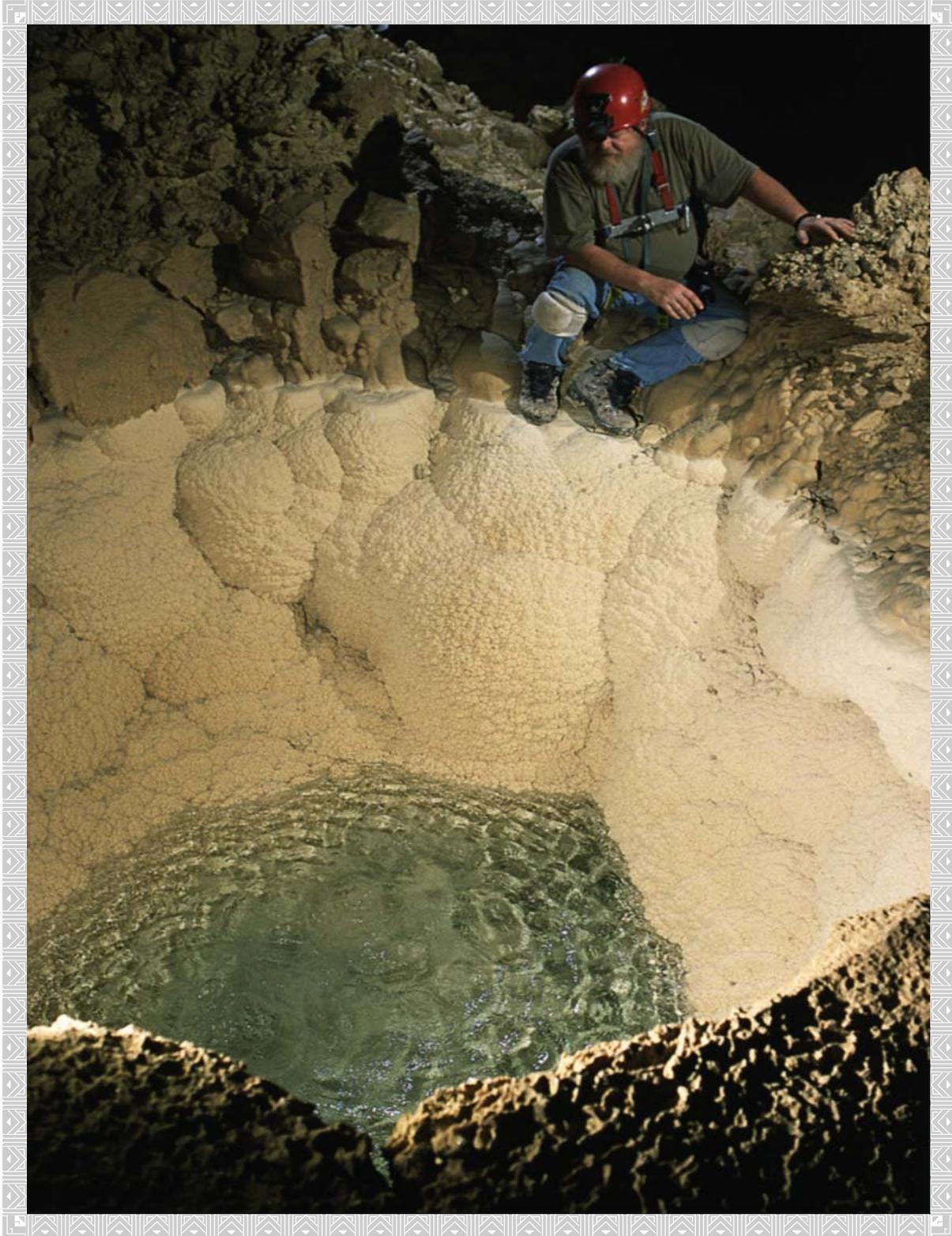
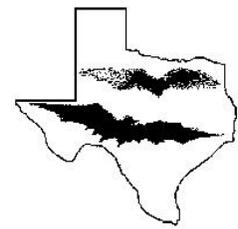
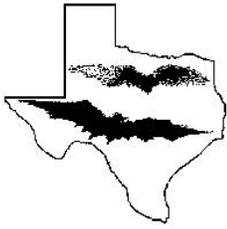


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### Next Meeting of the PBSS:

The next official meeting of the Permian Basin Speleological Society will be held **Tuesday, November 13**, around **7:00 PM**, in the back meeting room of Murray's Delicatessen. Murray's is located at 3211 West Wadley, Midland, Texas.

#### *Our Agenda:*

*Meeting*

*Grotto Elections*

If you need more directions or information call our official contact person, Walter Feaster (915)559-3297, or E-Mail: <wdfeaster@home.com> or <wfeaster@texascavers.com>.

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### "PBSS Home Page"

<http://www.caver.net/pbss/pbss.htm>

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### **Future Cave Trips, Events, and Projects:**

\*\*\***November 17,18-PBSS Trip to McKittrick Hill:** Barry Hays will have permits for McKittrick and Endless Caves Nov. 17-18. Contact Barry at <cavelizard@yahoo.com> or (915)333-8856 if you would like to go.\*\*\*\*\*

**November 17-18 Caverns of Sonora Restoration Project:** For more info go to the TSA web site <www.texascavers.com/tsa/sonorar.htm>.

\*\*\***December 8- PBSS Christmas Party:** PBSS Christmas Party will be held at Don and Marry King's house, Dec. 8. B.Y.O.B. and maybe something to munch on. See map and more details inside.\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\***Denotes a PBSS Grotto Trip**\*\*\*\*\*

**\*Due to permit restrictions or other limitations Grotto members have priority.\***

### **On Going Projects:**

**CRF- -Carlsbad Caverns:** Expeditions usually occur on holiday week-ends. Contact Barbe Barker <cloudcaver@pvtnetworks.net> or (505) 687-4270. Or possibly CRF website -www.cave-research.org.

**High Guads Restoration Project (HGRP):** Upcoming events will take place the last weekend of each month. For more info contact Susan Herpin (505)785-2423 or <sherpin@caverns.com>.

**PBSS Rock Hauling At Carlsbad Caverns:** PBSS on going restoration in the Big Room of Carlsbad Caverns. Project will continue in 2002. Dates unknown at this time. Walter Feaster at <wdfeaster@home.com>.

### **On the Cover:**

**Title:** "The old man and the cave"

**Subject:** Walter Feaster in Abyss Sinkhole a few months ago.

**Photographer:** Terry Holsinger using a Nikon FG 35 mm, Fuji Provia 100 ASA film, and two Vivitar (283 &285) slave strobes. Also a Arista film scanner by Becky Jones.

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**PBSS:**

Enclosed is the **2002 election ballot** for grotto officers. The candidates were nominated at our last official meeting. This reporter did not have the time nor the incentive to interview the new candidates on their spelo-political views, so if you are interested you need to contact them on your own. Please vote.

Also it is that time of year again. “**Grotto Dues**”. You can pay your dues anytime from now till the end of the year.

PBSS has a new member, **Jacqui Bills** from Sonora, Texas. She joined at the last TCR. She seemed excited about finally joining a grotto, I hope we live up to your expectations. Welcome!

Due to uncertainty about our next **Rock Hauling at CACA**, we have decided to cancel the December 8 project and resume next year some time. Details later.

Thank you,  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Walter Feaster

**PBSS Christmas Party**

This year’s PBSS Christmas Party will be held Saturday, December 8, at the house of Don and Mary King, 1907 Centerview, Midland, Texas. This festive occasion should start around 6:30 PM. It is B.Y.O.B. and if you want, bring some munches. Please be there if you can. See map below for some idea of how to get there.

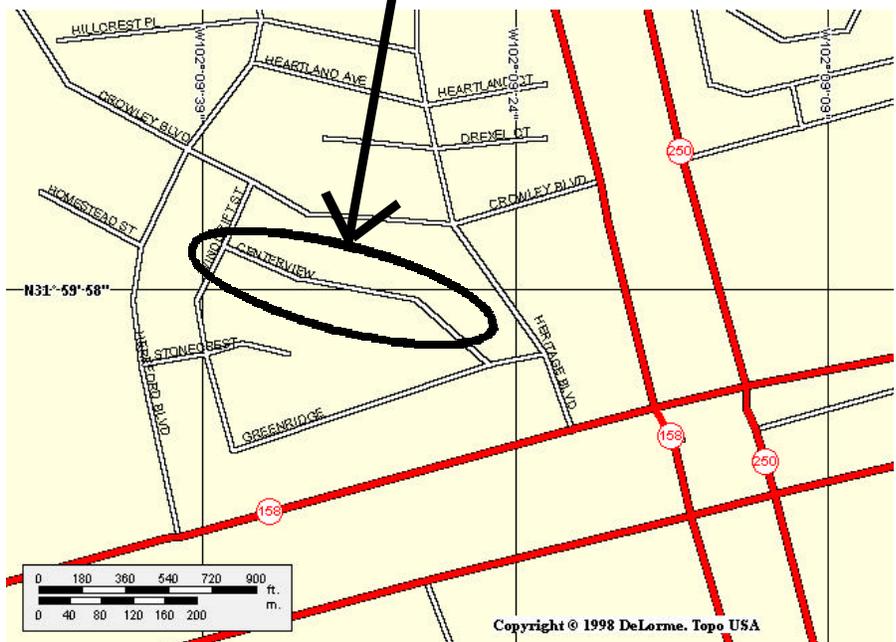
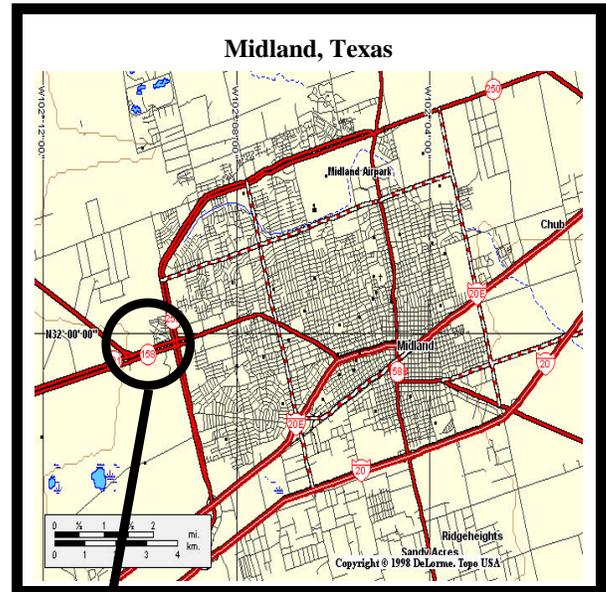
Merry Christmas

**CAVERNS OF SONORA RESTORATION PROJECT**  
November 17-18, 2001

The Sonora Restoration this year is set for the above date. If you need more info or would like to get on the waiting list go to the TSA web site at <[www.texascavers.com/tsa/sonorar.htm](http://www.texascavers.com/tsa/sonorar.htm)> and you should find all the info you need. Remember, if you sign up and have to cancel, please contact George Veni.



Please excuse this annoying line, my printer is on it’s last leg. Maybe Santa will bring me a new for Christmas! Ho! Ho! Ho!



### Trip Report

Today, Thursday Nov. 01, 2001, I went to Maryneal Tx. and checked out some sink holes with a local resident. He showed me three sinkholes nestled on about ten acres that are his property and talked of at least one more on his neighbors land. The largest sinkhole is about 25 foot diameter and drops about 10 feet to solid rock. The rock has a 1 foot crack that drops 25-30 feet which is as far as I could see. There is a fairly good possibility that it could go further. The other two sinkholes were about the same diameter but all they did was sink, covered with rock and gourd vines, with a little work they might could be opened into something. It would definitely be worth another trip if I could get a few people together over a weekend to go do some digging on the big sinkhole and possibly the others if this one works into something.

Since meeting with him on his lunch hour we didn't have a whole lot of time but I did get another lead to a cave several miles south of Sweetwater. Rumor has it there are sounds of water when listening at the entrance and a colony of bats which inhabit this hole in the ground.

I tried to call the landowner while in the area and got no answer so I will try again this evening.

Sounds like Nolan County might have some promise and only an hour from my house.

Kerry Lowery