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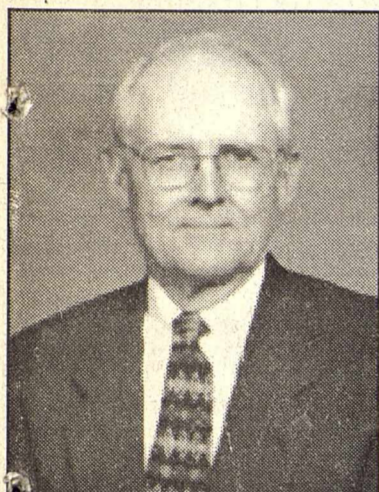
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Sonora Graduate Chosen As Lieutenant Governor



Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff

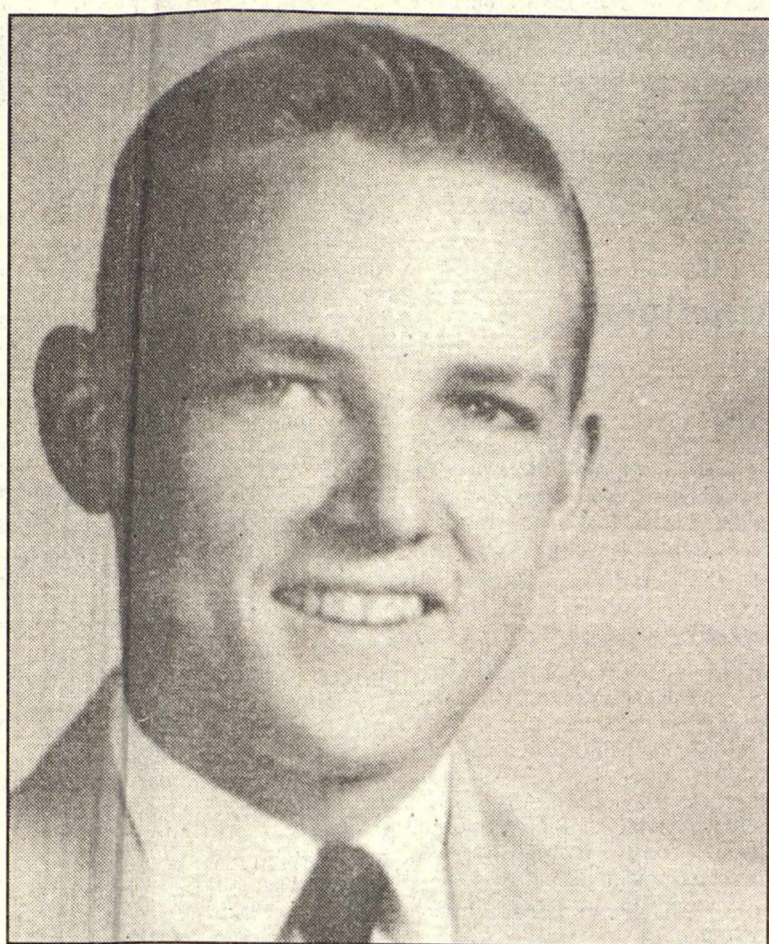
Senator Bill Ratliff may call Mt. Pleasant, Texas home now, but he is still a Sonora Bronco. Ratliff graduated from Sonora High School in 1954 and went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering at the University of Texas in Austin.

Ratliff and his family moved to Sonora when he was six years old. His father owned and operated the Ratliff Store, at the corner of Main Street and Concho. His family also owned the funeral home that was later purchased by the Kerbow Family.

Ratliff attended Sonora schools from 2nd - 12th grade and was active in all sports, student council, Speech Club, Debate, Senior Play and was voted Class Favorite in 1953-1954. "Back then, we were involved in everything" Ratliff recalled, "But our football team never went to State, we weren't that good."

Ratliff's parents remained in Sonora for about three years after Bill graduated, and then moved to Eldorado. Bill's father was County Judge in Schleicher County at one time.

Ratliff is past president of the American Consulting Engineers Council; has received state and national professional awards; has served as an adjunct engineering



Bill Ratliff - Sonora High School 1954

professor; and has testified on a number of occasions before Congressional committees regarding the nation's infrastructure.

Prior to becoming a consulting engineer, he served as city manager of Coppens Cove, Texas.

He was elected to serve the First Senatorial District of Texas on November 8, 1988. He was the first Republican elected to serve the First Senatorial District since the Reconstruction era.

He received an honorable discharge as an Army Reserve Sergeant. He has served as president of the Mt. Pleasant Industrial Foundation and has been a member of the executive committee of the Northeast Texas Economic Development District, Inc.

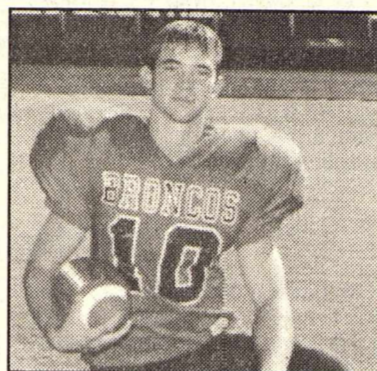
Ratliff has been very active in Tennon Memorial United Methodist Church, serving as a Sunday school teacher, lay reader, chair of the Finance Committee and member of the Board of Trustees.

Senator Ratliff was elected on the eighth ballot as the new Presiding Officer and the State's acting Lieutenant Governor on December 28, 2000 during the Committee of the Whole Senate. Ratliff was then sworn in as President of the Texas Senate.

Ratliff takes over this post left open by Rick Perry, who became Governor after the resignation of Governor George W. Bush, now President-elect of the United States.

Broncos Chosen For Class 2A All West Texas

Most Valuable Player



Bryce Williams

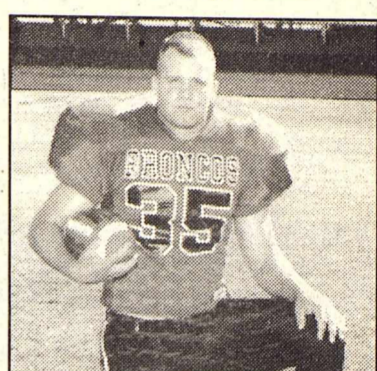
Bryce completed nearly 57 percent of his passes for 2,448 yards and 31 touchdowns.

Coach of the Year



Jason Herring

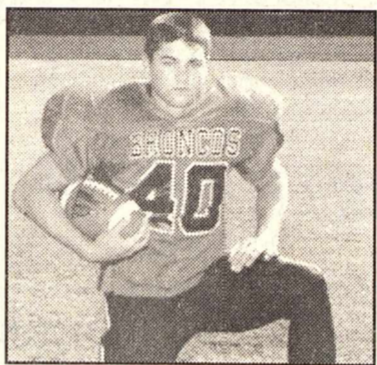
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RB-LB Tom Jacoby
Senior 5-10 210

Jacoby had 770 yards and nine touchdowns. On the defensive side of the ball, Jacoby had 86 tackles.

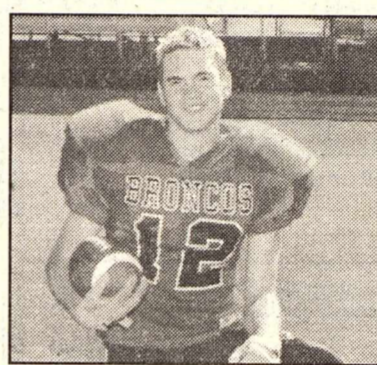
Offense



RB Bill Renfro
Junior 5-11 175

Renfro finished the year with 36 touchdowns and averaged 9.6 yards per carry, tallying 1,693 yards rushing.

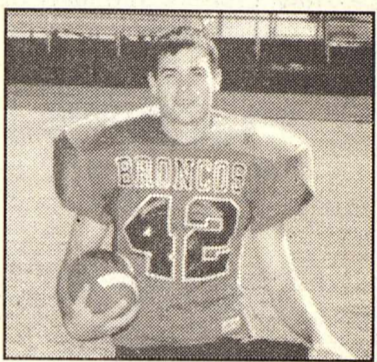
Offense



WR James Elliott
Junior 6-3 185

Elliott had 45 catches for 986 yards and nine touchdowns.

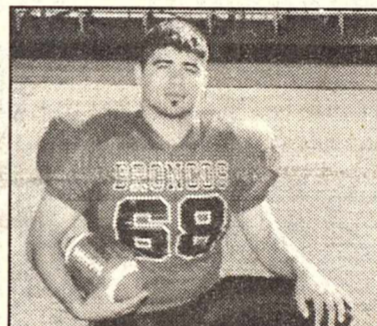
Offense



TE Riley Crain
Senior 6-3 185

Crain ended the year with a team-high 47 catches for 733 yards and eight touchdowns.

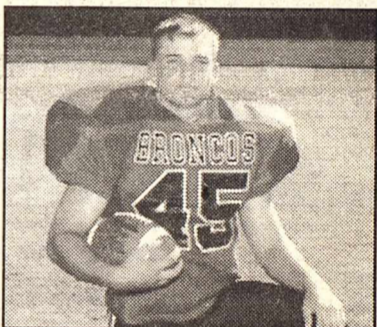
Offense



TE Dustin Patino
Senior 6-0 230

Patino was the top lineman for an offense that averaged 415 yards and 40 points per game.

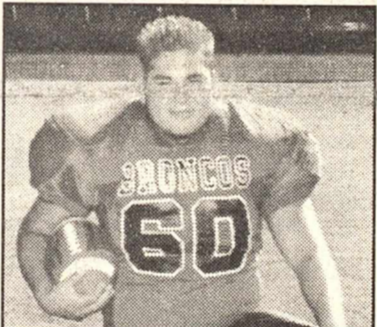
Defense



LB Thomas Bloodworth
Soph. 5-8 170

Bloodworth finished the year as Sonora's best run-stopper, collecting 162 tackles in 15 games.

Defense



DL Anthony Sanchez
Senior 5-10 240

Sanchez compiled 120 tackles, forced five fumbles, and recovered three loose balls.

Sutton County Junior Livestock Show Quickly Approaching

The Sutton County Junior Livestock Show is fast approaching and a large number of young people will be exhibiting their projects. It is expected to have some 46 meat goat exhibitors with 150 plus goats, 11 lamb exhibitors with 34 lambs, 20 swine exhibitors with 20 pigs, 18 Angora goat exhibitors with about 125 goats, 2 breeding sheep exhibitors and 3 cattle exhibitors at the show.

The schedule for the show is as follows:
Friday, January 12, 2001
4:30 p.m. - Judging Market

9:00 a.m. - Judging Market Swine
10:00 a.m. - Judging Breeding Sheep
10:10 a.m. - Judging Angora Goats
Approx. 1:00 p.m. - Judging Cattle
6:00 p.m. - Buyers Appreciation Supper
6:45 p.m. - Premium Sale
8:00 p.m. - Awards Presentation

The Sutton County 4-H Club is very excited about being in the new building with all of the modern conveniences which are available as a result of this facility.

The 4-H Club hopes that everyone will be able to participate in the auction and support these young people. Remember, these contributions are tax deductible and not only benefit the 4-H and FFA members with animal projects. A portion is also used to support the other leadership development activities of the 4-H club and the FFA chapter.

Volunteers Needed For Sutton County EMS

Submitted

An Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) course will be offered in Sonora beginning January 11, 2001 through May 10, 2001. The course will be sponsored by Sutton County EMS. Classes will be held at the Sutton County EMS Training Facility at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The course provides emergency medical training in such areas as bleeding and shock, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, emergency childbirth, pediatric care, and other emergency illnesses and trauma.

While attending the course, the student will be required to spend twenty four (24) hours in the emergency room at San Angelo Community Medical Center. It is also necessary to make five ambulance runs with a certified ambulance service.

Upon completion of the course, a student will be trained to work for public or private ambulance firms, and in some hospital emergency departments.

EMT courses normally cost approximately \$300.00 to \$500.00 per person, but Sutton County EMS will make this class available at \$100.00 plus cost of the text book. The cost of the course has been reduced, due to a grant from the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council.

If you are interested, contact Patrick Campbell, EMS Coordinator, at the Sutton County EMS Office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. The office is located at 211 East Third Street, and the phone number is (915) 387-5132. Pre-registration is required.

Ray Smith Retires



After 18 years of service at the Bank & Trust, Ray Smith is calling it quits. Ray plans to travel with his wife in the motor home they purchased last year. Smith said "no many people get to work for 18 years and leave in great health to go on and enjoy life."

"I will miss everyone at the

bank, they are like family", Ray commented on leaving.

Ray has served on several boards in the community, including the Hospital Board of Directors and the Lifeline Committee. He plans to resign his position on these boards before he and his wife begin their travels.

Icy Road Conditions Result in Fatality



Ice on the bridge early Tuesday morning appeared to be the cause of this one vehicle roll over that claimed one life and sent another to the hospital. The couple was traveling East on I-10 when apparently, they hit ice on the bridge at Exit 400. The driver lost control and rolled across the median, into the opposite lane of traffic. The passenger was able to crawl out of the vehicle, but the driver was trapped inside. Emergency teams were forced to use the "jaws of life" to remove the victim from the vehicle. The driver was pronounced dead at the hospital. Trooper Ruben Galindo was the investigating officer on the scene.

Investigation Continues For Cause of Structure Fire



The top floor of this apartment building was burned in a structure fire on New Year's Eve. Police are still investigating the cause of the fire that was contained mostly in the two upstairs apartments. No injuries were reported.

Sonora Church Directory

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Pastor
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Rev. Ted W. Harris
404 E. Poplar
387-2955

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

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Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr.
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387-5713

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Rev. Charles Huffman
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387-6065

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387-5552
- Sutton County Steakhouse
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210 S. Hwy 277
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- Town & Country Subway
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387-6181
- Town & Country - Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
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Obituaries

Shannon Trae Alston

Shannon Trae Alston, 29, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2000, near Milano, Texas.

Services were at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale with Brother Richard Foster and George Alston officiating. Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, in Upper Turtle Creek Cemetery near Kerrville, Texas.

He was born Feb. 19, 1971, to Freddy Gene and Leatrice Faye Sams Alston, in Bryan, Texas. He was a former resident of College Station and moved to Rockdale in June.

Shannon received his bachelor of science degree from Texas A&M University and a master's degree from Tarleton State University in 1998. He was working toward a doctorate at Texas A&M University. Shannon was an agronomic research manager with Monsanto.

He married Tracy Sessom on March 22, 1997, in Lewisville, Texas.

Shannon is survived by his wife, Tracy Sessom Alston of Rockdale; one daughter, Riley Jade Alston of Rockdale; his parents, Freddy G. and Leatrice Faye Alston of Hutchinson, KS.; his father-in-law, Don Sessom and wife, Carol, of Millersview; his mother-in-law, Jerri Ray and husband, Bill, of Kerrville; a sister, Lori L. Slack and husband, Darin, of Oakley, KS.; his paternal grandparents, H.B. and Effie Alston of Temple; a sister-in-law, Candie Sessom Welch and husband, Tully, of Del Rio; and two uncles, George Dale Alston and Jim Alston.

Memorials may be made to the Riley Alston College Fund c/o Rockdale Federal Credit Union, 1525 W. Cameron, Rockdale, TX 76567.

Francisca Martinez

Francisca Martinez was born Dec. 4, 1913, in Sonora, Texas. She was 88 when she passed away Dec. 31, 2000.

Graveside service were at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001, in Miles Cemetery. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

She is survived by her children,

Rufus Day

Rufus Lee Day, 88, of Coleman died Monday, Jan. 1, 2001, in a De Leon hospital.

Graveside service were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Mountain View Cemetery. Arrangements were by Walker Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 2, 1912, in

Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

Lunch Menus

School Lunch Menu Dec. 8 - Jan. 11

Breakfast

Mon. - Waffles (2), syrup, fruit or juice.
Tues. - Grilled cheese, tator tots, assorted juice.
Wed. - Muffin, hot oatmeal, assorted juice.
Thurs. - Biscuits, sausage patty, assorted juice.
Fri. - Egg & chorizo burrito, assorted juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Spaghetti with meat, tossed salad, fried okra, fruit, Texas toast.
Tues. - Steakfingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, pudding, roll.
Wed. - Soft beef and cheese taco, salad, pinto beans, peach cobbler.
Thurs. - Fish nuggets, macaroni & cheese, broccoli, spiced apples.
Fri. - Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, sugar cookie.

Senior Center News

Jan. 8 - Bingo!
Jan. 9 - CEAP Energy assist. 11:00 a.m. - ? Call Center FMI 387-5657.
Jan. 10 - Exercise with Video! 2:00 p.m. or so.
Jan. 12 - Beltone Hearing Tests. 11:00 a.m.

Senior Menu

Jan. 8 - Spanish meatballs, rice, green beans, rolls, sliced tomatoes, pineapple rings.
Jan. 9 - Beef burrito, pinto beans, spinach, coleslaw, jello with pears.
Jan. 10 - Oven baked pork chops, noodles, carrots, bread, tossed salad, applesauce.
Jan. 11 - Meat loaf with tomatoes, blackeyed peas, okra, cornbread, banana pudding.
Jan. 12 - Chicken supreme, herb new potatoes, broccoli, rolls, green salad, cherry cobbler.

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

Card of Thanks

There are times in life where we as people have a hard time expressing our feelings of gratitude. We want everyone to know your acts of kindness and love will not be forgotten. No gesture, may it be big or small, has gone unnoticed:

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend would say;
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day,
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.

Sincerely,
The Thorp Family

Who's Who

Coach of the Year: Roy Evans of Miles

Before this season, there was a legitimate debate as to the last time Miles made the post season, though there was no argument that it came in the Bulldog's six-man days, which ended 20 years ago. Well, there's no debate now, as Evans led Miles to a district championship and a stunning 9-2 mark.

The Bulldogs did this despite losing the best player in their 11-man history, Ty Groat, to graduation following last season. Though they

had a couple of tight battles in district, their smallest margin of victory was nine points against runner-up Christoval. A lot of Sonorans remember Coach Evans and his wife Marlene from when they lived in Sonora. Roy Evans was a coach here on the defensive side and track coach. Marlene was one of the scorekeepers for years for Broncho basketball and football games and track. Congratulations to Coach Evans and his family.

Miss Texas Teen

\$30,000 Scholarship Given To The Next Miss Texas Teen!

The search is on for Miss 2001 Texas Teen. It will be held on April 6-8, 2001 at Crown Plaza Hotel, Houston, Texas. This year's winner will receive a \$30,000 scholarship from Johnson & Wales University and will represent the state of Texas in the Miss 2001 United States Teen Competition at the House of Blues at Walt Disney World in beautiful Orlando, Florida, July 12-21, 2001. The 2000 Competition featured AJ Mclean from the Backstreet Boys, Nicole Johnson, Miss America 1999, Christian Davis, 3 Deep and Babe Girl! Miss 2001 United States Teen will receive \$100,000 in scholarships, cash, prizes and a year of travel. In addition, she will have the honor of representing the United States in the Miss Teen International Competition. Miss 2000 United States Teen, Starla Smith of

Alabama has spent her year of service traveling and making appearances around the USA promoting her platform "Coping with Cancer".

If you are between the ages of 13 and 19 as of July 21, 2001, you could represent Texas at the National Competition. All contestants will be judged in four areas of competition: Personal Interview, Swimwear, Eveningwear, and a Fashion Show Presentation.

For more information or to receive an application, contact the Miss Texas Teen Competition at the Office: Miss Texas Teen Competition; 9597 Jones Road #138, Houston, Texas 77065; Phone (832) 721-4USA, Fax (281) 370-8944, Email Bikini-Usa@pdq.net or apply on line at: www.missunited-statesteen.com.

Postal News

Postal Service allows new postage rate recommendations from regulators under protest.

WASHINGTON — The Governors of the U.S. Postal Service recently announced that they would allow the recommended decision of the Postal Rate Commission to raise the price of a First Class letter to 34 cents "under protest." New rates for all classes of mail will begin on January 7, 2001.

Board Chairman Einar V. Dyhrkopp once again called for postal reform. "Statutory reform of the nation's postal system is necessary to provide the foundation for a financially secure Postal Service one that is capable of meeting the needs of the American people today and far into the future," he said.

New 34-cent letter rate stamps went on sale December 15. The first of the new stamps will be marked "USA FIRST-CLASS". In later stamp printings, the phrase "FIRST-CLASS" will be replaced by the 34-cent amount. Over two billion one-cent stamps are already available for customers to use up supplies of

older 33-cent stamps.

The new cost of mailing a two pound Priority Mail package increases to \$3.95, although a new one pound rate is now also available at \$3.50. The cost of mailing a one half pound Express Mail package increases to \$12.25.

Overall, rates are rising 4.6 percent, although price increases vary some by class of mail in accordance with the legal mandate for each class of mail to cover its own cost. The cost of mailing a letter will increase from 33 to 34 cents. Each additional ounce will decrease from 22 cents to 21 cents. The cost of mailing a postcard will remain 20 cents. International rates will also rise on January 7.

In a separate action, the Governors rejected four classification changes recommended by the commission including the Courtesy Envelope Mail proposal and Information Based Indicia proposal.

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Community

Jan. 8
Hospital Board Town Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Hudspeth Nursing Home

Jan. 10
SISD Early Dismissal
1:00 p.m.

The Community Calendar

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Calendar

January 12 - 13
Sutton County-H Stockshow
Sonora Civic Center

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Held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
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Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary
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Standard Times Staff Writer Jim Batten.
 "They overpowered us. They came at us with a power sweep and just blew us out".

That is a nutshell explanation by Pflugerville's head coach Charles Kuempel after a crushing defeat at the hands of the mighty Sonora Broncos in San Angelo Stadium Saturday night.

"They were just tougher than we thought they were." Kuempel said. "I had thought they would score four times on us but I thought we'd score too."

What didn't work that Pflugerville had banked on for the Class A state championship title?

"Our wide trap play - and mainly because they were stronger in the line and we just blocked at them and didn't keep the hole open long enough to get through," the Pflugerville Panther coach said.

The loss wasn't as bad, however, for Pflugerville as if it had been by only a couple of points. The tally wound up 45-6. Kuempel said: "I don't think we need to feel bad. They beat us, they outplayed us all the way around but we came as far as we could come."

"We won 14 games and we played some real fine ball clubs," Kuempel said adding however, that none of his opponents could stack up against Sonora's play Saturday night.

"And after all, we weren't even picked to win our district; we were picked second."

Dennis Luedtke, Panther quarterback fought back tears and observed: "It seemed like their defensive line was pinching in so tight that we couldn't run up the middle. They stopped our inside trap plays, and they had their line-backer pulled in and cut down our outside traps so we couldn't move the ball there either. The game is won and lost right there between two lines; when our line couldn't handle theirs, it was over."

Panther Sophomore back John Franklin who toted the pigskin for the lone Pflugerville score, cried openly and unashamedly. "When you get beat that bad - if it had just been a close game it wouldn't hurt so bad. They outclassed us and they outplayed us from the start."

Class A Honor Unit 1970 Texas Sports Writers Association

First Team: Mike Taylor - End; Scott Jacoby - Back; Kerry Joy - Linebacker.

Second Team: Sammy Perez - Back.

We have covered the 1970 Championship team and game but don't have room to do 1971 this week. We will have it next week for you.

Q. What happened to Clara Lee Hagerlund after her husband's bankruptcy and death by suicide?

A. She traveled to Arizona and visited her sisters Mrs. J. W. Hagerlund and Mrs. Ruth Lee Huber several times. She wrote social columns for the Devil's River News. She had buried her husband

in San Angelo in the Hagerlund plot and had their daughter Alice exhumed and moved from Sonora to San Angelo and interred there. In May of 1920 she married Michael J. Murphy in a quiet Catholic ceremony with Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Murphy, Miss May Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nabors present. Michael Murphy died in 1922 and Clara would stay at the house in Sonora and take care of his brother Steve who died in 1934 at the age of 74. Steve had sold the paper in 1927. When Clara died, she too was buried in Fairmont Cemetery in San Angelo in the Hagerlund plot with her first husband, Mr. Hagerlund, her second husband, Mike Murphy, her brother-in-law, Steve Murphy and her daughter Alice.

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@sonorax.net. You may call me at 915-387-2855 any day but Wednesdays please. Copies of How Sutton County Helped Win WWII part I, may be purchased from Al Elliott's office.

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 Game list for 1970
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Rehab 2001 Announcement

Woody Gilliland, Rehab Center president, has announced the line up of performers for the 31st annual telethon to benefit the Center. Rehab 2001 is set for January 13, 2001 and will be carried by television stations in twelve markets in Texas and Oklahoma.
 Gilliland stated that this year's telethon reflects the Center's commitment to bring a fresh, new look to the show. Gilliland stated, "We have made every effort to add well-known contemporary performers to our cast of regulars." This year's show will feature one of the top female vocalists in country music and one of the best known country music talk show hosts in the business.
 Lee Ann Womack, whose song "I Hope You Dance" garnered the Country Music Association's coveted "Single of the Year" honor this year, will headline the entertainers for Rehab 2001. The talented singer is a Grammy-, CMA and ACM-nominated vocalist. Womack grew up in Jacksonville, Texas and attended South Plains College in Levelland, Texas.
 Also appearing for the first time on this year's telethon is one of the most respected talk show hosts in the country music genre, Charlie Chase. His career has spanned more than three decades and he is credited with launching the careers of a number of today's country music's

superstars. He is best known for teaming with Lorianne Crook for The Nashville Network's long running "Crook and Chase". He also is a host for "Country Countdown," a nationally syndicated radio show carried by nearly 500 radio stations nation-wide.
 Also joining this year's talent line up are the Geezinslaws. For many years, the Geezinslaws have been regulars on a number of shows on The Nashville Network. The Austin-based comedy duo combines their considerable musical ability with the down home comedic talents.
 Jay Michaels and his band, Company, will also be making their first appearance on the state-wide telethon. Michaels is a popular vocalist and songwriter living in the Metroplex. He got his start in Abilene with the well-known band, Bareback.
 Regulars returning for the show include Peter Marshall, Anacani, Bill and Susan Hayes, Florence LaRue, Brad Maule, and the Cooper Fiddlers. Nine-year old Sidney Simpson of Abilene will also appear center stage during the show.
 Television stations in Abilene, San Angelo, Midland/Odessa, Lubbock, Amarillo, and Lawton, Oklahoma carry the telethon. In addition, the program is aired in Austin, Waco, Corpus Christi, and Laredo.
 The Rehab 2001 event also fea-

tures an auction which can be accessed nation-wide via the internet. An estimated \$150,000 in merchandise has been donated for the auction board. There will be a one-hour live telecast on television stations in Abilene and San Angelo at 6:00 p.m. preceding the five-hour Rehab 2001 telecast.
 In addition, those wishing to get in on the auction action are encouraged to click on the official website www.WestTexasRehab.org. The site is up now and information is posted. Also bids on the items are now being accepted via the Internet.
 This year Associated Publishing-Area-Wide Phone Books has joined AEP-WTU as corporate sponsors for the show. The show traditionally raises about 1-million dollars to help the West Texas Rehabilitation Center with facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona to provide services to some 17,000 men, women and children with disabilities.
 Almost one-third of the Center's annual operating budget of 12-million dollars must come from private contributions. The telethon launches the Rehab Center's year-

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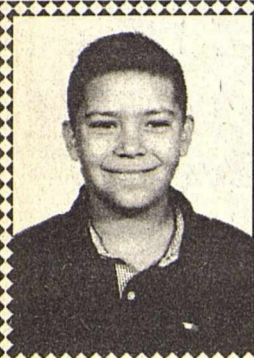
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Choi's Tae Kwon Do - Testing Results

Highest Intentions - Choi's Tae Kwon Do held their latest testing on December 13, 2000. The testing results were as follows: James Bean, Kash McGee, Andrea Guerrero, Courtney James, Curtis Lipham and Jacob Lipham progressed from a 9th White to an 8th Yellow; Jacob Cook went from 8th Yellow to 6th Green; Cadesman Pope, 7th Yellow to 6th Green; Chelsea Blackbird, Will Crittendon, Colyer Dermody, Marcos Gamez, Jesus Guerrero, Mark Holman, Jody Luttrell, Colton Moore, and Michael Stephens progressed from 6th Green to 5th Green; Steely Ingham and Alex Lang went from 5th Green to 4th Blue. Congratulations !!



Happy Belated 12th Birthday,
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December 30, 2000
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Mohair Council Annual Membership Meeting, January 17-18

The Mohair Council of America will hold its Annual Membership Meeting January 17 & 18, 2001 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in San Angelo. Anyone who raises angora goats or has an interest in the mohair industry is invited and encouraged to participate.

On Wednesday, January 17, the Texas Mohair Producers Board will convene at 1:30 p.m. TMPB will swear in four newly elected directors. They are Bill Zuberbuehler of Comstock, Pierce Miller of San Angelo, Lewis Bratton of Rochelle, and Robin Giles of Comfort. The Mohair Council Executive committee will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday. A reception for all in attendance will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Holiday Inn banquet room. On Thursday, January 18, the 2000 MCA directors will conduct their final meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Membership Meeting will follow at 9:15 a.m. At the conclusion of the membership meeting, the newly elected directors will meet briefly. All meetings are scheduled to adjourn by 12:30 p.m. at which time there will be a concluding lunch.

This year, the highlight of the meeting will be the launch of a new line of custom mohair rugs. Laurie Bray, of Atlanta, Georgia along with Zane Willard, MCA Executive Director, will unveil this latest floor-covering venture. The rugs will be formally introduced to the retail market at Surfaces 2001, the largest floor covering show in the U.S. to be held in Las Vegas later in January.

Also on the agenda of the membership meeting will be district caucuses to elect Mohair Council directors for the year 2001. Because of the brisk mohair sales last year, the number of directors will increase to 54 from the current 41.

Those planning to attend are asked to call Suzy Mears at the Mohair Council office in order to be included for materials and food. The MCA number is 655-3161 or 1-800-583-3161.

The Story of COLAS

Most people are aware that there are annual increases in Social Security benefits to offset the effects of inflation on fixed incomes. These increases, known as cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), are such an accepted feature of the program that it is difficult to imagine Social Security without them. But, in fact, when Ida May Fuller received the first \$22.54 benefit payment ever paid in January of 1940, this was the amount she could expect to receive for life.

It was not until the 1950 Amendments that Congress legislated the first COLA—a 77 percent increase! From that point on, benefits were increased only when Congress enacted special legislation.

In 1972, the law was changed to provide, beginning in 1975, for automatic annual COLAs based on the annual increase in consumer prices. The 1975-82 COLAs were effective with Social Security benefits payable for June of each of those years; thereafter, COLAs have been effective with benefits payable for December.

Automatic COLAs have ranged from a low of 1.3 to a high of 14.3. The current COLA, 3.5 percent, will be effective with benefits payable for December 2000.

No longer do beneficiaries have to await a special act of Congress to receive a benefit increase and no longer does inflation drain value from Social Security benefits.

Police Reports

12-26-2000 Theft Officer was dispatched to Will Carver Park in reference to a theft. Upon arrival Officer noticed that a small tree had been cut down and removed.

12-26-2000 Minor Accident Officer was dispatched to the Police Department in reference to a traffic accident. Driver of vehicle number 1 advised that a white pickup truck had struck her vehicle and left the scene. All attempts to locate the driver of vehicle number 2 were negative. The following day the driver of vehicle number 2 came into the Police Department. Driver of vehicle number two is being filed on for driving while license suspended.

12-27-2000 Runaway Officer was dispatched to the Sheriff's Office in reference to a runaway child. Upon arrival, Officer was met by the Mother of the child. She advised that her fourteen-year-old daughter had run away. Officers checked around her friend's residences and were unable to locate her. At this point, the Police Department listed the child in the state computer as a runaway. The following day, the child was reported in the New Street area. The child was located and taken into custody then transported to the Sheriff's Office to meet with the Juvenile Probation Officer. The Juvenile Probation Officer transported the juvenile to the San Angelo Juvenile Justice Center.

12-28-2000 Indecency W/Child All information is being withheld until all witnesses have been interviewed.

12-30-2000 Possession of Marijuana Officer was dispatched to the 200 block of north Highway 277 in reference to a traffic accident. Upon arrival, Officer was assisted by a State Trooper. The Trooper asked for consent to search the vehicle. Consent was granted and marijuana was located inside the vehicle. At this point, both occupants were read their rights. One of the occupants advised the Officers that the marijuana in question was his. A W/M named Brandon Palmer McIntosh DOB 03/23/82 from Naples, FL, was arrested for possession of marijuana and was transported to the County Jail.

12-31-2000 Lost Purse Officer was contacted via phone by a lady reporting she had left her purse at 601 north Highway 277 at a convenience store. Complainant advised

that she didn't discover it missing until she was in Ft. Stockton, Texas. Officer made contact with the store clerk and had negative results. The complainant advised the purse was leather and black in color.

12-31-2000 Dog Bite Officer was dispatched to the Hospital in reference to a child that had been bitten by a dog. Upon arrival, Officer spoke with the parent of the child. The child advised the Officer that he and some friends were skate boarding in the 300 Block of West Plum Street when a dog came up and bit him on the ear. The child received minor medical treatment and the dog was taken to the Animal Hospital. The dog was tested for rabies and the tests were negative.

12-31-2000 Fugitive from Justice Officer assisted State Trooper on a traffic stop in the 900 Block of Northwest Crockett Avenue. Trooper arrested driver (Verna Frazer Rook DOB 01/26/64 from Sonora, Texas) of the vehicle and wanted to release the vehicle to another subject with a valid driver license, Richard Carl Harris DOB 11/28/65 from Sonora, Texas relative of arrested driver volunteered to take possession of the vehicle. Officer checked Harris's driver license number on the State Computer and it came back as a wanted person from Tom Green County (San Angelo, Texas). Harris was arrested for felony DWI and was transported to the County Jail.

12-31-2000 Structure Fire Officer was flagged down by a motorist that advised him that smoke was coming from an apartment building located in the 500 block of Water Avenue. Officer advised dispatch to page the Fire Department. Upon arrival, Officer noticed smoke coming from the upstairs apartment. Sonora PD Officer's, Sheriff's Department and State Troopers assisted in securing the area while the fire department fought the fire. At this point the fire cause and origin has not been determined. Officers are in the process of taking witness statements and the case is under investigation.

01-02-2001 Theft Officer was dispatched to the Golf Course in reference to a theft. Upon arrival, Officer met the complainant, who stated someone had removed an electric heater from the women's bathroom. The complainant advised the heater cost approximately \$25.00.

Arispe Graduates With Honors



Serina Torres Arispe received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Angelo State University on December 15, 2000. Serina graduated magna cum laude, was in the top 10% of her class and was in several honor societies. She will continue on to graduate school at ASU. Serina is the daughter of Ben and Josie Torres of Sonora and is married to Johnny Arispe. They have one son, Mason and are expecting their second son.

F.Y.I.

The 4th Grade Webelos will have their next den meeting on Monday, January 8th, 2001. The meeting will be at the Boy Scout Hut from 5:00 - 6:30.

Report cards will be distributed on Thursday, January 4, 2001 along with the 1999-2000 School Report Card and the Parent, Student, Teacher Agreement. Please sign and return your child's report card and the agreement. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 387-5669. There will be a 1:00 dismissal for all schools on Wednesday, January 10, 2001.

Registration is still being taken for Little Dribbler's at Business Basics, 112 N. Concho Ave. Practices will begin on Saturday, January 13, 2001.

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. Thanks for your

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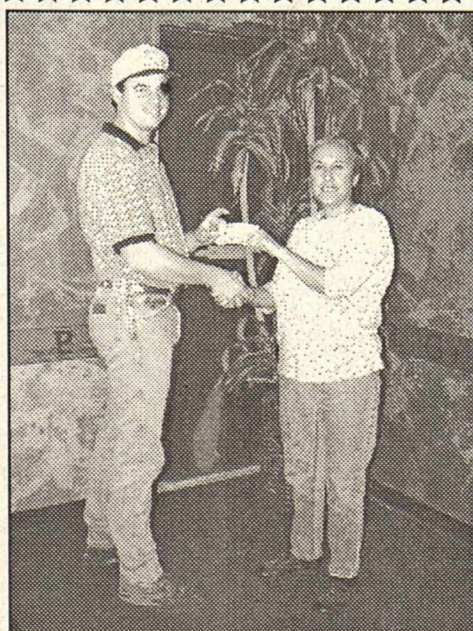
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Employee of the Month



Sutton County Steakhouse congratulates Andrea Chavez for being November 2000 Employee of the Month.

College Financial Aid Resources Help Families

For many families with seniors in high school, it's the season to get busy with financial aid applications for college.

Experts at ACT offer the following information to help families find the resources they need to complete their financial aid paperwork.

The most important form is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA determines eligibility for student financial aid from federal programs. Colleges and universities also use the FAFSA, but may also require students to fill out additional forms. Families can begin submitting their FAFSA forms any time after Jan. 1 when they have the necessary income statements from the previous year to complete the form.

The FAFSA, available from high school counselors or at www.fafsa.ed.gov, collects information that is used to determine how much the family is expected to contribute toward the student's education (Expected Family Contribution, or EFC). Families usually receive a Student Aid Report three to four weeks after submitting the FAFSA form. It will summarize the data reported on the application. (Families can get estimates of what their EFC may be and the costs of attending specific institutions by using ACT's Financial Aid Need Estimator at www.act.org/fane.)

Families can find information on more than 600,000 scholarships totaling more than \$1.6 billion at

www.collegenet.com. This website provides a broad search of scholarships or a list of scholarships by category such as age, academics, ethnicity, interests, nationality or sports. Students also can apply online for the scholarships. For additional opportunities, including local scholarships, please see your school counselor.

Financial Aid tips from ACT:

- * Apply early for admission and financial aid.
- * Check with your college to determine if other financial aid forms are required.
- * Apply for scholarships and grants.
- * Look into Work Study programs.

* Surf the web for financial aid information.

* Try these websites:

Financial Aid Need Estimator and financial aid information -- www.act.org/fane

Free scholarship search -- www.collegenet.com

The Financial Aid Information Page -- www.finaid.org

The Federal Government Financial Aid Page -- www.ed.gov/finaid.html

Free Application for Federal Student Aid -- www.fafsa.ed.gov

College Scholarship Search -- www.collegenet.com

Scholarship scams -- www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/scholarship

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New UN Treaty Ratified Quietly

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The UN Convention to Combat Desertification was ratified by the US Senate on October 18, but few Senators yet know that it has been ratified. Senator Craig Thomas (R-WY) introduced a package of 34 treaties, all of which were ratified by a show of hands - no recorded vote. Initially, Senator Thomas' office told callers that the Senator had nothing to do with the ratification. On December 8, his office called to explain that Senator Thomas just happened to be on the Senate Floor late in the afternoon of October 18 and was asked by the leadership to handle, procedurally, the package of treaties. Senator Thomas has asked the Foreign Relations Committee to explain how, and why, the Desertification Treaty was included in the package.

At the recent climate change talks in the Hague, Senator Larry Craig (R-ID) said the treaty had not been ratified - until corrected by one of his staff. Phone calls to Senator Fred Thompson (R-TN) and other Senators caught staffers off guard: Nobody knew how their boss voted on the ratification. They could not know; there was no recorded vote.

This treaty was signed by the Clinton administration in 1994. It has been locked up in the Foreign Relations Committee since.

Normally, treaties of such monumental importance are debated in committee and then forwarded to the Senate floor for further debate and disposition.

Not this time. The treaty appeared in a package of 34 treaties - most of which were single-issue treaties with single nations, dealing with stolen vehicles, criminals, and the like.

The Desertification Treaty, however, is not a single-issue treaty with a single nation. This treaty is one of several environmental treaties that emerged from the 1992 UN Conference on Environment & Development in Rio de Janeiro. One of those treaties, the Convention on Climate Change, was ratified in 1992. The Convention on Biological Diversity failed ratification in 1994. The Convention to Combat Desertification was skillfully maneuvered through the Senate to avoid the public reaction which killed the Convention on Biological Diversity.

The Desertification Treaty claims jurisdiction over 70% of the earth's land area - virtually all of the land that is not covered by the Convention on Biological Diversity. Moreover, this new

treaty creates a structure through which all other environmental treaties are supposed to be integrated under a common United Nations implementation regime. A companion treaty is now being developed by the UN Commission on Water for the 21st Century. The United Nations is, in fact, creating the structure in international law, through its extensive bureaucracies, to control the use of all natural resources on earth.

The U.S. Senate ratified the treaty on October 18, 2000 - whether or not it knew what it was doing. On November 17, the Clinton administration delivered the ratification documents to the United Nations. The US is now bound by the international law that claims the power to dictate land use in 70% of the earth's land.

The name of the treaty implies that it is concerned about deserts; in fact, it is concerned about all land use. To combat desertification, the treaty seeks to prevent land use that its enforcers think may lead to desertification. Converting forests to pasture, for example, or pasture to row crops, or crop land to subdivisions - those are all uses that may lead to desertification, according to literature produced by the United Nations.

There is no distinction between federal land and privately owned land when it comes to land use under the jurisdiction of the UN. The UN sees its role to be the establishment of policy - it is up to the participating nations to see that the policy is implemented. The recent rash of land acquisition measures promoted by the administration and Congress seeks to get more land under federal ownership. The vast expansion of regulatory control over land use by all federal agencies makes it easier for the US to comply with its international obligations under a variety of international treaties. This new treaty extends even further the US obligation to control land use.

According to the treaty itself, no reservations can be included in its ratification (Article 37). The Resolution of Ratification adopted by the Senate contains several reservations - all of which will be ignored by the United Nations.

Withdrawal from the treaty cannot even begin until after three years of participation, and then another year must pass before withdrawal is recognized by the UN - assuming, of course, that there is some desire in the Senate to withdraw.

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Texas 100 Stock Index Declines in November

(Austin)—Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander's Texas 100 Stock Index fell 10.3 points, or 8.1 percent in November, to 116.8. Technology stocks suffered the biggest drop, but all sectors of the index saw declines, except entertainment and travel. In comparison, the Standard and Poor's 500 lost 8 percent and the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 5.1 percent.

The entertainment and travel sector rose 6.4 percent, with both restaurant and airline stocks gaining value. Tricon Restaurants (Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, KFC) saw the biggest gain (up 20 percent), after announcing plans to sell 300 company-owned restaurants to franchisees in 2001 and add 1,350 locations worldwide.

The greatest November losses occurred in the volatile high-tech sector, which fell 18.1 percent. Only defense contractors saw modest increases in their stock values. Computer and telecommunications companies took a beating, including Lucent Technologies Inc. (down 33.2 percent), Motorola Inc. (down 19.5 percent), Dell Computer Corp. (down 34.7 percent) and Compaq Computer Corp. (down 29.3 percent). Chip maker Texas Instruments Inc. also fell 23.9 percent. Worldwide retail sales of personal computers are down 12-15 percent compared to a year ago.

Stock values in the "other" (non-high tech) manufacturing

sector fell one-half percent. Two companies have announced consolidation plans. Pepsico Inc. is bidding to acquire Quaker Oats, which owns Gatorade in addition to Quaker cereals. Tyson Foods, which has more than 25 percent of the poultry market, is bidding for IBP (Iowa Beef), the nation's largest beef packer and second-largest hog processor.

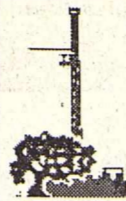
The continuing high price of crude oil means higher profits for oil companies, however energy stock prices dipped 3.8 percent in November.

Retail stock prices fell 11.5 percent. Worst hit was Best Buy Co., which lost 48.7 percent of its value.

Finance and service company stock prices dropped by 4.4 percent. Bank stocks suffered after Bank of America (down 16.9 percent) disclosed \$1 billion in bad loans. Xerox Corp. stock fell 17.8 percent in November, bringing its total decline this year to more than 75 percent.

The monthly Texas 100 Stock Index tracks the stock prices of the 100 largest Texas employers whose stock is publicly traded. The index reflects the current value of one dollar invested in each of its component companies in December 1997. That investment would now be worth \$116.82.

Rig Locations as of December 29, 2000



Crockett County
 New Tema Oil and Gas Co.; 6300' Daniel - State - 2 - #8, Key Energy.
 Harrison Interests; 9000' Vada Bean Gas Unit - 2C - #12, Patterson Drilling.
Pogo Producing Co.; 8500' Ranch Hand - 7 - #1, Cleere Drilling.
New Encore Operating; 8200' Jones Ranch - A - #1727, Cleere Drilling.
J. Cleo Thompson; 8000' Vaughan - 61 - #1, Patterson Drilling.
New Union Pacific; 7600' W.C. Montgomery #53, Patterson Drilling.
Oxy Permian; 6500' MK Daniel - 110 - #6, Cleere Drilling.

Sutton County
New Burlington Res/Mid; 6860', Deberry Heirs Unit #5, Cleere Drilling.
Burlington Res/Mid; 5850', Steen - #50, Patterson Drilling.
Louis Dreyfus; 8250' Duke Wilson #1881 R, Patterson Drilling.
New Louis Dreyfus; 5600' Cusenbary - 71 - #9, Patterson Drilling.
Louis Dreyfus; 8350' Mayer #23, Patterson Drilling.
New Louis Dreyfus; 6150' Shurley - 94 - #9, Patterson Drilling.
New KCS Medallion; 5800' Miers - A - #1520, Patterson Drilling.

Terrell County
Conoco/Midland; 12533', Culbertson #182 H, Nabors Drilling.
New Athanor Texas; 9000', Mitchell Unit - 1 - #2011, Cleere Drilling.

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Beef Up Your Knowledge at Cattle Raisers School

FORT WORTH, Texas. —Cattle producers attending the seventh annual TSCRA School for Successful Ranching will be able to beef up their knowledge on toxic plant identification and the best methods of handling cattle to ensure quality beef.

The school will be held March 24-25, 2001, at the Austin convention center, immediately preceding Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association's 124th annual convention. Eight CEUs will be available, pending approval by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Five CEUs will be earned by attending the school, and three more may be earned by completing some "home work" on toxic plants.

"Extension" range and "livestock" specialists have teamed up with toxicologists at the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University to conduct a day-long workshop. Participants will get hands-on training that emphasizes practical identification of some of Texas' most significant problem plants, how to spot critical sites or conditions in a pasture, symptoms of poisoning in livestock, and integrated management strategies to minimize losses.

Participants will also receive a copy of the new book, Toxic Plants of Texas, Integrated Management Strategies. This full-color, first edition is an excellent reference on the management and identification of more than 100 plants which can poison livestock. It includes a handy field key to poisoning symptoms, discussions on appropriate animal treatments and take-home material for earning the extra three CEUs.

Six hours of the school program will be devoted to the very first Texas Beef Quality Producer training session, with three segments emphasizing beef safety, beef quality and the impact of beef production on the environment.

In the beef safety segment, participants will learn about ranch-

level management practices that should be avoided to ensure that the beef industry continues to provide the consumer with the safest, most wholesome product in the world. Included are topics like preventing feed contamination, antibiotic residues, broken needles and buckshot/birdshot.

In the beef quality segment, instructors will focus on topics such as herd health, castration, dehorning, injection sites, proper handling and administration of vaccines. Environmental issues like water quality, grazing management, riparian areas and the disposal of dead livestock are also an important component of Beef Quality Assurance training.

All participants will receive a truck decal and a certificate verifying completion of the first level of the Texas Beef Quality Producer Program. The multi-level program provides an opportunity for Texas cow-calf and stocker operators to become trained in Beef Quality Assurance, customize a BQA management plan for their own operations and get assistance in documenting these best management practices.

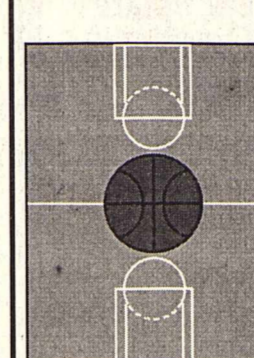
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For more information on TSCRA's School for Successful Ranching, contact Todd M. Tippet, at 1 (800) 242-7820, ext. 145 or tippet@texasattleraisers.org.

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 123-year-old trade organization whose 13,500 members manage approximately 2.7 million head of cattle on 58.9 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma.

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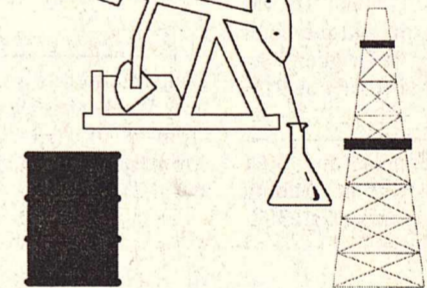
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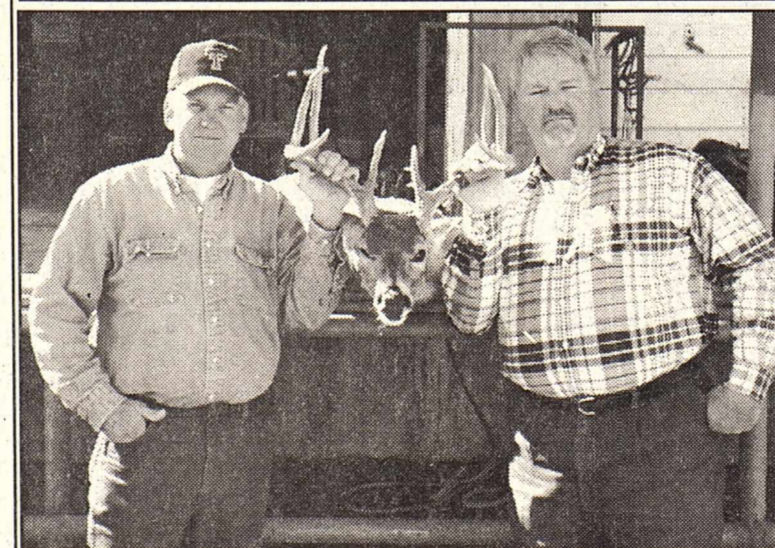
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Sutton County Game Biologist, Mary Humphrey reported that the buck was about 6 1/2 years old. The deer had 18 pts. (that you could "hang a ring on") but only 13 points were scored using the Boone & Crockett method (being at least one inch tall). This caused the deer to be a typical 8 pt. with 5 extra abnormal pts. with a gross score of 149 4/8 and a net of 145 4/8.

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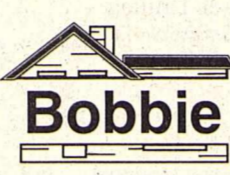
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