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Broncos continue tradition by winning Bi-District

by Ray and Nancy Glasscock

The 2003 Sonora Broncos kept the playoff tradition alive with a decisive 43 to 8 victory over the Marfa Shorthorns last Saturday night in Odessa. Five of the Bronco touchdowns came in the first half. Four were offensive and one was defensive in this almost penalty free game.

Stetson Perez scored the first touchdown at the 9:41 point in the first quarter on a three yard run. The drive had started at the 31 yard line. Most of the 69 yards came on two big plays. Clint Cearley hit Anthony Longoria for a 28 yard pass completion. Caleb Ramos avoided a tackler and hit Austin Wagoner over the middle for a 29 yard gain to the six yard line setting up Perez's touchdown from the Husker. Wagoner split the uprights for the 7 to 0 early score.

The Shorthorns fumbled the Bronco kickoff and Steven Duhon recovered on their 20 yard line. After Perez gained five yards, Cearley hit Wagoner on a screen pass for a 15 yard catch and run for the second touchdown. Wagoner again kicked the PAT. The Shorthorns found themselves 14 points behind without having ever touched the ball on offense.

The Shorthorns went three and out. The Broncos started on offense on their 28 yard line. Scottie Moore gained 20 yards



A herd of Broncos bring down a Shorthorn.

Photo by Patti Strauch

on the draw play. Ramos hit Longoria for a first down. Cearley hit Duhon for a first down. Perez ran for 12 yards followed by a 19 yard run by Ramos to the six yard line. From the six, Ramos dropped back and hit Wagoner in the end zone for the third Bronco touchdown. Wagoner split the uprights to make the score 21 to 0 in the first quarter.

On the second Marfa series, Boomer Galindo made a hard tackle for a loss. On third down, Wagoner caused a fumble that Tom Valiant recovered. Trying for a quick score,

Cearley threw deep over the middle for Chris Martin, but the Marfa defender made a nice play on the ball and intercepted the pass. The Shorthorns were able to move the ball until Diego Cardona recovered a Shorthorn fumble at their 46 yard line. Ramos gained 10 yards on the keeper. Wilson Wallace gained four yards on a pass from Ramos. Perez weaved his way through the tacklers for 15 yards. On third down, Cearley threw to Wagoner for a first down at the seven. On the next play, he threw to Wagoner for the fourth

Bronco touchdown making the score 28 to 0 with 7:25 left in the half.

The next Shorthorn series again ended in a punt after Valliant made an outstanding one arm tackle for a loss on third down. The Broncos quickly moved the ball with a 28 yard run by Perez and a 22 yard pass completion from Cearley to Duhon. Cearley hit Martin with a pass at the ten yard line, and Martin dragged several Shorthorns to the two before they could stop him.

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Sonora ISD earns state's highest Fiscal Accountability Rating

Sonora Independent School District officials announced that the district received a rating of "Superior Achievement" under Texas' new Schools FIRST financial accountability rating system. The Superior Achievement rating is the state's highest, demonstrating the quality of Sonora ISD's financial management and reporting system.

This is the first year of Schools FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas), a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999. The primary goal of Schools FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources, a goal made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system.

"We are very pleased with Sonora ISD's Schools FIRST

rating," said SISD Superintendent Brant Myers, "as it shows that our district is making the most of our taxpayers' dollars. This rating shows that Sonora's schools are accountable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently."

The Schools FIRST accountability rating system assigns one of four financial accountability ratios to Texas school districts, with the highest being "Superior Achievement," followed by "Above-Standard Achievement," "Standard Achievement" and "Substandard Achievement."

Districts with serious data quality problems may receive the additional rating of "Suspended - Data Quality." Districts that receive the "Substandard Achievement" or "Suspended - Data Quality" ratings under Schools FIRST must file a corrective action plan with the Texas Education Agency.

Water District discusses new district rule changes

by Cindy Cawley

Directors of the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District met Tuesday, November 11, 2003 for their regular monthly meeting. In attendance were Bob Brockman, Jim Cusenbary, Ralph Mayer and Joe David Ross. Director Dean Dermody was not present. Others present were Cindy Cawley, Virgil Polocek and George Thorp.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ralph Mayer to acknowledge visitors, approve minutes, review the financial report and pay bills. Directors then were notified of the upcoming 4th grade water conservation seminar scheduled for November 24, 2003. The Edwards-Plateau SWCD, TAEX and Sutton County UWCD have been past participants and sponsors of the program. The Directors agreed to host the meal for the seminar and approve the participation of Cindy Cawley and Virgil Polocek as speakers.

As part of education, the Board discussed the need for more media coverage on new district rule changes and activities of the district. An advertising campaign and news article strategy along with the creation of a website for the District was discussed and approved. The Board also approved the posting of a part time technician job. The part time technician will complete necessary field work, data input and creation, and upkeep of the water district website.

Cindy Cawley, District Manager, gave a report on a legal discussion regarding compliance of District Rules by water well drillers and landowners. Cindy Cawley noted that landowners and drillers are responsible for notifying the District prior to drilling. It is a state legal requirement that the District have all wells in the District registered and/or permitted. As of October 15, 2003 landowners and drillers are required to fill out a one page form (Notice of Intent to Drill) with the District. This form begins the process to approve a well for drilling and registration or permitting. The type of water use is used to determine whether the well must be registered or permitted.

Other business attended to by the Board included approving a contractual agreement with the Appraisal District and approving an auditor for the Sutton County UWCD.

Regular reports of monthly activity, aquifer recharge water levels and weather modification were given.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office, 301 S. Crockett Ave., Sonora. The public is invited.

School Board hears annual report on SISD's status

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met for a regular meeting at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, November 10, 2003.

Board members present were Scott Jacoby - President, Jesse Bustamante, Tammy Favila, Tryon Fields, Barbara Jennings, Tom Payton and Brant Myers - Superintendent

Sam David Hernandez was absent from the meeting.

Others present for the meeting were, School Officials: Doug Bawcom, Kay Friess, John Berry, Diane Jacoby, Alice Cox, Cynthia Keel, Louise Dermody.

Juan Acevedo, Mike McGee, Bonnie Lou Campbell and John Williams all attended as visitors.

On behalf of the PTO, Bonnie Lou Campbell invited board members to attend the PTO meeting and student talent show on Monday, November 24, at 6 P.M. in the Elementary Auditorium. Additionally, Campbell expressed her concern, and that of other parents who had contacted her, regarding student safety with the ongoing construction project at Elementary School.

In the absence of the Chief Appraiser, the Superintendent reported that \$415,966.15 of the current levy had been collected for the month of October.

Superintendent Myers reviewed revenue, expenditures, and current bills in the amount of \$421,772.87.

Myers stated that enrollment was at its highest peak during his tenure and stood at 933. However, he stated that attendance, while .63 above the district's goal, was still down from the same time in 2002.

The Superintendent then reviewed the following areas:

1. Campus - porch overhangs have been redone and outdoor lighting will be installed at the Administration Building; work is still continuing on the High School showers and the air conditioning system;

2. Extra-Curricular - the baseball and softball fields have been reseeded, the Maintenance Director is building wall seating to be installed in the gym, and a quote has been received to repair the roofs on the Middle School Gyms and the Board will have to consider this item at a future meeting;

3. Housing - a lawn problem (grubs) at the Castle Hill Apartments has been addressed; deteriorating plumbing at the Superintendent's house has been repaired and ongoing repair is being done regarding the copper tubing which was leaking in the walls of the house.

Myers stated that he was not satisfied with the quote received for automated food service tickets. He said that the district was still looking at various programs and he would present information at a future meeting. He expressed his appreciation to the Board for allowing him to take vacation time to move forward with his education and to complete his advanced degree.

Myers gave the annual report on the district's status, covering the following areas: academic standing, attendance, enrollment, extra-curricular, facilities, finance, housing, maintenance, personnel, safety, technology, and transportation. Myers summed up his remarks by stating that although the district should continually strive for improvement, it was his opinion that Sonora ISD was in good shape and that he had a great administrative team, teachers, and district wide staff.

Board members commented that they liked the new format used by the Superintendent to detail the district's status.

John Williams, Pflugger and Associates, and Mike McGee, T. M. Davis, presented information regarding the construction project. Mr. Williams commented that he had worked for a number of construction superintendents and that Mr. McGee was doing an outstanding job in supervising the project.

Additionally, the Superintendent requested that board members advise him if they would prefer to tour the Rock Building on an individual basis or if they would like the tour to be an agenda item for the December meeting.

High School Counselor Kay Friess gave the annual Safe and Drug Free Schools Report. The Board unanimously approved the bond for the Tax Assessor/Collector. A copy of the official bond/oath document is attached to and made an integral part to the minutes.

It was approved to cast the

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Sutton County Health Foundation receives a generous donation

by Storie Sharp

The Sutton County Health Foundation received a large boost last week with a generous donation of \$100,000.

Alvis and Patricia Johnson, strong supporters of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital and the Health Foundation, made their contribution known at the Tuesday, November 11, 2003 meeting. An initial cash donation was made in the beginning stages of the Foundation, and Alvis followed up by giving stock and a life insurance policy on Tuesday, totaling the \$100,000.

"Sutton County has been awfully good to Patricia and I in gas proceeds, and last year the stock market was good for us, so we wanted to give back," said Alvis.

Johnson was the President of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Board of Directors for 14 years and has a long standing love for Sutton County.

"I really think this hospital is important to our community and it will be difficult to keep when the minerals play out. This Health Foundation will help supplement the hospital and will help keep taxes from going up at a later date," Alvis said. "We hope that others that have gained financially from Sutton County will see this as an inspiration and will also pledge contributions to the Foundation. About 77% of Sutton County taxes come from minerals, once that is gone the Foundation will be needed to keep the hospital running."

The Cauthorn Trust has also contributed \$100,000 to the Health Foundation and any other monies collected thus far have been from memorials and donations.

Planter Box wins Best Public Improvement Project award

by Mary Ann Kay

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program entered and won, with the "Welcome to Sonora Planter Box" project, at the recent Texas Downtown Association Awards program.

The project, which was a partnered effort between The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program and Texas Department of Transportation. The planter box won in the category of "Best Public Improvement Project - Small Town". The "Best Public Improvement Project" category recognizes a project that improves public spaces within a boundaries of a business district.

The announcement was made during the annual conference of the TDA and the Texas Main Street Program of the Texas Historical Commission. The awards ceremony celebrates the best projects, people and places in Texas downtowns in twelve categories and has been held for more than a decade. This year's event was held in Austin, Texas.

"Each year, the quality of submissions increases," stated Tony Eeds of White Rock Studio in Dallas, who is a TDA Board member and awards co-chair. "It is very obvious from the entries that there is great passion and enthusiasm in creation and innovative projects."

Ann Kay, Sonora's Main Street Program manager and awards co-chair, adds, "What we can see from the awards entries is that downtown truly remains the heart of the community and a place in which people are willing to invest their time and their money."

Since 1998 alone, 58 entries have won awards and received statewide recognition for their efforts. This year, there were 66 entries from 28 Texas downtowns.

Paul Chevalier, a former engineer for TXDOT and the FHS Board of Directors began the Planter Box project about three years ago, after TXDOT completed a beautification landscape project of oak trees, bridge work and new sidewalks entering Sonora.

This project is a winner because of the commitment and dedication of all the people that worked together to complete the Welcome to Sonora Wall and the Planter Box.

Sonora had two entries that made the finals at the awards ceremony, the Planter Box for Best Public Improvements - Small town the Eaton Hill project in the Community/Humanitarian Spirit category.

Other winners were: Best Store Interior/Best Commercial Interior - Retail: Garcia Glass Art, San Antonio/Southtown, Professional: 3D/I Architecture Offices, San Antonio, Best Adaptive Reuse - Central Fire Station, Denton, and Javamotion,

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Grant allows for new computers at Sonora ISD and Sutton County Library



Alice Cox, Candy Davis and Florie Gonzales are proud of the new computers purchased with grant funds.

Sonora ISD counselors, Alice Cox, Candy Davis and Kay Friess wrote a grant proposal for a TIF CAT-D grant (Computer Accommodations for Texans with Disabilities) for the Telecommunications Technology for People with Disabilities. The grant from the Human Health Service Commission, offered a total of two million dollars to be used toward providing technology accessibility for school students, and the general public, with disabilities. Sonora ISD received \$169,245, allowing them to purchase 42 computers, 15 printers and five scanners. The grant called for SISD to partner with a community entity, so they teamed with the Sutton County Library so more of the public could use the technology. Four new computers, a new printer and scanner have been placed in the Library for use with high speed internet access. The remainder of the money from the grant will be used to purchase software that will enable disabled users to access a variety of programs.

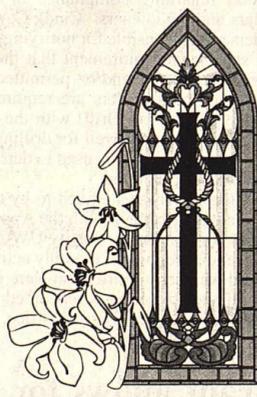
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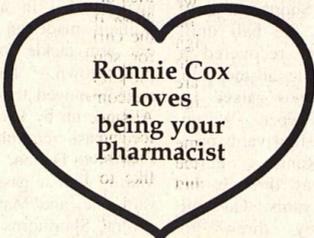
Card of Thanks

A special thank you to a great bunch of 4-H club members that gave their time and energy to help with the recent EMT class. The makeup and play acting really helped this class learn how to treat patients and be better caregivers. Without your help we couldn't have done it! Thank you - Serena Allison, Emily Butler, Amelia Butler, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Steely Ingham, Stella Ingham, Madison Myers and Bailey Joe Pennington.
Sutton County E.M.S.

We would like to thank our friends and relatives for the flowers, cards, food, phone calls and prayers in memory of Georgette. We will always remember everything you have done for us as words can not express how deeply we appreciate your support.
Sincerely,
The McManus, Joseph, Reynolds and Butler Families

We would like to express our gratitude to all our friends and family who were there for us during my recent hospital stay. A special thanks to our family especially Janice, Granddad G and also to all the Grider Boys, Doctors, Police and Reverend Don. We appreciate all your prayers, visits, food and flowers.
Donald and Deborah Bean,
James and Jade

Thank you Sonora, for a fun weekend of high school rodeo. Everyone had a good time visiting here and asked that we make this an annual event! This is great for our community and for the High School Rodeo Association. An event this large could never be possible without help, and we want to send a special thank you to: Schleicher County EMT's for their services, National Oil Well for sponsoring the supplies for the concession stand, Ann Kay and the Friends of Historic Sonora for providing the insurance, Armando for preparing the park area, Mr. Jimmy Powers for preparing the arena and providing and driving the tractor, Production Control Services (PCS) for sponsoring the EMT's for the rodeo, El Taqueria for the wonderful homemade tortillas used in the concession stand, Judge Carla Garner for all her help in making this rodeo possible, Sonic of Sonora for their help, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, KHOS Radio and The Devil's River News for the advertising, Alco, Devil's River Days Inn for their generous donation, the Sutton County 4-H for their sound system and all the volunteers that did not have kids competing, but gave generously of their time - Elizabeth Schenkel, Mickey Sharp, Casey (Petie) Lewis, Steve Morriss, Stacey Pennington, Mike Friess, Sonny Samaneigo, Lewis Baker, Dayton Armke, Tan Cade, Alec Morrow, Case McDonald, and anyone else that we may have overlooked. Thanks for making this rodeo possible. We appreciate your help! We look forward to having the high school rodeo here again next year.
Sincerely,
Callaway & Ronda Hall
THSRA



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Lockhart, Best Rehabilitation Project - Spindletop Restaurant, Beaumont, and Kathleen C. Cailloux City Center for the Performing Arts, Kerrville, Best New Construction Project - Public: Austin Convention Center, Austin, Private: Valencia Hotel, San Antonio, Best Promotional Event - Cultural: Arts & Wine Renaissance, Denison, Community-wide: Reunion Celebration 2002, Brownwood, Best Restoration Project - Beaumont Hotel, Beaumont, Best Downtown Management Program - City of Mineola, Downtowner of the Year - Sinclair Black, Austin, Community Spirit Award - Community/Humanitarian Spirit: Brazos Valley Hospice, Bryan and Community/Built Environment Spirit: Onion Shed, Farmersville, Best Public Improvement Project - Big City: Cotswold Project Phase I, Houston, Small Town: Planter Boxes, Sonora, New Town - Denton Master Plan, Denton.

The Friends of Historic Sonora would like to express their appreciation to the Texas Department of Transportation, District Engineer Walter McCullough, John DeWitt, Gary Enos, Area Engineer Hilario Rodarte, Robert R. Hidalgo, Romero V. Perez, Jr. Sally Gonzales, Paul Chevalier and John Shinn for helping make this dream a reality.

We would also like to thank the City of Sonora, Carl J. Cahill, Inc., AEP-WTU, Newkirk Electric, Sanchez Welding & Construction, Avila Sprinkler System, and Poplar Street Greenhouse (Jo Davis). The beautiful rock for this project was donated from the Tryon and Cindy Fields Ranch, in memory of Herbert and Loise Fields and also, from the Arturo "Square" and Brenda Sanchez Ranch.

We want to thank The Bank & Trust of Sutton County, KHOS Radio, former Mayor Jim Stephen, Johnny Solis, Carlos Gallegos, Mary Ann Kay, Michelle Weingart, Devil's River News, Friends of Historic Main Street Program supporters and Board of Directors: Joy Galbreath, Roy Jean Johnson, Shelly Hughes, Rachel Duran, Tabby Sanchez-Abrego, Maura Weingart, Bruce Kerbow, Smith Neal, and the two members who started the project and helped with the finishing touches, Nancy Davis and the late, Vivian Miers.

Judges for this year's awards event were Wayne Bell, Architect, Texas Main Street cities graduate program: Chris Carson of Ford, Powell and Carson, San Antonio and a commissioner of the Texas Historical Commission; Mickey Salehi, Director of Capital Planning and Store Programming for Neiman Marcos stores; Paige Taylor, Account Executive Texas Monthly Magazine in Austin; and Mitch Wright, Vice-President/Landscape Architect of Land Strategies Inc. in Austin.

For more information on the association, conference or award program, contact the Texas Downtown Association at 512-472-7832 or info@texasdowntown.org.

Obituaries

Jo Hardgrave

Jo W. Hardgrave, 82, of San Angelo passed away Wednesday, November 12, 2003, in San Angelo.

Graveside services were at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 15, in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens, with the Rev. Mills Caraway officiating. Jo was born December 2, 1920, in San Angelo to E.J. and Minnie Louise Lewis Hardgrave. He graduated from San Angelo High School and attended The University of Texas, where he received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He was a captain in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II during which he flew the "Hump", a famous resupply mission from India to China over the Himalayan Mountains. Jo returned to San Angelo after the war where he met and later married Marjorie Mae Pustejovsky on December 27, 1947. They moved to Sonora and were engaged in ranching. He founded Reliable Equipment Company, producing water trough floats from 1961 until 1983. He was an officer in the Downtown Lions Club of Sonora, the treasurer of the Sonora Golf Club and a dedicated volunteer member of the Meals for The Elderly program of San Angelo. Jo also had a love for the game of racquetball and played competitively until the age of 76.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Marje Hardgrave; and one brother, Robert Hardgrave.

He is survived by his loving family, son, Gary Hardgrave and wife, Kathy, of Sonora; daughter, Vickie Murr and husband, Sam, of Sonora; daughter, Carol Gay Bennett and husband, Gordon, of San Angelo; grandchildren, Kristen Michelle Hardgrave of Dallas, Ryan William Lewis Hardgrave of San Antonio, Jared Joseph Bennett of Austin and Chase Gordon Bennett of San Angelo; and one brother, James Hardgrave Jr. of Carmel Valley, California.

Our dad was a devoted husband and father especially as shown by the care he gave our mother. We will miss him dearly.

Memorials may be made to the Meals for the Elderly Program, 310 E. Houston Harte San Angelo, Texas 76903. The family wishes to express a heartfelt thanks to Margaret Hall and the staff at Baptist Memorials that gave us so much of themselves in the loving care, of our father; you were truly a blessing to our family.



Macario Fuentes

Macario Fuentes, 71, died Saturday, November 15, 2003, in a Brownwood nursing home. Services were at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 18, 2003 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with burial in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral home.

Survivors include his wife, Agapita Garivay Fuentes of Eldorado; daughters, Yolanda Balderas of Piedras Negras, Coah., Mexico, Juanita Coronado of Dallas, Ascension de Balderas of Jimenez Coah., Mexico; sons, Alberto Fuentes Sr., Jeronimo Fuentes, Julian Fuentes and Jose Lino Fuentes, all of Eldorado, and Meliton Fuentes, Macario Fuentes Jr. and Enrique Fuentes, all of Piedras Negras; and sisters, Antonia Sanchez of Uvalde and Eulojia Salinas of San Antonio.

Jean T. Harris

Jean T. Harris, 68, died Thursday, November 13, 2003. Services were at 11:00 a.m., Monday, November 17, 2003 at First Baptist Church with burial in Resthaven Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home.

Survivors include sons, Wayne Alaman of Sundown, David Alaman of Sonora and Terry Harris of Jacksboro; daughter, Diane Hodges of McCamey; and brothers, Vernon Tucker of Crane and Billy Wayne Tucker of Gardendale.

Senior Center News

Nov. 24 - Bingo.
Nov. 25 - Diabetes Day at our Center with Maria Carrasco, RN. Come visit us!
Nov. 26 - Birthday Party for November Babies! Noon.
Nov. 27 - Happy Thanksgiving Day! Center Closed!
Nov. 28 - Center closed for Thanksgiving Holidays!

Senior Center Menu

Nov. 24 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, orange, milk.
Nov. 25 - Baked ham, glazed yams, squash (mix), wheat roll, jello with fruit, milk.
Nov. 26 - Cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, crackers, fruit salad with citrus.
Nov. 27 - Happy Thanksgiving! Center will be closed! Sign up for Holiday Meals.
Nov. 28 - Center closed for Thanksgiving Holiday! Call 387-3888 for emergencies.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others. *Menu is subject to change.*
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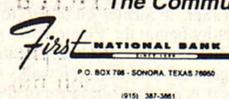
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Nov. 20 Sonora Elementary & Middle School Thanksgiving Lunch	Dec. 5 Christmas Bazaar • Civic Center 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Nov. 24 County Commissioners Meeting 9:00 a.m. • City Hall PTO Talent Show & Meeting 6:00 p.m.	Dec. 6 Christmas Fair & Lighting Downtown Sonora 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer,
Secretary
Sutton County Historical
Society

Q. It was always the tradition in Sonora to have raffle tickets drawn at Xmas time and I want you to explain that to some of the people in your column please?

A. I will agree that they did do raffle type tickets in a large drum for many years but it was not the earliest traditional Xmas drawing. Going back through the history of promotions in Sonora, I found that the Santa Bucks or coupons are a much older practice. I think the raffle ticket type of promotion has gone on for many years now but your ancestors collected coupons for each 50 cent purchase they made and saved them up to buy items.

The Devil's River News of Nov. 10, 1900 states that on January 1, 1901 the undersigned firms will give away these two valuable presents to their customers free: 1 - \$150 Studebaker buggy and 1 - Organ. Beginning October 10 they started to issue the coupons and on January 1st, the first person holding the largest number of coupons received the buggy and the one holding the next largest amount got the organ. It didn't matter what merchant issued the coupons, they all counted the same. There was a condition that any person connected with either of the firms sponsoring the contest, in any manner, was not allowed to participate in the contest. The two firms sponsoring the contest were J. Lewenthal, City Drug Store, dealers of druggist sundries, toilet articles, perfume, jewelry, silverware and all the latest novelties, and Hagerlund Brothers & Co., dealers in dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, saddlery, wagons, hardware and headquarters for general ranch supplies.

We don't know who got the wagon, but we do know that the local ladies all got together from their respective church groups and collected coupons from everyone they could to get the organ. There was quite a competition among the ladies and hus-

bands didn't dare forget to pick up their coupons when they made a purchase.

With the Xmas sales boys suits were being sold for \$1.75 and men could buy a new suit for \$4.00 and a good shirt for from 55 to 75 cents. Ladies Warner, rust proof corsets, were selling for 90 cents, and you could get 22 1/2 yards of calico for \$1.00. Capes of the best quality were selling for \$5.30.

Q. I found an old set of silver spurs that supposedly were made by Rufus Sterling. Where did he have his shop?

Rufus Sterling, Gunsmith and Machinist, made plain spurs or bits for \$2.50 and silver mounted spurs or bits with initials, brands and fancy carving for \$5 around the turn of the century in San Angelo. His advertisements claimed his work was all first class and guaranteed for two years.

We had a gentleman ask us one time where Cannaday had his boot shop in Sonora. In the November 10, 1900 issue we found an advertisement that J. F. Cannaday, formerly of Coleman, made boots and shoes to fit your feet. With many years experience his stockmen boots were a specialty. At that time his shop was next door to the Decker Hotel on Main Street, about where the new abstract office is now located.

Q. What was the total rainfall in Sonora in 1920?

A. Devil's River News, January 29, 1921 states the total rainfall was 25.51 inches that year. It rained on 55 days and the minimum temperature was 17 degrees with the highest being 97. The Sonora Telephone Exchange received weather reports every weekday at 10 o'clock a.m. from the U.S. Weather Bureau at Amarillo and the locals would call in an check with the operator for weather conditions.

No one has ever asked me about this doctor but I thought some might like to hear about a former Sonora doctor who came here in 1920. Dr. J. V. Guion of Los Angeles, Calif., formerly of Brady, opened an office with Dr. W. L. Langford in the Craddock Building. He had built and run a

hospital at Brady before WWI. He was recently serving with the U. S. Medical Corps. He was formerly stationed at Laredo and Rio Grande City then went with the 4th and 5th Marines to France. He was wounded at Bois de Billeau on June 6, 1918 and released from active duty at the rank of Major. He practiced general medicine until his normal health was regained and he returned to a full surgery schedule.

Other items of interest in the 1921 issue included: Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Richardson have moved here from Junction. Mr. Richardson has a position with the Sonora Mercantile Co., in the grocery dept. Mrs. A. R. Cauthorn and Sons are among the first to observe the order of the Commissioners Court for the placing of double swing or bump open gates on roads.

We will be doing a lot of Fall cleanup and decorating for the holidays at the Miers Home Museum, John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Trust Building (Depot), Amphitheater and Office the next few weekends. There will also be painting and improvements at the Miers Home Museum. There will be a decorated Christmas tree in the rear bay windows of the Old Depot and twinkle lights around the grounds for your viewing pleasure. The complex has been rented for December 6th by a private party, and we will not be able to take part in the downtown lighting ceremony this year.

The Sutton County Historical Society offices will be open Monday and Friday mornings and each Saturday through December 6th. If we aren't in the office itself, on Saturdays, there will be a sign on the door telling you which building on the grounds we are working on. Just read the sign and come on over and get us. Tours of the Miers Home Museum will not be conducted while the carpenters and painters are working at the building. The Miers Home museum will be closed from November 17 - December 1, 2003.

You are welcome to come



Josephine McDonald,
proprietress of the
Commercial Hotel.

into the office and do research, read the old papers or look at the displays in here during that time. To rent the John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building or amphitheater grounds call 387-5084 while the office is open please.

All use of the buildings or grounds by any group must be cleared through the Sutton County Historical Society offices. We keep a calendar with all booked dates on it to avoid any conflicts of activities. The bathrooms are kept locked and you must have a booked date to get the key. We also want to make sure that the people using the grounds for their ceremonies have the back up key for the building in case of rain or severe cold. If an activity isn't booked and all our officers have gone out of town, you might find yourself with no bathroom facilities or backup building. We do allow free use of the grounds to the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts for some of their ceremonies, the Lions Club for the teachers' welcome party, the Ministerial Alliance for Easter sunrise service and several others if they get their request in on time. Also we like to have the grass mowed and the grounds looking their best during your activity and we can't do this without prior notice of your event. Let's all work together to keep things running smoothly please.

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State Capital Highlights Texas Press Association Redistricting lands in hands of 3-judge panel

by Mike Cox

AUSTIN - What took four legislative sessions (one regular, three special) for 181 men and women to agree on will be decided by three people - or possibly nine.

On Dec. 11, a federal three-judge panel made up of Patrick Higginbotham of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and federal district judges Lee Rosenthal and T. John Ward will begin hearing in Austin a combined version of the various lawsuits challenging the state's legislative redistricting plan. Higginbotham and Rosenthal are Republicans, Ward a Democrat.

If the panel does not rule the way the state's Democratic Party would like, the matter is likely to be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Now known as Session vs. Perry (Walter Session is a city councilman from Rusk), the lawsuit basically seeks a default back to the 2001 redistricting map, a plan drafted by a similar federal panel. Higginbotham and Ward, in fact, were on that panel.

The current panel has three basic options - anoint the '01 plan, require yet another remapping or uphold this year's legislative effort. Whatever happens, however, will be soon. The 2004 elections are approaching as fast as the holidays.

Declaring your independence...

So, you're tired of the political status quo? Think you can get things done better than the Republicans or Democrats?

If you, like singer-novelist Kinky Friedman, are contemplating running for state office as an independent, it's not quite as easy as it was in California earlier this fall. In fact, it's just plain hard to do.

Anyone wanting to run as an independent must declare that status by Jan. 2, 2006.

The next step comes after the spring primary, or runoff if there are any. An independent candidate must apply for a spot on the ballot within 30 days of the runoff.

But simply applying is not enough. A candidate needs the

signatures of 1 percent of the votes cast for governor in the previous general election. Oh, and the candidates must not have voted in any of the primaries.

That means Friedman and any other gubernatorial contender opting to run as an independent needs to collect 45,540 names.

Difficult as that process is, Friedman does not have to do it for more than two years. Meanwhile, he's already got bumper stickers out.

\$130 million partnership in schools...

The state is partnering with three private foundations in a \$130 million education initiative to increase high school graduation and college attendance rates in school districts statewide.

Gov. Rick Perry said the initiative Texas High School Project (THSP), which includes \$65 million in state funds along with roughly \$65 million in private funds, is one of the largest public-private efforts of its kind to improve Texas schools.

Under THSP, the state will offer grants of up to \$600,000 to approximately 140 school districts to help pay for additional services for at-risk students at low-performing high schools to help them graduate and be academically prepared for college.

Partners include the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Communities Foundation of Texas.

The way we were...

Back in 1895, Texas hunting enthusiasts had a lot longer season. Quail season ran from Oct. 1 to April 1. Hunting deer was legal from Aug. 1 to Jan. 20.

With two of the first three weekends of this deer season almost summer-like, today's Texas hunters can easily imagine what that early-day season must have been like.

A Holiday Weekend in Sonora
"The More the Merrier"
Christmas Bazaar
Friday, December 5, 2003
Sutton County Civic Center
9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Arts & Crafts, Food, Gifts,
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"Christmas Fair & Lighting"
Celebrate the Season
Saturday, December 6, 2003
Downtown Sonora
3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Food Booths, Shopping,
Santa & Mrs. Claus, Lighting of Downtown
& Courthouse Lawn

Bake Sale
Wed., November 26th
T & C Village Market
8:00 a.m.
Money raised will help to send
SHS High School Student Chris Castro
to Washington, D.C. for Presidential Classroom.

Sonora FFA Annual Fundraiser
The Sonora FFA is selling meat and fruit again this year as their fundraiser.
Thanksgiving meat orders only are due November 10th
Delivery will be November 18th
Christmas meat and fruit orders are due December 1st
Delivery will be December 9th
Please contact an FFA Member
or call Michael Kissire at Sonora High School at 387-6533

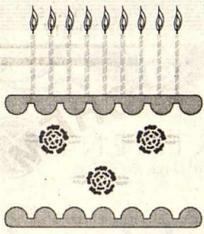
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Chamber Chatter Christmas cheer fills the air, Santa Bucks are everywhere

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Chamber of Commerce
by Ruthie Bounds, Chamber of Commerce Director

We have received so many wonderful donations for the "Santa Bucks" promotion. Sam Dillard with State Farm Insurance has donated a \$100.00 Shopping Spree in Sonora. The wonderful little bronze entitled "Perfect Fit" that is pictured here, was donated by Red Horse Feeds. Red Horse Feeds has also donated a "Sports Bucket" stool and two sets of five 50 pound bags of corn. Days Inn Devil's River has given three certificates, each for a one night complimentary stay. These are just a few of the things that you can purchase with the "Santa Bucks". We have many more donations and will be telling about some of them each week from now until the "Santa Bucks Auction" on December 18, 2003.

We are looking for people to participate in the Christmas Fair & Lighting of downtown Sonora and the Sutton County Courthouse lawn on Saturday, December 6, 2003. Many local citizens have been concerned about the declining attendance to the Cowboy Christmas Lighting Promenade, so we thought that having a good old fashioned "Christmas Fair" in conjunction with the lighting might help the attendance. If you or any one you know would like to participate by selling their wares or raising funds for their organization, please call the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. The Christmas fair & lighting will be held the day after the "More the Merrier" Christmas bazaar. All the partic-



"Perfect Fit" is just one of many great items that can be purchased with "Santa Bucks" at the auction on December 18.

ipants of the "More the Merrier" Christmas bazaar are encouraged to take a part in the festivities downtown the next day. We anticipate this being a wonderful event for Sonora and need the help of the public to make it a success. We already have a couple of non-profit organizations that want to set up food booths to help make this an enjoyable afternoon and evening for everyone. Santa and Mrs. Claus have let it be known that they will both be in attendance, so they can meet with all the little ones. We hope that everyone will join us in celebrating this Joyous Season in our wonderful community. Watch and listen for more exciting news about this wonderful Holiday Weekend in Sonora in the Devil's River News and on KHOS radio.

Chamber of Commerce
E-mail - soncoc@sonoratx.net
Website - www.sonoratx-chamber.com

Junction extends invitation to share in holiday festivities

Whether you're an early bird holiday shopper or a devout procrastinator, the Kimble County Friends of the Library has something for everyone. On Saturday, November 22, A Holiday Market in Junction at the Coke Stevenson center will host local merchants and crafts-

man selling gift items, crafts, food and holiday decorations. Vendors will display a variety of items and sponsor door prizes. Festivities start at 10:00 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m.

The library, the Chamber of Commerce, and Junction merchants are selling advance tickets for \$10. The price of the ticket includes lunch in the Gingerbread Tearoom from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tickets at the door cost \$12 for admission and lunch, but admission only is \$3. Take the Menard exit off IH-10 and drive north one-half mile. It's on the right.

Don't leave home without the kids. Their holiday cheer will feature a professional clown, the Gingerbread man, and Santa, who will pose with children and give them a picture. A pet parade from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. highlights the fun and the best part - it's all free.

What better way to jump start your holiday spirit than to support a good cause. For more information, call the Kimble County Library at 325-446-2342.

Happy Birthday

- November 20**
Chelsea Martinez, Bianca Fay, Brandon Lock, Santos Duran
- November 21**
Jeffrey Surber, Brian Payton, Janet Smith
- November 22**
Jacklyn De Cordova
- November 23**
Alicia Virgen
- November 24**
Maray Cearley, Paige Love-Sykes, David Mayer, Nancy Randolph
- November 25**
Lester Rainer
- November 26**
Julia Pope, Kayla Webb, Patti Rainer, Hector Vedoy, Carmen Castillo

Lady Colts start season on the road against Reagan County

submitted by Coach Bill Dempsey

The 8th grade Lady Colts traveled to Big Lake on Monday, November 17, 2003 to tip off their basketball season against the Reagan County girls.

The 8th grade "A" team played good defense, giving it a 100 percent effort. Unfortunately, the girls came up short, losing to Reagan County 29 to 7. Kimble Luna led the shooting, with four points. Kayla Garcia had two points and Heather Hughes sunk one free throw for one point. The "A" team consists of Kelsey Watkins, Kimble Luna, Heather Hughes, Laura Martin, Emily Earwood, Whitney Perez, Kayla Garcia, Chelsea Martinez, Katrina Ramos, Elbe Samaniego and Kyla Turney.

The "B" team, Paula Zergosa, Jessica Chavez, Sierra Gomez, Adriana Botello and Danielle Rodriguez, played good ball all together. The girls came out on top 8 to 4, with Botello scoring four and Gomez and Rodriguez each scoring two.

PTO to host Talent Show

The Sonora Elementary Parent Teachers Association (PTO) will be having their second meeting of the year, in conjunction with a Talent Show to be held on Monday, November 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the elementary auditorium. There will be a brief meeting to take care of business, and then the elementary students will be singing, dancing, playing the piano and sharing some other fun surprises with us during their talent show. Children from Pre-K to 4th grade will be sharing their talents with our community.

Membership in the PTO is only \$3.00 per person, and all the funds raised by membership and by fundraising efforts are utilized by the students and teachers of Sonora Elementary School. Our teachers work hard to educate the young leaders of tomorrow. Please come out and show your support for these kids as they take the stage and show their stuff. There will be refreshments served following the show!

DPS urges responsible driving as traffic and tempers rise

As the roads swell with anxious drivers, DPS cautions motorists to drive responsibly and avoid road rage this Thanksgiving holiday.

"The increase of traffic congestion coupled with poor scheduling often triggers aggressive driving," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "An aggressive driver may commit several traffic violations to make up time. These violations place other travelers at risk and in the most severe cases can escalate into road rage."

When confronted with aggressive drivers, the DPS recommends that you:

- * Put your pride in the back seat and move aside.
- * Do not speed up, block lanes, slam or tap on brakes.
- * Report extreme cases of reckless driving to the appropriate authorities.
- * Do not retaliate, gesture or make eye contact.
- * Make sure everyone is buckled up.

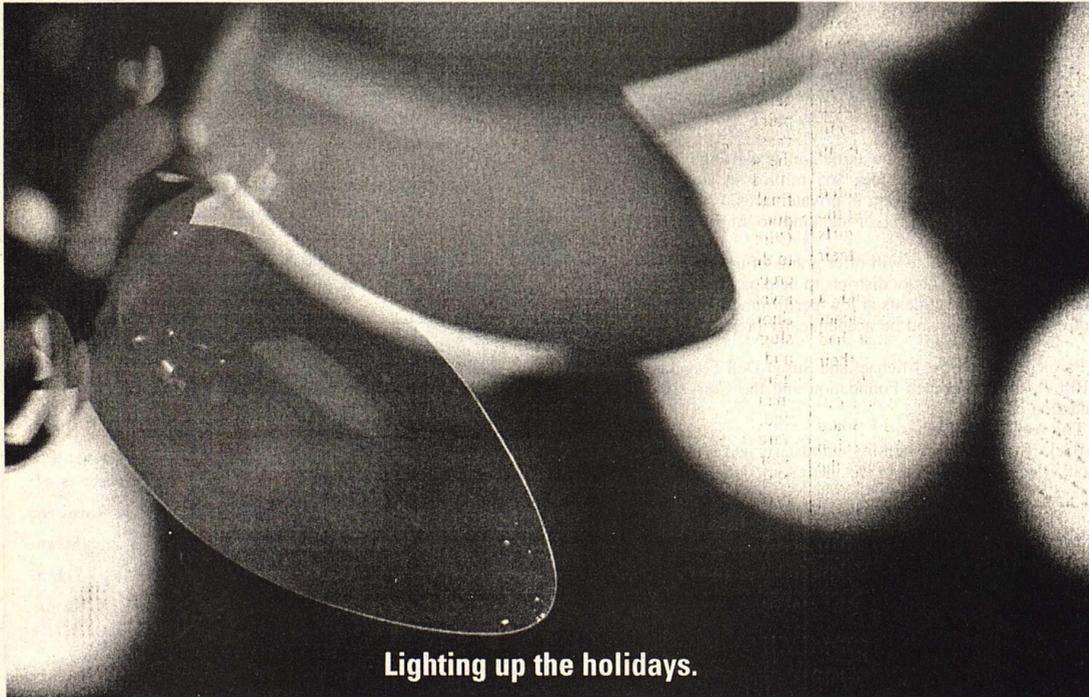
Some actions that may contribute to road rage include not using turn signals, driving in the passing lane, tailgating, flashing lights or using high beams in traffic, honking and not allowing adequate time for a given trip.

During the week of Thanksgiving, Highway Patrol troopers, along with other law enforcement agencies across the state, will be out in force targeting speeders, drunk drivers, seat belt violators as well as aggressive drivers.

Texas DPS is participating in the "Click It or Ticket Texas" campaign, running November 18 to December 1, which will focus on increasing and enforcing seat belt and child seat usage in the state. DPS has a zero tolerance policy toward seat belt violations and fines can range from \$25 to \$200.

Texas also participates in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort). Operation CARE is a nationwide effort by all state police agencies to reduce fatalities during holiday periods.

5:35 p.m. Thursday



Lighting up the holidays.

As you begin using decorative lighting in and around your home this holiday season, AEP reminds you to keep safety in mind. Check light strings for frayed cords, and use only UL-approved lights and extension cords. Remember not to overload circuits, and remind children not to touch lights or outlets. And on behalf of all of us here at AEP, please enjoy a safe, bright holiday season with your family and friends. AEP is there, always working for you.



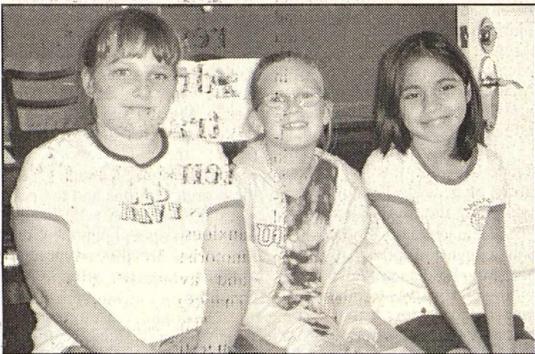
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Bronco Cross-Country Team

The Sonora High School Cross Country team ran hard this year! Great job team!

Piano students to perform Fall pieces at St. John's Parish Hall



Mr. Leroy Moore and young musicians would like to invite everyone to their Fall Piano Recital on Wednesday, November 19, at St. John's Parish Hall. The Recital will begin at 5:30 p.m. This year's performers are Stella Ingham, Sydney Dermody, Kenzie Herring, Kelsey Favila, Chanel Martinez, Emily Cory, Fabian Guzman, Marci Parks, Kelsey Velez, Kylie Love, Alyssa Favila, Caitlin Garza and Maci Friess. Come and listen to our talented youth.

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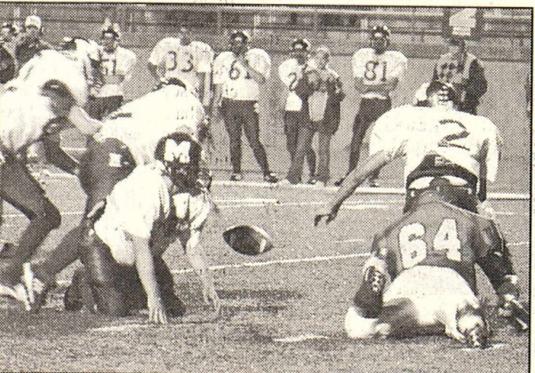
Just as it appeared that Stetson Perez had scored, a Shorthorn managed to strip the ball from him and Marfa took over deep in their territory. After making one first down, Brett McDaniel broke through and sacked the quarterback for a big loss. On fourth down, the Shorthorns kept the ball after a roughing the kicker penalty on the Broncos. On second down, Cardona hit the quarterback causing a fumble. McDaniel picked up the ball and sprinted 20 yards for the fifth touchdown. Longoria could not handle the snap on the extra point try, so he rolled to his right and hit a leaping Steven Duhon in the end zone for the two point conversion. The score at the half was 36 to 0 in favor of the Broncos.

The Shorthorns were able to get on the board with a safety. After the safety, they drove the ball to the one where they had a first and goal. The Broncos put on another great goal line stand and kept the Shorthorns from scoring. Zed Snodgrass led the defense with a bone crushing stop on second

down for a two yard loss. The Broncos started a time consuming 96 yard scoring drive. Ramos got the ball out of trouble with a sixteen yard run to the 20. After two short runs and an incomplete pass, Ramos gained 15 yards for a first down. After a short pass to Lito Trevino, Cearley was sacked for a loss. Facing third and long, Cearley threw a screen pass to Moore who ran for 20 yards through Shorthorn defenders for the first down. Cearley threw to Duhon on a tight end delay/crossing pattern for 15 yards. He followed that with a 12 yard pass to Wagoner for a first down at the 13 yard line. Moore ran to the six and Perez got it to the two. Moore got the touchdown on a quarterback sneak following a great block by Snodgrass. Wagoner kicked the PAT to make the score 43 to 2.

The Shorthorns were able to score late in the game making the final score 43 to 8.

The Broncos face Crane at 7:30 this Friday in San Angelo for the Area game.



Diego Cardona knocks the ball out of a Marfa Shorthorn's hand, allowing a Bronco touchdown.



The Broncos stop Marfa from scoring.

Broncos review their victory over Marfa

by Chris Martin and Cameron Cox, Sonora Journalism Dept.

As the Broncos took the field Saturday night against the Marfa Shorthorns, they had one thing on their mind--"Protect the Tradition"--and that is exactly what they did. Sonora started the game by receiving the ball and wasted no time in driving the ball right down the field, led with runs by Caleb Ramos and Stetson Perez and passes from Clint Cearley to Austin Wagoner and Lito Trevino. The drive ended in a Stetson Perez touchdown and the extra point was good. Sonora then kicked off to Marfa and caught an unlikely break as the Marfa return man fumbled the ball and Sonora's Steven Duhon fell on it for another opportunity to put points on the board for Sonora, which is exactly what the Broncos did. They were led down the field again with runs from Perez and Ramos and with catches from the quarterback by Austin Wagoner. The drive ended in a pass from Clint Cearley to Austin Wagoner. This caught pass was the first of three for the night for Austin Wagoner. "I was nervous going into the game, but I was playing like I was coached," commented Austin Wagoner on his three touchdown catches. The Broncos led 14-0 and kicked to Marfa.

The Bronco defensive eleven stoned the Shorthorns and forced them to punt back to the Broncos. Sonora got the ball back and scored on the third consecutive offensive drive with a touchdown grab by Austin Wagoner from Caleb Ramos. The score after the first quarter of play was Sonora 21, Marfa 0.

The Sonora Broncos came out scoring fast in the second quarter with a 7 yard pass from Cearley to Wagoner. The Broncos again kicked to the Marfa Shorthorns. Before the Shorthorns could get moving, the Broncos stalled the drive with a fumble caused by Diego Cardona. Sonora couldn't capitalize on the turnover due to an offensive play that ended with a fumbled ball on the Broncos own 1-yard line. The Broncos turned the ball back over to Marfa. The Shorthorns put together a few first downs and then Austin Wagoner busted through the line and hit the Marfa quarterback from the blind side, causing a Marfa Shorthorn fumble. Brett McDaniel picked up the Bronco lead. On the point after the touchdown, Anthony Longoria encountered difficulty with the snap. Longoria rolled out when he saw trouble and used pinpoint accuracy as he threw a pass to Steven Duhon, making the score 36-0 Broncos.

In the third quarter Marfa finally got on the board as they put pressure on quarterback Clint Cearley, and he was forced to throw the ball away. The referees ruled the ball a fumble and awarded a safety to the Shorthorns. The Broncos got sluggish in the fourth quarter and did not get much offense going. However, the Broncos managed to get the ball in the end zone on a Scottie Moore 1-yard run, which then made the score 43-8. The Broncos will play the Crane Golden Cranes Friday night in San Angelo Stadium at 7:30. We would like for you to come support our 2003 bi-district champions as they try to defeat the number 10 team in the state for the area championship.

Rushing Stats:
Perez 10-62, Moore 4-30, Ramos 10-70; Total 24-162
Passing Stats:
Cearley 13-21-180, Ramos 4-4-52
Receiving Stats:
Longoria 2-42, Martin 1-12, Wagoner 6-77, Duhon 3-46, Wallace 1-5, Perez 1-15, Moore 1-22, Trevino 2-13; Total 17-232
Total Offense: 394

School Board from page 1

district's 3900 votes as follows for the following candidates for Sutton County Appraisal District Board of Directors: Sherrill Dannheim 1300, Rusty Garner 1300 and Bruce Kerbow 1300.

The Board President announced that the public hearing on FIRST was officially open.

The Superintendent stated that FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) was an accountability financial table developed by Texas Education Agency.

Myers said that he was extremely pleased to announce that Sonora ISD had received the top rating of superior. He also announced that the results of the report would be published in the local paper and on the district's website along with being distributed to all students. Additionally, a copy of the rating is attached to and made an integral part to these minutes.

Jacoby called for public comments on the report and there being none, he declared that the hearing was closed.

Following a review on the changes to DNA(LOCAL), board members unanimously approved the revised policy as presented.

Board member Tom Payton congratulated the High School Band and Director Rusty Baldwin on their performance at district contest and on the outstanding job Mr. Baldwin was doing. He also congratulated the Superintendent on the completion of his Doctorate in Education.

Mr. Myers congratulated the football team on making the playoffs and stated that girls basketball was beginning their season that evening.

President Jacoby read a thank you note from Schleicher ISD for the flowers that had been sent to them during their community's recent tragedy.

Jacoby announced that following a short recess, the Board would enter closed session according to its rights under the provisions of Texas Government Code 551.072 (Property) and that no action would take place in closed session.

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:50 P.M. with no action necessary.

The Board re-entered closed session at 6:52 according to its rights under the provisions of Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel). The Board reconvened in open session at 7:05 P.M. with no action necessary and there being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

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Crockett
 New Dominion; 8800' JM Vanderstucken #8, Key Energy.
 New Dominion; 8750' Bobbie H Fawcett #9, Patterson Drilling.
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FSA announces ending dates for programs

Sign-up for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) will end Friday, November 21, 2003. This program is designed to assist livestock producers with losses suffered in 2001 or 2002 due to the dry conditions. **Late file applications are not an option.**

December 1, 2003 is the last day to pay \$100.00 for the Non-Insured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) for native and improved grass (pastureland). The pasture acreage needs to be reported by December 15th.

Producers are also reminded that they must certify all other grazing 15 days prior to grazing the acreage.

Sign-up is also underway for the 2004 DCP (Farm Program). Advance payments will begin in December for 2004.

All paperwork must be completed at the time of sign-up. This includes the CCC-502 (Farm Operating Plan for Payment Eligibility), CCC-526 (Average Adjusted Gross Income Certification), and AD-1026 (Highly Erodible Land Conservation).

Ports-To-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition Holds Summit in Denver

The Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition held a Northern Summit along with its Annual Membership meeting in Denver, Colorado on last Wednesday. The Summit was an International event as there were attendees present from as far north as Canada, as far south as Mexico and from North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas in between. "The conference was very well attended and many made very positive comments about the program," said Ports-To-Plains Chairman Sid Cauthorn.

The purpose of the summit was to share information regarding the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor as well as review information from four other corridors that will eventually link with Ports-to-Plains in order to complete the Great Plains International Corridor. (see map) These additional corridors include La Entrada al Pacifico, Spirit 54, Heartland Expressway, and the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway. Through the unity of Ports-to-Plains and these other corridors working together, the gaps will be closed and the goal of developing a trade corridor that will stretch all the way from Mexico, West Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado, and on into Canada will become a reality.

Upon completion of the Trade Corridor, there will be an array of benefits for communities along the route. These benefits include the development of less congested ports of entry along the borders as well as providing alternatives to other congested corridors that run through major metropolitan areas. By doing so, the trade between Mexico, Canada, and the United States will dramatically increase and all three nations will see significant improvement in their regional mobility and economic activity. "While laying down asphalt is our number one priority, we also must understand that intermodal facilities, inter-corridor cooperation, and international relations all play a part in our ultimate journey to economic development within our entire region."

said Cauthorn.

The Ports-to-Plains Northern Summit began with State Senator Mark Hillman (CO) providing the opening remarks. Tom Norton, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Transportation followed with an update on the Corridor Management Plan and CDOT Rail Freight Study. U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer (TX), who was also founding chairman of Ports-to-Plains, presented A Very Special Perspective on the corridor to the audience. Jack Schenendorf, Ports-to-Plains Transportation Consultant, (Washington, DC) presented a report on the Reauthorization of TEA-21. "We had an excellent line up of speakers. It is always great to hear from Congressman Neugebauer. Without his efforts Ports-to-Plains would have never have gotten off the ground," Cauthorn noted.

Guest Speakers from the Trade Corridors of the Great Plains included Dr. Brad Bekkedahl, Theodore Roosevelt Expressway; Jerrod Haberman, Heartland Express; Jack Taylor, Spirit 54; James Beauchamp, La Entrada al Pacifico; and Kevin Evans, Ports-to-Plains. Guest speakers for International Activities were Sergio Botello, Public Works Director from Acuña, Mexico and Bill Martin, Professional Research Associate from the University of Saskatchewan, Canada. "All these organizations and the people that run them will be our partners in opening up the Great Plains to all the advantages NAFTA has to offer," said Cauthorn.

Colorado Congressman Bob Beuprez and Colorado State Representative Brad Young delivered the Keynote Address during the noon hour. "Their insight was well received by the crowd and they gave everyone plenty to think about" noted one conference attendee.

Speakers addressing Economic Development in the Corridor included Rene Gonzalez, State, Federal & International Affairs Director (Laredo, TX); Robert Worley, Executive Director for Dumas Economic Development Corporation, (Dumas, TX); John McGinley, Interim Director of Aviation, (Lubbock, TX); John Metli, Commission Chair, (Elbert County, CO), and Dennis Champine, Vice President of Transport, (CO.)

The Legislative Perspective Report was given by Senator Wayne Allard, (CO) and Representative Marilyn Musgrave, (CO). Speaking on behalf of Senator Ben Nelson was John Berge, (NE) and Michael Jackson (OK) spoke on behalf of Senator James Inhofe. Providing the Construction Report were speakers from the Colorado Department of Transportation, Sasan A. Delshad, Resident Engineer, (Lamar, CO) and Mark Mueller, Resident Engineer, (Limon, CO). Speaking for the New Mexico Department of Transportation was Larry Velasquez, Design Division Director and Joe Garcia, Project Development Engineer, both from Santa Fe, NM. Robert Ward, Division Engineer (Buffalo, OK) gave the report from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. Speaking on behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation were Walter McCullough, District Engineer (San Angelo, TX); Randy Hopmann, District Engineer, (Lubbock, TX); and Mark Tomlinson, District Engineer (Amarillo, TX). "The afternoon speakers all covered issues where the rubber meets the road so to speak" stated Ports-to-Plains President Kevin Evans. "Legislative issues, Economic Development projects and Construction projects are what it is all about to us. These are the people that get the job done on behalf of Ports-To-Plains."

"Continued progress of the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor depends on conferences such as this to gain further knowledge and understanding of future plans and initiatives, and to better understand the needs of all interested parties in order to complete the development of the corridor. Ports-to-Plains wishes to thank each and everyone who attended the conference as well as the speakers who dedicated their talents and time to make the Ports-to-Plains Northern Summit and Annual Membership meeting a tremendous success. We look forward to yet another very successful year for Ports-To-Plains," announced Cauthorn as the meeting adjourned.

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Sonora's High School Rodeo team rides well at home

For the first time in many years, High School rodeo returned to the Sutton County Arena on November 15 and 16, 2003. The weather held out and made for a nice weekend for the families in Region II to visit Sonora. The two day event brought in visitors from 32 counties and they all expressed a desire to return again next year.

Special arrangements were made for all the participants, including the Broncos, that had to miss Saturday's performance because of playoff football games. Everyone was given a chance to run two head of livestock on Sunday.

Courtney Caruthers competed in the Goat Tying and the Breakaway Roping.

David Cook competed in the Calf Roping, catching quick on Saturday, but having a tough call at the barrier, added 10 to his time.

Steven and Dustin Duhon both competed in the Steer Wrestling and the Team Roping. Steven took first in the Steer Wrestling on Saturday's steer and third on Sunday. Dustin was second on Saturday's steer and fifth on Sunday. The brothers caught their first steer, but missed the legs on the second.

Laramie Hall was also in both the Steer Wrestling and the Team Roping, taking fourth place both days in the Steer Wrestling. Hall and his roping partner, Colin Woods of Junction, won third in the Team Roping on Sunday. Congratulations to all these cowboys and cowgirls for a job well done.



Courtney Caruthers takes a leap off her horse in the Goat Tying. Photo by David Jennings.



David Cook stops his calf short Saturday night. Photo by David Jennings.



Dustin Duhon dogs his steer for second place. Photo by David Jennings.

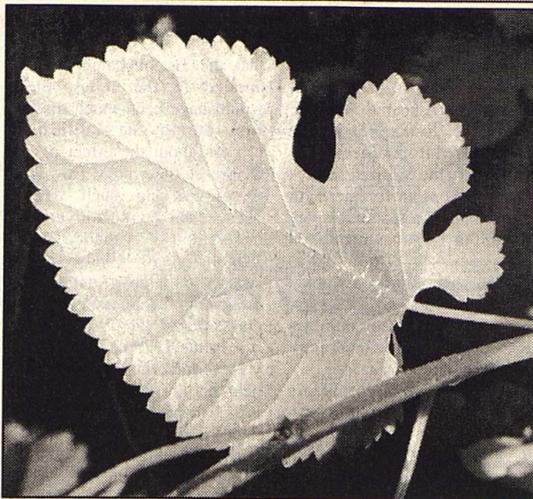


It was a family affair on Sunday, with Steve Duhon hazing for Steven. Photo by David Jennings.



Laramie throws one in the Steer Wrestling. Photo by David Jennings.

Up on Eaton Hill



What's in a leaf?

"Look Mom, heaven is right there!" exclaimed my son, pointing at the brilliant sunset that cast our faces in golden hues. The day had been woven full of rich colors and sights that evoke the season. Upon arriving at the elementary school that morning, the brisk wind was stirring and whipping the bright yellow leaves through the air and along the side walk, appearing as dancing strips of color raining down around us. Mirroring the exceptional spring of this year, Sonora is experiencing a true fall season and what a pleasure it can be to enjoy and ponder. Colors of the season - orange, yellow, red, gold and brown paint the landscape and appear around every corner. All I could say for certain about the process that creates the burst of fall hues is that the trees are preparing for winter and chlorophyll is involved. This is true, but immensely incomplete. So, just how do the trees acquire their autumn attire? It is a complex process but, like all of nature's intricate details, provides a fascinating look into the grand design.

Leaves contain chlorophyll to produce energy derived from sunlight, water and carbon dioxide through a process called photosynthesis. Chlorophyll also gives leaves their green color. Because winter conditions do not provide enough moisture and sunlight for food production, plants rely on stored food during these months and begin to shut down the production process. As the days shorten and temperatures fall, another process called abscission is triggered. During this time, the tubes, called petioles which carry water to the leaves and food back to the tree, (kind of like our veins) begin to close off. The leaves stop producing chlorophyll and in turn lose their green color. The colors we see are due to pigments that were previously present, but masked by the dominant green. Carotene, the same pigment in carrots, is found in some trees as xanthophyll, which produces the brilliant yellow in leaves. Red is created by pigments known as anthocyanins and varying colors are the result of combinations of these pigments. New research suggests that the colors may serve as sunscreens for the trees, protecting the leaf from the elements as the tree reabsorbs nutrients before losing the leaf. Scientists believe this may explain why fall colors are most vibrant when the conditions are cold, dry and sunny and why outer leaves are often

more intense than the inner, more shaded leaves of a tree. Interestingly, the U.S. seems to have the corner on the fall foliage market. European species do not produce the same magnificent vibrancy as U.S. varieties, a fact that is attributed to the warmer, less sunny season.

Locally, we can enjoy the brilliant pecans, flame-leaf sumac and red oaks to name a few. On Eaton Hill, a variety of plants are in stunning autumn attire. From vines to ground-cover, vegetation is drawing itself in for the winter season and creating splashes of beautiful colors to appreciate.

Other news from the hill: The pond at the base of Old Glory is complete! It is one more addition designed to enhance your visit while providing for all the wildlife on the hill. We are also creating a cactus garden to highlight the numerous prickly residents, many of which are historically important, dangerous, or just fun to look at. Autumn is a busy season, but take time to notice the world around us. It's been bathed in a golden glow from floor to ceiling.

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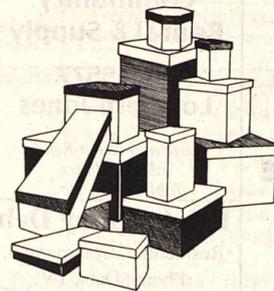
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Ten Commandments Rulings Rewrite History

By: Marc Levin, Esq.

In an irony of providential proportions, Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore was removed from office on the same day the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit upheld a granite display of the Ten Commandments on the grounds of the Texas Capitol. This ruling doesn't help Justice Moore, however, because Fifth Circuit opinions are only binding in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

However, Americans are left to ask which court is correct: the Fifth Circuit or the Eleventh Circuit, the Atlanta-based federal appeals court that struck down Justice Moore's display. In truth, both courts are splitting hairs and relying on the Supreme Court's Establishment Clause jurisprudence that is fundamentally inconsistent with the original intent of the framers of the U.S. Constitution.

The differences between the cases are largely superficial. The Eleventh Circuit remarkably said size matters and, indeed, former Justice Moore's 5,300 pound behemoth considerably outweighs the Texas tablet. Also, although there are secular historical displays throughout the Alabama state government complex, the Texas monument is more cozily enscathed with other non-religious, historical displays.

Additionally, the Texas monument is 42 years old, making it nominally more historical. Indeed, the Fifth Circuit suggested that it is only the age of the Texas monument and its proximity to secular historical symbols that save it from judicial desecration. Yet, the age of the two monuments ought to be an insignificant distinction because the test of whether the Ten Commandments is deeply ingrained in the fabric of our society should not be a particular display's vintage, but the role that the Commandments in general have played in our history.

Moreover, if the federal courts were truly faithful to original language and intent of the Constitution, they would not be ruling on state Ten Commandments displays. The First Amendment declares, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." The text is clear that only Congress, not state legislatures, is prohibited from making laws that relate to the establishment of a religion.

The historical record confirms that this was the intent of the framers and the state legislatures that ratified the Constitution in 1788. At the time, at least five states had state churches and six states had religious tests for holding office.

William Gray, an Alabama attorney who served as legal adviser to former Alabama Governor Fob James, argued in a 1998 law review article that, if the understanding in 1788 was

that the Establishment Clause applied to the states, there would have been much discussion during the ratification process about the effect of the Clause on these laws. However, there was no such debate because it was universally understood that the Establishment Clause constrained only Congress, thereby preventing the creation of a federal church.

In the 1925 case of *Gitlow v. New York*, the Supreme Court held for the first time that the First Amendment was "incorporated" against the states as a result of the post-Civil War constitutional amendments. While the 15th Amendment was properly construed as simply outlawing slavery, the Court used the broader language of the 14th Amendment to seize jurisdiction over state and local matters through the "incorporation doctrine."

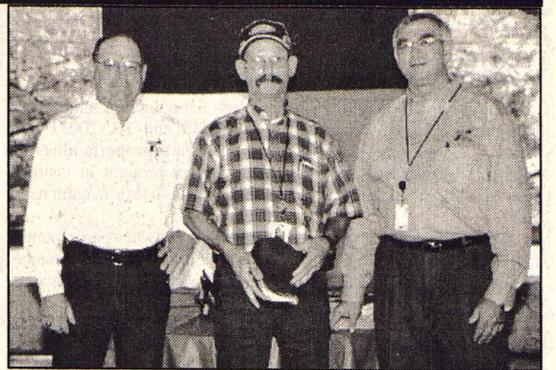
Since 1925, the Court has applied the majority of the Bill of Rights to the states through the 14th Amendment's Due Process Clause, which prohibits states from "depriving any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." Interestingly, the Second Amendment, long the bane of liberal legal elites, has yet to be incorporated against the states.

The plain meaning of the phrase "due process" concerns procedure. Rather than imposing new substantive restrictions on the states, the purpose of the Due Process Clause was to guarantee that states uniformly followed their own procedures, such as trial by jury. Congress' intent was to ensure that emancipated slaves would not be singled out for arbitrary treatment following the Civil War.

When the 14th Amendment was ratified, many states did not always use grand juries for felony indictments, which would violate the Fifth Amendment. New Hampshire's constitution at the time provided for public funding of Protestant teachers while North Carolina and Tennessee required public officeholders to take an oath of belief in God. If the Fourteenth Amendment had been thought to apply the Bill of Rights against the states, the conflict with these laws surely would have been debated.

Tragically, while federal courts today are parsing the history of individual Ten Commandments displays to divine hollow distinctions, they have lost sight of the bedrock history of the very Constitution they purport to be interpreting.

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TxDOT Awards Sonora Truck Rodeo Winner at safety banquet

Donnie Overstreet, a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) maintenance tech at the Sonora Maintenance Section (center), accepts a cap for winning first place in the Sonora Maintenance Section Truck Rodeo. TxDOT Executive Director Michael Behrens from Austin and San Angelo District Engineer Walter G. McCullough assisted in the presentation of awards at the HEB Foundation Camp during the annual San Angelo District Safety Banquet in October.

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Chamber of Commerce Welcome Wagon rolls around town



The Sonora Chamber of Commerce Welcome Wagon was rolling around last week, delivering goodies to some of Sonora's new businesses. The first stop was at Deb's Hair and Nails, at 100 South Crockett Avenue. Deb was busy cutting hair and didn't want her picture made, but she plans on having an official grand opening soon. Stop by for a haircut, manicure or a new acrylic set of nails.

The next stop was out in the Industrial Park at JET Specialty & Supply, Inc. Sonora Chamber of Commerce Administrative Assistant, Donna Garrett, Chamber Board of Directors, Juanita Estrada and Storie Sharp (not pictured) dropped off a basket of fruit and candy to (left to right) Shelly Hughes, Juanita McBride and Trey Preston. Owner Brad Hughes was busy in the field and wasn't available for the picture, but the crew assured us he would get some of the snacks.

Welcome to Sonora Deb and JET! We're glad to have you.

What we like to hear

Maybe it was my being laid up after knee surgery or my wife caring for me when I got home. Anyway it brought me to the place of thinking about life and some of the things that are important. I realized that relationships are one of the most important things we have in life, but we tend to take them for granted. As my wife was working so hard to take care me, I found myself being very thankful for her, and I told her I really appreciated all that she did for me. I also began to rethink my relationship to others and especially my relationship to God, and I found that I fall short in thanking them. People like to be appreciated, and they like to hear a sincere thank you every now and then. Maybe our fast paced lifestyles keep us from thinking, evaluating and appreciating the important things of life. Jesus took time to thank God the Father for many things, for instance, food (Matthew 14:19). All through the Bible we find people giving thanks to God, and we are told to do likewise (Psalm 95:2,100:4). Yes, there will be many who will not give thanks (Romans 1:21), but let's be like the Samaritan (Luke 17:15,16). See you in Church on Sunday.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE COUNTY OF SUTTON PROPOSED ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITY ORDER

The County Commissioners of Sutton County will conduct a public hearing under the authority of Chapter 366 of the Texas Health & Safety Code to consider the regulation of on-site sewage facilities (including septic tanks) in Sutton County, Texas, to prevent possible pollution or injury to public health. A copy of the proposed order is available for review at the County Judge's Office, Sutton County Courthouse Annex during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Date: December 8, 2003 Time: 8:30 a.m. Location: Sutton County Commissioners Meeting Room Sutton County Courthouse Annex Sonora, Texas All interested parties are encouraged to attend and to participate in the public hearing.

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Back Yard Sale: 519 E. 2nd. Saturday, Nov. 22nd. 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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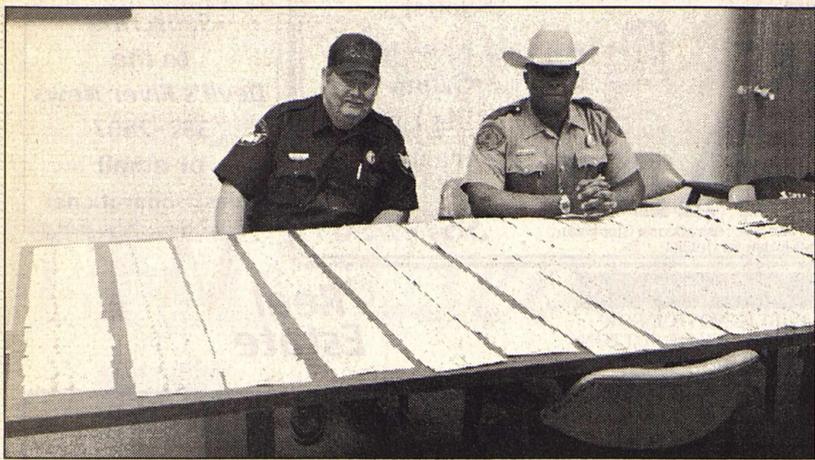
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Routine traffic stop reroutes suspicious funds



Sonora Police Officer Dick Dudley and Trooper Earlie Williams IV seize \$18,555 in traffic stop.

by Storie Sharp

On Wednesday, November 12, 2003, Texas State Trooper Earlie Williams IV was on routine patrol when he clocked a blue, 1999 Ford Dually pick-up at 80 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Trooper Williams stopped the vehicle, and after questioning the driver, suspected criminal activity. Trooper Williams called for the Sonora Police

Department K-9 unit, Dick Dudley, and received permission to search the vehicle. Officer Dudley's drug dog, Aars, alerted on a purse in the cab of the truck that contained \$18,555 in U.S. currency, along with amounts of marijuana, hash and Diazepam.

Robin David Cruz, 32, of San Antonio, was arrested for Third Degree Money

Laundering and Venecia Cohen, 31, also of San Antonio was arrested for Illegal Possession of Narcotics. Cruz has eight prior arrests. The two allegedly were traveling to Arizona, but did not know the name of the person they were planning to stay with. Both Cruz and Cohen were taken to the Sutton County Jail.

F.Y.I.

The Devil's River News will be closed on Thurs., Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 for the Thanksgiving Holidays. Deadline for items to be printed in the Nov. 28 issue, will be Monday, Nov. 24, at noon! Sonora Office Supply will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28, and will be open for business on Friday, Nov. 29.

A community Thanksgiving service will be held at the First Baptist Church the evening of Sunday, November 23, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. The Reverend Lewis Allen will preach and the First Baptist choir will perform. This time of worship is sponsored by the Sonora Ministerial Alliance.

Community Thanksgiving Luncheon, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, will be held at the Sutton County Civic Center on Sunday, November 23, 2003 at noon. Food will be prepared by the St. Ann's Church with the Senior Citizens of the Community as honored guests. Donations will be accepted and "to go" plates will be available.

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Food baskets just in time for Christmas Season

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance will be delivering Christmas food baskets to families or individuals in need this year, on December 20, 2003.

Many Sonora organizations and individuals join together to make this project happen. Cub Scout Pack 19 will conduct a Scouting for Food campaign on December 8, to gather canned goods for the food baskets.

Students at Sonora High School and Sonora Middle School will also be taking canned goods to school to be collected.

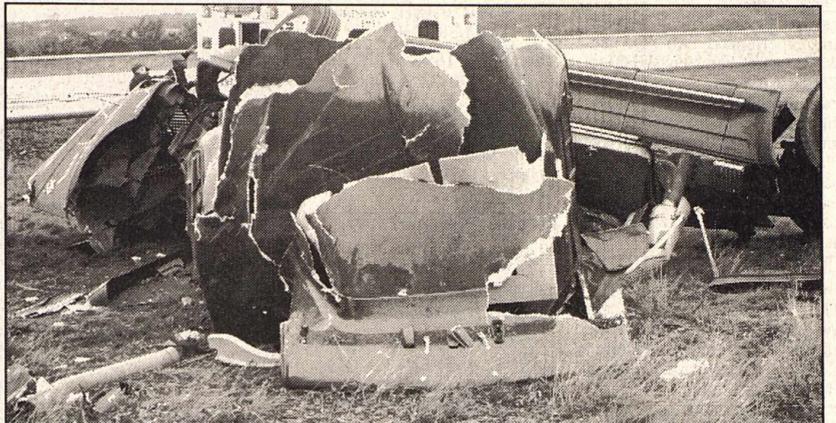
On December 17, most of the food boxes will be loaded at First Methodist Church. Often, the 4-H Citizenship group takes the lead in this effort, with help from Boy Scouts, Church youth groups and youth Sunday School classes.

Meanwhile, the Student Council of Sonora High School will be loading and delivering a portion of the boxes from the high school, probably on December 18.

The bulk of the boxes will be delivered from First United Methodist Church by senior high members of local church youth groups on the morning of December 20.

Anyone who feels that they are in need of a Christmas food basket may call Justice of the Peace Adelita Alvarez at 387-3322 or Church of the Good Shepherd pastor, Lewis Allen at 387-2616

Two walk away from mangled vehicle



Angels were watching over the driver and passenger of this 18-wheel truck Monday morning. The driver reportedly fell asleep while driving west on Interstate 10 at about 8:45 a.m. on November 17, 2003. The cab, traveling without a trailer, left the road at mile marker 398, rolled once, hit a small clus-

ter of trees and was ripped apart. The passenger was asleep in the sleeper portion of the truck. Both of the men were able to walk away, with the driver being taken to Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital for a head wound. The passenger refused EMT assistance.

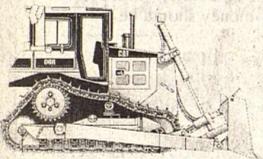
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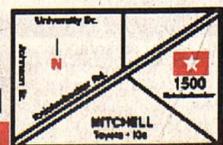
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