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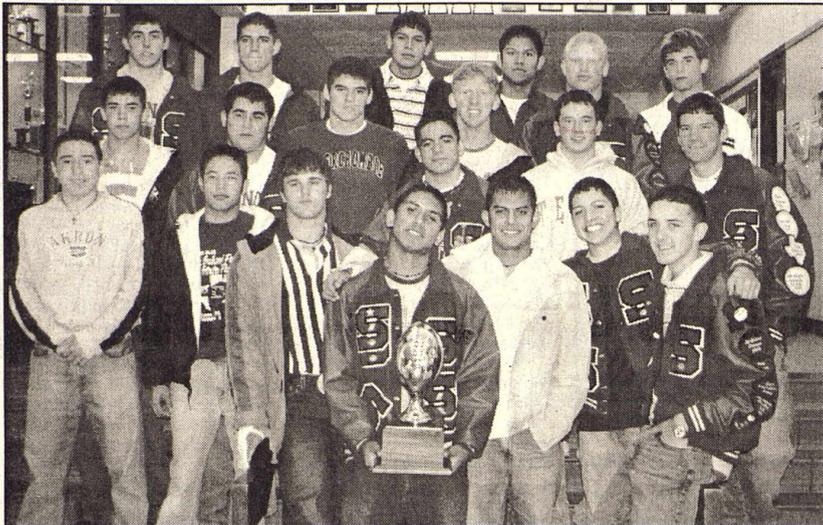
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Sonora Bronco All-District Football 2004

District 2-AA Offensive MVP - Anthony Longoria
1st Team Quarterback - Clint Cearley
1st Team Tight End - Steven Duhon
1st Team Defensive Tackle - Embre Smith
1st Team Defensive End - Brett McDaniel
1st Team Linebacker - Steven Duhon

1st Team Defensive Back - Anthony Longoria
1st Team Special Teams Player - Dustin Duhon
2nd Team Running Back - Stetson Perez
2nd Team Center - Mason Martinez
2nd Team Offensive Tackle - Diego Cardona
Honorable Mention Defense: Laramie Hall - Defensive End

Hilton Bloodworth - Free Safety
Chris Perez - Strong Safety
Austin Wagoner - Linebacker
Roland Solis - Defensive End
Justin Northcott - Linebacker
Honorable Mention Offense:
Caleb Ramos - Quarterback
Brian Payton - Offensive Line
Cameron Cox - Wide Receiver
Pedro Gloria - Wide Receiver
Lito Trevino - Wide Receiver

Tour of Homes helps set the stage for holiday season

Ready to be put into the holiday spirit? Then the Sutton County Health Foundation "Christmas Tour of Homes" is just what you need. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hobbs, Mr. Larry Finklea and Mr. and Mrs. James Archer are opening their homes on December 5, 2004, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Santas, snowmen, wreaths, and Christmas lights galore will greet guests as they travel from house to house to see all the decorations. Refreshments will be provided at each stop, served with smiles

and good cheer. The cost of the Christmas Tour of Homes is \$10 per person, with tickets available at Teaff Oil, Main Street Realty, L.M. Hudspeth Hospital and any of three homes during the tour. You can just drop by and purchase your ticket at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Sutton County Health Foundation.

The purpose of the SCHF is long-term support of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and healthcare resources in Sutton County. The goal of

SCHF is to provide supplemental funds for the operation of the hospital and other healthcare resources in order to decrease need for tax support of healthcare in Sutton County.

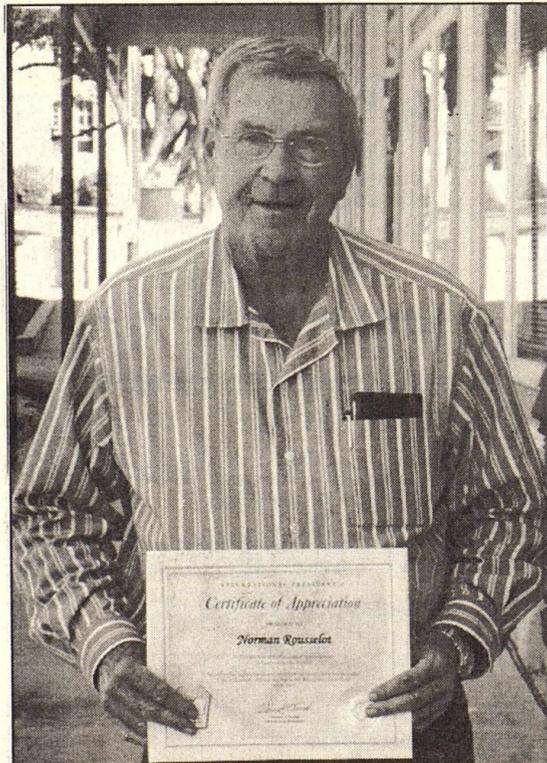
The SCHF will reach their goal by soliciting tax-deductible funds through bequests, contributions, memorials and gifts. The SCHF will use income generated by the principal to supplement the income of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and healthcare resources in Sutton County.

FY 05 Transportation Appropriations assists future of Port-to-Plains

With the passage of the FY 2005 Transportation Appropriations, the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor is pleased to announce the following appropriations for projects that have a direct affect upon the future development of the Corridor. Congress appropriated an additional \$9 million including: Del Rio, TX (\$1 million), Eagle Pass, TX (\$2 million), US 287, Big Spring, Texas Bypass (\$500,000), West Laredo Trade Corridor (\$3 million) and US 287, CO (\$500,000). This brings the total federal funding for

Ports to Plains from 2002-2005 to approximately \$94.7 million. Additionally, the FY 2005 Appropriations included another \$4 million for projects on Heartland Expressway which joins Ports-to-Plains in Limon, Colorado. Funding included \$1 million in Colorado on Interstate 76, \$1 million in Nebraska and \$2 million in South Dakota. In Texas, the La Entrada al Pacifico corridor, that connects to Ports-to-Plains in Midland-Odessa, received \$3 million in appropriations including \$500,000. See *Ports-to-Plains* page 7

Downtown Lions Club recognizes commitment and leadership



Norm Rousselot

The Downtown Lions Club had double honors last Tuesday, November 23, 2004, as two of their own were recognized by The International Association of Lions Clubs.

Norm Rousselot (left) was recognized on achieving the milestone of having been a Lion for 41 years. This is quite an

accomplishment and Sonora is lucky to have Norm, who has given of his time and efforts for so many years.

In separate recognition, Brigitte Rogers was recognized for successfully completing the 2004-2005 Emerging Lions Leadership Institute for Lions from the United States of America, its affiliates, Bermuda



Brigitte Rogers

& the Bahamas and Canada. This institute took place in Oak Brook, Illinois, November 11-15, 2004. Approximately 50 enthusiastic Lions participated in this unique learning experience. Lion Rogers participated in sessions designed to enhance knowledge of LCI fundamentals and membership programs, LCIE, and the benefits of diversi-

ty and motivating club members. Throughout the institute, Lion Rogers contributed to a steady exchange of ideas, challenges and successes.

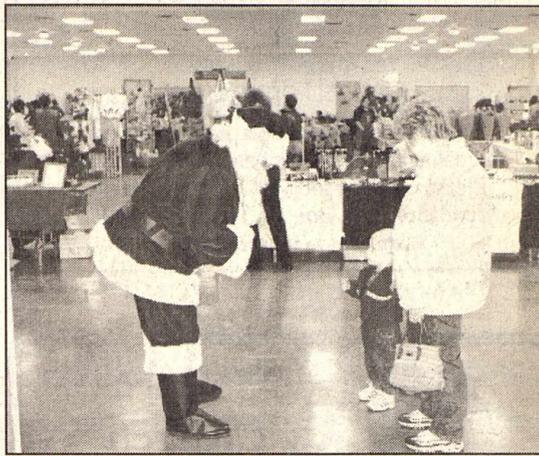
Both of these Lions have displayed quality leadership skills and are to be commended for their efforts for the Lions Club and the community of Sonora.

The More the Merrier offers unique holiday shopping opportunity for Sonora, Santa Claus scheduled to stop by

by Ruthie Bounds, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

I hope all of you had a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!!

This is the week for our "The More the Merrier" Christmas Bazaar. This Friday, December 3rd, at the Sutton County Civic Center there will be a wide array of holiday shopping opportunities. Several of our local merchants will be setting up at the Civic Center for holiday extravaganza, such as: The Caverns of Sonora, Team Graphics, Flowers by Irene, and Ami's Gifts. There will be children's gifts and clothes, jewelry, sports gifts, rustic gifts, hand-thrown stoneware pottery, fudge, angels, collectible rocks and coins, candles, Christmas ornaments, metal windspinners, hand crafted wood works, cookbooks, stocking stuffers, baked goods, metal crosses, quilts, paintings, cosmetics, wreaths, gift baskets, blankets, photo albums, picture frames, hairbows, pillows, Christmas trees, poinsettias, Santa Clauses, metal art, silhouettes, vinyl decals, sachet bags, decorated t-shirts, bears, children's books, beaded angels, pocket rosaries, towels, handpainted items, purses, scarves, collector knives, ball caps, stuffed animals, silk floral arrangements and centerpieces, sweat shirts, hats, shoes, shelves, wind chimes, coat racks, patio lights, soaps, lotions, bath salts, decorative trash cans, decorative kitchen crafts, hand carved



Santa will be stopping by The More the Merrier to visit with young and the young-at-heart.

ducks, lamps and even more. The doors will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., your child can have their picture taken with Santa Claus. For a truly one-stop-shopping experience, there will be a gift wrapping booth right by the front door, where you can get your gifts wrapped before you ever leave the building.

The Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary will be having a bake sale. The Friends of Historic Sonora will be there selling their wonderful Christmas ornaments and the West Side Lions Club will keep the concession stand open all day, offering lunch or a snack to hungry shoppers. Christmas carols will be sung and the gift of giving will become a fun

event for the entire family.

There will be over 35 booths full of extraordinary Christmas presents for everyone. Many of these items are one-of-a-kind and you won't have to worry about duplicating someone else's gift. This is a really unique day full of shopping and sharing the Spirit of the Season. We hope you will all come out to join us for "The More the Merrier," a good old fashion Christmas Bazaar.

If you would like more information please call the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center at 325/387-2880 or visit our website at www.sonoratx-chamber.com.

Ashley Bible Settles honors new husband with a yellow ribbon



Just three short months after being married, Ashley Bible Settles was hanging a yellow ribbon on the Old Oak Tree for her new husband, James.

James Settles, with the 340th QM unit of the Army, left from San Antonio last week, landing in Iraq on November 24, 2004. Settles will be stationed in Iraq for at least 18 months, with his exact whereabouts unknown right now. Ashley and her family hung the ribbon in his honor the day he landed overseas to show their love and support.

Sonora extends their gratitude to Settles and all our military personnel and their families who sacrifice so much for us.



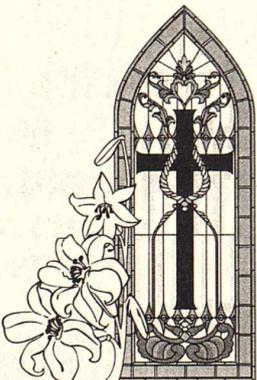
James Settles

Ashley is the daughter of Frisbee and Rae Ann Bible.

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Obituary
Maria McAfee

Maria McAfee, 45, died Tuesday, November 23, 2004. Services were at 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 26, 2004, at Lighthouse Community Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.
Survivors include mother, Maria Isabel Gonzales of Mexico; husband, Carroll McAfee of Sonora; son; Carroll McAfee, Jr. of Sonora; daughters, Dora McAfee and Iris McAfee, both of Sonora; and sisters, Maria Lourdes Nouranda and Carmela Monge, both of Mexico.

School Lunch Menu • Dec. 6 - 7, 2004

Breakfast
Mon. - Waffles, syrup, orange juice, milk.
Tues. - Toast with peanut butter, assorted juice, milk.
Wed. - Glazed donut, apple juice, milk.
Thurs. - Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk.
Fri. - Cinnamon roll, orange juice, milk.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch
Mon. - Corn dog, mustard, baked beans, celery sticks, dressing, fruit iced.
Tues. - Macaroni & beef, green beans, fruit salad, cornbread.
Wed. - Chili and beans with meat, tossed salad, dressing, Jell-O, topping, crackers.
Thurs. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, steamed broccoli, rosy applesauce, roll.
Fri. - Pepperoni pizza, vegetable salad, dressing, kernel corn, butterscotch brownies.


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**Texas Tales Told By
TUMBLEWEED SMITH**

The little Rod Shop on Lake Fork

 **Tumbleweed Smith** like what I was seeing in the stores, so about thirty-five years ago I learned how to make fishing rods. "When he finally retired, his wife told him he had to do something. "I started making rods again and fixing reels, selling reels. I've been making rods here for nearly a year now. I send them to Japan, all over the United States. I have a real nice clientele here on Lake Fork that like my rods. Some have eight or twelve of them." He'll spend up to eighteen hours making a rod. When I visited with him, he was making a green and white one for a player for the Philadelphia Eagles. "They're wrapped up real pretty with different threads, colors, metallics. The key to a good rod is being able to balance that rod with a reel on it by adding weight to the handle in the back so it's just effortless. You can fish all day that way, just sit and hold that rod and your wrist doesn't get tired. It's just like a fencing foil in your hands and you can fish with it for hours and not get tired." Stewart says a good fisherman needs a good-looking rod. "It makes them look like they know what they're doing. I always tell them if they want to be important, they've got to look important on the lake. And they want the colors to match their boat. Men are just as vain as women in many ways, so I enjoy making those rods for them."

The shop is littered with cork dust and materials Stewart uses in making his rods. It is sometimes filled with fishermen. "I get these friends who drop by occasionally," Says Stewart. "We fill up the 5 or 6 chairs in here and talk about fishing." Stewart is a dealer for some of the top lines of rods priced from \$119 to \$500. Some have computer chips in the spool to keep the reel from backlash. "A nice rod and reel of that caliber will set you back about \$800," says Stewart. "The clientele here just don't mind paying it because they know it's quality." He has about a thousand satisfied customers. Stewart had a military career, then established a company that sold equipment to the government, then settled down in Emory. He moved around a lot in the military and always carried his rod and reel with him wherever he went. "I've always loved to fish and everywhere I'd go I'd need a different type of rod for fishing. I didn't

Cards of Thanks

We would first like to express our appreciation to all the folks who donated items to the Yellow Ribbon Shoebox Drive. A special note of appreciation goes to Vallree Draper and Tami Adkins for all their help in packing the boxes. As of today, we have mailed 10 Yellow Ribbon Shoeboxes to the military personnel in the United States and 13 boxes have been mailed overseas from our community. We could not have done this project without the support of this fine community. The Yellow Ribbon Shoebox Drive will continue to mail goodies to the troops. We will be mailing Sierra Trading Post Terramar Quick-dri Crew shirts to the troops overseas. The shirts were a favorite item of one of our hometown soldiers (shared information from his Mom). He explained to her that the shirts are light and very warm in the cold nights in the desert. We decided to help with the shirts and have had donations which have covered the cost of the shirts and postage to send them to the troops in the war zone. The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program have a lot to be thankful for in making this project a great success and, again, we owe it to the generous and big hearted community in which we live. If you would like to add your soldier to the mailing list or if you would like to donate to the Yellow Ribbon Shoebox Drive Fund, please call the FHSMS office at 325-387-2248 or come by the office at 232 Main Street (Mercantile Building) suite 101. Merry Christmas to each of you from the Friends of Historic Main Street Program.

We are going to start judging the "Best Dressed Up For Christmas" homes this weekend (December 4 & 5). We will award a new Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Christmas Ornament and an award sign for the week will be placed in your front yard. We are proud to say that the Devil's River News will again be joining us in celebrating your award winning "Best Dressed up for Christmas" home, by placing a photo of your house in the newspaper. KHOS Radio will announce the winning addresses so that everyone can drive by and enjoy the holiday lights.

We appreciate your support and hope you will be one of the winning homes. Christmas time is a great opportunity to share with your community by decorating your home. When you experience the wonder of Christmas through the eyes of a child and the way they look at the Christmas lights, it is worth the time and work you put into decorating your home!

As the sun came up on Sunday, November 21, 2004, the Knights of Columbus were busy preparing smoked turkeys and the ladies of St. Ann's Catholic Church were busy cooking the trimmings for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The dinner was wonderful and a blessing to each and every one who attended. And all the plates were delivered to the Sonora Senior Citizens. We appreciate everyone, including Juanita Mesa, her staff and the volunteers who helped with the delivery of the Thanksgiving lunch to the homebound seniors, Kathleen Freeman and her children, the Sonora Senior Center staff, City of Sonora, Lilia Flores, Sonora Girl Scouts, Daisies, Brownies #37, Boy Scouts, the St. Ann's Catholic Church ladies who cooked, the Knights of Columbus who smoked the turkeys, and everyone who assisted by making and serving the tea and desserts. It was a great pleasure to see all the young people who added their cute bright smiles to the lunch. This lunch is a great success each year because of people who volunteer to help and support the event.

The Knights will use the generous donations that were given to help with the cost and to support our community. Funds are also used to support Knights of Columbus state charities. They are always there to help when someone in our community needs funds for medications, utility bills, and the special needs of children. We are blessed to have the Knights in our community.

The Knights of Columbus and the FHSMS Program would like to express our appreciation to businesses and people who helped make this dinner possible: Schlumberger, Carl J. Cahill, Inc., the Dance Studio, The Bank & Trust of Sutton County, Sutton County, Sutton County Library, Wayne and Brenda Bryant, Farm Bureau Insurance, Sonic Drive-In, Dairy Queen of Sonora (paper goods), La Mexicana Restaurant (great door prizes), Avon, Amis Gift Shop, San Angelo Mayfield-Paper, Town & Country Village Food Store, KHOS Radio, Devil's River News, Multi-Chem Group, LLC and the community of Sonora. It was a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Senior Center News

Dec. 6 - Bingo!
Dec. 7 - Decorate for Christmas!
Dec. 8 - Crafts after lunch!
Dec. 10 - Run errands and pay bills!

Senior Center Menu

Dec. 6 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, spinach, tossed salad, garlic bread, banana pudding, milk.
Dec. 7 - Chicken strip with gravy, potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, cobbler, milk.
Dec. 8 - Meatloaf with tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, broccoli, salad, wheat roll, sugar cookie, milk.
Dec. 9 - Catfish, corn, tomato casserole, spinach, rolls, Jell-O with fruit, milk.
Dec. 10 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, potato wedges, mixed vegetables, rolls, pie, milk.

NEW HOURS: Mon. - Fri 7:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others
Menu is subject to change.

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Community Calendar

Dec. 3 "The More the Merrier" Christmas Bazaar 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. • Civic Center	Dec. 9 Sonora Chamber of Commerce Meeting Noon • Chamber Office
Dec. 5 S.C.H.F. Christmas Tour of Homes 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Dec. 13 Commissioners Meeting • 9:00 a.m. Annex Bldg.
Dec. 6 S.I.D.C. Meeting • 11:30 a.m. Sutton Co. Steakhouse	Dec. 16 Santa Bucks Auction • 6:00 p.m. 4-H Civic Center
Al-Anon Family Meetings Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. • Hospital Dining Room Call 387-2521 ext. 170	Dec. 21 City Council Meeting 2:00 p.m. • City Hall

The Community Calendar


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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

We didn't have any questions this week; guess everyone is too busy eating turkey and entertaining company. Let's take a walk down memory lane with "The Devil's River News" of December 5, 1947-R. A. Halbert was named president of the newly chartered Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital corporation when the board of directors held their first meeting at the First National Bank. Other officers included L.W. Elliott, vice-president; George H. Neill, treasurer, and Mrs. Henry Decker, secretary. A set of by-laws was adopted and finance committee composed of Elliott, Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell, Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary, Fred T. Earwood, Bryan Hunt and Joseph Vander Stucken. Halbert will serve as chairman.

The members of St. John's Episcopal Church last week purchased a building at the government surplus sale at Brownwood and plan to bring it here for use as a parish hall. The building measures approximately 25X75 feet, and will be placed on the lot adjoining the church.

Chili Poteen, owned by B. A. Roueche and ridden by Bing Crosby, romped home first Sunday to win the Sutton County Futurity, quarter-mile race for Sutton County-bred horses under 24 months old. Tom Powers of Ozona beat Rex Beck of Valero in the 6-calf matched roping. Powers' time was 101 seconds and Beck's was 137.

It was a bad week for Sutton Countians-Rostein Pfister was recovering from a broken jaw and other injuries from an accident on the Juno Road. Fred Nichols was suffered severe bruises and a cracked pelvis in a truck accident on a slippery hill near Junction. Jim Baldwin, Bill Baldwin and Jim Decker were uninjured when their car went out of control on a curve in the road near the Sonora Golf Course. Their car was seriously damaged. Miss Annie Duncan's sister, Mrs. W. E. Russell, died in San Antonio and was buried in Italia after a long illness.

Clayton Puckett was elected president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association at the annual meeting in El Paso. First vice-president was Sayers Farmer of Junction and second vice-president was J.C. (Jake) Mayfield, Jr., of Del Rio. Vestel Askew, secretary for the past six years, tendered his resignation to take a post on the public relations staff of Armour and Co. of

Chicago. He will continue to live in Sonora and his work will be confined to West Texas and the Southwest. It was also mentioned that association dues were to be raised from 10 cents a bag to 25 cents per bag of either wool or mohair.

B. M. Halbert, Jr., was elected president of the Sonora Park Association, succeeding Bryan Hunt at the annual meeting of the group. W. L. Miers will serve as vice-president and Lin Turney was chosen secretary. The board of directors were Thomas Espy, Joe Brown Ross, Alfred Schwiening, John Fields, Andrew Moore, Stanley Mayfield and Joseph Vander Stucken. Plans were made for a grandstand and new track rail. Fields and Mayfield were appointed as a rodeo committee to make plans for roping contests next summer.

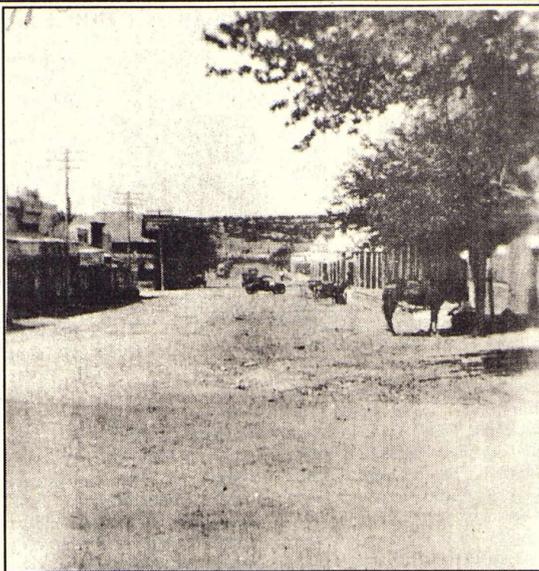
The Parent-Teacher Association of the L. W. Elliott School planned to conduct its own Christmas Seal sale for the fight against tuberculosis said Mrs. Margaretta Samaniego, President. Seals will be sent out this week to citizens of the South Sonora and Sinoloa communities. Remittances may be mailed to the County TB Association.

Miss Lila Chalk became the bride of Vernon T. Cook, Wednesday evening in San Angelo, in a single ring ceremony. The bride wore a brown and white dress with brown accessories and a corsage of white carnations. Guests were Dock Simmons and Cyle Clemmons. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are both graduates of Sonora High School. Cook served with the Navy three and one half years.

The Young Women's Episcopal Guild met in the home of Mrs. C. G. Davis Wednesday afternoon. They voted to send a box of clothing to the needy Navajo Indians in New Mexico. Mrs. Duke Wilson, president, appointed a committee, Mesdames George H. Neill, Bryan Hunt, J. F. Hamby and Jack Mackey, to sell sandwiches, cake and coffee at a dance to be held December 27. Rev. S. F. Hauser gave a lecture, the first of a series on the history of the church.

In the December 12th issue it was reported that a total of \$10,500 in gifts, in addition to the \$50,000 gift of Roy Hudspeth had been pledged to the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital that week.

It was stated that basketball season would open on January 18th and members of the first team eligible to play this year include Frank Bond, Norbert



Early Main Street, Sonora, Texas

McIntire, Charles Lee Cusenbary, Wayne Ogden, Bubba Chalk, Jackie Sharp, Johnny Smith and Bobby Allen.

The Lions Club voted to again entertain local children with a luncheon and Christmas tree on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at noon. Arrangements were turned over to Bob Baker, Louin Martin, Harold Scherz and J. C. Stephen, who will procure and decorate a tree, while J. Wray Campbell, George E. Smith and Wesley Sawyer will be in charge of collection and distribution of presents. Each member of the Lions Club may invite one or more children and is to buy a present for each child he invites.

Honor Roll students: Seniors: Edwina Hawley, Raymie Jo McClelland and Sue Wendt; Juniors: Maxine Chalk, James Hunt, Joyce Johnson, Jane Neill and Nina Smith; Sophomores: Norris Loeffler, Ernest Stephen, Max Murray and Norva Smith; Freshmen: Martha Renfro, Blanche Taylor, Ann Karnes, Onita Smith and Peggy Sue Reiley.

In a special matched race at the fairgrounds Sunday, Chili Poteen, owned by V.A. and L. M. Roueche, beat Red Bug Jr., owned by Johnny Andrews. Bing Crosby was up on Chili who won the quarter-mile event by three lengths. Merlin Lemmons was Red Bug's rider.

In the Friday, December 19th issue, it was announced that the first snowfall of the winter, estimated at three inches fell here starting about 8 o'clock Sunday morning. The town was blanketed by the storm. Snow

was reported as far east as Fort McKavett. Snowmen were built Sunday afternoon but melted on Sunday night when a warm front came in.

The Thursday Night Club was entertained last week by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly, Jr., in the F. L. McKinney home. Dinner was served and decorations included a gold basket filled with holly, mistletoe and autumn leaves tied with a red satin bow. L. E. Johnson, Jr., won high club and Son Allison high guest. Club members and guests were Mesdames L. E. Johnson Jr., Son Allison, Dewitt Lancaster, F. L. McKinney, Louis Davis, L. P. Bloodworth, Hillman Brown and Mrs. Dorothy Norris.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonor-ratx.net. You may call me regarding rentals of the John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Trust Building at 387-5084 or 387-2855. Our offices are located at 307 Oak Street, right next door to the Miers Home Museum.

A special thank you to Dr. Alvis and Mrs. Patricia Craig Johnson and to Mrs. Margaret Galbreath for their generous donations to the holiday decoration fund. Thanks to their donations our buildings will have lights on them this year. This column is written two weeks ahead so any other donations that we receive will be mentioned in a future column. Thank you all for your support

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Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dia De La Guadalupana
Sunday, December 12, 2004
St. Ann's Catholic Church • 311 W. Plum St.
Sonora, Texas
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Breakfast
12 to 2:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Booths, Mariachi and D.J.
5:30 Play presented by 2nd grade class!
Come join us for the celebration!!!
Proceeds to benefit St. Ann's Building Fund

It's A Boy!
Rene and Tabitha Sanchez-Abrego
are proud to announce the birth of their son
Joseph Ivan Abrego.
Joseph was born on November 8, 2004 at
Shannon Hospital in San Angelo, Texas
at 4:12 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 11 1/2 ounces
and measured 20 inches in length.
He is the grandson of Brenda P. Sanchez of
Sonora, Texas and the late Square Sanchez,
Gracie Ortiz Marsh of Santa Rosa, Texas, and
Joe Abrego of Brownsville, Texas. He is also
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by Storie Sharp

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McGuffin is a newcomer to Sonora, moving to town from South Texas with her family. She has had a dream of producing and selling special cooking sauces for a long time. On Saturday, she will be bringing that dream to life in Sonora with a free tasting of her Kapsopoulou Sauces at the Sutton County Steak House.

Kapsopoulou? It's Greek, as is her original ancestry, which she didn't find out for some time because she was adopted at 19 months of age. She decided to go with her Greek name because of its originality, for that is what she offers in her sauces - originality.



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For a sweeter taste with a kick, the "Jezebel" sauce offers a taste of the exotic isles and is great with cream cheese and crackers, as well as a marinade.

"Fruit Elegance" is the fourth choice, offering "a taste of Eden" that can be heated and poured over ham, pork, pork roast, chicken and more. It is also great with breakfast. All the sauces are cooked and canned by McGuffin herself and more flavors will be available soon.

To try any and all of these special sauces, stop by the Sutton County Steakhouse on Saturday, December 4, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. McGuffin will be on hand to answer questions and offer recipe and usage ideas. The sauces are on sale exclusively at the Sutton County Steakhouse right now, or can be ordered by calling 387-2888. Just in time for Christmas, gift baskets are also available. Don't miss your chance to try out some tasty treats and possibly find some unique Christmas gifts for the hard-to-buy-for aunt; stop by the Steakhouse on Saturday.

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 Nicholas, Kari
 Perez, Marcus
 Rodriguez, Danielle
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Sophomores
 Berry, Amanda
 Casillas, Jose
 Chadwick, Starlyn
 Daniels, Chealsey
 Hernandez, Marc
 Ibarra, Jacob
 Kenney, Alexandra

Sophomores
 Krieg, Meghan
 Perez, Mackenzie
 Sanchez, Stacy
 Shurley, Nicholas
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Juniors
 Boldt, Desirae
 Newton, Erin
 Smith, Embré
 Traylor, Nash
 Turney, Jack
 Wallace, Warren

Seniors
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 MUNGIA, NATHAN
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 NITSCH, AARON
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 PEREZ, DAISY
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Juniors
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 BRISTER, MANDY
 COX, CAMERON
 DRAPER, SWADE
 FAVELA, NICOLAS
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7th grade Lady Colts defeat Ozona

submitted
 The 7th grade Lady Colts defeated Ozona 25 to 19 on Monday, November 22, 2004. Scoring for the Lady Colts were: Maraya Dunn 9, Cassie Krieg 7, Amy Hernandez 4, Meredith Earwood 3, and Sara Gillit 2.

7th Grade Lady Colts Trounce Reagan County

by Nancy Glasscock
 The 7th grade Lady Colts started and finished with another powerful basketball performance in the Sonora Middle School gym last Monday night. Sonora's height, speed, and ball-handling was too much for their opponents. The halftime score was 26-2 with Cassie Krieg's fast breaks leading the way with ten points. The second half scoring leader

was Maraya Dunn with 11 points. The final score was 43-6. The Lady Colts' next game is Monday, December 6th at home.

Individual Scoring: Cassie Krieg- 12; Maraya Dunn- 11; Amy Hernandez- 8; Alyssa Vela- 6; Bethany Berry- 2; Meredith Earwood- 2; Sara Gillit- 2

8th Grade Lady Colts victorious over Ozona

submitted
 The Sonora 8th grade girls played in Ozona Monday and came out victorious. The Lady Colts had a great 2nd quarter and second half. The second quarter, four of the starters scored, being lead by Savannah Leonard and Steely Ingham with Azeneth Villanueva and Jessica Snyder on the fast break. Monica Traylor lead the team at

the point. The second group, including Kaitlyn Henderson, Stephani Morriss, Lyndsey Frasier, Christy Perez, and Samantha Tidwell, came in and relieved the first group. This was a total team effort. Great game Ladies. We will play Big Lake Monday 29th in Sonora. Stats: Savannah Leonard 16 pts., Steely Ingham 10 pts., Azeneth Villanueva 5 pts., and Jessica Snyder 4 pts.

Reagan County falls to 8th grade Lady Colts

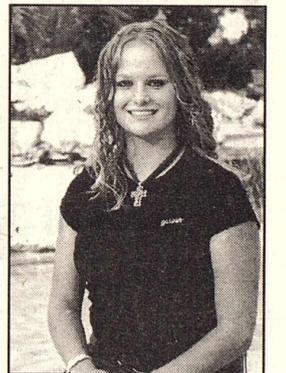
submitted
 The 8th grade Lady Colts defeated Reagan Co. Monday in basketball. The girls made it into an exciting ball game. The girls' pressing defense is what allowed the Lady Colts to lead the game almost from the beginning. Savannah Leonard had many shot blocks on defense. Jessica Snyder and Azeneth Villanueva swarmed the ball on the press, while Monica Traylor and Steely Ingham forced bad

passes or intercepted the ball. The second team of girls, Stephani Morriss, Lyndsey Frasier, Kaitlyn Henderson, Christy Perez, Loren Isenhour, and Samantha Tidwell, gave the first group lots of rest. These girls played some valuable defense.

Scoring: Savannah Leonard 9 pts., Azeneth Villanueva 8 pts., Jessica Snyder 2 pts., Steely Ingham 2 pts., Monica Traylor 2 pts.

Word chosen for Who's Who

Amanda Word, a senior at Sonora High School, has been featured in the 38th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students.

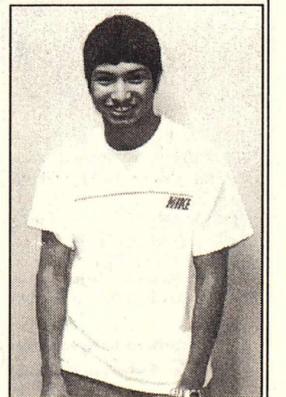


Amanda is active in cross-country, cheerleading (she is Rowdy, the mascot), basketball, tennis, and softball. She is the Student Council Treasurer, National Honor Society Secretary and the Spirit Crew President. Only 5% of our nation's high school students are honored each year in this publication. Students today confront a multitude of problems, and every day we hear about troubled teens. Amanda's accomplishments are a tribute to her family's values, dedication and commitment. Who's Who is the most respected student recognition

publication and award program in the nation. Over 93% of colleges and universities surveyed equate the Who's Who award with academic excellence. Amanda is the daughter of Larry and Kay Word.

Student of the Week

Filemon Garza is the 16-year-old son of Jesus and Fransisca Garza. The Sonora High School Junior was born in San Antonio and moved to Sonora in the middle of his 5th grade year.



Filemon enjoys listening to music and hanging out with his friends. Filemon says that his favorite subjects are math, art and athletics. After graduation he states that he would like to go to college or enter the military. Congratulation to Filemon from the Sonora High School Staff.

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Airmen to help Santa answer letters

submitted by Ann Kay, Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program Manager

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska (AFPN) -- Air Force volunteers from the combat weather flight here will once again help Santa send out thousands of signed, North Pole-post marked letters to children worldwide. The Santa's Mailbag program started 50 years ago by 58th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron Airmen, and it has been carried on by those of the 354th Operations Support Squadron. Each year, the unit receives thousands of Dear Santa Claus letters and Christmas-wish lists. Volunteers in the weather flight sort and read the letters, select an appropriate reply from Santa Claus and mail the letters with an official North Pole postmark. Last year, the program received about 4,000 letters.

"This program is a very important local tradition which has been carried on by weather Airmen along the years," said 2nd Lt. Pedro Gonzalez, weather flight volunteer.

"We take a lot of pride in running it. The kids get a lot of joy in receiving a letter from Santa with a North Pole stamp, and the parents get a great memento."

Continental Airlines to launch service between Houston and Del Rio

HOUSTON, Nov. 29, 2004 - Continental Airlines (NYSE: CAL) today announced it will inaugurate new service March 3, 2005 linking the Texas border town of Del Rio with the airline's hub in Houston. The twice-daily service, operated by Continental Connection partner SkyWest Airlines (Nasdaq: SKYW), will offer Del Rio travelers their only scheduled commercial airline service, with new and convenient options for transportation to Houston and

scores of cities around the world.

"Our service linking Del Rio with Houston underscores our commitment to Texas communities, our leading position in Mexico, and the breadth of our Houston hub," said Bob Cortelyou, staff vice president of scheduling at Continental. "Whether their destination is Del Rio itself, the Mexican border town of Ciudad Acuña or the popular Amistad National Recreation Area, customers will find this service offers new choices for air travel and more convenience than ever before."

"This is exciting news for Del Rio. Commercial airline service is now a reality," said Del Rio Mayor Dora G. Alcalá. "I am excited to see Continental Airlines become a partner in our community. Del Rio is now in position to become the regional airport of choice for the entire Middle Rio Grande area. We have been working on this project since I took office. I am happy that it is finally here."

"With the mayor's leadership, we finally have world class commercial air passenger service in Del Rio and the Middle Rio Grande Region," said Del Rio City Manager Rafael Castillo. "The airline will open up many opportunities for economic development and job creation in Del Rio and the surrounding community. The entire region is in this together; only by working together can we make this venture a success."

Flights to and from Del Rio are conveniently timed to connect to Continental's global route network. Continental and its regional partners offer more than 600 daily flights from George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston to more than 150 destinations in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Central and South America, Europe and Asia.

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The volunteers start processing letters in late November and will continue through Christmas. The flight must receive letters to Santa by mid-December to ensure a reply before Christmas. Children whose letters arrive too late will get a special "after Christmas" letter from Santa.

"We are hoping to start getting letters right after Thanksgiving," said Lieutenant Gonzalez. "Since the post office can get swamped during the holidays, people should try to send the letters as early as possible."

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Holiday Decorations Safety Tips

The holiday season should be a time of making memories and sharing happy times with friends and family. It should not be a time of worry and sadness because of unnecessary accidents. The following tips are reminders to help keep you and your family safe for during the holiday season.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Many artificial trees are fire resistant. If you buy one, look for a statement specifying this protection.

A fresh tree will stay green longer and be less of a fire hazard than a dry tree. To check for freshness, remember:

- * A fresh tree is green.

- * Fresh needles are hard to pull from branches.

- * When bent between your fingers, fresh needles do not break.

- * The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin.

- * When the trunk of a tree is bounced on the ground, a shower of falling needles shows that tree is too dry.

Place tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Heated rooms dry trees out rapidly, creating fire hazards.

Cut off about two inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption. Trim away branches as necessary to set tree trunk in the base of a sturdy, water-holding stand with wide spread feet. Keep the stand filled with water while the tree is indoors.

Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways. Use thin guy-wires to secure a large tree to walls or ceiling. These wires are almost invisible.

"SNOW"

Artificial snow sprays can irritate lungs if inhaled. To avoid injury, read container labels; follow directions carefully.

LIGHTS

Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety. Identify these by the label from an independent testing laboratory.

Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Discard damaged sets or repair them before using.

Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house, walls or other firm support to protect from wind damage.

Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.

Turn off all lights on trees and other decorations when you go to bed or leave the house. Lights could short and start a fire.

Never use electric lights on a metallic tree.

The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and any person touching a branch could be electrocuted! To avoid this danger, use colored spotlights above or beside a tree, never fastened onto it!

Keep "bubbling" lights away from children. These lights with their bright colors and bubbling movement can tempt curious children to break candle-shaped glass, which can cut, and attempt to drink liquid, which contains a hazardous chemical.

CANDLES

Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens.

Always use non-flamma-

ble holders.

Keep candles away from other decorations and wrapping paper.

Place candles where they cannot be knocked down or blown over.

TRIMMINGS

Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials.

Wear gloves while decorating with spun glass "angel hair" to avoid irritation to eyes and skin.

Choose tinsel or artificial icicles or plastic or non-leaded metals. Leaded materials are hazardous if ingested by children.

In homes with small children, take special care to:

- * Avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable.

- * Keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children. Pieces could be swallowed or inhaled.

- * Avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food. A child could eat them!

FIRES

Before lighting any fire, remove all greens, boughs, papers, and other decorations from fireplace area. Check to see that flue is open.

Keep a screen before the fireplace all the time a fire is burning.

Use care with "fire salts" which produce colored flames when thrown on wood fires. They contain heavy metals which can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation or vomiting if eaten. Keep away from children.

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When making paper decorations, look for materials labeled non-combustible or flame-resistant.

Never place trimming near open flames or electrical connections.

Remove all wrapping papers from tree and fireplace areas immediately after presents are opened.

Do not burn papers in the fireplace. A flash fire may result as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely.

General Rules for

Holiday Safety

- * Keep matches, lighters, and candles out of the reach of children.

- * Avoid smoking near flammable decorations.

- * Make an emergency plan to use if a fire breaks out anywhere in the home. See that each family member knows what to do. PRACTICE THE PLAN!

- * Avoid wearing loose flowing clothes - particularly long, open sleeves - near open flames - such as those of a fireplace, stove, or candlelit table.

- * Never burn candles near evergreens. Burning evergreens in the fireplace can also be hazardous. When dry, greens burn like tinder. Flames can flare out of control, and send sparks flying into a room, or up the chimney to ignite creosote deposits.

- * Plan for safety. Remember, there is no substitute for common sense. Look for and eliminate potential danger spots near candles, fireplaces, trees, and/or electrical connections.

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submitted by **Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County**

With the onset of cool, wet weather, we begin to experience illnesses in our livestock... whether they are commercial livestock or 4-H show projects. I was asked about coccidiosis in goats the other day. Consult with your veterinarian, but here are some thoughts.

Coccidiosis is a contagious disease of goats, especially young kids. The disease is caused by one or more of approximately 12 different species of protozoa, called Eimeria, which parasitize and destroy cells lining the intestinal tract of the goat. The Eimeria species are host-specific and are not transmitted from sheep to goats.

An infected goat sheds thousands of microscopic coccidial oocysts in its feces every day. When first passed, the oocysts are harmless to another goat. However, under favorable conditions of warmth and moisture, each oocyst matures (sporulates) in 1 to 3 days to form 8 infective sporozoites. If a young kid swallows the sporulated oocyst, the sporozoites are released and rapidly penetrate the intestinal cells. From here on, the life cycle gets very complicated as the coccidia pass through several periods of multiplication. Long story short - the intestinal cells of the goat are destroyed.

Clinical signs include diarrhea with or without mucus or blood, dehydration, emaciation, weakness, anorexia, and death. Usually, stages and lesions are confined to the small intestine, which may appear congested, hemorrhagic, or ulcerated, and have scattered pale, yellow to white macroscopic plaques in the mucosa. Diagnosis of intestinal coccidiosis is based on finding oocysts of the pathogenic species in diarrheal feces, usually at tens of thousands to millions per gram of feces.

Resistance to infection is decreased just after shipping, changing rations, introducing new animals, or mixing young with older animals. Anticoccidials can be administered to a herd immediately after diagnosis or as a preventive in predictable situations such as those mentioned above. Diagnosis and treatment are similar to those for cattle and sheep. Consult with your veterinarian.

Young kid goats may be killed quickly by a severe attack of coccidiosis. Others - those initially stronger or less heavily infected - will develop a chronic disease characterized by intermittent diarrhea and poor growth. You will notice tails and hocks are dirty as the kid with chronic coccidiosis cannot digest its feed properly because the intestines have been severely damaged. As a consequence, such a kid will be a potbellied poor-doer for months afterwards.

Texas Cooperative Extension offers continuing education course

by **Steve Byrns, s-byrns@tamu.edu**

SAN ANGELO - Private pesticide users can earn five continuing education units at an upcoming right-of-way-management course held here Dec. 7.

Hosted by Texas Cooperative Extension, the "Vegetation Management for Right-of-Way Applications Course" will be held at the Texas A&M University System Research and Extension Center. The center is located north of San Angelo on U.S. Hwy 87.

Course registration begins at 8 a.m. The program runs from 8:20 a.m. to 3 p.m.

John Begnaud, Extension horticulturist in Tom Green County and a course coordinator, said the training is open to anyone with a valid Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicators license.

"Anyone can attend who needs Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units, but we have specifically tailored this particular training for persons who con-

duct maintenance work along roadways," Begnaud said.

Educational topics, speakers and CEU values are:

- "Roadside/Right-of-way Mesquite Control," Dr. Darrell Ueckert, range researcher, San Angelo;

- "Right-of-way Plant Identification," Steve Nelle, range scientist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, San Angelo;

- "Vegetation Management Practices for Roadsides," Jim Crosby, BASF Corp., Georgetown;

- "Herbicides Mode of Action," Pascual Hernandez, Extension agent, Sutton County;

- "Non-Target Herbicide Damage," Begnaud; and

- "Laws and Regulations," Corey Pence, Texas Department of Agriculture, San Angelo.

The course is free as is the on-site noon meal. No reservations are necessary.

For more information contact Begnaud at (325) 659-6528.

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GulfTerra Energy Partners L.P. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of a Pipeline Facility Air Permit, Air Quality Permit No. 73381, which would authorize operation of the previously grandfathered emission sources at the Sonora Compressor Station located 19 miles south of Sonora on U.S. Highway 277, Sonora, Sutton County, Texas. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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for a Feasibility Study and \$500,000 for a southern Route Study.

In Colorado an additional \$2 million was appropriated for the ongoing rail relocation study that would move much of Colorado's freight rail operations parallel to the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.

The continued partnership of the Coalition members, our Congressional delegations and the Departments of Transportation continues to yield measurable results in the funding arena. With the Corridor Management Study nearing completion and the Transportation Reauthorization bill being postponed until the 109th Congress it creates a significant opportunity to create the opportunity for greater funding in the next six years.

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FSA County Election

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The slates of nominees have been developed and are as follows: LAA #1 is Mitch Jurecek, LAA #2 is Cindy Cawley, LAA #3 is Sherrill Dannheim and Diana Condra, and LAA #4 is Tom Collins and Jonella Pride.

The FSA election is conducted by mail through December 6, 2004. Eligible voters should have received an official ballot in the mail with instructions on how to vote for the candidate of their choice and return the ballot. All ballots must be signed, postmarked and/or returned to the Schleicher County office by December 6th for LAA #1, #2, and #3. The current FSA committees will tabulate ballots on December 13, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in the Schleicher County USDA Service Center. The ballots for LAA #4 are being sent to the Texas State FSA Office. The current Val Verde Committee will tabulate those ballots on December 20, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in the Schleicher County USDA Service Center.

As you know this committee is responsible for Farm Service Agency local administrative decisions on commodity price support loans and payments; yields, marketing qu-

tas, eligibility for conservation programs; incentive, indemnity and disaster assistance, and other programs directed and managed through the local office. Please be reminded County Committee representative is elected by direct vote. The Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County Committee encourages all persons including all female, minorities, and member of under-represented groups to participate in the election process. Please be reminded most husbands and wives are eligible voters. If you feel that you are an eligible voter, have an interest in a farm or ranch, and did not receive a ballot, you may come to the office at 510 S Divide, Eldorado before December 6th to request one.

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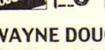
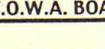
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B.I.G. Conference in Waco

by Blair Fannin, b-fannin@tamu.edu
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WACO - Tips on beef production, plus strategies and issues impacting farm production, will be offered at the 43rd Blackland Income Growth Conference, scheduled Jan. 18-19 at the Waco Convention Center.

Programs in horticulture, horse, grain, forage, family and agricultural policy will also be presented. The annual B.I.G. Conference is one of the most extensive agricultural production conferences of the year, said Rebecca Parker, regional Texas Cooperative Extension program director for agriculture and natural resources.

"Our goal each year is to bring in the most knowledgeable speakers available who can offer farmers and ranchers the best ideas to enhance agricultural production in this region," Parker said.

The luncheon speaker on Jan. 18 is Dr. Grant Woods of Woods and Associates. Woods is a wildlife biologist specializing in white-tail deer management and research.

He is the author of numerous articles and had research or management projects in Camp, LaSalle and Real counties in Texas. Recent deer research contributions by Woods and his company have focused on sex ratios, rub-and-scrape behavior, nutrition and food plot development.

"The increasing popularity of wildlife enterprises is serving as an alternative income for agricultural producers," Parker said. "The increasing need to diversify operations with wildlife is becoming a popular choice. Dr. Woods' discussion will be timely."

The conference opens Jan. 18 with programs offered in beef, horticulture, grain, forage, cotton and horse. The schedule is as follows:

9 a.m.-noon: Beef session topics include supplemental feeding of cows, heifers and stockers; gene testing technology; and an update on national animal identification program.

9 a.m.-noon: Horticulture session topics include growing roses in the Blacklands, growing vegetables, fruits and berries in Central Texas, and recognizing and managing ornamental insect pests. One continuing education unit will be offered for pesticide applicators in integrated pest management.

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.: The Texas Family Forum with pre-registration \$30 and \$35 at the door. Registration payment can be mailed to Pate Adams, P.O. Box 38, Marlin, Texas 76661 by Jan. 10.

"With Love From The Garden" is the theme of this year's forum as Madalene Hill and Gwen Barclay will share with participants how to use herbs in cooking. The afternoon session will focus on decorating with herbs. Reid Lewis of Stonebriar Nursery will show how to enhance spaces using landscaping.

1:30-4:30 p.m.: Grain session topics include fertility and nutrient management focusing on the new soil test developed at Texas A&M University. Other topics include nutrient placement in grain crops, aflatoxin and mycotoxin management strategies; seed-treatment options on grain crops and on-farm grain storage; and marketing options.

One continuing education unit will be offered in integrated pest management, and one continuing education unit will be offered in general for pesticide applicators.

1:30-4:30 p.m.: Forage session topics include grasshoppers and horn fly control with Dimilin; hay value based on nutrient content; and photosensitive sorghum.

One continuing education unit will be offered in the general category for pesticide applicators.

1:30-4:30 p.m.: Cotton session topics include panel discussions on aspects of boll weevil eradication. A panel discussion, titled "Importance of Boll Weevil Eradication Steering Committee," will also be part of the session. Other programs include a producer perspective on insect problems in 2004; overview of new transgenic insect control and update on developments in cotton.

5-8:30 p.m.: Horse session topics include "Finding My First Horse," "What Can I Do With My Horse," "Hay Is For Horses," and "Basic Concepts In Horse Handling/Training."

The horse program is \$5 and includes dinner on Wednesday night. On Jan. 19, three programs will be held: Pesticide License Recertification Training; Texas Beef Quality Producer Program Training Level I and Level II; and an Entrepreneurship and Agricultural Diversification Workshop.

The pesticide license recertification training program will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. offering five continuing education units (one laws and regulations, two integrated pest management continuing education units, and two general) for pesticide license holders.

Pre-registration is \$30 and \$50 at the door. Pre-registration payments can be mailed to Donald Kelm, 420 N. 6th St., Waco, Texas 76701. Checks should be made payable to Program Development Fund. Topics include integrated pest management in row crops; pecan insect identification and control; disease control and identification in row crops; aquatic weed control and pesticide laws and regulations.

Level I and II Texas Beef Quality Producer Program training will also be held from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. There is no registration fee and lunch will be provided as a result of Beef Checkoff funds. Level I training will be held from 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and Level II training will be held from 2:30-5 p.m. Pre-registration is requested; contact Lyle Zoeller at the Extension office in Coryell County. Additional information regarding the agenda can be found at <http://www.texas-beefquality.com>.

The Entrepreneurship and Agricultural Diversification Workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is \$15 and includes lunch. Topics include identifying opportunities for a diversified operation, planning and marketing for success, support for a successful small business and landowner liability and risk management.

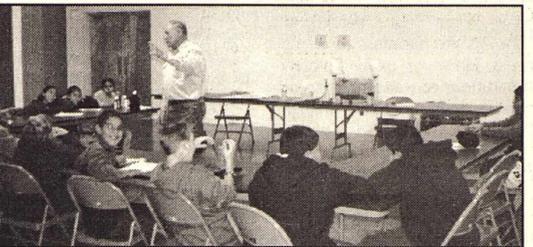
Registration is \$10 for the Jan. 18 B.I.G. Conference and includes the keynote luncheon. The sessions on Jan. 19 have individual registration fees. For more information about the conference, call (254) 968-4144 or visit the Web at <http://stephenville.tamu.edu/BI> G to find a conference brochure



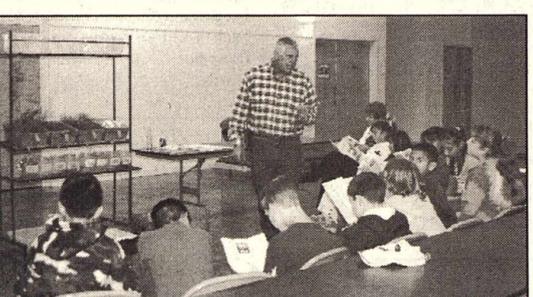
Fourth graders have questions for Kelly Thorp at the Water Fair.



Pascual Hernandez answers questions for curious students.



Virgil Polocek gives fourth graders information on water.



Billy Kniffen talks about The Rainfall Cycle.

Sonora Fourth graders treated to Water Fair

by Kelly L Thorp
Sutton County Extension Agent-FCS Texas Cooperative Extension

The entire 4th grade class was treated to a special day of water education at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center on Monday, November 22, 2004. The water fair is held annually to help students understand the importance of water to us all. Students were challenged to think about ways to conserve water and how to minimize the risk of contamination of our water sources.

The educational effort was coordinated by the staff of Texas Cooperative Extension here in Sutton County. Other sponsors and collaborators in the event included the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District, the Natural Resource Conservation Service-USDA, and The Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District.

Instructors and their subject matter areas were Kelly Thorp on Indoor and Home Conservation, Virgil Polocek on Watersheds and Aquifers, Billy Kniffen on The Rainfall Cycle, and Pascual Hernandez on Water and Animals. Each concurrent session involved not only instruction by the profes-

sionals but also interactive demonstrations with the students in order to help them to grasp the concept presented.

A hot dog lunch was provided by the Sutton County Water Underground Conservation District and the Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District.

The coordinator of the lunch was Iris Garza, assisted by Janalyn Jones, Kathleen Freeman and the fourth grade teachers.

After the lunch break students enjoyed a computer simulated model on the aquatic life cycle. Texas Cooperative Extension staff presented "Something's Fishy" which is a curriculum enrichment program designed to give students a look at fisheries management as well as water conservation and quality through an interactive computer program. At the conclusion of the program students were recognized with a completion certificate.

The event sponsors would like to express special appreciation to Sonora Elementary Principal, Mrs. Louise Dermody, and the faculty of the fourth grade class for allowing the students to participate in this educational program.

Annual Christmas Festival Market in Fredericksburg

Weihnachten in Fredericksburg, a Christmas Festival and Market, begins Friday, December 3, with a lighted Christmas Parade along Main Street on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. Festivities continue until 10:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday the gates will be open at 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Sunday hours are from noon to 4:00 p.m. There is no admission charge to attend the Weihnachten celebration.

The parade features 50 lighted entries and will take place along Main Street beginning at Adams Street to Washington Street - then turning to continue east from Washington Street to Edison Street.

The festivities continue

until Christmas Tree Forest will be open in all its splendor for its three-day showing. This year the forest is expected to have over 60 decorated trees. Persons can vote for their favorite tree with a \$1 token, and all of the proceeds will benefit the many local charities. The Christmas Tree Forest is also the location of the Gingerbread House Contest entries - an array of confectionery creations by local citizens, of all ages, to be admired by all.

The succulent aroma of a fresh cooked authentic German foods will entice one and all to Heide Kemper's "Die Schnitzelbnak." By popular demand they again will be preparing Gulasch Soupe, Potato Soupe, Bratwurst, Pork

Schnitzels, Potato Pancakes and Waffles. There will also be wine, beer, cocoa, cider and coffee to warm your spirits.

A large tent will contain a traditional Christmas Market to be open each day for the same hours at the Christmas Tree Forest and providing a great place to shop for Christmas gifts.

The Children's Area will provide the experience of making a Gingerbread House, decorating cookies and candies - all in Mrs. Santa's kitchen. Children will also have the opportunity to make ornaments and other small Christmas decorations.

Friday evening - 8:00 p.m. - after the parade, the Nutcracker Ballet will be per-

formed under the direction of Lisa Bohnert. It will be performed again three times on Saturday, December 4, and once on Sunday afternoon.

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN A PIPELINE FACILITY AIR PERMIT
PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 73381

APPLICATION GulfTerra Energy Partners L.P. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of a Pipeline Facility Air Permit, Air Quality Permit No. 73381, which would authorize operation of the previously grandfathered emission sources at the Sonora Compressor Station located 19 miles south of Sonora on U.S. Highway 277, Sonora, Sutton County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, organic compounds, sulfur dioxide, and particulate matter including particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter. This permit will not authorize new construction or an increase in emissions.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on August 31, 2004. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ San Angelo regional office, and the Sutton County Library, 306 East Mulberry Street, Sonora, Sutton County, Texas. The facilities compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the San Angelo regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments or request a public meeting or request a notice and comment hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.**

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

After the final deadline for public comments following any public meeting or notice and comment hearing, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A NOTICE AND COMMENT HEARING A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the site may request a notice and comment hearing. The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on this application if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after publication of this newspaper notice. The purpose of a notice and comment hearing is to provide an opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all

individuals who submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time, and location for the hearing. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in the proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from GulfTerra Energy Partners L.P., P.O. Box 4324, Houston, TX 77210 or by calling Mr. Roger Thompson at (210) 528-2184.

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Missoula Children's Theatre will have tryouts for all school age children to be a part of their production, The Frog Prince, on December 6, 2004. Practices will be held all week, with presentations on December 11, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. For more information call Ann Kay at the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office, 387-2248.

Cub Scout Annual food Drive, Monday, December 6, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Canned goods can be donated from November 23, to December 6, at The Bank & Trust. If you have any questions, please contact Lauri Smith at 387-2593 or 387-2461.

"The More the Merrier" Christmas Bazaar - Friday, December 3, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Sutton County Civic Center.

Sutton County Health Foundation Christmas Tour of Homes - Sunday, December 5, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - \$10 - Tickets available at Teaff Oil, Main Street Realty and L.M. Hudspeth Hospital and each of the homes - Hobbs, Finklea or Archer.

Everett's Pharmacy and Gifts Galore & More Open House, Wednesday, December 8, 2004, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Refreshments - drawings for door prizes after 1:00 p.m.

Zachary Gomez is a 14-year-old young man who is working to collect toys, blankets, coats, etc., or monetary donations for the ICD Bridges Family Shelters. The NewBridge Family Shelter focuses its efforts on providing housing and services to victims of domestic violence with the objective of protecting victims from further abuse, and serving as the first milestone in the beginning of victims' adventures into safe and productive lives. If you would like to help Gomez and Little Mr. Sutton County Alex Castilleja in their quest to help the NewBridge Family Shelter that caters to this area, including Sutton County, donations can be dropped off at 1201 Savell St. If you have any questions or would like more information call Elsa Castilleja at (325)450-8743.

The annual Santa Bucks auction will be held on December 16, 2004 at the Sutton County Civic Center. Start collecting your Santa Bucks from participating merchants and bid on great gift items for Christmas.

San Angelo Civic Ballet's production of Nutcracker - one weekend only - 4 performances. Friday, December 3 at 8 p.m.; Sat. Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sun. Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. San Angelo City Auditorium. Tickets available at San Angelo Cultural Affairs Council, San Angelo Civic Ballet Office, Angelo Civic Theatre and Kids Shoes - \$8 children, students, seniors, military; \$12 adults; \$20 premium seating.

The Sonora Woman's Club is working on compiling addresses for the Sonora Woman's Club Address Book. These books come in very handy for holidays, weddings, invitations of all sorts, etc. If your address has changed in the last five (5) years and you would like to be added to the publication that will be available for purchase, please contact Storie Sharp at 325-387-2507.

Transformation is a youth-focused event that is bringing the youth of Sonora, Eldorado and Ozona together as one body with one vision. The vision of TRANSFORMATION is based on Romans 12:2 - "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be 'transformed' by the renewing of your mind." Don't miss this opportunity to see what God is doing. Join together on the 2nd Sunday of each month at Lighthouse Community Church - Meal at 6:00 p.m. Praise and Worship at 7:00 p.m. FMI please contact Silas Polite FBC Eldorado 853-2662 or Lighthouse Community Church 387-9100.

Over 80,000 people are on The National Transplant Waiting List. Sixteen of those people will die each day waiting for an organ. If everyone signed an organ/tissue donor card and told their families about their wishes no one would have to die waiting for an organ. Please consider the gift of life and call The Living Bank at 1-800-528-2971 if you are interested in becoming a registered organ donor or would just like more information.

Sonora Woman's Club is selling, unique to Sonora, "Sutton County Library" Christmas Ornaments to raise funds for the library. If you would like to purchase one of the collector ornaments contact any Sonora Woman's Club member or call the Sutton County Library.

Storytime at the Sutton County Library, Wednesdays, from 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. for children ages 3 through Pre-K. FMI call 387-2111.

Do well, Be well with Diabetes classes, sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension. For more information and to register call Kelly Thorp at 325-387-3604.

Show your support of our troops with a Yellow Ribbon Flag on sale at the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office at 232 Main St. (Mercantile Building) in downtown Sonora. If you need more information call 387-2248.

"Support your troops" car magnets are available at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for \$5 apiece. All proceeds benefit the 1836th Transportation Det. 1. For more information call 387-2880 or stop by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce office.

Have a loved one serving in the military? Looking for a way to honor that loved one and show your support? Make a donation in his or her name to the Old Glory Fund. Names will be printed in The Devil's River News. Contributions can be made at The First National Bank of Sonora.

Lending a helping hand to those in need



Congressman Henry Bonilla

The holiday season is upon us, and what a wonderful time it is to spend with family and loved ones reliving old memories and making new ones. While we cherish these special moments, we should not forget about those among us who are not as fortunate.

All around our communities are hard working folks who, because of unfortunate circumstances, cannot stretch their paychecks for enough food for themselves or their families. Setting aside a portion of your afternoon or weekend to assist those less fortunate than us could make a huge difference -- especially in this holiday season.

This country was built on individualism, which includes an individual's responsibility to his or her neighbors. Part of this responsibility is to lend a hand to a neighbor in their time of need. By giving a little of yourself, you not only empower your neighbor, but you also make your community stronger and more united.

There is perhaps no better example of people uniting and working for the common good of the community than in small towns in South and West Texas. In these small Texas towns people are naturally charitable. Texans haven't forgotten to make it a priority to give something back to our communities.

And it's not like you don't have anything else to do. You lead busy lives. You work, take care of families, go to church, coach little league, and yet still make the time to volunteer.

Many people think heroes are the people who beat the odds and achieve the impossible. But the people who do succeed against the odds aren't the only heroes. America is full of them. Heroes are the people who not only recognize that the world is full of need, they do something about it. They get up in the morning and decide they are going to do something to make their community a better place.

There is nothing more satisfying than helping an impoverished child learn to read or delivering a good, hot meal to an elderly grandmother. Not only do you bring smiles to the faces of those you volunteer to help, but you get a warm feeling in your heart that lasts a long time.

The opportunities to help are boundless. If you're not involved, get involved. Make the decision to just do it. Whether it's stopping along the highway and picking up trash, or organizing a fundraiser to donate money to charity. You can make a difference. And to those who are already doing it, a hearty thank-you. Giving to those in need around us, helping our neighbors, and assisting those with special needs - that is the true meaning of the holiday season.

Legislature to consider state tax system, legalized gambling

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Mike Cox

AUSTIN - When the Legislature convenes Jan. 11, its agenda will be the legislative equivalent of a heavily-laden Thanksgiving plate. But the lawmaking process, unlike turkey and dressing and all the trimmings, is almost guaranteed to give some people heartburn.

The House Research Organization released a report last week on topics likely to come up during the 79th Legislature.

As the introduction under-states, "The Texas Legislature will consider a variety of issues when it convenes...." Topping the pile, of course, will be revising the school finance system and considering measures aimed at property-tax relief.

"In addition," the report continues, "revising the state tax system, including business taxation and the possible expansion of legalized gambling, reforming the system of workers' compensation insurance, and reviewing the distribution of water resources are among the issues" that likely will dominate.

Behind every consideration will be the state's budget and the revenue stream it relies on. The report notes: "While the fiscal outlook at the beginning of 2005 is expected to be better than that which confronted the state two years ago, budgetary concerns remain."

Heflin decides to fight...

His Capitol office space has

been reassigned and he'll no longer be chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, but Rep. Talmadge Heflin (R-Houston) has submitted the necessary paperwork to the House to contest his election defeat.

Meanwhile, Democratic challenger Hubert Vo has been certified as the winner by 32 votes.

Once a committee appointed by the speaker issues its report, Heflin's legislative colleagues could take up the matter in a proceeding somewhat like a trial. After hearing evidence, they can either seat Vo as a new member or return Heflin. Another option would be requiring the governor to call a new election.

Heflin earlier requested a recount in the tight race that appears to have ended his 21-year legislative career. Two other candidates for House also had filed recount requests with the Secretary of State - Eric Opiela (R-Karnes City), who lost to Democrat Yvonne Gonzalez Toureilles of Alice by 835 votes and Kelly White, an Austin Democrat who fell 147 votes short of defeating incumbent Todd Baxter (R-Austin).

The Kinkster's New Year's resolution...

Kinky Friedman this January is expected to toss his black cowboy hat into the 2006 gubernatorial election ring. The Kerrville mystery novelist, singer and cigar-smoking Clown Prince to both former President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush has been threatening for more than a year to run as an independent candidate.

If Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison decide to challenge Gov. Rick Perry in the '06 Republican primary, and if Friedman indeed runs as threatened, the next governor's race promises to be the best political spectacle in years.

Ornament raises money for state...

Here's a shopping idea and a way to help preserve the furnishings and artwork in the Capitol.

The ninth annual Capitol Christmas ornament, an image of the Capitol rotunda, sells for \$16. The 24-karat gold ornament is available at the two gift shops in the Capitol complex or via the Internet at www.TexasCapitolGiftshop.com or by calling 1-888-678-5556. So far, the ornament project has raised \$2.6 million for Capitol preservation and education efforts.

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