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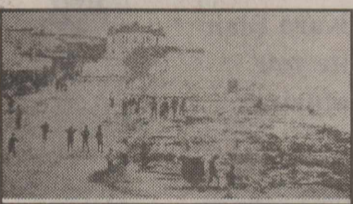
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# Sonora... A Small Town With A Big Heart

By Ben-D. Taylor

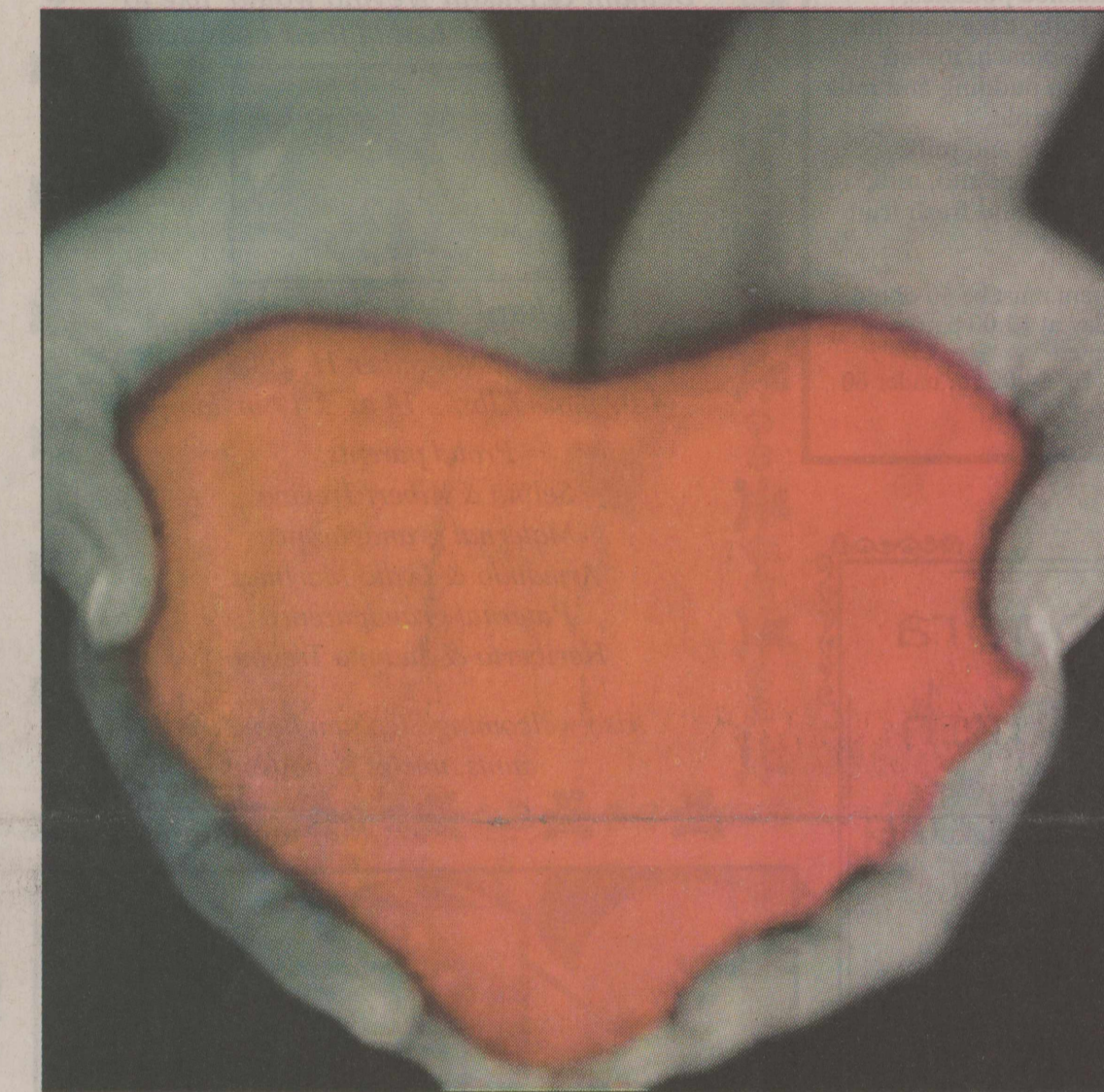
Cancer is a war. You can see it in the determined eyes of those that are fighting for their lives, and you can find it in the weary souls of those that have won the battle. It is a war that has claimed more lives than any conflict in human history. Cancer is not a war whose outcome would be decided on the field of a single battle, rather it is a siege war. More often than not it is a race between who gives up first, the body or the cancer. This is the most expensive type of battle taking a kings ransom in medical bills and the patience and faith of Job to endure. People that have been touched by the heavy hand of this disease know that a diagnosis not only affects a single person, it affects entire families, and in the case of Sonora, it has affected an entire town.

Based solely on the amount of money raised in Sonora for the Relay for Life (over \$56,000 last year alone), it is not a stretch to say that Sonora is a small town with a big heart. Even though the Relay for Life is the biggest fundraiser in Sutton County, it is not the only cancer benefit to be held within the county lines. In the spring rodeo arenas across the county open their gates to raise money for locals entrenched in their battle with cancer. Golf tournaments and bake sales also spring up as they are needed. Now residents of Sonora are banding together to celebrate Christmas as a true season of giving as they are combining their efforts with the Historic Main Street Program's annual courthouse lawn lighting ceremony with the Tina Watkins Benefit.

Like a true community event,

everybody has pitched in to make this lighting ceremony an event to remember. On December 3rd the Main Street in Sonora will transform into something out of a Norman Rockwell painting. Starting

at 4:30 p.m. Totally Wacked BBQ will provide their nationally ranked brisket at the Mercantile on Main (with a suggested donation of \$10.00 a plate) where patrons can either take their meal to go, or sit and enjoy live music from local musicians. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will come to town at 5:00



p.m., and will be at the Old Ice House Ranch Museum for anyone who would like to have a picture made. Local church youth groups will be in downtown businesses singing Christmas Carols to shoppers. The lighting ceremony will start at 7:30 p.m. and include a choir concert and reading of the Night before Christmas, culminating at 8:00 p.m. with the lighting of the courthouse lawn. Afterwards, patrons will be encouraged to jump on a trailer and see the lights of Sonora with a hayride.

Sonora is unique in its abil-

ity to rise to the occasion and give help where needed. The evidence of Sonora's heart is most clearly seen at the Annual Relay for Life's survivor walk. Anyone that has been touched by cancer has also

started ringing, and within a few days a benefit fund had been set up at the Bank and Trust in Sonora. Like a lot of people in her position, Tina has no health insurance, and in the face of an uncertain national economic climate she soon discovered that she had no time to worry about her diagnosis. "I soon became overwhelmed with the business of cancer. Doctors, hospitals, treatment possibilities, and expense concerns added up so much that I didn't have time to worry about my health", commented Tina. It was then that some of her friends got together with other members of the community to do something about it. They are helping Tina not because she asked for it, but simply because she needs it. They are going to make Sonora's annual courthouse lawn Christmas lighting ceremony into a true celebration of giving, and this year they are going to do it for Tina.

Cancer is a terrible disease and is a battle that touches each of us in a very personal way. There is no reason to stand alone against the torrent of this disease. As evidenced this December 3rd, the entire town will stand with those in need.

If you would like to know more about this event please feel free to contact the Devil's River News at (325) 387-2507. If you would like to make a donation to the Tina Watkins Benefit Fund, you can contact the Bank and Trust in Sonora (325) 325-387-2593, just tell them it's for Tina.

When the call came out that Tina Watkins had been diagnosed with breast cancer phones all throughout town

been touched by the kindness of this community as they take a victory lap in celebration. This Christmas on Main Street is just another example of Sonoran's rising to the needs of others.

## Sonora Downtown Lions Club Receives Litter Cleanup Award



Norm Rousselot (first from the left) accepts the Volunteer Group of the Year Adopt-a-Highway award from the San Angelo District Texas Department of Transportation.

### Submitted

The Sonora Downtown Lions Club was honored recently in Austin at a ceremony to recognize Adopt-a-Highway volunteers. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Travel Information Division, in conjunction with Keep Texas Beautiful, presented the award during the International Adopt-a-Highway (AAH) Conference held in late October.

The San Angelo District of TxDOT nominated the Lions Club for a "Volunteer Group of the Year Adopt-a-Highway" award. Each year a TxDOT district selects one group whom they feel has shown extraordinary effort in litter cleanup to be recognized. "The Lions club has really made a difference in Sonora," James Whitlock, district AAH coordinator. "They help save TxDOT money on litter pickup maintenance costs, and have kept the busy section of US 277

coming into town clean and inviting."

Accepting the award for the Lions Club was Norm Rousselot. Norm has spearheaded the groups cleanups since 2001 when the group adopted a two-mile stretch north of Sonora on US 277. Picking up an average of 1800 pounds a year, it is estimated that the Lions Club has removed four tons of roadside trash in the past seven years.

The event, sponsored by the TxDOT, thanks dozens of groups statewide for cleaning up approximately 2,000 miles of state-maintained roads in Texas. AAH awards are presented annually to recognize outstanding efforts by volunteer groups who demonstrate a high level of commitment to the program, strive to promote litter-prevention in their community, and participate in cleanups and the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off event.

### Lighthouse Community Church

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### Senior Center Activities

- Thur. Dec. 4 - \*Crafts for Christmas (Angels)
- Fri. Dec. 5 - Happy Birthday *LeRoy Valliant*
- Mon. Dec. 8 - Bingo
- Tues. Dec. 9 - Happy Birthday *Virgil Polocek*  
\*Christmas Party @ 5:00 p.m.  
\*CEAP 11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.
- Wed. Dec. 10 - Happy Birthday *Louis Vallejo*

### Senior Center Menu

- Thur. Dec. 4 - Baked chicken, au-gratin potatoes, Italian veggies, rolls, orange and milk
- Fri. Dec. 5 - Roast beef w/gravy, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, wheat rolls, cake and milk
- Mon. Dec. 8 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, spinach, tossed salad, garlic bread, banana pudding and milk
- Tues. Dec 9 - Chicken broccoli rice casserole, mixed veggies, rolls, cobbler and milk
- Wed. Dec 10 - Pork chop w/gravy, mashed potato, milk green beans, coleslaw, rolls and fresh fruit

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.  
Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.  
Donations are accepted  
(suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).



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| <b>Jehovah's Witness</b><br>310 St. Ann's St<br>387-5658/387-5518                  | <b>Hope Lutheran Church</b><br>417 E. 2nd St.<br>387-5366             |

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### Thank You Note

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The recent contribution that you made to the Sutton County Arena Complex is another testament to the dedication you have toward the community of Sonora. We want to extend our appreciation to you and your employees for all that you do. We look forward to utilizing your generosity in the next phase of our arena improvements.  
Once again, thank you.

Sincerely,  
Sutton County  
Arena Improvements Committee

We want to thank Crystal Hidalgo for her kindness by bringing issues of "The Bronco" paper to the Sonora Seniors Apartments.

The residents look forward to these issues as some have grandchildren in school. All enjoy the articles and pictures presented in "The Bronco" paper. It is thoughtful of you Crystal Hidalgo. All of us appreciate you.

Thanks,  
Manager and all Residents at  
Sonora Seniors Apartments

*Bethani & Dustin Trevino would like to announce the arrival of their baby sister*

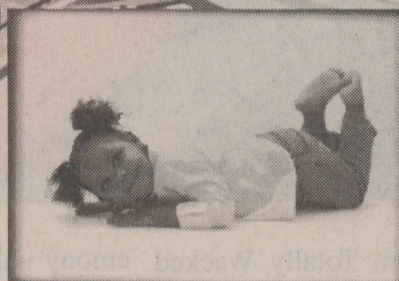


**Stephani Amanda Trevino**

Born on November 11, 2008  
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Proud parents:  
*Selina & Albert Trevino*  
Maternal grandparents:  
*Armando & Lydia Martinez*  
Paternal grandparents:  
*Heriberto & Juanita Trevino*

Also welcoming Stephani home were her aunts, uncles & cousins.



Happy 2nd Birthday  
Jayla  
We love you.

Another year has passed.  
How time has flown  
we can't believe  
how much she's grown.

Mommy, Daddy, Gigi,  
Grandpa, Uncle Harley,  
Nana Stella & Papa Mando

### Letter to the Editor

To the residents of Sonora, I will be resigning my position as a Texas State Trooper effective 12-4-08. I remembered when I chose Sonora, Texas as my home 7 or 8 years ago. During this time I have met some of the kindest people and have built some relationships that will last me a lifetime. The relationship I have had with some public officials has become strained and I regret it. We have differences of opinions on several issues and I don't think that is a bad thing. My decision has been a thorough process in which I leaned on my family and friends for support. There are also some residents of Sonora that have made false accusations about me which are untrue, and I know your names, and I know who you are and you are to be congratulated in your efforts to attempt to take me down. As the residents of Sonora are aware, I have been accused of stealing caliche from a local rancher. I can say that I didn't steal caliche from him or anyone else. I look forward to vindicating my name on this issue and other issues. My family and I will reside in Sonora, Texas and will continue to operate our family business. As I continue on my journey I look forward to putting these issues behind me. I hope some of the local residents of Sonora will continue to treat me and my family like you always have with kindness and love. I know that I have ruffled some feathers over the years and those feathers needed to be ruffled. I wish the residents of Sonora a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would also like to say thank you to some very special people that have helped our business in the past.

Earlie Williams IV

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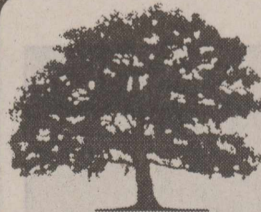
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### Happy Birthday!

- December 4**  
Joe Schaeffer, Elsa Banda,  
Joe Fincher, Joell McGuffin, Noah San Miguel,  
Darla Lipham, Cora Seymour
- December 5**  
Roy Luna, Gary Leonard, Dylan Smith,  
Erika Campbell, Sabrina Surber, Becki Harris
- December 6**  
Logan Luttrell, Kaija Valkonen,  
Graciela Alvizo, Jesse Burnham
- December 7**  
Micah Adams, Maria Favila, Preston Love
- December 8**  
Louie Castro, Sr., Quincy Crain, Austin Slaugh,  
Cameron Sims, Bobby Mogford, Mike Fay,  
Whitney Hooper, Willie Gutierrez
- December 9**  
Chris Flores, Amber Vasquez, Carrie Smith,  
Rose Hooper, Chris Lopez
- December 10**  
Melanie Smith, Tyler Edmondson,  
Elizant Flores, Gilbert Vara, Jr., Amy Hernandez,  
Tommie Sanchez, Amberlie Kinder,  
Kristen Hardgrave, David Lopez

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6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesdays 5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir  
December 7, 2008 - Childrens Christmas Pageant  
December 14, 2008 - Choir Christmas Cantata  
December 24, 2008 - Christmas Eve Service 6:00 p.m.

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## 2008 Spring President's Honor List



Courtney Caruthers

Courtney Caruthers made the 2008 Spring President's Honor List at Texas Tech University as a Junior. Courtney's major is Early Childhood Education and is now a Senior at Tech. Courtney is a 2005 graduate of Sonora HS. Proud parents are Janice Grider Caruthers and Bob Caruthers.

## Up On Eaton Hill

By Delyse Jaeger

Have you driven down the highway and experienced the uneasy feeling that someone is watching you? Perhaps you've passed under the intense gaze of an American kestrel - sentry of the high wires - and little beauty of the raptor world. With the trained eye of a professional hunter, this tiny hawk scans the open fields for grasshoppers, small rodents and lizards. The American kestrel is the smallest and most colorful of all North American birds of prey. The male kestrel has a steel blue (powder blue if you prefer) crown and wings, with a bright rust colored back and tail. His upper breast is a buffy rufous tone fading to a creamy white beneath. Add the leopard-like dappling with dark spots and intermittent black feathers tipped in white and we've yet to cover the bird's most arresting feature: the pair of dark lines descending like war paint from just below and just behind the kestrel's eyes. A favorite falcon of birders for obvious reasons, the American kestrel can be seen throughout Sutton County and of course at Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctu-

ary. Recently, a high pitched screech sent me fumbling up the trail whispering a prayer that I might capture the raptor on film. While the photos are



unremarkable, I was fortunate to witness a pair of kestrels momentarily poised atop an electric cross pole before they fussed, hopped, hollered once and set out again. We can only hope they are thinning

the feral cat numbers on the hill. Spay & neuter!

This reminded me of something Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologist Mary Humphrey had shared a number of years ago. Mary had the good fortune of witnessing an entire field full of hawks, an uncommon glimpse of migrating raptors at rest. A grouping of hawks is generally referred to as a "cast"; however migrating hawks exhibit an even more phenomenal behavior than gathering in huge numbers. The birds make ingenious use of air currents to complete their momentous journey. Here's how it works and by all accounts this is incredible to behold. "Ther-

mals" are warm currents of air that rise from the earth's surface upon which raptors will hitch a ride, circling and spiraling upward to an altitude in the lower thousands of feet - with scarcely a need to flap their wings. When the current dissipates, the birds begin a gradual descending glide, reaching speeds up to forty miles an hour and covering up to two miles, all with very little energy expended. The broad winged hawk is the species most commonly observed in this spectacular display of aerial finesse. Hundreds of birds may be seen riding the same warm current and are referred to as a "kettle" of hawks - the ultimate avian aerial adventure.

Perhaps you have seen a kettle of kestrels or a kestrel kettle... if a kestrel kettle can quickly cover a couple kilometers, how many...

Truly, kestrel hawks are not difficult to observe and are surely worth a study through the binoculars. Hit the trails!

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The Sutton County Commissioners Court has enacted a Burn Ban and a Fireworks Ban, prohibiting all outdoor burning and all fireworks until further notice.

Interested in Emergency Medical Medicine? Sutton County EMS and BSA are looking for youth between 14 and 20 years of age to participate in a local Emergency Medical Exploring Post. Exploring's purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults in a certain career. For more information, please contact: Roberta Tanguma 325-277-7189.

Depot is now ready for rent!  
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Coats for Kids - a community project sponsored by the 4-H Club in now accepting good, used, clean, coats and jackets in all sizes. Recepticals are located at the 4-H office, and at both the First National Bank and The Bank & Trust. This project helps the children of Sonora have a warmer winter.

The Sutton County Historical Society needs volunteers in assisting the The Old Sonora Ice House Ranch Museum greeting visitors at the gift shop. We will be open Wed. thru Sat. from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please call Rex Ann Friess @ 226-2122 if you are interested.

Looking for any information on the history of Liberty Park (La Placita) especially pictures. Please bring or call The City of Sonora 387-2558 ext. 308

Viva Sonora-Cinco de Mayo Parade- If you are interested in participating in the Cinco de Mayo Parade please contact Juanita Gomez at 387-2507 or 206-0830.

Viva Sonora-Little Mr. and Little Miss Cinco de Mayo 2009 Contest- Parents if your child is between the age of 3 and must not have turned 6 prior to May 2, they may be the next Little Mr. and Little Miss Cinco de Mayo. Please contact JoAnn Hernandez @ 325-387-2593 or 325-206-0366 FMI.

Viva Sonora-Miss Cinco de Mayo 2009 Contest- If you are a 10th or 11th grade girl interested in becoming the next Miss Cinco de Mayo please call Michelle Faz at 387-2593 for more information or registration.

Survivors & Caregiver Registration: Sutton County Relay For Life will be on May 8 - 9, 2009. Come join us for the ACS Relay For Life Celebration for Survivors & Caregivers. If you wish to register as a Caregiver or Survivor for this event, please call Marisa Faz 325-387-2041 or Dani Dillard @ 512-633-0069.

The Board of Directors of the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District will hold its regular monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 301 S. Crockett Avenue. The public is invited to attend.



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# Blast From The Past 1902

FIRE SWEEPED AWAY HALF OF DOWNTOWN SONORA



After the fire in September 1902, the First National Bank was the only building left standing on the east side of Main Street. In the foreground a safe remains after the disaster, and up the street hogs are eating flour scattered on the street. It is interesting to note that most of the boys are wearing hats, but are barefoot.

September 12, 1902, Sonora suffered a crushing loss of some \$70,000, with less than one-third covered by insurance, when most of the east side of Main Street was literally swept away by fire.

Following is the account of this disastrous fire from the Devil's River News:

Sonora suffered a severe loss by fire early Friday morning. About half past five o'clock Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Berry were driving through town going out on a hunt when they discovered the Mayfield Mercantile Co.'s house was on fire and immediately gave the fire alarm.

The fire company responded promptly but before the water could be turned on the building was a mass of flames

and the high wind from the north fanned the flames to a white heat.

All hope of saving the buildings was about given up and efforts were made to save the adjoining buildings when the oil tank in the cellar exploded and the other combustibles followed suit and the flying timbers were carried all over the Southwest portion of town and it was thought impossible to save any portion of the town in that direction but the fire boys kept fighting.

Inch by inch they retreated nobly and in fine order and the fire fiend kept advancing and sweeping all before it until the entire block was in ruin.

The explosion wrecked the fronts of all buildings on the upper side of the street and

for blocks in all directions.

By diligent efforts and hard work with occasional assistance from the fire hose the north part of town was saved.

The explosion caused many accidents but none fatal, those injured being: Guy Yankee, Claude Stites, R.S. Holland, Steve Murphy, J.W. Keene, and (Mr. Keene later died of injuries received that night) Theo Savell, Joe North, W.A. Berry, and Willie Adams seriously and many others who do not know how seriously they are injured.

The explosion carried burning embers all over the southwestern part of town and set fire to the residence of Jno. R. Word and the building and contents were an entire loss, as were also the contents of

the Koening residence occupied by S.A. McGinty in the neighborhood of the Word place. The place occupied by Jno. R. Word was owned by the A.A. Deberry estate of San Angelo.

The loss as obtained by hurried inquiry is as follows: Mayfield Mercantile Co. \$30,000, insurance of \$18,000; E. R. Jackson, owner of Mayfield building valued at \$5,000 insurance about \$2,700; First National Bank loss \$4,500, insurance \$1,400; G.W. Morriss, Maud S. Saloon loss \$4,000, no insurance; Berry Barber Shop, total loss; Sonora Fire department house, total; A. J. Swearingen Ranch Saloon, total loss, \$9,000, no insurance; building owned by Geo. T. Kirkland loss \$500; R. W. Hill's meat market, loss \$150; building owned by A. W. Galey, loss \$300; J. F. Canady boot and show maker, partial loss about \$200; Mrs. R. K. James restaurant partial

loss, \$150; A. N. Galey and F. J. Castellow, grocer and cold drinks, loss \$300. The Canady shoe shop, James restaurant and Galey and Castellow grocery buildings were owned by Geo. S. Allison and together with R. E. Barnes blacksmith shop also owned by Mr. Allison were valued at \$5,000, no insurance.

The telephone office was the building over the Galey store and Manager Brown lost her personal effects but saved the instruments and had the lines in operation half an hour after the fire.

The loss to other buildings and premises are nominal excepting the drug store of E. S. Briant and J. Lewenthal which sustained heavy losses.

The windows in the Court House were shattered and the telephone pole in the courthouse yard was blown out of the ground; the front of the Decker Hotel, the Decker sta-

ble, Briant's drug store, Frank Sparks saloon; the Vander Stucken buildings, Stites & Co.'s, J. Lewenthal's drug store, the T. L. Benson's store, the McDonald Hotel, W. L. Aldwell, C. F. Adams, Thomas L. Benson and other residences were damaged considerably.

The fire is supposed to have originated from a lamp left burning in the front of the store during the night and the loss is deplored by the entire community.

It is probable that the entire block will be built up in stone and the business interests will be better than ever. Cashier Aldwell of the First National Bank expects the bank to build a two-story building on the corner and a mercantile building on the old bank site, G. W. Morris, A. J. Swearingen, and G. S. Allison, will also build and fill in the block with substantial rock buildings.

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## Do Plants Need Water During Dormancy?

By Pascual Hernandez,  
Sutton County Agricultural  
Extension Agent

When we put up our gardening tools in the fall, our landscape plants still need water. Relatively dry air and low or no measurable precipitation lead to dry soils. This means that even in the fall and winter... trees, shrubs, and lawn grasses need water to avoid drought stress. Our cool season has been dry so far.

During these extended dry periods, the lack of soil moisture and atmospheric humidity can damage plant root systems unless they receive supplemental water. Affected plants may appear normal and resume growth in the spring, only to weaken or die in late spring or early summer because the amount of new growth produced is greater

than the weakened root system can support.

Most woody plants with shallow root systems require supplemental watering during extended winter dry periods. Lawn grasses also are prone to winter damage. Newly established lawns, whether they are started with seed or sod, are especially susceptible to damage in dry weather.

In most winters, one or two waterings per month will be enough to keep plants from suffering winter damage. Apply water early in the day, so it will have time to soak in before nighttime temperatures drop. If water stands around the base of a tree, it can freeze and damage the bark.

For trees, apply the water



where it counts the most... in the root zone. Consider that established trees have roots that go out at least as far as the tree is tall and usually further. It is in the "dripline" and just beyond where most of the water should be applied. Water applied at the tree trunk base is wasted because there are no water-absorbing roots there.

Watering recently planted trees and shrubs is a different story. Their roots don't go out that far yet. In this case you will want to water the root ball zone and just beyond. The aim is to water where the roots are.

For additional information, contact the County Extension Office.

## Jesus Saves

Jesus and Satan have a discussion as to who is the better programmer. This goes on for a few hours until they come to an agreement to hold a contest, with God as the judge.

They sit themselves at their computers and begin. They type furiously, lines of code streaming up the screen, for several hours straight. Seconds before the end of the competition, a bolt of lightning strikes, taking out the electricity. Moments later, the power is restored, and God announces that the contest is over.

He asks Satan to show what he has come up with. Satan is visibly upset, and cries, "I have nothing. I lost it all when the power went out."

"Very well, then," says God, "let us see if Jesus fared any better."

Jesus enters a command, and the screen comes to life in vivid display, the voices of an angelic choir pour forth from the speakers. Satan is astonished.

He stutters, "B-b-but how? I lost everything, yet Jesus' program is intact. How did he do it?"

God smiled all-knowingly, "Jesus saves."

## Deer Smugglers from Texas, Minnesota, Sentenced to Prison

AUSTIN, Texas — A Texas man and a Minnesota man were both sentenced to federal prison terms yesterday for illegally transporting white-tailed deer across state lines.

On Nov. 24 in Plano near Dallas, Federal District Judge Richard A. Schell sentenced Robert Eichenour, owner of Circle E Ranch in Grimes County, Texas, to 18 months in federal prison. Eichenour must also serve 36 months probation after his release from prison and pay a \$50,000 fine. Brian Becker of Minnesota was also sentenced to 33 months in federal prison and 36 months probation after his release.

During the probation period, neither man will be allowed to sell deer. The equipment used by both during their illegal endeavor was also forfeited. Both men were convicted of felony violations of the federal Lacey Act, which prohibits the transportation of illegally captured or prohibited animals across state lines.

The two men were caught on Oct. 22, 2006, in a smuggling sting operation conducted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Special Operations Unit and United States Fish and Wildlife Service Special Agents. Eichenour and Becker were caught smuggling 14 white-tailed buck deer from Minnesota to Eichenour's ranch in Grimes County.

Investigators say the plan was for Eichenour to bring in hunters and sell hunts for the trophy Minnesota bucks. After a lengthy investigation it was determined that, over a four year period, Becker and Eichenour had smuggled in approximately \$300,000 worth of white-tailed bucks. Other investigations continue involving people Eichenour did business with as a permitted deer breeder in Texas.

"Texas game wardens and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agents continue to work

together to deter illegal trafficking in wildlife across our state and across America," said Col. Peter Flores, TPWD Law Enforcement Division director. "The illegal trade may be perceived to be profitable

for some, but the price to pay is high when they are caught, and we hope that this type of penalty will deter those who would engage in the illegal wildlife trade."

The lead investigators for

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department were the late Sgt. Adam Chrane and Sgt. Brad Chappell, both investigators in a TPWD special operations unit that focuses on large scale cases which cross regional lines. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was represented in the case by Special Agent Mike Merida. The federal prosecutor was Assistant U.S. Attorney Shamoil T. Shipchandler in Dallas.



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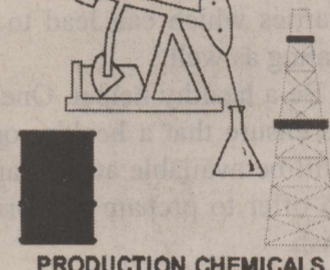
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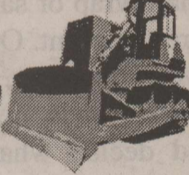
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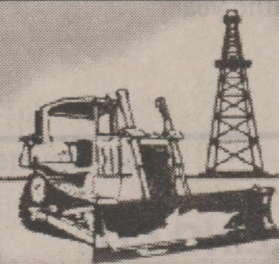
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# Curbing Holiday Weight Gain



**Submitted By:**  
**Kelly L. Thorp, MS**  
County Extension Agent- FCS  
Texas AgriLife Extension-  
Sutton County

It's that festive and joyful time of year again... the holiday season!

The holidays are a time to celebrate and spend time with family and friends alike. However, the holiday season and winter months often bring more high calorie "party" and "comfort" foods to the table and less physical activity which can result in weight gain. "Weight gain associated with the holidays can contribute to overall increases in body weight as we age" says Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent Kelly Thorp.

To help curb holiday weight gain, Kelly Thorp first suggests that you concentrate on family, friends, and reasons for celebrating the holiday rather than what kind and how good the foods served will be. In other words, shift the focus of your holiday celebration away from food

and more on the people you are celebrating with. Use these tips to make your holiday celebrations a little easier on your waistline:

- Plan before you feast. If you are going to a holiday party, don't go on an empty stomach. Skipping meals may cause you to overindulge on high calorie, high fat foods. Instead, eat small amounts of healthful foods such as fresh fruits and vegetables, cereal, yogurt, or a small wrap or sandwich before the event. Once you arrive at the party, take a look at the foods being served and decide what you will eat ahead of time. Also, consider if there will be a main meal later in the day. This will help you maintain control of your eating while still enjoying your favorite foods.

- Avoid extra calories from drinks. Alcoholic drinks and other holiday favorites such as eggnog may taste great but provide lots of extra calories and few nutrients. In fact, one 6 oz. glass of wine has 150 calories, while an 8 oz. glass of eggnog provides 350 calories! In addition, regular sodas contain on average, 140 calories per can.

Consider skipping these high calorie beverages, or limiting yourself to just one small glass so that you can save most of your calories for the main meal or appetizers.

- Control yourself at the table. When sitting down at the table for the main meal, remember to keep your portion sizes in check. Choose small portions of the foods you want to eat then take your time and enjoy your meal. Remember to take small bites, chew slowly and savor your food. Once you have finished eating, get up from the table. If you remain at the table, it will be easy to continue eating. Instead, offer to clean the table or put away leftovers. Once the work is done, suggest a walk outside or a fun game to take the focus off of food.
- Another good tip is to avoid being near the buffet table at parties which can lead to over eating as well.
- Be a healthy helper. One way to ensure that a healthy option will be available at the party is to offer to prepare and bring a dish.

Your host will appreciate your help and you will have one dish that is a healthy alternative. If you are in the kitchen preparing foods, also be conscious of all of those tiny tastes you sneak when no one is looking.

For example, that taste of sugar cookie dough packs 40 calories and that lick of frosting adds another 25 calories! The calories from these tiny tastes can add up quickly.

- Stick to your routine. The holiday season can be challenging for anyone trying maintain their weight but especially so for a person trying to lose weight. Do your best to stick to your routine during the holiday season. Continue to be physically active as much as possible, ideally for 30 minutes five days per week. Maintain your healthy eating habits at home by focusing on fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean protein sources, and low-fat or fat-free milk products.

Use these tips to curb holiday weight gain while still enjoying your favorite foods in moderation. Remember to focus on friends and family and stick to your routine!

# Uncle Mort Goes for the Gold

By Dr. Don Newberry

Stories about survivors of "Black Friday" abound. You know who you are, and you know what I mean. You "bit" on the advertising lure--sinker, line and hook--that you should abandon your bed around 2 a.m. to join the chase. Everyone would be out that day after Thanksgiving to save a bundle on gifts as the Christmas shopping season officially began.

My hunch is that you perhaps saved a half-bundle, but still have more than half a list to check off 'tween now and the big day.

Uncle Mort called the other night, labeling himself "frenzied" about gift plans for Aunt Maude. They've gone awry....

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For my uncle down in the thicket to make such an admission is big indeed. His "frenzied" would be comparable to total hysteria for the rest of us.

He hates shopping in general and long lines in particular. He figured that a gift of gold would be a grand gift for his wife of 75 years.

"Maude would have loved it," he chirped. "But my dentist put the quietus on it. He said it wouldn't be cost effective to remove my gold tooth."...

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Mort said there is a "silver lining" in his ill-fated, "gift-on-the-cheap" scheme.

"You've mentioned what a great conversation-starter that gold tooth is," the dentist reminded, "and I just don't think a gap there would be nearly as interesting."

The doc advised Mort to keep an eye on gold prices, and if they keep on going up, the tooth might make a nice gift for her summer birthday....

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Don't expect to see Mort in the shopping lines. At least, not yet.

He's going to suggest to Maude that they draw names this year.

That way, he's got a 50/50 chance of drawing his own....

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As we approach the festive season, let us take note of two toy world giants who made their exits this year.

What are the odds that founders of companies that manufactured all-time favorite toys would expire in the same year?

In January, Richard Knerr of Hula Hoop fame, died at age 82, and in November, death claimed 90-year-old Betty James. Her company made the Slinky. Both companies have registered sales in the hundreds of millions of dollars around the globe....

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Though both toys quickly achieved "must have" status when unleashed on the world more than a half century ago, their origins differ greatly.

The concept for the Slinky was born when a spring from a mechanism on a World War II naval vessel bounced around the deck. The Hula Hoop (sometimes called "hoola hoop") craze didn't blossom until it was manufactured in plastic configuration.

Earlier, they were made of bamboo, and popular only in Australia....

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Ah, but pages must be turned back much further if we're to learn when the hoops first whirled.

A song or sumthin' mentions walking like an Egyptian. Well, I'm here to tell you that researching ABOUT Egyptians isn't easy, either. One could go loopy poring over this stuff.

Originally, the hoops were made of twisted grapevines by Egyptian youngsters some 3,000 years ago. More specifically, it is believed that the very first ones were fashioned by young Egyptian herdsmen. Once the herds were settled for the night, the guys fought off boredom with fruit of the vine, and eventually the vine itself. It is said that the night air in those olden days was fouled by the odor of cigarettes made of grapevine....

Though historical references are sketchy, it is believed that these creative herdsmen may have concocted the recipe for "Grapette," a soft drink introduced in the 1940s.

Egyptian hieroglyphics also reveal passages that were silent across the years until "herd" in the smash Broadway/movie hit, The Color Purple. And some musicologists think they may have written several popular songs that made it big in the 20th century, including, I 'Herd' it through the Grapevine, Deep Purple and Flying Purple People Eater.

Enough already! Too much, in fact. All these Egyptian "facts" could be the stuff of dreams. Or maybe I'm just recalling spiels reeled off by Uncle Mort. They said he was awful bad about smoking grapevines back in the day....

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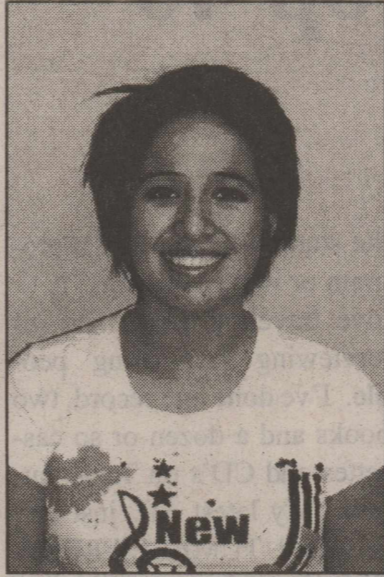
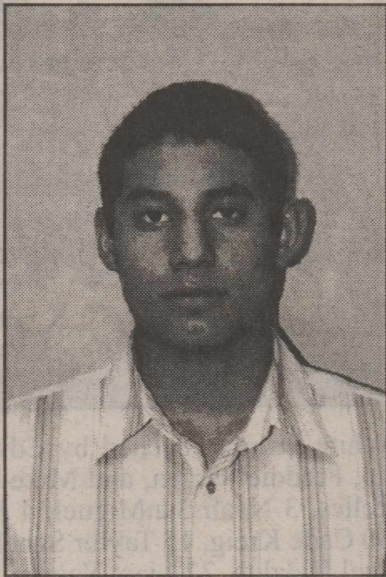
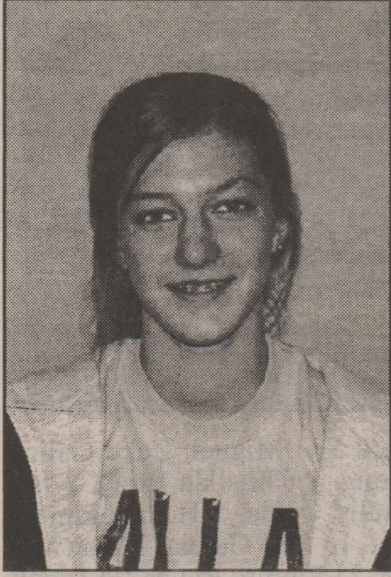
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## Sonora High School Students of the Week



**Submitted**

Sophomores Karina Trevino, Jorge Gaytan, Kallie Humphrey and junior, Monica Sanchez were named Sonora High School's Students of the Week for the week of December 1st.

Karina is the daughter of Fernando and Alma Trevino. Her favorite teacher is Coach Dukes and favorite class is with Ms. Holt. She likes track, eating, sleeping and dislikes homework and feet. Karina is involved with Spanish Club, Peppermint Ball committee, basketball, track and cheerleading. She has been a lifelong resident of Sonora and loves to attend the Pep Rallies at the High

School. Karina plans to attend college after graduation but is currently undecided on where she wants to go.

Jorge is the son of Jorge Gaytan and Rosario Tovar. His favorite teacher is Mr. McMullan and favorite class is woodshop. He likes to play football, baseball, and basketball and dislikes Italian food. When not active with sports, Jorge likes to spend time with FCA and help with the Peppermint Ball committee. He moved to Sonora when he was a year and a half old from Del Rio and finds his favorite thing about Sonora High School is all the cool people. Jorge plans to attend UT in

Dallas after graduation and pursue a career in the Army afterwards.

Kallie is the daughter of Bryn and Mary Humphrey. Her favorite teacher is Mr. McMullan and favorite class is woodshop. She likes to run, spend time with friends, and watch movies. Kallie is in the FFA and competes in Cross Country and the 800 Mile Relay in Track. She has lived in Sonora her whole life and says her favorite thing about Sonora High School is the people here. After graduation Kallie would like to get her pilot's license.

Monica is the daughter of Ismael and Palmira San-

chez. She says she likes all of her teachers and tells that her favorite class is a tie between Health and Spanish. Monica likes to listen to rock music, talk on the phone, spend time with friends and loves to eat almost any food but Chinese. She also has a strong dislike of bugs. Monica stays involved at school with NHS, Track, and UIL Science. She has lived in Sonora her whole life and plans to attend ASU after graduation and then wants to transfer to A&M University at Corpus Christi to pursue a career in the dental profession.

## 2008-2009 Little Dribblers

Sonora City League would like to announce the beginning of its Little Dribblers program for 2008-2009. The program will have two divisions: 3rd & 4th grade girls and boys; 5th & 6th grade girls and boys.

Any students interested in playing basketball meet at the gym on December 5, 2008. The cost will be \$25.00 per player. Enrollment form & money must be turned in before your child can participate. Please accompany your child to the gym and fill out an enrollment form. We need a good turn out to have a successful program.

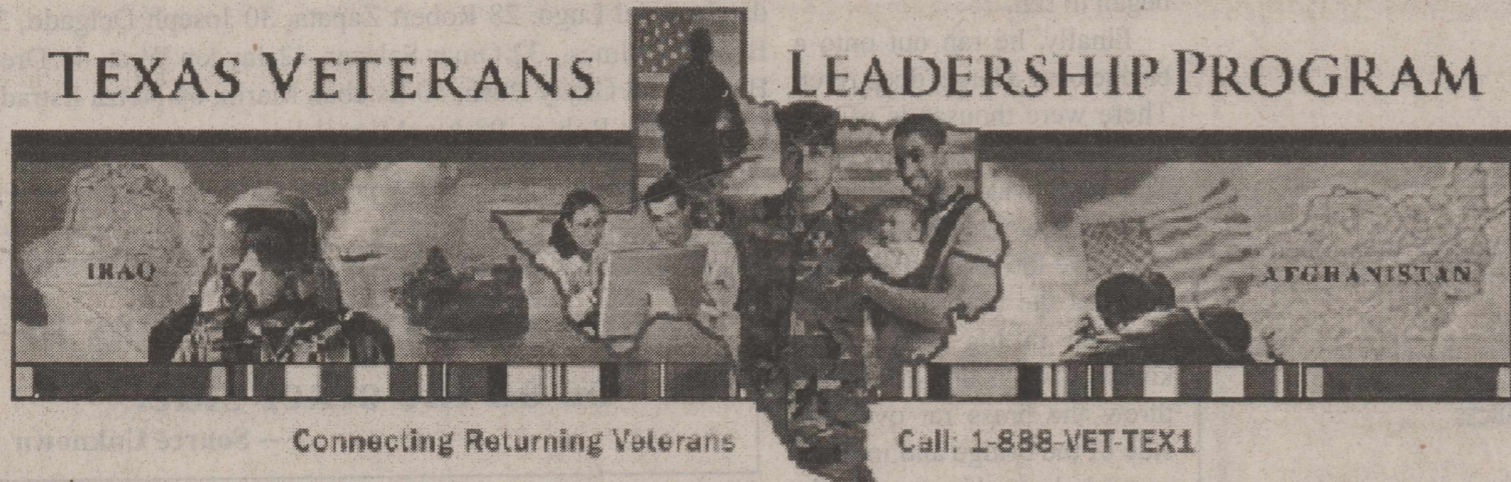
The first group practice will be held on Friday, December 5th and then again on 12/13/08 for both divisions.

**5th and 6th grade 4:30 - 5:30 pm:**  
Boys group practice at Jr. High big gym  
Girls group practice at Jr. High little gym

**3rd and 4th grade 5:30 - 6:30 pm:**  
Boys group practice at Jr. High big gym  
Girls group practice at Jr. High little gym

Volunteers will need to have their forms in on 12/05/08 to be considered for any position working with the youth. Anyone interested in volunteering or if you have any questions, contact Mr. Tommy Van Winkle, President at 387-5267. You may also contact Mr. Johnny Esparza, Vice-President at 226-8023.

## Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Launches New Veterans Employment Initiative



By Steven Goligowski

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has launched a major new initiative designed to assist veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan in their transition back to the civilian community. The new initiative is the Texas Veterans Leadership Program (TVLP). "Returning veterans deserve our utmost appreciation, and we must honor their service by easing their reentry into the Texas workforce," said Texas Governor Rick Perry. "The military provided them training and leadership experience in high-pressure situations and taught them devotion to unit integrity. Now the state of Texas will ensure that their unique skills are applied and further developed within our economy, helping them succeed in the next phase of their lives." Support for the new initiative has come from throughout the state executive branch and legislature. Key supporters include Governor Perry, Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, and TWC Chairman Tom Pauken. "Governor Perry and I want Texas to serve as the model for the nation in welcoming our veterans home as they return to civilian life," said Chairman Pauken. "The best means of thanking them for the sacrifices they have made for our state and nation is to put in place a road map for their successful re-integration into civilian life." He notes that the new program is modeled after the

Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program, a successful national program that he established while working in the Reagan administration. Chairman Pauken frequently describes the TVLP as a program of veterans helping veterans, pointing out that all field representatives of the TVLP are veterans of Iraq, Afghanistan, or both. The program's director is retired Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant Jason Doran, who was awarded the Silver Star for bravery in combat while serving in Iraq. The TVLP provides one-on-one assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining employment, education, health-care, and other benefits earned through the veteran's military service. The program can be tailored to meet a veteran's specific needs.

Employers are key contributors to the program's success. The TVLP works with individual employers to identify skills, talents, and educational requirements that the employer needs from new employees. The TVLP then assists individual veterans to tailor their skills, talents, and education level to meet the identified needs of employers. The goal of the TVLP is to assist both employers and veterans by helping to match an employer who needs a qualified employee with a veteran who is the most qualified candidate for the job.

Eligible veterans, their family members, and interested employers are encouraged to obtain more information by contacting the local TVLP representative, Steven Goligowski, by phone, (325) 653-2321, ext. 1288, or by email, [steven.goligowski@twc.state.tx.us](mailto:steven.goligowski@twc.state.tx.us). More information about

the program is also available from the Texas Workforce Commission at (888) VET-TEX1 (888-838-8391), or the Texas Veterans Leadership Program website, [vets.texas-workforce.org](http://vets.texas-workforce.org).



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# Tumbleweeds Top 40

By Tumbleweed Smith

I started my daily radio program, THE SOUND OF TEXAS, on August 1st, 1969. We had just placed a man on the moon and Texas had a lot to do with that effort. I wanted to explore the Texas spirit, flavor and character and see what the Texas mystique was all about. I decided to report on the state's small towns, unique events, characters, storytellers, history and folklore and tell how Texans have fun. I had freelanced feature programs on Texans to NBC Radio's Monitor, which aired on weekends. It was a worldwide broadcast and the producer of Monitor told me he had some good response to my reports in South America and Africa.

The intention was to sell the series to a number of West Texas radio stations. The original name of the series was Tumbleweed, chosen because it's such a strong West Texas symbol. People started calling me that and I adopted the name.

When the program began, I was news director of KHEM Radio in Big Spring. I had been in radio and television news for nine years and always wanted a business of my own. Of all the news du-

ties I had, I enjoyed doing feature stories the best. Right after the moon landing I got five sample programs ready and sent them to 65 West Texas radio stations. I rented a box at the post office and expected it to be full of mail from stations wanting the program. The response was underwhelming. Only one station bought the series. KZZN in Littlefield. At least I had a network of two stations, one in Big Spring and one in Littlefield. That's when I knew I was going to have to get busy. Through phone calls and friends in the business five stations had bought the series by the end of the year. I quit my job and hit the road, knowing my wife and two young sons had all the faith in the world in me. It was an exciting time. Six months after the program started I began selling it to stations outside of West Texas. I traveled 100,000 miles a year the first couple of years, telling radio station managers and owners they could have something on their stations that was fun, clean, non-threatening and not important. It's still fun 40 years later. I wake up every morning chomping at the bit to get in

the studio and produce a program or write a column. I love traveling Texas and interviewing fascinating people. I've done one record, two books and a dozen or so cassettes and CD's on Texas humor. My latest one, just out, is called TUMBLEWEED'S TOP 40 and features my favorite program from each of the 40 years the series has been on the air. It was not easy picking one show from the 260 shows in a year. I tried not to use any material that had been on previous cassettes or CD's. Looking over the list in front of me, it is packed full of fun stuff and features some of the best storytellers and characters in the state.

I use my very best material in speeches and some of those stories and people are featured on this CD. I'm almost afraid to start mentioning some of the people on it because I'd want to mention all of them. They are all great. There is talk of it being a Grammy nominee in the history category. The 2-CD set is available at my website, [tumbleweedsmith.com](http://tumbleweedsmith.com).

# The Brass Rat

Submitted

One day a man was browsing in an antique shop. Back in a dusty corner, large brass statue of a rat caught his eye. He carried the statue up to the front counter of the store where the owner was sitting and reading a book.

"How much do you want for this?", the man inquired.

The old man looked up from his book. "Aah, the rat.... Well, the statue is \$20, but the story will cost you \$100", he replied.

"I don't care about any stories - all I want is the rat." the man said. He gave the old man the money and left the store carrying his new possession.

As the man walked down the sidewalk, he noticed a scurrying sound coming from behind him. He glanced over his shoulder and saw a rat run out of an alley and begin to follow him. The man quickened his pace and continued on his way. In the next block, he looked back and saw that there were ten rats scurrying after him. He became worried, and walked even faster. Each time he looked behind him, he saw more and more rats..... 50.....100.....200..... He began to run.

Finally, he ran out onto a bridge over a large, deep river. There were thousands of rats following him by this time. The man was terrified - he didn't know what he could do to escape the rats. He looked down at the brass rat that he clutched in his arms. Not knowing what else to do, he threw the brass rat over the side of the bridge and into the water below. He watched in amazement as the rats jumped off of the bridge after the brass rat, until every last one of them had plunged into the river and drowned.

The man stood motionless in the center of the bridge. He couldn't believe what he'd just witnessed. Suddenly, he began to run back down the street in the direction he'd come from. He ran all the way back to the antique shop and burst through the door.

The old man put his book down on the counter and smiled. "So, I suppose you've come back for the story, eh son?" he asked.

"Forget the story!", the man answered. "Do you have a brass lawyer?"

# 2008 Sonora PeeWee Broncos



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**Fault finding is like window washing. All the dirt seems to be on the other side.**

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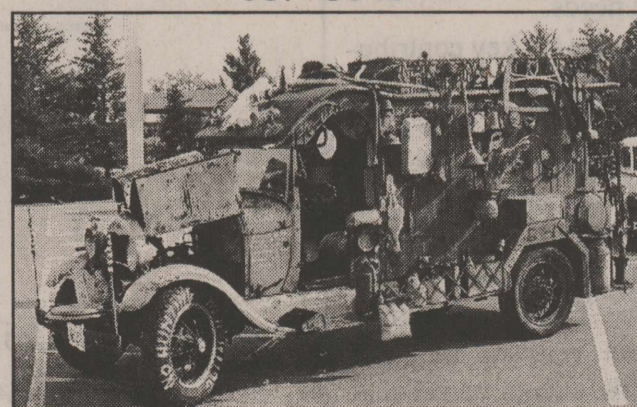
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### SONORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2008

EXHIBIT C-3

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Major Special Revenue Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 15,428,484	\$ -	\$ 1,368,705	\$ 16,797,189
5800 State Program Revenues	5,955,708	-	163,236	6,118,944
5900 Federal Program Revenues	7,119	244,636	540,273	792,028
5020 Total Revenues	21,391,311	244,636	2,072,214	23,708,161
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
<b>Current:</b>				
0011 Instruction	4,973,911	220,760	453,699	5,648,370
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	110,692	13,779	11,346	135,817
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	84,381	4,725	69,584	158,690
0021 Instructional Leadership	73,921	5,372	-	79,293
0023 School Leadership	322,402	-	-	322,402
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	348,439	-	6,900	355,339
0033 Health Services	57,439	-	-	57,439
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	398,892	-	-	398,892
0035 Food Services	12,140	-	426,385	438,525
0036 Extracurricular Activities	491,464	-	37,179	528,643
0041 General Administration	358,220	-	-	358,220
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,383,966	-	-	1,383,966
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	9,700	-	-	9,700
0053 Data Processing Services	354,116	-	-	354,116
<b>Debt Service:</b>				
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long-Term Debt	160,194	-	675,000	835,194
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt	16,047	-	143,019	159,066
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	-	779	779
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	1,721,258	-	-	1,721,258
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>				
0091 Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	8,194,421	-	-	8,194,421
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	203,762	-	-	203,762
6030 Total Expenditures	19,275,365	244,636	1,823,891	21,343,892
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	2,115,946	-	248,323	2,364,269
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>				
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	2,300	-	-	2,300
7915 Transfers In	-	-	73,616	73,616
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(73,616)	-	-	(73,616)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(71,316)	-	73,616	2,300
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	2,044,630	-	321,939	2,366,569
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	13,647,540	-	522,506	14,170,046
1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(249,596)	-	-	(249,596)
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 15,442,574	\$ -	\$ 844,445	\$ 16,287,019

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



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# SPORTS

## JV Girls Basketball



JV Lady Broncos were victorious over Grape Creek

**Sonora-- 34**  
**Grape Creek-- 17**

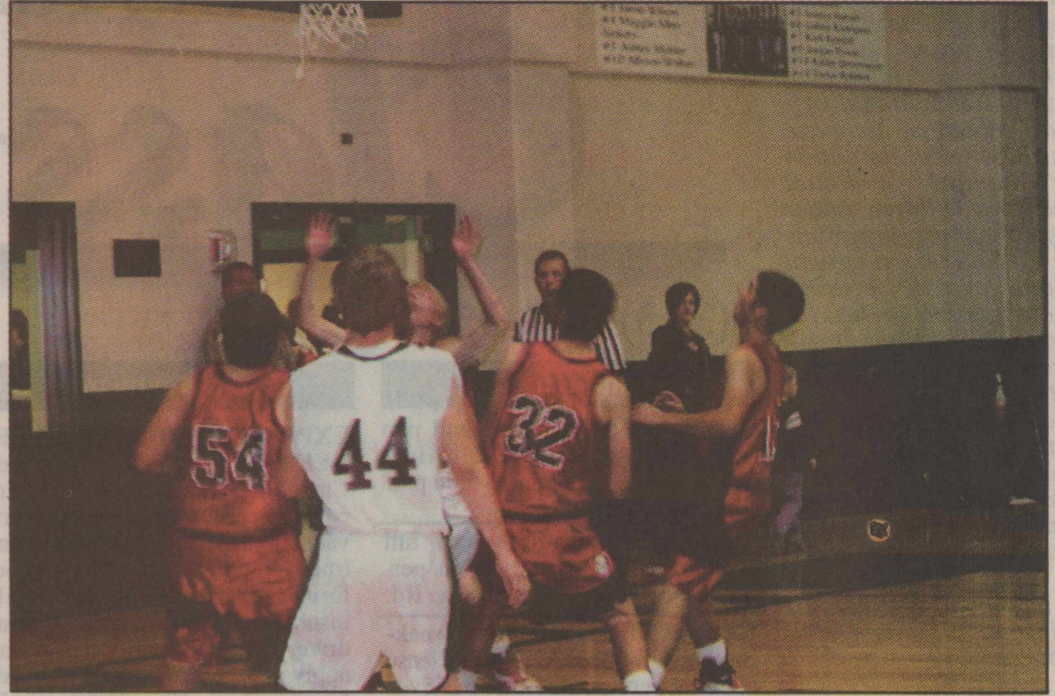
- Delilah Aguero--3 pts
- Karina Trevino--5 pts
- Hunter Jennings--7 pts
- Chelsey Lou Campbell--6
- Evelyn Solis--4 pts
- Sandra Hernandez--4 pts
- Joell McGuffin--3 pts
- Leandra Casteneda--2 pts

### 8th Grade Girls



Bottom row left to right:  
Janet Ortiz, Jacinda Sanchez, Melissa Freeman, Jessica Hines, Clarissa Hernandez, Cassandra Hernandez, Deatra Ortiz, Bethani Trevino  
Top row left to right:  
Micaela Moore, Adrianna Faz, Kelsy Favila, Taylor Hampton, Kory Humphrey, Emilce Hernandez, Paige Sykes, Abby Creek, Stella Ingham, Avery Nolen, Julietta Hernandez, Whitley Hernandez, Rebekah Infante Not pictured Jaron Falcon

Results  
Week 1  
Sonora B 14, Ozona B 4  
Sonora A 35, Sonora B 14  
Week 2  
Sonora B 14, Big Lake 3  
Sonora A 37, Big Lake A 7  
Week 3  
Sonora B 20, Crane B 6



Sonora JV boys played Grape Creek on Tuesday, November 25, 2008. The Broncos were victorious

## 7th Grade Girls Basketball

By Coach Kirkland

The Sonora Lady colts 7th grade won against Crane on Tuesday Dec. 1st. The score was 60-2, and the ladies played an awesome game.

- Jaclyn Abbey--16 points
- Sydney Dermody--4 points
- Logan Smith--6 points
- Kylie Love--24 points
- Macie Friess--4 points
- Shea Holmes--6 points

Also playing was Valeria Ortiz who was just released from a knee injury before the game so she didn't see the court much, and Jomayra Gutierrez. "I tell the ladies to play hard, play strong, and play fast every second, and they really do."

## 7th Grade Boys Basketball

By Roman Rodriguez

On Monday, November 17, the Sonora 7th Grade Colts traveled to Ozona to battle on the court against the Ozona Lions. It was a battle of will for the entire duration of the opening night for Colt action as the Colts had to prove their persistence throughout the evening. Opening up the game, the Colts found themselves on the losing side as the Lions had 6 points in the 1st quarter. Some great defensive contribution by Eric Garcia, Alec Samaniego, and Will Dutton held the Lions to just six points as Ozona was constantly trying to find the hoop. Stellar passing and offensive movement by the Colts led to an early bucket by Chris Rendon. During the second quarter, the Colts' defense really stepped up the momentum of the night as they limited the Lions to just 2 points for the entire period. Great contribution by James Braly, Chachi Munoz, Keanu Gamez, and Andy Samaniego really stalled the Lion offensive attack. As for the offensive side of the Colts, Memo Rodriguez and Scott Gonzales each contributed a 2 point field goal apiece.

During the second half of the game, the Colts found themselves trailing, however they never gave up. Constant defensive effort and persistence by Cody Barber, Omar Salazar, and Harley Johnson kept the Lions in check. The Colts had some offensive contribution through the golden hoops of Scott Gonzales, Memo Rodriguez, and Ligo Rodriguez. The evening turned out to be a nail biter as the final seconds ticked and the Colts were desperately trying to claw their way back. The Colts ended up losing by just one point as the Ozona Lions were able to hold off a last minute surge by the Colts and win 19-18. On Monday, November 24, the Colts once again took to the court this time at Colt gymnasium. There was a combined game of both 7th and 8th grade Colts as they took on a combined team of Big Lake Owls. Great offensive movement by Leonard Ibarra, Kevin Buitron, and Alonzo Hernandez led to an early bucket by Younger Northcott. Stanley Gaytan and Stephen Dominguez contributed greatly on the boards

rebouncing and keeping Owl defenders from getting to the ball. Good defensive play from Eric Garcia, Alex Solis, and Omar Salazar limited the Owls to just 2 buckets the entire first half, while the razzle dazzle dribbling of Erazmo Esquivel through defenders held them at bay. The Colts were not able to manage another point in the second half however and ended up on the wrong side of the scoreboard as the Owls snuck a victory in. The 7th grade Colts took to the court right after to battle the 7th grade owls from Big Lake. The Colts ran a great defensive show as they had many steals and blocked passes. Led by Cody Barber, James Braly and Daniel Gonzalez in the first quarter on the defensive side of the ball, the Colts held the Owls to 2 points. Scott Gonzales led the charge on offense with 6 points, 2 of them coming from the free throw line. The second quarter saw the Colts pitching a shutout led by Alec Samaniego, Will Dutton and Gumaro Casitruita. The Colts ended up having point contri-

butions in addition to Gonzales' from Chance Campbell and Dutton. As the Colts took to the court for the second half, they found themselves winning 13-2. As the second half wore on, points scored by Memo and Ligo Rodriguez and Alec Samaniego put the Colts on the board with 19 points. After great defensive play again from Andy Samaniego, Chachi Munoz, Keanu Gamez, Chris Rendon, and Jonathan Paredes, the Colts held the Big Lake owls to a measly 10 points. Leading scorer for the night was Scott Gonzales with 8 points. The final score, Colts 19, Owls 10. The Colts did a great job and look forward to seeing you next Monday, December 1 as they take on the Crane Golden Cranes.



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### Lady Bronco Basketball Schedule



DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	JV	Varsity
12/2	Christoval	Home	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
12/4-12/6	Ballinger Tour.			TBA
12/4-12/6	Eldorado Tour.			TBA
12/9	Brady	Home	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
12/11-12/13	Water Valley Tour.			TBA
12/15	*Crane	Home	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
12/19	*Kermit	Away	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.

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### Boys Bronco Basketball Schedule



DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	JV	Varsity
11/25	Grape Creek	Away	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
12/2	Christoval	Home	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
12/4-12/6	Ballinger Tourn	Ballinger		TBA
12/4-12/6	Eldorado JV Tourn.			TBA
12/9	Brady	Home	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
12/11-12/13	Water Valley Tourn			TBA
12/16	San Saba	Home	5:00 p.m.	
12/19	Comstock	Home	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.