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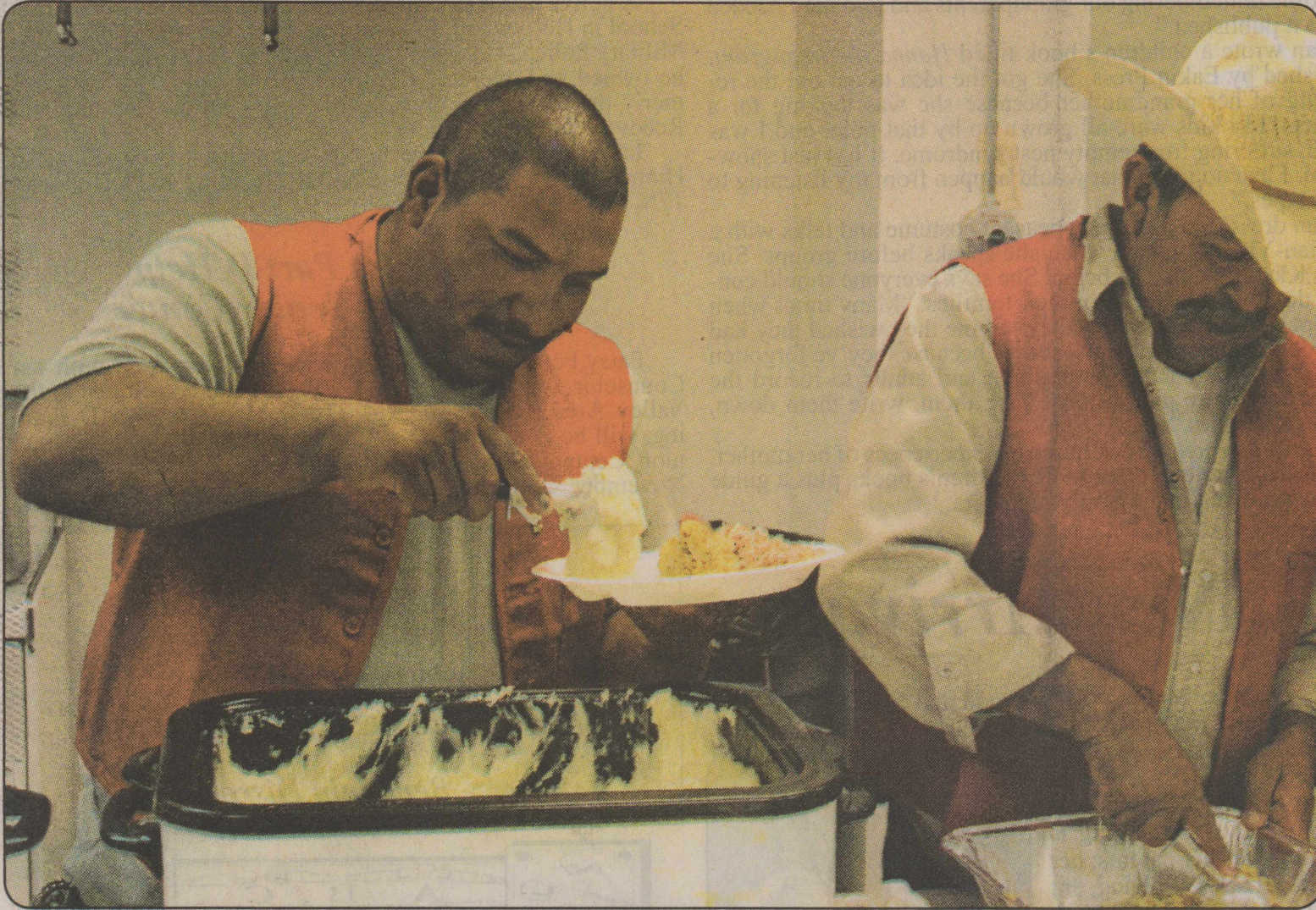


Photo by Becky McAngus

Sonora celebrated a Community Thanksgiving on Sunday as Members of the Knights of Columbus and St. Ann's Catholic Church cooked and served up a traditional turkey dinner. Hundred of pounds of mashed potatoes were served and slices of pumpkin pie filled the dessert table. It is estimated that approximately 400 turkey dinners, complete with dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, were served at the civic center, with another hundred or so taken to shut-ins throughout the community. Multi Chem and Schlumberger provided funding for the annual event. Above, Javier Gayton and Jose Angel Buitron prepare plates for those in attendance.

Holiday Scammers Already Busy Stealing ID Info

by Becky McAngus

This is the time of year when most of us are looking forward to family gatherings. It's also the time of year when "scammers" of all types just seem to come out of the woodwork, and Sonora Police Department Chief Mike House is warning residents about a scam that was recently brought to his office.

"I had a lady come in who said she had been contacted by someone who told her they were attempting to collect a fine to clear an outstanding warrant. These people asked her for her date of birth, driver's license number, and social security number, supposedly to confirm her identity," House said. "She got suspicious and brought me the number they asked her to call back on."

House said that when he called back to confirm the identity of the "agency" and identified himself as the chief of police, the person on the other end immediately hung up the phone. He said there are some viable agencies that do collect for municipal courts. They will give you the information regarding the offense and identify the court to which the fine is payable.

"No matter what the caller is saying - if they want vital information from you, your driver's license number or social security number - don't give it out," House warns. "They are trying to steal your identity."

These scammers don't just prey on young, inexperienced people - they have been known to target the elderly as well. "There are lottery scams, inheritance scams, people claiming to be collecting money for first one thing and then another," House said. He warns that most of the internet scams originate in Canada, Nigeria or Pakistan, but home-grown scammers are also out to get information that will help them to steal your identity.

"If it seems too good to be true - it usually is," House said.

Pressure or Vacuum?

Council to Select New Sewer System for City of Sonora

by Becky McAngus

The City of Sonora will install new sewer lines throughout the city in the next two years, spending \$6 million to upgrade the municipal sewer system, according to City Manager Jim Polonis. Funding for the infrastructure upgrade has already been received from the Texas Water Development Board, who, in February, approved \$9 million in low-interest loans to the City of Sonora to be used for the improvements.

Preliminary work on the sewer system has included "smoke tests" where compressed non-toxic, odorless smoke was pushed through the city's sewer lines. Numerous weak areas in the system were revealed and existing sewer lines were marked. That data was submitted to the city's engineering firm, who will use that information to draft plans for the infrastructure overhaul. There is one huge decision that must be made by City Council within the coming months: Does the city repair and re-

place its existing gravity system, or is it more cost-effective and less intrusive for the city to replace the old, outdated gravity-fed system with either a low-pressure system or an air vacuum system?

Last Thursday evening, council members had a meeting with representatives of Environment One Corporation, who propose that the city install grinder pumps in its sewer system to push waste toward the wastewater treatment plant. Representatives for an approved vendor were scheduled to present an Air Vac system on Monday. That alternative would provide the city with a system that would essentially suck waste through the new lines.

There is essentially no option for the city other than replacement of its sewer lines. Several newer areas of the city, (one example is the housing around the hospital), have sewer lines

that are in good shape. Most of the sewer system, however, is deteriorated and extensive measures will be required for the upgrade.

The system city officials looked at last week, which meets the environmental requirements of the Texas Commission on Environmental Qual-

ity (TCEQ), would require the installation of grinder pumps on each residence or business using the city's sewer system. The pumps, manufactured by Environment One, will grind material in the sewer line into a very fine slurry. Sewer lines, using the

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Welcome Home, Soldier!



Photo by Becky McAngus

The Castro Family has many reasons to celebrate Thanksgiving this year. Among their blessings was the opportunity to gather to remove the yellow ribbon placed on Sonora's Oak Tree by Airman 1st Class John C. (Chris) Castro before he left on a tour of duty in Iraq. Pictured above is the airman with his joyous family, including (left to right) his dad, John Castro, sister, Danielle Castro, brother, Aidan Castro, and mother, Annette Castro, (Chris is the handsome guy in fatigues). He was joined on the courthouse lawn by grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, and some of his cousins. From left (behind Chris's left shoulder) are, Lilia Cervantez, Julie Villanueva, Elida Castro, Juan Castro, Alisa Holguin, Ana Castro, Odilia Paredes, Wilma Villanueva, Lisa Paredes, Demetrio Castro, Teri Castro and Johnathan Paredes. Chris is currently stationed at Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo. He was in Sonora on Veteran's Day to participate in the musical program held at Sonora Elementary School. Chris is a May 2005 graduate of Sonora High School and joined the US Air Force in August of 2005.



Photo by Ray Glasscock

Basketball season has begun in Sonora, and the Lady Broncos are back in the groove as they beat Ingram at home last Friday. Pictured above are Kimble Luna, Steely Ingram, Cassie Krieg, and Savanna Leonard during their game against Ingram.



Preserving a Family History

by Tumbleweed Smith

Jan Hart of Temple goes to schools, churches, synagogues and libraries performing the actual words spoken by her grandmother, Annie Harelik Novit. Jan's presentation is called Annie the Immigrant. It all stems from some tapes she found in a storage closet.

In December of 1968, Annie sat down with her children, grand children and great-grandchildren and told about her life as a young immigrant from Russia in the early 1900's. A recording of the event was made and it stayed in that closet until 1986, when Jan got it out and listened to it. Her grandmother had been dead five years and, when she listened to the recording, Jan says she felt that her grandmother had returned to speak to her.

The tape begins, "My name is Annie Harelik Novit. I was born in the Russian village of Slavan in White Russia, August

3, 1886." One story tells about ice-skating on the Berezina River in wintertime. In 1906 Russia was experiencing revolutionary times and it was becoming harder and harder for Jews in Russia. They were beaten and their businesses and homes were burned. Thoughts turned to immigrating to America. The family eventually settled in Dublin, Texas and opened a store.

"I felt compelled to capture our family history on paper as a gift to future generations of the family," says Jan. She transcribed the recording onto 37 pages and turned them into a book. She included copies of naturalization documents.

After she passed it out to family members, she heard from cousins shortly after they received it. "They told me they cried and laughed and went back to re-read parts of it. They had the best time remembering our grandparents and told me I needed to get it published."

Jan wrote a children's book titled *Hanna the Immigrant*, published by Eakin Press. She got the idea to get out the recording of her grandmother because she was looking for a project. "My kids were all grown up by that point and I was bored, suffering from empty nest syndrome. It has just snowballed. I had no idea what would happen from my listening to those tapes."

Jan dresses in a Russian peasant costume and talks with a Russian-Yiddish accent when she speaks before groups. She plays Klezmer music to begin. She says everyone should consider doing oral histories of their families. "Many times when I'm speaking to audiences, they tell me they wished they had recorded their grandparents' stories because they've forgotten them. I always encourage children and adults to record the stories for future generations. Tape them, write them down, whatever it takes."

Jan has written a book based on experiences of her mother. She has also written three more children's books plus a guide for interviewing older family members.

Senior Center Activities

Fri. Nov. 23 - Center Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays
Mon. Nov. 26 - Bingo! Happy Birthday Lou Faulks
Tue. Nov. 27 - Work on Puzzles.
Wed. Nov. 28 - Medicare Part D SIGN UP NOW!
Happy B-Day Alline Wester and V.L. Chavez
Thur. Nov. 29- Happy Birthday Hilda May Smith and Rick Palmer.

Senior Center Menu

Fri. Nov. 23 - Center Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays.
Mon. Nov. 26 - Hamburger on a Bun, Oven French Fries, Lettuce and Tomato, Onions, Carrot Salad, Milk, and Fruit Cocktail.
Tues. Nov. 27 - Salisbury Steak with Gravy, Blackeyed peas, Broccoli with Cheese, Milk and Jell-O with fruit.
Wed. Nov. 28 - Ground Beef with Vermicelli, Pinto Beans, Tortillas, Milk, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit Cup.
Thurs. Nov. 29 - Baked Chicken, Fried Rice, Zucchini with Tomatoes, Rolls, Juice, Milk and Peach Cobbler.

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

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Lighthouse Community Church 1705 N. Crockett 387-9100	St. John's Episcopal Church 404 E Poplar 387-2955
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Obituary

Johnny Weldon Clark

BRUNSWICK, GA. - Johnny Weldon Clark, 46, of Brunswick GA and a former resident of Sonora, died September 26, 2007, at Southeast Georgia Health System. He was born in Albany, GA on September 22, 1961.

Memorial Services were held Friday, September 28, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. at Family Life Church, with arrangements by Chapman Funeral Chapel, Inc. in Brunswick, GA.

Johnny was preceded in death by his brother, Ricky Clark and his father, Jack Clark.

Survivors include his mother and step-father, Kathleen and Bill Giddens of Chipley, FL; his children, Brian and wife Deanna Clark, and Brittany Clark, all of Brunswick, GA, and Christopher Nardi of Orlando, FL; a brother, Toby Clark and wife Charlie of Brunswick, GA; 3 sisters, Terri Johnson and husband Carl, Diane Lacayo and husband Dennis, formerly of New Orleans, both of Sonora, TX and Tammy and husband Buddy Fagan of Woodbine, GA; three grandchildren, Ryan Clark, Matthew Wheeler, Ciana Nardi; several nieces and nephews, and his beloved German Shepherd, Gracie.

A native of Albany, Georgia, he attended Hollywood High School in Hollywood, FL, and was a Veteran of the US Army, Military Police. He was a former resident of Ozark, AL, where he owned and operated Clark's Tire and Auto. He was formerly the owner and operator of Happy Hooker Towing and Recovery in Brunswick, GA.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to Humane Society of South Coastal Georgia, 4627 Highway 17N, Brunswick, GA 31525.

Medicare Part D Help Offered at Senior Center

Patsy Fernandez, Benefits Counselor with the Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging, will be at the Sonora Senior Center on Wednesday, November 28th to provide seniors in our area with assistance for enrollment in the 2008 Medicare Part D Plan. Please call Juanita Mesa at the center to make an appointment (325) 387-5657.

New Arrival

A daughter, Mimi-Carlisle Touchstone King, weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces, was born to Sonya and Charles King of San Angelo, TX, on October 31, 2007. Miss King is welcomed by her parents; her brother Charles W. King, Jr., age 24; grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Bennie King of Sonora, Mrs. Judy Timberlake of Brownwood; and her great-grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Herman Moore of Brown-



Mimi-Carlisle Touchstone King

Looking Forward

It is that special time of the year again, and we are looking forward to the holidays. Christmas used to be my favorite holiday, but now it may be Thanksgiving.

One reason is all the family tries to get together; the other is all the good food we have. We have been calling on the phone, and each family member has a special dish they make; when you put them all together, WOW! What a meal.

I try to find the time to think and reflect about all the wonderful blessings that I have received and enjoy. Just look at the wonderful country where I live and all the freedoms it provides, especially the freedom of worship or religion. Another blessing is the provisions of life that this

country provides, (food, jobs, housing, etc). Then there is my family, and that is a "biggie".

One special and very important reason I am able to enjoy the season is because I came to know Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior, (John 1:12). That has changed my whole perspective in life, (Romans 5:8-11). God has blessed this country in many ways for many years. May we not forget to thank Him for those blessings, (Psalm 50:14, 95:2-7, 100:4, 116:17). Let us set one extra place at the Thanksgiving table this year and may it be for remembrance of whose hands from which all these blessings flow.

See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

"Never apologize for showing feeling. When you do, you apologize for the truth."
 - Benjamin Disraeli

Grandparents Again!
 Virgil and Linda Burge are happy to announce the arrival of their granddaughter
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Historical Society

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer,
Secretary
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Historical Society

Q. What were the headlines in the Sonora paper right after the bombing on Dec. 7, 1941?

A. Not what you are expecting! The next paper, after December 7, 1941, was "The Devil's River News," December 12, 1941. On the front page of this issue there is no mention of the outbreak on December 7th. We found that the American Red Cross is asking for an additional \$900 from Sutton County due to the war with the Axis and will be looking for an additional war fund of \$50,000,000 to be collected nation wide. There was a request for Christmas gifts for the boys in Camp Bowie Hospital, with cost to be under 25 cents. Suggested items were stamped postcards, pocket combs, handkerchiefs, pocket mirrors or cigarettes.

I know that list has confused you, but remember they had penny postcards back then, cigarettes cost less than a quarter a package (10 cents on board ship), and cotton handkerchiefs could be bought for about a dime each. I'm not going to list what gasoline cost back then or you would be in tears, but it was under 20 cents a gallon.

On page two, we found mention that the Pacific Outbreak has caused a slight jump in livestock prices on the San Antonio market, probably due partially to the acute foreign situation. On the back page of the paper we found a picture of a marching color guard with a note: Every person in the United States is a member of the Color Guard, especially today, during time of unlimited emergency. You can do your part by buying



Sonora's Main Street in the 1910-1920 era was dirt, at least most of the year - when it wasn't mud! Note the young boys on bicycles in front of The Drug Store (left) and the empty automobile parked in the middle of the street. Further down the street, in front of VanderStucken's store, a couple of horses are tied to the hitching post. At the end of the block, the present site of Sonora Abstract Office, a sign rises high above the roof of the Decker Hotel.

a defense bond today - First National Bank 41 years service Sutton County.

In the December 19th issue, we are told that the following servicemen can be reached at addresses listed, we will list name and location only: Private Sam Merck, Camp Bowie, TX; Private Damon Swails, Parris Island, South Carolina; Private Jefferson A. Harris, Fort Lewis, Washington; Private Cloma Roberts, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Private Paschal Odom, Camp Bowie, TX; Private Cesario Martinez, Camp Bowie, TX; Private Claudio Flores, Fort Bliss, TX; Private Severo R. Chavez Jr, Fort Bliss, TX; Private Fransco Y. Quiroz, Jr., Camp Haan, Riverside, Calif.; Private Hollis Bricker, Fort Loughton, Seattle, Washington; L. H. McKee, RM3 U.S.S. Pocomoake c/o Postmaster New York; First Lt. John Hull, San Francisco, Calif.; Francis Blanton Archer, Cadet Res. Ctr. Kelly Field, TX; Harold

Cleveland Saunders, Kessler Field, Miss.; Lt. Savell Lee Sharp, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho; Edward Baxter Tipton Jr., Uplands, Ontario, Canada; Alan Saunders, Chanute Field, Illinois; Thomas Blanton Thorp, Kelly Field, TX; Dewitt Creamer Blanton, Camp Wolters, TX; Jesse Kring Jr., Pope Field, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Reginald Ralph Trainer, Camp Roberts, Calif.; Alfred Schwiening Jr., Brooks Field, TX; David Guerrero Ramirez, Fort Bliss, TX.

They were not able to obtain an address for the following men from Sutton County: Lazaro Delgado Martinez, Pablo Gandar Avila, Felix Martinez, John Frederick Nichols, Dearl Lee Beard, John Herb Eaaker, Albert Adair Baugh, Clyde Deuey Griffin, Juan Frausto Yanez, Earnest Audry Woodward, James Rogers Vick, Salvador Yobaro Sanchez, Roland Elwood McWilliams, James William Bunnell, Ramon Gutierrez, George Sota, Igna-

cio Galindo Jr., Mauricio Garza Segura, Sidney W. Stephenson, Jesus Alfaro Ramirez and Walter Louis Davis.

In this issue, we finally found mention of the attacks on December 7th. Former Sonoran Dead In Jap Attack On U.S.; One Injured-Ruben Mussie, Jr., son of Mr. and Ruben Mussie of Sanderson, and grandson of Mrs. Agnes Parker of Sonora, was reported killed in action in last week's attack by the Japanese on the Philippine Islands, according to a telegram from the Navy Department. Mussie is also survived by an aunt here, Mrs. Zola Jungk. He was to be discharged in April.

Injured in the first raid on Hawaii was Leon "Bob" Muckleroy, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Muckleroy of Sanatorium, formerly of Sonora. Muckleroy, a sailor on the U.S.S. Helena, received his elementary and high school education in Sonora and left here to study aviation. He later joined the Navy. The extent of his injuries is not known.

There is a note on the Sutton County Defense Coordi-

nation Organization getting ready to set up plane detection stations, coordinate collection of paper, scrap metal, and conduct first aid schools. Mention was made that Sonora sent 145 packages to the boys at Camp Bowie Hospital. West Texas Utilities purchased over \$50,000 in defense bonds and is urging others to purchase them or defense stamps.

Producers were being urged to stockpile food for use in hungry Europe when the war ends. They are urged to store dried milk in barrels, huge drums of cheese, farm products, condensed milk, cured pork, canned products such as meat and vegetable, which will all be needed by the hungry Europeans when the war there ends.

By now, we are on vacation. Rose Mary Whitehead Jones, President, should have made arrangements for people to be in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays to take care of the phones and do a little filing. We always need people to help on Saturdays, organizing the community service workers who work on the John &

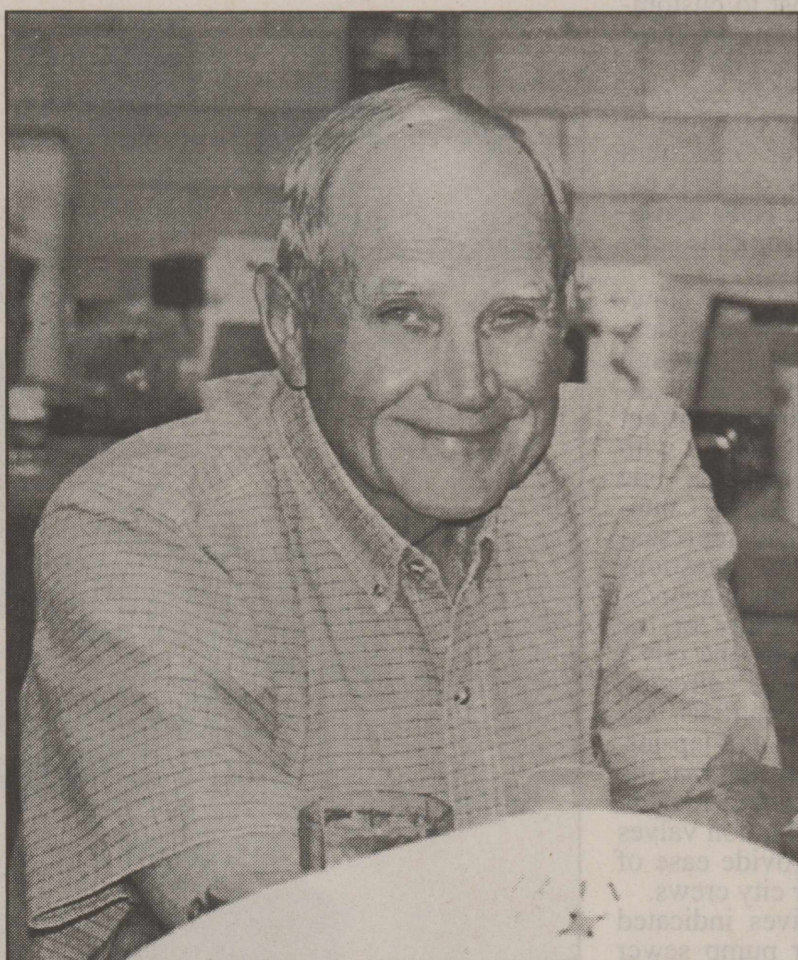
Mildred Cauthorn Building, the bathrooms, mowing grass, and cleaning gutters on our buildings. Officers to contact in case of an emergency while I am gone are Rose Mary Whitehead Jones, President Sonora # 387-5905; Marvin Shurley at home or The Meat Goat Raisers Association offices; and JoAnn Hernandez of The Bank & Trust. If you notice things aren't getting done, while Rick and I are gone on vacation, give them a call and volunteer to help them out. All of our staff are volunteers and members need to stand up and help once in a while.

The office will be closed on November 22nd & November 23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday and December 25th and January 1st for Christmas and New Years.

We are a non-profit 501-3c organization located at 307 Oak Street, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, Texas. We are dedicated to preserving the history of Sutton County and the local area through research, writing books, compiled records in our files, exhibits in the Miers Home Museum and the Old Ice House Museum, which is scheduled to open in April. We own the Miers Home Museum, Old Ice House Museum, John & Mildred Cauthorn Building/Old Depot and Amphitheater and bathrooms and have a one-hundred year lease on our offices at 307 Oak St. We receive our funding from grants, donations, dues of \$10 a year, and a small SIDC building grant through the City of Sonora. We could use your help. Please join the society, it only costs \$10 a year and every penny goes into insurance, utilities, upkeep and research. Your donations would be deeply appreciated.

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@sonorax.net You may call us at 325-387-5084 on the days we are open, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings or stop by the office and see us and tour our facilities.

Leader



TOMMY MORRISS



Main Street Traffic

By Mary Ann Kay

The Knights of Columbus, Ladies of St. Ann's Catholic Church, and Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program

joined hands and hearts to host a Community Thanksgiving Lunch on Sunday, November 18th, at the Sutton County Civic Center. The

traditional Thanksgiving meal was a team effort. The Knights provided smoked turkeys and the Ladies of the St. Ann's Catholic Church prepared the trimmings for a wonderful lunch. The other sponsors of the event are Sutton County, KHOS Radio, Devil's River News, Multi-Chem Group LLC, Schlumberger, City of Sonora, and T&C Village Market. We appreciate all these folks who make this event possible. Happy Thanksgiving!

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program welcome Tryon and Cindy Fields and Becky York to Main Street. They are the new owners of the Team Graphics. These ladies are busy monogramming lots of Bronco sportswear. So, if you need monogramming on your company hats or shirts, just visit with Becky or Cindy. Or, if you need a nice gift, visit Team Graphics on Main Street.

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program are also pleased to welcome Mercantile on Main Restaurant and Bakery. The aroma of home cooking now fills the air at the east end of Main Street. Ruthie, Lucy, and Mallory invite you to stop by for lunch, for some of their outstanding baked goods, or, for a special treat, a scoop or two of Blue Bell ice cream.

Pro File Magazine has written an outstanding article about one of Sonora's business. Adkins Septic Services was spotlighted in the in the October issue. The article talks about this "Mom & Pop" business that, for generations, has worked to please their many customers in our area. Ken Wysocky (writer) interviews Tony and Tammi Adkins and the employees to learn the day-to-day business and how this business has grown.

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Tips for Safely Receiving and Sending Food Gifts

Submitted By: Kelly L Thorp, MS
County Extension Agent-FCS
Texas Cooperative Extension-Sutton County

It's that time of year again and we know the holiday season can't be far away! Maybe you are looking to make your holiday shopping a little easier by ordering and sending some of your friends and family gift boxes of cheese, meats, or delicious desserts. If you are planning to send or receive perishable foods that will decay rapidly if not refrigerated, follow these tips to keep them safe.

Meat, poultry, fish and other perishable foods need to be handled carefully and in a timely manner in order to prevent the growth of harmful bacterial which could cause foodborne illness. During the holidays, many people send food gifts. These items, whether store bought or homemade, need to be handled properly.

According to figures from the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 76 million cases of foodborne illness are reported each year. About 325,000 of these cases require hospitalization; about 5,000 people die. All foods should be handled safely, including food gifts.

Perishable food gifts must arrive cold to be safe to eat. If you receive a gift that is not cold at the time of delivery, do not eat it! Instead, notify the sender. It's better to be safe than sorry. Food gifts marked Perishable or Keep Refrigerated need to be opened immediately and placed in the refrigerator or freezer.

If you are ordering food gifts, specify overnight delivery and request a frozen gel pack or dry ice in the packaging. Transit time and product packaging foam or heavy cardboard designed to keep them cold are also vital.

Foods prepared at home may also be shipped to friends and family, but care is required. First, be sure to follow proper food

safety procedures such as hand washing and prevention of cross contamination when preparing foods. Visit www.fightbac.org for more information about basic food safety.

Once you are ready to ship the foods, make sure items are frozen solid or refrigerator cold prior to shipping. Pack in an insulated cooler or heavy cardboard box with a frozen gel pack. Dry ice can also be used, but don't let it touch your hands or the food. Let the recipient know the box contains dry ice. Wrap the box in two layers of brown paper and mark it Perishable Keep Refrigerated.

Ship perishable food gifts by overnight mail and try not to send packages at the end of the week because delivery could be delayed over the weekend. Let the recipient know a food-bearing package is on its way so someone can be home to accept delivery and get the

food under refrigeration immediately. It's best to send food gifts to someone's home. If you send them to a workplace, the food could be accidentally left at the office or in the trunk of a car. Confirm that someone will be home and send your surprise to their house.

For more information about mail order food safety contact your local County Extension office at 387-3604, or visit the following link:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Mail_Order_Food_Safety/index.asp

Let Us Pray!

After being interviewed by the school administration, the teaching prospect said, 'Let me see if I've got this right: 'You want me to go into that room with all those kids, correct their disruptive behavior, observe them for signs of abuse, monitor their dress habits, censor their T-shirt messages, and instill in them a love for learning. You want me to check their backpacks for weapons, wage war on drugs and sexually transmitted diseases, and raise their sense of self esteem and personal pride.

'You want me to teach them patriotism and good citizenship, sportsmanship and fair play, and how to register to vote, balance a checkbook, and apply for a job. 'You want me to check their heads for lice, recognize signs of antisocial behavior, and make sure that they all pass the state exams.

'You want me to provide them with an equal education regardless of their handicaps, and communicate regularly with their parents by letter, telephone, newsletter and report card.

'You want me to do all this with a piece of chalk, a blackboard, a bulletin board, a few books, a big smile, and a starting salary that qualifies me for food stamps.

'You want me to do all this and then you tell me.....I CAN'T PRAY?'



Eleven women from the Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian joined with women from the Tres Rios Presbytery for a fall retreat on October 25-28, 2007. Forty-seven women from the Tres Rios Presbytery, which covers an area from San Angelo to El Paso and from Midland to Sanderson, joined at Indian Lodge in Ft. Davis for a weekend of Bible study and fun. A silent auction, a tea party (with hats), and an evening at the McDonald Observatory served as an opportunity to behold the grandeur of the Davis Mountains, rest and relax, and study the word of God. Pictured (from left to right) are: Shanna Petty, Jeanette Turner, Pam Armke, Nadine Eby, Claudia Dempsey, Cyndy Allen, Mariah Castro, Goldie Brown, Jeryl Fields, Roberta James, and Nelda Mayfield

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The Sonora Ministerial Alliance, assisted by the Sonora High School Student Council, will be delivering Christmas food baskets to residents of Sonora on December 15th.

Through Dec. 12th, churches and individuals in our community will be collecting non-perishable food items for distribution. The primary collection site will be at First United Methodist Church. Food items may be dropped off there during any weekday. Anyone who would like to request a food basket may do so by calling Lewis Allen at 387-2616.

Middle school and older elementary school youth of the churches will organize and load the food boxes on the evening of December 13th at the First Methodist Church. Food boxes will be delivered by high school youth of the churches on the 15th.

In addition to items donated, the Ministerial Alliance will purchase staple grocery items to be included in each box. Individuals who would like to contribute to this manner of making Christmas a bit brighter in Sonora may send checks payable to Sonora Ministerial Alliance, P.O. Box 1015, Sonora, TX 76950.

Sutton County 4-H & First National Bank of Sonora are hosting a coat drive. Please bring new/used coats to the bank for kids and adults. For more information please contact Shanna Petty, at 387-3861, or Kelly Thorp at 387-3604.

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Council to Replace Sewer Lines

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grinder pump system, could be installed in trenches as shallow as three feet in depth. The current gravity system has sewer lines buried from seven to nine feet deep. The new lines could even be installed by directional boring, rather than digging trenches. The current gravity system has sewer lines buried from seven to nine feet deep. The new lines could even be installed by directional boring, rather than digging trenches.

There would be virtually no additional cost to customers. Pumps would be provided by the city and would be installed outside each customer's residence or business in fiberglass holding tanks with bolted-down lids. The city estimates there are 1600 households currently using the sewer system.

Once charged, the low-pressure pumps would help the city move waste through the mains, even in hilly areas, by providing constant pressure through pipes with diameters as small as one and one-quarter inch. Council members asked representatives numerous questions regarding the maintenance, expense and viability of the system. Brad Hull, the city's water and sewer director, quizzed representatives regarding cleanouts and tap-ins, and appeared satisfied that the proposed system will include cleanouts and isolation valves which would provide ease of maintenance for city crews.

Representatives indicated that the grinder pump sewer system is not new technology. Several municipal systems using grinder pumps exist in the State of Texas, with the nearest system located at Lake Nasworthy in San Angelo. Communities in the Austin area, including Horseshoe Bay, have installed the low-pressure grinder pump system to manage municipal waste, and the company will be installing the pressure system in Granite Shoals in coming months.

John Voller with Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, the city's engineering firm, will provide construction drawings for the sewer system upgrade after the city council has decided which option it feels will best suit Sonora's needs. "A lot of cities are facing these kinds of problems, with antiquated sewer systems," Voller said. The city's sewer lines, he noted, are so deteriorated that they allow unacceptable amounts of inflow from rainwater runoff, which was the cause of the April 22, 2007 spill at the waste water treat-

ment plant. (That incident was investigated by TCEQ and has been resolved.)

Voller said Sonora's project is unique in that the city is looking at a massive overhaul of the existing system. He refused to indicate which option - pressure or vacuum - he favors, but said that if the city were to replace its gravity system with another gravity system "it would look like a bomb went off here."

Maintenance issues and mechanical upgrades will also be addressed at the waste water treatment plant.

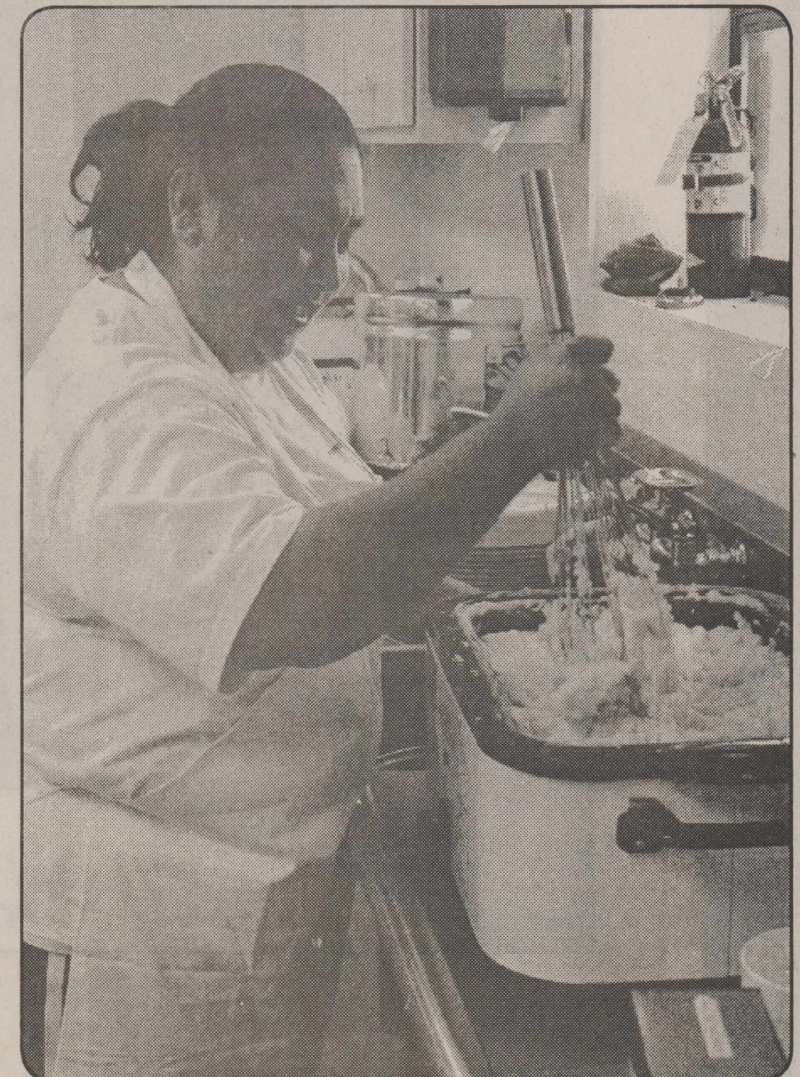
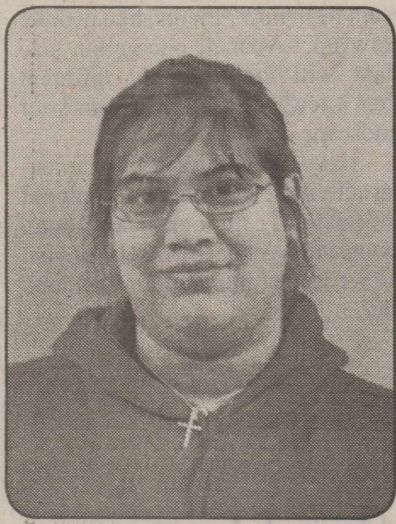
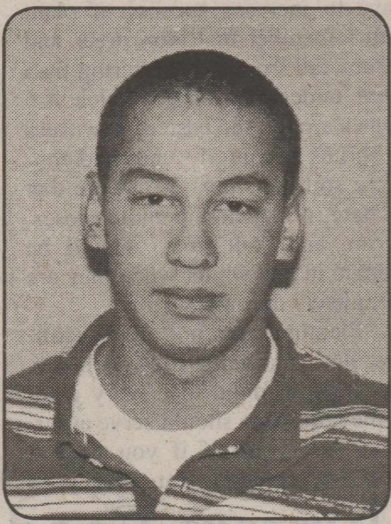


Photo by Becky McAngus
Nelda Tobias spent most of her day Sunday mashing and stirring potatoes for the Community Thanksgiving Luncheon at the Sutton County Civic Center. The annual event is a service project of the members of St. Ann's Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, and Friends of Historic Sonora, Main Street Program. Multi-Chem, Schlumberger, Village Market, KHOS Radio and The Devil's River News sponsored the event.

Rubalcava and Capuchina Students of the Week



Amanda Rubalcava



Juan Capuchina

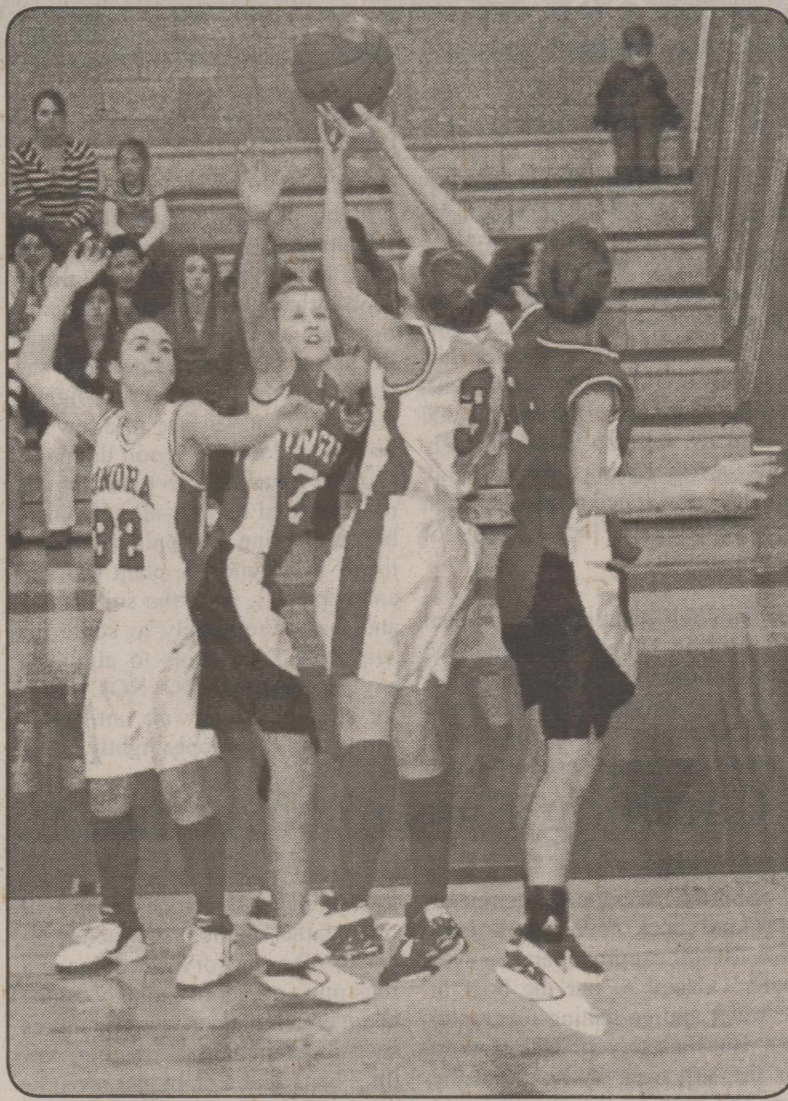
Amanda Rubalcava, daughter of Pat Gomez and step-daughter of Pete Gomez Jr., enjoys playing basketball and watching the San Antonio Spurs. She enjoys school and all her teachers, especially Mr. Young.

Her only dislike in Sonora High School is unfriendly people. She is involved in HOSA, and enjoys helping out at the Senior Center by delivering meals to the elderly.

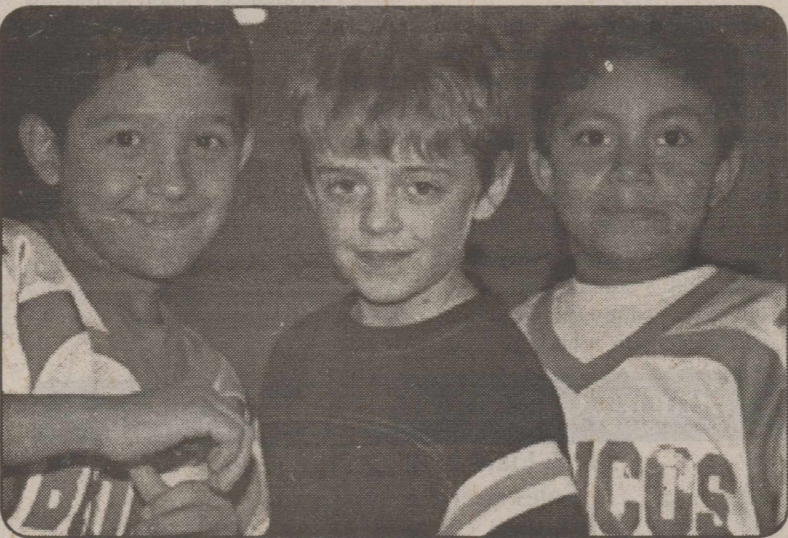
Amanda moved to Sonora her junior year from San Angelo, Texas, but spent most of her school years in Midland where her dad, sisters and nephews still reside. After graduating she plans on work-

ing as a nurse's aide and someday becoming a nurse like her mother and sister.

Juan Capuchina, son of Juan and Maria Capuchina, likes to hang out with his friends, and play on his play-stion 2 during his free time. He dislikes that Sonora is such a small town and there really is not much to do. He is involved in woodshop and attends Youth Group at Saint Ann's. He has lived in Sonora his whole life. His favorite thing about Sonora High is the freedom the students have at the school. After graduating he plans on becoming a carpenter, because of his enjoyment in woodshop class.



The Sonora Lady Broncos Junior Varsity outplayed Ingram on November 16th. Meredith Earwood and Maci Zuniga go up for a rebound.



Sonora Elementary School students took time to smile for the photographer during the Veterans Day Salute on November 12th.

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- DEC 4
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5:00 6:30
- DEC 6-8
OZONA TOURNAMENT
T.B.A.
- DEC-11
INGRAM AWAY
5:00 6:30 8:00
- DEC14-15
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TOURNAMENT
T.B.A.
- DEC-17
REAGAN CO. HOME
6:00
- DEC-18
OZONA HOME
5:00 6:30
- DEC-21
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Oil & Agribusiness

Fall is the Ideal Season for Planting Trees & Shrubs

The cooler fall months provide the ideal time for planting trees and shrubs. By planting trees and shrubs in the fall, they can grow anytime the soil temperature is greater than 40° F. During these winter months, the root systems of the fall planted specimens develop and establish. Thus, when spring rolls around, this fully developed root system can take advantage of the full surge of spring growth.

know exactly what and where you will be planting. Consider some fall planting guidelines. Dig a hole large enough in diameter so that a root system has at least six inches of clearance on all sides and don't dig the hole much deeper than the ball. Plant the tree or shrub slightly above the soil surface to allow for settling and increased soil drainage. Carefully handle the plant by the root ball and remove all containers before planting. Use only native soil to fill in around the plant (no soil amendments), pack the soil firmly, and water thoroughly to settle the soil around the roots to eliminate any air pockets. DO NOT fertilize after planting, wait until early spring and then apply lightly. After

transplanting, water every 7 to 10 days to increase success of plant (but remember that more trees and shrubs fail from over watering than from under watering). Mulch 4-6 inches around the base of new trees or shrubs to control weeds and conserve soil moisture. Be aware that all bare root plants (including roses, pecan, and fruit trees) should be planted in late winter when they are completely dormant.

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Planting trees not only beautifies, but adds value to your home. Just keep in mind that every plant in the landscape should serve a purpose. Ask yourself if you want a plant for screening, for privacy, or

for shade. How large will it be five years from now? Plants, like people, grow up. A small one-gallon size plant will look entirely different after a few years of growth in your landscape. Have fun with your fall gardening activities. For other horticultural information, call your local County Extension Agent at 387-3101 or visit the website at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>.

Hunters Feed the Hungry

Proud Stewards of Texas Deer, the Texas Deer Association (TDA) recently pledged its support to the Texas Chapter of the Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry, a non-profit organization which advocates the use of venison and other big game meat to feed hungry families.

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"The FHFH is an outstanding group of volunteers with a noble mission and we're proud to support them," says Karl Kinsel, executive director of the Texas Deer Association. "A notable portion of our membership is made up of ranchers and landowners who are often required to cull the native deer herd as part of a sensible habitat management program. In these cases, these excess deer can serve a great purpose by helping to feed families and children in need."

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Market Report 11/12/2007
Sheep & Goats Market Report Sold 2210 head. Light lambs were 4-6 higher. Kids were mostly 4-6 higher with some up to 8-10 higher. Billies and muttons 2-5 higher. Other classes steady.

Sheep:

- #1 Spring Lambs 50-70 lbs .95-1.10
- #1 Spring Lambs 70-90 lbs. .87-1.00
- #1 Old Crop Lambs 50-70 lbs. NA
- #1 Old Crop Lambs 70-90 lbs. NA
- Fat Ewes -.34-.40
- Thin Ewes -.12-.24
- Bucks -.28-.35
- Baby Tooth Ewes -.60-.72
- Solid Mouth Ewes -.37-.48

Ewe & Lamb Pairs- no test

Goats:

- Baby Tooth Angora Stocker Nannies- .45-.52
- Solid Mouth Angora Stocker Nannies - NA
- Stocker Muttons - NA
- Angora Kids - NA
- Angora Kids Shorn NA
- Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Thin) - .17-.27
- Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Fat) Nannies - .28-.34
- Stocker Spanish Nannies .60-.75
- Fat Spanish Nannies .38-.47
- Fat Spanish Muttons & Billies .75-1.00 mutt. .90-1.10
- Fat Yearlings - 1.00-1.15
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- 1 Highmount E&p/hdq 9750' Morriss Brothers -c3- #2 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 39 11/07/07 10 Drlg Ahead
- 2 Highmount E&p/hdq 9650' Jack Brown -wa- #7 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 39 11/19/07 Assigned
- New 3 Highmount E&p/hdq 9500' Sawyer-jones -190- #11 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 120 11/20/07 Assigned
- 4 Highmount E&p/hdq 9350' Duke Wilson -187- #18 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 120 11/13/07 4 Drlg Ahead
- New 5 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 9050' Shurley Rr -1a- #16 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 40 11/22/07 Assigned
- 6 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8800' Mayer Ranch -35- #8 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 302 11/19/07 Assigned
- 7 Highmount E&p/hdq 8600' Mayer Ranch -35- #7 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 302 11/07/07 10 Drlg Ahead
- New 8 Highmount E&p/hdq 8550' Bee County School Land #18 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 301 11/22/07 Assigned
- 9 Highmount E&p/hdq 8375' Mayer Ranch -fff- #98-3 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 301 11/16/07 1 Drlg Ahead
- New 10 Highmount E&p/hdq 8350' Shannon -51- #15 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 303 11/20/07 Assigned
- 11 Highmount E&p/hdq 8300' Shannon -52- #19 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 303 11/14/07 3 Drlg Ahead
- New 12 Highmount E&p/hdq 7250' Shurley -36- #16 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 40 11/15/07 2 Drlg Ahead
- 13 Highmount E&p/hdq 7000' Canyon Ranch -114- #13s Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 305 11/12/07 5 Drlg Ahead
- 14 Highmount E&p/hdq 6800' Ben Mittel #19 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 105 11/12/07 5 Drlg Ahead
- New 15 Highmount E&p/hdq 6325' Espy -57- #10 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 304 11/20/07 Assigned
- 16 Highmount E&p/hdq 6150' Cusenbary -58- #8 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 304 11/10/07 7 Drlg Ahead
- 17 O'ryan Oil & Gas 5000' Wilson #5 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 42 11/07/07 10 Drlg Ahead

Crockett

- 1 Approach Operating 9000' Cinco Terry -a- #805 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 353 11/13/07 4 Drlg Ahead
- New 2 Approach Operating 9000' P L Childress -g- #1021 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 710 11/13/07 4 Drlg Ahead
- New 3 Highmount E&p/hdq 8975' University 56-22 #6 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 742 11/15/07 2 Drlg Ahead
- 4 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 8400' Meybin -c- #1510 Ft Heart Land Drilling 8 11/06/07 11 As Directd
- New 5 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 7300' Dollye Coates -69- #5 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 38 11/12/07 5 Drlg Ahead
- New 6 Fiml Natural Res 5500' Rowland -a- #880a Dw Patterson Drilling/a 721 11/12/07 5 Drlg Ahead

Schleicher

- 1 Wtg Exploration 10000' University 53-19 #1 Sand Dollar Drilling 22 11/05/07 12 Drlg Ahead 6100'
- New 2 Highmount E&p/hdq 8750' Jeffers -28b- #3 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 742 11/23/07 Assigned
- New 3 Highmount E&p/hdq 7950' Nixon -177- #9 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 105 11/19/07 Assigned
- 4 Fortune Production 7600' University -14- #2 Ft Heart Land Drilling 4 11/07/07 10 Drlg Ahead 6195'
- New 5 Petrodata Resources 6400' Williams Ranch -c- #4 Sand Dollar Drilling 21 11/19/07 Assigned

Terrell

- 1 Encore Operating Lp 15000' Goode Estate #6 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 641 11/02/07 15 Drlg Ahead
- 2 Conocophillips/odess 12500' University -4- #8 Dw Patterson Uti/lv 481 10/25/07 23 Drlg Ahead 10615'
- 3 Bp America Prod/mid 11600' Poulter #2703 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 118 11/08/07 9 Drlg Ahead
- 4 Encore Operating Lp 6600' Banner Estate #93 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 11/07/07 10 Drlg Ahead

Edwards

- 1 Newfield Exploration 10000' Shaw #7503 H Dw Patterson Drilling/a 471 10/18/07 30 Drlg Ahead
- New 2 Highmount E&p/hdq 7150' Canyon Ranch #209-5e Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 305 11/19/07 Assigned
- New 3 Megawest Energy Tex 1200' Souli Shanklin #1 Ft Union Drilling 4 11/13/07 4 Drlg Ahead

Val Verde

- 1 Cimarex Energy Of Co 15500' Arledge Unit #2 Dw Cactus Drilling 122 10/03/07 45 Drlg Ahead
- 2 Dan A Hughes Co Lp 15000' Altizer -56- #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 79 10/14/07 34 Drlg Ahead
- 3 Winn Exploration Co 14500' Bencomo -75- #1 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 294 09/23/07 55 Drlg Ahead

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This fall planting time is ideal for planting balled and burlapped trees and shrubs. Remember to always buy healthy plants from a reputable dealer. Also, plan before you start the planting process so you

Catching Bass in November

by Boyd Duckett

Shorter days, cool temperatures and buck fever go a long way toward calming many an avid angler's desire to put the boat in the water and go fishing for trophy bass. But for everyone who already has the tarp over the boat and the rods and reels in the closet, know this: autumn - especially mid-November to mid-December - offers some terrific opportunities to catch bass. In fact, it may be one of the best times of the year.

Shorter days, cool temperatures and buck fever go a long way toward calming many an avid angler's desire to put the boat in the water and go fishing for trophy bass. But for everyone who already has the tarp over the boat and the rods and reels in the closet, know this: autumn - especially mid-November to mid-December - offers some terrific opportunities to catch bass. In fact, it may be one of the best times of the year.

The more the mercury dips, the tighter the schools of baitfish will be. And when baitfish schools get tight, bass feed like crazy, gorging themselves for winter. For this reason, the last bite of the year can also produce some of the year's biggest fish. Also, cold-weather bass fishing can be a numbers game: where you find one, there's bound to be more.

Later in the month, the fish are likely to be on the outside edges and turns. But as the water temperature drops even more, the fish generally head toward deeper water.

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 • 9:30 PM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
 • 9:40 PM: Caller reported a hit and run. Officer responded.

November 13, 2007
 • 8:41 AM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
 • 10:10 AM: Caller reported a dead animal on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.

November 14, 2007
 • 8:08 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Deputy notified.
 • 8:27 AM: Caller reported stray animals at residence. Animal Control Officer responded.
 • 8:55 AM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
 • 12:59 PM: Caller reported a minor traffic accident on Crockett Avenue. Officer responded.

• 3:20 PM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
 • 7:10 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

November 15, 2007
 • 4:46 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 • 6:30 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

November 16, 2007
 • 9:40 PM: Caller reported a vehicle blocking roadway. Officer responded.

November 17, 2007
 • 6:00 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.
 • 6:50 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 • 8:50 PM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.

November 18, 2007
 • 12:45 AM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.



Photo by Donna Garrett

Twenty-eight vendors participated in the More the Merrier Christmas Bazaar at the Sutton County Civic Center on Friday. Sponsored by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, the bazaar features numerous hand-made gift items. Santa and Mrs. Claus, Miss Sutton County Laura Martin, Little Mr. Sutton County Levi Garrett, and Little Miss Sutton County, Kodi Ann Davis.

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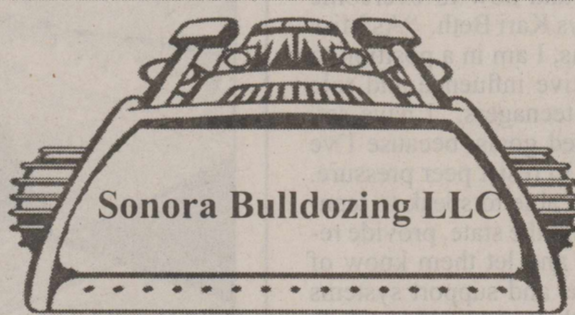
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Helping Hands for the Elderly Plans Dec. 6th Fundraiser

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Helping Hands for the Elderly Inc. in Ozona will be holding a raffle in conjunction with the Arts and Crafts Sale to be held Dec. 6th at the Crockett County Civic Center in Ozona.

Helping Hands is the organization responsible for the Meals on Wheels program in Ozona. Although the State of Texas and Crockett County help fund the program, the Helping Hands Board must provide around \$1,000 per month in order to provide meals to elderly citizens.

Anyone can receive Meals on Wheels. It is only with the community's help that the program is able to continue.

The raffle tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased from any board member or on the day of the Arts and Crafts sale.

Items to be raffled include: Double Pecan Rocker donated by various businesses and individuals, picture frame donated by Village Drug, ice chest and water can donated by Triple C Hardware and Lumber, 13-inch TV/DVD combo donated by Circle Bar Cable TV, hammer, gloves, flashlight and bird feeder donated by Ozona Wool & Mohair, small cast iron skillet and cast iron trivet donated by NATGAS Inc., cast iron griddle donated by Duckwall's, wicker basket donated by Petals & Pearls, \$20 gift certificate donated by Western Drug, oil change donated by JB Tire and Lube, 8 gallon shop vac

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More items are to be added before the drawing. Please help make this a successful fundraiser. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

STAR Program Offers Family Counseling in Sonora

Submitted

How Is Child Abuse Prevented? Prevention efforts build on family strengths. Through prevention activities such as educating parents, visiting homes, and parent support groups, many families are able to find the support they need to stay together and care for their children. Families for A Future Program provides a parenting workshop to help parents develop their parenting skills, understand the benefits of nonviolent discipline techniques, and understand and meet their child's emotional, physical, and developmental needs. Prevention programs also can help parents identify other needs they may have and offer assistance in getting that additional support. Please join us in strengthening violence - free families and communities. For more information on Parenting Workshops to be held in Sonora call Raquel Torres 877-441-4188. Standing of how communities can impact the prevention of child abuse.

What is Child Abuse Prevention? Child abuse prevention is stopping child abuse and neglect before it happens. The best way to prevent child abuse and neglect is to support and educate families and provide parents with the skills and resources they need.

For presentations or information about Universal Child Abuse prevention please contact Wayne Richardson at 830-768-2755 or 877-441-4188. To Report Child

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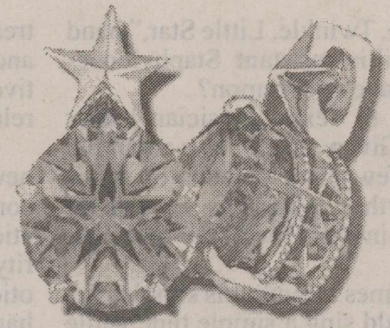
Universal Child Abuse Prevention at times referred as U-CAP, is a component of the Baptist Child & Family Services (BCFS) STAR Program which provides a wide range of crises intervention services to families in the community.



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Mary Kyle and Wilson Johnson had a chance to visit with Santa Claus at the More the Merrier Christmas Bazaar last week at the Civic Center.

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Easy Way to Help Thwart MRSA?

Hum a Tune When Washing Hands, Texas Physicians Say

What do "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," hand washing, and methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) have in common?

Plenty, according to Texas physician leader Gary N. Butka, MD. Given recent news about the spread of MRSA, a few extra seconds of musical prevention is worth a symphony's worth of cure, the Brownwood internal medicine specialist says.

The physician chimes in with this simple prescription: People should sing a simple tune while washing their hands, because doing so can help minimize passing germs on.

"The most important thing we can do to prevent the spread of staph and MRSA is wash our hands," notes Dr. Butka, a former member of the Texas Medical Association (TMA) Committee on Infectious Diseases. "I'm not just talking about running your hands under the faucet." Hand washing reduces the risk of spread of the staph infection, but only if it is done for at least 15 seconds and thoroughly. "I recommend humming a tune like 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' or 'Yankee Doodle Dandy' while washing your hands. When you finish the song, you have finished washing your hands," Dr. Butka says. Prevention is important because tougher strains of MRSA are showing up outside of health care settings. MRSA spreads primarily through person-to-person contact. "An organism that was usually seen only in the hospital is now becoming very common in the community," says Jaime E. Fergie, MD, past chair of TMA's Committee on Infectious Diseases. Dr. Fergie specializes in treating pediatric infectious diseases in Corpus Christi. Physicians and other health care experts are concerned over the spread of MRSA, a "superbug" that is a drug-resistant infection of the skin.

Some super-strains like MRSA are difficult to

treat. MRSA is resistant to methicillin, penicillin, and similar antibiotics, but it can be treated effectively with other drugs, including nonpenicillin-related antibiotics.

While thorough hand washing is far from a new prescription, people may have become more complacent than they once were. "Part of the situation that we're in today is a sense of false security that has been created by the advent of antibiotics," adds Dr. Butka. "Before we had penicillin, hand washing was really emphasized."

Therefore, better to revert to old ways to prevent MRSA, physicians say, since it can be as easy as hand washing — for a song.

Texas physicians also recommend that people take these steps to prevent contracting MRSA:

- Use running water, soap, and paper towels or hand sanitizer or antiseptic wipes for proper hand hygiene.
- Routinely wash hands with soap and running water:
 - o Before eating;
 - o After using the bathroom;
 - o When hands are visibly dirty; and
 - o Before and after physical contact with people, particularly if they have sores or wounds or if contact is made with blood, body fluids, or mucous membranes.
- Use liquid soap, which is effective in killing staph; antibacterial soaps are not necessary.
- Do not share razors and other hygiene supplies.

TMA is the largest state medical society in the nation, representing more than 42,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 120 component county medical societies around the state. TMA's key objective since 1853 is to improve the health of all Texans.



The Sonora High School Nursing Class, instructed by Ada Castilleja, includes Susie Morin, Delilah Ozuna, Whitney Perez, Paula Zaragoza, Danita Alvizo, Sulema Castilleja, and Sierra Gomez. The girls are working toward their CPR Certification. Sierra and Whitney are Certified Nurses Aides and are vision and hearing certified. The group delivers Meals on Wheels, and helps out with the blood drives.

Search Underway for Miss Teen Sutton County

If you are single, and between the ages of 13 and 18, applications are now being accepted for the title of 2008 "Miss Teen Sutton County"! Miss Teen Sutton County will represent her area at the Miss Teen Texas Pageant to be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Antonio, Texas April 11- 13, 2008. The young woman selected as "Miss Teen Sutton County" will become an ambassador from the Sutton County area and receive an official title and sash!

The young lady crowned Miss Teen Texas will receive a scholarship and prize package valued at over \$15,000 and the opportunity to represent Texas at the 2007 Miss Teen International Pageant. The American Heart Association and The United Way are the official charities of the Miss Teen Texas Pageant.

The current reigning "2007" Miss Teen Texas is Kari Beth Langbein of Comfort, Texas. As Miss Teen



2007 Miss Teen Texas, Kari Beth Langbein of Comfort

Texas, Kari Beth speaks to children and teens about "Peer Support: a Solution to Peer Pressure". "I believe that the biggest challenge facing teens today is peer pressure," says Langbein. Kari Beth has partnered with The Young Life Organization to promote her cause (www.younglife.org). "As a teenager, I know what peer pressure feels like and just how powerful it

can be," adds Langbein. "Even though I'm from a small town in the Texas Hill Country, every day I see proof that peer pressure affects the lives of our youth. Teenagers feel the overwhelming pressure to fit into a culture crowded with the noise and glare of media messages and peer expectations. There is no more relevant issue for teens today. My main goal is to help teenagers understand the effects of peer pressures and how to overcome them," says Kari Beth. "As Miss Teen Texas, I am in a position to be a positive influence and role model to teenagers. I have set, and reached goals, because I've been able to resist peer pressure. Now, I am able to speak to teenagers across the state, provide reassurance and let them know of the options and support systems available through the Young Life Program."

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A Pre Bid Meeting will be held at the site at 10:30 A.M. CST on Friday, November 30, 2007. A successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance and payment bonds and insurance.

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State Offers Reimbursement for Updating Bus Fleets

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In promoting the "Texas Clean School Bus" rebate program, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality said:

- More than 36,000 buses carrying an estimated 1.3 million students drive Texas roads every school day.

- More than one-third of these buses are more than 10 years old. Most older buses emit more pollution than most newer models.

- Exposure to diesel exhaust from school buses can aggravate respiratory problems, asthma and allergies.

In some cases, an \$800 retrofit can reduce emissions by 70 to 80 percent, said TCEQ Commissioner Larry R. Soward.

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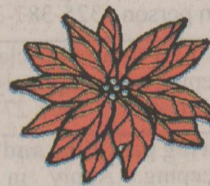
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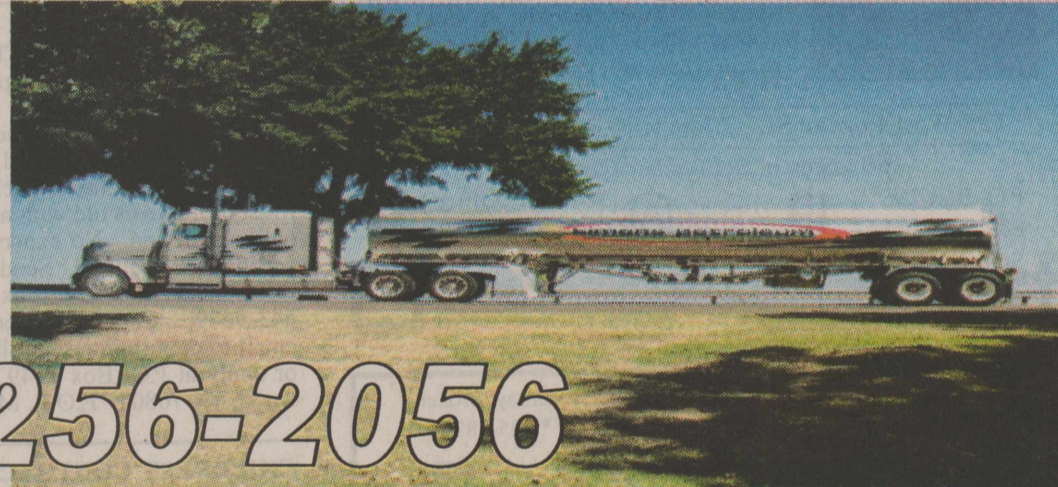
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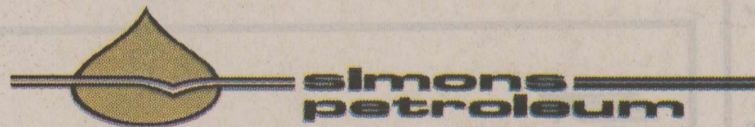
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