

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Under Construction!

by Andi Allen

A new police station and two new businesses will soon be introduced to Sonora.

One of the businesses, Texas Land and Ranch Incorporated, an enterprise which sells parcels of land, is located at 224 NE Main and will open in mid-January.

Construction on a Family Dollar store and the police station are underway. In addition, the opening of a specialty meat packaging facility and a plastics company are in the works.

"Any time you can attract new businesses it helps the economy," Justin McGeath, Chamber of Commerce manager, said. "There's more money here to spend and more to make."

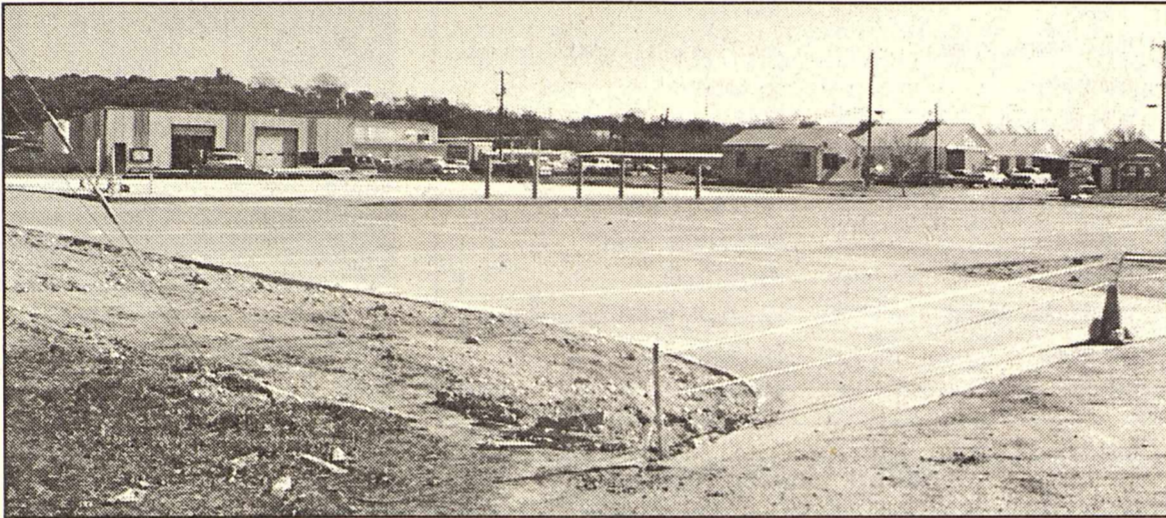
A chain from South Carolina is responsible for building the Family Dollar. Their corporation did a preliminary study of Sonora to see if opening a business here would be profitable. Rick Taylor, manager of Sonora Industrial Development Corporation, was informed of their presence in town only four months ago.

"They bought the property to build their business on, but asked the seller to be confidential about them," Taylor said. "They are very secretive so that their competition doesn't get ahead of them."

The Family Dollar is being built on Crockett Street next to The Video Store and should be completed within 90 to 120 days.

The new police station is being built due in part to the numerous structural and electrical problems in the current police station building.

"This building is non-repairable as far as cost effective-



Future site of the Family Dollar Store

ness," said Chief of Police Chris Croy. "The new building will have more office space and more security."

Not designed to be a police station, the current building does not meet several American Disabilities Act standards, and is literally falling apart.

A bowing post holds up the ceiling in Croy's office, and sunlight can be seen coming through a cracked wall. Cardboard boxes are used to patch some broken windows while vines grow through others. The roof leaks, and the ceiling tiles that aren't missing are filled with asbestos. There is no heating or cooling upstairs, and no hot water throughout the whole building.

Electrical problems include exposed wires, a light socket in the shower, and the fact that electricity for the building runs on three separate meters.

The new office will cost tax-

payers \$158,000, but will be more cost effective than trying to repair the old one.

"We don't want to put money into this place because we can't satisfy the ADA," Croy said.

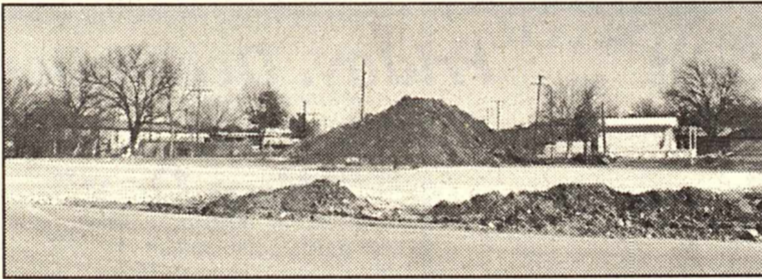
The new office will be across from the EMS building on Water Street.

Contractors are currently working on the flooring. Once the cement is laid, the building should be up within 90 days, weather permitting.

Nicholson Meats from Mertzon is looking into expanding their specialty meat packaging business by

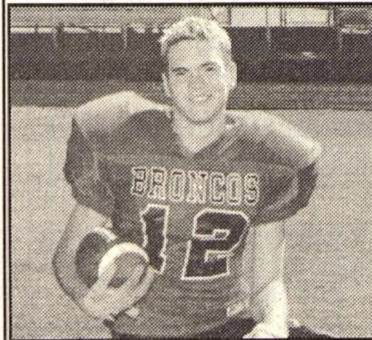
possibly opening a packing facility in Sonora. In addition, they would sell their gourmet meats and cheeses through catalog or web page services. This would create 15 to 20 jobs in Sonora.

Also in the works is the introduction of a Canadian-based plastics company that makes plastic injection molds. The Sonora Industrial Development Corporation hopes to hear within 45 to 60 days whether or not the plastics company will come to do a preliminary site visit.

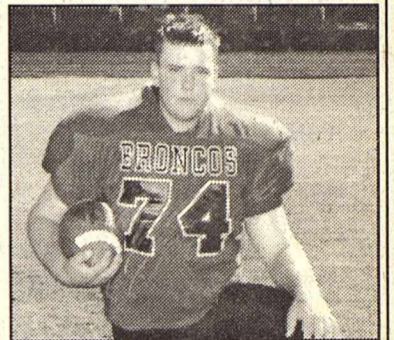


Future site of the Sonora Police Department

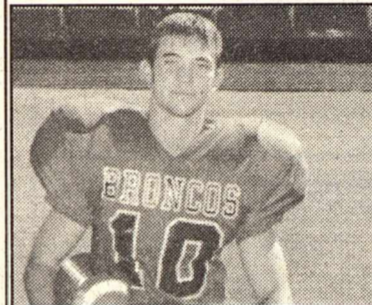
Broncos Chosen For All-State



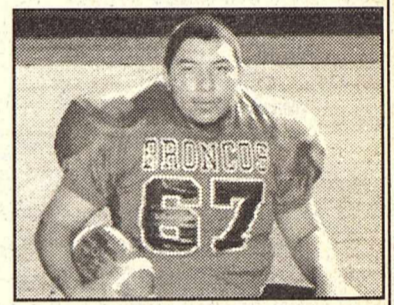
James Elliott
First Team End/Receiver



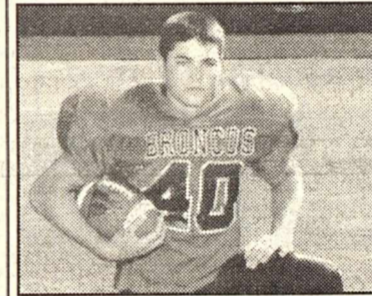
Thomas Schenkel
Second Team Offensive Lineman



Bryce Williams
Honorable Mention Quarterback



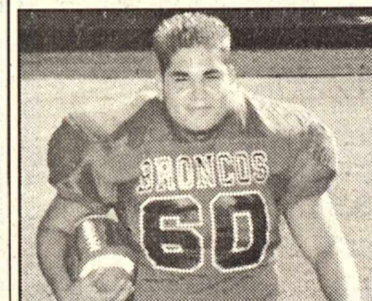
Javier Gaytan
Honorable Mention Kicker



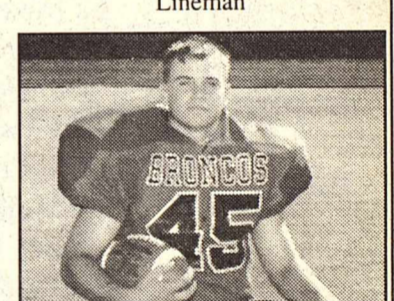
William Renfro
Honorable Mention Running



Jerrad Solis
Honorable Mention Defensive Lineman



Anthony Sanchez
Honorable Mention Defensive Lineman



Thomas Bloodworth
Honorable Mention Linebacker

Spotlight on Sutton Co. EMS



T.J. Green
EMT - B



Jackie Smith
EMT - B

Meet Sutton County EMS members, T.J. Green and Jackie Smith. T.J. and Jackie both joined the EMS in July of 2000 and are both certified in CPR.

T.J.'s family resides in Beaver, OK, but he has lived in Sonora for two years. He has been employed by Duke Energy Services for three years. Jackie has two children, Ronny Smith and Michelle Cucci. She also has four grandchildren, Justin, Emilio, Hayden and Bryce.

Winter Driving Tips

If it is necessary to travel during adverse weather conditions...

Be prepared!

- Make sure the vehicle is ready for winter weather by checking wiper blades, antifreeze level, heater/defroster, and tire tread.
- Keep emergency items in vehicle, including flares, blanket, scraper, coat/hat/gloves.
- Check weather forecasts before beginning a trip.

- Call Texas road conditions by calling 1-800-452-9292
- Stick to your plan!

If you must travel, share this information with more than one person

- Destination
- Route
- Expected time of arrival

Drive Defensively!

- Buckle up!
- Clear wind shields of all ice.
- Slow down or pull over if visibility is limited!
- Be cautious of ice on bridges,

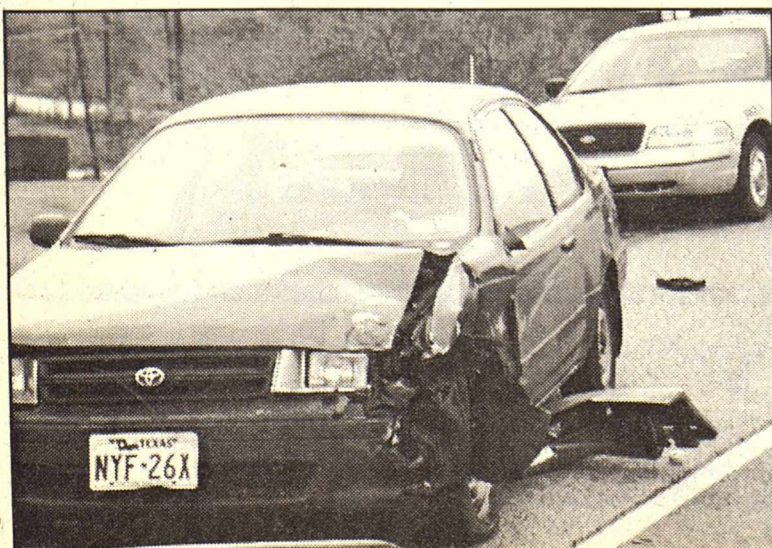
overpasses, and shady areas where ice begins accumulating because a vehicle can take 4-10 times more distance to stop on ice than on dry pavement.

- Do not brake when hitting a patch of ice; decelerate slowly, holding the vehicle steady while driving over the ice.
- Steer gently in the direction you wish to travel during a skid situation.

- Be cautious when passing sand trucks.
- If stranded, call 1-800-525-5555...

- Watch for Texas Department of Transportation crews and Texas Department of Public Safety troopers who work the highways during adverse weather conditions.
- Run your vehicle for a few minutes at a time to stay warm, plus crack a window for ventilation.
- Layer with clothes and blankets.

Icy Road Conditions Cause Collisions



Icy roads were the cause for this two vehicle accident on I-10 (on the bridge over Poplar St.) Witnesses said the first car hit the slick spot and lost control, sliding into the guard rail and the other vehicle. No injuries were reported.

Two injuries were reported in a 7 car pile-up that occurred at the same time at the 386 mile marker. The second accident was also caused by icy road conditions.

Sonora Celebrates Bronco Day



Members of the 1966 State Champion Bronco team (above) presented the 2000 Broncos with a State Champs banner of their own (below), with hopes that they will cherish it as they have cherished theirs all these years.



Brown Wins Final Christmas Promotion

This week's Merchants Association Christmas Promotion winner is: Charlie Brown. Charlie will receive:

A jar of Jalapeno stuffed olives from Ol' Sonora Trading Co., A Case Pocket Knife from Rafter W Feeds, Shower Gel and Lotion from Radical Rays, 1 free C.D. from KHOS/KYXX Radio, a free 2X3 Birthday Ad published in the Devil's River News, 25 Gallons of Gas from Teaff Oil Co., an Oreo Cookie Jar from Alco, a homeowner's records portfolio from Main Street Realty, \$25 Gift Certificate redeemable at any participating merchant (Given by: First National Bank).

The Sonora Merchants would like to thank everyone for shopping Sonora this Christmas Season!

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387-3190

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T. Wayne Price
Pastor
404 E Oak
387-2951

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Ted W. Harris
404 E. Poplar
387-2955

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor
201 N. Water
387-2466

TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr.
306 W. 4th St.
387-5713

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

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387-3241

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387-6065

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387-2616

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Randy Greenwood
Pastor
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Church News

Saint Ann Catholic Church Holiday Schedule



Dec. 30
Confessions - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass - 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 31
Sunday Mass - 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

Jan. 1
New Year's Mass - 10:00 a.m.

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Obituaries

Jerry H. Coomer

Jerry H. Coomer, 79, of McCamey, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2000.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at First Christian Church with burial in Resthaven Cemetery. Arrangements are by Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home in McCamey.

He was born Dec. 8, 1921, in

Wilson, Okla. A Marine veteran of World War II, he was a retired microwave technician and a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include a son, Mike Coomer of Lubbock, two daughters, Patti Sewell of Fort Stockton, and Shirley Badgett of Sonora; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Cards of Thanks

Our deepest appreciation and love to each of you who supported us during Glen's recent surgery. Your encouraging calls, many kind acts, your visits and friendships are our most treasured possessions.

Sincerely,
Glen and Rosalie Richardson



Thank you to Band Director Tom Bedwell and Manuel Campos for the beautiful Christmas Carols. Also thanks to the "United Methodist Women" for the generous donation to our Senior Center and our Senior Citizens. On behalf of our Senior Citizens and the Staff of the Senior Center, we would like to wish you Season's Greetings and a Happy and Safe New Year! Remember, we will be closed Monday, January 1, 2001.

THEN and NOW!

Then (1980's)	Now (2000)
1. To Do List	→ Palm Pilots
2. High maintenance big hair	→ Easy to style looks...straight to curly to spiked
3. Tanning salons	→ Self-Tanners
4. Coffee w/cream	→ Double decaf Latte w/skim milk
5. Aerobic classes	→ Personal Trainers
6. Answering service	→ Cellular phones w/caller ID
7. Purchase a CD	→ Download favorite songs
8. "Dynasty"	→ "Sex and The City"
9. Salon Selectives' signature pink bottles	→ Hip packaging from the reinvented line of Salon Selectives
10. Radio DJ's	→ Television VJ's

Senior Center News

Jan. 1 - Happy New Year - 2001! Senior Center will be CLOSED!
Jan. 3 - TRAX Van to San Angelo. Call 387-2509
Jan. 4 - Crafts anyone? 2:00 p.m.
Jan. 5 - Run errands and pay bills! After lunch.

Senior Menu

Jan. 1 - Happy New Year! Senior Center will be CLOSED!
Jan. 2 - Beef tips with rice, carrots, cornbread, fruit cup with strawberries and bananas, lemon pie.
Jan. 3 - Oven baked chicken, lima beans, broccoli, bread, chunky mixed fruit.
Jan. 4 - Vegetable beef stew, green beans, cornbread, pear half with cottage cheese, vanilla pudding.
Jan. 5 - Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, rolls, carrot raisin salad, jello with fruit.

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

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Dining Out Directory

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387-2838

Pizza Hut
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387-3540

Rosie's Cafe
207 Glasscock Ave
387-5552

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Taqueria El Torito
210 S. Hwy 277
387-9307

Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181

Town & Country - Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169

Friday, December 29 is "Ray Day"

Ray is retiring after 18 Years with The Bank & Trust, Sonora.

Come celebrate his many successful years!

Come and Go Reception at The Bank & Trust Lobby 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Community

Jan. 4
School Starts
Jan. 8
Hospital Board Town Meeting 6:00 p.m.
4-H Civic Center

The Community Calendar

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Calendar

January 12 - 13
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Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Q. Please review the Sonora 1966, 1968, 1970 and 1971 football games?

A. 1966 Sonora Broncos (14-0) Head Coach Jerry Hopkins Assistant Coaches: Dennie Hays and Bob Painter.

Roster: Quarterbacks - J. V. Cook and Laney Cook. Halfbacks - Johnny Ramos, Ernest Barrera and Ed Lee Renfro. Fullbacks - Mike Gosney, Richard Perez and David Wuest. Ends - Tom Trainer, Steve Whitworth, Steve Fish, Nino Perez and Noe Chavez. Centers - Bill Green, Bert Bloodworth and Tim Thorp. Guards - Alex Castro, Brent Johnson, Manuel Sanchez and Billy Smith. Tackles - Monte Dillard, Wade Stokes, Mitch Trainer and Royce Mearns.

Season Results: Sonora - Ballinger 12-6, Sonora - Mason 12-6, Sonora - Ozona 33-0, Sonora - Junction 32-13, Sonora - Rankin 28-14, Sonora - Eldorado 25-0, Sonora - Menard 48-22, Sonora - Sanderson 63-15, Sonora - Iraan 45-11, Sonora - Wink (Bidist) 47-14, Sonora - Seagraves (Reg) 36-0, Sonora - White Deer (QF) 35-14, Sonora - Forney (Semis) 39-28, Sonora - Schulenburg (Final) 40-14.

All West Texas from Sonora: Noe Chavez, End, 135 lbs, Junior; Brent Johnson, Guard, 175 lbs, Senior; Bert Bloodworth, Center, 180 lbs, Senior; Laney Cook, Back, 175 lbs, Senior; Ed Lee Renfro, Back, 165 lbs, Sophomore. Honorable Mention: Mike Gosney, Back.

Class A All-State: Laney Cook - Quarterback, Ed Lee Renfro - Halfback, Noe Chavez - End.

1968 Coaches: Jerry Hopkins, Dennie Hays, Jerry Phillips, Oliver Wuest, Bob Snodgrass.

Managers: Dick Hamilton, Steve Thorp, Al Elliott, Ted Turner - Principal: David Williams.

Roster: Richard Perez -E- 145 lbs. Senior, Mitch Trainer - T- 225 lbs. Senior, Mark Jacoby -G- 155 lbs. Senior, Bill Green -C- 190 lbs. Senior, Monte Dillard -G- 205 lbs. Senior, Jim Elliott -T- 180 lbs. Junior, Thurston McCutchen -E- 150 lbs. Junior, David Wuest -QB- 165 lbs. Junior, Ed Renfro -B- 180

lbs. Senior, Robert Mata -B- 155 lbs. Junior, Erasmo Lumbreras -B- 165 lbs. Junior, Eddie Sutton #10, Arnold Samaniego #30, Lupe Spinoso #31, Kerry Joy #33, Dick Bundy #40, Scott Jacoby #, Sammy Perez #44, Paco Sanchez #52, Tony Renfro #60, Scott Shurley #62, Marty Martinez #63, Charles Goodson #65, Ted Fish #66, Ruben Chavez #71, Barry Black #73, Hermin Perez #84, Jesso Cook #85, Larry Everett #86.

Season Results: Sonora - Winters 24-0, Sonora - Big Lake 6-15, Sonora - Ballinger 21-23, Sonora - Ozona 21-20, Sonora - Rankin 29-13, Sonora - Menard NA, Sonora - Mason 20-7, Sonora - Eden 45-8, Sonora - Eldorado 7-0, Sonora - Junction NA, Sonora - Coahoma 7-6, Sonora - Sudan 26-20, Sonora - Clifton 47-0, Sonora - Poth 9-0. End season 13-2.

Ed Lee Renfro was selected for the 100-player 1968 All-American High School Football Team by Scholastic Magazine.

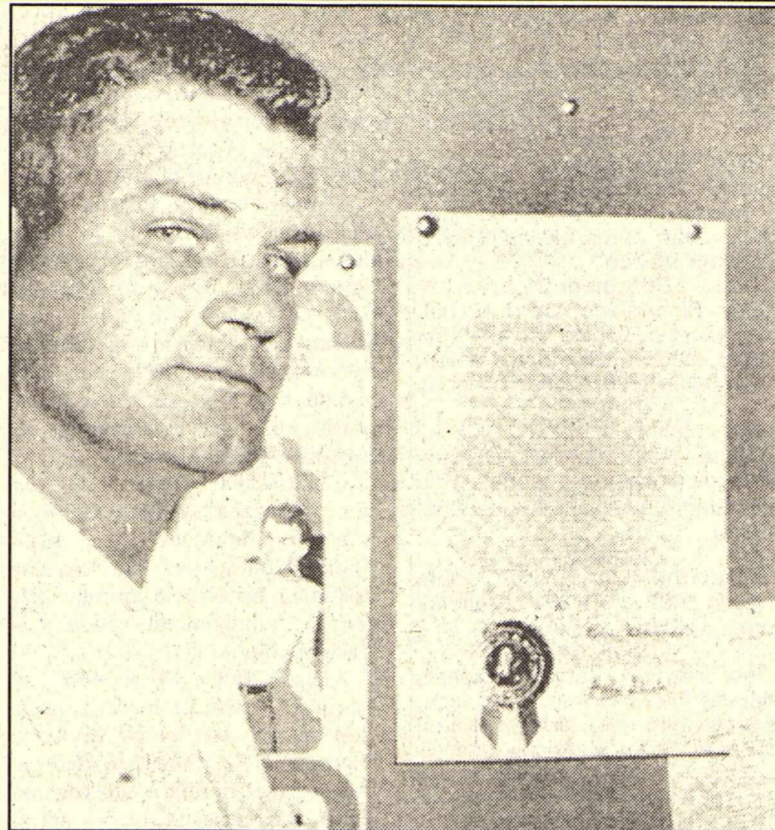
All-West Texas: First Team RB- Ed Lee Renfro-Senior 185 lbs., T-Monte Dillard-Senior 210 lbs., C-Bill Green-Senior 185 lbs., L-Jim Elliott-Junior 180 lbs., LB-Erasmo Lumbreras-Junior 175 lbs., B-Robert Mata-Junior 155 lbs., B-David Wuest-Junior 170 lbs., Second Team RB- Kerry Joy-Sophomore 175 lbs., G-Mark Jacoby-Senior 160 lbs., L-Barry Black-Junior 165 lbs., L-Monte Dillard-Senior 210 lbs.

SONORA CHAMPION IN CLASS A

San Marcos Texas (UPI) - Halfback Ed Lee Renfro rushed for 118 yards and scored the game's only touchdown Friday night as Sonora upset top ranked Poth, 9-0. The win gave the Broncos their second Class A state championship in three years.

Renfro rambled 45 yards to set up a second quarter field goal by Bill Green, then plunged three yards in the third period for the clinching score. The Bronco halfback, who has scored 148 points in leading Sonora to a 13-2 season record, stalled Poth's three most serious threats with pass interceptions.

The first steal at the Bronco



Jerry Hopkins, Head Coach and Athletic Director of the 1968 State Class A Champion Broncos.

goal line stopped a Pirate threat in the first quarter after high-scoring Poth had driven to the Sonora 15.

Renfro's second interception late in the fourth quarter at the Sonora 20 doomed Poth's chances for a 15th straight win this year.

A bullish Sonora defense led by guard Jim Elliott allowed the Pirates in Bronco territory only twice in the last half, the second time with only one minute left in the game.

Another Renfro interception at the Bronco 22 stopped a last minute drive by the Pirates and Sonora ran out the final minute of the game.

Green's field goal for the Pirate 23 in the second period gave the Bronco's a 3-0 half time lead and the Sonora ground game began to click in the second half. Renfro gained his 118 yards on 30 attempts and fullback Kerry Joy bulled for 58 yards and 22 carries, most of it throughout the middle of the Poth line.

Pirate star Ross Poth could not

break the Sonora defenses, gaining only 50 yards on 11 tries. The game was the first this year in which the Pirates have failed to score at least 30 points.

In 1969 we had a great team that took us all the way to the Final but their year ended when Mart blasted their hopes by winning 28-0. The team ended the year with a 12-3 record.

Next week we will cover 1970 and 1971 games. To my readers that don't like sports we apologize, we know you like all the old western stories and family tree info but once in a while we have to satisfy the sports fans too. The Sutton County Historical Society must maintain a record of all the history of Sutton County and try to answer all the questions we are asked. To the sports fans we will say, please forgive us if we made a technical error. I am afraid the technical lingo throws us at times but we have tried to report this as accurately as we could.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail me at schs@sonoratrax.net. You may call me at 915-387-2855 any day but Wednesdays. During the holidays please call ahead for an appointment to review

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Improving Your Personal Finances For The New Year

(Austin, TX) Another year, another set of New Year's resolutions. If improving your personal finances is among your resolutions for 2001, the Texas Society of CPAs (TSCPA) recommends that you break down your goal into manageable tasks. Just like resolving to lose 25 pounds doesn't mean you do it all in January, achieving financial fitness requires a month-by-month plan.

January: Pay down your debt
If you've run up large credit card bills during the holiday season, your first financial resolution for 2001 should focus on paying down your debt.

Review the interest rate and terms on outstanding loans and credit cards to identify opportunities to restructure debt at more favorable terms. Then, work out a realistic repayment plan and stick to it.

February: Set long-term financial goals and save for them

Whether establishing a college fund for your children or planning the vacation of a lifetime, concrete objectives form a solid foundation for achieving your goals. Prioritize your list of goals and assign your top goals a dollar value and a target date. Use an online calculator to determine how much you need to save each month to achieve your goals and devise a specific plan for doing so.

March: Get ready to file your taxes

To avoid last-minute income tax-filing panic, begin gathering tax-related receipts and documents now, and make an appointment with your CPA or a tax adviser to help minimize your tax liability.

April: Fund your retirement
April is a great time to think about the tax benefits of retirement plans.

You can make your Individual Retirement Account contribution for 2000 by April 15 and those who qualify can claim a deduction on their 2000 return.

Qualification for the deduction depends on the adjusted gross income of you and your spouse, if married, and whether or not your company offers a retirement savings plan. If your company has a retirement savings plan and you're not a participant, sign up now, so you can start to benefit from tax-deferred savings.

May: Automate your savings

Now that Uncle Sam has been taken care of, it's time to pay yourself - in savings that is. When you sign up with an automatic savings plan through your payroll department, the dollar amount you choose is deducted from your paycheck and sent to the mutual fund or other investment destination of your choice. If your employer doesn't offer this service, you can usually arrange for your bank to make automatic deposits to your investment account.

June: Learn more about per-

sonal finance

June is a great month to sit in the sun and read books and magazines about personal finance. If you stick to reputable sources, you can also find excellent financial advice sites on the Internet.

July: Review your investment portfolio

It's mid-year and an opportune time to check on your asset allocation.

Changes in the performance of your investments could mean you need to rebalance your investments in line with your goals and tolerance for risk.

August: Check insurance coverage

Check out your home, health, car, life, and disability policies to determine whether there are any gaps in coverage. Talk to your agent to see if you may be able to obtain more effective coverage by increasing or reducing deductible amounts on your policy. Also inquire about any discounts that may be available for taking special safety precautions such as adding an alarm system to your home or car.

September: Get organized

Back to school time is an excellent time to organize important financial papers and legal documents. Also consider investing in

computer financial software that can help you keep track of your finances and monitor your progress.

October: Prepare or strengthen your estate plan

An estate plan should include a will. It's also important to consider a durable power of attorney, a living will, and any living or irrevocable trusts. You should also review how your property is titled and what measures you can take to minimize estate taxes and probate costs.

November: Take advantage of year-end tax savings strategies

Make charitable contributions. Consider whether it makes sense to offset capital gains with capital losses. Plan now to delay income and accelerate deductions. Check on your flexible spending accounts at work and make plans to spend unused funds.

December: Calculate your net worth

Add up all your assets (what you own) and subtract the total of your liabilities (what you owe) to determine your net worth. By doing this each year, you can chart your progress and watch your assets grow.

A CPA can provide you with additional guidance for making your way through 2001 - the year you achieve your resolution to improve your financial fitness.

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Rehab 2001 Includes Enhanced Live & Online Auction

Continuing to use technology to the advantage of all the communities it serves, the West Texas Rehabilitation Center today unveiled the 2001 version of the Rehab BidSite, part of the Rehab 2001 event.

"The BidSite is live right now. We invite the public to check it out and place an early bid on the nearly 300 items merchants and individuals have contributed to make this year's auction a success," said Pat O'Conner, Director of Information Services for WTRC. The Web address for the BidSite is the same as that for the Center, www.WestTexasRehab.org. From the Home Page, the user can either go into the auction site and view the variety of merchandise and services available, or make a charitable gift for Rehab 2001, as well as discover information about the Center's activities.

New users who would like to use the system only need to go through a simple registration process in order to register as a bidder, O'Conner said. A new feature used this year is that the calls from bidders during the Rehab 2001 telecast will be handled through the facilities and personnel of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, a major sponsor of Rehab 2001 Auction. Additionally, the back-end systems and servers that make the online part of the auction have been beefed up to handle several times the volume of hits that were received last year, O'Conner said.

The auction will run 24 hours a day through midnight (Central Standard Time) on Saturday, January 13, 2001. Bids will be accepted via telephone from 6:00 p.m. through midnight on January 13 at the following numbers: (915) 793-4192 or Toll-free at (866) 219-7013.

Happy Birthday

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December 29
Kimberly Thompson, Donna Benson

December 30
William Hearn, Mario Lira, Jr., Austin Rodriguez, Jeannette Thompson, Alex Steves, Jeb Hunt, Mary Jean Sims, Erica Olsen, Katelynn Trevino

December 31
Patsy Samaniego, Jerri Martin, Ron Morris, Catrina Burris, Tina Covey, Maria Murillo, Lupe Ramon, Anita Samaniego, Nathan Longoria

January 1
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January 2
Alec Morrow, Keith Hudson, Gretta Smith, Betty Lopez, Nicholas Pena, Jaime De Luna

January 3
Lance Haynes, Camille Marshall, Melissa Fisher, Armando Noriega, Norma Williams, Avery Bruns, Oscar Gutierrez, Jessica Luera

Police Reports

12-10-2000 Burglary - Officer was dispatched to 1306 N. Service Rd. in reference to a burglary of a business. Upon arrival officer was met by an employee who informed him that the business had been broken into sometime during the night. An employee stated that the doors and windows were closed when they arrived around 4:30 AM. Officer did notice pry marks on the back door of the business. Suspect(s) took the cash from the cash register and some jewelry from a drop safe. Officer's are in the process of interviewing subjects. Investigation continues.

12-10-2000 Theft - Officer was dispatched to 101 Deerwood Street in reference to a theft. Complainant advised that someone had stolen his bicycle from the balcony. Complaint advised it was black in color.

12-11-2000 Possession of Marijuana - Officer made a traffic stop in the 400 block of north Highway 277. Vehicle in question was speeding inside a construction zone. Officer asked for consent to search after receiving conflicting stories from the occupants of the vehicle. Officer found residue inside the vehicle and a knife. At this point, the Officer called SPD's K-9 to service. K-9 (Ars) arrived and performed a search of the vehicle and alerted to the gas tank door. K-9 Officer opened the gas door and found a clear plastic baggie of marijuana. Both subjects were handcuffed and taken into custody. Phillip Joseph Carter DOB 06/07/82 and Kelly Gene Beckworth DOB 11/29/81 both from Midway, Georgia were arrested for Possession of Marijuana. Beckworth was also charged with Possession of a Prohibited Weapon.

12-12-2000 Theft of Service - Officer was dispatched to 610 S. Crockett Avenue in reference to a gas drive off. The clerk advised the subject came into the store and paid for several items, however the clerk failed to ask for payment of the fuel. The clerk advised the subject pumped \$37.00 and drove off. The vehicle was not located.

12-12-2000 Parking Violation - Officer was dispatched to East 1st and Concho Avenue in reference to a trailer left in the roadway. Upon

Officer's arrival, a brown flatbed trailer was found abandoned in the roadway. The trailer was a traffic hazard and was also located inside a school zone. An attempt to contact the owner from Eldorado was negative. Officer had the trailer towed to a storage area.

12-13-2000 Assault/DOC - Officer was dispatched to 1717 Tayloe to visit with the Principal. Upon arrival the Principal advised he had a student that wouldn't come into his office and might need our assistance. After the Officer was present, the Principal again asked for the student to come into his office, the student complied and came into the office. The Principal had also called for the student's parents to come to his office. The parents arrived and everyone went into the Principal's office to discuss the problem. As the problem was being discussed, the father got upset and was going to discipline his child (student). The student got upset that his father was going to discipline him and jumped over the corner of the Principal's desk and tackled his father causing them both to fall to the floor, then both jumping up and slamming against the wall. The Officer was able to get in between them at this point. The Officer separated them and the father left. The student became very upset and started cussing his parents and then walked outside the office in an attempt to go after his father. The Officer stopped the student and advised him to return to the Principal's office and then the student started cussing at the Officer in front of other students and faculty. The Officer then placed the student under arrest for Assault and Disorderly Conduct and he was transported to the County Jail.

12-14-2000 Assault - Officer was dispatched to 305 W. 2nd Street in reference to a disturbance. Upon arrival the officer spoke with the complainant. Complainant advised that her husband had been drinking and hit her in the face. After further investigation, Officer arrested Juan Anisto Duran DOB 03/25/50 for assault and transported him to the County Jail.

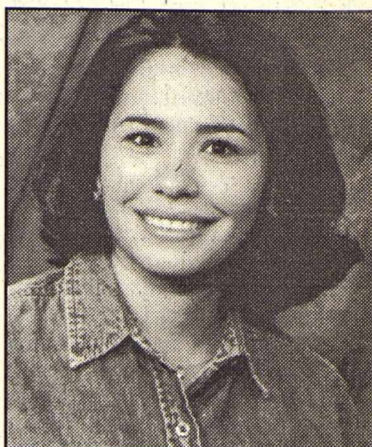
GunShot Results in Fatality

A self inflicted gun shot claimed the life of one adult male on December 22, 2000.

Sutton County Sheriff officers Bob Hartman, Oscar Chavez and Interdiction Officer Duane Castro responded to a gun shot call at 8:14 p.m. at the Juno Ranch, South of Sonora.

Upon arrival officers found Frederick Randall Williams, age 55, had shot himself at his residence. Sutton County Justice of the Peace, Adelita Alvarez pronounced Williams dead at the scene. Grave-side services were held Tuesday, December 26, 2000 at Fairmount Cemetery.

Ortiz Graduates From ASU



Gloria Elaine Ortiz, a 1996 graduate of Sonora High School, graduated from Angelo State University on December 15, 2000. Ortiz received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education at Commencement Ceremonies held at the San Angelo Coliseum.

Gloria is the daughter of Mr. Jessie Ortiz and Mrs. Elizabeth Flores. She has one son, Tristen Guerra.

F.Y.I.

There is a new phone number for questions concerning the new 911 addresses - 387-6198. If no answer, please leave message.

TAAS/TEAMS Out of School Registration

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and who have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections of the exit level TAAS or TEAMS test, may retake the necessary section(s) any time that the tests are offered. The next scheduled test dates for the exit level TAAS and TEAMS tests will be February 20, 2001 (Writing), February 21, 2001 (Mathematics) and February 22, 2001 (Reading).

If you are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and wish to register to retake the exit level TAAS test or TEAMS test, pick up a registration packet from the Sonora High School counselor. The test registration form must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and must be received in Austin, Texas, no later than 5:00 p.m. January 19, 2001.

State Champion Shirts and Caps

The Sonora High School is now taking orders for State Champion Shirts and Caps. You can pick up your order form at the high school office, Devil's River News, First National Bank, The Bank & Trust and Food Center. Once completed, mail your order form to the Sonora High School, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, Texas 76950. Orders will be filled as received beginning January 5, 2001. All proceeds benefit the SHS Athletics.

Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp. Boys, ages 8-19, and Girls, ages 10-19, can apply. Players are selected by Invitation Only. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players named to The All-American Team. For an evaluation form call (704) 568-6801 ANYTIME.

Sonora Vocational Trades Students are selling apples, oranges and grapefruit for their annual fundraiser. This Rio Grande Valley fruit is only available this time of year. If you have not been approached by a student and wish to purchase fruit, please contact Reggie Williams at 387-2097 until 2:00 p.m. or at 387-2108 after 2:00 p.m. The High School number is 387-6533. Thank you for your support.

Sonora Intermediate is collecting empty printer cartridges. Recyclers USA pays the school \$1.00 - \$2.00 per empty cartridge. Please help our school recycle and raise money for student activities. Empty cartridges may be dropped off at the Sonora Intermediate School office.

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Ueckert Receives Top Honor From Texas A&M Board Of Regents

Writer: Steve Byrns
 SAN ANGELO - Dr. Darrell Ueckert, range scientist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at San Angelo, was named a Regents Service Fellow Recipient by the Texas A&M University Board of Regents.

Ueckert was among 18 of the A&M System's top faculty and staff from across the state to receive the honor for making a lifetime commitment to public service.

"We are proud to have one of our own at the San Angelo center honored with such a prestigious recognition," said Dr. John Walker, resident director of research at San Angelo's Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center.

"Darrell has been stationed at San Angelo's center for 24 years. During that time he has established himself as the leading range ecologist in Texas. He has successfully channeled his tremendous drive and energy into several far-reaching range improvement programs."

"His best known work is perhaps the popular 'Brush Busters' campaign, now used to control millions of acres of noxious brush in Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Dr. Ueckert teamed up with his Extension counterpart at the center, Dr. Allan McGinty and others to better communicate the Brush Busters' individual plant treatment techniques to the general public."

Mesquite control alone using Brush Busters methods adds about \$30 million per year to the Texas economy through increased live-

stock production and helps save at least 300 billion gallons of water formally wasted by brush, Walker said.

"Dr. Ueckert was also responsible for discovering that excellent pricklypear control can be realized on rangeland through integrated use of prescribed fire and the herbicide picloram," Walker continued. "This technology was widely accepted by the research community and has been implemented by many southwestern landowners."

"Other highlights of Darrell's career include research using drought-tolerant shrubs for livestock forage and improved wildlife habitat," said Walker.

The regents service awards were designed to honor professors and senior-level researchers and service delivery professionals who have provided exemplary service not only to their university or agency, but also to the community, state, nation, and the world. The awards are among the highest honors given by the A&M System Board of Regents.

Ueckert and the other recipients will each receive a \$9,000 monetary award, an A&M System medallion for academic regalia and a commemorative certificate.

Texas Railroad Commission Fines TXU Gas; Extends Pipe Replacement Deadline

Austin - The Texas Railroad Commission today issued a \$25,000 fine against TXU Gas in connection with the company's request to extend a December 31, 2000 deadline to replace certain natural gas pipelines. After consideration of the factors involved, the Commission granted the requested extension.

In its request for an extension, the company cited shortages of qualified manpower, inclement weather and a more extensive pipe replacement than the company originally expected. TXU Gas officials said the company had brought crews from every surrounding state and several crews from outside the region in an attempt to meet the deadline, however the replacement program was revised to include more miles of plastic pipe than the company first estimated, which has added to the replacement time.

"The company did try to meet the deadline we set for them six months ago, but still failed to complete the replacement, which is why we assessed the \$25,000 fine," said Commissioner Charles Matthews. "At the same time, the company didn't sacrifice the quality or

integrity of the replacement program in order to meet the deadline, which is why the fine wasn't higher. Our first responsibility is to the safety of Texans."

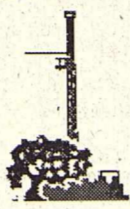
The Commission will continue to follow the progress of the company's replacement schedule through 2001. The Commission ordered the company to replace all of its pipelines made from Poly I plastics, which includes most pipelines installed during the 1970's. Fewer than 1 percent of TXU Gas pipe is made from this plastic.

Matthews stated his concern about the reporting of leak detection survey information. TXU has agreed to submit this information to the Railroad Commission in its weekly reports.

The company will be able to complete the replacement of its main lines, which are the pipelines that bring gas to neighborhoods, by April 30, 2001. The company believes it will be able to complete the replacement of isolated service lines of those lines that run from main lines to customers' premises, by December 31, 2001.

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Rig Locations as of December 22, 2000



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Encore Operating; 9000' Jones Ranch - B - #9038, Cleere Drilling.
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Schleicher County
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TXP, Inc.; 6800' West - 48 - #2, Cleere Drilling.
Ladd O&G Corp.; 6200' JM Christian - A - #1, Heart Land Drilling.

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 For complete report contact: **Scott Huggins,**
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Texas Bird Species Count Grows to 620

AUSTIN, Texas -- Two new species have been added to the list of birds found in Texas, bringing the nation-leading total to 620 bird species. A pair of buff-breasted flycatchers was found nesting in Jeff Davis County and a single blue mockingbird was sighted in Hidalgo County.

The buff-breasted flycatcher, a 5-inch cinnamon buff and brown bird found traditionally in the Mexican highlands, was previously known in the United States from a breeding population in Arizona. For the last two years, a pair has successfully nested in the Davis Mountains near Fort Davis.

Birdwatching enthusiasts visiting Hidalgo County over the past year have been treated to another Mexican endemic, a blue mockingbird visiting a site in Weslaco. This distant relative of the Texas state bird is a 9.5-inch slate-blue bird with a black mask. Previous United States sightings include two accepted Arizona records and one accepted New Mexico bird.

The Texas Birds Records Committee makes final decisions on adding newly reported species to the official list of Texas birds. The committee evaluates data and documentation on reported bird species within the state. They also maintain an official database of species that are sighted on an average less than four times in one year. Comprised

of some of the best-known birders in Texas, the TBRC is a standing committee of the Texas Ornithological Society.

The buff-breasted flycatcher and blue mockingbird, along with all other current and historic birds from Texas can be found in the fifth edition of "A Checklist of Texas Birds" from Texas Parks and Wildlife. The checklist is available by mail for a \$2.00 donation sent to Wildlife Diversity Branch, Texas Parks and Wildlife, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744.

For more information about the Checklist of Texas Birds, call Mark Klym at (512) 389-4644 or visit the checklist page on TPW Web site (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/nature/wild/birds/txchecklist/intro.htm>).

Looking Forward To Working Relationships



Washington, D.C. - U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla, R - Texas.

Recently 538 electors from every state in the Union met in their respective state houses and cast their votes for president and vice president. George W. Bush and Dick Cheney received the necessary 270 electoral votes and will now become the next President and Vice President of the United States. This constitutional act finally marked the end of the 2000 presidential and federal election cycle.

The 2000 election cycle was the closest presidential election in American history. It also produced the first evenly divided Senate this century, while the House of Representatives provides neither party with an overwhelming majority. These results should clearly tell every elected official across the United States that bipartisanship and an ability to work for a common goal will be necessary to complete the work of the American people.

President elect Bush along with both Republican and Democratic candidates from all around the country campaigned on the issues of education, medicare, social security and tax reform. These priorities were included in many stump speeches and provide the new Congress and President elect Bush a good starting point for the next Congress and next presidency. It is clear that whether we are Republican or Democrat, our constituents want a change from the current policies that govern our education, medicare, social securi-

ty policies and tax code. I believe it is imperative to abandon partisan politics and work with President elect Bush to get these priorities done just as this Congress has done with President Clinton.

The past two years Congress has proved that we can work together with the White House and look past party lines. The 106th Congress finally closed its doors for the winter holidays but not without first meeting the needs of Americans everywhere. Congress and the White House agreed to provide \$150 million increase for the Community Health Centers (CHC) program. CHC combine the efforts of community leaders and doctors to develop a plan to best provide proper quality health care to rural communities. We established programs to boost home ownership for low and moderate income families. And we also agreed to reauthorize the Older Americans Act which provides services to many of our mothers and fathers and grandmothers and grandfathers. This Congress worked together with the White House and achieved great ends. I expect the next Congress will do the same.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate President elect Bush for a well run and dignified campaign. And I would also like to ask that as a nation we stand behind our new leader as has always been done in the past.

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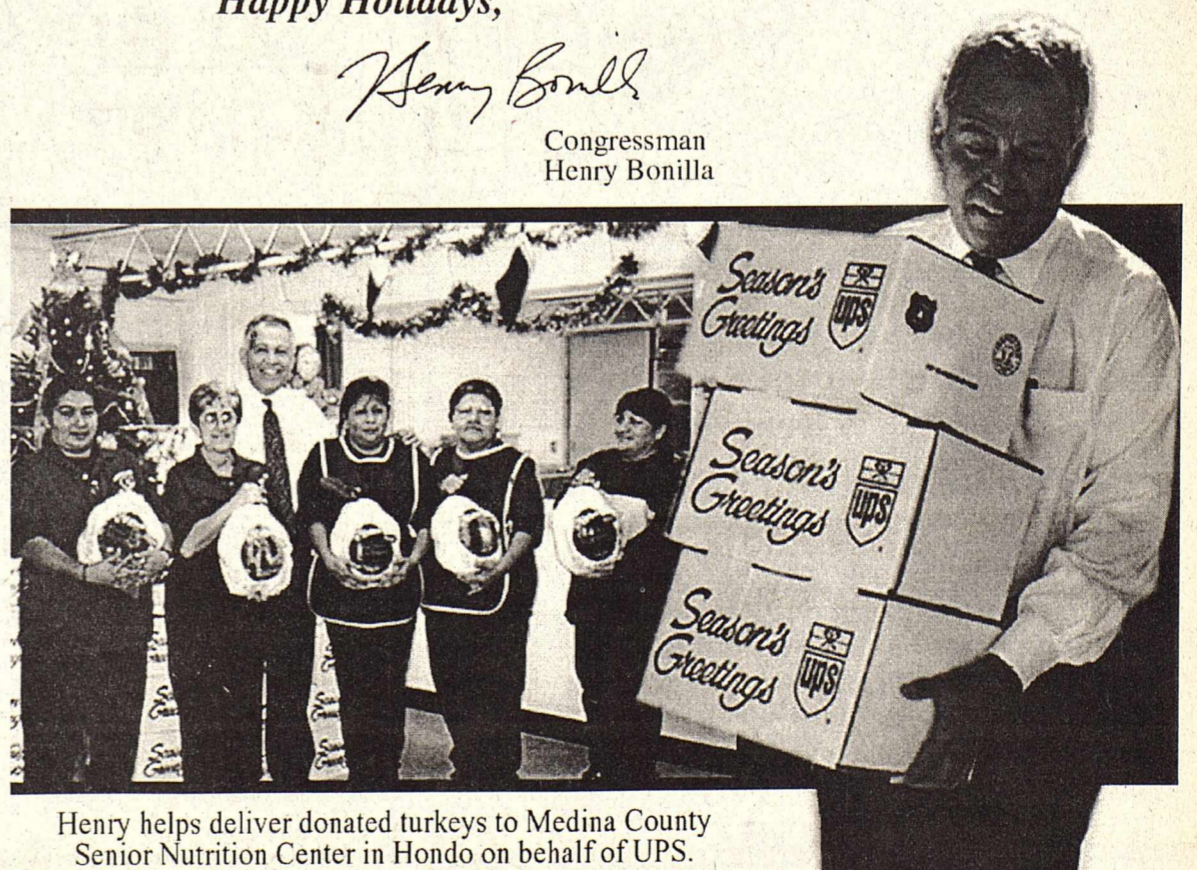
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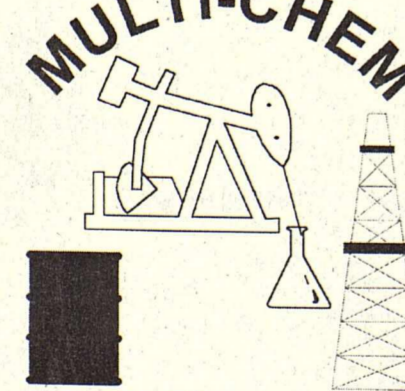
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