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Sutton County 4-H Members Excel At Show

by Preston Faris

Sutton County 4-H members did very well this past weekend at the West Texas Lamb and Goat Prospect Show held in Big Lake. William Renfro was named the Champion Jr. Lamb Showman and also exhibited the Reserve Champion Crossbred Lamb. Anthony Renfro was the exhibitor of the Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb. Other lamb exhibitors from the county were Ashley and Brandi Bible.

Thomas and Hilton

Bloodworth swept the Angora goat division of the show exhibiting both the Champion and Reserve Champion goats of the show.

In the meat goat division of the show, Ashley Bible led the placing with a second and ninth. Brandi Bible placed sixth and twelfth, and William Renfro placed fourth and seventh. The meat goat division of the show was the largest division of the show with 143 entries followed by the lamb show with 113.

New GTE Services

GTE has announced new services that (1) notify customers when service requests are completed and (2) offer automated information about what services are available in the customer's area and how the services work. These new services are available at no charge.

The notification system calls a customer when the requested work is completed so the customer will know the service is working or has been repaired.

Notification calls will be made from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and seven days a week for repair work. Ten attempts will be made to reach the customer.

The other new service provides customers a 24-hour toll-free number (800-483-6855) to call to learn what services are available locally. The information also tells how those services work and provides some of the benefits of the service. Customers may transfer to a customer service representative if they need additional information or want to place an order.

"Our objectives are to guide our customers in finding the services that will meet their communication needs and to make it easy for them to get that help," said Charles E. Watlins, Public Affairs Manager for GTE.

"We believe notifying our

customers that a service request is completed will be a tremendous benefit to them, letting them know when the work has been completed," he said. "We will continue to inform customers of an estimated time that the work will be completed when they place an order. Now we will also let them know when work is complete."

He said the service availability and information service will make it easy for customers to find out if a particular service is available in their area. It will also provide information on how to use the service and ideas on how to get the most benefit from the service.

As an example, he explained most people have heard about three-way calling, but many do not realize how they can personally benefit from the service. "The automated service informs the customer three-way calling will allow them to hook up relatives or friends in two other locations-locally or long-distance-at the same time, just like a conference call. This lets everyone be a part of the same conversation," he said.

The services are available to most GTE customers in Texas and New Mexico. GTE serves 1.9 million customers in the two states.

THE BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS



Last week the fire department responded to a call from Westerman Drug. It was reported on the street that the ladies at Westerman were wrapping gifts so fast the paper caught on fire.

Strubhart Heads Up Sonora CCCS Office



Kristi Strubhart

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service opened its office fulltime in Sonora in October. The Chamber of Commerce recognized the CCCS, a non-profit community service, as Sonora's December Business of the Month. The credit counseling service is located in the Mercantile Building, Ste. 205, with Kristi L. Strubhart as Sonora's Certified Consumer Credit Counselor. She sees clients, conducts phone counseling, and makes educational presentations to promote consumer awareness of money management and the wise use of credit. Sonora's branch office is one of 1,100 counseling centers nationwide that provide professional and confidential consumer debt assistance to individuals and families.

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service is headquartered in Ft. Worth. The service's Debt Management Program

offers free advice and counseling to help people with their money and credit problems. According to Mrs. Strubhart, "They feel better when they leave here. I help them focus and feel better and even calmer about their financial situation." In West Texas, women are 9% more likely to seek help than men. Fifty percent are married with at least one dependent and have an average gross income of \$2,135 a month. The average outstanding debt is \$19,000 with 11 creditors, and they spend an average of 19 months on the DMP. Fifty-two percent of all financial problems are caused by overspending and financial mismanagement. Other reasons include reduced income or unemployment, divorce or separation, and medical expenditures. CCCS provides relief for individual and family economic pressures, and financial independence gained.

Sonora Area Host Families Needed for International Students

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester home stays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new

American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple, or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50.00 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Spain, Denmark, Germany, Poland, Russia, Finland, Denmark, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay, Australia, New Zealand, Croatia, and many other countries. P.I.E. has also been invited to participate in a special government-funded program to bring scholarship students from the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union to the United States. P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 18,000 students from 40 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States

Information Agency and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Sonora area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-800-631-1818 or via the internet at <http://www.pieusa.org>. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students, and schools.

Sonora PD Weekly Report

On December 13 or 14, a burglary took place at Vivian's Modern Way. Entry was made by the breaking of a rear window. Fifty to sixty dollars of rolled coins, one stuffed animal, and \$243.00 worth of scratch off lottery tickets were stolen.

A local man resisted arrest and was cited for public intoxication in the 300 block of Cedar St. on Dec. 15. Another local man was carrying a weapon unlawfully in the 100 block of W. Main.

On December 20, in the 1600 block of Tayloe a family disturbance resulted in public intoxication and disorderly conduct citations.

Unknown persons damaged a 1993 Chevy Geo Storm by

breaking the rear window and scratching numerous sayings on the paint. The criminal mischief caused an estimated \$4,000.00 worth of damages. The incident happened December 22 at 507 Virgin.

A DWI was issued to a Sonora man. At 2:04 a.m. at 507 Virgin there was a Class C fight.

Four were arrested on Hwy 277 S and St. Ann's for possession of a controlled substance. Marijuana and pills were discovered on two Bangs and two Brownwood residents. A San Angelo male was driving while his license was suspended at Hwy 277 and Railroad.

Keep the holiday season safe and happy.

3rd Merchants Drawing Draws Large Crowd

The third ticket drawing for the Sonora Merchants Association took place in the downtown area on Saturday, December 21st. Residents lined the streets as they waited to hear the winning numbers for the drawing valued at \$642.50.

Lucky winners for the day were: Leticia Trinidad, Belia Almaguer, JoAnn Palmer, Dorothy Wilson, and Brandi Bible.

Anticipation continues to build as residents eagerly await the final drawing that will be held on Tuesday, December 24, 1996, in the Perry's parking area. The final drawing of the last day will be for the \$300.00 Mega-Certificate offered by the Association Members. This will be the second year for the special drawing and the lucky individual will get to choose which participating merchant they want to patronize.

Participating merchants include: Vallree's Bright Spot Fashions, Ol Sonora Trading

Company, Sonora Sports and Supply, the Craft Cottage, Doran's Furniture, PM Office Supply, Westerman Drug, B & C Department Store, Steve's Exxon, Image Apparel, the Country Closet, Lisa's Flowers and Gifts, the Devil's River Auto Parts, Merle Norman and Gifts, Tedford's Jewlery, Perry's Department Store, Chelle's, the Video Store, Rodeo Wild, Lone Star Gas Co., Sutton County National Bank, Grider Trucking, Doyle Morgan Insurance, Sutton County Steakhouse, Thorp's Laun-Dry, First National Bank, Jimco Enterprises, T & C Village Market (Food Center), Sonora Dairy Queen, Sonora Golf Club, Main Street Realty, West Texas Utilities, Broncho Ford, Teaff Oil Company, Dr. Benard Rust, DDS, Caverns of Sonora, I-10 Auto Ranch, and KHOS Radio.

The Merchants Association members thank all residents for their participation and wish a happy holiday season to all!

Briefly

The Sutton County Appraisal District office will be closed on the following days in observance of the holidays: December 25, 26, 31 and January 1.

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his January visit to Sonora. He will be at the County Courthouse in Sonora on Tuesday, January 28, from 9:30-10:30. Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at the time.

Youngsters wanting to participate in Little Dribblers should sign up at Al Elliott's office, 213 E. Main

Our Sympathy

Luther Jady Webster

Luther Jady Webster, 77, of Sonora died Monday, Dec. 2, 1996, at his home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, in Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Tim Dobbs of Sonora Church of Christ officiating.

Jady was born Aug. 17, 1919, in Oklahoma. He married Mary Alice Donley on Nov. 8, 1939, and she preceded him in death in October 1991. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, a

carpenter, and a member of the Baptist Church.

He is survived by two daughters, Venetta Smith and husband Eddie, of Sonora, and Loretta Webster of Albuquerque, N.M.; six grandchildren; 14 great-grand-children; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were DeVoe Smith, Danny Price, Justin Allen, Jeffery Allen, Stephen Dalton, and Stanley Adams.

OPEN LETTER

I'm writing this letter in regard to the Christmas Tree Angel Program. I have gotten Angels for many years now, and this is the first time I drew a 16 and 17 year old kid. Have they always included this age in this program? I always thought there was an age limit on this matter.

A teenager has outgrown and does not believe in Santa Claus anymore. I know that this should be in the Spirit of giving to those who need help, but a 16 and 17 year old kid should be able to get out and get some kind of job to be able to buy Christmas for themselves and their family. I did.

Christmas Tree Angels should be for the small ones who still get excited and really believe in Santa Claus and have the spir-

it of Christmas in their little hearts.

I was really disappointed with the Angel program this year, and other people I have talked to about this matter feel the same way I do.

The Christmas Tree Angel program is great, but let's do it for the small kids. I'd say 13 or 12 years old and under. The older teens should be out there earning the money and giving themselves.

I did buy for my Angels, but I did not spend the amount of money on them as I would have for a younger child. And, it is not the price of the gift that matters; it's the thought and love behind it. Right?

Merry Christmas,
Beverly Brown

To whom it may concern:

The Sunday morning involving the killing of Mr. Ricky Rodriguez by Deputy Lyndon English should remind all citizens that we should elect fair-minded, qualified individuals who are not distrustful and uninformed about citizens of Ozona, whether they are Hispanic, Black, or Anglo.

We the citizens should not tolerate incompetent individuals who are narrow minded, short-sighted, temperamental, and fear-

ing of Ozona citizens. Whether police brutality and the use of excessive force were involved, as many in the community believe, based on the information at hand, will ultimately be decided by a fair criminal justice system, I hope!

We in this community should therefore band together to see to it that we ourselves are not in danger from the individuals that are supposed to protect and serve all citizens.

Mariano Maskill

BIRTHDAY

26th
Jesus Capuchina jr.
Lynn Simpler
27th
Melinda Crain
28th
Kent Newkirk
Brent Newkirk
Amy Gann
Yrma Luna
29th
Kara Voight
30th
Catrina Burris
Kaytlin Trevino
Julian
Justin Morthcott
Mario Magana
Austin John Rodriguez
Jeannette Thompson
Anna Daniels
Mario Lira Jr.
31st
Anita Samaniego
Jerri Martin
Lupe Ramon

January 1st
Helen McKnight
Michael Campos
Katie Key
Sonia Saldivar

Happy Anniversary

23rd
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Tim & Carolyn Warden
27th
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30th
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Community Calendar

December 26- January 2

Dec. 26th-28th

Reagan Co. Tournament in Big Lake time to be announced

Dec. 27th-28

Kerrville Tivy Tournament, There time to be announced

Sunday Dec. 29th

First United Methodist Church- No early service

Monday Dec. 30th

School Board meeting 3:30 at the Administration Building-closing oral arguments

Tuesday Dec. 31st

Vigil Mass 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Jan. 1

Mass 10:00 a.m.

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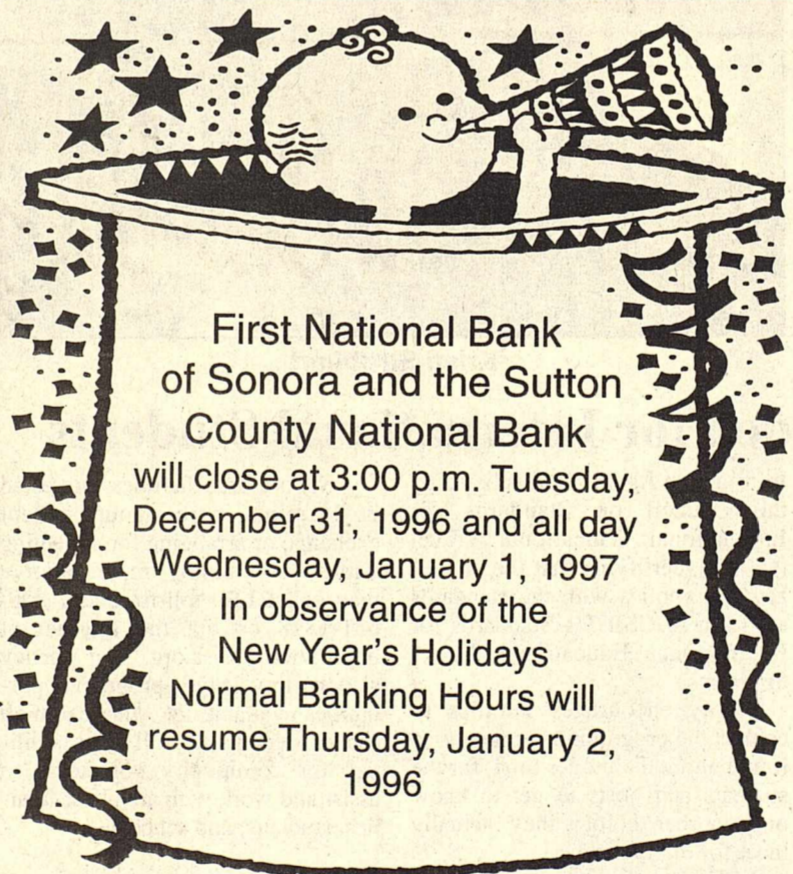
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It's a Girl

Holly Kay Halfmann was born to Scott and Tana Halfmann of St. Lawrence, Tx. She arrived at 2:02 a.m. on December 12, 1996 in San Angelo, Tx. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 1/2 oz. Grandparents are Nelwyn Churchill of Sonora, Todd Churchill of Andrews, and Delbert and Jean Halfmann of St. Lawrence.



First National Bank of Sonora and the Sutton County National Bank will close at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, 1996 and all day Wednesday, January 1, 1997 In observance of the New Year's Holidays Normal Banking Hours will resume Thursday, January 2, 1996

SENIOR CENTER

Calendar of Events

December 26- Crafts!
December 27- Run errands & pay bills
December 30- Stretch-n-Step w/ Bike & Thread mill
December 31- Center closed until Jan. 1st. 1997

Lunch Menu

Thursday, December 26
Chicken Creole, Corn, Green Beans, Peach w/Cheese, Wheat Rolls, Rice Crispy Square
Friday, December 27
Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Jello with Fruit
Monday, December 30
Beef Fajitas, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Tortillas, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Fruit Cup

Guest Meals are \$4.00.
Suggested donation for Senior Citizens is \$1.75.

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EPA Pushes Tax Increases

by Congressman Henry Bonilla, 23rd District

A recently disclosed Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) memo reveals the Clinton administration's desire to raise the tax on a gallon of gas by a whopping 50 cents! In addition, the EPA memo pushes more state and local gas taxes, other energy taxes on oil, and a new \$40 federal fee for your car or truck's emission tests.

What's more, the Clinton administration apparently is thinking of doing all of this without approval of Congress. The EPA says they can do this just by issuing regulations. Well, the EPA should forget it. We're not about to let the EPA-or any other agency-interpret the Constitution for us. Congress isn't going to roll over and play dead.

This secret tax plan is another classic case of big government liberals in Washington trying to control the way we live. To them, no matter how small the degree of pollution, any regulation is worth the costs. The EPA's own estimate of the costs of the new gas tax alone is \$47 billion in the year 2000.

We all want a clean environment and a healthy population. Throwing more regulations and more government at the problem is not the solution. The EPA's

own Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee has declared the existing ozone standards to be sufficient and has stated that no public health threat exists.

Instead of more regulations, what we need are common sense solutions. The best way to protect our environment is through programs that give people incentives, not disincentives, to protect the environment. The government needs to work with the people, not against them in determining our environmental goals.

More taxes, new taxes-either way, it's government out of control. The EPA apparently disguised their new energy taxes by calling them "revenue recycling policies." As if we wouldn't figure out that they were taxes. Fancy names won't hide the fact that it is still money coming out of your pocket.

Our environment is much cleaner than it was twenty years ago, and we should continue that trend. But the American taxpayer shouldn't foot the bill for a back-door environmental tax plan. If the administration believes in what they're doing, they should be up front and open with the American people with what's really going on.

Golf Pass: A Great Way to Give

Trying to find something for that special person who has everything? Want to help out a good cause while you're sharing the holiday spirit with friends and family?

Then why not give the 1997 Texas Golf Pass?

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For every dollar contributed to the American Cancer Society, 28 cents go toward research. Another 21 cents help fund the society's efforts to educate the public about cancer and its prevention, and 16 cents pay for programs to help out cancer patients. Most of the remainder pays for other services and programs, while only 2 cents fund management costs. The Texas Golf Pass, A great gift-and a great way to help fight cancer.

For information on purchasing the Texas Golf Pass, contact Charles Graves, at 387-3338 or 1800 ACS-2345. Visa/Mastercard-American Express accepted.

Countdown To College: A Checklist On The Road To Financial Aid

(NAPS)—Students applying for college have a lot to think about. One of the most critical parts of the process for the whole family is making sure that a student gets the financial aid he or she needs to attend school.

This checklist provides a countdown that highlights some of the key moments on the road to college and education funding:

- Junior Year of High School**
 - September**
 - If you haven't already, begin saving money to supplement any financial aid you may receive.
 - Start thinking about how to present yourself as a strong college candidate.
 - October**
 - Research colleges. Look to a variety of sources such as guidance counselors, college guidebooks, career information and college admissions fairs.
 - November**
 - Meet with your school's guidance counselor.
 - December**
 - List the college features that suit your interests, needs and abilities.
- January**
 - If you have not yet taken the SAT I or ACT test this year, get a free copy of the appropriate brochure, sign up and begin to review the practice test.
 - If you plan to take any SAT Subject Tests (SAT II), find out about registration dates and deadlines.
- February**
 - Continue college research by looking into costs and financial aid.

- March**
 - If you're considering taking a College Level Entrance Program (CLEP) or an Advanced Placement (AP) exam this spring, get registration information.
- April**
 - Develop your preliminary list of preferred colleges and get catalogs and application forms.
- May**
 - Begin to think about teachers, administrators, counselors and other adults whom you could ask for letters of recommendation.
- Summer Between Junior/Senior Year**
 - Earn money and establish a savings account for college expenses.
 - Visit those colleges to which you plan to apply; get information about campus tours or meetings with professors.
- Senior Year of High School**
 - September**
 - Create a complete checklist of remaining test names, dates, fees and registration deadlines. Be mindful of deadlines for early decision applications.
 - October**
 - When you receive your applications, examine instructions for required information deadlines.
 - November**
 - Now is the time to ask for recommendations. Provide addressed and stamped envelopes.
 - December**
 - Seek out college students and alumni to visit during trips.
 - January**
 - Make sure that you and/or your parents fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid


- Fill out form and send it in as soon after January 1 as possible.
- Remember: Men who are 18 and older must register for Selective Service to receive any kind of federal financial aid.
- February**
 - If you haven't already, consider taking the AP exams or CLEP tests in your strongest areas.
- March**
 - Remember that colleges reviewing your applications keep a close eye on those spring grades!
- April**
 - Most selective colleges start to announce their decisions in April. Once you have chosen a school, be fair and notify the other colleges where you've applied. If you're not admitted to any of the colleges you selected, see your counselor for guidance.
- May**
 - At many colleges, you must submit your deposit by May 1 to avoid jeopardizing your admission.
 - Look over your financial aid award letter. If you don't get any or enough aid, or if you don't understand what has been offered to you, seek help with the college financial aid office or look into other aid options (private loans, scholarships, etc.).
- Summer Before College**
 - If you will be receiving financial aid, make sure that you carefully follow your college's instructions.
 - Consider getting a part-time job near or on campus to help with college expenses.

Benefit Increase For 1997

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits will increase 2.9 percent, beginning with the payments that Social Security beneficiaries receive January 3 and SSI recipients receive on December 31. The automatic cost-of-living adjustment is made annually. For Social Security beneficiaries, the average monthly benefit amount for all retired workers will rise from \$724 to \$745. The maximum federal SSI monthly payments to an individual will rise from \$470 to \$484. For a couple, the maximum federal SSI payment will rise from \$705 to \$726.

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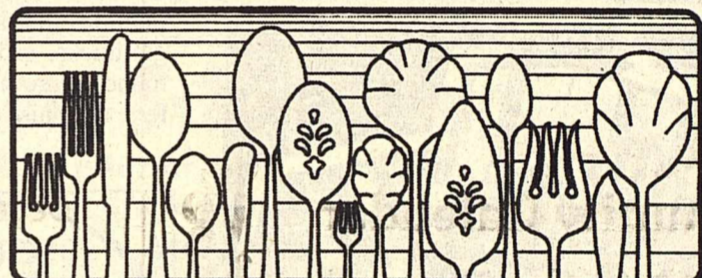
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Holiday CLEARANCE
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Vallree's will be closed Christmas Day through Saturday December 28th for Christmas Vacation. I would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year

Vallree's **Bright Spot**
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387-5918

Marfa rancher named to nationwide task force

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 20, 1996-Rancher J.E. White Jr. of Marfa, Texas, has been named to a nationwide beef industry task force that will study the feasibility of privatizing the grading of cattle. Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association nominated White to serve on the 17-member group of ranchers, feeders and other cattle marketing specialists appointed by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

The task force has been directed to study the current U.S. Department of Agriculture's grading system to determine if the system is slowing the industry's progress toward developing high-quality branded products and whether private industry can develop a system that will better meet consumer needs for consistent quality beef.

The task force will also study the status of instrument carcass grading systems and evaluate alternatives that will speed up commercial application of instrument grading.

The group will prepare an interim report for NCBA's annual meeting in Kansas City which begins January 29.

VA Insurance Improvements

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is notifying thousands of Retired Reserve Service members' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) policy holders of a program merger that will affect them early next year.

Legislation signed into law Oct. 9 eliminated the Retired Reserve SGLI program. Effective Jan. 6, 1997, all of these policies will be automatically exchanged for policies under the Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) program. In addition, for the first time, VGLI will be extended generally to reservists and National Guard members who decide to separate prior to reaching 20-year retirement. VA supported three changes to provide reservists parity with active-duty members, recognizing their important role in national defense. The eligibility of reservists for VGLI coverage will benefit the entire VGLI program by expanding the pool of insured thus providing downward pressure on premiums.

"We believe these changes to our insurance program are beneficial to both current and future veterans seeking affordable and comprehensive life insurance," Acting Under Secretary for Benefits Dr. Stephen Lemons said.

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Sonora Livestock Auction News

by Robert and Maida Bryson

Sonora Livestock Auction was closed for X-Mas, Dec 21, but we offer the following for our market report this week. Sonora Livestock Auction will reopen for its regular sales December 28th. Don't forget horse sales begin the first Saturday for each month. Call us about the new laws regulating horse sales.

Sonora Livestock Auction is aggressively seeking ranchers and producers who could support this facility by consigning their livestock to our weekly livestock auctions on each Saturday. In attempting to increase the volume of sales we have learned a few interesting facts. One of the most important facts we found is probably one all businesses in Sonora understand. Area individuals go to San Angelo and San Antonio simply because there is a wider variety of other things to do and purchase at the bigger cities. Folks, this is killing the economy of Sonora!!! Dollars earned here in Sonora should be recirculated in our hometown.

A town that does not support or promote its hometown is a town on the verge of extinction. History has proven that so many times, yet there are those that just won't pay any attention to basic economics. The oil and gas business is very good now, but we all know what happens when this begins to drop. Everyone, in Sonora and other smaller towns, knows that unemployment doubles, businesses close, even our children begin to suffer. Its counterpart, agriculture, will be here forever. It is the backbone of our community, but without support from the support services offered even agriculture begins to suffer. Ranches sell, people are laid off from the only livelihood they know, and, of course, even the children suffer.

Support services of the agriculture industry include: feed stores hardware stores, gas stations, to mention a few; and of course, the local livestock auction. It is bad enough for the producers in this area to go thru a drought, and poor livestock markets, but the added burden is just to do business with another town or city. Competition is good for business, only if it is "within." Competing with the larger cities is not good for our economy or the livelihood of so many that support the area by shopping at home and spending their hard earned dollars where it means the most at home! Support services of the agriculture industry does also mean using our most precious resource...Manpower. What would happen if all the producers had to start using the labor from San Angelo or San Antonio because they did not support the area? Labor cost would skyrocket, their bottom line results would be devastating, and of course, we would see sell-offs, bankruptcy, and closure of all the support services. Finally, Sonora would no longer exist as the striving community we now have. We would have lost its future, the children, to the larger communities that know they must support itself. They offer all kinds of gimmicks, and other goods to get the out-of-towner to spend their money with them. They don't care if Sonora or any other town suffers, they just want that 'ol mighty dollar.

We ask you to please support Sonora and Sonora Livestock Auction. Look at what you are doing to the area economy every time you leave to spend your dollars elsewhere or do business with another business. Sonora does have everything they do!!! If you can't find it, or if they don't offer it, talk to the businesses involved. We are sure they will accommodate you. Area businesses are not "here today, gone tomorrow" type business. They are here to serve you the customer!!!

Gramm Plans To Preserve Medicare

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm has agreed to chair the Senate's Medicare subcommittee in the 105th Congress, saying that "preserving Medicare for both our parents and our children will be the top priority of the next Congress."

"Under the current pay-as-you-go system, Medicare is already \$4.5 billion in the hole," the senator said. "The system which finances Medicare assures that each successive generation will be shortchanged, and that must change if Medicare is to survive." "Medicare's trustees project that without a short-term repair, the hospital insurance fund will lose more than \$39.3 billion in the next two years alone and cease paying benefits to senior citizens in just over four years," he said. "And even the best short term fix only postpones the day of reckoning when Medicare faces bankruptcy all over again."

"So far, politics has dominated the debate over Medicare reform, swaying the elections without solving the problem. And while Democrats and Republicans will certainly have different views of what to do, it is my hope that we can now set partisanship aside and work together to save the Medicare system," Gramm said.

Producers Livestock Auction

Dec 19, 1996 Cattle and Calf Auction: Receipts for Today: 1563; For the Week: 5098 (This includes 3535 from Monday's Special Feeder Sale); Last Week: 5277; Last Year: None

Compared with last week feeder steers and heifers weak to 2.00 lower. Slaughter cows 1.00-2.00 higher, bulls steady. Stock cows and pairs steady. Trading and demand moderate. Quality average to mostly plain. Supply included 60 percent calves, 30 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 5 percent yearlings, 5 percent stock cows and pairs.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lbs 75.00-76.00; 300-400 lbs 68.00-73.50; 400-500 lbs 60.00-70.00; 500-600 lbs 57.00-67.50, 600-800 lbs 56.00-59.00. Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lbs 70.00-75.00; 300-400 lbs 59.00-69.00; 400-500 lbs 50.00-60.00; 500-600 lbs 50.00-57.00; 600-900 lbs 50.00-56.00.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 300-400 lbs 53.00-60.50; 400-500 lbs 50.00-55.00; 500-700 lbs 50.00-60.50; 700-800 lbs 50.00-53.50. Medium and large 1-2 300-400 lbs 43.00-53.00; 400-500 lbs 42.00-50.00; 500-700 lbs 41.00-50.00.

Slaughter Cows: Breaking Utility 2-3 29.50-36.00; Cutter and Boning Utility 1-2 26.00-34.00, high-dressing 34.00-35.50; Canner and low-Cutter 1-2 18.00-26.00.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1400-2000 lb 36.00-42.00; low-dressing 1100-1600 lb 31.00-38.00.

Pregnancy Tested Stock Cows and Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 450.00-550.00 per head; Medium 1-2 310.00-450.00 per head.

Cow/Calf Pairs: Medium and Large 1-2 cows with 100-300 lbs calves 550.00-600.00 per pair. Medium 1-2 cows with 100-300 lbs calves 440.00-550.00 per pair.

Stocker & Feeder Cows: Medium and Large 1-2 (young) 800-1050 lb 40.50-46.00; (young and middle age) 750-1150 lb 36.00-40.50; (middle age) 800-1250 lb 28.50-38.00. USDA-Texas Dept of Ag Market News, San Angelo, TX Rebecca Sauder, OIC.

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12/27-12/28	KERVILLE TIVY TOURNEY	THERE		TBA
1/3	JOURDANTON	THERE		5:00
1/6	OZONA	HERE	7:30	
1/7	CRANE#	HERE	6:00	7:30
1/10	GREENWOOD #	HERE	6:00	7:30
1/10	LAKEVIEW	THERE	6:00	

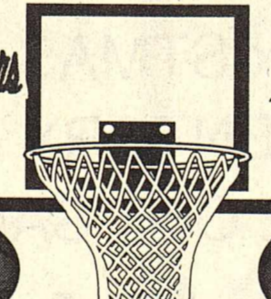
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12/26-12/28	REAGAN CO. TOURNEY	BIG LAKE		TBA
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1/6	OZONA	THERE	7:30	
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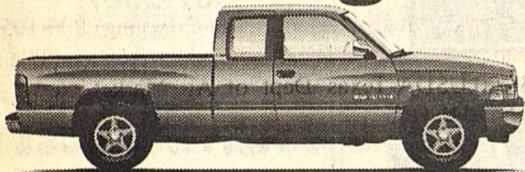
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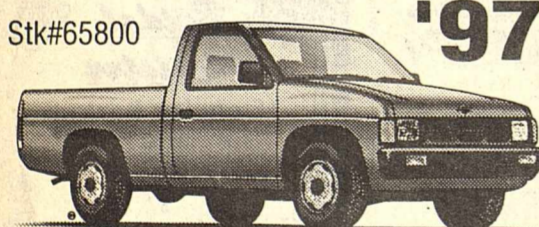
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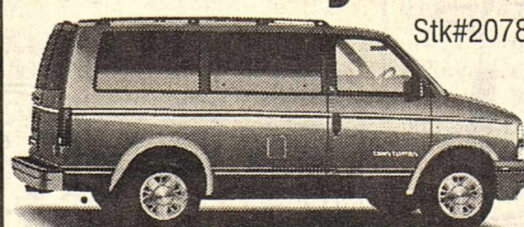
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Keeping an eye on Texas

Holidays light up winter season

The dark nights of winter are brightened by numerous celebrations throughout Texas. The holidays are times of joy, gift giving, and sharing simple and elaborate meals.

Christmas

December 25
Celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, and *January 6*, the Epiphany, or revelation of Christ to the Magi.
Symbols include Star of Bethlehem and manger, Santa Claus and Christmas trees. Gifts and toys are given to all. Holiday foods: turkey and dressing, as well as tamales, and German coffee cake, or stollen.



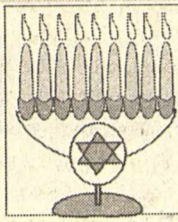
Kwanzaa

December 26—January 1
Celebrates African-American unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. Symbols include seven candles, ear of corn and unity cup. Gifts are simple and handmade. Karamu feast: traditional foods such as porridge, beans and corn, as well as other dishes.



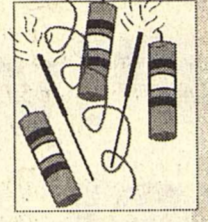
Hanukkah

December 5-13
Marks the return to the Temple of Jerusalem in 165 BC. Eight candles symbolize the number of days oil lamps were lit in the temple, with a ninth candle to light the others. Traditional gifts for children include a dreidel, or four-sided top, and coins. Special food: latkas, or potato pancakes fried in oil.



New Years

January 1 and February 7
Celebrates the new year. In the Chinese lunar year, the New Year begins *February 7, 1997*—the Year of the Ox. Preparations include cleaning house and paying debts. Sweet rice is part of the festivity, along with fireworks. Gifts include "red envelopes" containing lucky money.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas African American Heritage Association, Jewish Federation of Austin, Asian Chamber of Austin, Internet.

Rural Law Enforcing Disproportionately Risky To Officers

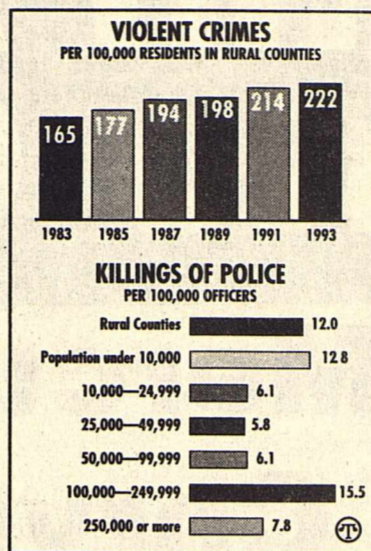
(NAPS)—The next time you see police officers walking the beat or patrolling the area, consider the risks they're taking to protect you and your family.

"Killed in the line of duty" has become all too familiar a phrase—especially for rural police forces. On average, one American police officer is killed every 52 hours. Small-town and rural county officers are increasingly becoming targets of firearms instead of objects of affection. The numbers show officers are more at risk working in towns with populations under 10,000 and rural counties, than those patrolling cities.

The reasons? Here are two:
• The violent crime rate in rural counties rose 35 percent between 1983 and 1993. The latest rural counties figures show violent crimes rated at 222 per 100,000 people, in 1983 it was 165 per 100,000.

• Roughly 40 percent of police deaths are termed "accidental." This suggests there are great risks for police officers even when they're carrying out the most routine of assignments.

To commemorate those who have given their lives in the line of duty, The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF)



As violent crime rates increase, so do the dangers to police officers.

built and now manages the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. Over 14,000 officers have died in the line of duty; their names appear on the Memorial. That includes more than 360 police chiefs and 423 sheriffs.

The Memorial is located between 4th and 5th Streets, NW. For more information, call the NLEOMF at (202) 737-3400.

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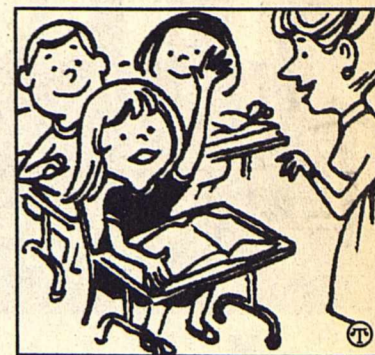
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When a patient suffers a soft tissue injury, the tissues are actually torn. In fact, more than half of the tissue damage that actually occurs is caused by healing. In routine cases it takes about 72 hours for the acute phase to pass. This period is then replaced by about a six to 10 week period when the tissues begin to heal. This healing phase may or may not be accompanied by pain. The goal of the doctor is to assist your body in the healing process. It has been shown that chiropractic adjustments help the tissues to heal in such a way that you will end up with not only strength in the tissues that were torn; but, flexibility. Should you cease your care before healing has taken place, you risk having diminished ranges of motion in the area injured together with a predilection to re-injury. I should note that the doctor may also prescribe care after the healing phase to assist your body in rehabilitating.

Back Talk **Chiropractic Care Questions & Answers**

How would a baby benefit from being adjusted? Is this an insurance scam?

Many people have found that having their children adjusted can be very beneficial. Colic and ear infections are just two of many conditions that respond quite dramatically and favorably to chiropractic care. Many childbirth deliveries are quite stressful and difficult, especially on the spine of the newborn. Forceps deliveries, breech babies, and prolonged labor can all irritate the spine of the newborn. When the spine of the child is out of alignment, it is not at all unusual for the child to experience colic or frequent infections. Unfortunately, the usual thing for a parent to do is get the

child on antibiotics which over time can lower the body's natural ability to fight off infections. Many times antibiotics are prescribed for viral complaints which they can't even help. Chiropractic adjustments together with good nutrition can be extremely helpful in keeping kids healthy.

Back Talk is copyrighted by the Texas Chiropractic Association. A panel of chiropractic editors is co-chaired by Dr. Paul Jaskovnik, DC, graduate dean, Parker College of Chiropractic, Dallas, and Dr. Doug Davison, DC, graduate dean, Texas Chiropractic College, Houston. Questions can be sent to Back Talk, TCA, 1601 Rio Grande Suite 420, Austin, Texas 78701

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Help Wanted: Sonora ISD is now accepting applications for a building custodian. Applications may be picked up at the Administration Building, 807 S. Concho, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. through December 20. For information, call Smith Neal at 387-2220 or at his home, 387-2826. Applications will be accepted until December 31, 1996. It is the policy of the Sonora ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap. 2(12-19-96)b

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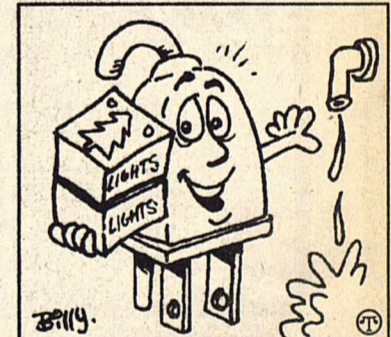
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