with spaghetti and sauce, seasoned spinach, tossed salad, French bread, banana pudding.
- Dec. 11 - Chicken supreme, herbed new potatoes, green salad, rolls, cherry cobbler.
- Dec. 12 - Roast pork with gravy, French green beans, sweet potatoes, roll, stewed prunes.
- Dec. 13 - Steakfingers with gravy, mixed vegetables, mashed potatoes, roll, orange.
- Dec. 14 - BBQ chicken breast, pinto beans, mustard greens, tomato slices, cornbread, peaches.

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

Menu is subject to change.



An unexpected, but pleasant, visitor appeared in the Yorba's yard Wednesday morning. It wasn't Frosty, but it was definitely a distant cousin!

Happy Birthday Little Mr. Sutton County Dustin Holmes



From Mom, Dad and Shea

School Lunch Menu • Dec. 10 - Dec. 14

Breakfast

- Mon. - Sausage and biscuits, fruit, juice.
- Tues. - Cinnamon toast, oatmeal, assorted juice.
- Wed. - Pancake on a stick, syrup, assorted juice.
- Thurs. - Breakfast burrito, fruit, assorted juice.
- Fri. - Pigs in a blanket, assorted juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

- Mon. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, orange wedges, hot roll.
- Tues. - Pizza, corn, tossed salad, jello dessert.
- Wed. - Frito pie, cheese, pinto beans, celery, carrot sticks, fruit.
- Thurs. - Baked chicken, broccoli and cheese, mashed potatoes, pudding, roll.
- Fri. - Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fries, fruit.

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387-3540
- Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833
- Stagecoach Grill & Cantina
407 South Crockett
387-0623
- Taco Grill
232 Hwy. 277 N.
387-9127
- Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181
- Town & Country - Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169

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Dec. 10
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Email us at editor@sonorax.net

Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary
 #1 That was a great football game Friday night, congratulations Broncos and keep up the good work!

Q. When was a system devised to deliver mail in our country and town?

A. The history books say that the first post office in America was opened in Boston in 1639. The General Court of Massachusetts gave exclusive right to receive letters to and from overseas to Richard Fairbanks. Fairbanks was allowed a penny for the transmission of each letter to and from overseas. A monthly service was established between New York City and Boston in 1673 and the route ran inland by way of Springfield, Massachusetts. This route and later alternate routes came to be called the Boston Post Road. William Penn created a mail service from Philadelphia to Maryland in 1683.

An Englishman, Thomas Neale, was granted royal authority to establish an exclusive, private postal service in America in 1692. Mail was carried weekly from New Hampshire to Virginia. The British took over this service in 1707 and refused to renew Neale's authority. Benjamin Franklin was the postmaster of Philadelphia from 1737 to 1753 and was appointed one of two deputy postmasters general for the North American colonies in 1753. He served in this post until 1774 and did much to improve postal service and increase the circulation of newspapers in the American colonies.

One of the first acts of the Second Continental Congress was to establish a new mail system for the revolting colonies. Franklin was appointed the first postmaster general and served in 1775 and 1776. He was succeeded by his son-in-law, Richard Bache. Congress set the official postal routes as post roads and only the government could carry mail over these routes. Private carriers were free to use other roads of the colony to conduct their business.

Congress was authorized by

the U. S. Constitution to establish a federal post office system and in 1789 appointed Samuel Osgood the first postmaster general. In 1794 the Post Office Dept. was organized on a permanent basis as a branch of the Treasury Dept. In 1829 the postmaster general became a member of the President's cabinet and his department was separated from the Treasury Dept.

Pre-paid adhesive postage stamps were introduced in 1847, a switch from the former collect-on-delivery system, and became standard in 1855. Residential postal boxes began to appear in 1858. Private letter carriers in the larger cities were eliminated when all the streets of New York, Boston and Philadelphia were declared to be post roads in 1860. The Post Office Dept. was officially designated an executive department of the government in 1872. Special delivery was established in 1885 and rural delivery in 1896. The Postal Savings System was introduced in 1911 and discontinued in 1966. In 1911 the first airmail flight was made from Garden City, Long Island to Mineola, a distance of six miles. Parcel Post was started in 1913. New York City and Washington DC had regular airmail flights between them in 1918 and transcontinental airmail service began in 1920 and postage meters were first licensed in the same year. Transpacific airmail service was started in 1935 and transatlantic airmail service in 1939. Helicopter service was introduced in Los Angeles in 1947.

In 1970, after a massive postal worker strike, Congress approved the reorganization of the system and the department which had existed for 181 years became the U.S. Postal Service and was made an independent agency. The American Postal Workers Union was formed in 1971 from five separate postal unions.

In the earliest days of Sutton County, settlers had to go to San Angelo, Del Rio or Kerrville to get their mail. There was no town and therefore no post office in the county. According to the Historian, Corporate Information Services of



Late 1890s, Buglar (left) on top of stage, has announced the arrival of the Sonora Mail Stage at the Post Office.

the United States Postal Service, on September 19, 1889 Robert W. Callahan was made the first Postmaster of Sonora and on February 15, 1890 he was replaced by Pharis Hurst. William Cusenbery became postmaster on July 2, 1891 and he was replaced by Elijah S. Briant on May 19, 1893. Mike Murphy became postmaster on June 10, 1897 and was replaced by Pharis Hurst on October 24, 1906.

The U.S.P.S. year runs from September to September and in their last calendar year they made approximately \$370,000 in Sonora sales. There are five postal employees and one postmaster in Sonora. These dedicated men and women travel about 276 miles a week delivering mail. This figure does not include the out of town trips to pick up and send out our mail or the rural delivery routes.

I'm not sure of the exact wording but there was a motto for the post office that said "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." You can tell a bunch of Yankees wrote that one. They forgot to include our temperatures of 106, a few blinding wind storms that have blanketed Sonora with a fine layer of sand, flooded draws, local dogs, snakes and spiders, at times some very rude customers and ter-

rorist threats, all of which have not stopped our local postal service. These men and women deliver checks to many of us, letters, cards, advertisements and bills. In this rural area they deliver many products we couldn't find locally. They provide an invaluable service to all their customers. So next time your mail is a little late, due to the truck coming in late, large amounts of holiday mail, or unexpected happenings, instead of complaining, give the delivery person a big smile and say thank you! They all deserve a break once in a while and our gratitude for the great job they do six days a week, all year long.

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@sonorax.net. You may call me at 915-387-2855. Christmas decorations are up at the historical complex and we will be starting routine repair work soon. Saturday, December 8 will be a volunteer work day at the complex. We are currently changing exhibits in the Miers Home Museum and Old Jail and doing some repairs on the amphitheater. If you would like to rent the Cauthorn Memorial "Depot" Building give me a call at the above number.

Donate To the Living Bank

More than 78-thousand people are on the national waiting list for an organ transplant. Another name is added to the list every 14 minutes. You can make a difference by giving the gift of life. One person donating his or her organs and tissue can save the lives of seven people and enhance the quality of life for thirty more.

The Devil's River News and the Living Bank urge you to share your life and share your decision with your family. Please call 1-877-58-DONOR or visit the Living Bank website at www.livingbank.org.

Sonora Main Street Program Recognized As National Main Street

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) and the National Trust for Historic Preservation recently recognized Sonora, Texas as one of the 46 National Main Street Cities in Texas. Other 2002 National Main Street Cities include: Amarillo, Beaumont, Bowie, Breckenridge, Brenham, Canton, Cartage, Corsicana, Decatur, Denison, Denton, Electra, Elgin, Fairfield, Farmerville, Floresville, Freeport, Garland, Gatesville, Gilmer, Gladewater, Goliad, Gonzales, Graham, Greenville, Henderson, Irving, Kerrville, Levelland, Lufkin, Marlin, Mineola, Monahans, Nacogdoches, New Braunfels, Odessa, Pittsburg, Plainview, Quanah, Rusk, San Marcos, Seguin, Tyler, Weatherford, and

Whitewright. The cities were honored at the recent Texas Downtown Association/Texas Main Street Conference in Nacogdoches. The National Trust for Historic Preservation will honor these cities at the 2002 National Town Meeting on Main Street to be held April 7-10 in Fort Worth. Cities chosen as National Main Street Cities must show above average performance in 10 categories. The selection criteria focus on planning, staff and volunteers, training and program assessment. For additional information, visit the National Trust web site at www.nationaltrust.org or call the Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street Program at 915-387-2248.

Singing For Santa...



Fourth graders entertained the crowd on Main Street with Christmas carols at the Christmas Light Promenade on Monday.

RRC: Colder Temperatures Mean Propane Appliance Safety Reminders For Texans

(Austin)- Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews, and Commissioner Tony Garza today reminded Texans of winter propane safety procedures now that colder temperatures have arrived.

"Most of the state received the season's first blast of winter weather recently," said Chairman Williams. "And while the drastic drop in the temperature came as a surprise to some, it means now is the perfect time to make sure every member of your family is up to speed on propane safety."

"An estimated one-half million Texas homes use efficient propane as their primary energy source," Commissioner Matthews said. "Knowing what to do if you smell propane and think you may have a leak will insure reliability and safety for you and your family this winter."

"Knowing in advance what to do if you smell a propane leak is critical to ensuring your safety," Garza added. "Texans should familiarize themselves with basic safety guidelines and have their propane equipment regularly inspected by a trained service technician."

If you think you smell propane in your home, camper, RV or the area around any gas equipment, or if a gas alarm signals the presence of propane, the Texas Railroad Commission suggests that you immediately:

- * Extinguish all smoking materials and any other open flames or sources of ignition.
- * Vacate the building, vehicle or area. Move everyone away without using any electric switches, appliances, thermostats, or telephones.
- * Close the supply valve on the

propane tank or cylinder. Turn the valve to the right as far as it will go.

* Call your propane supplier and/or your local fire department from a cellular telephone or a neighbor's telephone.

* Even if you do not continue to smell propane, do not open or turn on the propane supply valve. Do not re-enter the building, camper or RV or area. Let a qualified propane service technician and/or emergency personnel check for escaped propane.

* Have a properly trained propane service technician repair any leaks detected. The service or emergency technician should determine that the leak situation has been fully resolved. The propane service technician should check all of your gas appliances and re-light any appliance pilots.

* Return to the building, camper, RV or area only when the service or emergency technician indicates it is safe to do so.

To help consumers properly use propane-fueled appliances, the Railroad Commission of Texas offers a free safety brochure entitled "Home Safe Home." Copies are available in both English and Spanish and can be obtained by contacting the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division toll-free at 1-800-64-CLEAR [1-800-642-5327].

Created in 1991 by the Texas Legislature, the Texas Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division (AFRED) is charged with researching and educating Texans about propane and other environmentally beneficial fuels.

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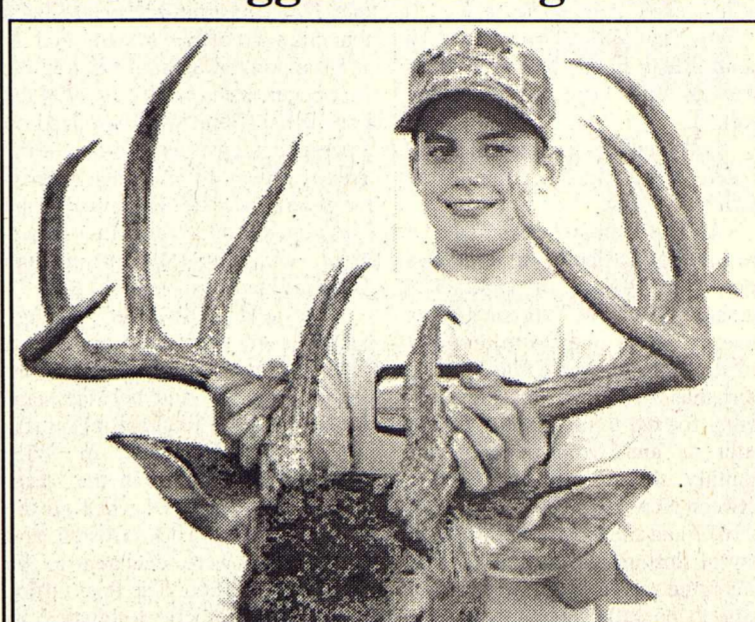
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Mighty Bronco Band Competes in ATSSB Region Tryouts

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F.Y.I.

The Sonora Band Boosters will hold a business meeting on Thursday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Band Hall. All parents of band students are encouraged to attend.

Attn. Scouts: Popcorn will arrive in Sonora on Thursday, Dec. 6th. You may pick up your orders at the Boy Scout hut between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. If you can't make it during this time please contact your den leaders.

If you missed the Broncos victory over Spearman or any other varsity or junior varsity football game, you can purchase the game tape from the S.H.S. Radio and T.V. Department. We also have all home 7th and 8th grade game tapes except Brady. Each game tape is only \$6. There are also highlight tapes for the '98, '99, '00 football season for only \$15 each. You can also order 2001 Varsity Football Highlight tapes that are to be completed following the 2001 season for only \$15. There are also all 15 games from the 2000 State Championship season for only \$6 each. Call Kristen Keel at 387-6533 ext. 315.

The deadline to purchase a Senior Ad for the 2002 Yearbook is December 18th. Pictures and text are also due at this time. Call the Yearbook Department at 387-6533 ext. 315 for more details.

Sonora High School Counseling Department will be hosting a Financial Aid Meeting on Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Lecture Room. This meeting is for Seniors and their parents and any other interested members of the community.

Retired Highway Employees will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, December 10 at Zentner's Daughter's Restaurant, 1901 Knickerbocker Road in San Angelo. The purpose of the luncheon is for retirees of the Texas Highway Department, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, and Texas Department of Transportation to get together to visit and renew friendships. Spouses are invited to the luncheon.

Registration is now open for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Camp is by invitation only. There is both an individual All Star Camp and Team All Star Camp. For the Individual All Star Camp, Boys and Girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Grant Hill and more. For the Team All Star Camp both School and A.A.U. teams can apply. Boys ages 14-19 are eligible. Team All Star Camps are not located in Texas. Players from 48 states and 7 Foreign Countries attended the 2001 Camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. For a free Brochure, call (704)568-6801.

Hospital Auxiliary Rummage Sale: Friday, December 7, 2001, the auxiliary will hold a rummage sale at the hospital annex starting at 8:00 a.m. Anyone with items to donate to this effort are asked to deliver them to the hospital by Wednesday, December 5th. The auxiliary contributes money from its fundraisers to local scholarships and to the purchase of furniture/equipment needed by the hospital. Your support is appreciated. Please call Valree Draper at 387-2071 or Janalyn Jones at 387-3101 for more information or to arrange pick up of your items if you are unable to deliver them.

Hunters and landowners who would like to contribute deer to be distributed through the Ministerial Alliance Deer Distribution program may take their deer to Sonora Deer Processing at 804 Glasscock. If you would like to request a deer, you may request one by calling the office of the Justice of the Peace, Adelita Alvarez, at 387-3322 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or the office of the Texas Department of Health at 387-2234.

New Life Ministries is offering Bible-based classes each Tuesday afternoon and evening. See ad in Classified Section for more information.

The Cauthorn Memorial (Depot) Building is available for rent for weddings and parties. To reserve a date and make your security deposit please contact Jo-Ann Palmer at 915-387-2855. Tours are available of the Old Jail, Miers Home Museum and Cauthorn Memorial Building.

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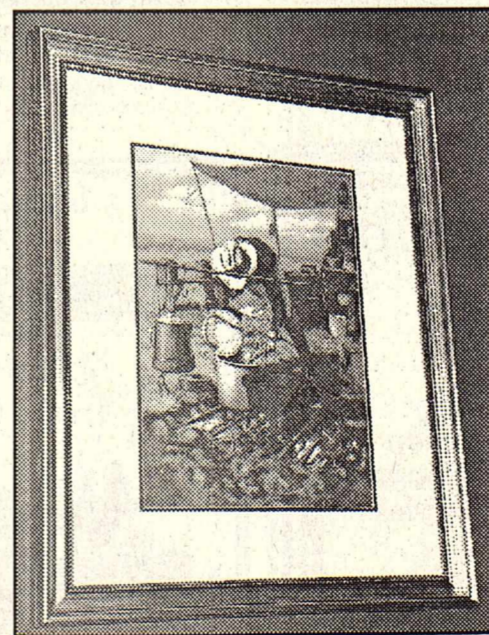


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Lady Colts Play Hard Against Mason

The 7th Grade Lady Colts put up the shots against Mason on December 3, 2001 and came out on top, 23 to 22.

Meghan Krieg led the scoring for the Lady Colts with 10 points. Candace Chandler had 6, Kayla Fields had 3 and Amanda Berry and Allyse Edmondson each had 2.

The girls had a 33% free throw average, sinking 3 out of 9 attempts. The 8th Grade Lady Colts also

met up with Mason on the court, but after a hard fought battle came up a little short. The final score was 31 to 20 in favor of Mason.

The leading scorer for the Lady Colts was Desirae Boldt with 6 points. Christine Sanchez and Kayla McBride were close behind with 4 points each. Jillian Gulley, Kristin Hernandez and Kaleena Samaniego finished out the scoring with 2 points each.

Broncos from page 1



#32 Sean Fields blocks for #40 Bill Renfro, headed for another Bronco touchdown. Photo by Robin Street

With nineteen seconds showing, Spearman went to the pass. However, this time the pass was thrown by the halfback, John Brock to the Lynx tight-end Tanner Beedy. Beedy would find himself all alone at the Bronco ten and after catching the pass would stroll into the end-zone to put his team up for the first time. Vasquez's PAT would give the Lynx a seven point advantage with only nineteen seconds left in the half. Spearman 21 - Sonora 14. Sonora would run out the clock and go to the locker room to regroup.

Spearman having the option to start the second half, elected to receive.

Sonora's defense would be forced to make a statement. With everyone in the stadium wondering if the Broncos would be able to change Ol' Mo's alliance - the young men dressed in all red took the field. Tremendous hits by the Bronco defense would send the message. Hall, Bloodworth, Arevalo, and Hughes would lead the Red Hosses in forcing the Lynx to punt after three downs.

The defense did its job; now it was up to the Bronco offense.

More specifically, the Bronco line; who would have to do their job, to give Renfro and Fields the creases and Moore the time to throw. Vintage ball control once again. The Bronco offensive line did its job; as the Bronco running backs chewed up the yardage and the one pass from Moore to Emmanuel Lopez helped the Bronco Express in driving the ball down the field. Using four and a half minutes of the third quarter, the Broncos would drive the length of the field with William Renfro scoring his third touchdown on a one yard walk in the park. Stetson Hall's PAT would tie the game for the third time. Spearman 21 - Sonora 21.

With a quarter and a half to play, this game is far from being over with and the Red Hoss defense needed to reinforce the statement made at the beginning of the third quarter. Spearman going back to the one that brought them - the running attack of John Brock.

Brock to the right, Brock to the left, Brock up the middle and the Lynx began to gobble up the yardage. "Bend but not Break" - Bronco defense. As Spearman moved into Bronco territory, the Bronco defense began to stiffen. Defensive plays by Hall, Hughes, Bloodworth, James Elliott, and Dustin Martin forced Spearman into a fourth and four situation at the Bronco thirty-three.

As the Lynx quarterback, Kevin Beedy, rolled to his left looking for room to run; Bronco defemsenmen Chance Armke and Emmanuel Lopez would tackle Beedy for a two yard loss. With a minute showing on the third quarter game clock; the Bronco Express began boarding at their own thirty-five yard line. To close out the quarter, William Renfro would run the ball twice for a gain of three yards.

To start the fourth quarter, the Broncos would be faced with a third and seven at their own thirty-eight. If it worked once, then lets try it

again; William Renfro and student body left. Once again; excellent up front blocking and timely down field blocking gave Renfro the alley he needed. The blocking, plus Renfro's sixth gear and the Bronco Express has broken the tie. Stetson Hall and his extra point unit made sure the Broncos got their twenty-eighth point, to once again go up by seven. Spearman 21 - Sonora 28.

With eleven minutes and thirty-nine seconds left in the fourth quarter, Spearman would once again go on the attack. John Brock; the Lynx's weapon of choice and averaging five yards a carry, began to advance the football down the field. Brock was aided by pass plays to Colton Miller and runs by Eduard Vasquez, as Spearman crossed the mid-field stripe and moved deep into Bronco territory. "Bend but not Break", this philosophy put a ring on the Broncos finger last year, and along with that characteristic mentioned at the very beginning of this article, may very well do the same in the near future.

Josh Everett, Stetson Hall, Thomas Bloodworth, Israel Arevalo, Beau Hughes, Emmanuel Lopez, James Elliott, Juan Rodriguez, Sean Fields, Dustin Martin, Jared Parks and Chance Armke did what had to be done to stop the final onslaught by the Spearman Lynx. At the Bronco fifteen, Spearman would be faced with a fourth and seven. Dropping back to pass, Kevin Beedy, would be flushed from the pocket and Bronco linebacker, Stetson Hall, would sack Beedy for a twelve yard loss and more importantly, the ball would go over on downs. With a little over five minutes left in the game, all the Bronco offense had to do was control the line of scrimmage. Power running by Renfro, a clutch pass from Moore to James Elliott moved the ball to the mid-field stripe.

With just under two minutes left in the game, the Broncos were faced with a third and ten at their own forty-eight. Moore called a play labeled Scatter. Lining up in a tight formation to begin with, the Bronco receivers then - Scattered! Moore lofting up a touch pass to Dustin Martin; who made a spectacular catch at the Spearman twenty-nine for nineteen yards and the first down. Now all the Broncos had to do; was kneel the ball three times and collect their Regional Championship Trophy. Spearman 21 - Sonora 28.

Three down and three more to go. The next whistle stop for the Bronco Express will be in Sweetwater this Friday at 7:30 p.m. Their opponent will be the Quana Indians representing District 7-2A; the Indians will bring an 10 and 3 record into this Quarterfinal matchup. Lets fill the Mustang Bowl on Friday and show our support for the Broncos; as they continue their quest. If you can not attend; be sure and tune your radio to 92.1 F.M. and catch Virgil Burge and Mike Percifull as they bring you the play by play starting at 7:00 p.m..

GOOD LUCK BRONCOS!!!! BEAT QUANAH!!!!

Sonora Bronco Football Preview Quana Indians

by Nancy Glasscock

This week's quarterfinal playoff game will have the Broncos (11-2) facing the District 7-2A Quana Indians. The 10-3 Indians were their district's runners up and have defeated Stamford 10-7, Sunray 31-14, and Coahoma 21-14 to advance this far in the playoffs. In the Stamford bi-district game, Quana won the game by a field goal with .08 seconds left in the fourth quarter. In the Coahoma game last week, the Indians scored 21 points in the first quarter. They then had to hold on to win the game. Quana's three losses were to Hamlin 28-6, Holliday 18-7, and 3-A Childress 21-20. During the regular season, QB Jeff Ward rushed for 813 yards (8.0 average) and was 28-54-4 passing for 719 yards and 5 TDs. RB Jonathan Hill rushed for 886 yards (6.9 average) and 14 TDs while FB Lucas Martinez rushed for 534 yards. The Indians top receiver is Brison Bursley with 11 catches for 211 yards.

Quana runs the Wing T offense. They have good team speed to the outside. As mentioned above, their four main offensive threats are Ward, Hill, Martinez, and Bursley. Last year, Ward ran the 200m in 23.4 seconds. When his receivers are not open, he will likely tuck the ball away and head for the outside. Hill (6-0, 165) is both a rushing and receiving threat. He also returns punts and kickoffs. His brother Jason is the current 2A record holder for the high jump. In the three playoff games, Hill has rushed for 520 yards. Martinez is the blocking fullback and is used much like Tom Jacoby was the past three years and Sean Fields is this season. Quana also runs the Double Tight End formation.

Quana has been stingy on the defensive side of the ball also. The Indian defense allowed only 11.4 points per game during the regular season. They also have three interior defensive linemen who weigh a total of 730 pounds. DT Jerod Claudrick (63 tackles and 5 sacks), LB Joe Gonzales (98 tackles) and LB Josh Christopher logged 87 tackles, 3 fumble recoveries and 3 INTs. QB Ward also plays on the defensive team.

This week's game will be in the Mustang Bowl, Sweetwater Texas on Friday at 7:30. To drive to the Mustang Bowl from Hwy 70(Bronte Hwy.) continue into Sweetwater and under I-20. Hwy 70 becomes Lamar St. Do not turn. Stay on Lamar and it will go under the RR tracks and curve to the right. Do not turn. You will go across Broadway (1st National Bank on your left). Lamar is now Elm St. Proceed north on Elm approximately seven blocks and turn right on East 12th St. Sweetwater High School is about 5 blocks on the left. The Mustang Bowl is Red and White. Although we are the visitor, it will feel like home.

Lady Broncos Bounce Back and Forth At Ballinger Tournament

The Lady Broncos were on the road last weekend, traveling to Ballinger to compete in the annual tournament. Sonora had split results, winning two and losing two of their four games.

The first loss came to the host team of Ballinger, who defeated the Lady Broncos 52-35. It was a tough game, with Ballinger refusing to give up the points.

Heather Lawson led the scoring for the Lady Broncos. She sunk two from outside the line to complete 6 of her 9 points. Morgan Hobbs and Kara Hard were close behind with 8 points each. Kasey Miller sunk one of her free throws to add to her 7 points. Monica Lira rounded out the points with 3.

The next game, against Eldorado, proved to be a much better match for the Lady Broncos. Tamika Marshall and Kara Hard led the Ladies to a 56-53 victory, with 14 points each. Marshall scored 6 of those points with her two 3 pointers. She also sunk six free throws. Hard had eight successful free throws. Morgan Hobbs followed closely with 11 points. Heather Lawson made three baskets, including one 3 pointer, for a total of 7 points. Ashley Parker also had a 3 pointer and Brea Hughes completed 3 points with one basket and a free throw. Kasey Miller and Monica Lira each added their touch with 2 points each. The victory was hard fought and well deserved.

Sonora then took on Menard for a total domination of 76 to 37 in

favor of the Lady Broncos.

Morgan Hobbs had a fantastic game, with 20 points. Heather Lawson stayed hot, bringing home 11 points. Tamika Marshall had 10 points, as did Kara Hard before fouling out. Monica Lira followed with 9. Ashley Parker had 5, Desiree Gonzales had 4, Paola Garcia had 3 and Brea Hughes and Kasey Miller each had 2.

Out of 38 attempted free throws, the Ladies completed 24, giving them about a 63% free throw average.

Sonora took their second loss to the Jim Ned Indians. Although the Ladies put up a strong fight, the Indians came out on top, for a final score of 52-45.

Morgan Hobbs led the Lady Broncos in scoring, firing away 12 points. Six free throws and a basket brought Kara Hard right behind Hobbs with 8 points. Tamika Marshall and Heather Lawson each had 6 points and Kasey Miller had 5. Desiree Gonzales, Ashley Parker, Brea Hughes and Amy Gann each kept the fight going with 2 points each.

All the girls gave it their all, but just couldn't bring it over the edge. They had a great 80% free throw average, making 17 of 21.

The girls continue to play strong and need your support. They will take on Ozona next, it's only a 30 minute drive, go show them you are behind them all the way! Go Lady Broncos!

J.V. Lady Broncos Take Third at Wall Tournament

submitted by Coach Clyde Dukes

This past weekend the J.V. Lady Broncos finished third at the Wall J.V. Tournament. They began on Thursday with a 41-14 victory over the Wall's J.V.B team.

Scoring for Sonora were Debra Martinez with 10 points, Alyssa Ibarra and Shannon Vick with 6 points, Cady Taylor, Susanna Street and Missy Longoria with 4 points. Mayra Martinez, Tara Green and Dainah Hernandez with 2 points and Leandra Perez with 1 point.

On Saturday morning they lost in the championship semifinal to San Angelo Central's J.V. by the score of 41-17.

Scoring in the losing cause were Ibarra with 5 points, Vick with 4 points and Taylor, Hannah Allison, Chelsea Seaton and Amanda Word with 2 points.

In the third place game, the Lady Broncos defeated the San Angelo Lakeview J.V. team by the score of 21-20.

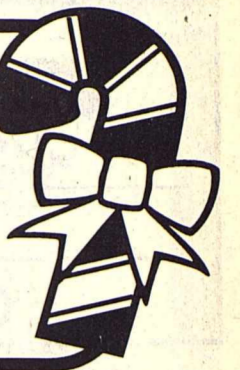
Scoring were Ibarra with 6 points, Vick with 4 points, Martinez, Ruby Galindo, Seaton and Perez with 2 points and Hernandez with 1 point.

This brings the J.V. record to 6-3. They will be playing in the Iraan J.V. Tournament this weekend.

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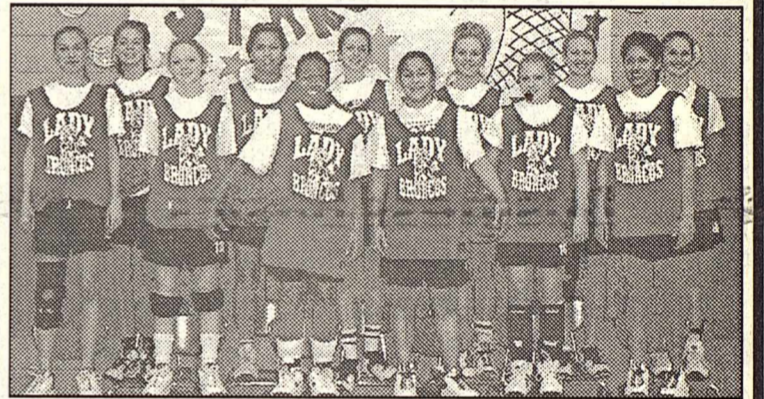
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Beau Hughes #64 leads a Bronco attack against the Spearman Lynx. Photo by Robin Street

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Leadership Program Seeking Applicants

by: *Edith A. Chenault*
COLLEGE STATION - The Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership program is currently seeking applications for its eighth class. Applications are due March 15.

The leadership program was established by Texas Cooperative Extension to create a cadre of leaders in Texas agriculture, said Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, TALL coordinator.

TALL is a competitive program. Participants must be 25 to 45 years of age, nominated by their peers, and go through an application and interview process. The two-year program includes seminars with experts and on-site tours in the United States and other countries. Participants meet with business and governmental leaders.

Previous TALL classes have included farmers, ranchers, communicators, chemists, business professionals and many other women and men from across the state.

"TALL reaches out and helps identify people with potential and raises them to a new level of awareness and involvement in the policy process at the state and national level," said Martin Hubert of Austin, Texas' deputy commissioner of agriculture and a member of TALL Class V.

"Agriculture and rural Texas are the backbone, the foundation of what our state is built on, and if you want to continue to succeed and prosper, you need informed leaders and people who can participate in governmental and policy-making processes," Hubert said.


Only 25 applicants will be chosen. Tuition is \$1,500. Seminars, tours and homework are required. Participants will attend eight sessions in Texas, Mexico, Washington, D.C., New York, Canada and Africa.

Applicants must be actively involved in farming, ranching or agribusiness. Men and woman are equally encouraged to participate.

More information about the program is available at <http://tall.tamu.edu>, or by contacting TALL, 7607 Eastmark Dr., Suite 101A, College Station, Texas 77840-4027, telephone (979) 845-1554.

Applicants will be notified in late March if they are selected for interviews, which will be held in April and May. Members of the TALL VIII class will be announced June 9, and the first session will be held in July in College Station.

Task Force on Homeland Security Makes Second Round of Recommendations



AUSTIN -- Rep. Bob Turner (D - V o s s) announced today that the Governor's Task Force on Homeland Security met in Dallas to examine the security of the Dallas Water Utilities and the TXU Elm Fork Water Plant. Turner, who was appointed to the task force in early October, had the opportunity to meet with local utility workers.

Turner said, "I have been approached by many constituents that are worried about the security of our water plants and electric facilities. The knowledge we gained on our tours placed my mind at ease and should also ease the worries of all Texans."

During the meeting, the task force voted on seven recommendations that will be sent to Governor Perry. All recommendations passed unanimously and are listed below:

1. Recommend that the Governor consider establishing a coordinating council composed of both public and private sector representation to develop a plan for early detection and streamlining responses to bio-terrorism that avoids duplication of efforts and establishes well-defined duties, responsibilities, and jurisdictional authority.
2. Recommend that the Governor consider directing the Texas Department of Health to develop a statewide plan to administer a mass vaccination and chemoprophylaxis should they be required. The statewide plan shall include public and private health resources.
3. Recommend that the Governor consider directing the Texas Department of Health to work in conjunction with the Texas Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management and the Center for Disease Control to review and update plans for quarantine, hospitalization, and evacuation procedures in the event of a terrorist attack with due regard to civil liberties.
4. Recommend that the Governor consider requesting all health licensing organizations and agencies to require licensees to attend at least one hour of continuing education requirements each year on reporting of medical events and responding to the consequences of an incident of terrorism.
5. Recommend that the Governor consider requesting all health licensing organizations and agencies to require licensees to provide business fax numbers and email addresses, if available, when completing license and registration forms.
6. Recommend that the Governor consider directing the Division of Emergency Management and the Texas Engineering Extension Service to deploy and implement a plan for establishing 10 Regional HazMat WMD Teams (Hazardous Materials Weapons of Mass Destruction Teams). The estimated cost for the first year of the program is \$8.2 million. This recommendation should receive a high priority for federal funding.
7. Recommend that the Governor request from the Division of Emergency Management a list of local jurisdictions that did not complete the jurisdictional assessments of threat and vulnerability, which are being compiled by the Texas Engineering Extension Service as part of the U.S. Department of Justice State Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program.

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State and Federal Scrapie Requirements: Identifying Sheep and Goats

Information from the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services in Texas.

Ear Tags for Sheep and Goats?
YES. Beginning November 2001, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) requires that certain classes of sheep and goats have PREMISE identification ear tags applied BEFORE they are moved from their farm to be sold in interstate commerce OR comingled with sheep and goats from any other farms. Compliance action in Texas will not be taken until April 1, 2002.

Identification requirements extend to:
* ALL sheep 18 months of age or older.
* ALL breeding sheep regardless of age.
* Sexually intact show or exhibition sheep and goats.
* ALL goats 18 months of age or older that are or have been comingled with sheep.
* ALL breeding goats that are or have been comingled with sheep.

NOTE: Identification for goats: Tattoos may be used to identify registered or meat and dairy show goats, as long as the animals are accompanied by their registration papers. A PREMISE identification number should be obtained and the ear tags should be applied to animals being culled or animals no longer accompanied by registration papers.

Commercial goats and wethers that have not had contact with sheep are exempt from identification requirements.

Tagging and Records
Identified sheep and goats may carry several ear tags, depending on how many premises or flocks from which they have been moved or sold. Tags are to accurately reflect the premises on which the animals have been comingled with other sheep or goats.

Federal regulations require that records on purchases and sales be maintained for five years for disease investigation purposes. To comply with record keeping requirements when selling sheep and goats at the livestock market, have your premise identification number recorded on the market check-in document.

For private treaty transactions, be sure the seller has met tagging requirements and record the seller's premise identification number on your receipt or bill of sale.

Texas Regulations
The Texas regulations for intrastate movement, will be drafted and presented to the Texas Animal Health Commission in February 2002. TAHC regulations will mirror the USDA premise identification requirements.

How Much Will Tags Cost?
Aside from the time it takes to attach the eartag prior to loading sheep and goats for shipment, there is no cost, if you use the white metal or white plastic tags provided through the state-federal program. In meetings with industry representatives, a preference for a PREMISE identification system was expressed. Therefore, owners will be assigned a unique, permanent PREMISE identification number. Supplies of ear tags will carry this number, and a sequential number on the reverse side, which owners may use in maintaining individual animal records.

A free pair of tag pliers will be provided with the first shipment of tags.

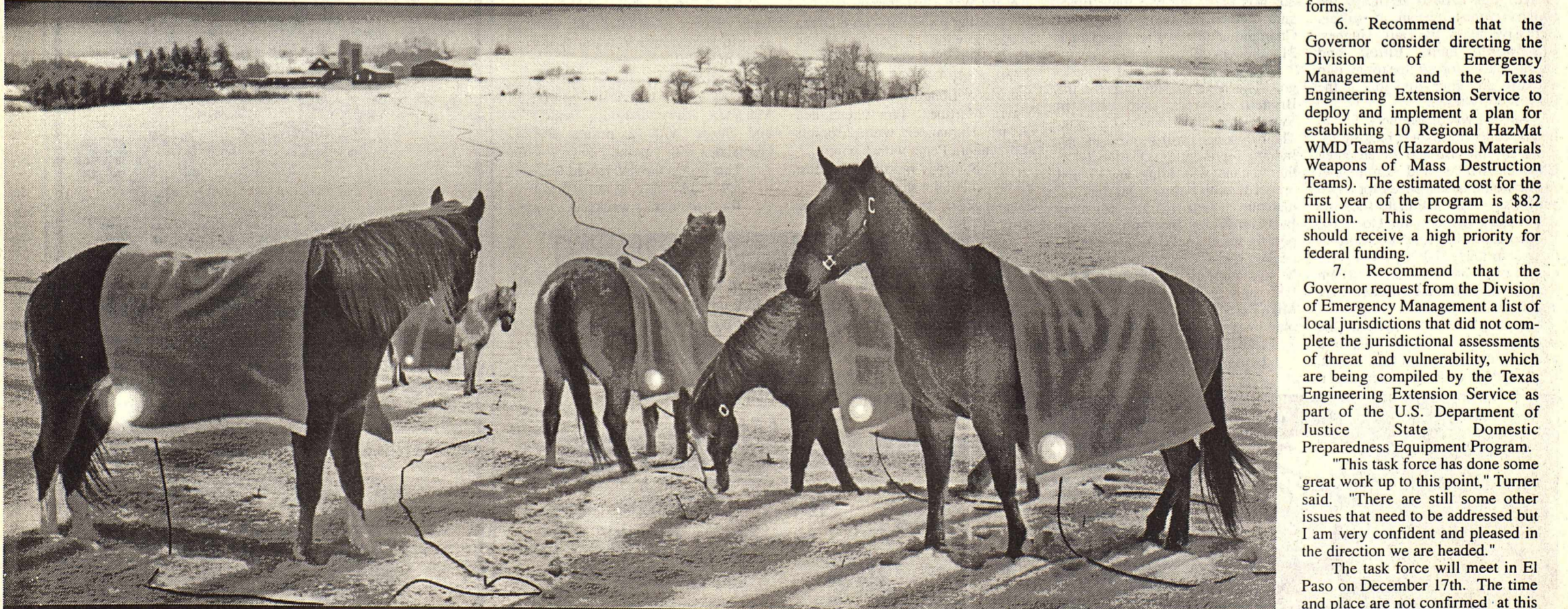
To get your PREMISE identification number and order free tags, call the toll-free designated toll-free "tag line" at 1-866-873-2824.

Tags are shipped by UPS, so be prepared to provide a physical shipping address.

Approved vendors offer other styles of official PREMISE identification tags that may be purchased after you get your premise number. A list of approved vendors can be obtained by calling the toll-free "tag line," or checking the web site: www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/scrapie.htm

Why Identify?
In 1947, scrapie, a fatal degenerative brain disease affecting sheep and goats, was accidentally introduced into the U.S.

Although older animals can be exposed and become infected, lambs and kids are most susceptible to the disease. Usually, lambs and kids are exposed to scrapie through fluids and tissues associated with birthing. Scrapie develops slowly, and infected animals usually don't show signs of the disease -- including weight loss, tremors, loss of coordination, swaying, or wool pulling -- until they are 18 months of age or older. Infected dams may shed the infectious agent -- or prior



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"This task force has done some great work up to this point," Turner said. "There are still some other issues that need to be addressed but I am very confident and pleased in the direction we are headed."

The task force will meet in El Paso on December 17th. The time and place are not confirmed at this time. You may follow the progress of the task force by calling Representative Bob Turner's office at (512) 463-0644 or go online at www.governor.state.tx.us/homelandsecurity.

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Life Line Screening Now Scheduling Health Screenings For Sutton County Senior Center

Submitted
Sonora, TX - On Wednesday, December 12, 2001, Sutton County Senior Center will offer area residents the opportunity to spend a few minutes doing something that could quite possibly save their lives. Life Line Screening will offer three primary health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and vascular disease. These tests include Carotid Artery Screening Test, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) test, and an Ankle Brachial Index (ABI). On that day, Life Line Screening will also offer a bone

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screenings must register at least 24 hours in advance. Please call 1-800-407-4557 to schedule an appointment for the tests. The tests are offered at forty dollars for each vascular test and thirty-five dollars for the osteoporosis test, which compare to between \$300 and \$500 for similar diagnostic test offered by hospitals and imaging centers. Life Line Screening is the nation's leading provider of health screenings. By offering the public non-invasive, painless, ultrasound screenings, Life Line helps patients identify their risk for stroke and the presence of vascular disease or osteoporosis early

enough for their physician to begin preventative methods. Sutton County Senior Center is located at 106 Wilson Street in Sonora, Texas. Also available at the screening site is free information on the identification and control of risk factors, how to recognize the warning signs and symptoms of stroke and other vascular diseases as well as helpful information regarding osteoporosis. For additional information on Life Line Screening or any of their stroke and osteoporosis detection tests, please contact Life Line Screening at (800) 407-4557.

Lending A Helping Hand To Those In Need



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX)

The holiday season is upon us, and what a wonderful time it is to spend with family and loved ones reliving old memories and making new ones. While we cherish these special moments, we should not forget about those among us who are not as fortunate. All around our communities are hard working folks who, because of unfortunate circumstances, cannot stretch their paychecks for enough food for themselves or their families. Setting aside a portion of your afternoon or weekend to assist those less fortunate than us could make a huge difference -- especially in this holiday season.

something back to our communities. And it's not like you don't have anything else to do. You lead busy lives. You work, take care of families, go to church, coach little league, and yet still make the time to volunteer. Many people think heroes are the people who beat the odds and achieve the impossible. But the people who do succeed against the odds aren't the only heroes. America is full of them. Heroes are the people who not only recognize that the world is full of need, they do something about it. They get up in the morning and decide they are going to do something to make their community a better place. There is nothing more satisfying than helping an impoverished child learn to read or delivering a good, hot meal to an elderly grandmother. Not only do you bring smiles to the faces of those you volunteer to help, but you get a warm feeling in your heart that lasts a long time.

This country was built on individualism, which includes an individual's responsibility to his or her neighbors. Part of this responsibility is to lend a hand to a neighbor in their time of need. By giving a little of yourself, you not only empower your neighbor, but you also make your community stronger and more united. There is perhaps no better example of people uniting and working for the common good of the community than in small towns in South and West Texas. In these small Texas towns people are naturally charitable. Texans haven't forgotten to make it a priority to give

The opportunities to help are boundless. If you're not involved, get involved. Make the decision to just do it. Whether it's stopping along the highway and picking up trash, or organizing a fundraiser to donate money to charity. You can make a difference. And to those who are already doing it, a hearty thank you. Giving to those in need around us, helping our neighbors, and assisting those with special needs - that is the true meaning of the holiday season.

We Are All Soldiers In The War On Terrorism

by Jeff Wentworth, State Senator, District 25

Sixty years ago the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor altered the course of world history and changed American lives forever. Like those who still remember exactly where they were on December 7, 1941, Americans always will remember precisely where we were and what we were doing when the terrorists attacked on September 11, 2001. After Pearl Harbor, Americans mobilized, sacrificed, fought and won World War II. That dedication of purpose resurfaced after September 11. Our nation stands resolutely behind President George W. Bush in the war on terrorism, which we are winning decisively. Unlike World Wars I and II, the war on terrorism will not end with an armistice or the signing of a peace treaty. When our objectives are obtained in Afghanistan, Americans must remain on alert. The battle to conquer terrorism is fought on two fronts. The men and women of the U.S. armed forces engage the enemy overseas, while on the home front your state government is taking an active role in protecting Texans' lives. Pictures of the September 11 attacks were still being aired on television when Governor Rick Perry appointed a Task Force on Homeland Security to help identify threats before they are carried out,

and to respond effectively if an attack occurs. The task force also is examining security measures along Texas' borders. Suggestions for the task force may be e-mailed by logging onto the Internet at www.governor.state.tx.us/homelandsecurity. A few days after the attacks, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs sent letters to farmers and ranchers asking them to maintain a high state of alert to protect our food supply. The commissioner also formed a Texas Border Food Security Coalition of producer groups and agriculture-related associations. Information about protecting the state's food supply is available at www.agr.state.tx.us. Believing that knowledge is the best tool to fight terrorism, the Texas Department of Health provides information about potential biological weapons of terrorism. The Texas Department of Health released bioterrorism information to the public and to health care providers in a news release on September 28. This information, which is continually updated, may be accessed on the Internet at www.tdh.state.tx.us. To help Texans prepare for terrorism, the Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) maintains a web site that includes guidelines for a family disaster plan and disaster supply kit. This site may be accessed at www.txdps.state.tx.us and click on domestic preparedness for terrorism. DPS also is alerting and educating private plane owners and hazardous material carriers about security issues. Information about any unusual activity should be reported to DPS by calling toll-free (800) 525-5555. Abolitionist Wendell Phillips observed that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." By being alert and reporting any suspicious activity to the authorities, we will continue to enjoy the freedom Americans cherish.

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-- during lambing without showing clinical signs of disease. The true prevalence of scrapie in the U.S. is not known. In the past, surveillance, animal identification methods and eradication programs haven't been successful. The PREMISE identification system will enable epidemiologists to traced diseased animals to their flocks or herds. This is a key element in this disease eradication effort.

An Issue Affecting Trade
Animal industries in today's global marketplace must conduct adequate disease surveillance and provide accurate information on disease prevalence and eradication to maintain trade opportunities for live animals and animal products, such as breeding stock, semen and embryos.

The American Sheep Institute (ASI), in 1998, identified scrapie as an important trade issue, estimating the industry loses more than \$20 million each year in lost export sales, extra disposal costs for dead sheep and offal, and lost productivity. In the settlement of an ASI-filed trade action suit, federal funds were committed to support a national scrapie eradication program.

Eradicating the disease will heighten the industry's credibility and reputation for supplying wholesome and healthy animals and products. By 2010, U.S. animal health officials and sheep industry leaders say scrapie can be eliminated.

By 2017, the U.S. goal is to be declared officially scrapie-free by international standards.

Historically, black-faced or black-faced crossbred sheep have been stricken with scrapie most often. For international trade purposes, the livestock industry must prove that other sheep breeds, and goats, are not affected.

The benefits of eradicating the disease? Australia and New Zealand, have scrapie-free designations, and these nations freely sell breeding stock worldwide with minimal restrictions.

After Ear Tags, What?
Slaughter surveillance for scrapie in sheep will begin soon, as

a disease detection tool. For the first time, this will allow the industry to know the incidence of this disease.

The incidence of scrapie in goats has been extremely low, so slaughter sampling for this species will not be conducted at this time. However, goats are susceptible to scrapie, and when they are commingled with sheep, registered, breeding, or exhibition goats must be identified as discussed earlier in this article.

Scrapie in My Flock?
Based on the exposure risk, owner's needs, and applicable regulations, a state or federal regulatory veterinarian will develop a clean-up and monitoring plan for diseased and exposed flocks. This may include a combination of partial depopulation and movement restrictions to prevent potential disease spread.

The use of pilot projects will provide more options to producers for the elimination of scrapie, while retaining valuable genetics.

An federal indemnity payment, based on fair market value will be available. A premium will be paid for registered animals, based on their age.

In the past, the only way to detect scrapie was to examine brain tissue. A live animal test, called the "third eyelid test" is expected to be approved by late 2002 and will be used to test suspect or exposed animals. Genetic testing is also being evaluated to determine disease-resistance of animals.

Moving Sheep & Goats
As always, it is a good idea to check with the state of destination before moving livestock across state lines.

Scrapie Certification
An voluntary scrapie certification program has been instituted, and if you'd like to know more, call Texas' USDA-APHIS -VS office in Austin at 1-512-916-5552. A brochure is also available by mail, or on the "web" at www.tahc.state.tx.us

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Protect Your Family: Keep Food Safe During the Holidays

submitted by Kelly Thorp, Sutton County Texas Cooperative Extension Agent

Keeping food safe is one way that parents and care givers can protect their loved ones from the consequences of foodborne illness. Foodborne illness comes from eating food contaminated with harmful bacteria.

The symptoms of foodborne illness are often flu-like and can occur within a few hours to several days after eating contaminated food. Food poisoning, as it is often called, can make babies, young children, and older adults very sick. The immune systems of these groups of people are less effective in protecting against and fighting off infections.

Safe food handling begins at the grocery and follows through storage, preparation, service and storing leftovers. Following four key safe food handling behaviors can go a long way to protect your family from foodborne illness.

CLEAN - Keep everything clean. Wash hands with hot soapy water before and after handling food and after using the bathroom, changing diapers and handling pets. Teach children to wash their hands for 20 seconds.

Bacteria that cause foodborne illness can be present throughout the kitchen. Wash cutting boards, dishes, utensils and counter tops with hot soapy water after preparing each food. To sanitize food preparation surfaces, use a simple sanitizing solution of 1 teaspoon of chlorine bleach in 1 quart of water.

Clean fresh raw produce under running water, but don't use soap or other detergents. For hard skinned produce, a small vegetable brush can help remove surface dirt.

SEPARATE: DON'T CROSS-CONTAMINATE - Cross contamination is the word used to describe how bacteria can spread from one food product to another. Cross-contamination can easily occur when handling raw meat, poultry and seafood. Place raw meats in a plastic bag at the grocery to keep the juices from dripping on other foods. At home, store these items on a tray or pan on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator to keep juices from dripping on other foods.

COOK - Always cook foods to adequate internal temperatures to kill any bacteria that may be present. A food thermometer is the most accurate way to make sure food has reached safe internal temperatures. If a thermometer is not available, visual signs can help determine doneness. Red meat should be brown inside, juices of cooked chicken should be clear and not pink, fish should be flaky, the whites and yolks of eggs should be firm, and reheated leftover foods should be boiling or steaming hot.

CHILL - Keep cold foods cold. Never leave perishable foods in danger zone temperatures of 40 to 140 degrees F for more than two hours. Refrigerate leftover foods quickly in shallow covered containers to promote quick cooling. Keep refrigerator temperatures at 40 degrees F or below and freezer temperatures at 0 degrees F or below.

Keeping your family healthy is a gift that will last a lifetime. For more information on safe food handling, contact your local county Extension office at 387-3101.

New York Rescue Workers Show Appreciation to Sunset Mall's "Shoe Boxes of Support" Drive

San Angelo, TX - Four New York City rescue workers plan to visit West Texas Dec. 6-11 to express their appreciation to area residents for a "Shoe Boxes of Support" drive and to participate in an "Enduring Freedom" tree dedication at Sunset Mall.

Critical Response Medical Squad (CRMS) Capt. Rosendo "Rosey" Velez and driver Chris Rodriguez, with the Emergency Response Unit (ERU), along with paramedic Frank Riboni, 49V Unit, and Haz-Mat Specialist Adrew Vasquez, 49H Units, all of Queens, N.Y., are using personal leave to visit West Texas, said Pamela Howell, Sunset Mall's marketing director. The American Airlines Foundation has donated round-trip airfare for the rescue workers from New York to San Angelo.

"We are honored and humbled that these four men would take their own personal time to come down to see us and would want to personally thank everybody who participated in our shoe box drive," Howell said.

Sunset Mall initiated the "Shoe Boxes of Support" campaign after the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks. Shoppers were encouraged to take an empty shoe box from mall merchants, decorate it and fill it with relief items for rescue workers.

Items included in the shoe boxes were American and Texas flags, work gloves, toiletries, nasal spray, eye drops, dust masks, socks, pre-paid telephone calling cards, candy, gum, hand cleansers, along with personal notes of encouragement, journals, letters of support, personal photos and drawings from children.

Almost 3,000 decorated and filled "Shoe Boxes of Support" were received from shoppers throughout West Texas. Many schools, churches, businesses and organizations conducted their own drives to collect the needed items.

"We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our shoppers," Howell said. "This really goes to show that the hearts of folks in this area are as big as the state of Texas."

Shoe boxes also came from many rural communities such as

Sonora (pop. less than 3,000) in Sutton County. Every student in Kindergarten through the 8th grades created a "Shoe Box of Support". School teachers and parents then loaded the more than 500 boxes in the backs of three pickup trucks and drove the 120-mile round-trip to San Angelo. Sonora ISD is just one of the many schools, businesses and organization the New Yorkers plan to visit during their stay.

"Feed the Children," a non-profit Christian relief organization based in Oklahoma City, transported the shoe boxes free of charge via a 48-foot semi-trailer/trailer rig to the organization's warehouse in New Jersey. From there, the shoe boxes were delivered to a staging area near the World Trade Center site. Rescue and relief workers began receiving the shoe boxes the week of Nov. 10.

"We coordinated this project out of our hearts and never really expected to hear from anyone on the receiving end of these shoe boxes, but on Nov. 13 we received a call from Capt. "Rosey" Velez," Howell explained.

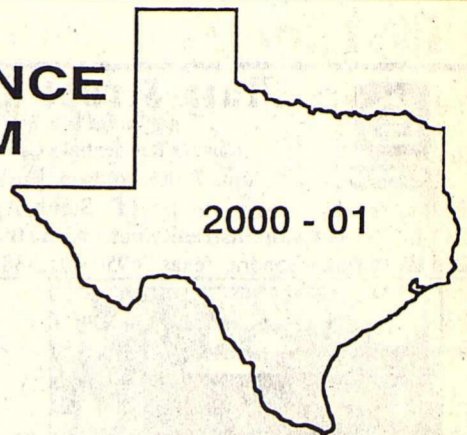
"There wasn't a dry eye in the mall office as Capt. Velez explained how much the shoe boxes have been graciously received," said Dennis Backstrom, Sunset Mall's general manager. "We are thrilled to know that our efforts and the efforts of our shoppers have made such an emotional impact."

The four New Yorkers also plan to participate in the dedication of an "Enduring Freedom" tree at Sunset Mall. The tree-planting ceremony is set for 11:55 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 7 at the mall's north entrance.

"We chose that particular time because it is the exact time - Central Standard Time - that Pearl Harbor was attacked 60 years ago; however, we want to honor all of America's heroes, both military and civilian, at this time," Backstrom explained.

The mall's landscape contractor, Executive Lawn & Landscape of San Angelo, is donating a Texas live oak tree as the "Enduring Freedom" tree. In the spring, the mall plans to add outdoor park-style seating and additional landscaping.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE INDICATOR SYSTEM



District Report

DISTRICT NAME: SONORA ISD
DISTRICT NUMBER: 218901
ACCOUNTABILITY RATING: RECOGNIZED
Additional Acknowledgment: ATTENDANCE

Special Education Compliance Status:
DESK AUDIT COMPLIANT

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Texas Education Agency

Indicator:	State	Region 15	District	African American	Hispanic	White	Native American	Asian/Pac. Is.	Male	Female	Econ. Disadv.	Special Educ.
TAAS % Passing Grade 3 (English)												
Reading	2001	88.8%	85.9%	85.2%	81.8%	91.7%	-	-	87.1%	83.8%	82.4%	*
	2000	87.9%	88.5%	82.3%	77.1%	88.9%	-	-	92.0%	75.7%	81.3%	75.0%
Math	2001	83.1%	82.1%	83.1%	81.7%	95.8%	-	-	85.2%	100.0%	94.6%	60.0%
	2000	80.6%	82.4%	89.2%	80.0%	84.0%	-	-	72.4%	88.7%	83.9%	36.4%
All Tests	2001	78.2%	77.1%	83.2%	79.2%	91.7%	-	-	82.4%	84.2%	81.1%	60.0%
	2000	77.1%	78.7%	81.8%	53.7%	74.1%	-	-	65.5%	59.0%	57.9%	38.5%
TAAS % Passing Grade 4 (English)												
Reading	2001	90.8%	92.5%	91.2%	88.2%	95.7%	-	-	95.5%	88.6%	90.9%	70.0%
	2000	89.9%	89.8%	96.1%	84.4%	100.0%	-	-	90.5%	100.0%	92.6%	90.0%
Writing	2001	88.2%	91.9%	84.6%	84.1%	85.5%	-	-	100.0%	90.9%	81.2%	90.0%
	2000	90.3%	91.8%	88.9%	84.8%	100.0%	-	-	78.3%	98.8%	82.8%	80.0%
Math	2001	91.3%	93.8%	98.3%	87.4%	100.0%	-	-	100.0%	97.2%	97.2%	100.0%
	2000	87.1%	88.4%	94.2%	84.8%	93.3%	-	-	95.5%	93.3%	93.1%	*
All Tests	2001	81.6%	84.7%	88.9%	84.2%	91.3%	-	-	95.8%	81.1%	83.2%	71.4%
	2000	80.3%	81.0%	82.1%	77.5%	93.8%	-	-	72.0%	90.3%	73.3%	0.0%
TAAS % Passing Grade 5 (English)												
Reading	2001	80.2%	88.8%	88.5%	82.4%	94.4%	-	-	78.9%	98.2%	73.7%	*
	2000	87.8%	88.9%	82.8%	80.5%	87.0%	-	-	80.0%	88.2%	75.0%	37.5%
Math	2001	94.8%	94.9%	93.2%	87.5%	84.2%	-	-	90.9%	98.2%	95.8%	72.7%
	2000	92.1%	94.4%	98.4%	100.0%	95.7%	-	-	100.0%	98.6%	100.0%	85.7%
All Tests	2001	88.2%	87.3%	83.1%	82.5%	84.2%	-	-	75.8%	92.3%	75.0%	83.6%
	2000	85.0%	87.1%	82.8%	80.5%	87.0%	-	-	80.0%	86.2%	75.0%	37.5%
TAAS % Passing Grade 6 (English)												
Reading	2001	85.6%	88.6%	88.7%	89.5%	87.0%	-	*	87.5%	90.0%	85.7%	33.3%
	2000	88.0%	89.7%	84.4%	78.7%	94.1%	-	-	89.2%	80.0%	72.7%	54.5%
Math	2001	91.4%	94.3%	95.4%	87.5%	91.7%	-	*	89.9%	98.9%	95.5%	68.7%
	2000	88.5%	94.1%	92.0%	88.4%	97.1%	-	-	89.2%	95.0%	98.9%	66.7%
All Tests	2001	82.7%	88.4%	88.4%	87.8%	83.3%	-	*	85.3%	87.5%	82.6%	40.0%
	2000	81.5%	87.3%	80.8%	72.7%	91.2%	-	-	81.8%	80.0%	72.7%	41.7%
Indicator:												
TAAS % Passing Grade 7	State	Region 15	District	African American	Hispanic	White	Native American	Asian/Pac. Is.	Male	Female	Econ. Disadv.	Special Educ.
Reading	2001	89.4%	90.5%	96.3%	93.8%	100.0%	-	-	87.4%	95.1%	93.5%	90.0%
	2000	83.5%	85.0%	91.3%	89.3%	94.4%	-	-	94.7%	88.9%	86.4%	*
Math	2001	89.8%	92.8%	97.8%	85.8%	100.0%	-	-	84.9%	100.0%	93.8%	81.8%
	2000	88.1%	91.9%	97.8%	88.4%	100.0%	-	-	100.0%	98.0%	100.0%	*
All Tests	2001	84.3%	87.3%	95.1%	81.7%	100.0%	-	-	84.9%	95.2%	90.6%	81.8%
	2000	79.3%	82.4%	89.4%	88.2%	94.4%	-	-	85.0%	85.2%	87.0%	*
TAAS % Passing Grade 8												
Reading	2001	91.8%	90.8%	93.3%	98.4%	88.2%	-	-	100.0%	90.0%	94.1%	*
	2000	89.6%	88.4%	95.5%	91.5%	100.0%	-	-	90.9%	87.7%	90.3%	66.7%
Writing	2001	85.8%	85.8%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-	-	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	*
	2000	84.3%	85.2%	90.5%	88.2%	92.9%	-	-	90.9%	90.2%	93.3%	*
Math	2001	92.4%	92.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-	-	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	2000	90.2%	90.8%	97.0%	100.0%	92.6%	-	-	100.0%	95.3%	100.0%	87.5%
Science	2001	91.8%	91.8%	93.9%	93.8%	94.1%	-	-	100.0%	90.0%	90.0%	80.0%
	2000	88.2%	87.5%	93.9%	84.6%	92.9%	-	-	100.0%	90.9%	87.0%	50.0%
Social S.	2001	77.0%	75.8%	75.5%	68.4%	88.2%	-	-	89.5%	68.7%	70.0%	40.0%
	2000	71.8%	72.6%	71.2%	59.5%	85.7%	-	-	88.2%	72.7%	80.6%	33.3%
All Tests	2001	89.2%	88.1%	74.0%	88.7%	88.2%	-	-	90.0%	83.3%	88.7%	50.0%
	2000	84.6%	85.2%	67.6%	58.4%	82.1%	-	-	88.7%	88.2%	80.0%	37.5%
TAAS % Passing Grade 10 **												
Reading	2001	90.0%	88.5%	88.7%	82.1%	96.0%	-	-	87.1%	90.9%	54.5%	0.0%
	2000	90.3%	89.8%	98.4%	90.9%	100.0%	-	-	100.0%	93.1%	85.7%	*
Writing	2001	89.1%	88.5%	92.5%	85.7%	100.0%	-	-	90.3%	95.5%	72.7%	66.7%
	2000	90.7%	91.4%	90.9%	81.8%	97.0%	-	-	82.6%	88.3%	64.3%	*
Math	2001	89.2%	88.8%	80.0%	89.0%	92.3%	-	-	81.3%	78.3%	54.5%	0.0%
	2000	88.8%	88.3%	98.4%	91.3%	100.0%	-	-	100.0%	93.1%	85.7%	*
All Tests	2001	80.2%	78.8%	78.2%	85.5%	92.3%	-	-	81.3%	73.9%	45.5%	0.0%
	2000	80.4%	80.3%	89.3%	78.3%	97.0%	-	-	92.6%	86.2%	57.1%	*
** Credit for End-of-Course examinations is not included in the passing rate.												
Indicator:												
Progress of Prior Year TAAS Failers	State	Region 15	District	African American	Hispanic	White	Native American	Asian/Pac. Is.	Male	Female	Econ. Disadv.	Special Educ.
Sum of 4-8 & 10	2001	10.89	9.22	9.56	8.88	12.00	-	-	10.17	9.09	4.90	4.72
	2000	9.32	8.84	13.15	13.03	13.63	-	-	13.74	12.60	11.42	10.09
Average TLI Growth	2001	10.87	10.74	11.09	11.99	8.56	-	-	8.00	13.14	12.18	6.12
	2000	8.82	8.88	13.84	14.11	13.14	-	-	13.91	13.79	14.10	11.78
Percent of Failers Passing TAAS												
Reading	2001	82.2%	80.3%	81.0%	82.5%	85.8%	-	-	85.8%	85.2%	82.4%	44.4%
	2000	49.0%	50.3%	84.1%	58.1%	87.5%	-	-	88.4%	80.0%	50.0%	63.6%
Math	2001	87.4%	80.0%	71.4%	73.1%	86.7%	-	-	71.4%	71.4%	70.6%	58.8%
	2000	49.8%	53.0%	78.0%	83.9%	57.1%	-	-	72.7%	78.6%	90.0%	55.6%
RPE % Change Sum of 3-12												
Scored 'Beginning' in 2000												
% Beg. 2001	44.8%	51.8%	33.3%	33.3%	-	-	-	-	*	*	33.3%	*
% Int. 2001	38.1%	35.8%	33.3%	33.3%	-	-	-	-	*	*	33.3%	*
% Adv. 2001	19.1%	12.7%	33.3%	33.3%	-	-	-	-	*	*	33.3%	*
Scored 'Intermediate' in 2000												
% Beg. 2001	5.4%	6.3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*
% Int. 2001	32.3%	37.2%	30.0%	30.0%	-	-	-	-	40.0%	20.0%	33.3%	*
% Adv. 2001	62.3%	56.5%	70.0%	70.0%	-	-	-	-	60.0%	80.0%	66.7%	*
TAAS % Passing (Sum of 3-8 & 10) Accountability Subset ***												
Reading	2001	88.8%	89.4%	90.2%	87.7%	93.9%	-	*	89.8%	90.5%	84.9%	57.5%
	2000	87.4%	88.5%	89.3%	85.1%	94.9%	-	-	90.3%	88.6%	83.1%	62.8%
Writing	2001	87.9%	88.5%	95.5%	83.5%	98.4%	-	-	95.8%	95.3%	90.6%	84.2%
	2000	88.2%	89.3%	90.1%	85.3%	96.1%	-	-	87.5%	92.0%		

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 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of were issued on 11/26/2001, in Cause No., pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, to: Ray F. Smith
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 The city council will hold a public hearing concerning the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation expending Section 4B sales tax funds related to:
1. Project to expend \$15,000.00 to assist the City of Sonora with the purchase of a 2002 Fire Truck with foaming equipment.
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Employment Opportunity: Best Western Sonora Inn now hiring: Housekeeping Dept. need responsible person with reliable transportation, flexible hours and willing to work.
Maintenance Relief: Mature person, part-time, some weekends required. Retired persons welcome. Apply in person at Best Western Sonora Inn.

Help Wanted: Gilring Health Care, Inc. Home care Attendants needed in Sonora and surrounding areas to help with housekeeping and personal care. For more information call 800-665-4471 or 915-643-5604.

Help Wanted: A FIELD MECHANIC, Gas Compressor, Busy, Major Company, No Fee. Call Snelling Personnel. 1-800-296-7106.

Carrier Wanted: The San Angelo Standard Times is seeking mature individuals to deliver newspapers in the Sonora area. Make approximately \$700 per month. Must like working early morning hours. Must be bondable. Call Monday - Friday. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 915-653-1221 ext. 292.

Help Wanted: LVN and Home Health Aides needed for full and part-time work in the Sonora, Eldorado and Ozona area. Please call 1-800-531-7259 to request an application. Excellent wages and benefits for full time employees. Interlink Home Health Services is an EOE. M - F Employer.

Help Wanted: Stagecoach Grill and Cantina is hiring a dishwasher. Call 387-0623 or come by 407 S. Crockett.

Sonora ISD is accepting applications for the position of Middle School English or Reading/History Teacher. K-8 or 1-6 certification required. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and may be obtained by contacting the Superintendent's Office at 807 S. Concho. EOE.

Misc.

LOSE WEIGHT NOW - KEEP IT OFF. All natural. Doctor recommended. Call Claire: 1-800-203-9857. www.LoseWeightForever.biz

Brewer Refrigeration specializing in ice machines. Service, Sales and rentals serving Sutton and surrounding counties. Call 835-2141 (home) or 450-2793 (mobile). License # TACLB012114C

Piano Lessons
 We have a few openings left. For more information please call Tibba Edmondson at 387-3988.

Public Hearing
 Sonora ISD will conduct a public hearing for discussion of the annual Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) Report for 2000-2001. The hearing will be held during the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, December 11, 2001 at 6:30 P.M. in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 807 S. Concho.

Agriculture

Wanted: Lambs to feed. PCR Feed Yard. Custom lamb feeding. Robert Lee, Texas. Waldon Millican. (915) 453-2387 or mobile (915) 473-0222.

For Sale: Brangus Bulls. Bill Forehand Breeding. Call 915-392-9199 or 915-650-9802.

For Rent

For Rent: 200' x 200' lot located at 127 Loop 467 E. (Holiday Host). Water, sewer, electric, cable connections. Excellent business location. Call 387-2531 or go by Holiday Host.

Lost and Found

Lost: Size 10 "Overhammer" roller-skates with bright green laces. Snyder Imperial plates, Bones Speed Bearings, Red 76 mm Kryptonics Wheels (actual skate board wheels). A \$50.00 reward will be given for the return of the skates. An additional \$50.00 reward will be given for any information that leads to the recovery of the skates. Call 1-215-345-9050.

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