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"Home for the Holidays" home decorating Winners of contest '87

The judges drove all over Sonora this past Sunday evening looking at Christmas lights. The main thing the judges agreed on was that selecting winners was a difficult task because the community had decorated so well this year.

After much discussion, quite a few miles, and a lot of looking, the judges agreed on the following:

Area 1- the southwest portion of Sonora- **First Place** awarded to the residence of **R.D. Jeffreys**, 202 W. 5th. **Honorable mention** for this area was awarded to the home of **Pete Gomez**, 401 W. Main.

Area 2- the northwest portion of Sonora- **First Place** was won by the residence of **Billy Green**, corner of Hightower and Castle Hill. **Honorable mention** for this area goes to the abode of **Bill Keel**, on Hightower.

Area 3- southeast part of Sonora- the home of **Nick Anderson**, 315 Wardlaw, won **First Place** in this portion of

town. **Honorable mention** went to the residence of **Don Cooper**, 706 SE Crockett.

Area 4- northeast portion of Sonora- **First Place** was won by the residence of **Clint Roberts** at 210 E. 2nd. **Honorable mention** went to the home of **Bryant Harris** on Water.

First place winners in each of the four areas will be receiving yard signs to proclaim their fame for the Christmas season 1987.

The signs are the first of a new tradition of "traveling signs". The signs will be returned at the close of the holiday season and awarded to next years winners. The names and years of all winners will be placed on the back of the signs.

If you and your family have not yet been out to see the "lights of Sonora" you should make a point of doing so. You certainly won't be disappointed!

Three Broncos named

Three Sonora Bronco football players were named to the District 5-AAA All District First Team.

Bronco linebacker Mike Fullen was named Most Valuable Player in the district on defense. Fullen shared the honor with Ballinger defensive tackle Dwayne Hoelscher.

Other Sonora Broncos receiving first-team honors on defense were Junior lineman Osbaldo Castaneda and Senior linebacker Robert Harris.

Fullen, a Senior, also received first team honors on offense as tight end.

All District Second Team members included Bronco center Justin Condra, Senior; running back Robert Harris, Senior; end Rodney Haltom, Senior; and back Alex Duenes, Senior.

The District 5-AAA Most Valuable Player on offense was Abilene Wylie senior quarterback Bo Sanford.



Dog tales . . .

Sonora had some distinguished guests of the canine variety last week as we played host to Wallon and his owners, Ruth H. Brady of Houston and Mario Arciniega of Austin.

Wallon, on far right, tips the scales at a hefty 210 pounds and is a World Champion Mastiff with more awards and ribbons than most of us will ever see and has traveled more miles than many of us will ever travel. When we caught him, he and his entourage, including the puppies standing in the door, were on their way to Tucson to visit "dog-in-laws".

Yes, the joke stands-What does Wallon eat? Anything he wants to! Staff photo/Ann Cates.

Angel Tree to provide clothing

The response to last weeks article on the Angel Trees has been tremendous according to a spokesperson for the project. It took longer than was expected to gather the names of the Angels and get them on the trees but they are in place now.

The project is sponsored by the Sutton County Child Welfare Board for youngsters in the area who are in need of clothing.

An Angel Tree is one which contains individual "Angels" on

which is written information including age, size, and sex, of various children in Sonora who are in need of clothing. Trees containing the names of the Angels are in First National Bank and in Sutton County National Bank.

Local citizens are encouraged to go into either bank and select an Angel. The person selecting Angels then provide articles of clothing for the child which are to be wrapped, with the Angel

attached to the package, and returned to the bank.

Clothing can be either new or used but used clothing should be in excellent condition. Items of clothing should also be of a practical nature.

If you wish to select an Angel but do not have time to shop, please do not wrap money for the Angel. Money for gifts may be taken to City Judge Maxine Locklin and she will arrange to have the shopping done for you.

"Home for the Holidays" Winners of drawings

Quite a few Sonorans gathered on the downtown streets this past Saturday to see if their ticket number would be a winner in the Sonora Merchants Association "Home for the Holidays" Christmas drawings.

Those fortunate enough to be in the right place at the right time are from the 11 a.m. drawing:

Frankie Gonzales who won gift certificates in the amount of \$25 from Doyle Morgan, Ins. and Carl J. Cahill Construction Co., to be spent with any of the participating merchants, \$25 from the Pizzeria and \$25 from Chaparral Motors.

Lole Galindo, \$25 from Westernman Drug, \$25 from First National Bank, \$25 from Food

Center, and \$25 from Gosney's Department Store.
Frankie Gonzales, \$25 from Sonora Auto Parts, \$25 from First National Bank, \$25 from Branding Iron Smokehouse, and \$25 from image.

Winners of the 1 p.m. drawing are:

Jessie Kerbow, \$25 from Chaparral Motors, \$25 from Jimco Enterprises to be spent with any participating merchant, \$25 from Commercial Restaurant, and \$25 from Spain's Inc.

Lynn Virgen, \$25 from Radio Shack, \$25 from Stateline Drilling and Statex Petroleum to be spent with any participating merchant, \$25 from Vivian's

Modern Way, and \$25 from Carol's Merle Norman.

Wynona Ingersoll, \$25 from Doyle Morgan Ins., \$25 from Stateline Drilling and Statex Petroleum to be spent with any participating merchant, \$25 First National Bank, \$25 Gosney's Department Store, and \$25 from Jim's Thriftway.

The 3 p.m. produced the following winners:
Darla McKissack, \$50 from Hill's Jewelry, \$25 from Pat Walker's Figure Salon, \$25 from First National Bank, and \$25 from O'Bryan's Fashions.

Wynona Ingersoll, \$25 from Tedfords Jewelry, \$25 from Western Auto, \$25 from Perry's, \$25 from West Texas Utilities to be spent with any participating merchant, and \$25 from Spain's Inc.

Victoria Richardson, \$50 from Sutton County National Bank, \$25 from Flowers by Irene, \$25 from Westernman Drug, and \$25 from Stateline Drilling and Statex Petroleum to be spent with any participating merchant.

Remember, you must be present to win at these drawings and many numbers were called to produce the above winners. Here is a list of numbers that could have won:

Blue tickets- 849749, 857711, 859195, 860314, 860881, 866654, 870661, 873003, 900612, 904094, 910446, 911650, 913968, 921242, 922040, 922263, 924579, and 924936.

Yellow tickets- 540335, 542877, 543380, 548446, 550661, 554679, 557751, 560590, 562751, 564478, 565700, 567808, 568149, 569768, 601580, 602809, and 603376.

Red ticket- 94700.

Food booths that will dot Main Street during next weeks drawings will include Rudy's Bakery selling pastries and pizza by the slice, Firemen selling Bar-B-Q on a bun, hot chocolate and soft drinks, and the Committee on Aging will be selling hamburgers.

Come do your shopping, have lunch or a snack, and enjoy the drawings-you could be a winner.

Briefly

Choirs present Christmas Musical

The combined church choirs of Sonora will present "Night of Miracles" at 7 pm, Sunday, December 20. The program will be held in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church.

The public is cordially invited.

Office to be closed

The Sutton County Tax Appraisal office will be closed on December 24, 25 and 31.

Scouts to hold drawing

The Boy Scouts of Sonora, Troop 19, will hold a drawing on December 19, 1987 for a child's scooter.

A donation of \$1 per ticket will be appreciated to help finance future Scouting activities such as campouts, weekly meetings and Courts of Honor.

Calling Contest

Frontier Taxidermy will be hosting a Calling and Spotlighting Contest on Friday, December 18. To enter, you must sign up with Frontier Taxidermy between 5 and 6 pm. Check in time Saturday is 9 am.

Cost will be \$25 per team of two and all monies will pay back in the first three places. There will also be a Calcutta. Judging will be on a point system.

For more information call Bob McWilliams at 387-2317.

Registration

Registration for commodities for the 1988 year will be held on Thursday, December 31 from 9 until 3 at the Senior Center, 104 Wilson. For additional information call 387-5657.

Early deadlines

Because of holidays, the Devil's River News will be printing early both the week of Christmas and also the week of New Years.

Deadline for all news articles will be at 5 pm, Friday, December 18 for the paper dated December 24, at 5 pm Thursday, December 24 for the paper dated December 31.

Lions will not meet

Sonora Downtown Lions Club will not have their regular noon meeting and lunch on Tuesday, December 22 and on Tuesday, December 29.

Money normally spent for the meals on these meeting dates will be donated to the Welfare Council to assist with purchases for the Christmas food baskets given in Sonora.

Stripers to carol

The Candy-stripers of Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary will be caroling at the Hudspeth Nursing Home every Thursday in December at 4 p.m.

All members are needed and encouraged to attend.

Class of '78

An organizational meeting for the Class of '78 has been scheduled for Saturday, December 26. The meeting which is being held at Fiddlers will begin at 2 pm.

All members of this graduating class are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Photos available

Photos of the Hudspeth Hospital Nursing Home Fashion Show are available for viewing and ordering of prints at the Devil's River News office.

Prints of each picture will be 40¢ each and must be paid for at the time the order is placed.

Sharing Season

The Devil's River News is sponsoring a toy drive for children in the area who might not otherwise have a very Merry Christmas.

Toys, new and used but in good condition, may be brought by the DRN office at 220 N.E. Main or call one of the Girl Scout leaders and the toys will be picked up.

The donated toys will be distributed during the morning of Christmas Eve day, December 24.

"Adopt-a-foot"

In order to "top off the Depot" persons may "adopt" one square foot of the Depot roof for \$4.00. Names of all donors will be placed on a plaque in the Depot.

For more information or to "adopt" a square foot, contact Patricia Johnson at 387-5921 or 387-5334, Gil Trainer at 387-2028, or Preston Love at 387-3516.

Al-Anon meetings

Al-Anon meets in Sonora on Thursday nights and in Eldorado on Tuesday nights. Ozona meets every Tuesday night and Al-Ateen meets every Sunday afternoon in Ozona.

For more information on the organization or on the meetings, call 387-5775.

Legalization Program

A Leagization Committee for persons wishing to apply for amnesty under the new Immigration Law will meet every Tuesday at St. Ann's Catholic Church Parish Hall from 8 to 10pm.

Employers welcomed.

Juntas para personas que desean aplicar para amnistia bajo la Nueva Ley de migracion se llevaran acabo cada Martes de las 8:00 a las 10:00 pm. en el salon de la Iglesia Catolica St Ann's. Amos bien benidos.

SS representative

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, will be in Sonora at the County Courthouse on Thursday, December 17 between the hours of 9 and 10:30 am.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

Christmas Dance

St. Ann's Church Parish will be sponsoring a Christmas Dance on December 25, 1987 from 8 until midnight at the 4-H Center. Music will be provided by The Adolpho Band from Pecos.

A donation of \$7 per person is requested with the funds to go toward St. Ann's building fund.

Notice

All persons selling chances on the side of beef given by St. Ann's need to turn in their tickets to the church office by December 20.

New Year's Dance

Los Amigos Club will be hosting their Annual New Year's Eve Dance, Thursday, December 31, 1987 from 9 pm till 1 am at the 4-H Center. Tickets are being in advance only by any member of the Club. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$20 per couple for 21 year old and over only. This year music will be provided by J.R. and Company from Sonora.

Proceeds will go to the Cindy Favila Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Correction

Last weeks paper stated in the headline that Leticia Galindo had graduated from Tech. This was incorrect, Miss Galindo received her degree from UT Austin.

Meeting for Little League

The Sonora Little League Association held an organizational meeting on Thursday, December 3. The topic of forming a local Youth Baseball Association was discussed. A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 1988 at 7 pm in the HNG building to further discuss this topic.

A representative from the Eldorado Youth Baseball Association has been scheduled to present the pros and cons to this type of organization. All prospective coaches, parents, and interested individuals are invited to attend this important meeting.

Don't forget who's running your business

DEAR COMMISSIONER NABERS: I've got an employee who is dealing me misery. He hasn't been to work on time in a year. He back talks my wife when she gives him instructions. He can't get along with my other three employees. I don't want to do anything wrong-he's just the kind to try and sue me-but I really have had it. Any suggestions.

D.A. Azle, Texas

DEAR D.A.: I have a question first. Who is running your business, you or this problem employee?

I am constantly amazed at the number of employers out there who are intimidated by their own employees. As a business owner and employer you have a perfect right to discipline and fire any employee who refuses to abide by your rules, perform the work as instructed, or conduct himself properly on the job. My suggestion is to deal with this situation

Commissioner

Mary Scott Nabers

Texas Business Today



immediately. Document the man's misconduct; tell him you will no longer tolerate his tardiness, insubordination, or poor attitude; fire him promptly upon the next occurrence of such behavior.

DEAR COMMISSIONER NABERS: What sort of form do you suggest be used for written warnings or reprimands?

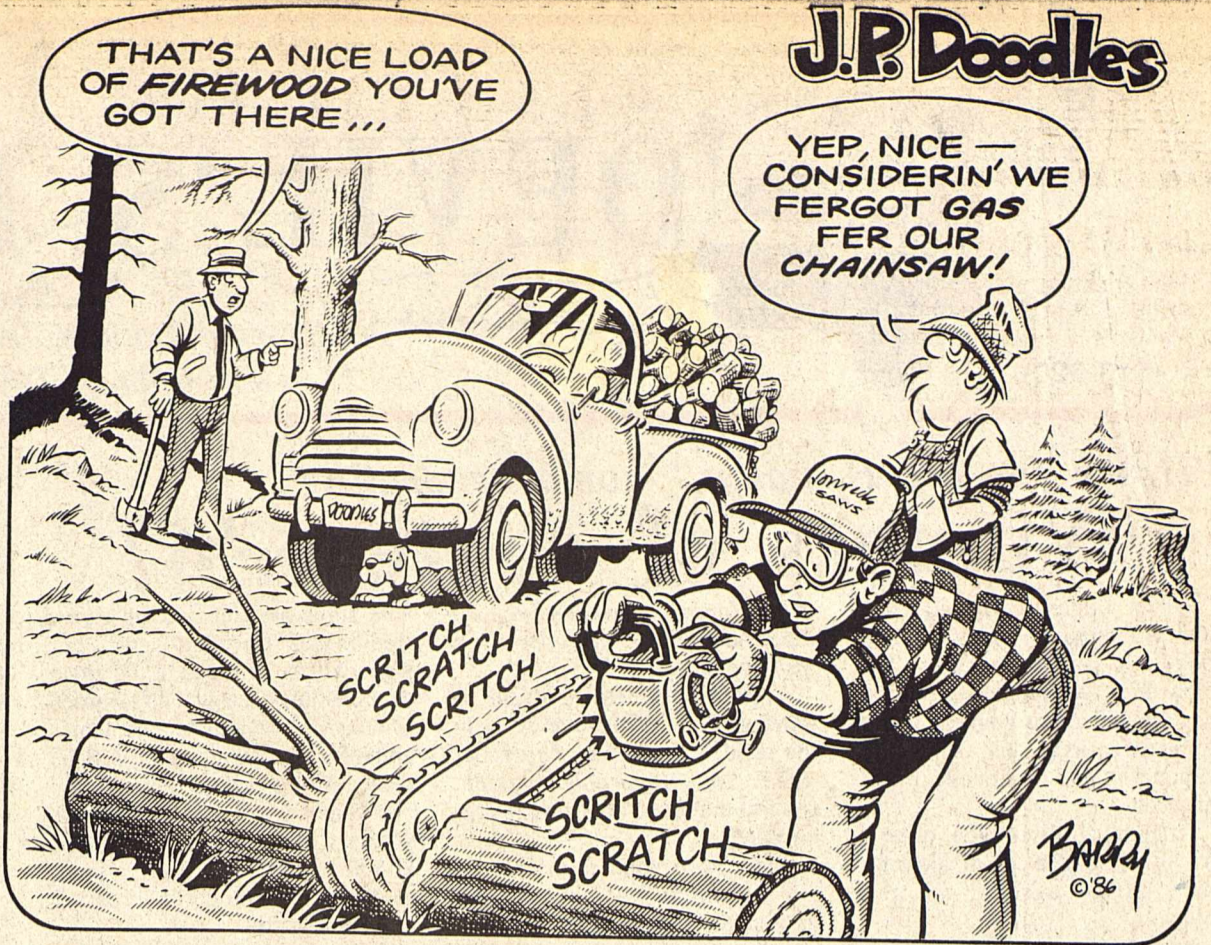
B.B. Marfa, Texas

DEAR B.B.: I suggest your form be clearly designated as a warning, reprimand, or disciplinary action at the top. It should have a space for

the date and several lines for a detailed description of the infraction. In a separate paragraph you should specify what corrective action is expected and what the results of failing to take corrective action will be.

There should be a space for the employer's signature and the employee's signature. Under the employee's signature line I suggest you have statement similar to this: "I acknowledge receipt of this warning and understand that it will be placed in my personal file. Any disagreement I may have with the contents of this warning is set forth on the back of the form."

Ms. Nabers represents 336,000 employers throughout Texas. If you have any questions you want answered, please write Commissioner Nabers at: TEXAS BUSINESS TODAY, 614 Texas Employment Commission Building, 15th and Congress, Austin, Texas 78778.



Publishers Comment

Your response to our request for toys for children in the area who might not otherwise have a Merry Christmas, has been overwhelming.

The "elves" here in the office have busy cleaning and sorting toys and we plan to have our office Christmas Party wrapping toys on December 23, then we will deliver on December 24.

Though I have not crosschecked the lists we have received, I would estimate at this time that we will be delivering toys to approximately eighty children. I'll give you more exact figures when we know.

Thanks to each and everyone of you have that have given so generously in this effort.

Lottie Lee Baker brought one of her books by the office the other day. Needless to say, it is priceless! The contents, as you know from her weekly column, are both witty and inspiring and the printer did a beautiful job on the book. Thank you, Mrs. Baker for sharing with us.

The book would make an excellent Christmas present for almost anyone on your list. If you would

like to see the book or order one for someone special, come on by the News office. With tax, postage and handling, the book costs \$15.73.

Have you driven around and looked at the Christmas lights in Sonora? The community has done an outstanding job of decorating this year. These are among the things that make the season special.

The judges of the home decorating contest indicate that they had quite a time deciding on winners in the various areas and have suggested that the areas be redivided before next years contest. From looking at the lights, I feel sure they came to this decision after finding that the Green's and the Keel's are in the same area.

I keep forgetting to mention that we have the Happy Birthday banner used for Belle Steen's 100th Birthday party here at the News office should anyone wish to borrow it. The letters are a foot tall and the banner is about sixteen foot long.

It was purchased with loaning it in mind and it should hold up for many parties.

ONE MAN'S OPINION

by T. Driskell

All my life I have heard references to a "Chinese Fire Drill." The term was used to refer to a situation where many individuals were tearing madly back and forth with such a profusion of motion that the purpose was totally obscured from the observer. I had never observed what I considered an adequate example, only vague references.

Recently in my realm of experience I encountered a means for generating a "Chinese Fire Drill" or a reasonable facsimile thereof. All you need is to follow the recipe, either on a conscious or unintentional basis.

The recipe involves going into a 450 bed hospital on an operative follow-up basis for a two day stay. You then on the second day let a

live "staph" culture show up in you blood sample. Watch closely after that because the action gets rather rapid.

First, two nurses came in and took a blood sample. Then a technician came around the corner, pushing a plastic sheeted wheeled cart as if he were driving in a formula one road race. I was placed on the cart, wrapped in plastic complete with head cover and mask, and the meteoric pace was continued to the elevator. Down four floors, exit into a hallway thence into a room easily mistaken for a broom closet.

A nice place to spend five days with visitors who all wear masks, yellow plastic robes, and gloves. Visitors come in every fifteen minutes to take blood samples,

every ten minutes to check the intravenous antibiotics.

An isolation ward is certainly not a social institution, but if you can overcome your pain, monotony is not an insurmountable obstacle. Why the blood tests? To insure that the antibiotics intravenous dosage does not damage kidneys, hearing and eyesight. Suddenly you realize how resistant the hospital evolved "staph" is and what a respect hospitals have for it. The Chinese fire drill, too must have a purpose.

LETTERS

Dear Sir,

I can type only friendly letters. It has now been 47 years since I finished Sonora High School. After my recent stroke, I bought this electric typewriter, still practicing with my good right hand.

The purpose of this letter is to help in locating one friend, John Keng, previous editor of the Devil's River News. He and I worked together on my advertising program in Sonora. I now have a new idea on advertising I wish to work with him on. If you should know his present mailing address, please send to me.

My wife and I are both now in retirement centers planning to return to our home in Sonora with plans to operate my RV park better.

Sonora is and has been my home town for 66 years. Have enjoyed owning and operating several small businesses there through the past years.

With respect,
Buster Shroyer

Editors note: We don't have the address of John Keng. Can anyone out there help Buster? If so, address your letters to:

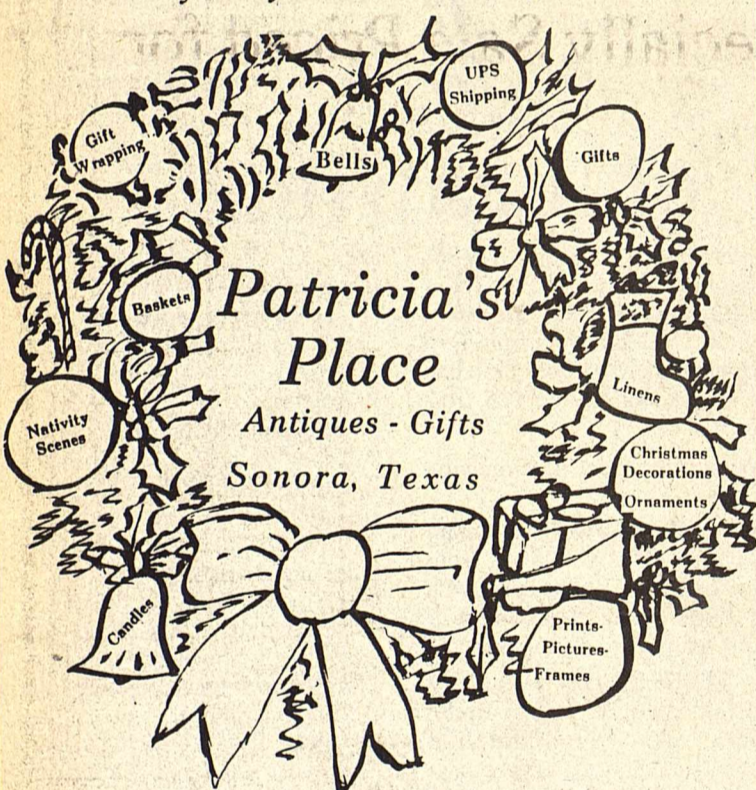
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Snips, Quips, and Lifts

by Lottie Lee Baker

November runs into December, December runs into Christmas, Christmas runs into money.

The little I know I owe to my ignorance.

Ever have a day when nothing seems to go wrong?

Middle age is when your memory is shorter, your experience longer, your stamina lower, and your forehead higher.

Be kind to your friends-without them you would be a total stranger.

All of us have our own faults and manage to live with them, but few of us can tolerate the faults of others.

Some people have read so much about the harmful effects of smoking that they have decided to stop reading.

There's enough leisure time for everybody, but the wrong people seem to have it.

Don't smoke in bed. The ashes that fall on the floor may be your own.

Each year comes rich December, with gift we trim the tree, Poor dad, who pays, remember-most trimmed of all is he.

Whether or not this is a free country depends on what you want to do.

CHAMBER NOTES

by Diana Trainer

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is preparing to have the Fundsearch Center installed sometime in January. Ruth Spaulding, Margaret Cascadden, Patricia Johnson and I will attend a three day "internship" in Austin which will prepare us to start applying for funds and to help other organizations with their funding.

Mr. Jon Guthrie will be holding workshops here in Sonora for anyone in the community and surrounding area who are interested in getting funding for their projects and hopefully, we should be set up and ready for these workshops by the first of February, so be planning to attend if you are associated with any organization

Adam was the first man to know the meaning of rib-roast.

Life is but a brief lull between the stork and the epitaph.

Which has made the biggest liars out of Americans? Golf or the income tax?

He who has no fire in himself cannot warm others.

Today the leaves are thumping rides with the passing wind.

If Washington is the seat of government then the taxpayer is the pants pocket.

The difference between the optimist and the pessimist is quiet droll. The optimist sees the doughnut the pessimist sees the hole.

A LIFT FOR THE WEEK

Use your head-it's the little thing that counts.

that needs money.

All of Sonora's Merchants Association members will be staying open until 7:00 Thursday night (tonight) for your shopping pleasure. 4:00 until 7:00 will be double coupon for the drawings so be sure and support these participating businesses.

The Sonora's Merchants Association drawings have been lots of fun. The food and drinks provided by the various organizations certainly lend a festive air to downtown Sonora on Saturdays and its always fun to see someone win the nice gifts which have been donated by Sonora merchants.

You have a stake in Sonora and the best way to safeguard your interests is to join hands with every other citizen and give your total support. We must have united effort if we want our community to prosper. Responsibility for community and area progress is a responsibility shared by us all. See you next week.

Happy Holiday Calendar of Events

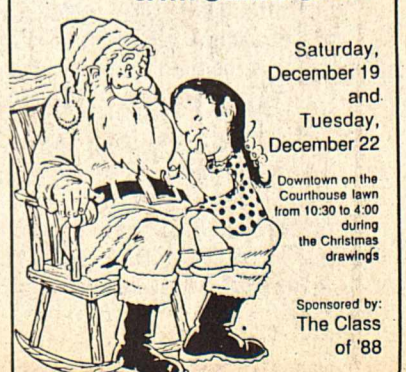
				3 PEACE ON EARTH	4 Community Christmas Tree Lighting 7 pm at Courthouse	5 Christmas Drawings 11 am, 1 and 3 pm Main Street, downtown
6	7 	8 	9 Combined Youth Choirs of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Episcopal Churches present a live Nativity scene and caroling at Hudspeth Hospital. Public invited-Refreshments served 6pm		10 Baptist Youth Choir present a Nativity scene at Hudspeth Hospital. Public invited-Refreshments served 6 pm	11 Christmas Drawings 11 am, 1 and 3 pm Main Street, downtown
13 	14 High School Band Concert	15 Junior High School Band Concert	16 	17 Catholic Choir presents Los Posadas up Hudspeth to Hospital-Public invited, refreshments served 6:30 pm	18 Last day of school before Holiday Season	19 Christmas Drawings 11 am, 1 and 3 pm Main Street, downtown
20 Community Choir at First Baptist Church	21 	22 Special Kids Day drawings 11-3:30 downtown	23 	24 Christmas Drawings 11 am, 1 and 3 pm Main Street, downtown	25 	26 Merry Christmas

Shop at "Home for the Holidays"



Sutton County National Bank
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Get your picture taken with Santa Claus



Saturday, December 19 and Tuesday, December 22

Downtown on the Courthouse lawn from 10:30 to 4:00 during the Christmas drawings

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FINANCIAL FOCUS

by Mike Smith

Real Rate of Return

There are many mysteries in the investment world foremost of which is how interest rates are determined. After reading this article, it may still be a mystery, but here are some general rules of thumb to follow.

Our focus is on tax-exempt investments. This avoids the confusion of allowing for taxes within various marginal tax brackets. If you invest in taxable investments, such as savings accounts, CDs or taxable bonds, start by deducting any taxes due on your income before you can consider your real rate of return.

The real rate of return is the interest rate earned minus the current inflation rate. For example, on a \$10,000 investment earning 6 percent with a current inflation rate of 3 percent, your real rate of return, if not taxable, is 3 percent. Under the same circumstance, if you're in a 28 percent marginal bracket, your real rate of return on a taxable investment is only 1.32 percent.

Remember, when you pay taxes, it's on total interest earned. The IRS doesn't credit you with what you lost through inflation. So, if you're dealing in taxable income, always deduct tax liability before figuring real rate of return.

The other key factor is inflation. It isn't difficult for an economist to estimate the short-term inflation rate of a 60 day or 90 day CD as it is to estimate the average inflation rate over the next 30 years, which will affect long-term bonds. But, in order to offer realistic and acceptable interest rates, projecting inflation is necessary. It's equally important that you, as an investor, consider inflation and taxes when making interest-sensitive investments.

The real rate of return has historically averaged about 3 percent. That's generally the figure borrowers use when fixing interest rates. Putting these two elements together, historical real interest rates and inflation, look at your own interest-bearing investments.

If you're considering, for example, a 7 percent tax-exempt investment with a current inflation rate of 3 percent, your real rate of return is 4 percent. Knowing the real rate of return has historically been about 3 percent, you see your investment is exceeding the historical average by one percent point, or 25 percent! That margin could offer you investment some price protection if interest rates rise or possibly even market appreciation if rates drop to that historical 3 percent real rate of return.

Literacy program funded by TDA

The Texas Department on Aging has awarded \$2,000 to the Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging to develop a senior adult literacy council and \$5,000 to develop a statewide computer-analyzed menu set for senior nutritional programs.

Literacy councils are local non-profit organizations that raise money for literacy programs, recruit teachers and obtain educational materials for classroom use.

Because they are staffed by volunteers, literacy councils are able to operate at minimal cost to taxpayers.

The computerized menu grant will help create a comprehensive resource of approved menus from which individual meal providers may choose. System users will have access to nutritional analyses of each meal listed.

Texas Department on Aging staff members will provide technical assistance to ensure the success of both projects.

"We're confident of the Concho Valley Area Agency's ability to make these projects work," said TDoA Executive Director O.P. Bobbit.

Non Taxable		28% Tax Bracket
10,000		10,000
+ 600	6 percent interest	+ 600
10,600		10,600
- 300	3 percent inflation	- 300
10,300		10,300
- 0	taxes due on interest	- 168
10,300		10,132
\$300	after-tax interest earned	\$132
3 percent	real rate of return	1.32

guarantee. Interest rates and inflation can be very volatile. One certain thing is the relation between interest rates and inflation. To illustrate this, look at the past 10 years.

Inflation peaked in this country in 1979-1980. For a brief period, inflation exceeded 14 percent annually; however, tax-exempt bond yield hadn't yet reflected this rapid and unprecedented rise in inflation. Although bond yields had moved up from the middle 5 percent range in 1978, yields in 1979 offered a high of more than 7 percent, according to Standard & Poor's Municipal Bond Yield Index. In 1980, some 10 percent tax-free bonds came to market but still none reached the historical 3 percent difference between real interest return and inflation.

Some attribute this to the belief that inflation was too high and would not remain in double digits for long. Borrowers sat back and took a wait-and-see attitude rather than commit to such high interest on a long-term basis. By 1981-82, inflation, although declining, was

still flirting with 8 percent, but bond yields had jumped up to meet it. In those two years, the tax-free bond yields moved from 10 percent to more than 13 percent. It finally reached a high of 14.32 percent in January of 1982.

At this point, the historical 3 percent difference was showing double or more that amount. In retrospect, the bond buyer watching the relationship between inflation and real rate of return saw excellent long-term yields that haven't been duplicated since. Those who bought high-yielding bonds were rewarded not only with excellent interest but also with appreciation of their investments as both interest rates and inflation came down to more historically realistic levels.

It's difficult, if not impossible, to know the proper time to invest in interest-bearing securities. The key is inflation, and that's often unpredictable. But, those who seriously evaluate real rate of return and understand the relation between interest rates and inflation have an advantage that puts them ahead in the income investing market.

CONSUMER FACTS

from the Texas Attorney General's Office

Con Men at Work

Telemarketing is much in the news of late and some of it is done by the country's best con men. They operate out of "boiler rooms" where salespeople make telephone calls pitching everything from soap to vacation packages. Commodity investment schemes are one form of con that has become increasingly prevalent.

If you get a pitch for a commodities scheme and are interested, you should:

- find out what government agencies, such as the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, are regulating it to see if the firm is registered and if

there have been any complaints;

- ask for a copy of the firm's prospectus and all other available literature before you spend a dime;
- ask the salesperson for the names and addresses of the firm's principals and officers;
- ask the caller if he would explain the program to a third party such as your attorney or accountant.

Most importantly, do not leap to any purchase or investment. If the caller refuses to talk to a third party or if he belittles you—"What's the matter? Can't you make your own decisions about your own money?"—DO NOT BUY!

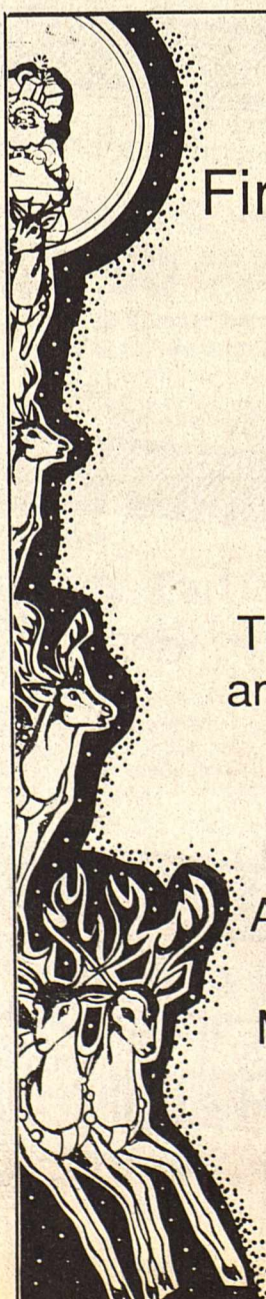
Tedford Jewelry

BRIDAL GIFT REGISTRY

Emily Palos, bride-elect of Eddie Castro

Downtown Sonora-

387-3839



First National Bank of Sonora and

Sutton County National Bank

will close at 3 p.m. Thursday, December 24 and will be closed all day Friday and Saturday, December 25 and 26.

All facilities will be open regular hours on Monday, December 28.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES ENRON GAS PROCESSING COMPANY HAS MADE APPLICATION WITH THE TEXAS AIR CONTROL BOARD FOR CONTINUANCE OF PERMIT NO. R-118 FOR A NATURAL GAS PROCESSING PLANT NEAR SONORA, SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS. THE LOCATION IS 5 MILES SOUTHEAST FROM SONORA ON RANCH-MARKET ROAD NO. 1691. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS APPLICATION IS CONTAINED IN THE PUBLIC NOTICE SECTION OF THIS NEWSPAPER.

Dependents need social security numbers for 1987 income tax return purposes

People who have children or other dependents they plan to claim on their 1987 income tax return should remember that a Social Security number must be shown for each dependent age 5 or over, Franklin H. Upp, Social Security manager in San Angelo, said recently.

If a child or other dependent does not have a number, then one should be applied for without delay. It is easy to apply, Upp said. All a person has to do is complete an application and provide evidence of date of birth, identity, and U.S. citizenship or lawful alien status. A person 18 or older who has never had a Social Security number must apply in person. A parent applying on behalf of child must provide evidence of his or her identity.

For a person born in the U.S., a birth certificate can provide evidence of both date of birth and citizenship. For children, school, medical, day care, or similar documents can be used to establish identity.

Only original documents or copies certified by the issuing agency can be used. Photocopies and notarized copies are not acceptable. The documents will be returned.

All it takes to start the application process is a phone call to the Social Security Office, Upp

said. The telephone number is 949-4608. The people there will be glad to answer any questions.

Special Christmas Sale

In the "Spirit of Giving" we are giving our customers

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Diamond Necklaces	regularly \$175 to \$1850	sale priced \$129 to \$1490
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And much more. Many items are subject to prior sale. Sale prices for a limited time only.

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Annual Christmas program to be performed December 20

Primera Iglesia Baptist Church of Sonora will hold their annual Christmas Program Sunday, December 20, 1987 at 7:00 p.m.

This year's program will be entitled "El Buen Pastor" (The Good Shepherd). It's about the growing life of a Shepherd, who will be one of the Shepherds whom the Angel appears to them to give the news about the birth of Jesus.

Back again, Joe Israel Sanchez, an 8th grader, will lead the play along with Mrs. Estella Gamez, who has for many years acted along with her children, Gina and Abel Gamez, also new this year is Joel Gil. Following her brother Joe's footsteps, 10 month old Sandra Michelle Yorba will make her first appearance, playing the baby Shepherd.

Among the cast will be as Angels, Mrs. Fela Perez, Mrs. Prissy Gutierrez, Gina Gamez, Erica Bernal, Amy Gutierrez, Nena Garcia, Patty and Delia Lizzette Yorba and Kimberly Bustamante.

As Shepherds, Joe Sanchez, Abel Gamez, Joel Gil, Jason Gutierrez, Tata Yorba, Zack Perez, Victor and Steven Pina from Eldorado, John Garcia and Sergio.

As Wisemen, Mr. Sam Perez,



Sandra Michelle Yorba

Mr. Ruben Yorba and Mr. Adam Fay.

Joseph will be played by Peter Perez and as Mary, Miss Lupe Ramirez-Martinez from Eldorado.

The director and writer will be Mrs. Nelda Yorba who has done directing and writing for more than 20 years in California and Texas.

Also presenting a solo act "La Hurlana" will be Mrs. Delia Pina from Eldorado, Texas. It's about an orphan who suffers all alone.

Special music will be performed by Primera Iglesia Baptist Choir, Sonora; Primera Iglesia Baptist Eldorado Choir; Mission Maranathic Eldorado; the Yorba Family and many more.

This is one special Christmas night Sonora can count on. Everyone, we mean each and everyone of you is welcome to come join us. Let's make Christmas a true meaning by sharing love and song as one for the Glory of our Lord God. Pastor of the church is Rev. Ernesto Gil.

"Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist"

BRONCO TAILS

News from Sonora High School

by Heather Bunkley

The Sonora High School choir has been very busy this month. Singing for the Sonora Downtown Lions' Club, Sonora Middle School, and at the mall in San Angelo are only a few of the engagement they have had. If you missed the choir and band concert on Monday night, you missed a special evening filled with wonderful sounds and Christmas cheer! We are very proud of the musical talent we have at Sonora High School.

The Senior class ordered invitations and most of us are very excited to have completed half of our senior year.

National Honor Society members will be caroling at the High School tomorrow. They have enjoyed good participation in their serious and silly Santa-gram sales.

Our basketball teams continue to

do well and there will be some games played over the holidays--come on out and support the Broncos.

The varsity cheerleaders will be traveling to Dallas on December 26th to compete in the National Cheerleader competition. They will perform their competition routine for all high school students during lunch on Friday, December 18th. It is an honor just to be eligible to compete, and they have worked very diligently for this so we want them to know that our best wishes go with them to Dallas.

Hopefully, everyone will have safe and enjoyable holidays because we will be expected to be ready for six-weeks and semester exams when we return.

School will be dismissed at 2:30 on Friday, December 18th.

Merry Christmas and a prosperous 1988 to all!

Junior High boys shut out Menard basketball teams

Seventh grade boys won in overtime to Menard, 30-25. Joe Buitron was leading scorer with 14. Fred Chavez put in seven and Adam Mirike had three.

Sonora eighth grade boys also

won big over Menard, 40-21. Leading scorer was Adam Richter with 10 points. Cody Black added eight and Sam Taylor made six points.

Girls Junior High basketball teams win big over Menard

Sonora Junior High Basketball teams hosted Menard, Monday, December 7. All teams won their games.

Seventh grade girls over took Menard 27-12. Vanessa Patlan and

Anna Teaff were leading scorers.

Eighth grade girls also received a win over Menard, 20-13. The game produced two leading scorers, Susen McCleerly and Dana Evans.

Essay contest basis for Mensa Scholarships

American Mensa, Ltd., announces its 1987-88 Scholarship Essay Contest. Awards of \$1,000, \$500, and two of \$200 will be given in each of American Mensa's nine regions, one of which includes the West Texas area. There will also be two national prizes. One is the Rita Levine Memorial Scholarship which will grant \$600 to a woman recipient returning to school after an absence of at least seven years, and the other is the Howard M. Turney Financial Aid Program which will provide \$1,000 for study in engineering, mathematics, medicine or the physical sciences. The latter requires that the recipient submit proof of Mensa eligibility.

February 1, 1988 is the deadline for essay submissions. It isn't necessary to be a member of Mensa to apply for the scholarships, and the only requirement for a regional award is that the applicant be enrolled, for the academic year following the award, in a degree program at an American institution of post-secondary education. The contest is open to high school seniors, college and graduate students.

The essay should describe the applicant's academic, vocational and career goals, and be limited to 550 words. Completed essays will first be screened by a local West Texas

Mensa committee, which sends semi-finalist submissions to the Mensa Regional Vice Chairman for review. Selected entries are then sent to the National Scholarship Committee for its final decisions. Judging will be completed around May 15, 1988.

An application blank with additional information can be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Mary Jane Whiles, 4515 Pleasant, Midland, Texas 79703.

Qualified winners will also receive one year's free membership in Mensa. Mensa is especially interested in gifted children, and the Mensa Education & Research Foundation, in conjunction with local Mensa chapters, supports annual scholarship programs.

Mensa is an international social organization which serves as a vehicle for contact among its members. Anyone scoring in the 98th percentile or higher on a standard IQ test is eligible for admission to Mensa. In addition, other standardized tests such as SAT, CEEB and GRE are acceptable as proof of admission. New members are always welcome and may receive further information by writing American Mensa, Ltd. at 2626 East Fourteenth Street, Brooklyn, New York 11235-3992 or (718)934-3700.

Homemakers Update

School lunches provide nutrition

by Micki Miller
Home Economics Briefs

Many parents don't stop to figure how much it costs to pack a lunch for a child to take to school, and how much nutrition the child gets for that money.

The bottom line is that hot school lunches provide students with one-third of their daily nutritional needs and are less expensive than a home-packed lunch.

If your child doesn't like the hot lunch and won't eat it or eats very little of it, of course nothing is gained. However, consider whether your child prefers a home-packed lunch because it contains a candy bar, chips or other less nutritious "fun" foods.

When lunches are packed at home--by you or your child--make

sure they provide adequate nutrients for growth and development.

A nutritionally adequate lunch will contain a serving of a protein food like meat, poultry, and fish or a protein alternative; a serving of fruit and vegetables, breads or cereals and a cup of milk.

A typical brown bag lunch with a tuna sandwich, carrot sticks, an orange, milk and perhaps an oatmeal cookie for dessert will provide adequate nutrition.

But a lunch with a sandwich, chips, prepackaged snack cakes and a soft drink is providing some nutrients and a lot of empty calories, extra fat and sugar.

Planning school lunches deserves some thought, because the foods your children eat now may be the foods they prefer for a lifetime.

The Lord's Highway Department

by Charles Huffman
Hope Lutheran Church

"A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the LORD; make a straight highway in the desert for our God." Isaiah 40:3.

In ancient times roads were little more than cow trails, and when a great and powerful ruler wanted to make a journey companies of slaves were sent ahead of him to smooth out the road for his chariot, so the great king could have a comfortable trip.

As recognized by all four of the New Testament evangelists in the early chapters of their Gospels, John the Baptizer became God's voice crying in the wilderness (Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3, & John 1). As evidence of their desire to turn around to turn away from their sinful ways to God for His grace and mercy-John offered them a cleansing in the Jordan River. It was a baptism of repentance, which is meaningless without an inner turn-around. Nor did John baptize everyone who came to him, but questioned them and rejected those who came out of mere curiosity, or because this was what everyone else was doing. There is an old

Chinese proverb which says: "To forgive the un-repentant is like drawing pictures on water."

"Prepare a way for the LORD; make a straight highway in the desert for our God!" You and I need to hear the voice of John-loud and clear! He calls US to repent! It's the only way for us to recognize and appreciate for ourselves God's point in giving His Son as the greatest Gift of Christmas. In Matthew and Luke's account of John the Baptizer's appearance in the rugged terrain on the other side of the Jordan river, we find that when the crowds came out to him, John confronted them in pointed ways about their need to deal with the things in their lives that were obstructing the way of the Lord. What they needed was a sincere turn around, one that would be demonstrated by a change in their outlook and a change in their actions.

What would John put his finger on in YOUR life? What is there, that may be safely hidden from those around you, that you know God says has to go or be changed? John's message is for competitive, get-ahead Americans. Does he

speak to you?

We sin when we miss the mark of God's holy standard, and all of us must confess that of ourselves. But John assured those who confessed and were baptized that God would send their sins away. How did the Psalmist put it, "as far as the East is from the West?" When Jesus came where John was preaching and baptizing, John pointed to Him as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). He's the one whose birthday we're preparing to celebrate, the One who gave Himself as God's own sacrifice for sin--so that our sins could be sent away, once and for all!

Have you tried-as I have-to make the Lord's highway straight and smooth? Have you sincerely tried to deal with the things that obstruct the way of the Lord in your life? Then you know-as I know-that the job is just too much for us. The ruts, bumps and chugholes of our shortcomings and failures simply don't change as we might like them to. We need help if we're going to "prepare the way for the Lord."

In terms of the picture we're using, we could say that the Holy

Spirit is the Commissioner of the Lord's Highway Department. He brings John's voice into the wilderness of our secular, humanistic world; into the desert of a materialistic preparation for Christmas, into the Jordan valley of our often spiritual apathy and unconcern.

This road is a Freeway! There are no tolls to pay in order to travel on this road, because the Son of God has paid in full the cost of removing our sins and bringing us into relationship with His Father.

So we rejoice to hear the voice crying in the wilderness: "Prepare a way for the Lord." It is a serious call, for each one of us knows better than anybody else just how desperately our road needs rebuilding. But it is also a glorious call, because it assure us that thru the birth and life, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and by the power of God's Holy Spirit, the Lord's Highway Department is ON THE JOB!

Prepare to have and enjoy a Christ filled Christmas!

Church Directory

Church of Christ Minister-Don Jones Bible School-10 am Worship-11 am Sunday Night-6:30 pm Wednesday Night-7 pm	The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Rev. William R. Jones Worship Service-10 am Communion first Sunday of each month	Somebody Cares Center Rev. Louis Halford Sunday Adult Bible Hour-9:30 am Super Son Bible Hour-9:30 am Morning Service-10:45 am L.I.F.E. (youth)-3 pm Evening Service-6 pm Wednesday Bible Study-7 pm	First Baptist Church Rev. Jim Stephen Sunday School-9:45 am Morning Worship-11 am Church Training-6 pm Evening Worship-7 pm Wednesday Service-7 pm
Primera Iglesia Bautista Sunday School-9:45 am Worship Service-11 am Training Union-5 pm Evening Service-6 pm Wednesday Service-7 pm W.M.U.-Sunday-2 pm Between Santa Clara & Chestnut	First United Methodist Church Kent L. Kepler-Pastor Sunday School-9:45 am Worship-10:55 am KVRN 98 AM-11 am UMYF-6 pm Chancel Choir-7 pm	Hope Lutheran Church Sunday School-10 am Worship Service-11 am Thursday: Adult Bible Class-8pm Charles Huffman, Pastor	St. Ann's Catholic Church Rev. Lawrence D'Mello Saturday Night Mass 7 pm English Sunday Mass- 8 am Spanish 11 am English Holy Day Mass-7 pm
Sonora Tabernacle United Pentecostal Rev. Kenneth Doyle, Pastor Sunday School-10 am Worship-11 am Evening Worship-7:30 pm Wednesday Service-7:30 pm	Live Oak Baptist Church Rev. Charles White Sunday School-10:00 am Sunday Worship-11:00 am Evening-6:00 pm Wednesday Service-7 pm	Jehovah's Witness 310 St. Ann's 387-2679 or 387-3947 Spanish Language Meeting Public Talk-10:00 Sunday Watchtower Study-11:00 Sunday Theocratic Ministry-7:30 Tuesday Service Meeting-8:15 Tuesday Bible Study-7:30 Thursday	St. John's Episcopal Church 404 NE Poplar Holy Eucharist-Sunday 8 & 11 am Sunday School-9:45 am Holy Eucharist w/Prayers for Healing, 1,3 & 5 Wed., 7 pm Daily Morning Prayer-8:45 am Monday-Friday The Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector

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Liberal leaders again pushing Congressional pay raise

The liberal leadership in the House of Representatives pulled a real fast one last week.

Fresh from a peaceful Thanksgiving weekend, members of Congress with a genuine concern for fiscal restraint and deficit reduction were shocked to find the specter of a Congressional pay raise had returned again.

Let there be no doubt: I am against increasing my salary and those of other members of Congress, I have opposed the idea since taking office and I will continue opposing it and voting against it at every opportunity.

With so many working men and women in Texas having difficulty making ends meet because their incomes are declining, it would be highly inappropriate for me to vote to bolster my own income.

But last Thursday, as House members began debating the most expensive spending resolution in American history, we learned that, because of a clever procedural trick, one vote against the costly measure would at the same time be a vote in favor of a 3 percent salary increase for Congress.

While this ruse forced almost all fiscal conservatives to cast a vote falsely suggesting support for a pay raise, thankfully later in the day we were able to shake loose the parliamentary shackles of the tyrannical majority and defeat the pay raise for another day.

But the lesson was clear: The liberal leadership knows no bounds when it comes to abusing the legislative process.

Sadly, learning that lesson was nothing new: Exactly five weeks earlier, the House forced through by one questionable vote a measure to grant members of Congress a 13.4 percent salary increase during



Washington Update

By Congressman Lamar Smith

the next three years.

I voted then against this outrageous proposal, and also against the surrounding package that called for \$12 billion in new taxes but only \$3 billion in spending cuts. Obviously it was precisely the wrong message to send to taxpayers looking to Congress to reduce the budget deficit.

Congress simply cannot ask the American people to shoulder the burden of new taxes, while at the same time giving itself another pay raise.

The extraordinary means the liberal leadership used to force this legislation through indicates that most other House members shared this concern.

At first, a procedural motion that could have led to an increase in taxes was soundly defeated, but we were not allowed to remain elated for long.

To reverse our victory, those who want to tax and spend pulled some clever procedural tricks out of

their bag, including fabrication of a "new legislative day" in the middle of the afternoon so they could have another vote on raising taxes \$59 billion during the next three years.

On that one we won again, that time with one vote to spare when the balloting ended. But no gavel sounded. Instead, almost 10 minutes later a member was allowed to change his vote and the vote turned from a one-vote victory to a one-vote defeat.

In attempting by hook or crook to force its will on the entire House, the liberal leadership has shown how little it cares about the impact of its decisions on citizens; indeed, it has shown instead only how much it cares about perpetuating tax-and-spend policies.

Let us hope the public outcry over these tactics will cause the leadership to quickly reassess its thinking.

Hill's Bridal Registry

Connie Jezek, bride-elect of Scott Miller

Hill's Jewelry

Downtown

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Drinking and driving could turn the holiday season to sorrow

December 13-19 has been designated "National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week" by President Ronald Reagan.

The holiday season is a time of enjoyment with friends, family and co-workers. Some of the good times will turn to sorrow and tragedy due to alcohol and drugs mixed with driving.

Millions of people take drugs every day and most are unaware that many of these substances affect their driving skills. Alcohol, tranquilizers, marijuana, and a variety of other drugs can affect the mental and physical skills needed for safe driving. Even some over-the-counter medicines can affect driving.

The effects of a drug vary significantly from one individual to the next, and even vary in the same individual at different times. The driver's age, sex, weight, emotional state, the amount of drug and when it was taken, are all factors which influence the ability to drive safely.

Taking more than one drug at a time is especially dangerous because each one can add to the impact of the other. This is particularly true when one of the drugs is alcohol.

Alcohol is a mind-altering drug that works as a sedative; changes the way a person thinks and acts. It

is a factor in 50% of America's highway deaths. In 1986, more than 23,000 Americans died in alcohol-related crashes.

Marijuana is also a mind-altering drug. Its use affects a wide-range of skills needed for safe driving. Quick thinking and reflexes are slowed, causing drivers difficulty in responding to sudden unexpected events.

Research clearly indicates that normal levels of drinking performance are not regained for at least 4.6 hours after smoking a single marijuana cigarette.

Remember, driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol this holiday season can get someone hurt. Worse than that, it can get someone killed. Think about it, Don't Drink and Drive.

Christmas Drawings Downtown Saturday

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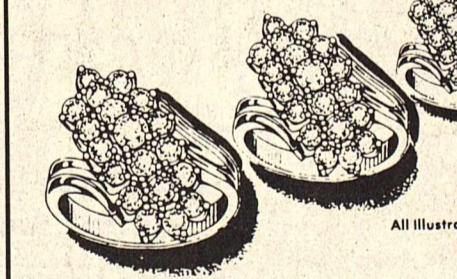


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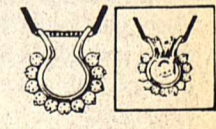
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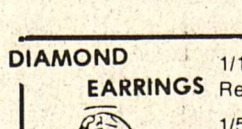
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Sonora Independent School District
Financial Statement for Publication
Year Ended August 31, 1987

	FUND			
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects
REVENUES				
Real and Personal Property Taxes	\$ 3,878,490	\$ -	\$ 1,186,262	\$ -
Revenue from Local Sources	404,089	-	26,710	-
Per Capita and Foundation	825,053	-	-	825,053
Other State Revenues	15,690	-	-	15,690
Elementary and Secondary Education Act	-	92,568	-	-
Vocational - Non-Foundation	-	1,151	-	-
Other State Distributed Federal Funds	97,300	-	-	97,300
Total Revenues	\$ 5,220,622	\$ 93,719	\$ 1,212,972	\$ -
EXPENDITURES				
Instruction	\$ 2,287,308	\$ 81,435	\$ -	\$ -
Instructional Related Services	274,610	10,833	-	-
Pupil Services	644,734	-	-	644,734
Administration	532,941	1,451	-	534,392
Debt Services	-	-	1,169,925	-
Plant Services	465,060	-	-	465,060
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	16,382	-	-	1,024,465
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,221,235	\$ 93,719	\$ 1,169,925	\$ 1,024,465
Excess Revenues (Expenditures)	\$ 999,387	\$ -	\$ 43,047	\$ (1,024,465)
OTHER RESOURCES				
Flow-Through In Net Insurance Recovery	\$ 23,660	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	6,233	-	-	6,233
Total Other Resources	\$ 29,893	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OTHER USES				
Flow-Through Out	27,742	-	-	27,742
Total Other Resources and (Uses)	\$ 2,151	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 1,001,538	\$ -	\$ 43,047	\$ (1,024,465)
Beginning Fund Balance	2,840,437	-	131,403	1,037,100
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(27,284)	-	-	27,284
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 3,814,691	\$ -	\$ 174,450	\$ 39,919

Texas Department of Safety A few precautions could make a difference

Although it is the season to be jolly, many area residents will find this holiday season to be less than jolly according to the Texas Department of Public Safety. Many Texans will experience crime through negligence and carelessness during this holiday season according to Alvin Hale, Safety Officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety for the San Angelo area.

"By making a few simple precautions during this time of year, it could make the difference in a happy holiday season or a sad one," Hale stated.

"Since home burglaries seem to be on the increase, those who have been placing their Christmas trees in front of a large window to be seen from outside the home may need to reconsider that decision. We don't need to be tempting burglars," Hale said. Make sure all doors and windows are locked even though

someone is home. Place those expensive presents somewhere else in your home to be placed under the tree just before you are going to open all packages.

"While shopping, be careful of showing large sums of money. Don't try to carry too many packages that might block your vision or more than you can safely keep up with. Upon returning to your vehicle, place your purchases in the trunk of your vehicle, safely out of sight of the possible car burglar. Always make sure your vehicle is locked when you are out of sight of it."

Ladies need to maintain a secure hold on their purses while shopping to discourage the purse snatcher.

If your shopping calls for being out after nightfall, try not to go out alone. Park in a well-lighted area and have the door key to your automobile in your hand before leaving the building. Don't have to search your purse for the key after reaching your vehicle. "Taking a few precautions could mean the difference between tragedy and enjoyment for the holidays ahead," Hale said.



HEALTH CARE

by Scott Gilmore
Hospital Administrator

Tourette syndrome a frustrating disease

Tourette (toor'et) syndrome is a complex neurological disorder that disrupts an otherwise normal, healthy life and has no known cause or cure. The Texas Medical Association says that while medical treatment is becoming more effective, the support and understanding of family and friends is crucial to a person with the syndrome.

Tourette syndrome causes people to unintentionally make abrupt body movements, such as tics and jerks, produce unusual sounds and shout inappropriate words.

The syndrome does not affect intelligence level, health or life expectancy, but it can be severely disabling. The adverse reaction from other people are what restrict patients from leading a normal lifestyle.

The disease affects people all over the world and dates back to the Middle Ages. About 100,000 Americans have Tourette syndrome, although several more are either misdiagnosed or not diagnosed at all. Three-fourth of

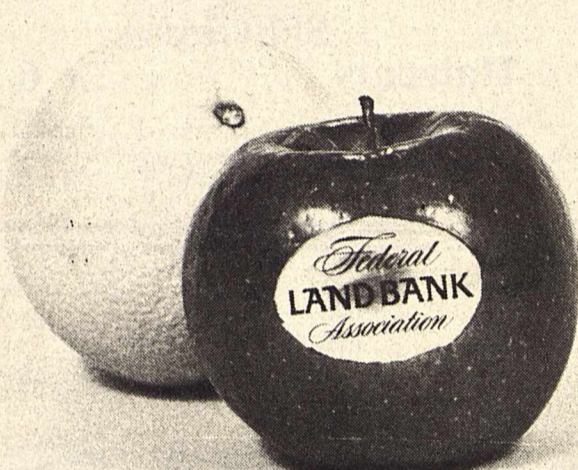
those people with the syndrome are male.

Symptoms usually emerge in childhood, around age seven, and typically begin with excessive eye-blinking and involuntary muscle contractions in the shoulders. The vocal symptoms include barks, whistles, hisses, snorts, and other bizarre noises.

Most patients learn to control or postpone the symptoms, and in mild cases, they can work and get along in the community.

Frustrating to the patient is that symptoms come and go unpredictably. Haloperidol is one medication that is effective in controlling the tics and jerks, but the side effects, including depression, loss of concentration, and development of phobias, can be more difficult to deal with than the symptoms.

For more information about Tourette Syndrome or to locate the Tourette syndrome organization nearest you, write the National Organization for Tourette Syndrome, 41-02 Bell Blvd., Bayside, New York 11361 or call 718/224-2999.



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TDH helps hearing-impaired children

Thanks to a special new device, provided by the Texas Department of Health (TDH), a 4-year old Austin girl, born profoundly deaf, is learning to "feel" sound.

Last month, she began an experimental program using an electro-tactile device that emits small electrical charges in response to sound. The device, worn around the abdomen, resembles a belt. Eighteen points across the front of the belt deliver tingling sensations at different places for different sounds.

Dr. Clift Price, TDH's Associate Commissioner for Personal Health Services, explained, "The electro-tactile device gives the child one more sense with which to distinguish sounds and meanings, and eventually language. It is an experimental, state-of-the-art piece of equipment--the first of its kind in Texas."

"We are hoping it will prove to be a practical way to augment a deaf child's communication skills," he said.

The TDH Children's Hearing Aid Loan Program (CHALP) has purchased three electro-tactile devices, costing about \$3,500 each.

The first one is being used at the Regional Day School for the Deaf in Austin. The other two have been placed with the University of Texas in Dallas and the Regional Day School for the Deaf in Amarillo.

The TDH program has used similar, though less complex equipment--called vibrotactile devices, for about a year. These are typically worn around the wrist and vibrate on one or two channels in response to sound.

"CHALP will have 65 vibrotactile devices available for deaf children throughout the state by the end of this year. Because of the expense, additional electro-tactiles will not be purchased until we can clearly document their benefit," Dr. Price said.

He added that even the most expensive device costs only one tenth as much as cochlear implant surgery and, unlike surgery, is reversible. "If it doesn't help the child, we can simply take it away and try something else, he explained.

TDH places these devices under contract with audiologists and teachers who help deaf children learn to use them, usually in a school setting.

CHALP serves children whose families have incomes at or below the federal poverty level by providing diagnostic evaluations, hearing aid evaluations and check-ups, and counseling for patient and family. In addition, the program purchases and loans hearing aids for financially eligible children.

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Baked Ham
Candied Yams
Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce
Hot Rolls
Rose of Sharon Salad
Cherry Pie Squares
- Monday, December 21
Meat Sauce w/Cheese
Buttered Tortini
Spinach
Garlic Toast
Tossed Salad w/Dressing
Banana Pudding
- Tuesday, December 22
Fried Catfish w/Tartar
Corn O'Brien
Okra Gumbo
Corn Bread
Apple Cheese Crisp
- Wednesday, December 23
Baked Turkey w/Giblett Gravy
Combread Dressing
Buttered Broccoli
Hot Rolls
Cranberry Sauce
Strawberry Tarts
- Monday December 28
Frito Pie
Refried Beans
Buttered Spinach
Crackers
Coleslaw
Fruit Pudding
- Tuesday, December 29
Chicken Creole
Hominy
Buttered Carrots
Combread
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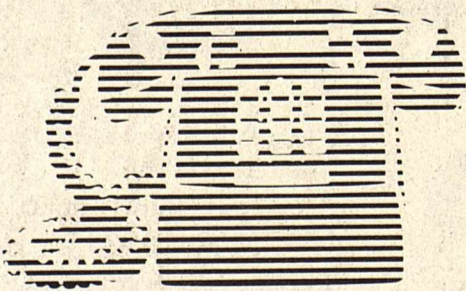
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First bank a welcomed site for Sutton County

by John Eaton

Today we consider the bank an essential need for businesses and a part of our daily lives. Just hard to imagine how we could get along without one but that was a problem facing our first settlers. Old timers say our stores, as the Sonora Supply, F. Mayer and Co., and Hagerlund Bros. all had to cash checks and deposit, in their fireproof safes, the money of their customers. A sale of land or stock could run thousands of dollars. Many carried sizeable sums in pockets or saddlebags. Some, in remote sections, may still use the old fruit jar or cigar box hidden in the house.

Our Devil's River News, from its beginning of October 18, 1890 no doubt expressed often the need of a bank though only a line as in issue of August 29, 1891, "A bank in Sonora would do a good business."

We hear of W.F. Buchanan first in a news item from some paper in Robert Lee where he had established a bank in 1891, The Bank of Coke County. The article extolls Mr. Buchanan and states he is starting a bank in Sonora.

Our County records (Vol. 2 page 34) show that on December 31, 1882, F. Becker sold Buchanan a 16 foot wide part of Lot 5 Block E.

Rock masons were available and construction began. As with the new Courthouse and Jail, it was built of native rock and burned lime mortar. The rear wall and sides were of uncut stones but the front was finished nicely with some ornamentation. Dim

photographs show at the top of the front wall, carved in stone, the words "Bank". In two months the building was ready for grand opening, March 1, 1893.

News items for year 1893 are not available but we do know the new addition to our city skyline was appreciated and patronized with enthusiasm. On its letterhead, the Sutton County Bank boasted of \$15,000 capital. Owner, W.F. Callahan and Cashier, H. Pierce no doubt mingled with patrons to buy drinks and were perhaps seen at church services. All went rosy, for a short time.

Our Devil, August 12, 1893, bears the sad news. "The Sutton County Bank failed to open its door last Monday." Assets and Liabilities were near the same but \$4000 was in Coke County estate. "Better than 60% return may be realized." Our dependable R.W. Callahan was appointed assignee and we find, after bogging through miles of red tape, folks did get near 30% return. Embezzlement charges came from every direction. And we learn of a Sonora Dramatic Club in their suit for \$160. This may be why their Opera House was never built. Such plans, drawn by the reputable Ruffini, are on files.

Things dragged on and the Grand Jury dropped charges in 1898. By then folks gave up hope and accepted their losses. Some began plans for another bank.

The building was a good asset. A saloon opened for business, the first and only one on the west side of Sonora's Main Street. With that sign carved in stone over the door, the saloon was called "The Bank Saloon." Owners changed with the years and at time of Prohibition it was the Barton Saloon, under the Barton Brothers.

The building still stands used by Doyle Morgan for his insurance company. Outside walls have been modernized, covered with "beautiful red brick." The only

sign of its pristine beauty can be seen from alley in rear, ugly old native stone. With a historical marker it could be remembered as our very first bank building, The Sutton County Bank.

Surely someone benefited from our first bank's fiasco. We heard of

one man, name unknown, who found a bright side and perhaps there were others. Having lost some \$300 in gambling rooms across the street he needed an excuse for the wife. Now, he would tell her he lost it in the Sutton County Bank.

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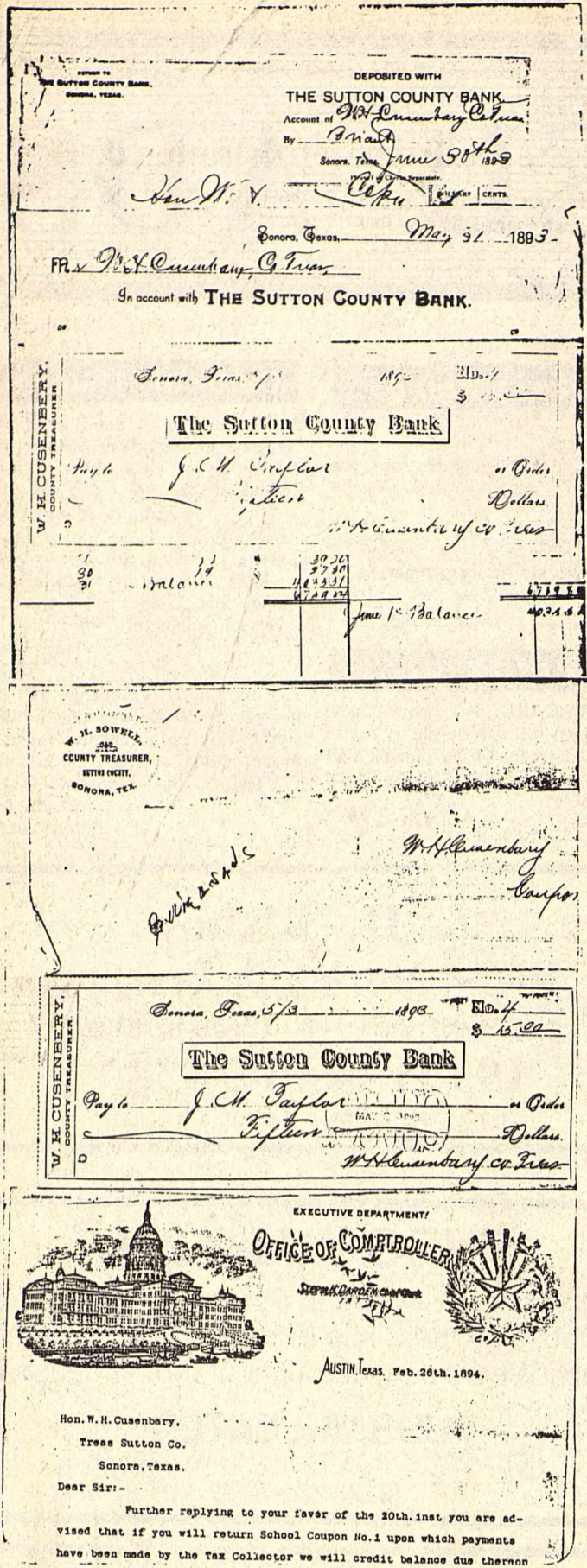
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The documents provided by John Eaton shows that in fact there was a bank called the Sutton County Bank. Also shown is the signature of W.H. Cusenbery who was County Treasurer in 1893.

Combined choirs to present Christmas musical

This coming Sunday evening, December 20, the combined church choirs of Sonora will present "Night of Miracles" is the story of Christmas told through the medium of music. Solosists are Joe Lane, Betty Stephen, Scott Gilmore, Kyle Viertel, and Ruth Ann

Dickenson. The narration will be done by Rev. Jim Stephen, pastor of First Baptist Church. The presentation of "Night of Miracles" will begin at 7:00 p.m. Sunday night December 20 in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

SS says people must estimate projective earnings accurately

People getting Social Security benefits who work are required to estimate their projected earnings as accurately as possible and to report the amount to the Social Security Administration, Franklin H. Upp, Social Security manager in San Angelo, said recently.

Futhermore, people should revise these estimates, as necessary, during the course of the year.

People must file an annual report of earnings at the end of the taxable year. At that time, the amount of benefit due for the year is figured; if

all the payments that were due have not been made, the person is paid the appropriate amount.

On the other hand, if the person is found to have been overpaid, the amount of the overpayments will be withheld from future benefits, or will have to be repaid.

More information about how work affects Social Security benefits can be obtained at the San Angelo Social Security Office located at 2214 Sherwood Way. The telephone number is 949-4608.

GTE changes name in 1988

General Telephone Company of the Southwest will ring in the new year by changing its name to GTE Southwest Incorporated, the company announced. The change will become effective January 1, 1988.

The six other GTE domestic telephone operating companies will make similar changes in their names.

The decision to drop the "General Telephone Company" title from each company came after extensive market testing, which found that "GTE" is one of the most recognized corporation names in the country.

"The study showed that the old name was inadequate to describe our business. We are, after all, more than your basic telephone company," said E.L. "Buddy" Langley, GTE Southwest president.

"In addition to regulated network services equipment, GTE Southwest and its deregulated network services equipment, Business Phone Systems, provide business communications systems, equipment and maintenance services; telephone network consulting; long-distance billing

and collection for interexchange companies; private line services; mobile telephone service; radio paging and voice and data transmission."

James L. Broadhead, president of GTE Telephone Operations, said the name changes will allow "all of our telephone operating companies to maintain their important local presence, while gaining the strong market value of one of America's most familiar corporate names."

GTE is a worldwide corporation with combined revenues and sales totaling more than \$15 billion in 1986. Its three core businesses--telecommunications, lighting, and precision materials--employ approximately 160,000 people in 48 states and 33 countries.

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Make holidays special

Doing things together as a family over the holidays creates good times and memories--and strengthens the family unit.

"It's ironic that even though the holidays are supposed to be family times, we're busier than ever," says Diane Welch, a family life specialist. "With family members shopping, baking and going in different directions to parties and other events, it's possible to spend very little time together."

"When children are of different ages and family members have different interests, it can be difficult to find things that everyone will enjoy," concedes Welch.

"But because shared family activities have consistently been identified as an important contributor to a strong family, making the effort to find something that works for your family is a worthwhile goal."

Family time doesn't have to be elaborate or expensive, she says, but should be involving. While sitting around watching television together can be a fun activity, there are many other types of things families can do as well.

Welch, who is a home economist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service, suggests some of following as possible family activities.

*Musical activities-Plan a family sing-along, music recital or Christmas concert. Attend Christmas music programs presented at church.

*Nature activities-Take a trip to a cut-your-own Christmas tree farm, try a nature hike, family camping trip, star studying session or feeding and watching birds and wildlife.

*Service activities-Get in the spirit of the season by doing something for others, such as visiting shut-ins or nursing home residents or having a neighborhood canned food drive for the local food bank.

*Dramatic activities-Try an evening of story-telling dramatic games, charades, pantomimes or word games.

*Social activities-Consider setting aside time for cards, board games, going through the family albums or having a family party.

*Physical activities-Play backyard games, tennis, horseshoes or ball. Try skating, dancing, hiking or bicycling.

*Spiritual activities-Attend services at your church, or visit a church of another denomination to see the different ways the meaning of the holiday is celebrated.

The type of activity your family chooses is less important than the fact that you do things together, says the specialist.

She notes that family activities can also help beat the "is that all there is" reaction of youngsters after the decorations are up, the gifts opened and the parties are over.

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Plans and specifications for this project will be furnished without charge to any prime Contractor desiring to submit a bid. No pre-qualification is required. Mailed requests for plans should be addressed to State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, File D-18B, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans may also be secured locally from Mr. Benjamin

W. Bohuslav, Loop 306 & Knickerbocker Rd., San Angelo, Texas 76904 or may be picked up in person at the SDHPT Annex Building, Promontory Point Business Park, 2602 Ridgepoint Drive, Suite 111, Austin, Texas, phone (512) 463-0259.

The contract for this work will not be awarded to any contractor or firm which is currently debarred from bidding on State Department of Highways and Public Transportation projects. No currently debarred contractors will be permitted to perform subcontract work on this project.

The estimated over-all construction cost for this proposed contract is \$138,848.00

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You are hereby notified of the opportunity for written public comment concerning the application for continuance of permit No. R-118 by Enron Gas Processing Company for a natural gas processing plant near Sonora, Sutton County, Texas. The location is 5 miles S.E. of Sonora on R.M. #1691. This facility is emitting the following air

contaminants: Nitrogen Oxides, Sulfur Oxides, Carbon Monoxide, Particulate Matter and Petroleum Hydrocarbons.

A copy of all materials submitted by the applicant is available for public inspection at the Texas Air Control Board Odessa Regional Office at 1901 East 37th Street, Suite 101, Odessa, Texas 79762, telephone (915) 367-3871 or (915) 367-3872, and at the Texas Air Control Board, 6330 Highway 290 East, Austin, Texas 78723. All interested persons may inspect these materials and submit written comments to the Executive Director of the Texas Air Control Board. Any person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the proposed facility may request a contested case hearing from the board on the application for continuance pursuant to Section 3.271(c) of the Texas Clean Air Act. All comments and hearing requests must be received in writing by January 8, 1988. All written comments submitted to the Executive Director shall be considered in determining whether to continue the permit. All comments will be made available for public inspection at the Texas Air Control Board office in Austin.

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Holidays





Because you care, we can share

We at the Devil's River News have really enjoyed sponsoring the toy drive this year for Sutton County. "Sharing Season" is the name we came up with as our motto for the toy drive. And sharing season was the name it rightly deserved.

After we announced "Sharing Season" the last week in November, we were amazed by flood of toys that came through the door as well as contributions of money and wrapping paper.

Our Staff Christmas Party will consist of boxing and wrapping each gift on December 23 and delivery will follow on the morning of December 24. We have received about eighty names of children this Christmas, if you know of someone who should be added to this list bring their name and age to the Devil's River News office.

We want to thank all the Sonorans who shared with us including the civic minded Girl Scouts, for their time and their engery.

All of you have to feel good for you have shown the true meaning of love to lots of children. These children will grow up knowing how wonderful sharing can be.

We hope you enjoy the letters to Santa and the Christmas Greetings which make this section possible.

Merry Christmas
Devil's River News Staff



Santa Claus came to town . . .

. . . via horse and wagon, Santa arrived for the Tree Lighting ceremony on December 4 and with him, he brought lots of candy for the children. He listened to a few of the lists that had been prepared by children eager for his next visit on Christmas Eve.

Thank you, Jim Hardy for bringing Santa to town. Staff photo/Ann Cates.

Merry Christmas

The friendship of those we serve is the basis for our success. Thanks, all.

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Sonora, Texas
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PECAN PRALINES IMPERIAL
2 cups Imperial Granulated Sugar 1/8 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon soda 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 cup buttermilk 2-1/2 cups pecan halves

In large (3 quart) heavy saucepan, combine Imperial Granulated Sugar, soda, buttermilk and salt. Cook over high heat about 5 minutes (or to 210 degree F. on candy thermometer); stir often and scrape bottom of pan. Mixture will foam up. Add butter or margarine and pecans. Over medium heat, continue cooking, stirring constantly and scraping bottom and sides of pan until candy reaches soft ball stage (234 degree F. on candy thermometer). Remove from heat and cool slightly, about 2 minutes. Beat with spoon until thick and creamy. Drop from tablespoons onto sheets of aluminum foil or waxed paper. Let cool. Makes about 20 pralines, 2" in diameter.

BARBECUED PECANS
1 tablespoon Imperial Granulated Sugar 2 cups pecan halves
2 tablespoon cider vinegar 1 teaspoon butter or margarine
Seasoned salt

Mix Imperial Granulated Sugar and vinegar in quart jar; add pecans and shake to thoroughly coat nuts. Place in shallow baking pan and toast at 250 degrees F. stirring frequently, until lightly browned. Add butter or margarine and seasoned salt to taste, about 1/2 teaspoon, and toss to coat nuts. Continue baking until toasted. Cool and store in tight container. Refrigeration keeps them crisp. Yield: 2 cups.

Additional copies of the recipes and information about other Imperial recipes is available from Imperial Sugar Company, P.O. Box 500 Sugar Land, Texas 77478.

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Happy Holidays Friends and may you find this season filled with joy!

Doyle, Frances, Nova and Cindy

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To all our friends, both old and new, we thank you for being so sweet.

Marilyn, Frank and Roy Adkins



Merry Christmas

to all of the wonderful people of Sonora, I want to wish each of you a wonderful Holiday Season

Belle Steen

Merry Christmas

Before the season races by, we'd like to offer our thoughts of thanks of our valued customers.

from John and Ricky
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Of all the special times of the year, Christmas brings out the best in every home cook. This is a holiday where baking and cooking are as much a part of the festivities as the partying and eating afterwards. This holiday season, add a very special pecan pie to your variety of good things to eat. This delicious pie is the perfect party dessert to delight your family and guests.

Pecans and Christmas They seem to go together

Who can imagine the Christmas season without fruit cakes, cookies, candy and pecans? And who could even think of pecans without thinking of pecan pie...truly a Southwestern tradition.

When the first cool, brisk days of October arrived, the annual fall pecan harvest began. And not a minute too soon. Pecan trees all over the Southwest are bursting with plump, crunchy, meaty pecans.

Anticipating an abundant pecan crop, Imperial Sugar Company collected several of their most popular pecan recipes especially for this year's traditional holiday baking season:

IMPERIAL PECAN PIE CRUST

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1-1/3 cups all-purpose flour | 2/3 cup shortening |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | 3 tablespoons water |

Mix flour and salt together; add shortening and cut into flour with fork or pastry blender. Add water and mix gently with fork in stirring motion. Gather pastry into a ball and place in pie tin. With tips of fingers, spread pastry along bottom and sides of pie tin, shaping a high, fluted edge. Makes one 9" pie shell.

FILLING

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|---|-------------------------|
| 1-1/2 cups Imperial Brown Sugar (firmly packed) | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 1/2 cup Imperial Granulated Sugar | 2 eggs |
| 1/4 cup water | 1/2 cup evaporated milk |
| 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour | 1 1/2 cup pecan halves |
| | 3/4 teaspoon vanilla |

Combine first five ingredients in small bowl and mix well. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Add evaporated milk and mix well. Stir in pecan halves and vanilla. Mix well and turn into unbaked 9" pie shell. Cook in preheated 400 degree F. oven for ten minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees F. and cook an additional 35 to 40 minutes, or until filling is puffed in center and is well browned. Let pie cool before cutting.



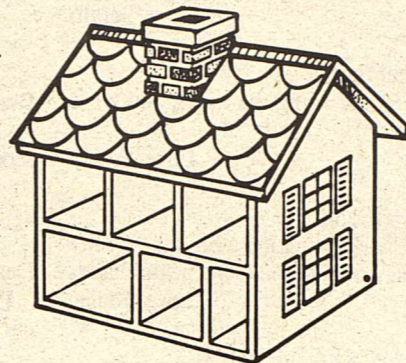
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I want a scottr and Gijoe. I will leev a presnt for you.
Love, Tanner Fields

Querido Santa Claus,
Como estan los venados? Triagame bicicleta y dos walkie talkies.
Adios, Tony

dog and a woch.
Love, Homer Lozano

Dear Santa,
I want a hartfamile playgrwnd.
Love, Ashley Brockman
quiero un camion y Big Foot y Suprman.
Adios, Jose

Dear Santa,
I want a my doll Jill. I hope you have a save Christmas.
Love, Becky Whitaker



Querido Santa Claus,
Como estan los venados? Triagame una bicicleta y deslizador.
Adios, Carlos

Dear Santa,
I want a scootr. Ples bring me a cabjpashe doll that talk.
Love, Kimberly Bustamante
Querido Santa Claus,
Como esta usted? Yo quiero un deslizador.
Adios, Olivia

Dear Santa,
I want a reil kittn and a pompom too My brthr wants a tractr, a littel tractr and green.
Love, Sara Cook

Querido Santa Claus,
Feliz Navidad. Triagame un camion Big Foot.
Adios, Juan Gloria

Dear Santa,
I want 2 scootse for me and my sister and one doll for my sister and 100 dinosaurs for me.
Love, Marty Gonzales
Querido Santa Claus,
Com estan los venados? Triagame un camion Big Foot y un deslizador.
Adios, Anthony

Dear Santa,
I wuld like a carn sik kid and some logos and hart famle closs and a baby popple and a go fishing game.
Love, Kari Purvis

Querido Santa Claus,
Feliz Navidad. Yo quiero una barbie.
Adios, Maria

Dear Santa,
I want a Bere and I wanta presnt for my sistr, a little dog.
Love, Misty Castilleja
Querido Santa Claus,
Feliz Navidad. Triagame Teddy Bear, por favor.
Adios, Blanca

Dear Santa,
I wanta bike and skotr for Christmas and a dinasor.
Love, Jay Wagne

Querido Santa Claus,
Como estan los venados? Yo quiero Teddy rug-spin y un deslizador.
Adas, Jasmina

Querido Santa Claus,
Como estan los venados? Yo quiero Teddy rug-spin y Teddy Bear.
Adios, Priscilla Luna

Dear Santa,
I want two scodrs and a mask and a happy Christmas and GiJoe.
Love, Tye Vick
Querido Santa Claus,
Como esta usted? Triagame caja nueva por favor.
Adios, Sonia

Dear Santa,
I want a kitten and a pupe and a Mr. Game Sowe and for my brothr I want a bike.
Love, Kristi Key

Querido Santa Claus,
Bienvenidos a la casa. Yo quiero dos walkies y un deslizador.
Love, Andy

Querido Santa Claus,
Feliz Navidad. Yo quiero una Cabbage Patch.
Adios, Brenda

Dear Santa,
I want a dog and I want one mor dinosaur.
Love, Ricky Villanueva

Dear Santa,
May I have a loik and a book and a doll house and a little surprise.
Love Kristen Whitehead

Querido Santa Claus,
Feliz Navidad. Chostbusters traigame, por favor.
Adios, Adrian

Querido Santa Claus,
Feliz Navidad. You quiero doz wakie talkies.
Adios, Eusebio

Dear Santa,
I want a noo 20 ich bike.
Love, Jake Prentiss

Dear Santa,
I want a skutr and a robot and a

Querido Santa Claus,
Feliz Navidad. Yo quiero un Teddy Bear.
Adios, Graciela

Dear Santa,
I want a doll for Christmas and a book.
Love, Felicia Riera



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Merry Christmas and thanks, all.

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Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a computr, and a tape playr. I hav ben vere good.

Love, Clint

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a doll, weding Cricit, balloon pumper and the balloons. I have ben good.

Love, Kristen

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a sunshine bear. I have ben good.

Love, Marisha

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a kite, guitar, sled, top, yoyo, watch. I have ben good.

Love, Derek

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a motrsikl and a bb gun. I have bin good.

Love, Jerry

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a dollhouse. I have bin good.

Love, Veronica

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a football.

Love, Miky

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a bike,

and a dog. I have bin vire good.
Love, Michael

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a bike, and a doll. I have bin good.

Love, Vonnice

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a baby hethr. I bin good.

Love, Morgan

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a airplane, a mocoin troll car. I have bin good.

Love, Jeremy

I want you to bring me a bala shoes and the cloz that go with it. I have bin good.

Love, Alishia

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a bike, and a doll. I have bin good.

Love, Leslie

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a cumptr, and a bik. I have bin a good girl.

Love, Crystal

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a bike, scoodr. I have ben good.

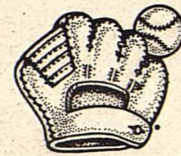
Love, Lupe

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a bb gun, and a pellt gun.

Luv, Larry Don

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a comput, radeo and a remot control car. I have ben gud.

Love, Brady



Dear Santa,
Please bring me transformer, scotr sonic ranger.

Michael

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike, soniergrs, radeo, four wheeler.

Love, Zach

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike and a 3 wheeler and a scooter.

Love, Andy

Dear Santa,
I wait a bike fur Crismse, and a brbesop.

Love, Jennifer

Dear Santa,
Please bring me bike, three wheeler, scooter.

Love, Chris

Dear Santa,
Will you pleasa bring me Mr. game soh, bike bed dug, wheeler and Mickey mosehtakh. I love you santa.

Love, Sergio

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a dog and a cat reel.

Love, Kristy

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a big for wheeler and a otums prime and a sonk rajre.

Love, Blaine

Dear Santa,
I want a star dream, Barbie or Jim doll with lots of clothes. I also want a Boom Box radio and a cassette play recorder.

Love, Jennifer

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a scooter and a transformer and a sonic ranger.

Love, Anthony

Dear Santa,
Please bring me jem, baby Heather.

Love Charlie

Dear Santa,
Please bring me jill, borb, iskrem shop, babe heather.

Love, Cassie Jackson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Jim, pink and white watch, bike, Baby Heather, plastik dishis, and a barbie car.

Love, Stacey

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike and a scooter and Baby Heather.

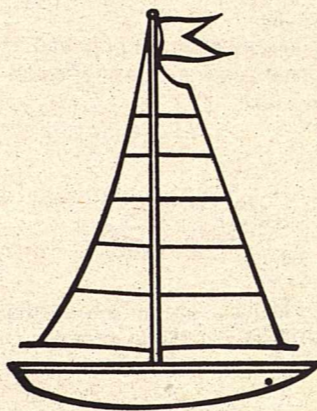
Love, Gabby

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a remote control car, four wheeler, transformers.

Love, Kino

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a scooter, transformers, gi jo, remote control boat.

Love, Zac



Dear Santa,
I want Marshall Bravestar and 230-30 (his horse). I want Cobra soiders, I want motorcycle and a bike. I want a big foot toy. I want Mask. I want Karate Kid toy I want a big train with batteries. Thank you fo the toys your going to bring me.

Jesus Galvan

Dear Santa,
Gimme a bike for Christmas. Thats all, Thomas Ramon

Dear Santa,
I want a race car, a truck and a little motorcycle.

Love, Rogelio Cardona



Dear Santa,
I wowlud like a Big Foot with the battery key and gas and brake. I would like a tractor with batteries a jeep with batteries and 3 ark guns I want a bb gun. I love you.

Erik Talamantes

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll. I want a red scooter and a bike. I also want a pink cat, a barbie, jumping jacks and a bear.

Love, Cindy Duran.

Dear Santa,
Was your rilname Claus? How are you? Can I see your raindeer? I don't care what I get. I don't want to be roud. P.S. I know some kids who don't beleav in you.

Love, Jimmy

Dear Santa,
How are you? I bett your elves are busy. Can I please have a T.V., corvette, and a scooter. I ha ve been a good girl this year.

With Love, Ashley Browning

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus? How is roudallf, tell him I said He has a sine nois chresmus is going to be fun. I want some clochs and a bike and coke musen. I have been very wram an fuzze. Have a good Chresmus bi-bi.

Jacob Mendez

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a doll dats sings. How is Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeer, I am a fuzzy girl. How is the year been. Mery Chrismes?

Love, Veronica Coronado

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. I wish you a happy Christmas. Are your elves busy. I love you.

Love, Robert

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing how are your

raindeer doing and how are your elves doing? I no that your elves are working hard. I want some toys for Christmas. I want a scooter and a bike to I have ben nice and I have not been fingting whit my brother.

Whit love, Joni Inez Thorp



Dear Santa,
I what a bike for Christmas? How is Mrs. Santa doing I have a nice father and a nice mother. How are your reindeers a you boy Cricket. I love you Santa.

from Miguel'

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I wood like Cricket and a T.V. and a VCR and Barbie and the rokers and a bike and Jewel Secrets whitey and a cabig pach girl and boy and it have bin very worm and fuzzy.

Love, Erica Beebe

Dear Santa Claus,
How are yor. Will you bring me a intendo and some geijo and a T.V. and a VCR and a big bike that I can rasd and how have you ben good. I wot some mask.

Love, Jeffrey Dietz

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a dog for Christmas when you come to my house I will leave milk with cooke on my tadel.



very find how are you Reindeer. Bringe mincy toys you can.

With love, Alicia Gutierrez

Dear Santa Claus,
I howp you downt get secke on the 25. And by the way I whant a Barbie corvette.

With Love, Shephanie Daniels

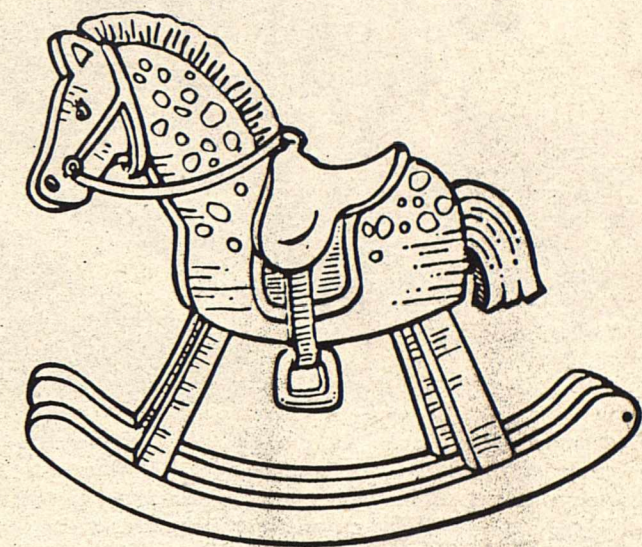
Dear Santa Claus,
I whood like a Barbie corvette and Jewel Secrets Whitney and Ken Barbie and the Barbie Ice Crem Shop and Cricket scooter and croon selk cabig pach kids. I hope you are hafway finish. Mrs. Claus and the raindeer are rested up?

With love, Katy Cooke

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you Santa. I'm very good. I wnt some shoulder pad and a new bike and two lezrtege and a ghost dostr and I want a game called Dizzy, Dizzy, Dinzre and thats all I want.

Love, Carlos

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you Santa Claus. I'm

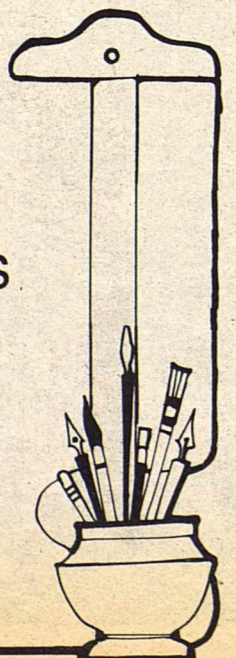


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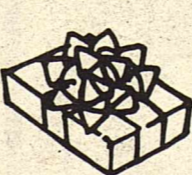
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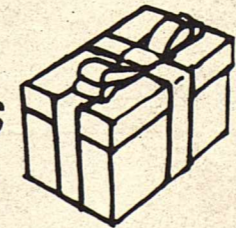
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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a horse for Christmas? I want a barbie ice cream maker? I want a manopoly game?
Love, Kacie

Dear Santa,
Can I plses have a scooter and a Barbie.
Love, Yolanda

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a new shoes for Christmas. Are you good too Santa Claus? My family is good too.
Love, Juan

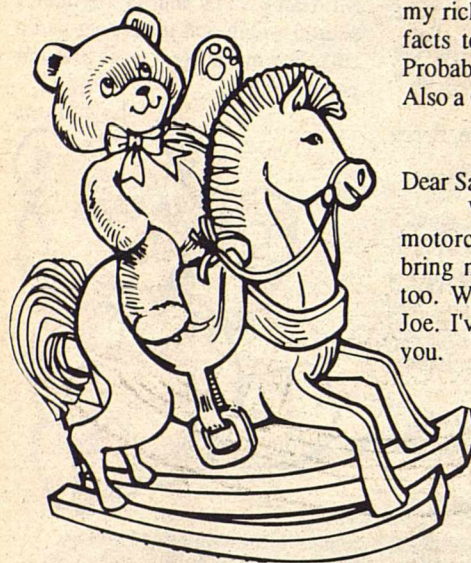
Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good this year and so have my brothers. I would like a pistol for Curt. I would like a beebie gun for Russle. I would like a coulder of all the months for me.
Love, Drew

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good this year. I wanta new bike for Christmas. Christmas is my favorite holiday. Say hello to Mrs. Claus for me.
Love, Heath

Dear Santa,
I've been good. Please bring me a scooter.
Love, Buck

Dear Santa,
I would like a scooter to ride on my rich and computer to learn my facts to a 100. Mabe some cash. Probably a purse and sun glasses. Also a Garfield bag.
Love, Phyllis Gee

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a motorcycle. Please you would bring me a scooter for Christmas too. Would you bring me a G.I. Joe. I've been good. Santa I love you.
Love, Scott Perez



Dear Santa,
I would like a scooter and splash cabbage baby grows and cash.
Love, Starla Harris

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like to have a real baby and a pound puppy. How are you and Mrs. Claus? And I would like a ten speed? And I would like a trampoline?
Love, Stefany

Dear Santa,
I have bin a vere good girl. I whunt inything Barbieish but tith is one that I haf to hav it is tropclpod.
Love, Kristen

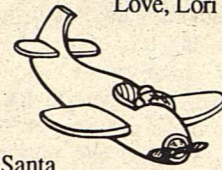
Dear Santa,
I've been very good this year. I have wanted a cool bike for a long time now. So would you please bring me one.
Love, Cara Jackson

Dear Santa,
I've been bad in school. I would want a computer. I want crackers in my bed. I want Hungy Hippos. I want these presents please.
Love, Becky Clifton

Dear Santa,
I want a toy called Monster mash I would like a VCR and Hungry Hippos.
Love, Pablo Moreno

Dear Santa,
I would like a scooter, VCR and cash for Christmas. I have been good, not even trouble at school. Please bring me some presents, bye!
Love, Kellie Downing

Dear Santa,
Please Santa will you bring me a babytalk so I can play with it and my friend Cindy can too and will you bring Cindy a toy.
Love, Lori Herrera



Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph and the other Raindeer? I've been very good this year. I would like a remote control Airwolf. I would like it to be a helicopter. I don't wanta cord to it. I want a the very bottom white. I want it to fly. I want Hawk to come with it. I want the rest black. I want windshield clear. I want a button to make the wheels to come out. I want a button to make the copeler to move. I want a bottom to make it fly.
Love, Jason Jacoby

Dear Santa,
I want a football soot and a peek up. I have been very good. I want a skate board, crackers in my bed Santa. Please bring me some cash.
Love, Shiloh Sykes

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me toys? Bed bugs, Hungry Hippos Ken rocker, Talking Mickey Mouse.
Love, Romy Castaneda

Dear Santa,
I would like a new pair of shoes and a boarby ice cream shop. I would like also like a scate board and crackers in my bed and a Jill doll and lots of presents and a pool table and a VCR and a baby cat and a baby dog and a new coat.
Love, Bambi Murdock

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year. I would like for you to please bring me an ice cream shop to play with. Please also bring me a doll with clothes. My little sister would really like a money box.
Love, Jeannie

Dear Santa,
I wont a remote contntrolled racing car. A truck with big wheels that look like tiger paws.
Love, Juan Alvarez

Dear Santa,
I want a My Petmonster who plays football. A big truck with tires who look like claws and a football. I want a black and gray scooter. Diving men Chad guys and good guys and boat for them.
Thats all,
Santos Trevino

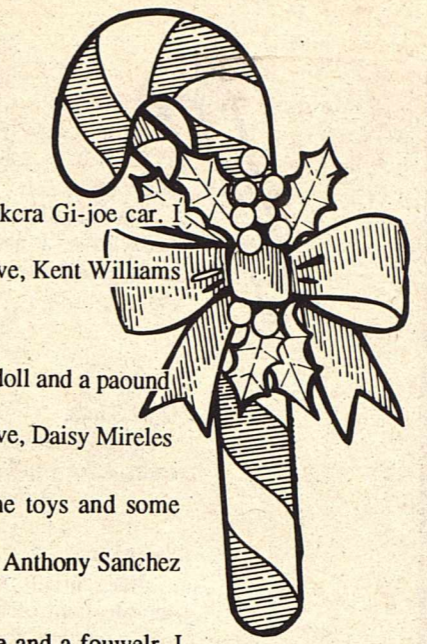
Love, Kelan Johnson



Merry Christmas

Here's wishing all our friends and customers all the hope, joy and wonder of Christmas. Thank you for your loyal patronage.

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114 NW Concho
387-3893



Dear Santa,
Please bring me Heather.
Love, Liza

Dear Santa,
I want a remok canta elpane and a sterero. Can you come to see me?
Love, Adam Viertel

Dear Santa,
I want a Jam girls set and I want a pawndpe.
Love, Dorothy Murdock

Dear Santa,
I ben good Santa. You get me a pan pupe and girls jem set doll.
Love, Christi Parks

Dear Santa,
I want a rado and a pup. I been good.
Love, Sonny Lozano

Dear Santa,
I want a My child. Please came to see me. Have a happy Cismas.
Love, Scarlett Blair

Dear Santa,
I what sume tows. Can you cume see me?
Love, Jerry Thurman

Dear Santa,
Bring me Leztag. Come and see me please.
Love, Kelan Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a Rmtokkra Gi-joe car. I have bien good.
Love, Kent Williams

Dear Santa,
I want a toking doll and a paound pupe. I bin good.
Love, Daisy Mireles

Dear Santa,
Bring me some toys and some guns. I love you.
Love, Anthony Sanchez

Santa,
I want far bike and a fouwelr. I bin good.
Love, Jessie Aguilar

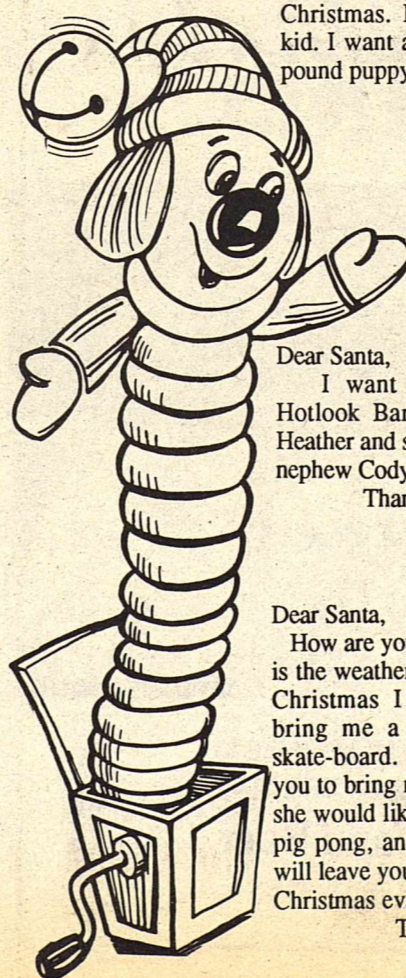
Dear Santa,
I want a Rmtokkra Gi-joe car. I have been good.
Love, Richard Espinosa

Dear Santa,
Bring me a footbo and a remot control car. Come see me.
Love, Edward Maskill

Dear Santa,
Bring me a Teddy Rux-pin. I have bin good.
Love, Mark Cooper.

SECOND GRADERS

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am just fine. Do you know what I want for Christmas. I wanta cabbge patch kid. I want a Barbie doll. I want a pound puppy. I want a bike.
Thank you, Jessica



Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. I want a bike, a Jem doll, and Barbie doll a winter coat and winter cloths.
Thank you, Nina

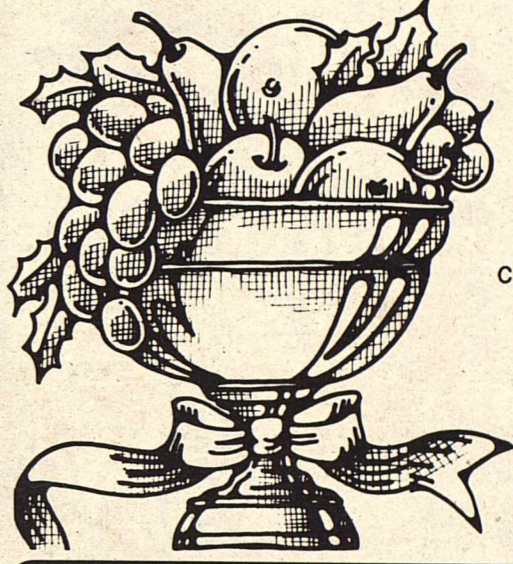
Dear Santa,
I wish you marry Christmas and I want to ask you for a present bring me a piano and a bicycle.
Thank you, Victor

Dear Santa,
I would wanta vcr school bag and a Disney world set.
Thank you,
Nanette T. Sanchez

Dear Santa,
My father has to work He will like a new truck, He will like it to be blue. I want my monste and a puppy a sheped and a car for my mom.
Thanks, Santos

P.S. I will leave some cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll a toy bear a baby Heather and a mupet baby too. I lik my new toy bear and my baby Heather an my new muppet baby an my new doll.
Patty Yorba



Seasons Greetings to all of our friends and customers and we wish you a Happy New Year

FOOD CENTER
600 SE Crockett
387-3438

Joyous good wishes for a Christmas programmed with love and peace. And thanks to our many friends.

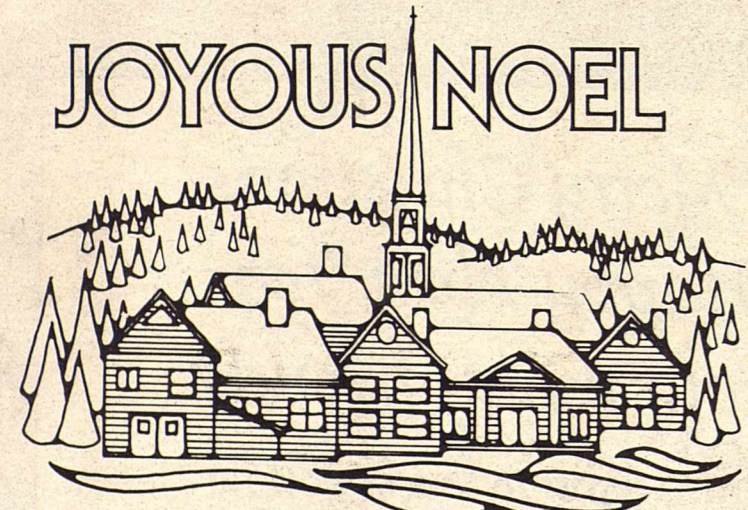
Kerbows
Radio Shack
DEALER
214 NE Main 387-5500

MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Throughout the year, it has been our pleasure to assist you with your housing needs. Our many thanks to you.

Bobbie Smith
Real Estate
387-2728

JOYOUS NOEL



IN THIS SEASON OF GLADNESS, WE WISH YOU GOOD CHEER.

Dr. Charles Pajestka
and staff
301A Hudspeth 387-6557

Peace On Earth. Goodwill To All Men.

With old-fashioned warmth, we'd like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas season, filled with peace and joy. Thank you for being so nice.

Devil's River Inn
IH-10 and Golf Course Road
387-3516

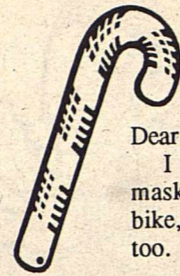
Sutton County Steakhouse
IH-10 and Golf Course Road
387-3833



Greeting The Holy Season

As we remember that first Christmas night, so long ago, we are moved by its wonder and hope that His eternal life and presence will continue to enrich our lives.

**Sonora
Wool and Mohair**
210 SW College
387-2543



Dear Santa,
I would like the whole set of mask toys. I also would like a bike, an a football would be nice, too.

Thank you,
Randy Newbury

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike and new set of cards. Like you Santa.

Love, Mando A. Palos

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a 222, a remote control car, a key board, some patches for the pool table, a four wheeler, other cars, a folleyball, and a volleyball net.

Thank you,
Owner Justin

Dear Santa Claus,
Can I have a T.V. and picture of you and Mrs. Santa and a keyboard! What I reing want is a picture of all the els's. I love you all.

From Raven

Querido Santa Claus,
Esta navidad you le voy a pedir una muneca, etambiege me cuede, e ce cuede a me papa, e ame mama, e ame ermaneto, e ce cuede a mes aguelos, ce tengamos una guena ha vedad.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please get me a GI Joe radio control called Crossfire and a goliath mask vehicle and GI Joe's, Sgt. Slaughter's Renagades.

Thank you, Zach Perez

Dear Santa,
I want a watch. I also wanta Cabbage Patch Kid. Michelle wants a finger watch. Pete wants a phone and a swatch. Ernie wants a remote control car. I am going to leave a soda and some cookies. I've ben good.

Love, Clarissa Perez

Dear Santa,
I want a mote control car. I want a big foot van. I want a light to put on my bike. I want a football.

Thank you, Michael King

Dear Santa,
I have worked hard in school. I have been good most of the time. The things I want for Christmas are a bike, a football, G.I. Joe, a remote controlled car.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a safe trip.

Love, Ricky Ponce

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike and a new doll. I wish I could go see you and your wife.

Love, Jesse

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a remote control car and a mini bike.

P.S. Thank you and my name is, Mayer Anderson

Dear Santa,
Can I have keybord, a picture of you and the elf's, and a doll elf and gold necklace and a doll Santa.

From Raun

Dear Santa,
I love you. I wood like a 3 willer or a kiebord or a house. I like guns and I wood like some more erroes.

P.S. Love

Timmy

Dear St. Nick,
I want a Super hair Barbie, talking capigpach and a Barbie ice cream shop.

Love, Tavia Valliant

Dear Santa,
May I have a keybournd, a bike, a four weler and a trip to six flags.

P.S. Love.

Brian Hooper

Dear St. Nick,
I want a radio for Christmas and a toy train. I will give cookies and milk for you. P.S. put my toys under the Christmas tree.

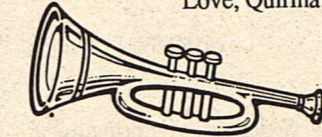
Love your friend Erin

Santa Claus,
I want a horse to ride on it.

Rilo Alberto

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a ten speed, some new barbies, the swimming pool that gas with it and a veyry, veyry big trampeling.

Love, Quirina Perez



Dear Santa,
I will not have a Christmas tree. But I will tell you what I want. A bike, keyboard, baby hether, barbie, books, a big box of Crayons and markers, joke books, a box of stickers, a couby bear that will go with the one I got, scissors, scats, scooter, 3 willer hait family, my littel poney, barbie, swimen pool, barbie car, barbie and the rokers, and a barbie house.

Kassie L. Cox

Dear Santa Claus,
Please give me a red motorcycle, 22,3030, one thousand dollors, a ramote control car, Brave star, 3030, Tex hex, and the whole collectiun.

Fernie L. Emiliano

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I want a star dream barbie, a barbie ice cream shop, and the rest of the barbie and the rocker dolls and a scootr and a real cool radio.

Love, Melissa Nance

Dear Santa Clas,
I wish I hade a scooter and a cabegepach. I wish that your elves can get me a scooter.

by Michelle Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie house and a hart familys, and a car, and swimming pool. and a truck and a bike, barbie and scooter barbie and a horse barbie and the rockers, the beach barbie, farria barbie, and a puppy barbie and a barbie box. I love you Santa Claus.

from Gloria Velardez

Dear Santa Claus,
How or you? I want to have a scooter. I love scooters. I want a scooter.

Love, Lizzy Chavez

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a scooder bord.

Love, Ashley Henson

Dear Santa,
I want a big doll for Christmas, I want a being bag for Christmas, I want a shep for Christmas, I want a big babby for Christmas.

from Jeanie Thomas

Dear Santa,
I want a big foot. I also wanta jeep and a scooter. I want three shot guns and a tractor and bebe gun.

Love, Erik Talamantes

Dear Santa,
I have been veyry good this year. How are you and Mrs. Santa and the elves today. Santa will you please get me a mot-control car that can pop well-eas.

Love, Brandon

Dear Santa Claus,
Get me a teddy ruxpin. I want a scooter and want a pair of roller skates.

Love, Edee
P.S. I also want a Baby Heather. Thank you

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. How is every thing going at the North pole? Please can I have a ten speed? Can I please have a big trampoline? May I have a play kitten? May I please Mother Goose and Mickey Mouse? May I have some dresses for church and some church shoes? May I please have a Barbie ice-cream shop? Please may have a big pool?

Love, Becca

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I want a scooter. How are Mrs. and Mr. Santa doing. My daddy wants a knife, my mom want a reng and my brotr wants a toy.

Love, Jeremy

Dear Santa,
I lak to hav a ball and a tac doll and a lara toys.

Love, Ana

Dear Santa,
I wont a scootr, a dog, 3 welr. That is all.

from Lindsey Whitworth

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I went a radio and far my brother. I went to get him a radio.

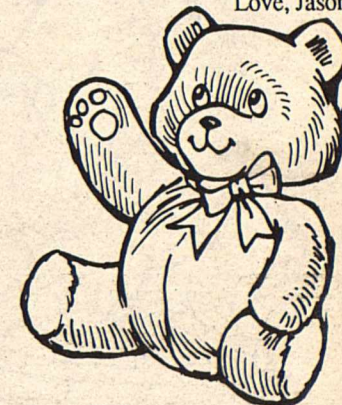
Love, Rachel

Dear Santa,
I have been good. How is evryboty at the North pole? May I have mother goose, scooter, close, a big trampoline, shoses, and a barbie ice-cream shop and a pound pupie tape.

Love, Amy Torres

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a mote cuntroll car and a mote cuntroll T.V. and a fotball custom. And the Mr. Game Show and for my mom I want a watch and a fur coat and a ring. For my uncle I want a watch and a wallet.

Love, Jason



HOLIDAY GREETINGS



From our family to yours, we'd like to express our wishes for a merry Yule.
Mr. D's Liquor and Beer
302 Hwy. 277 N. 387-3351



Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year
to our many friends

We especially want to thank you for
enriching our lives by making
all our days so special.
Your friendship means so very much to us.

Joseph and Mabel