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Why Prescribed Fire is Needed in Sutton County

By Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor

When pioneer settlers first came to Sutton County, they found a grassland area that was mostly tree free. Oak Motts and "scrub" oaks were abundant but very few large Oak trees had escaped the onslaught of frequent fires. Best estimates are that the Edwards Plateau region in general and Sutton County in particular burned on a frequency of every three to seven years. This frequent burning regime had occurred for tens of thousands of years before the development of the ranching industry.

The characteristics of grasses that permitted them to survive extreme and frequent fire as well as droughts is the underground organs beneath the surface of the soil (roots, rhizomes, etc.) which exposes only dead above ground biomass during droughts, or at other times of the year when grasses are dormant. When grasses are dormant, they contain very little moisture which increases their flammability and when burned releases tremendous amounts of heat. Woody plants with their growing points above the soil are very susceptible to hot fires. Therefore when fires are frequent, grasses dominate the landscape. Prevent fire and woody plants dominate.

Early pioneers who settled in Sutton County were from the Eastern portion of the United States or from Western Europe. They came from areas that had ample and predictable rainfall. When they arrived in the Edwards Plateau region, they found a region that was totally new to them. They had no ancestral experience for ranching in a drier region and initially they made numerous mistakes.

A semi-arid region is characterized as having periods of ample to above average rainfall and periods of below average rainfall. Some of these periods may last 20 years or more. Thus, in above average rainfall periods, stock numbers can be increased due to large quantities of forage for livestock. During periods of below average rainfall, forage production is reduced and if livestock are not reduced as well, all of the available forage can be overgrazed. Unfortunately our early ranching ancestors lacked the experience and knowledge of how to adjust their stock numbers during prolonged dry periods. They continued to stock at a heavy rate regardless of the weather. The heavy stock numbers also resulted in effectively fire-proofing the entire Edwards Plateau region of Texas. Woody and spiny succulent plants took advantage of the decreased fire frequency and intensity. Examples are increases in Juniper (Cedar), Prickly Pear, and mesquite.

Listed below is an account by an observant individual who saw first hand the changes that were occurring at the time of settlement.

"The causes, which have resulted in the spread of timbered areas, are traceable directly to the interference of man. Before the white man established his ranch home in these hills the Indians burned over the country repeatedly and thus prevented any extension of forest areas. With the settlement of the country, grazing became the only important industry. Large ranches in time were divided into smaller ranches and farms with a consequent fencing of ranges and pasture. Overgrazing has greatly reduced the density of grass vegetation. The practice of burning has during recent years, disappeared. The few fires which start are usually caused by carelessness, and with alternating wooded and open spaces and the close cropped grass, they burn only small areas. These conditions have operated to bring about a rapid extension of woody growth. Almost unquestionably the spread

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Photo by the Edwards Plateau Burn Association
Prescribed burn conducted in Sutton County in 2003.

Local Highschool Girls Cheer in the New Year Day Parade at London

By Ben D. Taylor

It is not that uncommon for Sonora residents to spend their New Years celebration in London, in fact I have even done it myself a few times. Of course the London I am talking about may have a Big Ben somewhere in the dancehall, and if you ask him he can tell you the time, but he certainly is no clock.

Sonora Highschool students Monica Traylor and Stephani Morriss got the opportunity of a lifetime as they spent their New Years in that "Other London" across the Atlantic Ocean. They attended a cheerleading camp this summer where they were selected out of 22 cheerleaders to act as ambassadors of their sport in England where they cheered in the New Years Eve Parade.

While on their trip they got to

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Monica and Stefani Pose in front of Big Bend



Monica and Stefani stand next to a Royal Guard.

Local Daycare Recieves a 4 Star Rating



Photo by Ben D. Taylor

Busy Bee Daycare provides a healthy and comfortable learning enviornment for their kids.

By Ben D. Taylor

Angela Schwindt once stated that, "While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about." To Belia Castaneda (owner/director of the Busy Bee Daycare) that sentiment is the driving force behind her desire to provide exceptional care for "her kids". In a recent conversation I had with her, Belia made it very clear to me that education is the most important service she can provide, "We run a preschool. I want my kids ready for school for themselves and not to have to depend on the teacher or parents to teach fundamentals." The children are taught all the skills to perform not only in school (their letters, colors, numbers, and spanish) but life in general (nutrition and computer skills). Busy Bee Daycare also caters to lower income families by helping them sign up for government assistance programs, "Programs out of San Angelo can supplement daycare. We have six families that are being helped through the Texas Workforce Childcare Services", Castaneda commented. She went on to state that the amount of financial help through this program varies, but in some cases 100% of the childcare can be subsidized.

In order to continue her work assisting low income families, and provide care to her children, Belia enrolled in the Texas Rising Star Program. As a Texas Rising Star provider Busy Bee Daycare has to meet requirements that exceed the state's Minimum Licensing Standards for health and safety, group size, child/staff ratios, caregiver training, and age appropriate curricula and activities. The staff at Busy Bee Daycare are required to take at least 20 hours of training a year (if enrolled in the Rising Star Program), but they often exceed that mark "Sometimes we go way over our training requirements", Castaneda commented. There are three different levels of certification within the Rising Star Program (two star, three star, and four star), and each higher level has more strict certification requirements. Busy Bee Daycare has been issued the highest level of certification (4 stars) and this ranking is only given out to facilities that provide a superlative level of quality in the Texas Rising Star system. It is easy to see the compassion and emotion Belia and her staff feel for the children in their care, but what may not be as evident to see is the work that they put into their facility. Work that is not just shouldered by the staff, as Belia expects the children to work just as hard as the adults. "When my kids complain that they can't do something, I tell them don't tell me you can't, show me that you can".



Scientific Breakthrough at the Sonora Experiment Station

By Steve Byrns

A breakthrough in brush-eating goat breeding and a presentation by a South African expert on the use of fire and goats to control brush will highlight a "Natural Brush Control Seminar" to be held from 10:00 a.m. - noon on Feb. 8 at the Texas AgriLife Research Center at Sonora.

The AgriLife Research Center, formerly the Sonora Research Station, is located 28 miles south of Sonora on State Highway 55.

Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, Center superintendent, said Dr. Erika Campbell, post-doctoral research associate and toxicologist at the Center, will discuss her work in identifying goats purposely bred to control juniper, commonly called cedar.

"Campbell has discovered a breakthrough in identifying goats with higher physiological tolerances for juniper," Taylor said. "This work, coupled with other research conducted here at the Center, now gives us a way to positively identify and select goats that can safely eat this serious pest without ill affects."

Taylor said if properly managed, the goats should allow ranchers to increase their property's livestock-carrying capacity on juniper-infested rangelands without the danger of over-harvesting their desirable vegetation.

The seminar's other speaker will be Dr. Winston Smuts Watts Trollope, former head of the department of livestock and pasture science, University of Fort Hare, South Africa.

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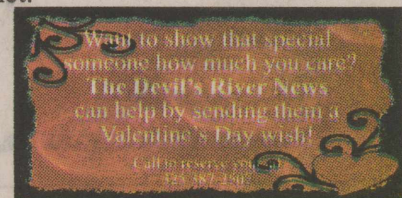
Trollope, an internationally known authority on prescribed burning, is in the U.S. to attend and present at the International Range Meetings in Louisville, Ky., according to Taylor. He will travel from Kentucky to Sonora to speak on the long-term effects and the economics of using fire and goat grazing to control brush on the arid savannas of South Africa's Eastern Cape.

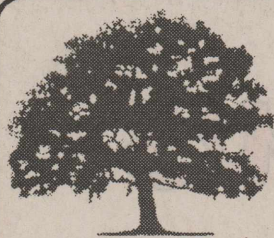
"Trollope's research provides us with a greater understanding of the role fire plays as a range management practice for both livestock and wildlife management," Taylor said. "His results have important implications for management of our Texas rangelands."

Taylor said the seminar is free and open to the public.

"I realize we're a little off the beaten path here, but I urge ranchers interested in controlling their juniper to attend this seminar," he said. "I think it will be well worth their time."

For more information, contact the AgriLife Center at 325-387-3168 or e-mail: angora@sonoratl.net.





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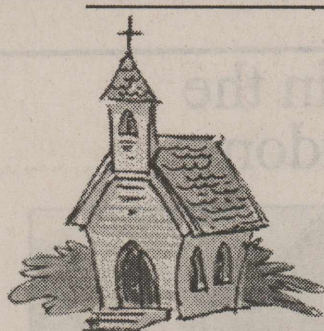
Senior Center Activities

Thur. Jan. 31- Happy B-Day MaryLynn Gosney, Jeanette Copper, Luan King.
Fri. Feb. 1 - Decorate for Valentine's.
Sat. Feb. 2 - Happy B-Day Candi Guerra Ground Hog Day...
Mon. Feb. 4- Happy B-Day Jovita Jimenez and Eyelyn Solis Bingo!
Tues. Feb. 5- Happy B-Day Tute Lumberras and Leonor Sentena
Wed. Feb. 6- Ash Wednesday TRAX van to Angelo~ call 387-2509

Senior Center Menu

Thur. Jan. 31 - Bake ham, candied yams, green beans, roll, carrot raisin salad, Jell-O with fruit, milk
Fri. Feb. 1 - Ground beef w/vermicelli, pinto beans, toss salad, flour tortilla, mix fruit cup, milk
Mon. Feb. 4 - Hot dog w/ chili and cheese and bun, chips, pineapple waldorf, brownie, milk
Tues. Feb. 5 - Chicken strips w/gravy, bake potato, broccoli w/cheese, roll, peach cobbler, milk
Wed. Feb. 6 - Catfish, fried okra, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread, lemon pudding, milk

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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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

One of the best aspects of living in Sonora is the comfort of knowing none of us are anonymous. Our lives intersect. We celebrate and mourn as a large family. Until my granddaughter's illness, I was not fully aware of the intrinsic connection each of us has. I am still amazed when those moments occur, and one happened last week.

Alyssa's 6th birthday was Tuesday, January 22nd. Her momma ordered a beautiful monument to be erected at Sonora cemetery, and all of us were hoping to have it installed before her birthday. As the days passed, we kept track of Alyssa's angel, which was shipped from Tennessee to Sonora. Our hopes were all but dashed when the monument finally got here and we were told that there was no possible way the monument could be erected on or before Alyssa's birthday.

My youngest sister, Beth, (who has never been very good at accepting "no" for an answer), took matters into her own hands and, from her home in Granbury, found someone who would install the monument in Sonora on Alyssa's birthday. Dave Allen, the owner of AC Memorials in San Angelo, came to Sonora and dug the footer then set Alyssa's angel himself. We didn't buy the monument from him, and we had never met or done business with this man or his company in the past. He just came.

He hugged me, and Alyssa's momma, and my sister Brenda. He laughed with us and he got teary-eyed with us. On that blustery, cold day, our hearts were warmed by the kindness of a person who started out as a stranger and became a friend.

We are grateful for his compassion and we hope Mr. Allen's business will prosper for years to come. Thank you, David Allen, for helping us celebrate the life of this precious child on her birthday.

Becky McAngus, Lindsey Collins,
Brenda Valliant, Beth Settle and all of
The Family of Alyssa Collins

Card of Thanks

The Downtown Lions Club hosted the District's Mid-Winter Conference here in Sonora on the 18th & 19th of January. The Conference was a great success because of the dedication and hard work from other organizations of our community. The members of the local Lions club would like to take this opportunity to give a very special "Thank You" for the help in making the visiting Loins and their Spouses feel welcome to our Town.

The Girls at the Chamber of Commerce, Becky Covington & Donna Garrett were the first to greet the incoming members & guest with refreshments and pre registration and then made sure that there was Coffee and snacks the next morning at the meeting. Ann Kay, Friend of the Historic Downtown Main street, saw to it that everyone had a good time at the Social Hour Friday night and had a very entertaining program Saturday for the Spouses while their Husbands or Wives attended the meeting. Pattie Prather, Loins Club secretary, went over and above to see that all the needs of every one was met. We would like to also say Thank You to Raul Chavarria and his staff for the use of the High School Commons area and auditorium.

Becky, Donna, Pattie, Ann, and Raul all went above and beyond, for a job well done.

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February 4

Kerry Mabry, Janey Dillard, Gilbert Vara, Sr.,
Arnoldo Gandor

February 5

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Lumberras, Kobie Hérring, Chris Gonzales

February 6

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OMG! Look who's 13 yrs
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Historical Society



The Mayer Store about 1895. The store was sold and became the VanderStucken Store.

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary
Sutton County Historical Society
Q. Could you rerun the Mason Rountree story of Besente?

A. "The Devil's River News," April 22, 1932 Editors note: Mason Rountree, former Sonora man who has lived in Phoenix for a number of years, is the author of the following story, relating to incidents attending the burial of an old-time Mexican sheep herder, Besente. Mr. Rountree sent the letter to his friend of former days, Steve Murphy, former editor of this paper and Mr. Murphy "The Old Devil" submitted it.

It has been a long, long time since I lived in Sonora, but I shall never forget the town. I was reared there. Went there when I was a "coming six" and left before I should. Wish I had stayed. God never smiled on a better people than lived in Sonora and Sutton County. I am not trying to write an ad for Sonora's Chamber of Commerce. She don't need any advertising anyway, and she did not have a Chamber when I lived there.

From the Sonora Mercantile to the Red Front Livery Stable, men sat along the sidewalk and made deals that ran into the tens of thousands. Same way from the Decker Hotel to The Devil's River News Office on the other side. When a deal was closed the cowman or sheepman called all the boys in and bought them a drink. Sure, we drank. That was society as she was constituted in West Texas. Girls too? Nope, never. They let the boys do that, and the boys nearly always filled the bill correctly.

How'd you like to go back there to live? Finest in the world. I'm going back some day and visit all the folks I know. Won't take long for a fellow to get around these days if he has a Ford or Chevy. In the "good old days" we took it horseback and sometimes it would take us all day steady riding to get from one neighbor's to another. But when we did get there we were always welcome. If there was no one at home, we unsaddled, turned our horse out to pasture and cooked our supper and went to bed. Those days a man could lay all the money he had on a table in plain sight, go off and leave it as he wanted to, and when he returned his money was right where he had left

it.

(Historical Society Note - Mason had quite a sense of humor as you will see. One time he and Murdock McDonald and a few others took apart a buggy belonging to Lige Briant. They carefully and quietly carried it up the stairs to the porch in front of his room and reassembled it. Then they put the finishing touch by pulling and pushing the old mule Lige owned up the stairs, and putting it in harness attached to the wagon. They snuck back down the stairs and went to the front of the McDonald Hotel and rang the emergency bell. Lige came barreling out of his room and plowed right into his buggy. He had quite a time taking it all apart and coaxing the mule back down the stairs. Lige never did know who pulled that trick on him and the boys were not about to tell him. And after all his escapades Mason went off to become a lawman when he grew up.)

What I intended to tell about was how Bert Bellows, Tede Cope, Judge Woodruff and myself buried old Besente. Tede was pasturing a bunch of goats about 7 or 8 miles from town and had a Mexican named Besente herding them for him. One day Tede went out to the camp to take Besente some grub. It was Christmas week and Tede decided he would take Besente a quart of Jim Barton's best for a Christmas present. Before Tede arrived at the camp he suspected that something was wrong. Goats were scattered for a mile or two in every direction from the camp, and no herder was in sight.

Tede drove to the camp and began unloading the grub he had brought for his herder. As he pulled back the flaps of the tent he discovered Besente curled up in his blanket dead. Now Tede didn't wait to investigate. He knew that Besente was dead and that was enough for him. He climbed back in his hack and shipped 'em for town. I happened to be the first fellow that Tede saw when he got to town and asked me to go with him to bring Besente in.

We went by to get Judge Woodruff, who was Justice of the Peace, so that he might hold an inquest over the dead body. The Judge did not want to go out as it was very cold-snow on the ground, and the Judge had been under the weather for several days. But when I held up the quart of Jim Barton's best

that Tede had meant for Besente, the Judge was ready to go. He insisted on taking a drink immediately, as he did not want to run the risk of taking fresh cold. All of us felt like we might take cold, and by the time we reached the tent where Besente lay dead, we had decided that he had died from "natural causes," and that an inquest was not necessary, so we loaded Besente in the back of the hack and started back to town.

When we reached town we went to Bert Bellows "undertaking barn" or whatever Bert called it, and had him fix Besente for burial. We had quite a time getting him straightened out so he would lay in a casket. Tede wanted a six hundred dollar casket, but Bert was out of high priced ones, so Tede compromised on a ten dollar one. Bert went with us to the cemetery to help lay away the remains.

The Rev. Robert Payne was the only minister that Sonora boasted at that time, and as we had to pass his home on the way to the cemetery, I suggested that we get him to say the last sad rites. But the Judge said, "Hell no, I'll do the talking over this Mexican's grave myself." Tede wanted to stop in town and send telegrams "all over the world" in an effort to locate relatives of Besente, but we talked him out of this, as it was getting a little dark and we were anxious to get Besente buried before it got too dark.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society, 307 Oak Street, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885. The office is open to look up any questions you might have, or to work on family trees, or to rent the Old Depot, from 9-12:30 on Tuesday and Thursdays and from 8-12 on Saturdays. The phone number at the

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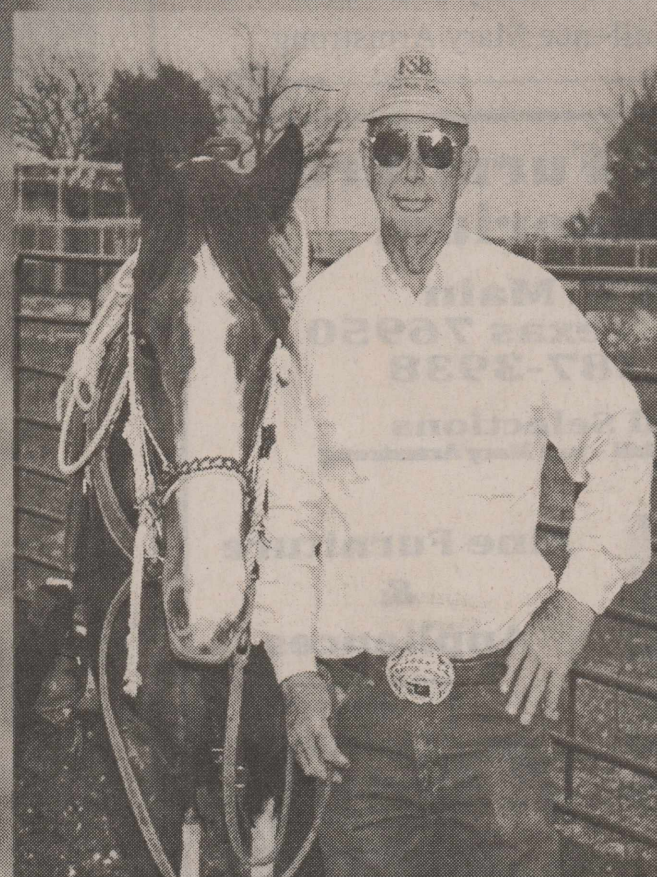
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of timbered areas received its impetus with the gradual disappearance of grassland fires."

Juniper in particular is a large economic and ecological problem to ranchers. Juniper is an invasive evergreen tree that has been rapidly increasing and expanding throughout the Edwards Plateau since the development of the livestock industry. This small tree is an aggressive competitor with a dense branch pattern that intercepts rain before it reaches the soil and has an effective root system that suppresses growth of nearby grasses and forbs (desirable weeds), resulting in an increase of bare ground. An increase in juniper results in a dramatic decline in the desirable vegetation for livestock, wildlife and available water, creating conditions that increase the growth of more juniper.

Traditional methods of brush control have been mechanical and chemical. These methods have been shown to be effective in control, but not necessarily in elimination of the problem. The cost of applying these methods has risen in the past few years to almost limit their use if they are to be paid for by production of agricultural products. Prescribed fire has been shown to be an effective and cost saving technique to control a variety of woody (brushy) plants and has been very effective on Juniper and prickly pear if environmental conditions are good.

Optimum conditions for burning for prickly pear and juniper control include adequate amounts of grass and dry and conditions. Unfortunately, when these environmental conditions occur, burn bans are also implemented in the county. Fortunately, for ranchers who use fire to manipulate their vegetation, Sutton County has a special proclamation that provides them the opportunity to conduct prescribed fires under a burn ban. Judge Carla Garner along with support from the County Commissioners, has issued a special Order that allows ranchers to burn under burn bans if: "burns are conducted by the Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burning Association, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and/or Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station with adequate burn plans". We are very fortunate to have county officials who are willing to be flexible and allow prescribed burning under burn bans.

A "prescribed burn" is not the same as a "control burn". A prescribed fire is a fire set under specific weather conditions, with adequate personnel, and suppression equipment to achieve specific land management objectives. An actual prescription is written in an overall burn plan to insure a clear understanding of how the burn will be conducted on the area to be burned. A "control burn" occurs in a fire place, barbecue pit, or internal combustion engine, etc.

Sutton County needs an active prescribed fire program to insure a healthy rangeland ecosystem and productive ranching industry. Our livestock, wildlife, available water, and buildup of large, dangerous fuel loads are all benefited by prescribed fire. For example, prescribed fire reduces the incidence of wildfires which can be costly and damaging. So, when you see smoke on the horizon from the result of a prescribed fire, you can be assured that benefits are not only occurring for the rancher but also for all of the citizens who reside in Sutton County, "Happiness is Smoke on the Horizon".

Dr. Taylor is a Regents Fellow & Professor at Texas A&M University and is the Superintendent of the Texas Agrilife Experiment Station located 28 miles south of Sonora.

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Who had hair of red.
My father fell in love
with her,
And soon the two were wed.

This made my dad my
son-in-law
And changed my very life.
My daughter was my mother,
For she was my father's wife

To complicate the matters
worse,
Although it brought me joy,
I soon became the father
Of a bouncing baby boy.

My little baby then became
A brother-in-law to dad.
And so became my uncle,
Though it made me very sad.

For if he was my uncle,
Then that also made him
brother
To the widow's grown-up
daughter
Who, of course, was my step-
mother.

Father's wife then had a son,
Who kept them on the run.
And he became my grandson,
For he was my daughter's
son.

My wife is now my mother's
mother
And it makes me blue.
Because, although she is my
wife,
She's my grandmother too.

If my wife is my
grandmother,
Then I am her grandchild.
And every time I think of it,
It simply drives me wild.

For now I have become
The strangest case you ever
saw.
As the husband of my
grandmother,
I am my own grandpa!

Cheerleading

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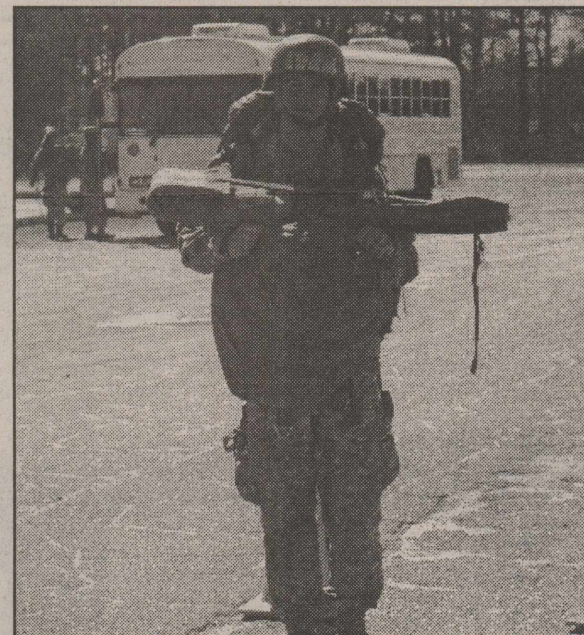
visit Big Ben, the London Tower, Windsor Castle, the London Bridge, the Eye of London, and were witness to the changing of the guard. Both girls' favorite spot to visit was the London Dungeon, but they loved seeing every part of London. The trip proved to be a very educational experience for these small town residents. If anyone were to have the chance to go outside the U.S. you need to go. It opens your eyes. It is good that our small town community is so giving", Stefani Commented.

The response to the cheerleaders was positive to these young Texans as Monica told me, "When we cheered in the New Years Day parade the crowd was amazed by the cheerleaders. They started dancing and cheering along with us, we were giving high fives to the crowd. Londoners were really nice and patient with us (our accents), they liked Texans."

The girls enjoyed every part of their trip, but had to adjust to the different kind of cuisine offered in England. "Their food was different, I guess it was ok, but we had to search to find a Dr. Pepper", Monica said.

In the course of my conversation with Monica and Stefani, I could easily see that they were humbled and thankful for the help they received from Sonora residents in helping with the cost of the trip. "It was a life changing experience. I am glad our community is so giving, without them we wouldn't have been able to go", commented Monica.

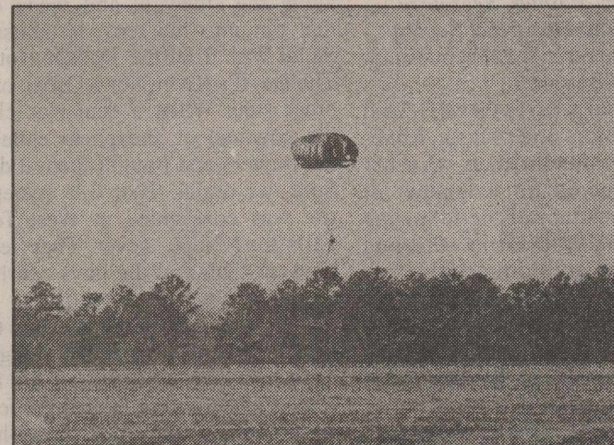
Sonora Graduate Completes U.S. Army Airborne School



Spc. Matthew J. Glasscock graduated from U.S. Army Airborne School, Ft. Benning, GA on January 26, 2008. The three week course included ground school, tower swing trainers, and five jumps from a C-17 and a C-130 aircraft. Two jumps were full combat load jumps.

Spc. Glasscock has reported to Ft Bragg, NC to attend the Special Operations Preparation Course and the Special Operations Assessment and Selection Course both part of the John F. Kennedy Special Operations Center.


Spc. Glasscock is a 2003 graduate of Sonora High school and a 2007 graduate of Texas A&M. He is the son of Ray and Nancy Glasscock of Sonora.



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F.Y.I.

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

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

Congressman Mike Conaway will be in town Monday, February 4th, at 11:30 a.m. at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

The Board of Directors of the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District will hold its regular monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 12 at 301 S. Crockett Avenue. The public is invited to attend.

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You Never Outgrow Your Need For Good Dental Care



By Kelly L. Thorp, MS
County Extension
Agent-FCS

A great set of pearly whites is not an unreachable goal, even if some of them were made in a dental lab, said a Texas Cooperative Extension expert.

But keep in mind the process does require a little effort and a certain amount of maintenance, said Andrew Crocker, Extension gerontology health specialist based in Amarillo.

While all teeth need proper care, the process differs when the teeth are man-made, a situation that many older adults face.

Crocker quoted surveys that reveal about half of people age 55 and older wear some form of false teeth — partial or complete dentures. Dentures or partials need to be cleaned daily with a soft toothbrush or brush de-

signed for cleaning dentures, Crocker said. Brush them inside and out with a denture powder or paste, hand soap or baking soda, then rinse with cool water.

"When not in use, dentures should be covered with water or a denture cleaning solution to prevent drying," he added.

Rules for cleaning older natural teeth are the same rules taught to younger generations, with a couple of notable exceptions, Crocker said.

"In addition to the cavities you have been warned about since you were a child, there are two types of decay that may accompany getting older," he said. "Root decay is caused by a receding gum line and too much root surface exposed. Tooth decay may be caused by the weakening or chipping of older fillings."

As with younger teeth, "Daily brushing and flossing may help protect your smile from these two common problems with older teeth," he said.

Periodontal disease or gum disease also affects large numbers of older adults — nearly 75 percent, Crocker said. Look for red swollen gums, pain when chewing, bleeding from the gums when brushing or flossing, and a change in your bite.

The bad news is: "Gum disease and its associated bacteria may contribute to some

forms of oral cancer, heart disease and respiratory ailments, among others," Crocker warned.

But the good news is: "Gum disease may be completely reversible if caught in time," he added.

What's the best way to maintain a healthy smile and beautiful teeth?

"The American Dental Association recommends brushing your teeth twice per day and flossing at least once per day," Crocker said. "Decay-causing bacteria still linger between teeth where toothbrush bristles can't reach. Flossing removes plaque and food particles from between the teeth and under the gum line."

"You should also replace your toothbrush every three months."

People with arthritis who have a hard time brushing and flossing may find the process easier by adapting the toothbrush to fit their grip, Crocker said. Insert the toothbrush handle into a rubber ball, bicycle grip or some other easy-to-hold item, or lengthen the handle by attaching a ruler or wooden tongue depressor.

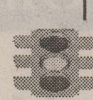
Or try an electric toothbrush instead of a manual one, he said.

A healthful diet can help too, Crocker said. The calcium and vitamin D in dairy products can help strengthen teeth and bones. Vitamin C found in many fruits and vegetables and the B vitamins in grain products help maintain healthy gums. Lean meats, fish, poultry and beans provide iron, protein, magnesium and zinc.

And remember to visit the dentist at least twice each year.

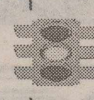
For more information, visit the American Dental Association's Web site at <http://www.ada.org> or contact an Extension agent.

Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> has information on this and other health issues. Click on the link to health and safety. Source: Andrew B. Crocker, Extension Gerontologist



Main Street Traffic

By Mary Ann Kay



Wow! What a week for Sonora to be in the spotlight! We all have a lot to be thankful for and we have started the year off with a bang! During the month of January we have had 3 conferences and lots of the Sonora folks worked hard to welcome the visitors. On January 15, the Mayor of Sonora, Gloria Lopez, opened the Texas Pecos Trails meeting at the lovely St John Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall. The program for the meeting was Judge Carla Garner speaking about the THC Courthouse Grant and how Sutton County received two grants from THC. She followed her discussion with a special tour of the Sutton County Courthouse and was assisted by Maura Weinagr (County Auditor). The guests came from all 22 counties in the Texas Pecos Trail and a special visitor from Del Rio, who is a writer for the Southwest Texas Live publication. I would like to express my appreciation to all the volunteers and businesses that made this meeting so special. Door prizes were donated from the following businesses; Team Graphics, Everett's Furniture & Emporium, Sutton County Steakhouse, Mercantile on Main, Sam Dillard - State Farm Insurance (donated many great prizes), Jimmy Cahill - Carl J. Cahill, Inc. - Mohair socks, Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program & Directors, Sonora Industrial Development Corp.; Robin Street, Max Howorth, and Joe David Ross, Commissioner Milton Cavaness, Commissioner Fred Perez, Commissioner Miguel Villanueva, City Councilman. Jana Dover, Joy Galbreath, Jo Ann Hernandez (Historical Society), Rex Ann Friess, Lisa Whitehead, Marvin & Wanda Shurley all representatives of Sonora Old Ice House & Ranch Families Museum, Moca Tyme Coffee Shop, Chamber of Commerce, and all the Texas Pecos Trail Region Directors. We had a great meeting and 43 people who were interested in rural heritage tourism.

On Thursday, January 17, 2008 Sonora Industrial Development Corp. Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street and Sonora Chamber of Commerce were proud to welcome to town the Concho Valley Work Force Council of Governments at the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Fellowship Hall. Once again our Mayor of Sonora, Gloria Lopez, opens the meeting with a smile and words of welcome. Max Howorth began the program for

the region economic developers, work force representatives, and chambers. Harold & Benita Martinez from B & H Caterers cooked up some great West Texas BBQ. I gave a tour of the Sutton County Courthouse at the end of the meeting. There were 23 at this gathering. We are so happy to have these great folks visit us and invite them to come back real soon.

To conclude this week, we had the wonderful Lion's Club from the District 2-1A Mid-Winter Conference visit Sonora. We started the conference with an evening at the theatre in Sonora. Our ticket of entertainment began with Betty Stephens on the piano with two wonderful singers Delaney and Darby Ramsdell. A poem was read by Steven Pacheco, and we enjoyed music by John Henry Strauch, Tom Bob Wilson, and Trey Rushing. The band was wonderful and all the evening entertainment left the Lion's who were visiting our community with a warm smile.

The next morning Mayor, Gloria Lopez, opened the meeting. The ladies who were not in the Lions meeting received a tour of the town and a Tea Party stop at the Bank & Trust Conference Room. They had a warm lunch prepared by Linda Love and she always adds her special touch. I would like to express my appreciation to Downtown Sonora Lion's, Judge Jim Stephens, Lewis Allen, Jim Brisbin, Bridgett Rogers, Jim Garrett, and Virgil Poloczek. Carl J. Cahill, Sam Dillard, Team Graphics, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, and Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program. There were 66 visitors at this meeting.

February we will be looking for a volunteer or volunteer group that has gone beyond the mark of kindness. We would like to recognize them for the outstanding job they have done for our community. We invite you to nominate your favorite volunteer by giving us a call at 325-387-2248.

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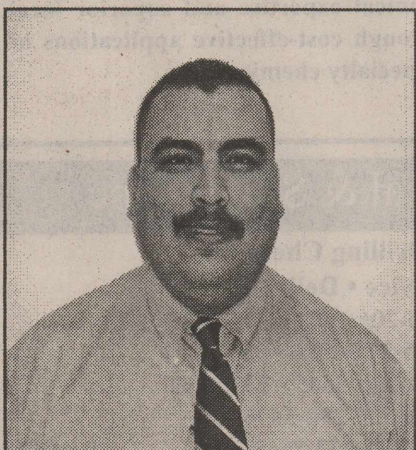
REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM October 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007

FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	TRANSFER IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERRED OUT	BALANCE
General	\$ 3,469,079.52	\$ 925,603.60	\$ -	\$ 1,213,122.65	\$ -	\$ 3,181,560.47
FMFC	\$ 177,828.79	\$ 175,189.47	\$ -	\$ 170,360.55	\$ -	\$ 182,657.71
Flood Control	\$ 18,043.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,043.69
Law Library	\$ 581.18	\$ 735.00	\$ -	\$ 1,227.00	\$ -	\$ 89.18
Lateral Road	\$ -	\$ 12,038.67	\$ -	\$ 1,917.69	\$ -	\$ 10,120.98
112th D A Hot Check Fund	\$ 97.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 97.84
State Bond Fees	\$ 1,005.00	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ 1,605.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00
Employee Benefit Fund	\$ 144,904.99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,099.59	\$ -	\$ 143,805.40
Sutton County 911	\$ 6,451.76	\$ 135.52	\$ -	\$ 124.98	\$ -	\$ 6,462.30
Appellate Fund	\$ 295.27	\$ 230.48	\$ -	\$ 370.35	\$ -	\$ 155.20
Sheriff Seizure Fund	\$ 496,947.81	\$ 6,175.40	\$ -	\$ 5,858.88	\$ -	\$ 497,264.33
Courthouse Renovation	\$ 135,947.39	\$ 12,652.67	\$ -	\$ 51,931.77	\$ -	\$ 96,668.29
					TOTAL	\$ 4,137,185.39
CHECKING ACCOUNTS						
Courthouse Renovation	\$ 96,668.29	FMFC	\$ 118,104.59	General	\$ 136,334.08	
Appellate Fund	\$ 155.20	Sutton County 911	\$ 6,462.30	Sheriff Seizure	\$ 81,348.09	
112th D A Hot Check Fund	\$ 97.84			Bank & Trust-Geo	\$ 7,717.03	
Money Market Accounts	(General)	\$ 601,437.89	(FMFC Fund)	\$ 64,553.12		\$ 446,887.42
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Remember: Pesticide Applicator License Expiration Dates

by Pascual Hernandez
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent

A reminder that for many pesticide applicators, licenses come due February 28th. Private applicators must obtain 15 continuing education units (C.E.U.s) every five years, including a minimum of two C.E.U.s in laws and regulations and two in integrated pest management (IPM). Commercial and non-commercial applicators must obtain five C.E.U.s annually, including at least one C.E.U. each in two of these three topics: laws and regulations, IPM and drift minimization.

There have been some changes:
1) Certificate holders (individuals who received their Private Applicators license before September 10, 1989) must now renew by February 28th every five years, rather than the original Dec. 31 expiration date. 2) Another change is for recent licensees. The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) implemented a new licensing system and changed the expiration date to make the licensing process more efficient. New pesticide applicator licenses will expire five years from the anniversary date they were issued.

All TDA license holders should receive a renewal notice about a month before the license expires. You simply return your renewal notice with an indication of having satisfied the 15 CEU renewal requirement. Applicators should report any mailing address changes to be sure to receive the renewal notice. And remember that it is up to individuals to keep track of C.E.U.s and certificates of completion.

Be aware that TDA will not allow applicators who have accumulated the required CEUs before December 31st to roll forward CEUs accumulated between Janu-

ary and February of the year in which their license expires. What this means to you is, no CEUs can be carried forward at any time. If an applicator receives more than the number of CEUs they need in any recertification period, the extra CEUs are just good information!

For additional information, contact the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101.

Sonorans Place at the Ft. Worth Stock Show



-Photo By Louise Moore

Colton Moore, Spencer Hall, and Sterling Hall at the Ft. Worth Stockshow.

Sonora sent a small delegation to the Fort Worth Stock Show, and the trio represented Sutton County well. Colton Moore's goat placed a 4th, while Sterling Hall's finished 16th, and though Spencer Hall had a little harder luck, we are proud of them all. For results on the Sandhills Stock Show and the Hill Country District Stock Show, visit the Sutton County Extension website at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>.

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4 Approach Operating 9000' University 42-23 #1 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 353 01/16/08 10 Drlg Ahead
5 Approach Operating 9000' Bailey #327 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 710 01/12/08 14 Drlg Ahead
6 Highmount E&P Tx 8950' University 56-22 #11 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 742 01/26/08 Moving On
New 7 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 8400' Scheuber -A- #11 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 38 01/23/08 3 Drlg Ahead
New 8 Fiml Natural Res 6200' Sudderth #4-11b Dw Patterson Drilling/A 721 01/25/08 1 Drlg Ahead
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6 Highmount E&P Tx 8850' Gerald Nicks -8- #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 39 01/18/08 8 Drlg Ahead
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11 Highmount E&P Tx 7250' Canyon Ranch -207- #19s Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 305 01/17/08 9 Drlg Ahead
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13 Highmount E&P Tx 7175' Kelly -126- #29 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 40 01/22/08 4 Drlg Ahead
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Terrell

1 Conocophillips/Odess 12700' Alex Mitchell -1- #11 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 214 12/20/07 37 Drlg Ahead
2 Encore Operating Lp 12600' Banner Estate #49 H Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 641 01/13/08 13 Drlg Ahead
New 3 Fasken Oil & Ranch 7500' Brown Ne -222- #74 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 42 01/19/08 7 Drlg Ahead
4 Encore Operating Lp 6000' Banner Estate #81 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 12/25/07 32 Drlg Ahead

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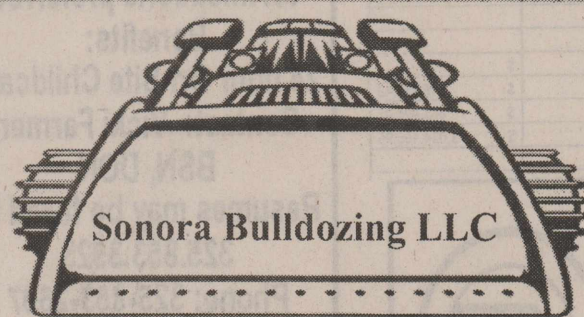
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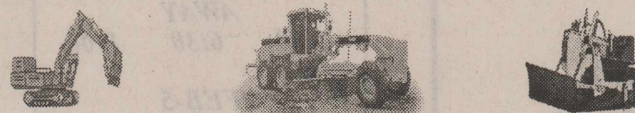
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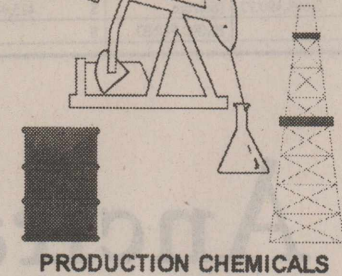
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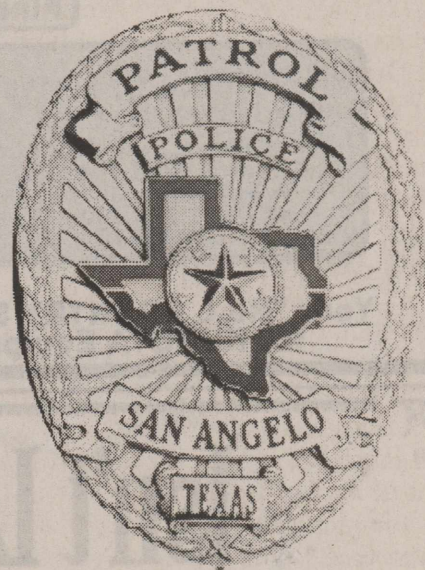
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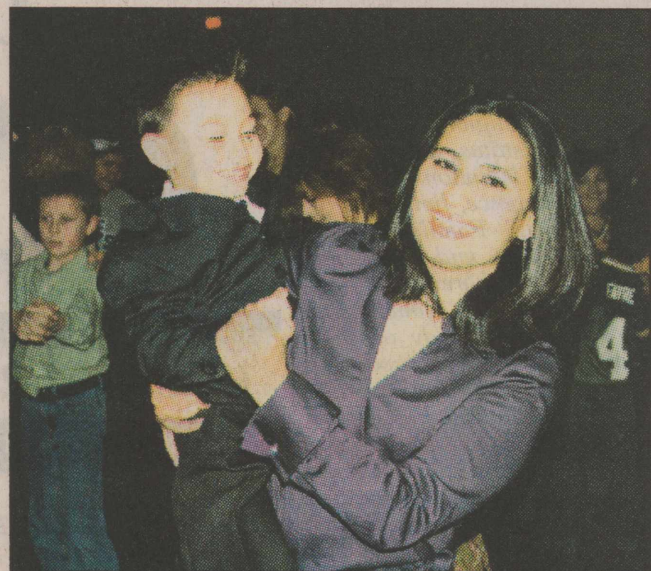
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Mother-Son Date Nite Was a Hit!

By Becky Covington

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce Mother-Son Date Night, held this past weekend on January 25 at the Sutton County Civic Center, was a huge success. The theme was the "Dallas Cowboys" and each boy left with a football. Some mothers and sons were decked out in their favorite football attire, while others came in western clothes and others dressed in their Sunday best. You know boys, we did not make a big deal about what to wear, and we just wanted them to come, relax and have fun.

This was the first year the Chamber has hosted the event. A crowd of approximately 200 filled the civic center with dancing, fun and laughter and lots of refreshments. The music was provided by Eclipse DJ and he made sure that the boys enjoyed themselves and were entertained along side the mothers, playing Macarena, Electric Slide, Y.M.C.A.,

Cha Cha Slide, Worm Dance and other interactive songs.

Special thanks goes to the First National Bank for furnishing the popcorn and cookies; Donna Garrett, Community Activity Director, for organizing it; and the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for being a great host. Also, the Chamber is grateful to Mitzi Mathews, LaDonna Alaman and Bill Hodges for volunteering. Once again, thank you Juanita and Kayla McBride, Memories by McBride, who captured memories to last a lifetime.

I'm amazed at the success of the event and thankful for the continued support from the community. Mothers and sons spoke about having a wonderful time and I was so proud to see that the young men were perfect gentlemen. They were very polite and considerate and surprisingly very good dancers.

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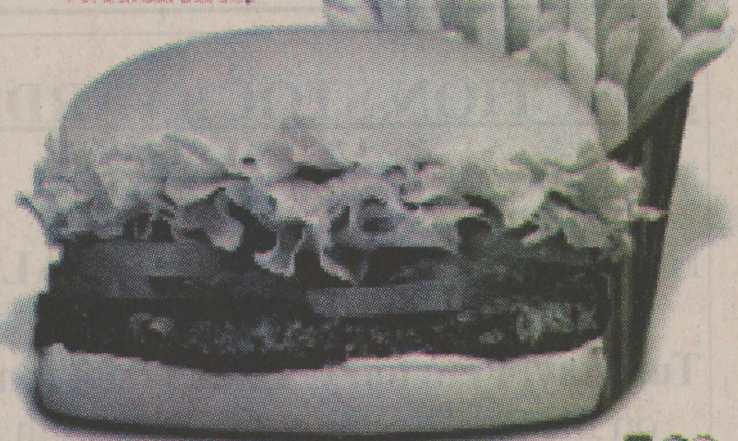
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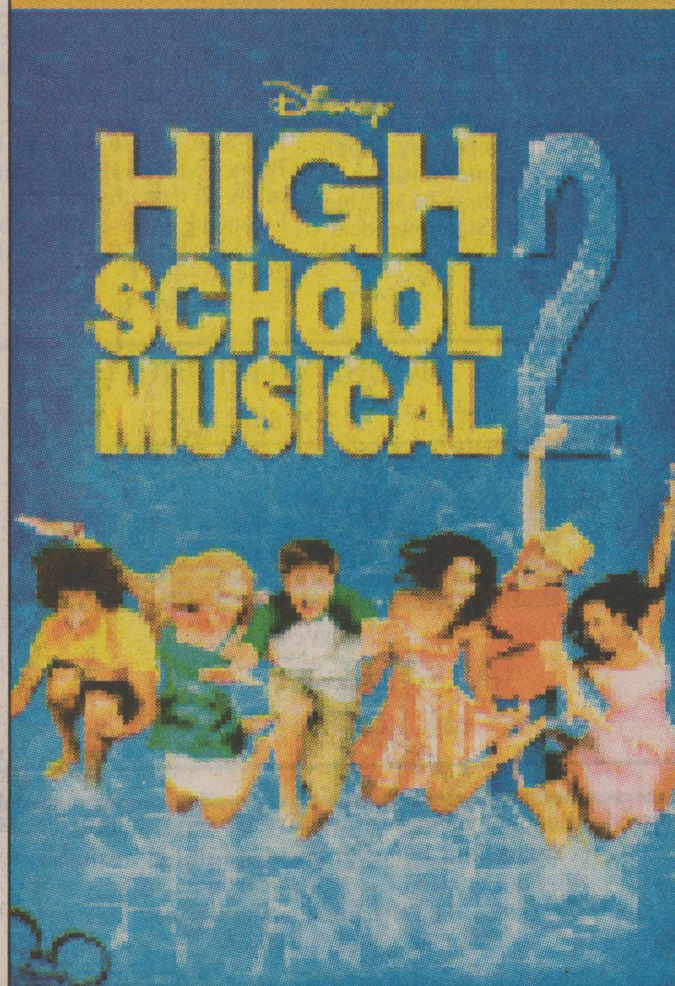


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