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## Briefly

The Vocational Trade classes are having their annual fruit sale. If you wish to purchase fruit and have not been approached by a student, please contact Mari Sanchez at 387-6533 or Reggie Williams at 387-2108.

The Sr. Center Christmas and Birthday Party will be Dec. 19 from 4:30 - 6:30 at the Sr. Center.

**Post Office, Holiday Hours**  
Open to 8 p.m. on Dec 4th for pictorial cancellation  
9-12 Sat., Dec. 6th, 13th, & 20th  
Open to 7 p.m. on Dec. 24th.

Parents who wish to purchase senior ads for the yearbook should do so no later than Dec. 19. No orders will be taken after that date. Costs for ads are as follows: full page - \$125, half page - \$95, quarter page - \$75, and eighth page - \$65. Parents should provide pictures and text. For further information, contact Kristin Keel at SHS, 387-6533.

Primera Baptist Church located at 510 Santa Clara will host a Christmas Program to be held Sunday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship night after the program. Everyone is welcome.

Makes an excellent Christmas Gift! Extra popcorn available from the Scouts. To order call 387-2830 or 387-2891.

You're Invited to attend a retirement reception for A.W. Bishop, SCNB President, Sunday, Dec. 21 at the Sutton County National Bank Lobby from 2 to 4 p.m.

## Pledges reach \$355,000 for new community center

**NEW GOLD DONORS**  
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## Dr. William Harlan to lead Sonora schools



Pattie and William Harlan

By Stephanie Campbell

A West Texan at heart, Dr. William Harlan, was born in San Antonio and lived there through the seventh grade.

After moving to Brownwood, he graduated high school before pursuing his college career. Completing a Bachelor of Music and Master of Secondary Education from North Texas State University, Dr. Harlan entered the classroom at Rigma Hills Elementary School in Fort Worth where he taught 3rd - 9th grades.

William returned to North Texas State to complete his studies for a Doctorate of Educational Administration in 1971.

University teaching includes Howard Payne University - Chairman of Department of Elementary Education and Associate Professor of Education, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor - Department Chairman and Associate Professor of Education, University of Texas at Arlington - Assistant Professor of Education, Dallas Baptist University - Director of Student Teaching and Field Experiences and Assistant Professor of Education, North Texas State - Instructor of Education.

He was employed by the Dallas ISD as Building Administrator, Temple ISD in Central Office Administration, and Superintendent of Schools at Eula and most recently Kemp ISD.

Dr. Harlan states in his resume,

"I have enthusiastically dedicated my career to leading and managing school districts to successfully examine programs and practices that will produce the academic results necessary to continue America's place as a leader in a rapidly changing world."

A few of his plans for Sonora include the upgrading of the phone system, networking the buildings, providing each teacher with voice mail to leave assignments for parents to access.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to work with the teachers. (We) have an outstanding school board, they want to see things moving forward."

William and his wife, Pattie, have three children: Cherie, Kerry and Scott. Cherie and James Kuykendall live in Midlothian and have two children, Casey and Danielle. Kerry works in Dallas and Scott teaches at Travis High School in Austin.

Pattie, born in Rocksprings, spent her earlier years in Colorado City and Wichita Falls. She worked with dyslexic students at Kemp and in the school library.

Dr. Harlan and Patti enjoy traveling. Their favorite place is the sunny Caribbean. William enjoys scuba diving, underwater photography and video.

A true sports fan, he enjoys all athletic events whether it be high school, collegiate, or professional. His office boasts signed memorabilia from professional basketball and football players.

"Pattie and I are really excited

## Accomplishments Kemp ISD Superintendent

Receipt of approximately \$50,000 in cash awarded by Gov. Ann Richards for providing leadership that enhanced the instructional skills of Kemp's teachers

Over a three year period, received more than \$300,000 from the state for at-risk students

Received an \$8,000 grant to establish a Writing to Read computer lab for K-1st grade

Increased the district's fund balance by more than \$1,500,000

Rebuilt the athletic field and field house with mostly community help and volunteers

Built one of the first computer labs in the state networked between two buildings with fiber optic cable

Started and implemented the Administrative Team concept of school management

Established a required 7:00 a.m. tutorial for athletes resulting in no players being ineligible

Helped raise more than \$10,000 for a new Agricultural and Technology project center for the district

Built a \$15,000 greenhouse to be used in Agriculture and Science classes

about being back in West Texas particularly Sonora. We're looking forward to working with the people in this community and the students to make their lives now and in the future better."



The Sonora JV Lady Colts walked away with the first place trophy in the Sonora JV Tournament held last weekend.



The Sonora Community Choir presented *Behold that Star!* a musical for Christmas created by Greg and Gail Skipper. The prelude consisted of the First United Methodist Bell Choir; Beverly Arnwine, Carol Love and Kristen Hicks playing *I Wander as I Wander*.

Choir members are Beverly Arnwine, Tommy Arnwine, Gaile Cade, Mark Cooper, Philip Cooper, Ruth Ann Dickenson, Peggy Ann Everett, Karen Fincher, Joy Galbreath, Juli Heath, Brad Heckler, Elizabeth Hemphill, Warren Hemphill, Carol Love, Bessie Roach, Betty Stephen, Jan Stephens, Vicky Wallace, Joe David West, Laura West, and Tamra Wolfe.

The cast included Will Ferguson, Zac Kerbow, Brian Steves, Sarah Ball, Erin Payton, Drew Dempsey, Andi Allen, Susanna Street, Kasey Miller, Johnna Wade, Thia McKissack, and Suzanne Steves. All directed by Paul Cornelius.

## City schedules special bagged leaves pick-up

Submitted

The City of Sonora will pick up bagged leaves on Monday, December 22, 1997. Customers who have an alley should place the bags of leaves next to the dumpsters and customers who do not have an alley should place the bags next to the curb. You do not have to call city hall, the city crews will service every alley and street. This special pick up is only for BAGGED LEAVES. The quarterly pickup will be scheduled for the first of January.

## Sonora builds life-long friend

By Darrell Smith

Hickory, North Carolina is home for me. However, whenever I find myself in Sonora, I feel as if I am still right at home with my own menagerie of long horn cattle and quarter horses traipsing through my pastures.

My farm is the remnants of what was once a 2,000 acre farm with the old home place built in 1848. The man who built the house and raised his family here, Elcana Yount, was a patriot in the War Against Northern Aggression; some history books might refer to it as the Civil War or The War Between the States. He died in a confederate hospital leaving his wife and seven children with the farm.

Over the next several generations most of the farm was sold off with the exception of the home place and roughly 30 acres.

Today I enjoy living in one of the few remaining homes that has so much history. A place where Union Soldiers camped on their way to Atlanta. Where the family had to hide their livestock in the backwoods to keep from losing it to the soldiers.

The home still today reminds me of what it must have been like in those days, much of it being preserved as it was in the 1800's (of course my wife insisted we add indoor plumbing and air conditioning). So whenever I'm home I imagine how tranquil it must have been in those days gone by.

I travel much of the time with my work. I get to see a lot of this great country, from coast to coast. In addition I have many opportunities to visit other countries as well. Believe me, I know the meaning of "there's no place like home."

Growing up in the country I had the opportunity many times to hunt and fish, enjoying the outdoors. My great thrill as a young man growing up was to quail hunt with my father. My father taught me to love the land and its many gifts, but he also taught me to respect it.

Years later I was introduced to other types of hunting. Being a true outdoorsman, I have hunted in many parts of the country; duck and goose hunting the Eastern Shores; pheasant in the Dakotas; elk and mule deer in Colorado; boar, deer and turkey in South Carolina and Alabama. While hunting I've met many people; fellow hunters, landowners, and business people in the communities and surrounding areas. Now as you can imagine, I have met some real characters along the way. I certainly have made a lot of friends and shared some great times.

This year at the 29th Annual Game Dinner I was presented a plaque for "Sutton County Hunter of the Year." Words cannot express my feelings for this recognition. The one thing I would like everyone in Sonora to know, is the fact that every time I visit Sonora, every

person I meet makes me feel welcome. Whether it's the Food Center, Ol' Sonora Trading Company, the Wool House or the Sutton County Steak House - it's almost like coming home after a long trip.

The plaque is proudly displayed in my office where all my friends and visitors can see it! It is now the trophy that I am most proud of. Whenever people ask about it, I am very quick to tell them about Sonora and the many friends I have here!

The one friend I made over 25 years ago is Bill Stewart. Bill doesn't know just how much he has meant to me over the years and I feel that I should let him know.

For years now, I have brought my family, friends, and customers to the Stewart Ranch during deer season. Sitting around the campfire for many hours having all kinds of discussions. Every year when I return to the campfire, I am reminded of the previous hunts, friends made and the sharing that has gone on here.

I have had some of the most personal and private conversations with both my father and my son here on the ranch. A place we found that made it easy to say how much we loved each other and our families; a place where grown men could say things to each other we found difficult to discuss at home.

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Three members of the Sonora High School Band recently received honors. They are Erin Payton - 6th chair trombone Symphonic Band Region, 1st Alternate for Area; Mirabel Capuchina - 4th chair saxophone Concert Band Region; Joe Flores - 1st chair contra bass clarinet Symphonic Band Region, qualified for Area tryout.

## Dining Out Directory

Food Center Deli 600 S. Crockett Ave.  
387-5616

La Mexicana 240 N. Hwy. 277  
387-3401

Pizza Hut 401 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe 207 E. Glasscock Ave.  
387-5552

Sonic Drive-In 202 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-5292

Sutton County Steakhouse 1306 N. Service Rd.  
387-3833

Town & Country Subway 610 S. Crockett  
387-6181

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

## Sonora Church Directory


<p><b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA</b> Rick Sanchez 504 Santa Clara 387-2035</p> <p><b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Tim Dobbs, Minister 304 W. Water 387-3190</p> <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Jim Stephen, Pastor Rev. Paul Cornelius, Assoc. Pastor 404 NE Oak 387-2951</p> <p><b>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector 404 NE Poplar 387-2955</p> <p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor 201 NW Water 387-2466</p> <p><b>JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS</b> St. Ann's Street 387-3600</p> <p><b>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> Rev. Charles Huffman 417 E 2nd St. 387-5366</p> <p><b>NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Brother Rick Brinson 306 N. 4th Street 387-2898</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Attend the church of your choice this Sunday</i></p>	<p><b>THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN</b> Lewis Allen, Pastor 319 NE Mulberry 387-2616</p> <p><b>OUTREACH CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Hwy. 277 S. Glasscock</p> <p><b>PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE</b> Willie West, Pastor 509 Amistad 387-3236</p> <p><b>ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I. 229 SW Plum 387-2278</p> <p><b>JEHOVAH'S WITNESS</b> 310 St. Ann's Street 387-5658 or 387-5518</p> <p><b>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Don Sessom 511 Cornell 387-5215</p> <p><b>COWBOY CHURCH</b> Monty Price The Depot Weekly Starting Sept. 2</p>
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## Our Sympathy



### Jim Bob Altizer

Jim Bob Altizer, 65, of Del Rio passed away Friday morning, Dec. 12, 1997, in a local hospital. He was born May 19, 1932, in Del Rio. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. O.R. Altizer.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Minnie Lee Weathersbee Altizer of Del Rio; a daughter, Sherry Ingham and husband, Ben, of Sonora; a son, Mack Altizer and wife, Kathy, of Del Rio; sisters, Ora Riggs of Sanderson and Blanche Smith and husband, Bud, of Del Rio; grandchildren, Steely Ingham and Stella Ingham of Sonora; nieces and nephews, Olie Smith and wife, Carla, of Sonora, Jim Smith of Del Rio, Ada Lee Robbins and husband, John Ed, of El Paso, Jackie Bob Cox and husband, George, of Del Rio; great nieces, J.J. and Marty Scott of Las Cruces, N.M., and Kelsey Cox of Del Rio; cousins, Mae Ward of Sonora and Virgil Cauthorn and Mrs. Tom Taylor, both of Del Rio.

His past community achievements include being past director of the Rodeo Cowboys Association, life director of West Texas Boys Ranch, San Angelo, Citizen of the Year in 1985 in Del Rio, past director of the Val Verde County Rodeo Association and past director of the American Junior Rodeo Association.

Other achievements include his being the World Champion Calf Roper of 1959, World Champion Steer Roper of 1967, member of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, Oklahoma City, member of the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame, Colorado Springs, Colo., and the Texas High School Rodeo Hall of Fame, Seguin.

He also was a rancher and director of Westex Bancorp Inc. and Del Rio Bank and Trust Co.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, G.W. Cox Memorial Funeral- Home Chapel with the Rev. Timothy J. Vellom and Mr. Robert Kusenberger officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of usual remembrances, donations may be made to the West Texas Boys Ranch, 10223 Boys Ranch Road, San Angelo, TX 76904-9989 or the charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements were by G.W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home, 114 Fletcher Drive, Del Rio, TX 78840, (830) 775-2000.

## Card of Thanks

### Project Help the Needy

*Do you believe in Angels?*

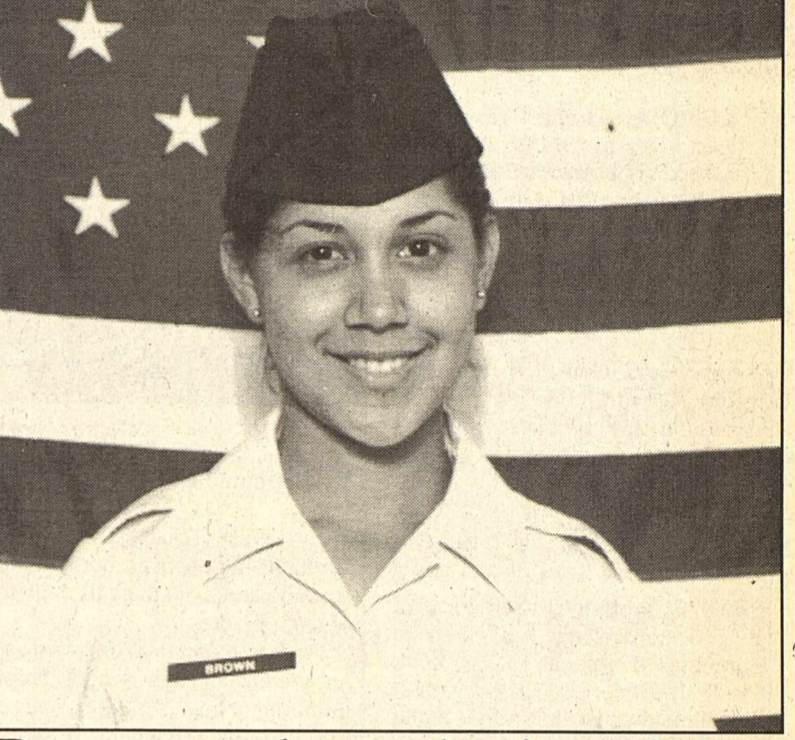
Our sincere thanks to Sharon Welker and her staff for a job well done. Sharon, Director of Food and Nutrition together with her school cafeteria staff raised \$140.00 last weekend to help needy children and families. These ladies either baked or donated food to sell last Saturday December 6th.

Our sincere appreciation to all of you. Here are some contributors: Sharon Welker-Organizer-cupcakes, brownies; Vangie Lira-cake, Ana Marines-Big Red cake, Dora Gonzales-cake, Josie Torres-cookies, Julie-pumpkin pie, Lulu Escamilla-muffins, Billie Moore-cobblers, fried pies, Maria DePugh-German chocolate cake. Others Mary Beth Morgan, Bill Dempsey, Lindy Valkonen, Billie Renfro, Reed Jennings, Diane Benson, Cindy Taylor, Ben Solis.

Thank you Sonorans!

I would like to thank the Food Service employees and teachers of Sonora I.S.D., for all their hard work to make our bake sale successful. Mrs. Tracy Ferguson and her art class students for made lovely posters, Food Center allowed us to use their parking lot and coffee. And we thank all of our customers who made it all possible to help some of our neighbors have a Merrier Christmas.

Sharon Welker  
Food Service Dept.



## Brown graduates basic training

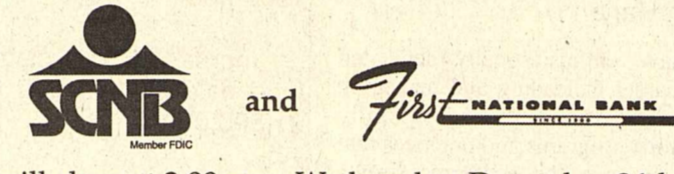
Submitted

Air Force Airman Teresa L. Brown has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who completed basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community of College of the Air Force.

Brown is the daughter of the late Ruben Brown and Leticia Brown of Sonora. She is a 1997 graduate of Sonora High School.



will close at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve and will be closed Thursday, December 25th, Christmas Day.

Both Banks will resume regular banking hours on Friday, December 26th.

Member FDIC

## SENIOR CENTER

### Calendar of Events

**December 18-** TRAX Van to San Angelo!  
**December 19-** Christmas & B-day party 4:30-6:30  
**December 22-** Bingo!  
**December 23-** Christmas Meal & Program  
**December 24-26-** Center Closed for Christmas Holiday

#### Lunch Menu

**Thursday, December 18**  
Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Roll, Orange

**Friday, December 19**  
Fried Catfish Filets, Corn Tomato Casserole, Spinach Roll, Fruited Jello

**Monday, December 22**  
Chicken Strips w/Gravy, Pinto Beans, Mustard Greens, Cornbread, Cherry Cobbler


**Tuesday, December 23**  
Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Fruit Salad, Cool Whip

**Wednesday, December 24-26**  
Center Closed for Christmas Holiday  
Guest Meals are \$4.00.  
Suggested donation for Senior Citizens is \$1.75.

## Ronnie Cox

would like to be your pharmacist.

## Robin Conner is 18 December 21!



We Love You, Mother, Dad, & Tommy

**7 MORE SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS**

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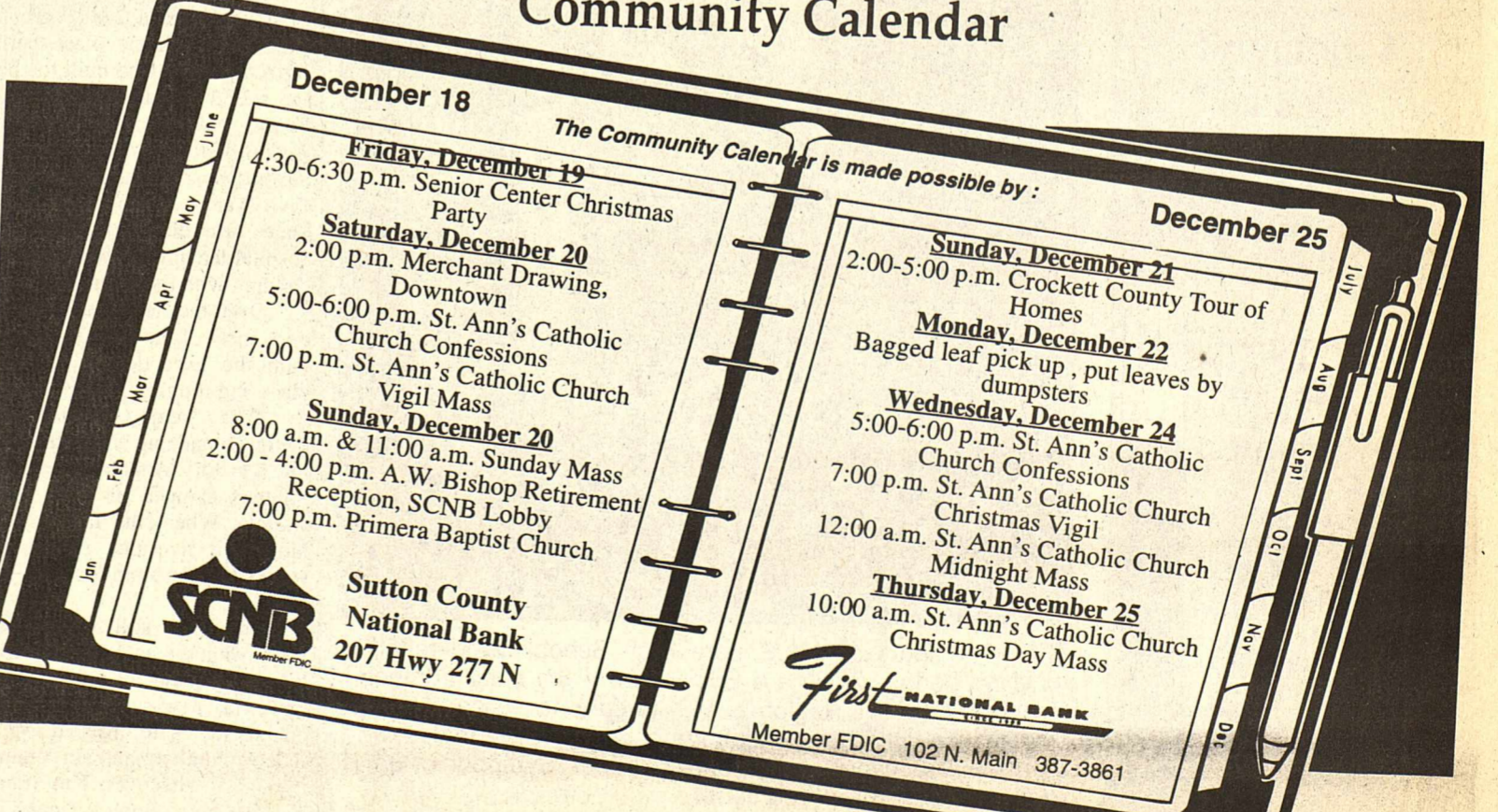
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## Community Calendar



The Community Calendar is made possible by:

**Friday, December 19**  
4:30-6:30 p.m. Senior Center Christmas Party

**Saturday, December 20**  
2:00 p.m. Merchant Drawing, Downtown  
5:00-6:00 p.m. St. Ann's Catholic Church Confessions  
7:00 p.m. St. Ann's Catholic Church Vigil Mass

**Sunday, December 20**  
8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. A.W. Bishop Retirement Reception, SCNB Lobby  
7:00 p.m. Primera Baptist Church

**Sutton County National Bank**  
207 Hwy 277 N

**December 21**  
2:00-5:00 p.m. Crockett County Tour of Homes

**Monday, December 22**  
Bagged leaf pick up, put leaves by dumpsters

**Wednesday, December 24**  
5:00-6:00 p.m. St. Ann's Catholic Church Confessions  
7:00 p.m. St. Ann's Catholic Church Christmas Vigil  
12:00 a.m. St. Ann's Catholic Church Midnight Mass

**Thursday, December 25**  
10:00 a.m. St. Ann's Catholic Church Christmas Day Mass

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## Ask The Historical Society



Courthouse survived fire of 1902 with minimal damage.

By Jo-Ann E. Palmer

We have received the following questions from a group doing a book, *Courthouses of Texas*:

Q. What year was the current courthouse built?

A. At the County Commissioners Court meeting of February 10 and 11, 1891, the court accepted the plans of Oscar Ruffini, of San Angelo, for a courthouse. He was to receive 3 1/2 percent of the cost of the building, payable to him when the contract was let and for superintending the construction and the issue of certificates thereon an additional 1 1/2 percent.

On March 31, 1891 Commissioners Court unanimously voted to award the contract for building the courthouse to Z.D. Gafford for the sum of \$27,706. At a later meeting Architect Ruffini was awarded a payment for preparing plans and specifications of \$969.71.

We also find that the courthouse square, 300 feet square, except amount reserved for well and water purposes was a gift from R.W. Callahan, T.B. Birtong and J.Q.

Adams. The new courthouse and jail was to be built on that plat of land.

In the May 2, 1891 issue of *The Devil's River News*, we find mention that Z.D. Gafford and August Belfanz, the contractors for the courthouse, have arrived and will commence operations Monday morning.

W.B. Brackien, the freighter, brought the first load of lumber to be used on the new courthouse to town on May 2, 1891.

In subsequent issues we find mention of J.B. McInteer stonemason of Coleman, Wm Stephenson stonemason of Coleman and 8 other stonemasons working on the building. A.S. Grant a painter, glazier and decorator worked on the building. Chas. Nichols was the boss carpenter.

We know the courthouse was finished by July 5, 1893 for on that date A.S. Grant was allowed \$935 for material used and work done in painting it. Contractor Z.D. Gafford received a balance due him of \$444.71 and the court then approved and accepted the building.

The courthouse annex was build-

in 1984 and is not connected to the main building.

Q. How many courthouses had the county had?

A. Before the courthouse was built, court was held in different business houses on Main Street. Since it was built it has been in continual use?

Q. What is the style of architecture of the courthouse?

A. Contemporary Oscar Ruffini. A combination of styles.

Q. What year was the county created?

A. Sutton County was created in 1887 and organized in 1890.

Q. Who or what is the county named for?

A. The county is named for a Confederate soldier, Col. John S. Sutton.

Q. What festivals are celebrated in the county and what time of the year are they held?

A. In late August or early September, we have Sutton County Days and the rodeo, in October a Fall Festival is held on Main Street, in November there is an annual

Game Dinner and in early December a Cowboy Christmas celebration is held on Main Street.

Q. What type of recreational opportunities does the county offer?

A. We have the Caverns of Sonora, a 9 hole golf course, tennis courts, a county park, picnic areas, rodeo arena, baseball fields, playground, swimming pool, Sutton County Heritage Square, hunting and the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater.

Q. What are the economic mainstays for the county?

A. Ranching, gas and oil production, hunting and tourism.

Q. What is the current population and area (sq. miles) of the county?

A. The population was listed in 1990 as 5,130 and the county consists of 1,493 sq. miles.

Q. What are some of the more interesting or famous historical facts about the county?

A. The discovery of water on the courthouse square in February 1889.

Parts of the Main Street have been through two devastating fires in 1902 and 1928. Both times the area was rebuilt and recovered.

In 1902, Will Carver, a member of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid's gang was killed while resisting arrest.

Q. Are there any famous people from Sutton County?

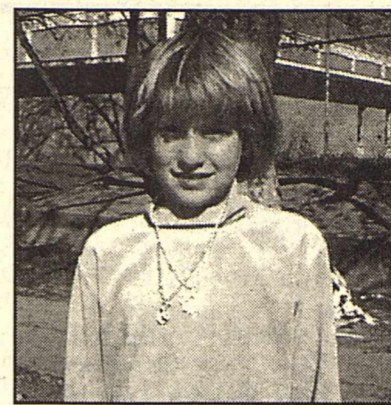
A. All the people in Sutton County are famous. Famous for their down home country hospitality.

Q. What is the county or county seat's "claim to fame"?

A. The Caverns of Sonora. A subterranean wonderland that is considered to be one of the most beautiful and unusual caves in the United States. The wonderful land management by the ranchers that has made for our great hunting.

I would like to thank the people of Sutton County for their assistance in answering these questions.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to Ask the Historical Society, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, give me a call at 915-387-2855 or email me at schs@sonora.digicom.net. I check my email every day.



The District 10 4-H Food Show was held Saturday, December 6 at the Morris Activity Center in San Antonio.

In the Pre-Junior Division Tissie Wagoner of Sutton County placed 5th in the Main Dish category. Tissie competed with 22 other contestants.

## Talley voted Firefighter of the Year

Submitted

The Fire Department had their Christmas Party, Saturday, December 13, 1997. Dinner was served at 7:00 p.m. by the Catfish Corner.

If you heard the fire alarm Saturday night that was to let the children know that Santa was just around the corner. Santa visited with the children and gave them presents.

The Fire Department had their election officers. The new officers are:

Fire Chief-Alan Prather, 1st Assistant-Tim Thorp, 2nd Assistant-Rick Cearley, Captain-George Keese, 1st Lieutenant-Jody Luttrell, 2nd Lieutenant-Charlie Alewine, President-Alta Alewine, Vice President-Brad Black, Secretary-

Tim Talley, Treasurer-Pat Campbell, Chaplain-Louis Allen, Reporter-Shirley Odum.

The Fire Mothers are: Trevlin Strong, Mollie Hite, and Jean Humphreys.

Awards were presented for years of service. The 5 year awards went to Wayne Tyler, Wayford Tyler, and Johnny Snyder.

10 years of service was awarded to Rick Cearley, Pat Campbell, Marty Lipham, and Jody Luttrell.

Tim Thorp and Carl Teaff both received 25 year service awards. Congratulations guys for a job well done.

Tim Talley was elected Firefighter of the Year. Congratulations Tim! You deserve this fine title. You have done a great job with the Fire Department this year and in the years past.

## Dr. Strauch renews membership in TAVP

Austin- Patti R. Strauch, DVM recently renewed her membership in the Texas Academy of Veterinary Practice, an organization of veterinarians who must maintain a high level of continuing education.

Members of the Academy, a non-profit organization within the Texas Veterinary Medical Association, strive to stay on the cutting edge of veterinary medicine by continuing their professional education during their careers.

While licensed Texas veterinarians are required by law to get at least 15 hours of continuing education annually, Academy members must acquire at least 50 hours. Through their commitment to continuing education, Academy members ensure that they provide their clients the best in animal health care.

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# Bronco Scoreboard

## 8th Grade Boys

12-15-97  
 Sonora: 44 Iraan 18  
 Scorers: James Elliott 27, Brandon Scott 5, Stetson Hall 2, Bill Renfro 2, Justin Routh 2, Chance Armke 2, Tim Warden 2, Sean Fields 2  
 Coach: Mario DeSantiago

## JV Boys

12-11-97  
 Sonora: 58 Junction: 34  
 Leading Scorers: Isaac Ramos-18, Bryce Williams-11, Alan Nicholas-8, Russell Dempsey-8, Edgar Gonzales-6, Sloan Holley-3, Fernie Ramos-2, Riley Crain-2.  
 Coach: Brian Lowe

12-12-97  
 Sonora: 60 Grape Creek: 58  
 Leading Scorers: Crispin Lira-11, Isaac Ramos-10, Bryce Williams-10, Riley Crain-10, Russell Dempsey-8, Fernie Ramos-4, Alan Nicholas-4, Edgar Gonzales-3.  
 "The JV won this game in overtime."  
 Coach: Brian Lowe

12-13-97  
 Sonora: 63 Lee: 66  
 Leading Scorers: Isaac Ramos-21, Fernie Ramos-9, Russell Dempsey-8, Riley Crain-6, Crispin Lira-5, Edgar Gonzales-5, Bryce Williams-4, Alan Nicholas-4, Desi Badillo-1.  
 "The JV Boys finished 2nd in the Sonora JV Basketball Tournament."  
 Coach: Brian Lowe

## Varsity Boys

12-11-97  
 Sonora: 66 Iraan: 69  
 Leading Scorers: Brad Legan-17, Ty Harrelson-13, Drew Dempsey-12, Kasey Wood-9, Fernie Emiliano-7, Anthony Renfro-2, Anthony Luna-2, Ernie Perez-2, Mayer Anderson-2.

"Brad Legan and Drew Dempsey had 12 rebounds. Ty Harrelson had 10 rebounds and 7 assists."  
 Coach: Scott Harrelson

12-12-97  
 Sonora: 78 Comstock: 53  
 Leading Scorers: Ty Harrelson-42, Fernie Emiliano-9, Kasey Wood-9, Brad Legan-8, Drew Dempsey-6, Anthony Renfro-2, Mayer Anderson-2.  
 "Kasey Wood had nine rebounds. Ty Harrelson shot 81% from the floor with six steals and set a school scoring record of 42 points. Fernie Emiliano had five assists."  
 Coach: Scott Harrelson



Junior Varsity Boys won second place at the Sonora JV Basketball Tournament. The players are Isaac Ramos, Sloan Holley, Alan Nicholas, Riley Crain, Russell Dempsey, Desi Badillo, Edgar Gonzales, Fernie Ramos, Bryce Williams, Crispin Lira, Ryan Cramer.

12-13-97  
 Sonora: 92 McCamey: 41  
 Leading Scorers: Ty Harrelson-39, Kasey Wood-16, Brad Legan-10, Fernie Emiliano-7, Mayer Anderson-6, Anthony Renfro-4, Anthony Luna-4, Ernie Perez-2, Gabriel Garcia-2, Drew Dempsey-2.  
 "Drew Dempsey and Brad Legan had nine rebounds. Ty Harrelson had seven steals and six assists and shot 83% from the floor. Mayer Anderson had six steals. Ty Harrelson was named to the All Tournament Team."  
 Coach Scott Harrelson

# Six Sonora students named to Who's Who

## Submitted

A total of six students from this area are included in the 31st Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1996-1997.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of Who's Who students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

The 31st Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1996-1997, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 700,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 14,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 18,000 of the 22,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

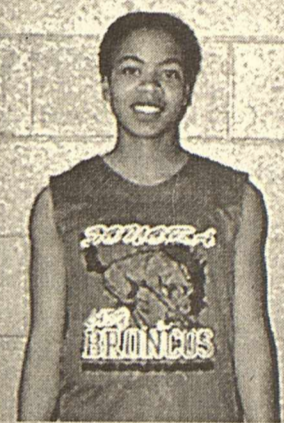
Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country.

The local students selected were Jason R. Arredondo, Kenley Black, Edward L. Carrasco, Stacey Becknell, Kristi Burge, Robin Conner.



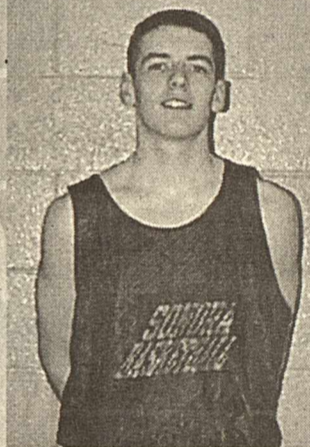
Sonora Lady Broncos brought home the second place trophy from the Ozona Tournament. They were narrowly defeated by the Ozona Lady Lions in the championship game.

## PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Camille Marshall

Marshall received All Tournament in Ozona, scoring an average of 8 points, 4 rebounds, 5 assists, and 3 steals per game.



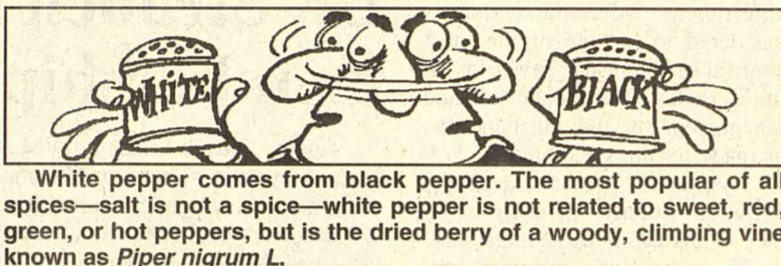
Ty Harrelson

All Tournament in Ozona, scoring 42 pts in a single game and setting a new school record. Harrelson achieved a 31 point average in the Ozona Tournament. Shooting 82% from the floor in 2 games. Consolation Champion- 39 points, 7 steals, 6 assists, shot 83% from floor.

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**Can I get my neck pain treated by a chiropractor? A physical therapist I saw who was not much help said chiropractors treat only lower back problems.**

You probably can get help for your neck pain from a chiropractor and chiropractors treat all ailments of the musculoskeletal system. I would suggest you have a complete chiropractic

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exam, including x-rays, if indicated, and let a doctor, not a physical therapist, determine if chiropractic would be as beneficial for you as it is for thousands of other neck pain patients every day.

**My chiropractor said one of my legs was shorter than the other and that it is a common condition. She said it is an indication of my back problem. I don't believe her. What do you think?**

Your chiropractor was referring to biomechanical distortion which does cause an apparent shorter leg. It is a very common condition and indicates stress somewhere in the body, usually the spine, which causes muscle to imbalance and creates the appearance of a shorter leg. The Deerfield or Thompson Leg Checks are two often used tests by chiropractors to determine for this musculoskeletal imbalance which appears as having one leg shorter than the other. I urge you to ask your doctor questions about her findings so you will be more comfortable and better able to facilitate your treatment.

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## Scouts earn Mexican-American patches

By Debbie House  
Sonora Girl Troop 100 met November 4, 1997 with President Kaleena Samaniego calling the meeting to order. Motions were made by Kash McGee and Dee McGee. All approved. Treasurer report was read by Kate Higdon. Secretary report was read by Casey Arredondo.

We had a Mexican-American Heritage day in which we learned how to say several phrases in Spanish.

The girls learned different types of Mexican music, and the girls danced to the different styles. The girls learned about celebrating the holidays that are observed by Mexican-Americans.

Rosa McGee came and showed the girls how to make flour tortillas. Our guest speaker was Judge Adelita Alvarez who talked to the girls about Mexican-Americans in our society and how she became a judge. The girls went outside and hit a pinata. Later the girls ate nachos served by Mrs. McGee and Judge Alvarez.

The troop was commended on a job well done for their peanut sales. We also welcomed Kaleena Samaniego to our troop.

The girls earned a Mexican-American patch.



## Judge Brock Jones seeks re-election

By M. Brock Jones, Jr.  
112th District Judge Brock Jones announced that he is filing, with the Secretary of State, for a place on the ballot seeking re-election as Judge of the 112th District Court subject to the Democratic Primary Election to be held in March of 1998.

Judge Jones was appointed as judge of the 112th Judicial District in April of 1983, and was elected to

that position in the general election of 1984. Jones was re-elected in 1986, 1990, and 1994.

Judge Jones is a native of Ozona, a graduate of Ozona High School, the University of Texas, and the University of Texas School of Law.

He was licensed to practice law before the Supreme Court of Texas in 1967; served as Assistant Attorney General of Texas and

judge of County Court of Law #1 for Travis County, prior to serving the 112th.

Judge Jones is married to the former Camille Adams of Ozona. Their children are Brock III, Tamara Jones, Margaret Camille Jones and grandson Cuatro Jones, all of Ozona.

## Johanson recognized

San Angelo- Physical therapist Kaye Ellis Johanson was recognized recently as one of 10 Outstanding Clinical Educators in Texas in 1997. She serves as the assistant director of adults in the Physical Therapy Department at West Texas Rehabilitation Center in San Angelo.

Johanson accepted her award in Lubbock in early November. Johanson has more than eight years of experience working as an educator and mentor for physical therapy interns. She also has 24 years of experience as a physical therapist working with neurological deficits in both children and adult patients.

The selection has been made annually by The Texas Consortium Inc. of the Texas American Physical Therapy Association.

## Army Hometown News

Army Pfc. Elvina R. Grogan has arrived for duty at Fort Campbell, Oak Grove, Ky.

Grogan is an helicopter armament and electrical repairer assigned to the 101st Aviation Regiment.

She is the daughter of Lynne Davis of 1204 E. Logan, Round Rock and Sam Caldwell of Sonora.

The soldier is a 1995 graduate of Round Rock High School.



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Cub Scouts visited The Devil's River News office last week to learn the operation of a newspaper.

## The Optimist

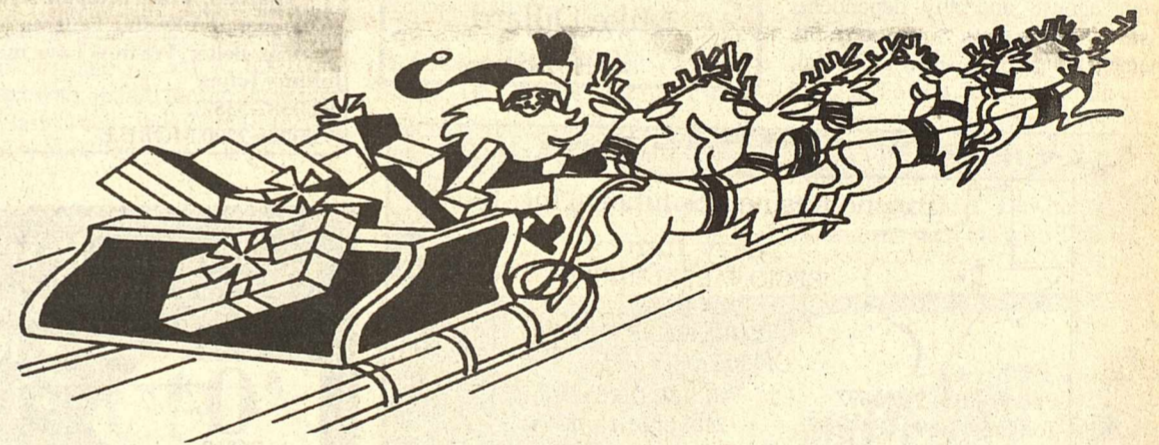
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To build anew.  
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And just to live is joy to me.

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My hours may fill  
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I shall not think there is naught but pain.

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A bird on wing  
And now and then a warming smile  
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Submitted by N.P.



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## Senior Companion Program volunteers recognized

By Deborah Ellsworth, Senior

The Concho Valley Senior Companion Program (SCP) saluted volunteers and local agencies at its annual recognition luncheon on Wednesday, December 10, at the First Christian Church in San Angelo.

"Making Spirits Bright" was the theme of this year's event honoring 74 volunteers and 14 local social and health service organizations.

Special recognition was given to 32 volunteers and two local agencies. Lucy Adams, San Angelo, and Betty McMillan, Brady, were awarded the James Mason Outstanding Volunteer Award.

The Texas Department of Human Services-Community Care for the Aged and Disabled and the Sutton County Senior Center shared honors as volunteer stations of the year.

Four volunteers were recognized for their superior efforts in challenging situations. Mary Louise Sanders, Lionilla Urriaga and Harper Weatherby, all from San Angelo and Barbara Walters, Robert Lee, received the program's

"Blood, Sweat and Tears" awards.

Also receiving special recognition, were volunteers with more than 1,000 hours of service during the 1996-1997: Oliva Acosta, Lucy Adams, Betty Bishop, Manuela Castro, Emmett Criss, Della Eckert, Nell Gossett, Hillard Hicks, Lena Johnson, Judy Larkin, Lou Meeks, Doris Mitchell, Lydia Moya, Toni Munoz, Clara Pursel, Amalia Rogers, Lionilla Urriaga,

Harper Weatherby, Lou Ellen Yocham and Ramona Zuniga, all from San Angelo; Ann Bolt, Mabel Cates, Edyth Cox, Eunice Day, Brigida Velez and Mary Yarbrough, all from the McCulloch County; Marie Davee, Junction; Elena Readon, Menard; Barbara Walters, Robert Lee; and Rosetta Lozano, Eldorado.

Program volunteers assist homebound frail adults to maintain their independence in seven Concho Valley counties. Volunteers logged more than 47,000 hours of direct services in Coke, Kimble, McCulloch, Menard, Schleicher, Sutton and Tom Green counties. Assignments are coordinated through local health and social ser-

vice agencies.

In addition to easing loneliness, SCP volunteers assist with meal preparation household management and advocacy.

During the last program year, more than 260 adults were served through this program. Volunteers are adults aged 60 and older and must be willing to contribute 20 hours of service per week.

Each volunteer attends 40 hours of pre-service orientation and monthly in-service training.

Other benefits include annual physicals, on duty insurance and mileage reimbursement. Volunteers meeting income guidelines also receive a modest stipend to underwrite their cost of volunteer.

The Senior Companion Program is a Corporation for National Service (CNS)-Senior Service Corps program sponsored locally by the Concho Valley Council of Governments.

Funding is provided by CNS, the Texas Department on Aging, the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley and local contribu-

## Candied Citrus Peels Can Stir Up Holiday Fun

(NAPS)—Consider sweetening your holiday table by adding a little twist to your meals.

"Orange" you interested in experimenting with new recipes for your family and guests? Try wrapping candied citrus orange peels around cinnamon sticks and use them as stirrers in cups of hot tea or mugs of warm, spiced cider.

The thicker skins on navel oranges which make them easy to peel also make them ideal for candying. Navels are at their peak of flavor in the winter months, and while they are the favorite eating orange, the experts at Sunkist suggest using the grated peel to flavor or garnish.

Candied Citrus Peel Spirals make a great gift wrapped in any decorative container. The spirals also can be tied onto the tree with festive ribbon. For a tangy treat, dip them into melted chocolate.

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Using a 1 hole (¼ inch) metal citrus peel stripper, remove citrus peel in long continuous strips, starting at stem end and peeling around fruit in close concentric circles (peel may break occasionally). Save the peeled fruit for other uses. Add strips of peel to 3 cups boiling water in medium saucepan and gently boil for 10 minutes. Drain and gently pat dry. In same saucepan, combine 1 cup sugar, ½ cup water and corn syrup; bring to boil, stirring to dissolve



Candied citrus peel spirals can be used as a sweet confection or even holiday ornaments when tied with ribbons.

sugar. Add drained peel strips and gently simmer for 15 minutes. Drain strips and reserve syrup.\* Cool peel enough to handle and cut into 8- to 12-inch long pieces. To form spirals, wrap each piece of peel around a straw snugly, but not tightly. Place on wire rack over wax paper-lined cookie sheet; let dry 1 to 2 hours. Roll each spiral in sugar; replace on wire rack and let dry 8 hours or overnight (candied peel should be firm but not hard).

Gently remove straws. Store in plastic bags. For longer storage, freeze in airtight containers.

\*Reserved syrup is very flavorful and can be served cold over fresh fruit or warm over pancakes and waffles.

For more creative ideas to help make your holidays fun and fruity, see www.sunkist.com on the Internet.

## Beat tax rush for Social Security numbers

Submitted

Incorrect Social Security numbers continue to be a frequent reason for the delay of income tax refunds, according to Frank Upp.

Taxpayers are urged to act now to beat the rush for Social Security numbers needed for tax returns. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will not process returns with missing or incorrect Social Security numbers. If the return does not include the correct Social Security number, IRS may contact the taxpayer for the correct information before issuing a refund.

Taxpayers are now required to have the names of all dependents correctly listed on their tax returns. To avoid delaying your refund, you should make sure your name and Social Security number, and the name and Social Security number of your spouse and any dependents listed on the return, agree with the name and number shown on each

individual's Social Security card.

To get a original or replacement Social Security card, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. The best times to call to avoid peak telephone traffic are later in the week and the second half of the month.

If you have already applied for a Social Security number for your newborn child at the hospital where you gave information for your child's birth certificate, you should receive your child's Social Security card in the mail within six weeks after Social Security receives the information from your state's vital records office.

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## Winter weather driving tips

Submitted

Treacherous winter conditions can make travel along Texas roads a dangerous proposition. The Texas Department of Public Safety urges motorists to pay attention to changing weather conditions and prepare for the winter driving season.

"We urge motorists to use caution when driving under winter weather conditions. Slow down," said Col. Dudley Thomas, director of DPS. "Wear your seatbelts and drive carefully. When it's snowy or

icy, it's always best to avoid travel if at all possible."

Stranded motorists should call the DPS helpline at 1-800-525-5555 for assistance from a DPS Trooper.

For current road conditions, it's best to watch your local news reports, or look up the Texas Department of Public Transportation's website at: <http://www.dot.state.tx.us>.

Winter driving tips include: Wear your seat belt, and make sure your children are buckled up.

Remember that ice forms first on bridges, overpasses and shady areas. If you hit a patch of ice, stay off your brakes and decelerate slowly, holding the car steady as you go over the ice. Speed is the main problem with driving on ice. Adjust your speed to fit the weather conditions. Keep a safe distance from the car in front of you. If your car goes into a skid, take your foot off the gas pedal but don't hit the brake. Steer gently in the direction you want the front of the car to go. As the car straightens out, you will be able to regain traction

and control. Check your car battery before cold weather sets in. Battery power dips in cold weather. Keep blankets, a first-aid kit, flares, jumper cables, tire chains, a flashlight, ice scraper and gloves in your car. Take a food supply of candy bars or dried fruit in case you become stranded. Keep the gasoline level as high as possible to prevent water condensation in the tank. Check the automobile's motor oil, transmission fluid, ignition system, lights, heater, cooling system and wipers.

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## Congressman Henry Bonilla-Toys For Tots celebrates 50 years



The holiday season emphasizes the values of giving, caring and sharing. It is a time to help those less fortunate than us, especially children. That is what the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program is all about.

For 50 years, the Toys for Tots campaign has brightened the holidays for millions of children. Each year, the Marine Corps Reserve collects new, unwrapped toys in collection barrels at various sites, usually local community businesses. They give the toys to the appropriate local groups who distribute them to

deserving children. Through the partnership of the Marine Corps and the community, these children see the true spirit of the season.

The Toys for Tots campaign began in Los Angeles back in 1947. In its first year, the program collected and distributed more than 6,000 toys in the Los Angeles area. Last year, the program collected and distributed 7.5 million toys nationwide! Clearly, Toys for Tots is a true success story of giving and community involvement.

We all have the responsibility as private citizens to help our neighbors in need. There are many things we all can do to give to someone with less than we have. Whether it is giving to Toys for Tots, donating

your time at a local school or community center or buying food for a hungry family, everyone can do something to bring cheer to others.

With all the hustle and bustle surrounding the holidays, it's easy to get caught up in the commercialization of the holiday season. The true spirit of the season, however, lies behind those glittery packages, shiny ribbons, busy stores and bright

lights. The Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program is a perfect example of the true spirit of giving.

For fifty years, the Marine Corps' spirit of patriotism, charity and children is an inspiration to us all.

## AGRIBUSINESS

### Junction Sheep & Goat Auction

Sheep and Goats: 6,000 Last Week: 4,718 Year Ago: 5,300 Dec 16, 1997

Compared to last week: Feeder lambs steady. Stocker Spanish nannies 5.00 lower. Slaughter Spanish kids, yearlings and muttons 3.00-5.00 lower. All other classes slaughter Spanish steady. Stocker angora nannies steady. All classes slaughter angora steady. Supply included around 6 percent sheep including near 200 lambs.

Stock and Feeder Sheep: Feeder Lambs; Medium and Large 1: 45-65 lbs 93.00-98.00 CWT.

Slaughter Sheep: Barbados; 40-70 lb lambs 75.00-92.50; 65-80 lb ewes 53.00-55.00; 75-95 lb bucks 53.00-55.00 CWT.

Stock and Feeder Goats:

Spanish Goats; nannies 40.00-45.00, nannies and kids 28.00-32.00 per head. Half boer nanny kids 50-55 lbs 100.00-250.00 CWT.

Angora Goats: Good and Choice baby tooth to solid mouth nannies 50-65 lbs 45.00-59.00 CWT.

Slaughter Goats: Spanish Goats; 15-35 lb kids 70.00-78.00; 40-65 lb yearlings 75.00-83.00; 75-100 lb nannies 53.00-59.00; 75-145 lb muttons 65.00-80.00; 85-150 lb billies 73.00-90.00 CWT.

Angora Goats: 75-110 lb muttons and billies 45.00-54.00; fat nannies 46.00-47.50; 30-60 lb kids 68.00-76.50; thin nannies and muttons 38.00-44.00 CWT.

Source: Texas Dept of Ag-USDA Market News

### National Sheep Summary

12/16/97

At midwest market centers slaughter lambs steady to 2.00 lower; slaughter ewes and feeder lambs steady. In Pennsylvania slaughter lambs and slaughter ewes steady. At Faith, SD slaughter ewes weak; feeder lambs 1.00 higher. No recent comparison at Billings, MT. At San Angelo, TX slaughter lambs not well tested, slaughter ewes firm to 3.00 higher; feeder lambs 2.00-5.00 higher. Estimated receipts 12,000 head for one day sale. In direct trading slaughter not well tested.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 90-140 lbs: San Angelo: shorn and woolled 80.00-87.00. Midwest: shorn 78.00-84.00, woolled 76.00-84.00.

Direct Trade: (Lambs fob with 3-4 percent shrink or equivalent) Midwest: 1000:

Slaughter Lambs Choice 2-3 shorn and woolled 125-140 lbs 81.00-83.00 del.

Slaughter Ewes: San Angelo: Good and Choice 2-4 42.00-50.00; Utility and Good 2-3 45.00-51.50; Utility 1-2 35.00-45.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 30.00-35.00. Midwest: Utility and Good 2-4 34.00-42.00; Utility 1-3 35.00-38.00; Cull 1-2 30.00-35.00.

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: 45-60 lbs 100.00-108.00, 60-80 lbs 96.00-108.00, 80-90 lbs 95.00-101.00. Midwest: 60-80 lbs 95.00-103.00, 80-100 lbs 85.00-95.00.

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 32,000 compared with 36,000 for the same period last week and 33,000 for the same period last year. USDA



Judge Frank Craddock, Sharon Holman and Claire Powell

## Powell Holman Win State Fair

The Grand Champion Fullblood Boer Buck at the Texas State Fair in October is owned and exhibited by Sharon Holman and Claire Powell. "Kivumbe" is a fullblood South African two year old buck.

He was joined in the Buck Championship lineup by Powell-Holman entries "Duke" and

"Goodstuff" who won 1st in their classes.

Powell-Holman bred animals also won Grand Champion Percentage Boer buck and doe. These animals were exhibited by Beau Schilling.

Judging was Frank Craddock of San Angelo.

## Dewhurst files for Texas Land Commissioner

Austin- Conservative businessman David Dewhurst officially filed Wednesday as a Republican candidate for Texas Land Commissioner. Dewhurst, along with his wife Tammy, asked former Democratic U.S. Congressman and long-time family friend, John Lyle, who is 87 years old, to be by his side when he filed in Austin. Dewhurst will officially kick-off his campaign in mid-January.

"Today, I formally filed for the office of Texas Land Commissioner," Dewhurst said. "This day is especially meaningful because my dear friend, and true Texas hero, John Lyle, is here with me as I begin my journey to become Texas' next land commissioner."

John Lyle received two purple hearts in World War II and represented the people of south Texas as a Democrat in the Texas House of Representatives from 1941 to 1944 and then served five terms in the U.S. Congress. While serving in the Texas House, the Corpus Christi native became a good friend of famed Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn.

"Given John Lyle's Democratic history I was a little worried about how comfortable he would feel

walking into the Republican Party headquarters, where I had to file," Dewhurst added. "But John's support and faith in my abilities extends beyond party lines."

Lyle has been involved in Dewhurst's life since he was a 7 year old boy growing up in Houston and works closely with Dewhurst at Falcon Seaboard, a company Dewhurst founded.

"I will be proud to vote for David Dewhurst in the GOP primary," Lyle said. "He is a strong leader and a patriotic man, an experienced and effective conservative businessman and a man of vision, hope and opportunity. He will be an excellent and committed Land Commissioner."

After filing, Dewhurst joined Lyle for a tour of the state capitol. Until today, Lyle had not returned to the state capitol since serving his last term in the Texas House in 1944.

Dewhurst, 52, is Chairman and CEO of Falcon Seaboard, a diversified energy and investments company. He also served his country as an officer in the U.S. Air Force and the State Department. Dewhurst, lives in Houston with his wife Tammy.

### Rig Locations as of December 12, 1997

**Crockett County**  
 Union Oil/Midland; 11,800', Pamela Action #9, Patterson Drilling.  
 U.P.R.: 10,200', Perner Ranch #3301H, Patterson Drilling.  
 U.P.R.: 10,000', Couch 2-29 #3H, Patterson Drilling.  
 New Louis Dreyfus/OKC; 8900', McMullen-D-#1112, Patterson Drilling.  
 J. Cleo Thompson/DAL; 9300', University 7-28#1, Patterson Drilling.  
 U.P.R.: 10,000', John W. Henderson III-K-#46, Patterson Drilling.  
 U.P.R.: 9,800', Perner Ranch #4301-H, Patterson Drilling.  
 Harrison Interest; 9,400', Joe Wylie McMullan #10, Patterson Drilling.  
 WTG Exploration; 7,500', Miller #5, Patterson Drilling.  
 U.P.R.: 8300', Scheuber-B-#6, Patterson Drilling.  
 Enron O&G Midland.; 9150', University 6-22 #1, Patterson Drilling  
 New J. Cleo Thompson/DAL; 9,400', Meadows-1003-#1, Patterson Drilling.  
 New U.P.R.: 10,000', John W Henderson III-K-#47, Patterson Drilling.  
 U.P.R.: 7400', Moody Minerals-21D-#6, Patterson Drilling.  
 New U.P.R.: 7400', Pierce-Henderson State-Z-#8, Patterson Drilling.  
 New Lomak Prod.; 2700', University Cities Service #11, Rod Ric Corporation 2  
 New U.P.R.: 7300', Crystelle Childress-3-#4, Patterson Drilling.

**Edwards County**  
 New Lomak Production; 6,000', Jack Mann 9-#16, Patterson Drilling.  
 New Lomak Production; 6,000', W.L. Miers C-#42, Cleere Drilling.

**Sutton County**  
 Louis Dreyfus/OKC; 8250', Edwin S Mayer JR-D-#13, Patterson Drilling.  
 New Louis Dreyfus/OKC; 5900', Genini #3910, Patterson Drilling.  
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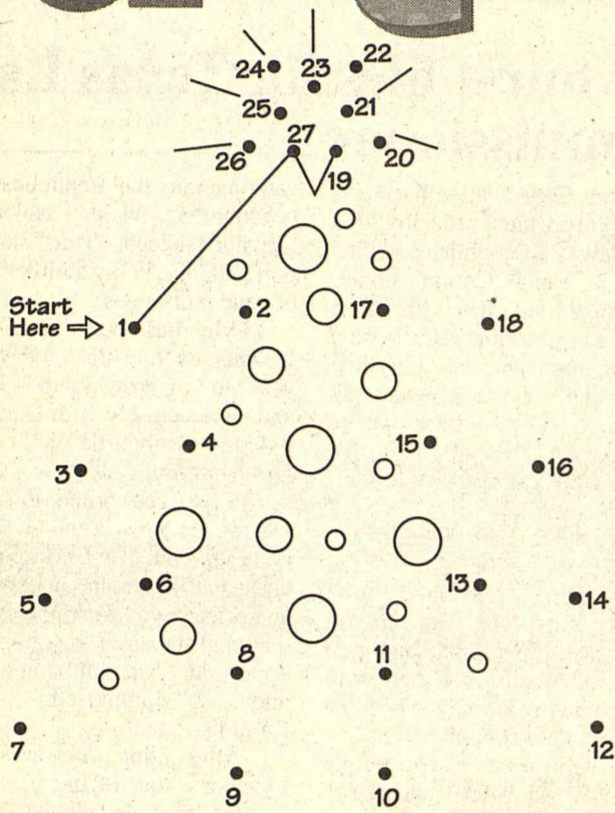
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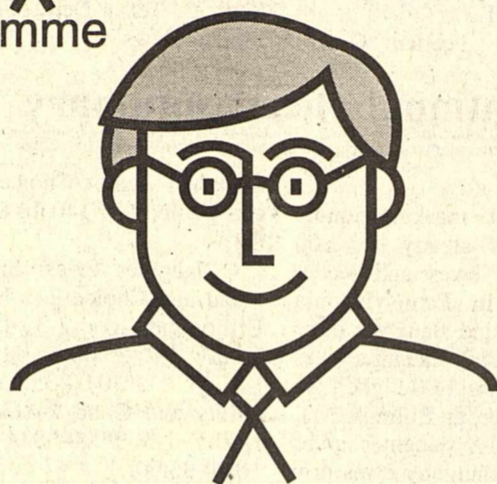
## Learn Some French



l'homme



des lunettes



The man wears glasses.  
L'homme porte des lunettes.

## CLARA BARTON

Born Christmas Day 1821, in Massachusetts, Clara Barton became a famous nurse during the Civil War. Her love for nursing started when she was a child. She liked to play nurse and take care of pets that were sick or hurt. When her brother fell from the roof of a barn, Barton nursed him during the two years he had to stay in bed.



When she grew up, Barton went to work for the government; the first woman to do so. During the Civil War, she was given permission to work close to battle lines. She became known as the "Angel of the Battlefield" for her courage and dedication to helping the wounded.

Along with being courageous and helpful to those around her, Barton founded the American Red Cross and became its first president.

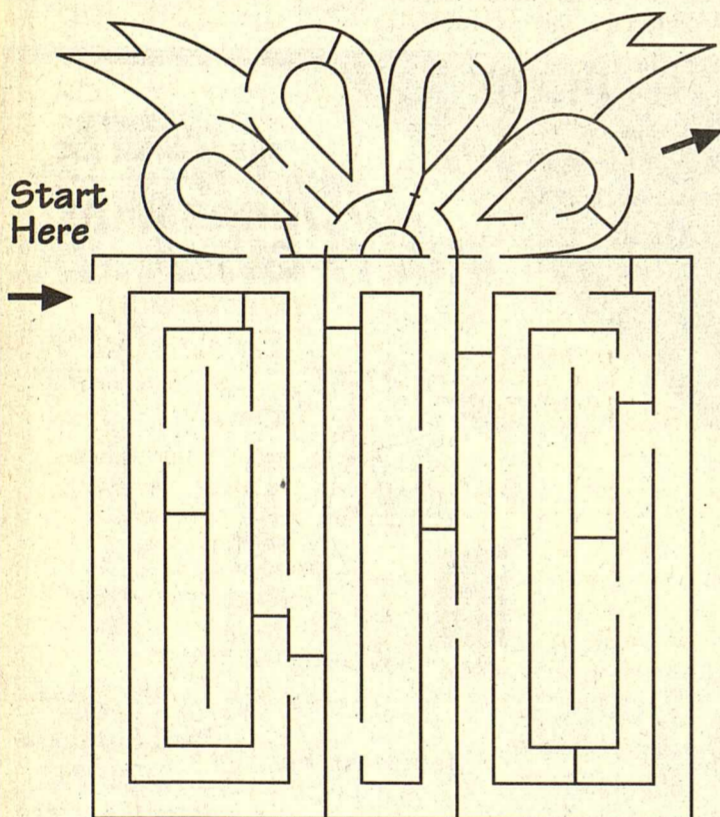
## Who was Benjamin Disraeli?

Benjamin Disraeli was born December 21, 1804, in London to a family that had no interest in politics, yet he became one of the greatest political leaders of England. His dad was a well-known author and encouraged his son to become a writer. Disraeli spent most of his late teens and twenties traveling on his father's money and writing novels that always involved politics and high society. They received very poor reviews, but got him interested in politics.

He was the first Jew to hold office when he was elected to the House of Commons in 1837. He became prime minister in 1874 and served until 1878. He worked to improve living conditions in Britain by passing important measures affecting health, housing, the environment, trade unions and working conditions.

Disraeli died in April 1881 at his Mayfair, England, home. He was 77.

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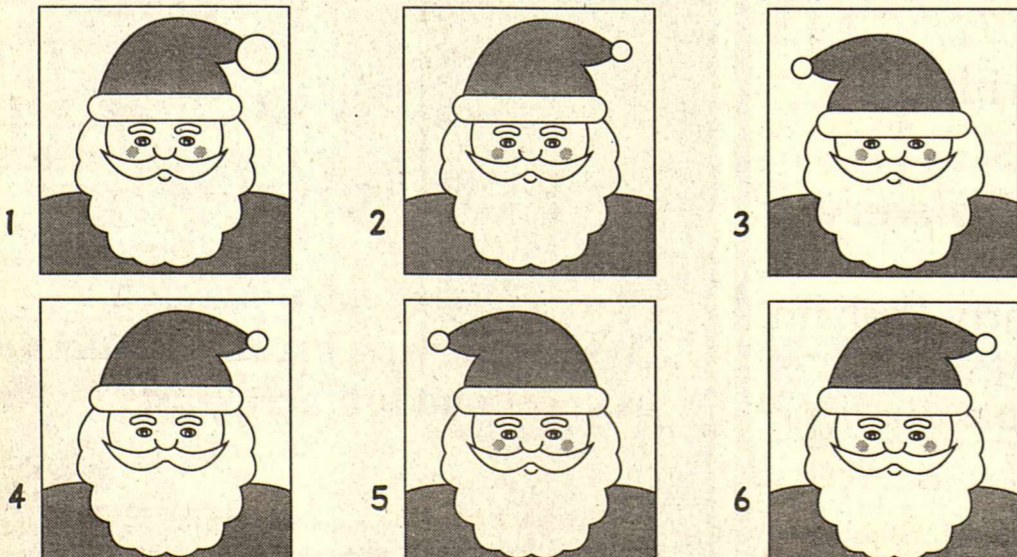
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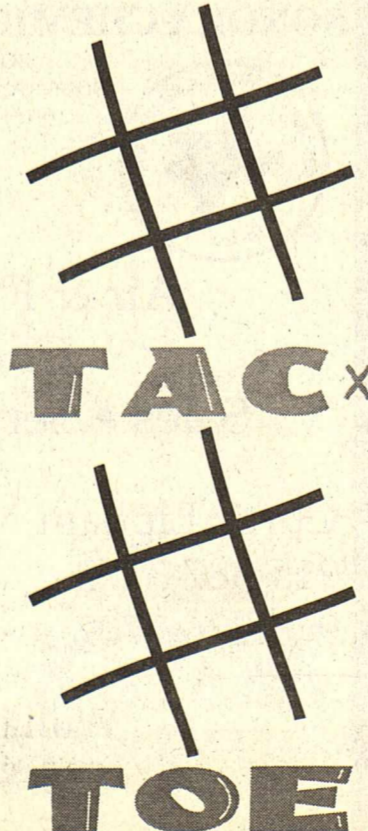
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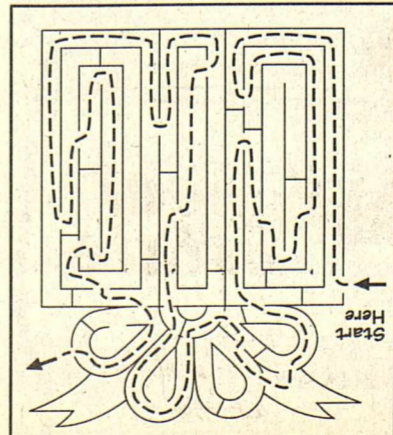
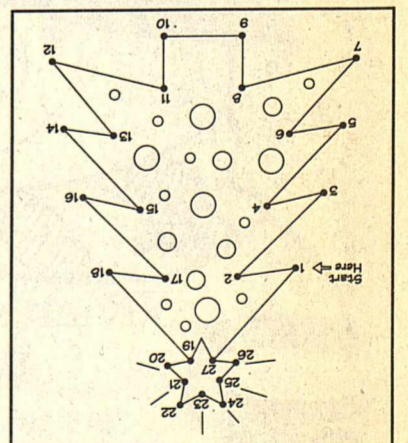


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## Answers



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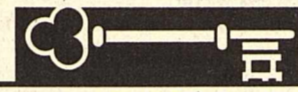
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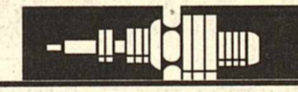
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Bids must be received by December 29, 1997.

The Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District's Board of Directors shall have the right to accept the application which offers the most favorable terms and conditions for handling of the District's funds and shall have the right to reject any or all applications and to waive informalities.

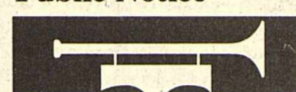
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**Life-long friend**

How many men can say they were with both their father and with their son when they killed their first buck? I think not many.

I've also brought many customers on the hunt as a way of saying thanks for all they do for me and my business. Many new friendships were developed among the men I brought on the hunt; some have stayed in touch throughout the years and many return to hunt again.

Of all the people I've met and all the hunts I've been on, Bill Stewart is the one person I enjoy visiting and talking with most. Some time back, after my father passed away, I went through a divorce and the company I worked for was sold... Bill was a great listener. He understands me after 25 years and realizes the time I spend at the ranch allows me to escape from the rest of the world and forget the daily pressures of work.

His knowledge of history and his stories about West Texas fascinates me. He has opened his bookcase to me allowing me to explore my interests in learning more about the history of Sonora and all of Texas, for that matter.

After years of listening to Bill talk about ranching and his family, I almost feel as if part of me grew up or at least matured here. I never really thought about it but 25 years is half of my life.

Bill and Betty Stewart, I believe, stand for what this great land is all about. They are hard working and family oriented. They care about this great country we live in. They have allowed me into a small part of their lives and I will forever be grateful to them. They are real people; real Americans, real friends.

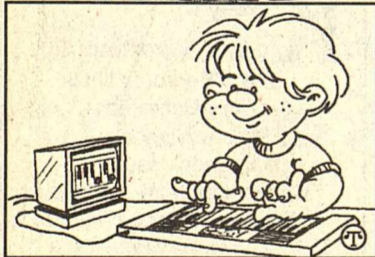
Over the years they have introduced me to some of their friends. A few I have gotten to know and try to visit when I am here are Royce Miers, Rodney Knight, Sheriff Bill Webster, a "transplanted Tar Heel."

Words cannot express the heart-felt friendship I have for Bill Stewart. I simply wanted him to know how I feel. I wanted him to understand how much his friendship means to me. I wanted him to know how many times I told others in conversation about him.

My first time hunters to the ranch tell me they sense a bond between Bill and I. Bill's friendship is one of my most cherished possessions. I feel in many ways this man has helped mold me into the person I am today.

Bill Stewart, thanks for the memories....

Your friend,  
Darrell Smith (or as you refer to me from time to time—"that damned Easterner")



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**Hints For Homemakers**

**Tackling Tough Cleaning Jobs**

(NAPS)—According to *Kitchen and Bath Remodeling Magazine*, this year Americans will give 5.4 million bathrooms and 4.1 million kitchens a facelift.

Remodeling can be expensive, with a minor bathroom renovation costing \$11,645 and a minor kitchen remodeling \$8,507.

Although most kitchen and bathroom fixtures should last 20 years, many Americans renovate because these items tend to look much older than they actually are.

Environmental conditions like hard water—excessive levels of calcium, magnesium and lime—can result in white, crusty lime and calcium deposits and rust stains. Regular cleaning with the right products can keep them looking new.

These tips from household expert Ruth Katz can help keep kitchen and bathroom surfaces looking their best.

**Problem: My dishwasher seems to be tiring out.**

**Solution:** If your dishwasher doesn't work well, or if food remnants remain on dishes after the cycle, your water could be the cause. Hard water build-up can impact the efficiency of the machine by clogging the water holes. Treat your dishwasher to a "bath" periodically. Empty the dishwasher and soak a sponge with a lime, calcium and rust cleaner, such as Lime-A-Way. Sponge down the interior of the machine and then run it once to rinse excess.

**Problem: Horrid shower doors and curtain liners.**

**Solution:** Shower doors should last 25 years; however, we all know how quickly they become streaky and dull. Shower doors and curtain liners are partly vulnerable to build-up and streaks. A recent survey found that one in two respondents complained of a hazy film in the shower. Not surprising since this area has so much contact with



**Constant contact with water can make kitchen and bathroom surfaces look tired. Products formulated to remove lime, calcium and rust stains can help.**

water—five gallons of water for every minute we shower.

Again, try a lime, calcium and rust cleaner like Lime-A-Way and sponge clean. Thoroughly rinse afterwards. Don't use any cleaner directly on a shower curtain with painted designs; if in doubt, test on a tiny area in the corner. You can also run a shower curtain liner through a washing machine cycle—in cool or warm water—by adding detergent and a water softener, like Calgon. You can even put the curtain in the dryer for a few minutes on a low setting to get rid of excess water.

**Problem: Ugly rust stains in the toilet bowl.**

**Solution:** The toilet bowl is in constant contact with water—and uses four to seven gallons with every flush.

To get rid of rust stains and lime build-up, use a toilet bowl cleaner that is specifically formulated to remove these stubborn stains. Simply pour the cleaner around the rim of the bowl, and use a brush to clean. Flush toilet to get rid of excess solution and repeat as necessary.

**SAFE CRAFTSMANSHIP**  
**Don't Get Tied Up In Power Cords**

by Herb King

(NAPS)—In a concerted effort to save money, more and more people are undertaking home-repair projects themselves. However, in counting costs, neither the home handy person nor the professional construction worker should cut corners when it comes to safety.

According to industry experts, there are more than 143,000 power tool injuries each year. Many of these are due to accidents involving power cords that short out, shock or simply trip up the user.

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Herb King

**Q&A Q&A**

**Tips On Designing Your Own Diamond Ring**

(NAPS)—Diamonds have a much better chance of being your best friend if you know what to look for when choosing one. A growing number of people are creating their own rings. Unconventional, yes, but also original, truly making the ring theirs. The following tips from The American Diamond Industry Association (ADIA) answer some commonly asked questions about designing your own diamond ring.

- When you buy an unmounted diamond, you have a chance to make that ring "uniquely yours" by helping to create a setting of your own design.

- Always buy from an established jeweler, one who has the experience and expertise to guide you. Most jewelers can secure loose stones for you to review if they are not on hand.

- The cost of the diamonds will depend largely on the well-known 4C's of diamond buying—color, clarity, carat and cut. The cost of the mounting will include the jeweler's labor and overhead.
- If you are interested in creat-



**Creating your own ring makes it uniquely yours. Though unconventional, a growing number of women are doing it.**

ing your own diamond ring in consultation with a professional jeweler, the ADIA suggests drawing a picture of the ring you envision or clipping photos of rings you particularly like from magazines.

- It's a good idea for the bill of sale to include the number of diamonds, as well as the weight, color, clarity and any other information that fully describes your purchase.

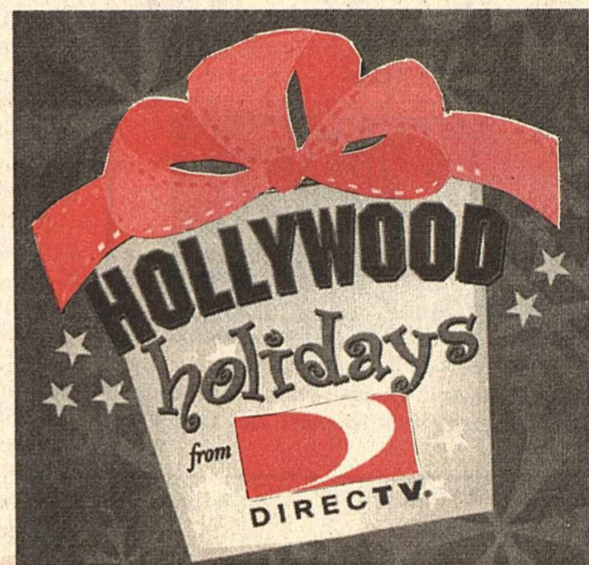
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