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A transformer blows on Mulberry Street, setting a nearby yard on fire. Photo by Storie Sharp

## Transformer blast causes blaze; quick action saves family home

by Storie Sharp

Quick action from local law enforcement saved Reverend Lewis Allen's home on Tuesday, and possibly prevented what could have been a massive grass fire.

A 911 call early Tuesday afternoon alerted local emergency crews that a residence yard was on fire on Mulberry Street. Sonora Police Officer Bryn Humphrey and Narcotics Agent Duane Castro were closest to the scene and responded to the call.

A local resident visiting the library at the time of the call was attempting to stomp out the flames, when Humphrey grabbed a garden hose laying in the yard, and Castro retreated to the rear of the house to get another hose. Within minutes of arriving the flames were almost extinguished when the culprit of the blaze let itself be known.

A transformer on the electrical pole near the Church of Christ suddenly exploded again. Flames blew from the transformer with two loud blasts, raining embers and sparks onto the Allen's yard. Humphrey and Castro again began to douse the flames with the hoses, containing the fire until the Sutton County Fire Department arrived on the scene.

Sonora's popular wildlife sanctuary, Eaton Hill is located directly behind the house, offering much fuel for a fire that could have easily raged out of control if not for the officers. The Church of the Good Shepherd is also located next to the house and was saved from any damage. The heavy smoke smell throughout the house and a singed yard were all the damages reported by the homeowner. The fire that raged through Big Lake over the weekend is reported to have started by similar circumstances, with a bird causing a transformer to blow.

Sonora and Sutton County residents are again reminded that an outdoor burn ban is in affect in our community. Pay heed to the dangers and report any smoke immediately.



Local law enforcement fight a fire on Mulberry Street.

Photo by Storie Sharp

## Texas Continues to Fight Wildfires From the Ground and Air

### Perry Travels to Fire-Ravaged County, Meets with Local Officials to Assess Damage

RINGOLD - Gov. Rick Perry today traveled to Nacona and Ringgold, two towns in fire-ravaged Montague County where 3,200 residents were evacuated to safety yesterday. Perry met with local officials and took a helicopter tour to assess damages.

"Texas is continuing to make every effort to protect lives and property," Perry said. "And we have received much-appreciated aid from other states, including Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Wisconsin, and support from the U.S. Forest Service."

In the past 24 hours, the state responded to 58 wildfires which destroyed 72 homes and burned almost 50,000 acres of land. Ringgold was particularly hard-hit, with its approximately 100 residents losing 32 homes. To battle these blazes, Texas aircraft flew 122 missions dropping more than 147,350 gallons of fire retardant.

"I want to thank the thousands of fire fighters throughout the state who - at great peril - have saved the lives and homes of their fellow Texans. Their efforts have been remarkable," Perry said. "Since the fires began, more than 500 homes and entire towns have been saved by

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Congressman Conaway visits with Brady Johnson and John Tedford.

## Congressman Conaway stops to visit in Sonora

U.S. Representative Mike Conaway (R-TX) was in town on Tuesday, January 3rd to visit one-on-one with constituents about current and future issues being debated in Congress. The Bank & Trust hosted the event, offering snacks and a place for visitors to relax and visit with the Congressman.

The House of Representatives successfully passed several key pieces of legislation during the 109th Congress, including the Deficit Reduction Act, the Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act, Dr-CAFTA and the USA Patriot Act.

"It's good to be back in Sonora where I can visit with all of you good folks that I represent and hear what you have to say and have concerns about," said Conaway. "I want to remind everyone that I am here for you, and want to take your concerns back to Washington and see what I can do to help."

He answered questions from citizens regarding his thoughts on the new federal prescription drug assistance plan, known as Medicare D and voiced thoughts on the war in Iraq.

Congressman Conaway, joined by his wife, Suzanne and his District Director, Ricky Wright, on their trip through the District will continue on to Junction and head north tomorrow. Congressman Conaway serves on the House Committees on Agriculture, Armed Services, and Budget and represents half of Sutton County.

## Annual audit suggests increases needed for City

minutes submitted

The City Council of Sonora, Texas met in Regular Session at City Hall on the 20th day of December 2005 with the following officials present: Gloria G. Lopez, Mayor; Virgil Polocek, Smith Neal, Fred Perez, Thomas Adkins; Jim Polonis, City Manager; Beth Wallace, City Attorney; Patti Prather, City Secretary. Others attending all or part of the meeting were John Creek, Max Howorth, Phil Sagebiel, Ann Kay, Greta Ramsdell, Thomas DeHoyos, Diane Terrell, Genaro Perez and Chief Edward M. House.

Mayor Lopez opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. The invocation was given by council member Neal followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance."

The minutes for the November 15, 2005 regular meeting and the November 22, 2005 Special Meeting were approved as written. As was the monthly report from the Sutton County Appraisal District.

The Council reviewed Planning and Zoning Case No. 385 - Block 18A, Lot 9, South Heights Addition, 905 Tayloe Ave.

Genaro Perez, representing Ms. Dorothy Jimenez, explained to the Council that the requested carport would be open on the sides and placed 6' from the property line. A motion was made by Council Member Neal to approve the variance for the carport. Council Member Perez seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Diane Terrell of Davis, Kinard & Co., presented the council with the audit report for fiscal year 2004-2005. Ms. Terrell commended Phil Sagebiel for his preparation for the audit. The City was issued a clean audit opinion and made no management comments. The audit was approved as presented.

Phil Sagebiel presented the Council with the financial trends of the City for fiscal year 2004-2005. Even with a substantial increase in sales tax and a 21% increase in appraisals, the City had a 4% drop in cash. Water loss was down to 18 1/2% but needed to be less than 15%. After the modifications made during the last few years, engineers had determined that the loss had to be from the deterioration of the water lines, thus a major renovation project needed to be established.

General fund revenues and expenses were up due to the street paving project and higher sales tax, however a minimum of \$100,000 profit needed to be budgeted in the future. Mr. Sagebiel suggested the Council increase property taxes 4.99% each year until the general

fund became self-sufficient. The new rate increased the water fund revenue 45%; however, 42" of rain did not help sales. Phil stated that an annual rate increase was absolutely essential for the water fund to continue to be profitable enough to issue bonds for the infrastructure project.

The sewer fund had significant losses in the last four years but annual increases would prevent future losses. He suggested a small rate increase in the sanitation fund in order to break even and show a profit.

The airport fund has no way to bring in extra income and has lost \$187,000 over 5 years. Mr. Sagebiel and Ms. Terrell both commented that this was normal for small airports but an increase in fuel sales was needed to aid the general fund.

Phil suggested that the Council not delay on beginning the new infrastructure project due to the interest rates on loans being low now and the city not having much debt. Council Member Polocek made a motion to accept the accountant report and thanked Mr. Sagebiel for his presentation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adkins and carried unanimously.

There being no changes to the investment report, the annual review was approved as presented.

A resolution of the City of Sonora, Texas authorizing expenditure by the Sonora Industrial Development Board of 4B Sales Tax to Mac Oilfield Company in the amount of \$40,000.00 to promote new or expanded business development was read. This being the second reading of the resolution, as required by law, a motion was made by Polocek to approve the resolution. Adkins seconded the motion and the resolution was passed.

A second resolution of the City of Sonora, Texas, authorizing expenditure by the Sonora Industrial Development Board of 4B Sales Tax for Special Grant Assistance Program in the amount of \$50,000.00 to promote new or expanded business development was then read. This also being the second reading of this resolution, as required by law, a motion was made by Neal, seconded by Perez, to approve the resolution. The motion carried.

A copy of the 2004-2005 SIDC audit was presented to the Council. Max Howorth informed the Council that some record keeping requirements were noted in the audit but had been amended. After review, the audit was approved as presented.

Ann Kay, Friends of Historic

Sonora Main Street Program Director, presented the Council with the application for the Texas Pecos Trails Regional Office, explaining the benefits Sonora had to offer in order to be selected as the office sight. The Chamber of Commerce, SIDC and Main Street programs had agreed to share the benefit package expenses. Max Howorth and Kay informed the Council of a few areas to be completed before the application would be sent to the Texas Historical Commission by the January 12, 2006 due date. A motion was made by Neal to approve the application. Polocek seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Beth Wallace informed the Council that one of the areas of concern noted in the SIDC audit was the publication in a local newspaper of public hearings regarding the expenditure of 4B Sales Tax. Phil Sagebiel suggested that a procedure schedule be adopted by the Council to diminish the risk of non-publication. Ms. Wallace explained that she had learned the SIDC could publish its own public notices and it would be discussed at the next SIDC regular meeting. It was agreed to table this item until after the next SIDC meeting.

Mayor Lopez opened a public hearing at 4:48 pm to hear public comments on the \$50,000.00 expenditure of 4B Sales Tax to John M. Creek in order to develop a mini-industrial park on Hwy. 277 S. Max Howorth informed the Board that the largest economic benefit for Sonora would be the tenants in the area. There were already 19 new jobs being created due to Dakota Enterprises establishing a yard in the park. Payments to Mr. Creek were scheduled for 60% being paid in the first year of operation and 40% in the second year. The public hearing was closed at 4:58 pm.

The Bronco Booster Club, Fire Marshal, Fire Chief, Asst Fire Chief, and "Keep Sonora Beautiful" Recycling Day agenda items were tabled until a later meeting.

A motion was made and approved to accept two (2) \$100.00 donations to the Senior Center.

Patti Prather, City Secretary, informed the Council that the City could contract with the SISD to hold a joint election on May 13, 2006, split the costs of the elections and save the taxpayers the cost of purchasing the required DRE voting machine. A motion was made by Neal to approve the joint election and direct the City Attorney to develop a contract with SISD. Po-

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## City receives new street sweeper

Jack Curtis (left), vice President of IDS, Industrial Disposal Supply Co., handed over the keys to a new TYMCO Regenerative Air Sweeper to Sonora's City Manager, Jim Polonis (right) on Tuesday, January 3, 2006. The top-of-the-line street sweeper is manufactured in Waco, Texas and is designed to save money. Easy to use, all the sweeping controls are inside the cab. Easy to maintain original (O.E.M.) TYMCO parts are easy to get and easy to install. Most basic maintenance or change-out procedures require minimal time.

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Local law enforcement, emergency crews and passers-by work to free the trapped victims in an I-10 accident.

Photo by Storie Sharp

## Morning accident results in fatality

by Storie Sharp

A one vehicle rollover at mile marker 399 on I-10, on the morning of Tuesday, January 3, 2006, claimed the life of one and sent two to Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. One victim was thrown from the vehicle and was announced dead on the scene. Emergency crews worked to remove a 24-year-old female from the wreckage who was later transferred via Medi-Vac to San Angelo for head wounds and a reported broken arm. A five-year old victim that was restrained in the back seat of the small SUV pick-up was treated for minor injuries and taken to be with family. An investigation was on-going as of press time as to why the vehicle left the roadway and resulted in the roll.



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<b>Lighthouse Community Church</b> 1705 N. Crockett 387-9100	<b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 404 E Poplar 387-2955
<b>Pentecostal Calvary Temple United</b> 509 Amistad 387-5266	<b>First United Methodist Church</b> 201 N. Water 387-2466
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**Obituary**  
 J.A. "Pete" Harris of Sonora passed away Wednesday, December 28, 2005, in Lawton Oklahoma. Services were at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 2, 2006 at Kerbow Funeral Chapel with burial following in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.  
 Harris is survived by four sons, Stanley Harris of Lawton, Oklahoma; Walter Harris of Sonora; Mickey Harris of McAlester, Oklahoma; and Scotty Harris of Hamilton, Texas; two brothers, Jimmy Harris of Sonora, and Alton Harris of Sherman; two sisters Leona Roe of Barnhart and Faye Thorp of Sonora.

**Another Notch, Another Stick**  
 The American Indians had several ways of keeping track of time. One way they kept track of the years was to have a certain number of sticks in a bundle and each year they removed one. Another way was to have a stick each New Year they put another notch on their stick. Whether we remove a stick from the bundle or put another notch on the stick a new year has arrived. My wife put some pictures from my camera on our screen saver on our computer so I am able to sit and watch and see many things that happened last year. Last year brought many events into our lives, some were fun some were painful. God makes both, (Ecclesiastes 3:1-4). Many things will happen this year that I can't control but there are some things I can hope or purpose will happen. One is that I want to be very close to God and Him close to me. I will try to read my bible daily and I will try to attend a local Church regularly. I also want my life or the way I live it to be pleasing to Him, (Romans 12:1 & 2). I would also hope that my children are close to God. Yes, I will pray to God and ask Him to help make these things come about, (Psalm 55:1, Matthew 21:22, Philippians 4:6 & 7).  
 See you in Church next Sunday.  
 Brother J

**Thank You Note**  
 by Jennifer Esparza, FHSMS Office  
 We would like to show gratitude to all of the members of the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program. We greatly appreciate all ya'lls support through-out the year.

With a New Year starting we are so excited to be working with everyone in the community and outside. We just received a very nice appreciation gift from Ben Stribling on bringing them here to celebrate their company Christmas party. We decorated the Civic Center with snowmen, blue and white lights, and tables that accented the displays that were all over the room. Linda Love and her staff that catered the party was what made it complete.  
 Some of the new courthouse banners are displayed in our windows here at the office. These banners will be displayed during the opening of the courthouse and every year during historical preservation. They will be scattered all over town hanging from the poles. If you ordered banners from us and would like to see them before they are hung, please come by our office to preview your banner.

We will be having a Board Meeting on January 11, 2006 at 12:00 p.m., 232 E. Main Street Suite 101 if anyone would like to join us.



Courthouse Banners are on display at the FHSMS office. Photo by Jennifer Esparza.

**Senior Center Activities**

**Fri. January 6** - Bingo after lunch  
**Sat. January 7** - blood Pressure checks w/ TDH & Intrepid Home Care. Call Center FMI  
**Mon. January 9** - Bingo - come eat with us and stay for Bingo!  
**Tues. January 10** - Exercise w/video - need Seniors to sign up!  
**Wed. January 11** - Happy Birthday Barbara Urbanski  
**Thurs. January 12** - Crafts anyone? Need ideas & volunteers!

**Senior Center Menu**

**Fri. January 6** - Beef tips w/rice, carrots, cornbread, bananas w/strawberries, lemon pie, milk  
**Mon. January 9** - Chicken Supreme, Herb New potatoes, roll, broccoli, green salad, cake, milk  
**Tues. January 10** - Beef burrito, pinto beans, spinach, coleslaw, Jell-O w/pears, milk  
**Wed. January 11** - Meatloaf w/tomatoes, blackeyed peas, okra, cornbread, banana pudding, milk  
**Thurs. January 12** - Oven pork chops w/gravy, noodles, carrots, tossed salad, bread, milk, applesauce  
 Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.  
 Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.  
 Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go)

**School Lunch Menu • January 9-13**

**Breakfast**  
**Mon.** - Toast & jelly, cream of wheat, asst. juice  
**Tues.** - Egg & potato burrito, asst. juice  
**Wed.** - Banana nut muffin, asst. juice  
**Thurs.** - Pancake on stick, asst. juice  
**Fri.** - No school

**Lunch**  
**Mon.** - Pepperoni pizza, vegetable salad, kernel corn, orange wedges  
**Tues.** - Nachos w/cheese, lettuce/tomato salad, apple, cornbread  
**Wed.** - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, Jell-O, hot rolls  
**Thurs.** - Fish nuggets, tossed salad, macaroni & cheese, fresh fruit  
**Fri.** - No school

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**F.Y.I.**  
 Effective January 1, 2006 Regular City Council Meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas  
 Sonora High School will be having a Financial Aid Night - Thursday, January 5, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at Sonora High School, presented by Jim Glossbrenner of Panhandle-Plains Student Loan Center. Find out how to get started in the financial aid process. For more information contact Kay Friess at the High School.

Sonora Industrial Development Corporation regular meeting - Monday, January 9, 11:30 a.m. - SIDC Office, 120 N Concho Ave.  
 Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program January meeting - January 11, 12:00 p.m., 232 E. Main Street, Suite 101.  
 Sonora Chamber of Commerce regular meeting - Thursday, January 12, 2005; 12:00 p.m.; Chamber of Commerce Office.  
 City Council Regular meeting - Tuesday, January 17, 2006; 4:00 p.m.; City Hall  
 Sutton County Commissioners Court - Monday, January 9, 2006; 9:00 a.m.; Sutton County Annex  
 Sutton County 4-H Livestock arrival and weigh in deadline for the Sutton County Livestock Show is 7:00 p.m on January 12.  
 Sutton County Livestock Show begins at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 13 and Saturday, January 14.

Would you like to start a business but don't know where to begin? The Angelo State University • Small Business Development Center is presenting a FREE seminar titled, "The Essentials of Starting a New Business." This session will cover the requirements of owning a business and the resources available to small businesses. Topics include: \* Advantages and disadvantages to owning a business \* Market assessment \* Profitability assessment \* Financing assessment \* Choosing a form of organization \* Naming your business - Karen Best will facilitate this seminar. Karen holds a J.D. from The University of Texas at Austin and has extensive experience in counseling clients regarding issues facing small business owners, including regulatory and employment law issues. She is an active member of the State Bar of Texas, Tom Green County Bar Association, National Academy of Elderlaw Attorneys, and is a member of the Board of Directors for Rio Concho Retirement Communities.  
 The seminar will be held on Thursday, January 12th, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Rassman Building (2222 Dena Drive) on the ASU Campus, Rassman Conference Room 100. This seminar is Free! Please call (325) 942-2098 to register or by e-mail www.angelo.edu. A Partnership Program with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The Nature Conservancy will host a day of open hiking Sunday, January 8, on the Davis Mountains Preserve. The gates open at 8 a.m. and the preserve closes at 3 p.m. After registering at the Melvor Conservation Center, participants will be given maps of trails with varying degrees of difficulty. Walk-ins okay, but reservations are recommended and participants should arrive early for best choice of trails. Owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy of Texas, the 32,000-acre Davis Mountains Preserve on Hwy. 118 near Fort Davis is a spectacular representative of a "sky island" ecology, providing home to animals and plants that live nowhere else in Texas and some found nowhere else on Earth. Call Crawford Marginot at (432) 426-2390, ext. 1 or email cmarginot@tnc.org for directions or for more information before January 6. nature.org

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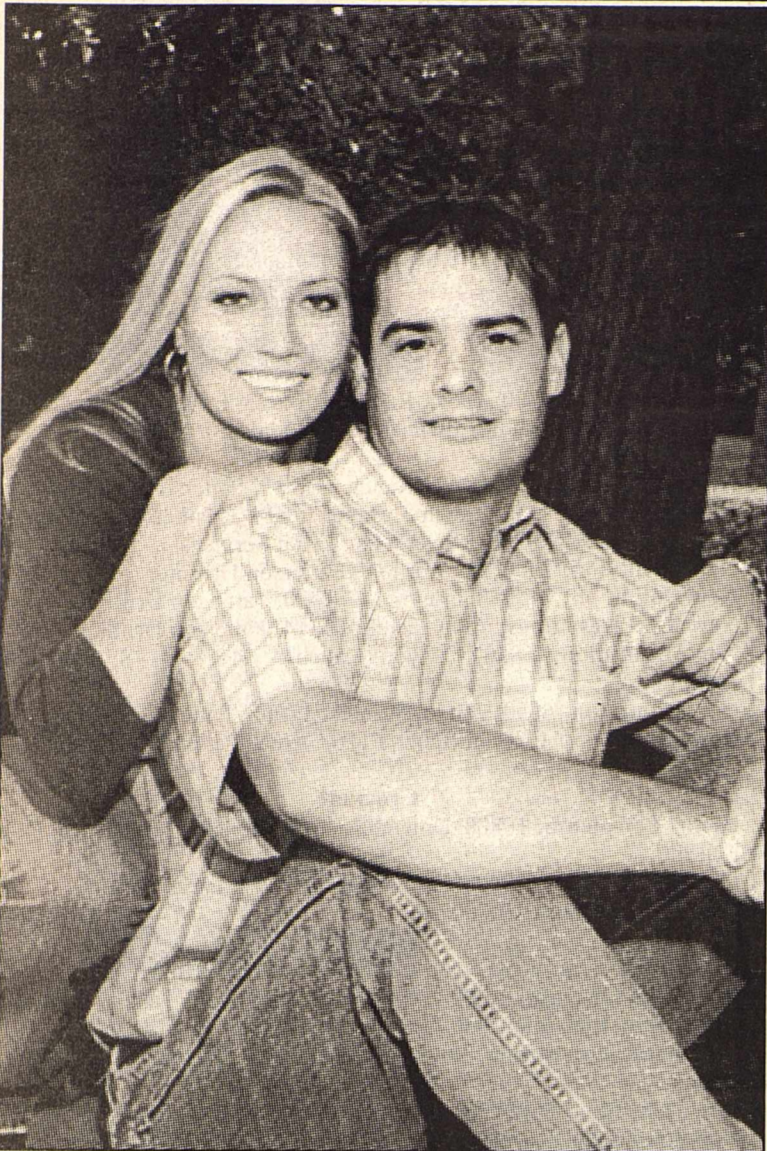
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locek seconded the motion and the motion passed.  
 City Manager Polonis informed the Council of the concept of annexing 1.36-mile portion of I-10 located between the city limit boundaries and the police department working that portion of the interstate, which could possibly bring in \$150,000 to \$200,000 per year in fines. Beth Wallace explained that the State Hwy. Department would have to petition for the property to be annexed and it was unprecedented. Chief House was concerned with liability, training and safety issues. It was the consensus of the Council for Mr. Polonis to discuss the idea with TXDOT and place on the agenda again at a later date.  
 Polonis and Thomas DeHoyos requested permission to purchase a universal controller and 4 probes for the sewer plant in order to electronically measure the oxygen level. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Neal to purchase the controller and amend the budget at the end of the year. The motion was seconded by Poloceck and approved unanimously.  
 Polonis explained to the Council that in order to receive a USDA grant or loan, a pre-application would need to be submitted. The fee for the engineer's service on the application is \$3,500.00. Phil Sagebiel suggested that the City submit the pre-application because it would be useful in issuing bonds or whatever financing the city chose for the infrastructure project. A motion was made by Neal to approve the fee for the pre-application, a second was made by Poloceck and carried unanimously.  
 It was explained to the Council that some people do not have private cut-offs at their residence or business and are damaging the electronic meters by turning the water off or on at the meter. Members of the council wanted citizens notified of the ordinance currently in place before penalizing them with a fee. Council Member Adkins made a motion to publish the ordinance restricting any person other than city employees from connecting, maintaining or disconnecting any service offered by the city and to publish after hours and weekend emergency numbers in the newspaper. The motion was approved.  
 Following a discussion regarding the amount of outstanding warrants and fees in the municipal court, a motion was approved for a collection agreement with American Municipal Services.  
 The regular City Council meeting time was changed to 4:00 p.m.  
 Council Member Neal made a motion for compensation to city council members remain at \$50.00 for regular meetings and \$25.00 for special meetings. Poloceck seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.  
 Attorney Wallace informed the Council that the state law for spending limits without the bidding process was \$25,000.00. A motion was then made by Neal to set the spending limit for the City Manager at \$15,000 for budgeted items without council approval. With a second from Perez, the motion was approved unanimously.  
 Ann Kay asked that a flag flown in Iraq, brought back by a local soldier, be displayed in City Hall.  
 At 6:39 p.m., Mayor Lopez announced that in accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.074: (Personnel), the Council would convene into Executive Session to discuss outside employment of the City Manager. The executive session was adjourned at 6:47 p.m. and a motion was made by Poloceck to grant the City Manager outside employment as long as it did not interfere with his city duties and reasonable notice was given to the council when he would be away from the office. A second was made by Adkins and all members voted in favor of the motion.



## Engagement Announcement



Becca Clawson and Riley Crain

## Clawson and Crain families announce wedding plans

Mrs. Melinda Earwood Crain of Sonora and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clawson of Bula, TX are proud to announce the engagement of their children Riley Edward Crain and Rebecca Caroline Clawson. They will be married on March 18, 2006 at the First Christian Church in Lubbock.

Riley is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Engineering. Becca is a graduate of Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

## Starting the New Year with Clean Slate

submitted

With new years comes clean slates and we all love to start fresh. We see ourselves do this any time we choose to start a new diet, exercise routine or get a handle on our finances. You know the drill; my new way of living will start on Monday but first I am going to have one last fling, a huge meal or a day just being lazy. We don't have to wait till Monday to start!

A new way of living is not a punishment that you need a reprieve from. It is making the decision that it is time to be good to your body because this is the only one you have. When we are living in CHAOS (Can't Have Anyone Over Syndrome); we are usually the person that gets left out. We can't take the time to nurture our bodies because there is so much to do and we don't have a clue where to start.

Do you ever feel like you are a spinning top? I am going to help you stop this vicious cycle and establish some simple habits that are going to start your new year with that clean slate. Your home did not get messy in a day and it is not going to get cleaned over night. You can do this with the help of a simple tool that you already have in your home. It is a timer. They are on your microwave, the stove and probably in the watch on your arm.

The reason you feel like that spinning top is because you are trying to do too many things at once. I want you to set your timer for 15-minutes and stay focused on one thing. It can be shining your kitchen sink, clearing off that piled up coffee table or picking up the clothes on the floor in your bedroom. You are going to be so surprised at just how much you can accomplish in only 15-minutes.

The truth is we are not good at multi-tasking. We think we are but our homes are living proof that we do not ever finish anything. We are the best at getting something out and not putting it away when we have finished. Here is the main reason we don't have homes for these items that are lurking in your Hot Spots. Hot Spots are those places you pile things when you walk in the door or sit in your favorite chair. We have clutter taking over the drawers, cabinets and closets and we can't find a place to keep the things we love and use.

In order to get rid of the CHAOS in our homes we have to toss out our clutter. This will give us a place to keep things instead of piled on a table or the floor. Those great storage areas have been invaded by items that you do not love and use. It is time to evict them and clear out your Hot Spots. Our Hot Spots make our homes look messy.

If we would just take 15-minutes and clear out one Hot Spot; your home will begin to look better. It

may not be that immaculate clean that we were forced to do as children by perfectionist parents but it will feel better when you walk in the door. It is so hard to clean around clutter.

Here is another fun tool we use to get rid of our clutter. I like to call it the 27 Fling Boogie. Grab a grocery bag and run through the house and pick up 27 items to throw away. Then grab another bag or box and run through the house and gather up 27 items to give away. Here is the rule for doing this. As you are tossing ask yourself these questions. Do you make me smile? Do I have a home for you? Do I have two of you? This will help you get rid of your clutter. Then put it in the trash to throw away or in the car to give away next time you are out.

I want for you what I have; peace that came from releasing the clutter and CHAOS and establishing babystep habits that clean my home on automatic pilot. You deserve to live in a home that blesses you!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free mentoring group at [www.FlyLady.net](http://www.FlyLady.net) or her book, Sink Reflections published by Bantam.

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## Governor calls National Guard to fight wild fires

### State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Drought overlaid with unusually warm weather and gusting winds combined into perfect conditions for wild fires in the closing weeks of 2005.

Wild fires mainly hit tens of thousands of acres of dry grass and brush in north, central and east Texas. Windborn fires jumped roads, caused at least four deaths and burned hundreds of homes.

Gov. Rick Perry ordered the Texas Army National Guard to assist local firefighters and requested air tankers and helicopters from the U.S. Forest Service.

Burn bans were in effect in more than half of the state's 254 counties. "We are working hard from both the ground and the air to protect Texans and their homes and property," Perry said after touring wild-fire stricken scenes.

### Senators to study tax situation

The Legislature must meet in a special session this spring to re-engineer the state's broken tax system before a court-ordered deadline of June 1.

Texans who want to share their ideas on how to fix the state tax system now have a choice of senators to contact.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, recently formed the Senate Select Committee on Education Reform and Public School Finance to study tax issues and recommend legislation that: (1) satisfies the Texas Supreme Court ruling that the current property tax system violates the state constitution; (2) improves public schools; and (3) reduces school property taxes.

Dewhurst named Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, chair of the committee and member Sens. Kip Averitt, R-McGregor; Kim Brimer, R-Fort Worth; Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock; Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen; Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville; Steve Ogden, R-Bryan; Royce West, D-Dallas; Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands.

In November, Gov. Perry formed the 23-member Texas Tax Reform Commission comprised of non-legislators and headed by former state Comptroller John Sharp,

a Democrat. The commission's focus, as its name suggests, is tax reform.

But Dewhurst's committee will have a broader focus. He encouraged the committee to "continue work on a public school finance plan that puts additional resources into public school classrooms, tied to greater accountability and performance, cuts property taxes and closes business tax loopholes."

Committee chair Shapiro said, "With the State Supreme Court ruling now in hand, my Senate colleagues and I are reaffirmed in our commitment to school property tax relief, classroom excellence, and professional teacher pay."

"The Lt. Governor's Select Committee will allow the Senate to do our homework before the upcoming special session."

### JP has discretion in autopsies

Suppose a person has died under circumstances requiring an inquest but the decedent's family has consented to organ removal for the purpose of donation.

A Dec. 28 opinion by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott says the Texas Health & Safety Code authorizes a justice of the peace or designated physician to determine whether organs or tissue may be removed for donation.

Furthermore, the opinion said, a district attorney may not require a justice of the peace to deny organ or tissue removal.

### SBC becomes AT&T

SBC of San Antonio has acquired New Jersey-based AT&T and taken its name.

SBC, the company formerly known as Southwestern Bell, was one of seven

"Baby Bells" born in 1982 when a federal court forced the break-up of AT&T into regional telephone companies.

With the acquisition and name change, San Antonio-based AT&T becomes the largest phone company in the nation.

### Jurors to be paid more

A law that goes into effect with the new year compensates members of grand juries and petit juries much more for their civic service. Jurors who serve all or part of a single day will still get a \$6 check, but jurors who serve two or more days, or a fraction of a day after the first day of service, will get \$40 per day.

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**Reduce Stress In Show Animals**



submitted by Pascual Hernandez  
 Sutton County Extension Agent-  
 Ag

Well, as the show season is upon us, I thought we'd take up a stock show topic. We'll consider how animals respond to the show experience. As goats are our most popular 4-H livestock project, we'll discuss a goat topic.

Transporting goats to a show can be a stressful experience. Not only is it a different environment, but their routine is broken. There are, however, some things we can do to minimize the negative effects of showing.

Let's begin with transporting. During hauling, protect animals from exposure to wind, rain, dust, excessive heat and cold. When traveling only a short distance to a show, place compatible animals of a similar size together and allow enough space so they can help support each other while the vehicle is in motion. For long hauls, there should be lots of bedding and enough room to permit the goats to lie down.

Several other practices may make showing less stressful. First of all, try to arrive at the show well ahead of time. Place animals in a clean, spacious pen and provide plenty of bedding. Make sure that animals have abundant rest and try

to disturb them as little as possible. However, it is good to provide them with periods of exercise. Also, provide drinkable water - many goats refuse to drink chlorinated or other "strange" water at shows. Many who show goats bring water from home.

Goats vary in their ability to withstand the stress of being on the show circuit. Some goats appear to thrive on it and eat well, maintain production and manage to look good most of the time. These animals are very likely to be some of the most reliable performers at home as well.

The goat that is easily upset on the show circuit, and needs a lot of individual attention, will probably not show well.

In many ways, showing boils down to survival of the fittest. It is a sort of marathon, where animals that endure the stress the best, will usually also perform the best. That's why it's a good idea to expose your goats to a few shows. It will acclimate them to the show environment and help you identify how your animals respond to the experience. Thus, you will know ahead of time what your management will be for particular animals. This is something at which we all get better with experience.

For additional information, contact the County Extension Office or visit our website at <http://suttonco.tamu.edu>.

**Space Exploration in 2006**

by Paul Derreck

If all goes as planned 2006 will be an exciting year for space exploration as six missions are scheduled to begin, end, or achieve a milestone.

Stardust returns Jan. 15 from its encounter with Comet Wild-2. Having already sent images and other data, its main mission was to fly through the comet's tail, gather particles of cometary dust, and return them to Earth for up-close study. Scientists hope to learn more about the origin of comets, and thus more about star and planet formation. [[stardust.jpl.nasa.gov](http://stardust.jpl.nasa.gov)]

NASA officials may be watching with more than normal anxiety. In Sept. 2004 the Genesis spacecraft, attempting to soft land with solar particles, crash landed, so keep your fingers crossed.

One of the most exciting missions in years is New Horizons, to be launched between Jan. 17 and Feb. 14 on a long journey to the last unexplored planet, Pluto. If launched before Feb. 3, it will fly by Jupiter in 2007, get a gravitational speed-boost, and reach Pluto in 2015. A later launch, missing the Jupiter boost, will add five years to the trip. [[pluto.jhuapl.edu](http://pluto.jhuapl.edu)]

In March the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter will begin orbiting Mars for a 2-year study expected to double our knowledge about our intriguing neighbor. [[mars.jpl.nasa.gov/mro](http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/mro)]

In April the Venus Express will begin orbiting and studying our other planetary neighbor. [[www.esa.int/SPECIALS/Venus\\_Express](http://www.esa.int/SPECIALS/Venus_Express)]

Also in April, Stereo, a pair of spacecraft designed to study the Sun, will be launched. With one craft orbiting ahead of Earth and the other behind it, the pair will enable stereoscopic (3-D) study of solar

events like sunspots, flares, prominences and other solar eruptions. [[stereo.gsfc.nasa.gov](http://stereo.gsfc.nasa.gov)]

Finally June will see the launch of Dawn to the asteroid belt. It will spend 7 months studying Vesta in 2011, and then go to the largest asteroid, Ceres, reaching it in 2015. [[dawn.jpl.nasa.gov](http://dawn.jpl.nasa.gov)]

**• Sky Calendar**  
 \* Jan. 3 Tue. morning: The Quadrantid meteor shower peaks in Bootes with the best viewing from 1 a.m. to dawn.

\* 4 Wed.: Earth reaches perihelion, when it is nearest the Sun (91.2 million miles) in its elliptical orbit.

\* 6 Fri.: Moon at 1st quarter.

\* 8 Sun. evening: The Moon is to the upper left of Mars high in the south.

\* 9-17 mornings: Jupiter is very near Libra's brightest star, Zubenelgenubi, a binocular double star.

\* 9 Mon. evening: A bright gibbous Moon passes through the Pleiades (Seven Sisters) star cluster, but its glare will make it difficult seeing the lovely cluster.

\* 14 Sat. evening: The Full Moon of January, called Old Moon, Cold Moon, and Moon After Yule, is near Saturn all night.

\* 16 Mon. late evening: The Moon is near Leo's Regulus.

**• Naked-eye Planets.** (The Sun, Moon and planets rise in the east and set in the west due to Earth's west-to-east rotation.) Mercury spends early Jan. in the morning sky near the eastern horizon but quickly sinks into the Sun. Venus, low in west at dusk, is about to sink into the setting Sun. Mars, high in the south in the evening, is still bright but growing fainter nightly. Jupiter, rising after midnight, is in the southeast by morning. Saturn rises soon after sunset and is up all night.

**• Astro Milestones:** Jan. 14 is the 460th birthday of Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe (1546-1601).

Stargazer appears every other week. Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Contact him at 918 N. 30th, Waco, 76707, (254) 753-6920 or [paulderrickwaco@aol.com](mailto:paulderrickwaco@aol.com). See the Stargazer Web site at [stargazer-paul.com](http://stargazer-paul.com).

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**Wildfires from page 1**

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Since last week, Gov. Perry has taken the following steps to assist the communities impacted by the fires:

- Issued a statewide declaration of emergency Dec. 27 for all 254 Counties due to the extreme wildfire threat,
- Requested the federal Small Business Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to make low interest loans available to affected farmers, ranchers and business owners,
- Requested a Presidential disaster declaration on Dec. 28 to make impacted counties eligible for federal public assistance to help rebuild communities and defray the millions of dollars spent by local governments to fight the fires, and
- Amended his presidential request on Dec. 30 to request that individuals and families be made eligible for federal assistance to help rebuild their lives and homes.

Since the rash of wildfires began in December, 139 fires have consumed more than 80,000 acres of land and destroyed 241 homes across the state. Three Texans have lost their lives.

"We share in the grief of those who have lost family members and loved ones, and we offer you our prayers," Perry said. "I thank communities across Texas for the strength you have shown. Just as we have fought these fires together as a state, we will recover together as a state."

Perry also warned that the wildfire threat is expected to continue in the days and weeks ahead. Weather conditions are projected to worsen tomorrow, with sustained low humidity and above average temperatures. Forecasters are also predicting high winds, which increase the difficulty of fighting the fires from the air.

"We are preparing statewide for an intense response tomorrow, particularly from the ground," Perry added. "The state is poised to protect communities across the state, with firefighting assets pre-deployed so that we can immediately respond to new wildfire threats wherever they appear."

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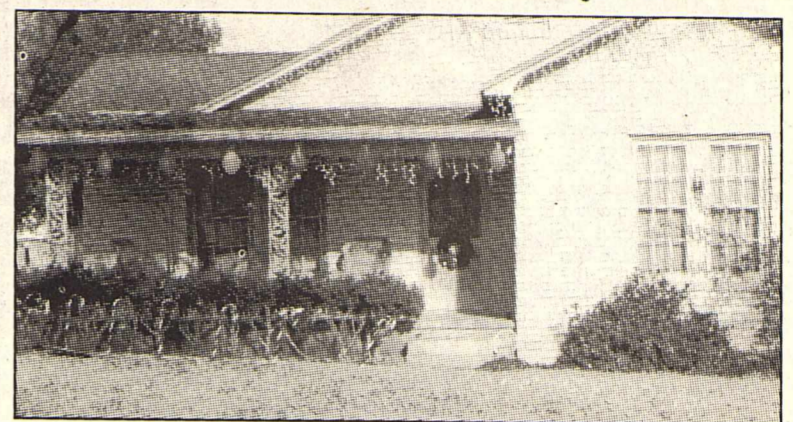
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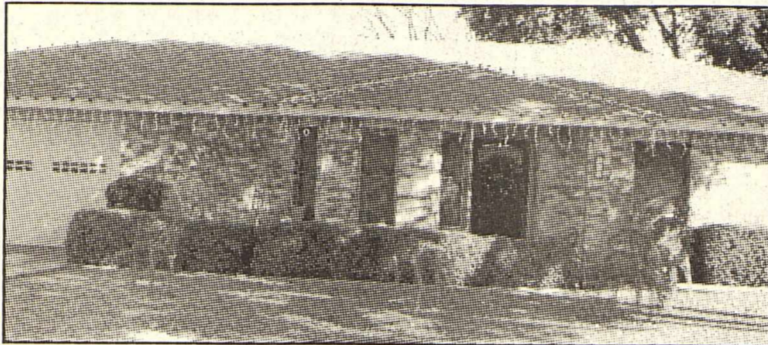
## They 'decked their halls' and lit up Sonora streets with holiday cheer



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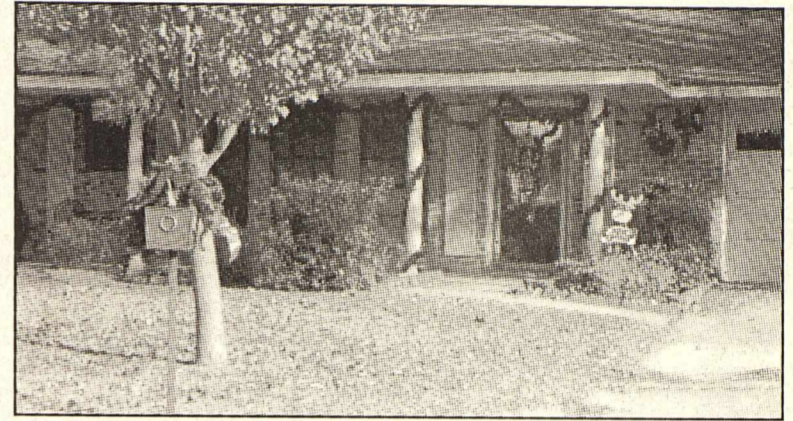
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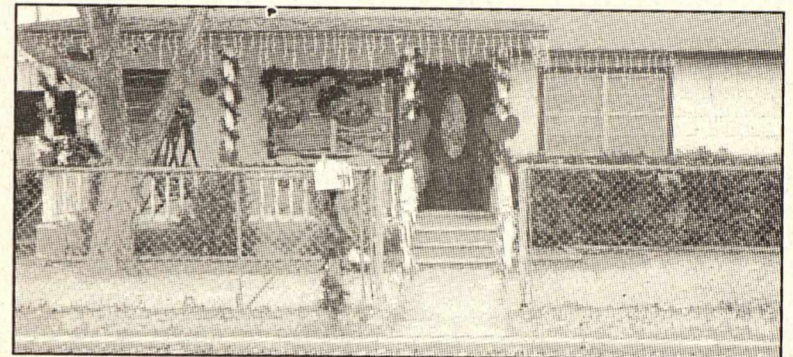
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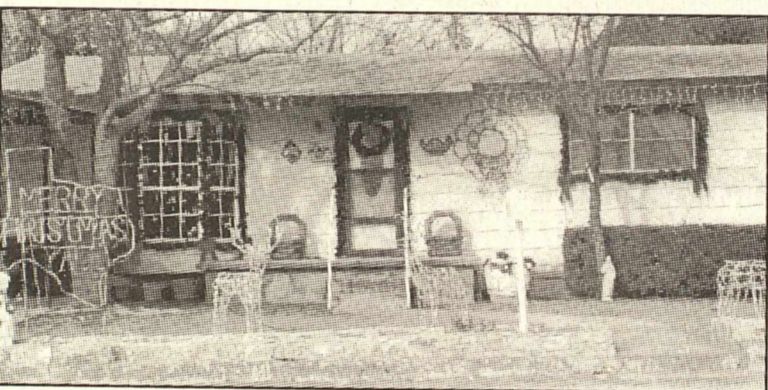
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205 E. Plum



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527 2nd Street

The Friends of Historic Sonora were busy over the Christmas season, making their rounds and picking the best decorated homes for the holidays. Due to some technical difficulties, we were unable to get the houses in before now, but we wanted to be sure that all the participants were recognized and take this opportunity to say thank you for helping to brighten our community for Christmas.

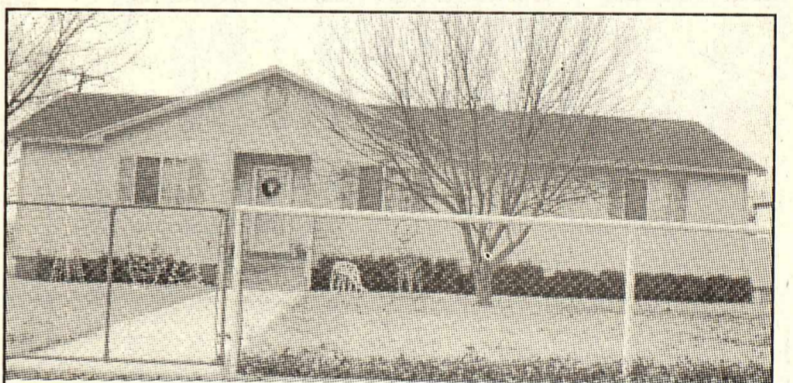
submitted by Jennifer Esparza and Ann Kay

The Friends of Historic Sonora did not recognize businesses this year, but noticed that all the businesses were winners to us this year. The Keep Sonora Beautiful committee from the Chamber of Commerce has been recognizing

local businesses as part of their new "Landscape of the Month" project. The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program is a strong supporter of the Keep Sonora Beautiful program and looks forward to all the great ideas and plans that they have for 2006.

We would like to thank our judges for all their help in choosing the best decorated homes this year. We know that gas has been high and we appreciate everything you did to help choose our winners.

We would also like to thank KHOS radio for announcing the winners each week. We also know that everyone enjoys seeing their picture in the paper, so we thank the Devil's River News as well.



1310 Orient Street

We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We appreciate all the support that this town has given to make it such a successful place.

In closing we would like to share with the community

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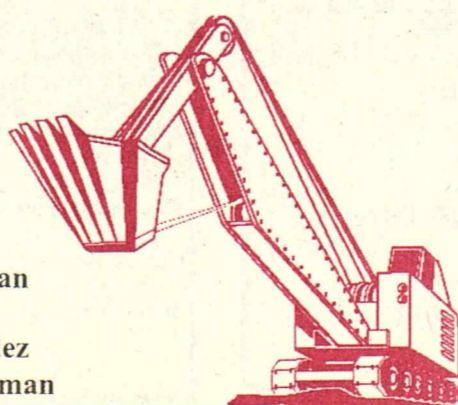
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