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Under the direction of Lewis Allen and Julie Martin, representatives from various local church youth groups, 4-H, and Boy Scouts assembled food baskets that will be distributed throughout our community just in time for Christmas. L to R (Back row) Julie Martin, Word B. Hudson, Tyler Creek, Cadesman Pope, John Duke Hudson, Lewis Allen, and Colyer Dermody; Front Row (L to R) Kaitlynn Henderson, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Laura Martin, Savannah Leonard.

Promoting Character, Family Values and Acceptance -**School Presentations Equip Community**

By Elizabeth Black

chools got a shot in the arm, as mom and a dad have a very high at school as did the seventh and com. The benefit of bringing this

children who have three to four Fifth and sixth graders also courses can be obtained from his This past week Sonora good adult role models, plus a heard material on bully behavior website www.parentingonpoint. Thursday, December 21, 2006

Sonora Caverns Offer Reward In Theft of 'Treasure'

By JOHN W. GONZALEZ

The owners of the Caverns of Sonora in Southwest Texas are offering a reward for the return of a national treasure --part of a rare butterfly formation that took shape over thousands of years.

Robbed of their dazzling centerpiece, valued in excess of \$500,000, on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, cave owners are offering a \$20,000 reward for its safe return.

They claim college-age visitors from the Houston area may have been responsible for the vandalism, which apparently involved the intentional distraction of a tour guide.

Sutton County Sheriff Joe Fincher declined comment on possible suspects.

"We're certainly continuing the investigation, and if it warrants, subjects will be arrested," Fincher said Thursday.

Also declining to discuss witness accounts and other evidence gathered in the past three weeks, the sheriff said, "we've got some subpoenas issued and we're going from there."

Fincher said he's eager to solve the criminal case.

"It's a pretty serious deal," Fincher said

Cavern owners issued a statement late Wednesday expressing heartbreak over the loss of "one of America's greatest speleological treasures" to "an

officials to retrieve records related to visitors on the day the vandalism occurred.

A preliminary investigation revealed a visitor from the Houston area as a possible suspect."

In an interview, co-owner Seco Mayfield said the probe has focused on a group of 11 visitors, several of whom have been identified through campground records, credit cards and other means.

Although the site is a National Natural Landmark, it isn't covered by federal anti-vandalism laws because of its private ownership, Mayfield said. However, because of the estimated value of the loss, the vandalism may qualify as a felony theft under state law, Mayfield said.

The missing wing portion is 4 1/2 inches by 3 1/2 inches and could be reattached if not seriously damaged, Mayfield said.

'The Butterfly is our trademark," he said of the natural formation shaped by mineral deposits. "It's an integral part of our business."

Mayfield co-owns the caverns with his sister, Gerry Ingham, and each put up \$10,000 for the reward. The National Speleological Society and other groups have pledged to the reward fund.

"We want to find these people and try and convince them to give it back or tell us what happened to it," Mayfield said. "Regardless of what hap-

pens with the investigation,

something that will probably

come out of this is a coordinated

effort by our industry and oth-

ers to strengthen the laws that

would apply," he added. Copy-right 2006. Reprint from the

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Jim Williams, family counselor and nation wide speaker, addressed teachers, students and parents on issues of developing and promoting character at school and home. Quick-witted and full of energy, Williams inspired his diverse audiences at six separate assemblies over the course of three days. Each audience heard a consistent message, from a different view point to reflect the diversity of ages and experiences of his audiences.

Williams began the series on Tuesday night, December 12 speaking to parents in the Elementary School library. His focus was family values and fostering parent/child relationships. He quoted statistics that show by age fourteen, ninety percent of what a child believes about the world and himself will already be established. Also, chance of becoming happy, successful adults. The importance of establishing values in the home, school and in the community through programs such as 4-H, scouting, and sports is paramount to the continued health of the community. Otherwise, children with no role models to teach respect, responsibility, honesty, self-esteem and kindness will fall through the cracks.

Presentations continued Wednesday the 13th and Thursday the 14th, as teachers learned skills to support students and each other, with a particular emphasis on the subject matter of Acceptance. Fourth grade students learned about "Gateway Drugs", such as alcohol, tobacco, and inhalants. Another powerful part of William's presentation addressed bully behavior. mation about Williams and his

eighth graders. The older chil- type of professional training and dren were taught how to prevent education to Sonora schools and and respond to sexual harassment and violence on campus. Williams cites that eighty-five percent of children will be either followers or bystanders in any ment made in the children and of these given situations, while families today. the remaining fifteen percent will act according to their core values of right and wrong. Williams stressed the importance of having strong character values and being able to stand up for them in the face of drug use and abusive behavior.

Williams teaches parenting courses, and provides training for teachers and guidance counselors throughout the country. He is also the author of "Parenting on Point" and has published a video series entitled "Proactive parenting". Further infor-

community is immeasurable. The overall health and growth of this community is significantly impacted by the positive invest-

act of senseless destruction" on Nov. 21.

The owners said they believe a group of visitors "knowingly distracted a tour guide with the intent of destroying the cavern's most famous formation, known as the Butterfly, a bladed helictite.'

Owners said they're "workreserved. ing with local, county and state

2006 EMT of the Year

Rose Butler was awarded the 2006 Gene West Memorial EMT of the Year award at the annual EMT Christmas Dinner and Awards Program held Friday, December 15, 2006.

Our EMT of the Year has gone one step further keeping our organization together and running in her role as supervisor. Rose is a person truly believing we are here because we care. Rose is a caring and dependable EMT.

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial **Hospital Recognized By Office Of Rural Community Affairs** The Office of Rural Commu- records format", stated Keith L.

nity Affairs honored Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital on December 13, 2006 at the Concho Valley Council of Governments meeting in San Angelo for having secured a \$9,280 grant from the Small Hospital Improvement Program.

Funds from the Small Hospital Improvement Grant are being used for continuing improvement in technologies. "These funds will used toward the conversion

Butler, CEO. "Phase one of the project was completed in September with phase two beginning in March 2007.

Phase one replaced the financial package as well as integrating a laboratory Information System (LIS) and a Radiology In-formation System (RIS). Phase two, referred to as Chart-Link", will convert the documentation system to an electronic format. Chart-Link will tie together all of the hospital to an electronic departments in the hospital so

that paper records used for decades are replaced with an Electronic Health Record.

Once the projects are complete, Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital will have the most modern information system in the region.

"I commend the efforts of Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and their dedication to their rural Texas community," said ORCA Executive Director, Charles (Charlie) S. Stone.

DPS Troopers Urge Safer Holiday Driving

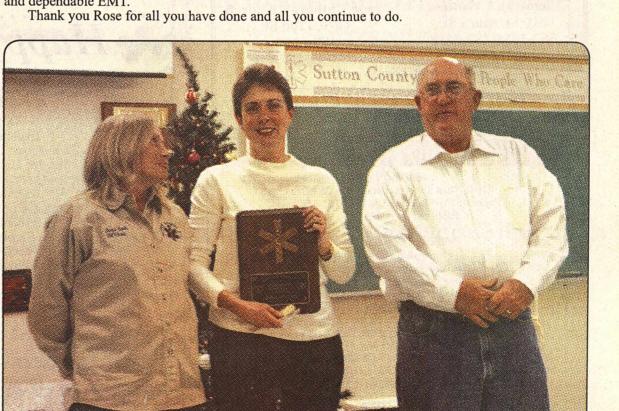
DPS will have all available troopers on Texas roadways during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. They'll be looking for drivers who are drunk, for speeders and for those who are not wearing safety belts.

Slow down and live," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the Texas Dept. of Public

Safety. "Speeding is the number one killer on Texas roadways. Making sure you're driving the speed limit-or drastically reducing your speed in bad weather or in crowded road conditions—can mean the difference between life and death. We want

The Christmas enforcement period will run from Friday, Dec. 22 through midnight on Monday, Dec. 25. The New Year's enforcement period will run from Friday, Dec. 29 through midnight on Monday, Jan. 1.

"Be sure to designate a drivto make sure you get to your er if you're planning on consum-destination safely." ing alcohol.



EMT of the Year plaque presented to Rose Butler by last year's EMT of the Year Jackie Smith and by EMT President Tim Thorp.

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Fri. Dec. 22- Christmas Meal at Noon! Mon. Dec. 25- Happy Birthday Jesus Hernandez!

Merry Christmas, Center Closed! Tue. Dec. 26 - Happy Birthday Linda Cumpian!

Center Closed for Holidays! Wed. Dec. 27- Crafts anyone?

Thur. Dec. 28- Happy Birthday Inocencia!

Senior Center Menu

Fri. Dec. 22	- Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, roll, juice, fruit salad and milk.
Mon. Dec. 25	-Merry Christmas! Feliz Navidad! Center Closed!
Tue. Dec. 26	-Center Clsoed for Christmas Holidays!
Wed. Dec. 27	-Polish sausage with green peppers & onions, milk,
Thur. Dec. 28	 potato salad, steamed cabbage and cake. Ground beef steak with gravy & onions, macaroni & cheese, carrots, roll, fresh apple and milk.

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)



The Church of the Good **Shepherd Presbyterian** 319 E. Mulberry

Letter to the Editor Dear Editor: Last week's well-publicized immigration raid on the Swift & Co.

meatpacking plant in Cactus, in the Texas Panhandle, serves as a troubling reminder that our immigration system is broken and needs to be fixed.

Texas businesses want and need to follow the law. Unfortunately, they lack a sensible and reliable system to verify an employee's legal status.

Employers are forced to navigate tricky waters each time they make a hire. Texas businesses must deal with complex immigration regulations; a glut of seemingly valid, but sometimes counterfeit, worker identification documents; and the threat of discrimination lawsuits if they ask the 'wrong' questions about employees' documents.

Enforcement alone will not fix our immigration system, and it has failed in the past. We can't just build walls around a broken system - we need to fix the system to make sure we achieve real security, restore law and order and have enough workers to continue growing our economy.

It is time for a serious solution to this serious challenge. It is time for Congress to act.

Sincerely, Bill Hammond

I recently received a picture of a little newborn baby. In the center of the picture was a tiny little hand holding on to its mother's finger.

That picture reminded me of the night that Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem many years ago. Mary would look at and hold, as most young mothers do, those tiny little fingers and hands. Little did she know that it was God with us, (Matthew 1:23) and in that little child was the fullness of God, (John 14:10&11, Colossians 1:15).

Years later those young hands would work in a carpenter shop and later take a few small loaves of bread and miraculously feed over five thousand.

They would also take dirt and day. Brother J

spittle and give sight to the blind. They also made the lame to walk. Those hands when outstretched could calm the most violent storm and yet tenderly hold a young child that wanted to be near. Yes, those hands were brutal-

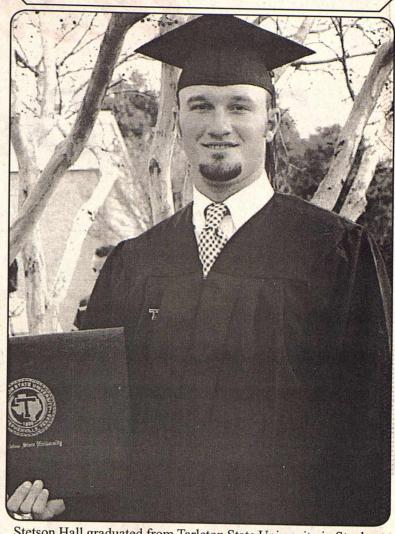
ly beaten and then spikes driven through them and they stayed nailed to a cross on a hill in Jerusalem over two thousand years ago until there was no life left in them.

It was then and there, that a way was made for our sins to be and take us into heaven and eternity, (John 14:3&6).

See you in Church next Sun-



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Stetson Hall graduated from Tarleton State University in Stephenforgiven, (John 3:16, Colossians ville, Texas on December 16, 2006 with a bachelors degree in Busi-1:14). It will also be those hands ness Administration, and plans to pursue a career with Mueller Inc. that will be waiting to greet us as a sales representative in Corpus Christi.

He is a 2002 graduate of Sonora High School. Stetson is the son of Callaway and Ronda Hall of Sonora. Congratulations Stetson!

Thank You

Eldorado Nursing Home Chit Chat

By Annie Arispe

Can you believe how quickly time flies? It really seems true that the older you get, the faster time seems to go by. Or is it just because we have worthwhile things we like to do? How quickly does the time seem to pass for the residents who may have pain or who may not be mobile enough to do the things they once loved?

Thanks for the volunteers that visit their rooms.

Does Santa come to the nursing homes? Sure he does. We appreciate all the gifts that have been received. I have always said that Eldorado has the biggest hearts when it comes to giving.

The sound of Christmas Carols and holiday songs are effective as sensory stimulation tools. Residents, some who rarely speak, will often remember the words to them and remember how to sing them. We find the staff enjoying them as much as the residents. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to share with us.

We still have open spaces until Christmas. If you would like to Christmas Carol, please contact us. We can also arrange for Santa to be here for the younger ones.

The kind heart is a fountain of gladness, making everything in its vicinity freshen into smiles.

Sutton County Public Library accepts donations to place books in the library "in honor of" or "in memory of" a friend or loved one. It is the perfect time of year to remember a special person in this way.

We would like to thank everyone that was in the Christmas Downtown festivities last week. With everyone's support and help it all came together.

There are so many people to give credit to for bring making it all possible. Preston Love for Building our Bethlehem, Todd Munn for help with all the set up and trailer, Lee Bloodworth for letting us use his wagon for our two old cowboys, Jane Rushing for all your time and hard work making sure it would all come together, the church youth groups and all the youth for

helping Sonora spread its cheer, City Hall, Sutton County, Sutton County Steakhouse for the wonderful food, all the volunteers that came and served the food and were there willing to help do anything they needed to, Joe Shaffer, Adkins Septic, KHOS Radio, Devil's River News, and to all the cast that made it all worth while. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happyni New Year.

From The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program

My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for

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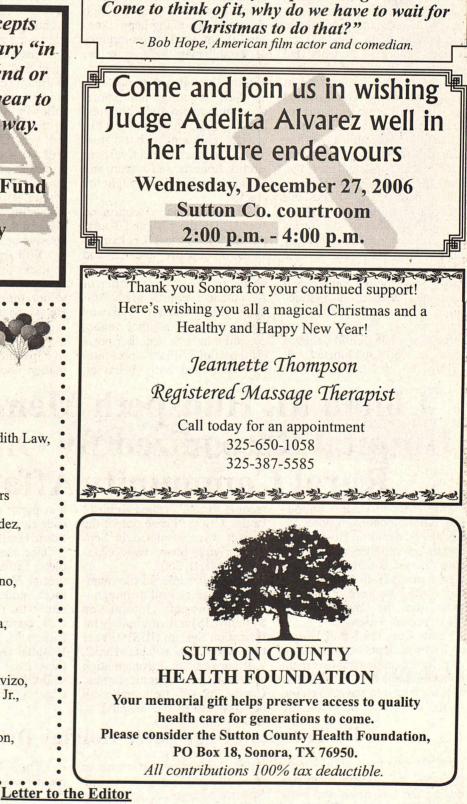
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. Happy Birthday

December 21 Gabriel Perez, Luke Sanchez, Harvey Villanueva, Judith Law, Nette Lopez, Joe Hidalgo, Maria McAfee, Steven Guana, Ryan Contreras December 22 Westley Lipham, Carol Sessom, Juanita Vickers **December 23** Mindy Hurt, Carlos Ramirez, Sr., Victor Hernandez, Stephanie Reddin, Kelly Martin, Morgan Crawford, Diana Gonzales **December 24** Delia Samaniego, Lilia Samaniego, Holly Trevino, Marco Jimenez, Teri Foulds, Darlene Eaton **December 25** Cynthia Perez, Betty Longoria, Chris Vyvlecka, Father Bill DuBuisson, Curt Dempsey, Ty Love, Noah Chambers **December 26** Lisa Galindo, Celia Smith, Claire Jones, Rafael Alvizo, Cami Gonzales, Valerie Villanueva, Oscar Perez, Jr., Conny Deel, Larry Luckett, Scott Gonzales December 27 Melinda Crain, Jerry Don Balch, Danielle Hudson, Charlie Alewine, Al Elliott



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Dr. J.D. Fields-Austin, Texas Photo by C.F. Rhomberg- Manor, Texas

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, SecretarySutton County **Historical Society**

We would like to start out this column by thanking a few people who help make things run a lot smoother around here every year. Patricia Craig Johnson has donated on line computer service money for the past 2 years so that our one phone line isn't tied up by computer users, we deeply appreciate her donations and her ongoing interest in the society

David and Betty Smith have been so much help these past few months. They are hard working snow-birds and we appreciate their help in the office and in decorating all the buildings in the Sutton County Historical Society Complex, which includes the Miers Home Museum, John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building (Old Depot) and our offices. His helping assemble the tables and chairs and cabinets we recently purchased, so people could have real tables and chairs, instead of a card table and folding chairs to work on, makes a big difference in volunteer and researcher comfort. Rick and I both appreciate all they have been doing to help the community. Marvin Shurley and Rick Bowen came in and helped us with the high decorations and did some repair work on the ceiling of the depot. Thank you so much for being a good VP Marvin, and for all the work you both have been doing down at the Ice House Museum. It is amazing how much of the building has been gutted, things are moving along quite well this year. All we need is a few more volunteers down there with hammers, saws and muscle and we might be able to finish gutting and start putting the place back together and getting it opened up. And Margaret, thank you so much for the contributions this year they were deeply appreciated. And all the rest of you who have been so generous and helped us to preserve the history of Sutton County in written records, archives, newspapers and stories, thank you all!

We talked about hotels on Main St. and Patricia Craig Johnson was kind enough to send me a little information for the files on the Texas Star Hotel that I thought you might enjoy:

The Texas Star Hotel was a wooden structure on the corner of Main Street and Water Avenue where the Mercantile Building now stands. Patricia didn't know who initially built it, but in 1892 Emory Gibbons and his wife, Margaret Jane Davenport Gibbons, purchased it and moved from their home on the Verde River in Bandera to operate it. They also bought a house near the hotel. Emory was a retired Texas Ranger and a Confederate Veteran. Margaret Jane was from the Davenports of Uvalde, who settled in that area in 1852. Emory and Margaret were the parents of twelve children. The five who were not married made the move to the

Historical Society

early newspapers.

In 1893 the Texas Star burned to the ground. Emory and Margaret remained in Sonora after the fire. They still owned their land on the Verde River and Emory visited often, expressing his desire to return there to live.

Will and Viola were married on August 29, 1894 in the home of Emory and Margaret. Will was 26 years old and Viola was 16. Sometime after their marriage Emory and Margaret sold the land where the hotel had been.

In February of 1897 the Bandera Enterprise printed this item, "Our old friend and fellow townsman, Mr. E. Gibbons is again on the Bandera side of the hills. His family moved back to the old ranch on the Verde. Miss Adah is teaching school on East Verde; Graham has flew into the farm and is linking to it like he had never been elsewhere, while the old gentleman does as he pleases, and peddles chickens and turkeys and other country produce."

W. J. Fields, as Will was called later, and Viola Gibbons Fields are the grandparents of : Alvis Johnson, R. W. Johnson (deceased), John David Fields, Betty Fields Smith, Francine Fields Hardeman, Fred Fields (deceased), Johnny Fields DVM, Herbert (Corky) Fields, Jr. (deceased) and Tryon Fields - also George M. Hopkins, Mary Elizabeth Hopkins Hill, and Wallace Hopkins (deceased) - all born in Denton, TX.

We appreciate her input on the Star Hotel, the people who owned it and their descendants.

The Old Depot is rented on the 21st and 29th, and we would appreciate it if people would respect the renters privacy and not wander the grounds during rentals. You are welcome to wander any other time and sit and enjoy the lights and beauty of our little park. Folks we are always happy to let groups use our grounds for school functions etc., but please call ahead and book them first so there is no conflict with renters. Thank You!

Twelfth Annual Sacred Places Tour

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Year.

will reopen on the 28th. You can

reach me at home at 387-2855 if

Please send your questions on local history to "Ask the Histori-

cal Society," a column provided

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net. You may call us at 387-5084

with your questions on Tuesday,

Thursday and Saturday morn-

ings except during the holidays.

there is an emergency.

Ten historic places of worship and one historic cemetery will be open to visitors on Saturday, January 27 for Galveston Historical Foundation's annual Sacred Places Tour. The event will begin at 9 a.m. with a talk by Joe Opperman, internationally renowned preservation architect and Galveston native, at St. Joseph's Church, 2202 Avenue K. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and runs through 4:30 p.m.

The popular tour, which in 2005 featured the ecclesiastical works of Galveston architect Nicholas J. Clayton, and in 2006 featured Galveston's historic African American churches, benefits GHF's ongoing restoration of St. Joseph's Church, the oldest wooden church building in Galveston and the oldest German Catholic church in Texas. Advance tickets for the tour are \$7 (\$6 for GHF members) and may be purchased by phone (409) 762-3933, online at www.galvestonhistory.org or in person at the Heritage Visitors Center, 2328 Broadway. Pre-reserved group rates are \$5 per person for 20 or more tickets. On the day of the tour tickets may be purchased for \$8 at St. Joseph's Church, 2202 Avenue K. The sacred places on the tour include: St. Joseph's, St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica, Trinity Episcopal, Temple B'nai Israel, Wesley Tabernacle United Methodist, St. John's Lutheran, Central Christian, Progressive Missionary Baptist, First Lutheran, Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox, and Old City Cemetery.



Merry Christmas from Team Graphics Closed Dec. 23 - Jan. 2



egend Jewelers

Invincible: A tribute to women ... because of their inward beauty and strength ... and oh-so protective. Page 3

bustling, dusty, young town of Sonora. One daughter, Viola, was 14 years old. She, no doubt, helped in the hotel and in the dining room.

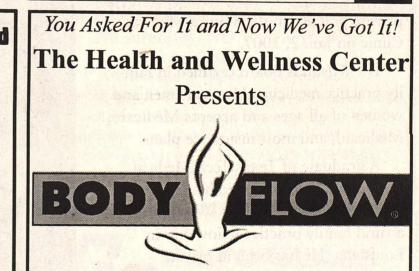
Will (William John) Fields, a young stockman, was frequently in town. He was originally from Manor, TX, ten miles east of Austin. He came to Sutton County in 1889 to look after the stock and land of his father, Dr. J. D. Fields, who practiced medicine in Manor. The Fields ranch started just east of Sonora.

It is not known how Will and Viola met. Will may have taken his meals at the Texas Star or have seen Viola at some get-together. Being so new, raw, and removed from traditional entertainment, the community of Sonora worked very hard at providing a busy social life for all its young folks. Picnics, hay-rides, parties, dances, and bicycle outings were reported weekly in the

Wishing a **Merry Christmas** and a prosperous **New Year** to all my regular and new clients. Edna's House of Beauty & European Massage Edna Vargas, owner, cosmetologist & R.M.T.

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January 1, 2007, at 12:30 p.m. in the Courtroom of the **Crockett County Courthouse** Ozona, Texas

Reception to follow the ceremony at the Crockett Room. 503 11th Street Ozona, Texas

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be held at 11:00 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help **Catholic Church**



DIABETES DURING THE HOLIDAYS Submitted by: Kelly L Thorp, MS

County Extension Agent-FCS Texas Cooperative Extension-Sutton County

Do you ever find yourself dreading the holidays? It's the time of year we usually end up gaining weight and our blood sugar (glucose) levels can get out of control. This year, let's enjoy the holidays and keep control over our glucose levels. Here are a few tips that may help you overcome your dread of holiday foods:

• Make up Your Mind. You have a choice about what you can eat! You are in control, and

you don't need to be pressured by everyone around you. Decide early what you are going to do. Remember, it is possible to follow a lower-carbohydrate meal plan during the holidays. Choose lower-carbohydrate foods you are familiar with, the ones you know keep your glucose levels in control. You'll usually find plenty of holiday-season protein sources in: turkey, ham, seafood and low fat, low sodium deli meats and cheeses.

· Stick with the Old Standards. As for vegetables, many people prepare veggie trays, salads and non starchy vegetables such as greens. Of course, you'll have too many carbohydrate choices to choose from. The key to success is portion control and meal planning with carbohydrate choices that count.

• Don't Arrive Hungry. Restricting your food intake during the holidays can backfire on you. Have a snack before you go to your party, like a yogurt and fruit or a plate of raw vegetables and low fat cheese; something that will stick to your ribs a bit better than walking in to a party

hungry and wanting to eat everything in site.

Avoid Mindless Eating. Scoops of nuts, chips and cookies are hard to avoid if you're standing right next to them! Try selecting more single serving foods rather than eating by the handful.

· Don't Drink on an Empty Stomach. Having diabetes means you should think about your alcohol consumption all yearlong. Too much alcohol will disrupt your blood sugar control. It's best to drink alcohol with food; it will slow the effects of the alcohol.

· Burn those Calories. Exercise is critical all year long and can be especially helpful during the holiday season. Exercise is also a great stress reliever and it also helps you burn off those extra calories you might have consumed. Keep decorating your house, park your car further away from the store entrance; just keep moving! Source: http://fcsagents.tamu.edu/health/diabetes/diabetes newsletters/diabetes_during_the_holidays.pdf

Volunteer Some Holiday Cheer

better than to receive - but volunteering can accomplish both in one fell swoop, says a Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) psychiatry expert.

Volunteering not only helps those in need but also returns the favor by improving the giver's psychological state, according to Dr. James Lomax, professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at BCM in Houston.

"Generally people feel better if they are doing something for others," said Lomax. "They feel that they are more valuable as volunteering tends to give them an increased sense of meaningfulness of life.'

The discovery of mirror neu-

HOUSTON —To give is rons, brain cells that fire when an individual performs a task as well as when an individual watches another doing the same task, suggests that the human mind is wired to be empathetic with other people.

There is a kind of resonance that takes place with people's emotions," said Lomax, whose research interests include the relationship between psychiatry, religion and spirituality. "If you do something that others then feel grateful for and respond positively to, it usually creates positive emotions in the person that is giving as well as in the person receiving."

Volunteering may also pre-

holiday season can spread joy but also bring disappointment, spurred either by overemphasis on materialism or by family stressors. Volunteering can introduce a different perspective to the season and keep expectations realistic, even for children.

"You shouldn't make your children feel badly about being excited about presents, but you should help them find other sources of gratification and pleasure," said Lomax.

Wrapping and delivering gifts or food to less fortunate families, for instance, instills a therapeutic sense of community and generosity, said Lomax, rendering volunteer service a vent post-holiday blues. The unique gift that gives back.

CHAMBER CHATTER

Thank you for putting us in the **Christmas spirit!** By: Becky Covington

We are truly fortunate to live in this great community; we thank each and everyone for all the help in making the " Downtown Christmas Program" a success and putting us all in the Christmas spirit. It was such a local effort from all of the many Volunteers, Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Historic Sonora, Local Churches, Businesses, and City and County Government that made it a success. Once again the community came together to support the event with more than 500 people attending the outstanding performance and enjoying a delicious turkey and dressing meal with all the trimmings. What a wonderful gift Preston and Linda Love gave to the community by providing and preparing the food. Also, thanks to First National Bank and La Mexicana for their contribution to the meal. So many people helped with the program that if I mentioned individual names I am sure I would leave someone out. However, I would like to give a special thank you to Jane Rushing who directed the performances, Don Longoria who wrote the script and Lewis Allen. These folks really put in endless hours and went above and beyond to make it wonderful program.

about what Americans' true feelings are about Christmas gifts and the universal dilemma of gift-buying and what people really think about the Christmas presents they receive? From a recent survey the Worst Gift is clothes. Even Dressed up with a red bow, the message comes through loud and clear if a diet book, gym membership or deodorant is waiting for you under the tree. These gifts sparked some serious arguments between the recipients and the givers. Other commonly hated presents included recycled gifts or the old stand-bys: a holiday sweater or a pair of socks. The best gift: Fine Jewelry. Gifts of jewelry also drew reactions from respondents-it was either loved or hated. On one hand, 20% of women named jewelry as their favorite gift, while 8% also cited it as the worst. The reason for this contradiction lies in one simple truth-not all jewelry is created equal. Hardest to shop for: Parents. The one thing that 44% of people agreed upon was that parents were the hardest to shop for. Fathers had a slight edge of the votes, as respondents complained that men "never know what (they) Mothers were also want." hard to shop for because "they are too picky" or "already have everything." Don't lose hope - survey respondents also raved about some of their favorite gifts of all time: 20% of participants

Have you ever thought loved electronics gifts, 23% named a personalized gift or a present for the home or family, 13% appreciated fine jewelry and 13% preferred plain old gift certificates or cash. However, let's not forget as you give your presents away this year that the real meaning of Christmas is the giving of gifts from the heart and maybe it won't be so stressful.

The Staff of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like to wish our membership and our community a Christmas season filled with great memories, family, food, celebrations and a new appreciation of life itself. We have had an incredible year of growth and change. We sincerely thank our dedicated Board of Directors led by Jody Luttrell, our growing membership, the City of Sonora and Sutton County for your continued and valued support. Our wish for all of you is that 2007 will be a year in which we can all strive together to make Sonora the best it can be and a great place to call home!

Chamber of Commerce **Calendar** of Events December 18 - January 3 SISD Christmas Holidays

Rep. Bonilla Loses Texas Run-off Vote

(AP) Former congressman Ciro Rodriguez defeated seventerm Republican Henry Bonilla in a Texas run-off election Tuesday, adding another Democrat to Congress.

With nearly all precincts reporting in the state's largest district, Rodriguez had 54 percent to Bonilla's 45 percent.

Bonilla has called Rodriguez to concede, the incumbent's spokesman Phil Ricks said.

They were the top vote-getters in a special election held Nov. 7, but neither got 50 percent, prompting the runoff.

'I thought it would be, in all honesty, would be a lot closer than it was in the end," Rodriguez said at his campaign party.

elected, you represent everyone in the district.'

Bonilla was seeking an eighth term in Washington, while Rodriguez was hoping to return after a two-year absence. He served from 1997-2005 in another district but was ousted in the March 2004 Democratic primary by Henry Cuellar, a Laredo Democrat. Rodriguez lost again to Cuellar in this year's primary.

The Supreme Court ruled in June that a 2003 reconfiguration of Bonilla's district was unconstitutional because it diluted minority votes, and a three-judge panel redrew the district in August to restore Hispanics that had been shunted into another

ing supporters, "We just couldn't score again and again.'

"But that's OK. This is a different time now," he said. "I can tell you I've had 14 years as a member of the House of Representatives, and I count my blessings."

The new district stretches from San Antonio south to the Mexican border and almost to El Paso in the west.

Rodriguez, Bonilla and sixm others ran in a free-for-all sperio cial election Nov. 7. The goal of the six Democrats was to keep Bonilla below 50 percent, and force him into a runoff. It worked, with Rodriguez in second place.

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Dr. William Wilson opens Sonora practice Jan. 2

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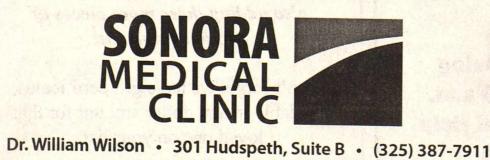
Dr. Wilson is board certified in family practice medicine. He treats men and women of all ages and accepts Medicare, Medicaid, and most insurance plans.

A graduate of Texas Tech Medical School, Dr. Wilson served his family practice residency in Fort Worth and a rural family practice fellowship in Louisiana. He has been in private practice the past 10 years.

Dr. Wilson met his wife, Diana, while doing medical missionary work in

Columbia. Dr. Wilson grew up in Honduras, where his parents served as missionaries. He is fluent in Spanish.

"Sonora is a perfect fit for Diana and me," Dr. Wilson says. "My parents live in Carrizo Springs, so we will be closer to them. Sonora is the right size for the kind of medicine I want to practice. You get to know your patients. You treat neighbors, not strangers on an assembly line."



Have a Wonderful and Safe Christmas Season



"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all year."

- Charles Dickens

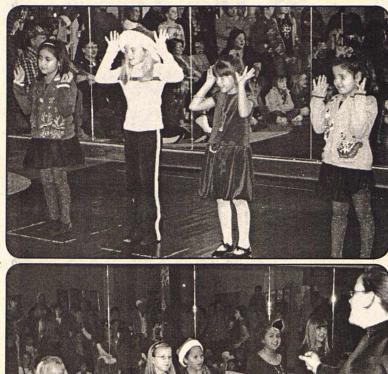
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Young Dancers at Downtown Christmas



Students from the Dance Studio perform for the Downtown Christmas celebration December 13.

Private Moreno Graduates from Basic Training

has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot

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Army Pvt. Maricela Moreno marches, and field training exercises.

> She is the daughter of Patricio and Lusia Moreno of Sonora, Texas. Moreno is a 2006 graduate of Sonora High School.

Underwater Tactics: Turning Cold Weather Into Hot Fishing

By Ken Cook

If it's not snow or freezing rain, it's bone-chilling air temperatures and icy winds that make a day on the water nearly insufferable. But just because you're uncomfortable, it doesn't mean that the bass are. Sure, it's December, it's cold outside and I'm sure you still have some holiday shopping to do, but bass are still in the lake. If they want to make it through the winter they will have to eat.

As the water temperature drops, bass follow the migrating shad out to deeper water (deep being anywhere from 30 to 40 feet in clear, deep lakes or six to eight feet in murky, shallow ones). Use your electronics and find the balls of shad. There's sure to be some bass nearby, holding up in vertical, deep cover. Typically, bass will be easier to find down lake on outside channel swings, bluff faces and points with vertical drops.

Since bass are cold blooded, the colder water has slowed them down - so you should slow down, too. This ties in directly to your bait selection, the most important aspect to catching bass in the cold. Just because the bass are following migrating shad that doesn't mean that's all they will eat. Fish biologists have discovered that a bass prefers a bait about three inches long and about an inch in diameter. That jig that you spent all summer pitching into the bushes will do just fine. But instead of relying on the oldest known fishing lure by itself, I Meers, OK

like to dress mine up with the newest technological advancement in fishing bait.

On a 3/8-ounce jig, I trim the skirt just past the hook to keep it from having too large a profile since I want to put a large trailer on it. I rig a Berkley Gulp! Bat Wing Frog as the trailer. These two baits are meant to be fished slow - the perfect presentation for a cold-blooded bass in wintertime. I cut the front of the bait off just behind the eye and thread it onto the jig hook. The legs on the Bat Wing Frog flutter like crazy on the fall and with the slightest movements.

The Gulp! trailer isn't made of plastic so it ac-tually breathes underwater and disperses scent like no other bait ever made. And the slower you fish it, the more scent builds up in an area, expanding the strike zone by drawing in sluggish fish in search of an easy meal that might have not been interested otherwise.

There's no secret to catching bass in the middle of winter. Just like any other time of year, you have to figure out the right pattern. And once you figure out where they are, slow down your presentation. The fishing can be good enough to make you forget

all about the plummeting temperatures. Ken Cook is the 1991 Bassmaster Classic champion and a 14-time Classic qualifier. A former fisheries biologist, Cook lives on a ranch in

Securing a Better Future: **Pre-K Paves the Way**

By Dr. Ricardo Romo

In the past few decades Texas has shifted from a primarily industrial economy to one focused more on knowledge and technology. As a result, the workforce demands more highly skilled and educated workers. Unfortunately, Texas has experienced a decline in the number of skilled workers as well as those enrolling in higher education.

The need for change is ur-gent. On its current path, Texas will see its economy shift from a diverse and strong economy to one leading to increased poverty rates, decreased household incomes, losses in tax revenue, and increases in the demand for health, criminal, and social services.

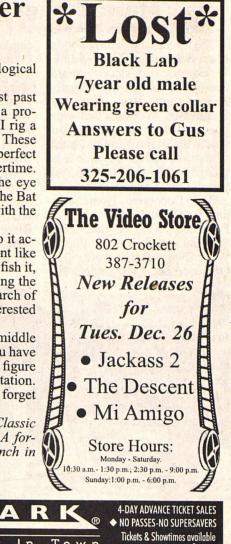
In addition, the educational gap continues to grow. Ethnic minority groups continue to graduate from high school and college at lower rates. We must do everything we can to ensure all children have the skills necessary to graduate and go on to college. If not, we will have a less educated workforce and a weaker economy in the future.

education system is one solution communities to benefit from the to the labor quality problems model. facing Texas, and high quality Dr. Romo is the President of the pre-k programs such as child University of Texas at San Antocare, Head Start, and public nio. pre-kindergarten are one of the

most cost-effective educationa investments we can make as state.

A recent study conducted by the Bush School of Government and Public Policy at Texa A&M University concluded that even under very conservative assumptions, the benefits of vol untary, universally accessible high-quality pre-kindergarten in Texas greatly outweighs the cost, and for every \$1 invested. at least \$3.50 is returned to Tex as communities.

For the past four years, Tex as has been at the forefront o developing a high quality pre-l model for the children and fami lies of Texas. The State Center for Early Childhood Development has implemented the Texa Early Education Model (TEEM in dozens of communities and thousands of classrooms across the state. Child Care, Head Start, and pre-kindergarten programs work together in an unprecedented collaborative manner in order to improve the school readiness of children. This proven model is expected to once again be expanded this upcoming legis-An upgrade in the Texas lative session in order for more



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Sonora Colts Basketball Schedule

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01/04	Junction	Home	Away
01/11	Comfort	Home	Away
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01/18	Mason	Away	Home
01/20	Llano Tournament	and the second	教授 和14月1
01/25	Brady	Home	Away
02/01	Blanco	Home	Away
02/08	Comfort		Home

Sonora Broncos Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	JV	Var
Dec 28-30	Big Lake Varsity Tournament	Big Lake	la seitari disettari	TBA
Jan 2	Ozona	Away	5:00	8:00
Jan 5	Reagan County	Home	6:00	7:30
Jan 9	TBA	Contraction (1996)	()u shist.	a seget
Jan 12	TBA		SAL ST	
Jan 16	Mason*	Away	5:00	8:00
Jan 19	Brady*	Home	5:00	8:00
Jan 23	Blanco*	Home	5:00	8:00
Jan 26	Comfort*	Away	5:00	8:00
Jan 30	Junction*	Away	5:00	8:00
Feb 2	Mason*	Home	5:00	8:00
Feb 6	Brady*	Away	5:00	8:00
Feb 9	Blanco*	Away	5:00	8:00
Feb 13	Comfort*	Home	5:00	8:00
Feb 16	Junction*	- Home	5:00	8:00

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Jan 12	Junction*	Home	5:00	6:30
Jan 16	Mason*	Away	5:00	6:30
Jan 19	Brady*	Home	5:00	6:30
Jan 23	Blanco*	Home	5:00	6:30
Jan 26	Comfort*	Away	5:00	6:30
Jan 30	Junction*	Away	5:00	6:30
Feb 2	Mason*	Home	5:00	6:30
Feb 6	Brady* -	Away	5:00	6:30

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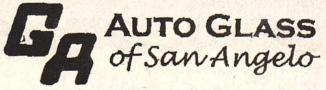
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Main Street Traffic By Mary Ann Kay

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street program would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Best Decorated Homes and Best Decorated Businesses. We know that when you work hard decorating your yard with bright lights and warm Christmas wishes, it is nice to be recognized for the wonderful job you did for your community.

Best Decorated Home winners for the first week were: 121 Edgemont, 1112 Tayloe, 1008 St. Ann's and 100 E. Poplar. Week Two winners were: 124 Oakwood Dr., 1510 Tayloe, 305

Santa Rosa and 124 Deerwood. Best Decorated for Christmas businesses for the first week were: The Dance Studio and Ami's Gift Shop. The second week business winners were: Rushing Oil and Lube on Crockett St. and Everett's Furniture on Main St.

We would like to thank our sponsors; Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, KHOS Radio, and the Devil's River News.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

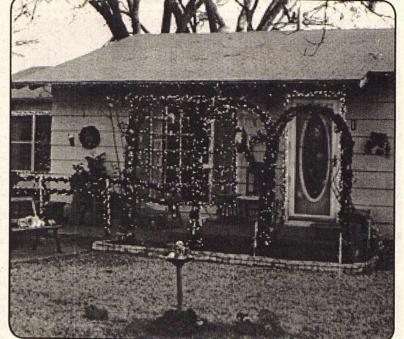






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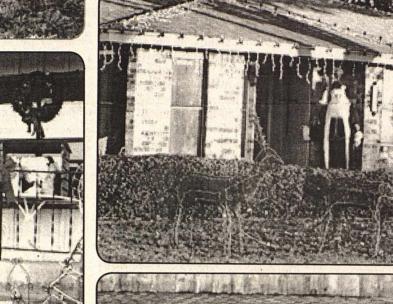












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1800s was not an easy time by

any means, and some Texans

had more resources than oth-

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of frontier living, the pioneer-

ing men, women and children of that day left behind a proud

legacy of hearty spirit and re-

In "The Book of Texas Days,"

Ron Stone writes: "life was never

easy in frontier Texas, so Christ-

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on trees. One historian noted

that Christmas trees were plen-

tiful - everywhere but in West

of stories about Christmas in

19th century Texas, famed Tex-

as author Walter Prescott Webb

compiled a list of anecdotes for

his 1941 article, "Christmas and

New Year in Texas," for the Southwestern Historical Quar-

In those days, many gifts were

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Of Texas Christmas Past By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn on the clothes for the boys, and There once was a golden era knitted socks, and still they had in Texas in which the celebra-

to work up to the last night." tion of Christmas did not focus Nearly two decades later, the on costly gifts, or trendy items price of cotton was high, and gifts reflected the resulting proson sale in shopping malls across the state. It was a time when perity. In 1868, boys on a Bosque farm received brass-toed, rednews coverage of the Christmas season didn't consist of stories topped boots and the first wool about credit card debt, or hunthats they'd ever seen, according to Dr. John Frazier, a Fort Worth physician who had been one of ing down the perfect gift for that Christmas in Texas in the

those lucky Bosque farm boys. Webb's stories depict the Christmas spirit of the time painting a picture of New Year's Eve-style revelry, complete with firecracker displays. And Charles F. Taylor, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, describes a raucous 1839 Christmas Eve in Nacogdoches this way:

tomorrow's Christmas Fiddles groan under a heavy weight of oppression, and heeltaps suffer to the tune of 'We Won't Go Home 'Till Morning,' trees with traditional homemade and now and then the discharge of firearms at a distance'

Of course, the Christmas feast often reflected the economic and geographic conditions these early Texans faced.

Especially in early days, con-ditions could be fairly primitive. Christmas dinner in 1828 on the Gulf Coast for Mr. D. W. C. Baker consisted of "some hominy, beat in a wooden mortar, and the fresh milk."

But 50 years later, a very different table was set for Captain Jack Elgin, who celebrated Christmas with a surveying party in West Texas. He recalled:

"No prince, potentate, or magnate ever sat down to such a feast. I think we had fourteen varieties of meat. ... We had buffalo, antelope, deer, bear, rabbit, prairie dog, possum, and possibly other animals that I do not recall; turkey, goose, brant, ducks, prairie-chicken, curlew, quail, and other birds."

In a lovely recollection of the holiday spirit in 1841, newspaper editor Charles De Morse wrote in "The Standard" of Clarksville about Christmas in Austin when Texas was an independent Republic:

"The day welcome to all, is close at hand, and we are all ready for it bright wideawake Texas, whose people are always ready for whatever may come.

"The toy shops will be gay with bright lights and contrivances for extracting dimes, quarters and half dollars of the children ...

... and tomorrow, the era which the Saviour came to bring about, 'Good will to man and womankind,' will come to us with pleasant temperature, freedom from business cares, and a general appreciation that it is a day for relaxation, for smiling countenances, and hearty greetings.'

In that same spirit, may our holiday in Texas this year include warm remembrance of Christmases past.

Sen. Cornyn is a member of the following Senate Commit-tees: Armed Services, Judiciary, Budget, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and Joint Economic. He is the chairman of the subcommittees on Immigration, Border Security and Citi-zenship and Emerging Threats and Capabilities. Cornyn served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge.

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Oil & Agribusiness **Compost Now To Improve Your Garden Soil**



By Pascual Hernandez

This is a great time to begin or add to your compost pile. Composting provides an almost constant source of free fertilizer and soil conditioner. The organic materials in the compost help your plants grow by loosening the soil and allowing better root entry. The texture of compost improves the soil's ability to hold water. Compost has all the nutrients that plants require.

Start by finding a good place for your pile - somewhere that is handy to the garden and kitchen, yet out of plain sight. Corral that compost with a simple frame to make a ring. Build a more permanent compost bin from slatted

wood or recycled pallets. Leave ing your pile. Begin burying mulch or to start another pile. it open on one side for access adding, turning and digging out compost from the bottom - and do not cover the top.

There are two basic elements that make compost: green (grass clippings, old annuals) and brown (dry leaves, soil) garden debris. Try for a balance of one part green to one to two parts brown, until the mix is damp but not wet. Put a layer of leaves 4 inches thick in the bottom of your pile, then 1 inch of your good garden soil (a small bag of potting soil or compost from the local nursery or garden center will do). Next add 2 inches of grass clippings or old plants, then more brown and green in alternate layers. Turn with a manure or spad-

ing fork one week after build-

Rig Report as of 12/15/06

coffee grounds, eggshells and green kitchen waste into the pile and turn it weekly. Kitchen waste includes vegetable peels, fruit peels, nutshells, and other vegetable or fruit scraps. Water your compost pile only during extended dry weather, and then only enough to moisten, not drench the contents. You'll have

compost in about two months. You can make another ring or bin and turn the compost from one into the other to neatly mix it up and aerate the pile for faster results. Begin digging out compost from the bottom of the pile when you turn it over and cannot recognize the component parts any longer. Dig out shovelfuls of crumbly brown compost to use in your garden, and use the partially composted matter for

Keep in mind that healthy

compost smells pleasantly earthy - turn it more often and add more dry brown matter if it smells bad. Certain materials should be avoided in compost. Meat, bones, fish, dairy products, grease, and oil: they cause odors and attract rodents. Pet droppings: may contain disease. Weeds with seeds and runners: grow when you spread your compost. Diseased and insect-infested plants: spread if not well composted. Shavings and sawdust from treated wood, and other materials containing strong preservatives or other toxins. Ashes: slow the composting process.

Give composting a try this cool season. This" black gold" will be ready for use in the

Cattlemen's Capitol Concerns

Drought Monitoring System bill will authorize \$81 million Moves Forward: The Senate cleared the way December 6 for the establishment of a National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS). The NI-DIS bill, which was introduced in both the House (H.R. 5136, introduced by Rep. Ralph Hall, R-Texas) and Senate (S. 2752, introduced by Senator Ben Nelson, D-Neb.), now heads to the

Junction **Livestock Auction**

> **Market Report** 12/18/06

Sheep & Goats Market Report Sold 2642 head of sheep and goats. Kids were steady.

Sheep:

#1 Spring Lambs 50-70 lbs 1.10-1.16

#1 Spring Lambs 70-90 lbs. .95-1.10

#1 Old Crop Lambs 50-70 lbs. .95-1.00

#1 Old Crop Lambs 70-90 lbs. .65-.80

Fat Ewes -. 40-. 50 Thin Ewes - .25-.35 Bucks - .30-.50

Goats: **Baby Tooth Angora- no test** Solid Mouth Angora Stocker Nannies - .40-.50 Stocker Angora Muttons -

.5.5-.65 Angora Kids - 1.15-1.25

through fiscal year 2012 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to establish an integrated drought forecasting system with the express goal of providing usable, reliable, and timely drought forecasts. This early warning system could serve as an asset to farmers and ranchers by helping to predict and monitor the devastating effects of drought.

Endangered Species Act Legislation Introduced:

Senators Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.), Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), Max Baucus (D-Mont.) and Wayne Allard (R-Colo.) introduced S. 4087, the "Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2006." The bill, which seeks to give tax incentives to private landowners for providing habitat for endangered species and for implementing species recovery plans, has been referred to the Senate Finance Committee for consideration.

NCBA and the Public Lands Council support efforts to provide financial incentives to landowners and others who work through easements and restoration projects to provide enhanced habitat for wildlife - especially endangered species. Ranchers have been supportive for some time of efforts to reform the Endangered Species Act and give greater weight to local and voluntary conservation programs. But livestock producers remain integrity efforts. I will continue

Massive Immigration Raids Impact Meat Packing Giant

By Tim Bueler

A whopping 1282 suspected illegal immigrants were arrested Dec. 12, 2006 in a six-state raid on meat processing plants. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said about 65 of the illegals face criminal charges, including identity theft, at the Swift & Company plants, in the largest ever arrest of ille-

gals in a single plant. Said Chertoff, "This is not only a case about illegal immigration, which is bad enough. It's a case about identity theft and violation of the privacy rights and the economic rights of innocent Americans. These individuals suffered very real consequences in their lives. These are not victimless crimes."

Chertoff called the trafficking of false and stolen documents a serious national security issue because terrorists can use such phony papers to try to get on airplanes.

Commenting on the raid is John Cox, former owner of the multimillion dollar Jay's Potato Chip Company who contends that there is no need for any US businesses to hire illegal workers and who says that as a businessman, he has never hired illegals

Swift & Company is the second largest processor of beef and pork in the world with more than \$9 billion in annual sales. It is not yet known what impact these raids will have on the supply of meat available.

H.R. 6408 and our Energy Independence

By Congressman Mike Conaway

Late Last week Congress passed the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act and the Tax Relief and Health Act of 2006, which are both part of H.R. 6408. The bill extends tax cuts vital to keeping our economy strong and contains a provision that will allow Texans to deduct their state sales taxes on their federal tax returns. In addition to the other tax cut extensions, the sales tax deduction will put millions back into the pockets of Texas taxpayers.

H.R. 6408 will also enhance our energy independence and security by providing for exploration, development, and production activities for energy resources in sections of the Gulf of Mexico. Passing this bill will help boost our domestic energy supply, which leads to more jobs, lower gas prices, and greater economic and national security.

This bill strikes a compromise between the House and Senate on legislation that is critical to all Americans. It will prevent tax increases, move us toward energy independence, and improves the Medicare program by protecting beneficiaries, saving money, and boosting program working on these important is-

passed H.R. 6406, a combination of numerous trade related items including normalizing trade relations with Vietnam, a trade agreement with Haiti and other smaller agreements. I have consistently stated that I am a proponent of free trade so long as it is also fair trade. With that said, I was unfortunately forced to cast my first vote against a trade package. The provisions in H.R. 6406 regarding Haiti are far from fair and I could not in good conscience support such a measure in its current form. The intent of these provisions is meant to benefit Haiti by granting value-added rules of origin. Regrettably, the stipulations laid out in this bill cannot be enforced by U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The benefits intended for Haiti will ultimately end up going to China, forcing our domestic producers and manufacturers to operate at a severe disadvantage and under particularly damaging conditions. With 95% of the world's population resid-ing outside the United States, trade is, and will continue to be an important component of our economy vital to the security and stability of our nation.

H.R. 6408 and H.R. 6406 were packaged together as one bill and passed in the Senate. It is expected to be signed by the President before the end of the year.

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cautious of any policies that re-move land from use in agriculture production and that provide for "permanent" plans for wildlife, even after a species has been recovered.

While it is not expected that there will be action on this bill during the remaining days of the 109th Congress, the measure is expected to be re-introduced when the 110th Congress convenes.

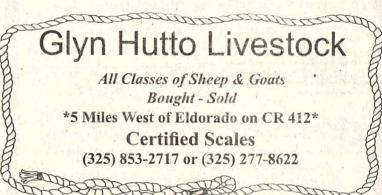
Animal ID Premises Registration Materials Available:

USDA's new National Animal Identification System (NAIS) User Guide and updated premises registration materials are available online at: http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais. This User Guide is the most current plan for the NAIS and replaces all previously published program documents. For community outreach leaders, a DVD of "printerready" copies of the brochures or fact sheets is available from USDA's Office of Communications.

Key Cattlemen Issues Must Stay on Congress's Radar: NCBA has been monitoring a number of key issues as the 109th Congress prepares to come to a close, including Superfund, dust regulations, disaster assistance, and Death Tax. While NCBA is still actively communicating with leaders in Washington on these issues, it is unlikely the 109th Congress will be able to complete any of the legislation needed to solve many of these problems for cattlemen. But there is still work to be done.

"This does not lessen the need for cattle producers in the countryside to hold their elected officials' feet to the fire," says Jay Truitt, NCBA vice president of government affairs. "Cattlemen need to call, visit, write, fax and talk to their member of Congress every time they can - while they are at home over the holidays and again when they come back to Washington - and impress upon them exactly how these problems affect their businesses.

sues in the 110th Congress. Also last week, the House



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TCEQ Encourages Consumers to Recycle Used Electronics this Holiday Season

An estimated 1.3 million computers could be recycled annually

Every holiday season, millions of Texans receive new home electronics. But as quickly as the latest television, computer, digital camera, cellular phone, video game console, or mp3 player is unwrapped, the older model is quickly discardedusually in a closet or an attic.

"In this season of giving, we want to encourage consumers to donate their used electronic items, instead of throwing them away," said Matt Baker, division director of the Small Business and Environmental Assistance division at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). "Often these products are still in perfectly good working condition, and can be recycled for reuse, or disassembled and sold for parts.

Based on a study by the National Recycling Coalition, about 1.5 million computers are taken out of service in Texas annually, and only an estimated 162,000 are recycled, leaving more than 1.3 million units that aren't recycled. "Even if your

computer is several years old, it is still valuable," said Baker. 'An average personal computer typically contains 40 percent steel, 30 to 40 percent plastic, 10 percent aluminum and 10 percent other metals, including copper, gold, silver, cadmium, and platinum-all recyclable," said Baker.

To find a recycler near you, the TCEQ has published an updated version of its statewide computer and electronics recycler locator guide, located in the "Hot Topics" column of the TCEQ home page, http://www. tceq.state.tx.us/.

In addition, take-back programs are also being offered by some makers of computers and mp3 players, to promote recycling. Contact your manufacturer for details. Local charitable associations and nonprofit organizations are also in need of "almost new," working electronics including computers, televisions, video game consoles and digital cameras. Often these groups have a year-round necessity, and can find a new home for your used electronics.

City Police Dispatcher Report

Arrest(s):

December 11, 2006 • 5:10 PM: Richardo Briton, 37, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for a Sonora Municipal Court warrant for Criminal Mischief.

• 6:40 PM: Oscar Martinez Sanchez, 51, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Sonora Municipal Court warrants for 2 counts of Public Intoxication, and Assault.

6:40 PM: Maria Irene Garza, 34, from Sonora, Texas was served with a Sonora Municipal Court warrant for Dog Running Loose. Subject paid fine to the Sonora Municipal Court. • 7:00 PM: Wes Lee Smith, 22, from Sonora, Texas was served with Sonora Municipal Court warrants for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, No Driver's License, and Driving Without a Seat Belt. Subject paid fines to the Sonora Municipal Court. • 7:30 PM: Joseph Lee Hopkins, 25, from Sonora, Texas was served with a Sonora Municipal Court warrant for Failing to Maintain Financial Responsibility. Subject paid fine to Sonora Municipal Court.

December 17, 2006 • 6:10 PM: J.B. Louis Barker, 29, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Assault. • 6:40 PM: Marie Therese Moorehead, 51, from Fort Worth, Texas was arrested for Public Intoxication. Incidents:

December 11, 2006 11:00 AM: Caller reported a dead cat on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded. • 2:01 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded. • 3:55 PM: Caller reported a family disturbance. Officer

assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

• 11:18 AM: Caller reported a dead deer at the Sutton County Park. Animal Control Officer responded.

• 12:47 PM: Caller reported a cat in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded. • 1:52 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Deputy responded. · 2:25 PM: Caller reported a loose dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded. • 4:41 PM: Caller reported a

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Faulty Doctor Rating System to be Suspended

from the nation's largest state medical association, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas has agreed to suspend its controversial new physician rating system.

"We are pleased that Blue Cross listened to physicians' deep concerns about this program and are confident we can convince the company to replace it with a system that ensures patients and businesses have access to accurate and useful information to help them make appropriate health care decisions," said TMA President Ladon W. Homer, MD.

"'Transparency' is the latest buzzword in health care. But in profits," Dr. Homer said.

In response to complaints our profession, firmly dedicated to the patient-physician relationship, transparency has been the standard for centuries. The health plans have the most information to hide - which physicians are and are not in their networks, what their plans actually cover, and where their premium dollars actually go." A recent statewide poll of 1,005 Texans conducted by TMA found that 72 percent of Texans feel our health care system puts insurance profits ahead of patient care. "Our state, legislature needs to pass reforms. to stop health insurance abuse and gimmicks that are sacrificing our state's public health for corporate insurance company

State Capital Highlights Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling AUSTIN - The public relations war over a proposal to build 19 new coal-fired plants is getting hotter with the next state legislative session around the corner.

The Texas Association of Business stumped at the Capitol Dec. 15 in favor of the plants and a mix of other power-generation options, such as more nuclear power capacity and less reliance on natural gas. Energy needs for residential customers, businesses and government are growing faster than power can be generated by the current grid of power plants, said Bill Hammond, executive director of the Texas Association of Business.

Hammond mentioned Texas could face rolling blackouts in the next few years if power needs aren't addressed. Other groups, such as Public Citizen Texas, are emphasizing the degrading effects on public health and the environment if the state grants coal plant permits that don't require the cleaner, coal gasification process that results in minimal emissions.

Judge orders speaker to reply An Austin state district judge ordered House Speaker Tom Craddick to provide the court with information that may show whether one of his office calendars contains what is "public information" under the law. Plaintiff Cris Feldman of Austin is suing for access to Craddick's 2003 political calendar and the first half of his 2004 political calendar.

The inclusive dates cover the period during which Republicans battled with Democrats

bills State Rep. William "Bill" Callegari, R-Houston, has filed / legislation to do away with language in state law that created three state agencies. Those agencies no longer have a function, he said. H.B. 386 would repeal the portion of the Water Code that created Texas Deep-water Port Authority; H.B. 387 similarly wipes off the Texas National Research Laboratory Commission, which had to do with landing the long-defunct superconducting super collider project; and H.B. 388 would repeal the enabling legislation that it launched the Ogallala Water Import Authority. Callegari also filed a fourth piece of legislation, H.B. 385, repealing a 1935 law that authorized the Commission of Control for the Texas Centennial Celebrations to condemn property for the use of the state. Strayhorn unloads re: foster care

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn's term of office ends in January, but she's still at work. On Dec. 14, Strayhorn released "Texas Health Care Claims Study: A Special Report on Foster Children," which she said raises red flags concerning the state's foster care system. Among the many red flags, Strayhorn said, are Medicaid claims from 2004 and 2005 that show foster children are be-ing prescribed powerful, mind-¹⁸ altering psychotropic drugs" at an alarming rate. She pointed out that Texas spent \$39 million on 436,480 prescriptions for nearly 24,000 foster children in fiscal 2004. "Given the distressing findings contained in this report, I hope the state will not delay in adopting recommendations, which have been crafted to help mend this broken system," Strayhorn said in a news release. ni

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responded.

• 7:20 PM: Caller requested December 12, 2006

disturbance. Officer & Deputy responded.

• 9:10 PM: Caller requested an officer at business. Officer responded. December 14, 2006 • 8:10 AM: Caller reported a

dead raccoon on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded. • 8:16 AM: Caller reported a dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer notified. • 11:19 AM: Burglary Alarm.

Officer responded. • 11:29 AM: Caller reported

a loose dog on her residence.

• 2:53 PM: Caller reported a

loose dog at IH-10 West Rest

area. Animal Control Officer

• 6:40 PM: Caller reported a

minor accident at the Video

• 10:05 AM: Caller reported

a suspicious person. Officer

• 12:30 PM: Caller reported a

• 4:00 PM: Caller reported a

family disturbance. Officer

• 4:40 PM: Caller reported

property found. Officer noti-

• 6:10 PM: Caller requested

to speak to an officer. Officer

7:10 PM: Caller reported a

family disturbance. Officer

• 8:50 PM: Caller requested

an officer at residence. Officer

December 16, 2006

• 5:15 PM: Caller requested

an officer at business: Officer

• 5:30 PM: Caller reported a

• 5:50 PM: Caller reported a

disturbance. Officer responded.

• 6:00 PM: Caller reported two

juvenile males shooting paint-

ball guns. Officer responded.

Officer issued both juveniles

• 6:40 PM: Caller requested

welfare assistance. Officer

• 1:10 AM: Caller reported

• 4:30 PM: Caller reported a

family disturbance. Officer

• 6:05 PM: Caller reported a

• 7:05 PM: Caller requested

fight. Officer responded.

Both juvenile were located and

citations for criminal mischief.

December 17, 2006

loud music. Officer responded.

loose dog on roadway. Officer

disturbance. Officer responded.

December 15, 2006

Store. Officer responded.

Animal Control Officer re-

sponded.

responded.

fied.



December 13, 2006 • 8:41 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

responded. • 7:45 PM: Caller reported an assault. Officer responded.

an officer at residence. Officer

over redistricting.

State District Judge Margaret Cooper set a deadline of Jan. 12 for Craddick to comply with her order. Lawmaker files cleanup

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Public Notice Pursuant to Article 258.002(c) of the Texas Transportation Code, the Commissioners Court of Sutton County, Texas provides this notice to the public of its intention to convene a public meeting to receive comment upon the adoption of a County Road Map including each road in which the County claims the continued existence of a public interest and a right of at the District Office for an esaccess and egress for maintenance of an existing County Road. The roads in which the County claims a public interest have been maintained for many years, beginning some time prior to 1981, have been previously been listed in a notice included in the 2006-07 Ad Valorem Tax statement. A proposed County Road Map depicting each road in which the County claims a public interest is available for inspection by the public at the office of the **County Judge in the County** Courthouse Annex in Sonora, Texas, during business hours, commencing December 1, 2006. The Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing on 1/11/2007, at 10:00 a.m., in the **Commissioners** Courtroom in the Sutton County Courthouse Annex. At this time, pursuant to Article 258.002(b), Texas Transportation Code, any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may appear before the Commissioners Court to object or protest the County's claim of its right to continue maintenance of the public roads depicted on the County Road Map. Any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may also file a written protest with the County Judge at any time before the time and date of the scheduled public hearing. By way of this procedure, the County makes no claim affecting title, acreage, or ownership of the land, but seeks merely to establish and document the right of the County to continue maintenance of the existing County Road in its present location and dimension. Veronica E. Hernandez **Sutton County Clerk**

CONTRAC-NOTICE TO TORS PROPOSED OF **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF** TRANSPORTATION (Tx-DOT) CONTRACTS Sealed proposals for contracts

listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTE-NANCE/BUILDING FACILI-TIES CONTRACTS(S)

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Plans and specifications are ter 27 of the Texas Water Code, available for inspection, along as amended, Title 3 of the Texwith bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. sion of Texas. Requests for a If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be ther information concerning ply in person at 1312 N. Service Rd. eligible to bid on project. Pre any aspect of the application qualification materials may be should be submitted in writing requested from the State Offices listed below. Plans for the tion, to the Environmental Serabove contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at ww.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 22146

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LEGALAUTHORITY: Chapas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commispublic hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for furwithin fifteen days of publicavices Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463/6792).

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House for sale in Eldorado, manufactured home, 2180 sq. ft. on 4 lots. 3/2, 3 car carport, garage, metal fence, large kitchen, fireplace, metal storage building, 2 luminaries, located at 608 Nance, 325-853-2438

House for Sale in Eldorado, 3Br/2 bath, built in 1982, 1800 sq. feet, formal dining room, 3 city lots, 25x35' utility barn, landscape sprinkler, fenced back yard, priced at \$55,900, for more information call 853-2191

am selling 30 ewes. They are 1/2 white Dorper & 1/2 Ramboullet. If interested call 325-387-3512 ask for Mario or leave message.

For Sale: 1986 International 2 ton Kiker Machine Test Truck, new engine, good tires, new drive lines, pump recently overhauled (Kerr Pump), tools negotiable, \$45,000.00 (432) 683-4996

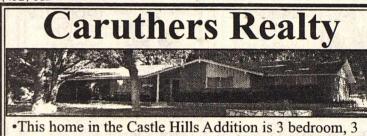
Travel Trailer, 2001-27" TraiLite, fully equipped bumper pull, asking \$12,500. Call 853-2191 For Rent

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Ruidoso, NM nightly Private cabins with nice hot tubs \$135 Antler & Echo 3/2.5 for 2-6 \$150 Beckham Hill 3/2.5 for 2-10 \$165 Beckham Cabin 4/2 sleeps 2-9 \$125 The Bare Bear 2/2 sleeps 2-6 Call 505-257-9171 or 505-257-7577

Home for rent: 1009 S. Concho, bed, 1 bath, large yard, FR, DR, Hardwood floor, \$700.00 per month, 713-932-6248

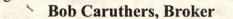




bath with a sun room, large covered patio and greenhouse. Large lot with beautiful shade trees in the front and back. Price reduction - \$189,900 - \$180,000.

·Small Acre Tracts west of Sonora on Bloodworth Road Terrell County 3820 Acres available now electric/water 8 miles south of Dryden

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1977 Pan Electric Guitar in Case \$199, Yamaha Electric Keyboard w/seat \$99, Little Tyke 3 pc doll house set with all the toys \$99, 3 pc wood and glass coffee/end tables, beautiful oval marble and wooden carved antique coffee table, snowman dish set (12 ea) Corvette plastic youth bed, hunter Green large size recliner, beautiful round glass & brass coffee table, tan Suede Futon (like new), desks, beautiful 4 pc girls blue armoire, bookcase, chest and mirror, black leather sofa, 2 used computers (complete) \$100, coffee tables Lots more. Please call ahead before bringing in clothing or furniture. All must be in good con-dition. SECOND HAND ROSE 853-3736.

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bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.

Employment

Tom Thorp Transport Inc. now hiring transport & vacuum truck drivers for the Ozona yard. Excellent benefits package including, profit sharing, health insurance, va-cation pay and competitive wages. 6 on 2 off scheduling. Apply in per-son at Tom Thorp Transport 2407 US Hwy 67 N. Mertzon, TX

The Glover Company is seeking qualified and experienced CDL applicants. For Trans-VAC Drivers, Winch Truck Drivers, Swabbing Unit operators, and Swabbing Unit helpers. We Provide: Health Insurance, Life Insurance, Paid Vacation, Uniforms and Christmas Bonus. Please apply in person to 2973 I-10 or phone at (325) 392-2561.

EXPERIENCED DRIVERS NEEDED! Must have current Class A CDL and a good driving record. Experience driving transports, vacuum trucks, operation pump trucks & winch trucks. Monthly performance & safety bonuses. Health insurance, annual profit sharing, driver's days off schedule. Please apply in person at Niblett's Oilfield Service, Inc. Hwy 277 South, Eldorado. No phone calls please.



Call Billy Green @ 325-853-2972

Employment

Need cash, call now, Janis Wiggins, Avon I. S. R. 325-446-8700

Help Wanted: Full time and part time. Apply at Mr. D's, 216 Hwy. 277 N. from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

Call Cyndy Allen at

206-1638 or 387-3948 for:

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Lynn Meador, Broker 325-650-6324

Jo Ward, Agent 325-853-2339

HOMES FOR SALE IN ELDORADO, TX

<u>309 N. Cottonwood</u>: Great Property! Very good condi-tion, large 3 BR -2B Mft. doublewide. Native stone under-pinning, all metal covered walkway and 2 car carport, large

screen porch, large metal work shop, all on three city lots

508 North Street: Extra nice 4 BR-2B doublewide Mfg.

home with large living area, fireplace, formal dining area, lots of storage, central heat/air, 2-car metal carport. Real nice.

607 Hall Street: Ready to move into. 3BR-2B doublewide

Mfg home on two large corner lots. Kitchen/dining, fireplace,

large master BR, all metal 2 car carport, metal privacy fence. Backyard with gazebo and storage bldg, covered front porch.

NO RENTAL PROPERTY AVAILABLE

Eldorado, Texas & Call 325-853-2808

Please call for additional listings and information.

Schleicher County Nursing Home, in Eldorado, is looking for a CNA to fill a 6 PM to 6 AM, shift. This is a full time position with benefits. Contact Sarah Huge or Anita Jones for details. (325) 853-3026 Lariat Services, Inc. is seeking

Sonora, Texas.

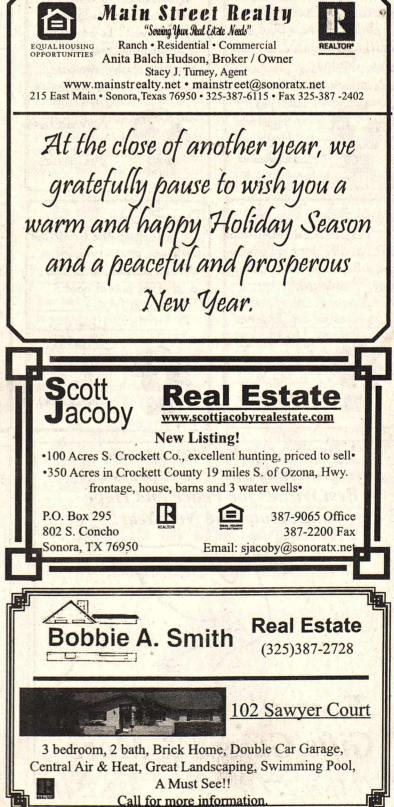
an experienced Air Driller. Wage ranges between \$20.00 to \$24.00 a hour depending on experience. Will pay \$30.00 per diem and mileage reimbursement. Benefits include 401K Plan, Dental Plan and company paid Medical Insurance. Fax resume to 432-336-9339 or contact the Fort Stockton Office at 432-336-7821.

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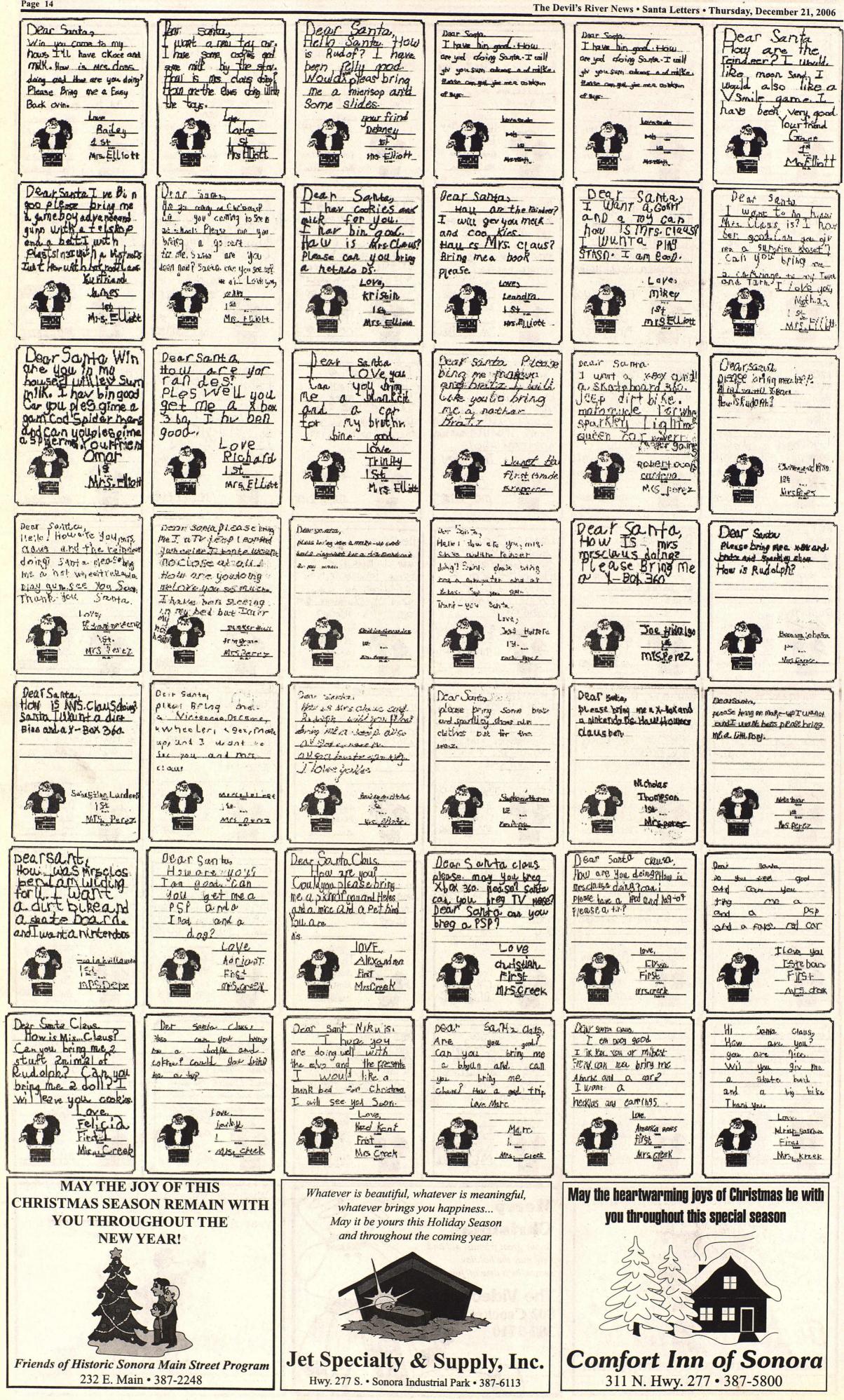
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FNB Popcorn Fund Presentations



Roy Jean Johnson (r) of the First National Bank of Sonora presents popcorn fund checks to Noemi Samaniego (1) representing the Sonora Ministerial Alliance Christmas Food Basket Drive and to Jerald Fields (center) representing the Sutton County Child Protective Service Board Angel Tree Fund.

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Al-Anon Meetings - 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays - L.M. Hudspeth (old part) cafeteria.

Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes is an educational program for people with type 2 diabetes sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and the Sutton County Senior Center. Classes began October 19 and will be held on Thursdays at the Senior Center from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. To register call Kelly Thorp at 387-3604 or Juanita Mesa at 387-5657. Transportation is available for senior citizens who qualify, The cost of the class is free.

The Sutton County EMS will sponsor an Emergency Medical Technician - Basic Program and an Emergency Medical Technician - Completer Program beginning January 8th.

The program will be held on Monday's and Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will include one Saturday session each month until April 18th. Cost of the program is \$125.00 which includes tuition and books.

For more information or registration, please contact the Sutton County EMS at 387-5132.

Please join the 4th An-nual Jingle Bell Parade in downtown Roosevelt, Texas on Saturday, December 23, 2006. Everyone is invited to participate or just come watch the festivities. Put jingle bells on your horse, bike, tractor, truck or on yourself and line up at the Roosevelt Community Center at 2:30 pm. The parade begins at 3:00 and Santa will listen to the children's wish lists at Simon Brothers Mercantile immediately after-ward. For more information please call 325/446-8032.

Attention Market Lamb Exhibitors:

Shearing date has been set for Wednesday December 27 at 8:00 a.m.

