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## IN THE UNITED STATES OF DEBT WE TRUST PART 4

### The Hard Road Before Us



By Ben D. Taylor

In the years following the Federal Reserve's strategy of targeting a continual low inflation rate on our dollar, we entered what has been called the Great Moderation. This period (1970's-present) was marked by a relatively low level of economic fluctuation in our country. International confidence in our economy further strengthened the perception that the United States of America had finally outgrown market fluctuations. World renowned economic experts proclaimed in every academic journal that the United States' policy of long term sustained low interest rates was a model of how a

country should be run. Then came 2008.

I remember the boom time during the Great Moderation, when internet companies were selling like hotcakes on the New York Stock Exchange. Millionaires were born overnight and anybody with a couple extra dollars could make a fortune in the stock market. I can also remember watching the news and wondering how exactly these companies were making money. This technological boom was being compared to the plastic revolution in the 1950's; with one exception; nothing was being made, but everything was being sold. Then came 2008.

During Roosevelt's New Deal in the Great Depression our government broke new ground by "stimulating our economy" through the employment of private citizens by the government. That idea took the form of the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Civilian Works Program (and other programs), where the government funded projects to enhance our infrastructure and established "shovel ready" programs. In the decade these programs were enacted (1933-1949), the following projects were completed: Bridges- 46,854, Lodges and museums- 204, Historic structures restored- 3,980, Drinking fountains- 1,865, Cabins- 1,477, Bathhouses- 165, Large Dams- 197, Water supply lines- 5,000 miles, Fences- 27,191 miles, Trees planted- 3 billion, New roads- 44,000 miles, Road repairs- 200,000 miles, Drainage and irrigation ditches- 9,000 miles, New water mains- 1,000 miles, Sanitary and storm sewers- 2,700 miles, Playgrounds- 2,000, Athletic fields- 4,000, Schools, new or improved- 4,000, and the list continues.

In 2010 dollars the New Deal would have cost 500 billion dollars and as of 2009

the price tag of the economic stimulus package was billed at 789 billion dollars. The measure of progress done with that money is not measured in actual work done, but in jobs saved. This is the nature of our debt. Our debt was not built by only spending too much, but also by making too little. Our weight loss solution in the 1930's was to eat meat and work out, now it appears our solution is to buy protein supplements and expect to lose weight. Instead of losing weight our obese nation just bought bigger clothes, leaving us to pay for the bill.

The first payment made by the individual American (for its governments debt) will be paid by small businesses in the form of payroll tax increases, tightening audits, and lowering the levels on the income tax brackets.

The second payment is made not through an increase in taxes (the voting public would not allow that), but an increase on cooperate tax (and other "faceless" taxation). It is successful strategy for the government to raise revenue since it typically lacks the direct impact of increasing the taxes of individuals, but the secondary effects will echo throughout the economy.

We have already seen the

impacts of this taxation by companies outsourcing much of their production overseas. Many of the states that have historically relied on factory jobs have been decimated by record unemployment numbers. This trend is likely to continue as in the past few weeks Japan lowered their cooperate tax rate, leaving the U.S. as the country with the highest cooperate tax rate in the world.

If the debt is not reigned in you can also expect to see higher interest rates from banks-as they are also required to pay cooperate taxes. It will become more difficult to get loans for homes or vehicles. This could trickle up through the economy as people and banks will have less money to spend.

Our nation is quite literally standing at an economic crossroad. The easy road is to continue along the path of perceived wealth and remain at the mercy of international investors. The difficult road is for all of us to make sacrifices in order to reduce our debt. This road would mean a return to a focus not on wealth, but on its value. It could mean a return to Manifest Destiny, that uniquely American idea where we make our own future.

## TPWD Commission Approves Devils River Land Acquisition

AUSTIN – The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission Monday authorized the acquisition of nearly 18,000 acres of biologically diverse and culturally significant land in Val Verde County with 10 miles of frontage along the pristine Devil's River by leveraging \$4 million in public dollars with more than \$10 million in private donations.

"What an exciting Christmas gift for the State of Texas," Commission chair Peter Holt said moments after the commission voted unanimously to authorize Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Executive Director Carter Smith to formally close the purchase of the Devils River Ranch later this week.

The ranch, which adjoins the 67,000-acre Amistad National Recreation Area, has been appraised at \$15,875,000 but the owner agreed to sell the property to TPWD for \$13 million as well as donating several hundred thousand dollars worth of ranch equipment and furnishings to the state.

TPWD will use \$10.1 million in private donations, \$2.7 million in state funds allocated for park land acquisition and \$1.3 million in federal Land and Water Conservation Fund dollars to acquire the property. The donations also will cover operating expenses for two-and-a-half years as

well as development of a master plan for joint public use of the ranch and the Devils River State Natural Area, 12.7 miles upstream.

A proposal to exchange the 20,000-acre state natural area for the Devils River Ranch was pulled from the Nov. 4 commission agenda after TPWD heard extensive public input. At the time, the commission directed TPWD staff to continue exploring options to acquire new land along the river while keeping the existing state natural area and working toward achieving a balance between recreational use of the land and protection of the wild stream's sensitive resources.

"The Devil's River Ranch is a stunning piece of property with incredible potential," said Commissioner Dan Hughes, who after visiting the site led the fund-raising effort along with agency director Smith. "This land is a treasure for all generations to come."

At Monday's meeting, of 13 persons who testified before the commission, all said they favored the Devils River Ranch purchase. Of 24 written comments received from the public by TPWD, 20 supported the purchase.

"The public input process has worked the way it should – we've heard from Texans across the state and have been responsive to that input," Holt

said. "One of the things we'll be doing in response to that input is putting together a working group to develop a long term plan for the protection of the river and for ongoing operation of the two units of the Devils River State Natural Area."

Holt said the working group will include landowners, paddlers, businesses, non-profit partners and others who will seek solutions to address the recreational interests of Devils River users as well as the property rights of adjacent landowners.

"We anticipate that it will take two-and-a-half years to complete the master plan for the operation of the two units of the Devils River State Natural Area," said Smith. "While that is taking place, public access to the current Devils River SNA will remain open. In the meantime, we'll also be stepping up law enforcement patrols by Texas game wardens all along the river."

Commissioners Monday also approved acquisition of about 14 acres of private land just north of the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens. The tract will be used to build a small reservoir to provide water for fish hatchery ponds.

## Cardwell Continues Family Tradition: A The Order of the Alamo Court



Margo Cardwell is the granddaughter of Jodie and Lawrence Finklea of Sonora. She is a 2009 graduate of Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service. She is currently attending the University of Texas School of Law.

Every year the Order of the Alamo has 24 Duchesses and a Queen and a Princess to represent the Court of the Order of the Alamo. The Order of the Alamo was founded in 1909 by San Antonio men to participate in an enlarged Fiesta to celebrate the heroic struggle for Texas' Independ-

dence from Mexico. **The court for 2010-** The Court of the Dazzling Adornments Margo Cardwell the Duchess of the Beguilement of Bourcheron.

Margo's mother Marsha Finklea Cardwell was a Duchess in 1979. The Court of the Floating Kingdom. Duchess of the Sacred Bridge at Nikko.

Margo's grandmother Jodie Moore Finklea was in the Court in 1947. The Court of Holidays. The Duchess of Hungary.

### Senior Center Activities

Thurs. December 23 - Center Closed for Christmas  
 Fri. December 24 - Center Closed for Christmas  
 Mon. December 27 - Bingo  
 Tues. December 28 -  
 Wed. December 29 - Decorate for New Year's

### Senior Center Menu

Thurs. December 23 - Center Closed for Christmas  
 Fri. December 24 - Center Closed for Christmas  
 Mon. December 27 - Steak fingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes mixed vegetables, rolls, fruit cocktail  
 Tues. December 28 - Breaded pork chops w/gravy, wheat roll, zucchini & yellow squash, tossed salad, fruit  
 Wed. December 29 - Beef tacos w/cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pinto beans, orange cake, 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 \$2.00;  
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**Christmas Eve**  
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**Christmas Eve Services**

St. John's Episcopal Church--Sonora, Texas 6:00 p.m. December 24th.  
 St. James Episcopal Church--Fort-McKavett, Texas 3:00 p.m.

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**Regular Service Times:**

St. John's Episcopal Church  
 Sunday Holy Communion: 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday Evening Holy Communion: 5:30 p.m.  
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## Lucille Marie Haney Roberson



Lucille Marie Haney Roberson passed away peacefully at the Granbury Villa Nursing Home in Granbury, Texas on December 20, 2010 at the age of 86. She was born on December 17, 1924 to Les and Tennie Mae Haney in Gordon, Texas.

Marie was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was married to Thomas George Roberson on December 24, 1942 until his death in July 1995. During their 53 years of marriage, they enjoyed living in Sonora for six years. She was an accomplished seamstress and took pride in her work. She enjoyed crocheting and throughout the years crocheted many beautiful items that she gave to family and friends. While she was in the nursing home, she continued to crochet until her eyesight failed.

Preceded in death by her parents, husband and brothers, Orval and Lewis Haney, she is survived by her son, George L. Roberson and his wife, Elaine, of Trophy Club, Texas, two grandsons, Mark B. Roberson and his wife, Maryellen, of Katy, Texas, and Matthew C. Roberson and his wife, Shannon, of Harlingen, Texas. She is survived by four great-grandchildren, Will, Katie, and Briana Roberson of Katy, Texas, and Hondo Roberson of Harlingen, Texas. She is also survived by her brother, James Haney and his wife, Gail, of Odessa, Texas, her sister, Charlene Yocumand her husband, Terry, of Lampasas, Texas, sister-in-law, Charlsie Hughes of El Paso, Texas, brother-in-law, Doyle Roberson, of Mineral Wells, Texas, numerous nieces and nephews and good friend and neighbor, Dee DeBusk.

The family expresses appreciation to the staff at Granbury Villa Nursing Home and Mission Hospice for their excellent care and to Dee DeBusk for her love and friendship.

A memorial service will be held December 29, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. at Holly Hills Memorial Park Chapel in Granbury, Texas. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Heart Association, Mission Hospice or your favorite charity.

## Holiday Entertaining Tips To Impress Your Guests

(StatePoint) Holiday entertaining can be impressive and delicious without stress or mess.

With a few twists, you can make decorations sparkle with minimal hassle. And your food easily can be made more festive by incorporating flavorful nuts, creamy cheeses and seasonal fruits.

When it comes to dressing up holiday decor, simple flourishes can impart big wow factor. Try filling wine glasses with different stones or glass pieces and inserting a tea light in each. Placed around the room, these impart a sophisticated glow. An easy, elegant centerpiece can be created with multicolored glass ornaments in a clear bowl, finished with holiday greenery.

On the food front, opt for colorful choices that are healthy and natural yet flavorful and festive.

"More than ever, our friends and family want to enjoy delicious flavors without over-indulging," suggests Josh Schroeter, co-founder of Sahale Snacks, a producer of healthy, all-natural snack foods. "Unique and satisfying flavor combinations will excite the palate and make guests feel special without tipping the sugar, salt and fat content over the top."

Here are some food ideas to make your seasonal offerings the most tantalizing in town, without wreaking havoc on your budget:

**\* Small and Splashy:** Party goers are increasingly concerned about portion control, and it's easy to help them out with simple, show-stopping appetizers. Guests will do double takes when they see fresh figs split at the top and filled with soft, whipped goat cheese and sprinkled with Pomegranate Cashews. Or

pile a tray high with tiny tea sandwiches full of chicken salad studded with celery and pecans.

**\* Cheese at the Ready:** Don't know when guests might drop by? Keep a selection of cheeses and nuts on hand. To make an easy cheese platter, choose three kinds of cheeses: one creamy (like brie or camembert), one aged (like manchego or English cheddar) and one unlike the others (blue, goat or sheep's milk cheese). Embellish it with Tuscan Almonds or dried fruits and you're done.

**\* Spectacular Salads:** A few bags of pre-washed salad greens make it easy to toss together a salad you can quickly adorn with special touches. For example, spinach or any winter greens can be combined with a handful of Sahale Snacks Valdosta Pecans with dried cranberries to impart some sparkling flavors. And a light balsamic dressing will complete this tasty, healthful side dish.

**\* Just Desserts:** An all-dessert party is sure to impress. Assemble pears, apples, persimmons, figs, nut and cheese dessert platters, adding dark chocolate squares. Try this tasty combination: a triple cream brie paired with chocolate squares chocolate, persimmons or orange slices and Pomegranate Cashews or Honey Almonds with Sea Salt. You can save money by buying these nut blends at stores like Wal-Mart, supermarkets and club stores.

For more celebratory holiday ideas and recipes, visit [www.sahalesnacks.com](http://www.sahalesnacks.com), or [facebook.com/sahalesnacks](http://facebook.com/sahalesnacks).

By simply adding some personal touches, you can make the occasion more memorable with minimal hassle to the host!

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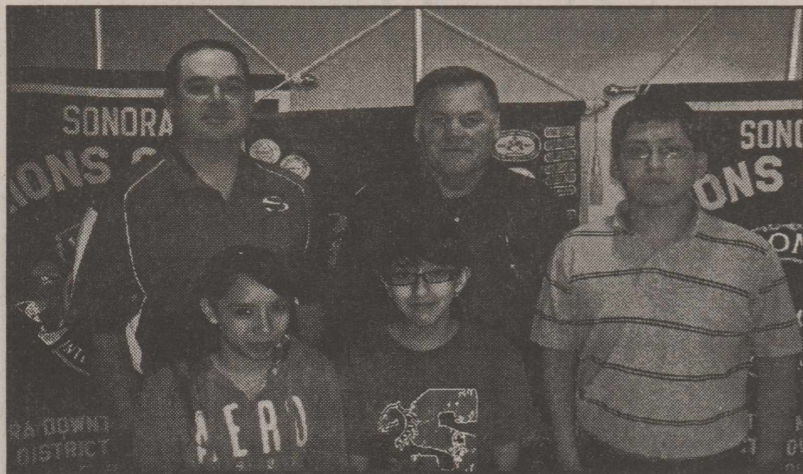
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 Your presence is present enough, so please, no gifts.

# Lions Roar



As we approach the greatest season in our nation, the birthday of JESUS your Lions will break until after the New Year. Our guests this past week were three great students from our Middle School, 8th grader Valeria Ramirez, 7th graders Alexis Garza and Juan Gamez (pictured above) As you all know by know how much we cherish our relationship with the Middle School leadership and students. Without the support of Lion Principal Duncan, Mrs. Pam Crenwelge and Mrs. Dana Leamon this mentor protégé program would not have flourished.

Our guest program this past week was Leonard Leinfelder the newest member of our Sonora City Staff. Mr. Leinfelder is our Director of Sonora's Public Works Department and brings with him the background and experience so sorely needed in our City. A graduate of Texas AM and qualified in water and wastewater at the highest level awarded by the State of Texas ("A" Licensed in water and wastewater). Mr. Leinfelder has a vast amount of experience at the Texas Municipal level as well as, the Texas State level with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Leonard outlined the upcoming projects his has on the Sonora City agenda for Public Works. These are critical to the health and welfare of our citizens. A major water line project along Crockett as well as major sewer work in the City. The waste water (sewer) project is funded by a City bond program which was approved in 2007. These projects will begin in early 2011. A survey of street repair is underway by his department as well as preparations for infrastructure work at the airport. The street repair will be funded by the City sales tax. The airport work will be initially funded by Sonora Economic Development Corporation and TXDOT Aviation. Mr. Leinfelder appears to be the person we need to lead our Public Work Department. We welcome him to our great City!

As we close out this year your Lions wish to thank our Citizens for all the support you have given to our Club. We cannot say thanks enough for the privilege of serving this wonderful community.

Merry Christmas and a Holy and Happy New Year! Go Broncos and Shop Sonora!

## Food Safety Tips For The Holidays

(StatePoint) With the holiday cooking season upon us, more Americans are worried about becoming sick of an annoying relative than they are of getting sick from the food on the table.

But a new survey indicates that their relatives should be the least of their concerns, as more than one in five Americans (22 percent) admit their kitchen would fail a food safety inspection.

The new survey, sponsored by the Water Quality and Health Council, also found that less than half of Americans (47 percent) typically use a disinfectant or disinfecting wipes after using the kitchen counter, despite knowing that chlorine bleach kills germs that cause foodborne illnesses.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 76 million Americans get sick from foodborne illnesses every year and more than 300,000 of them are hospitalized. The CDC also warns that raw foods of animal origin (including turkey) are the most likely to be contaminated.

"Holiday cooking introduces increased risks of foodborne illness as raw meats and vegetables are processed on kitchen surfaces that are not properly disinfected," says Linda Golodner, president emerita of the National Consumers League.

"Practicing good kitchen hygiene is not very complicated," says Golodner. "Thoroughly wash surfaces with hot, soapy water and rinse. Then apply a simple chlorine bleach solution and let air dry to properly disinfect the area. Follow these steps before and after handling raw foods on kitchen surfaces."

Just one-half tablespoon of bleach in one half-gallon of water effectively kills common foodborne germs on kitchen surfaces. Golodner says that most people may not realize this, however.

Many people overestimate the amount of bleach per gallon of water needed to effectively kill common foodborne germs.

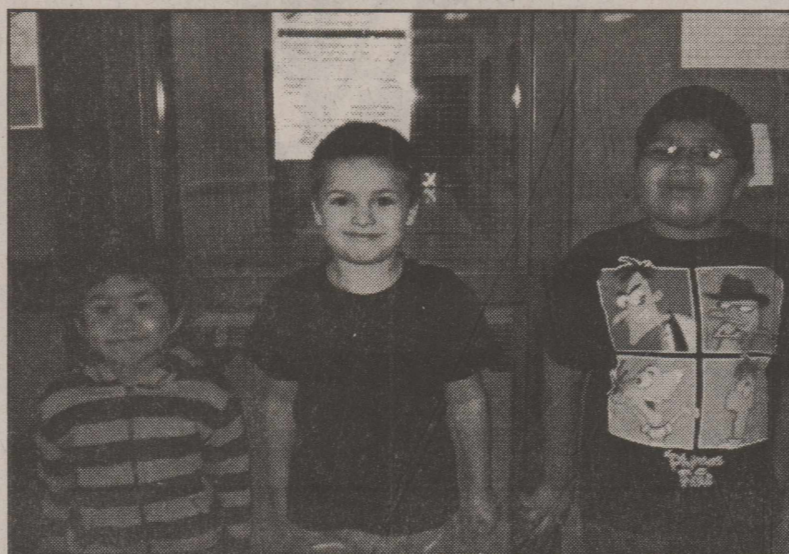
"Chlorine-based disinfectants are registered as safe to use by the Environmental Protection Agency and proven to destroy the germs that spread foodborne illness," notes Golodner. The survey also found that by more than a seven to one margin, Americans trust chlorine-based disinfectants over green cleaners to kill germs.

The Water Quality & Health Council lists the following guidelines for safe food handling:

- \* Clean: Wash all food contact surfaces with hot, soapy water followed by disinfecting with 1/2 tablespoon chlorine bleach in 1/2 gallon of water.
- \* Separate: Keep fresh fruits and vegetables separate from raw meat, poultry and seafood.
- \* Cook: To kill any bacteria that might be present, thoroughly cook meat, poultry and eggs to the appropriate temperature.
- \* Chill: Refrigerate leftover perishables at 40 degrees within two hours of cooking or serving.

In addition, this holiday season, the Water Quality and Health Council is offering consumers a free refrigerator magnet featuring simple directions for disinfecting kitchen surfaces, available at [www.disinfect-for-health.org](http://www.disinfect-for-health.org).

## Students of the Week Elementary



Jesse Romero, Seth Davis, Sergio Devila, not pictured: Jonathan Lozano

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**2011 Little Mr. & Miss Cinco de Mayo:** Viva Sonora is accepting registration for 2011 LITTLE MR. & MISS CINCO DE MAYO. To register or for more information, please contact Jo Ann Hernandez at The Bank & Trust.

**2011 Mrs. Cinco de Mayo:** Viva Sonora is also looking for a 2011 MRS. CINCO DE MAYO. The winner will receive a one night two day weekend getaway for two. For more information, please contact Jo Ann Hernandez & Michelle Faz at The Bank & Trust.

**Farmer's Market** every Thursday @ 4:00 p.m. next to Ol' Sonora Trading Co.

**The Primary Purpose Group of Alcoholics Anonymous** meets every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church, 404 NE Poplar. FMI call 325-387-9765 or 325-206-1311.

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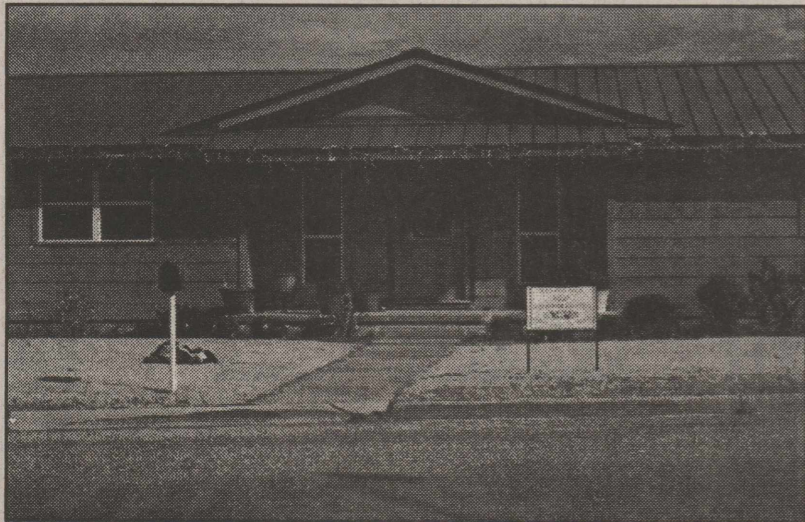
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## Keep Sonora Beautiful December Landscape of the Month



KSB Landscape of the month winner for December is 415 E. 2nd Street property owner Nancy Davis

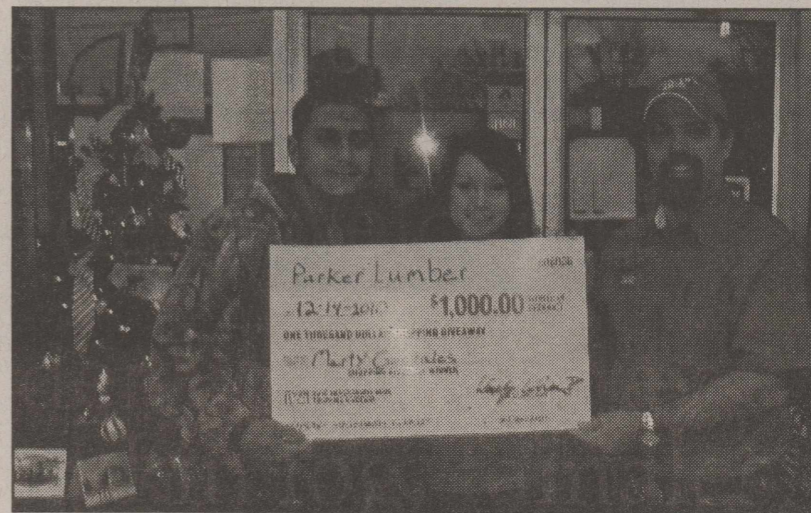
## Landscape of the Month



The Sonora Chamber of Commerce has chosen the First Baptist Church-Prayer Garden for Landscape of the Month for December 2010. Pictured above are Bill & Barbara Savell. Bill and Barbara's generous gift made the formation of the prayer garden possible. Designed to be a place of peace in memory of Barbara's parents.

## Parker Lumber Giveaway Has Grand Finale

Shopping Giveaway winner takes home \$1,000 in merchandise.



Sonora, Texas---Fall just got a little cooler for Parker Lumber's customer, Marty Gonzales. On November 31, 2010, Gonzales was chosen as the winner of the Parker Lumber \$1,000 Shopping Giveaway. Mr. Gonzales was selected at random from more than 1,500 entries submitted at the store from September 2 through November 31.

When Gonzales found out that he won, he was amazed and shocked. "I don't believe I won, I never win anything. Are you sure that I won? Is this a joke? Cool!!!! I'm going to remodel my house. Thank you, to everyone at Parker and to the very helpful employees on every project we have. Woody Crow said that Parker Lumber is delighted to provide one of its customers with the opportunity to make their fall projects a little more exciting. "Everyone has a few extra chores this time of year, a we're glad that Marty will be able to choose whatever tools he wants to get the job done. We thank all those who entered the giveaway for their participation."

About Parker Lumber: Parker Lumber is located at 1 04 E 3rd St., and has been serving customers in the Sonora area for 80 years. Parker Lumber offers a complete line of hardware, plumbing and lumber supplies for everyone from the do-it-yourself homeowner to professional. Crow has been a Do it Best Corp. member since 2007.

About Do it Best Corp.: Based in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Do it Best Corp. is the only full-service U.S. based, member-owned hardware, lumber and building material buying cooperative in the home improvement industry. With annual sales of 2.65 billion, Do it Best Corp. is the second largest co-op in the industry, serving 4,100 member-retailers in the United States and in 47 foreign countries.

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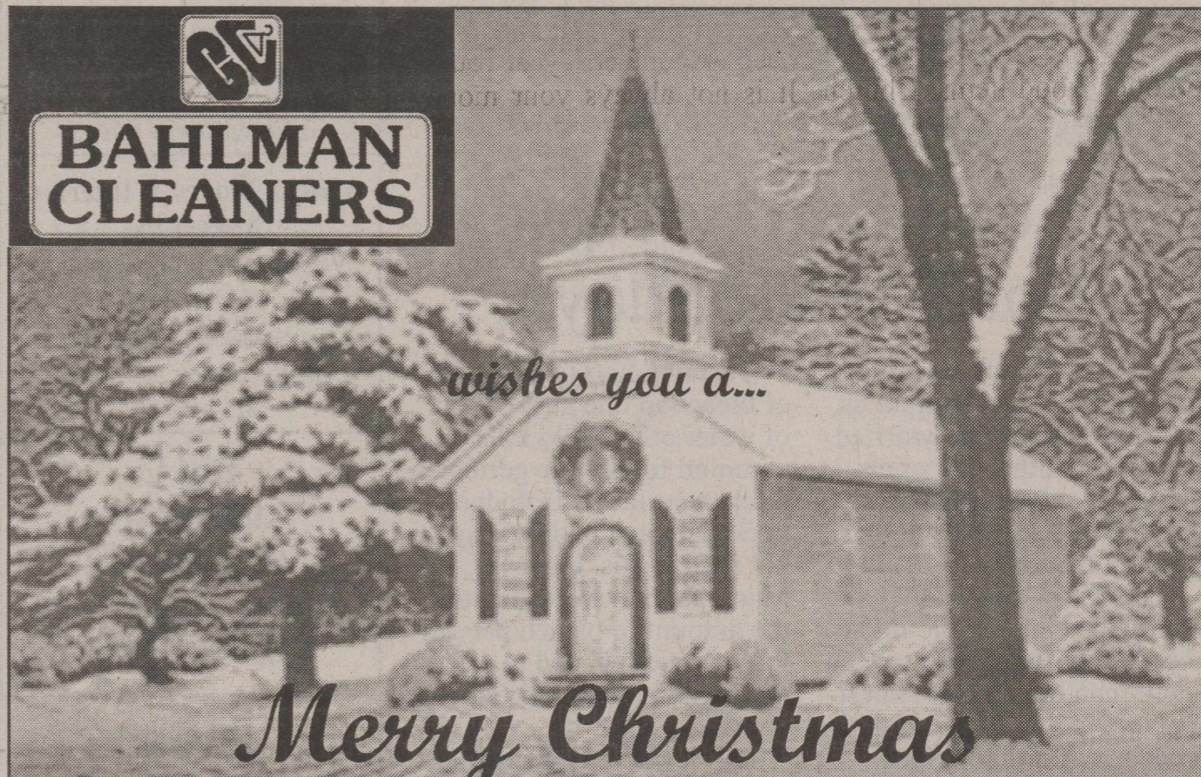
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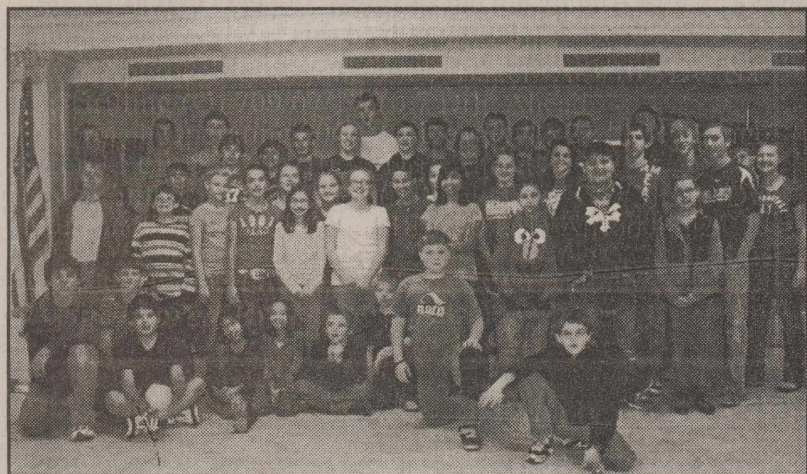
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# Youth Learn the Spirit of Giving

By Pascual Hernandez,  
Sutton County Agricultural  
Extension Agent



Every Christmas, it is amazing to see how folks organize to do something worthwhile for others. It may be the "red kettle" drives, clothing drives, care packages for our service men and women, or benefit events for those in need. A good local example is the Food Basket Ministry. Though it requires many adults, it focuses on involving youth.

Lewis Allen, pastor at the local Presbyterian church, coordinates with other pastors and local youth leaders to collect food items. Church youth groups and youth organizations such as 4-H, Cub Scouts, as well as Jr. High and High School, can also initiate food collection drives. Lewis then meets at the Methodist Church with members of the various youth groups to oversee the assembly of these food items into boxes. These boxes

are then distributed by other volunteers. It is encouraging to see these young men and women involved in this way. They will reach adulthood with a sense of community service.

The Christmas season is a time when a lot of people want to do good things for others. It is during Christmas that we are most generous. Volunteering is a great way to help others in their time of need. Just remember, however, that many organizations need volunteers year-round. It is not always your money that may be needed- it could be your knowledge, skill, or ability.

We are both grateful and proud to have all of you who are involved in such worthwhile efforts. We also wish you a "Merry Christmas" from the Sutton County Extension Office.

## San Angelo Nature Center Hosting New Year's Eve Slumber Party

The San Angelo Nature Center will be hosting a slumber party on New Year's Eve! There will be games, crafts and movies as they bring in the New Year. Drop is at 8:00 PM on Friday, December 31 and pickup will be at 8:00 AM on Saturday, January 1, 2011. Cost for member is \$30 and non-members \$35. The Slumber Party is for ages 5 and up. For more information about the event call the San Angelo Nature Center at 325-942-0121.

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All participating students will be awarded a coin and a ribbon from our class sponsor, The First National Bank.

The deadline to sign up is January 5, 2011. If you like more information about the event, please call the Texas AgriLife Extension Service at 387-3101.

*By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God and I feel fire and music under my feet.*

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# October and November Customer Service Champions

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We want to express our appreciation of our customers over the past 20 years.



Teresa James, Manager of Dairy Queen in Sonora, has been chosen for the October Customer Service Champion award. Teresa has called Sonora home for 20 years. She has been with Dairy Queen for over 6 years starting as Assistant Manager and quickly moving into the Manager's position. What she loves most about her job are the people, travelers and their stories. Congratulations, Teresa, for helping to make Dairy Queen so successful in Sonora.



The November Customer Service Champion is Carol Ann Hardee, owner of Petal Pushers located on Main Street in Sonora. Carol Ann began her business 25 years ago as an out-of-town resident and quickly realized this is where she wanted to make her home. She has a God given talent for creating beautiful and joyous arrangements to brighten a home. Her favorite flower is freesia, a small flower with a big aroma. Carol Ann believes "God put me here for a purpose." She loves what she does and the interaction with her customers. Congratulations, Carol Ann.

## Have A Safe And Healthy Holiday

(StatePoint) Social calendars will soon be booked with holiday festivities with colleagues and friends and family. But oftentimes, uninvited guests join the party -- germs.

Germs can take many nasty forms, causing everything from seasonal colds and flu to contaminated holiday foods.

"Germs can ruin that holiday cheer," says Dr. Allison Aiello, a professor at the University of Michigan's School of Public Health and member of SCA's Tork Green Hygiene Council. "A sore throat, cough, runny nose, fever or body aches can be signs of the flu and should be treated properly, but unfortunately, many people don't avoid contaminating others."

Follow these holiday hygiene tips to enjoy the holiday season in style while staying healthy:

\* Spread Cheer, Not Germs. Cold and flu germs are spread through airborne droplets from the mouth and nose that can easily be transferred to others. These droplets also land on surfaces that can

main contaminated for several hours, which guests can touch and be exposed without knowing.

Whether you come in contact with sick individuals or common surfaces, wash your hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds, especially before eating or touching your eyes or nose. Dry hands thoroughly with a single-use paper towel and then immediately throw it away to avoid cross contamination.

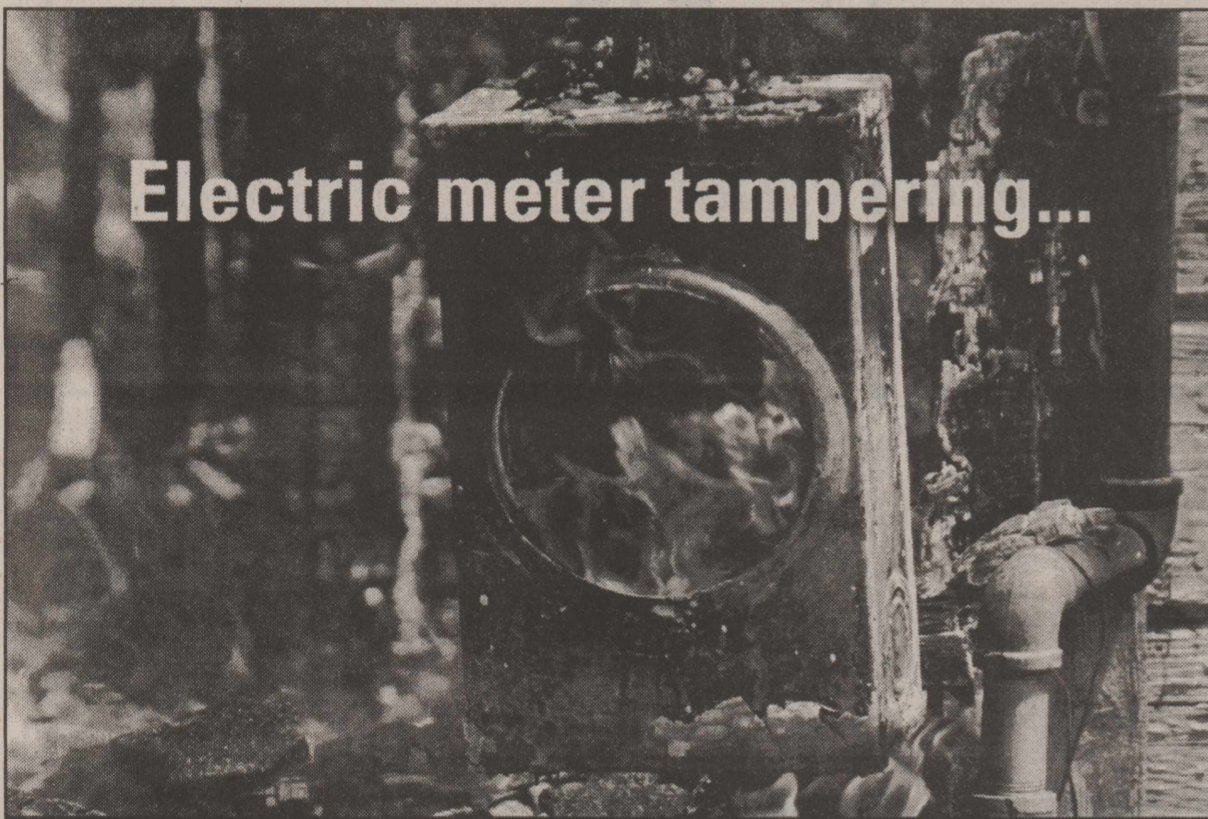
\* Be Smart, Keep Foods Apart. As you prepare holiday meals, keep you and your guests safe from food related illness. Keep raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs (including their juices) away from ready-to-eat foods and eating surfaces. Cook foods to the proper temperature. Refrigerate promptly and do not leave perishable foods out for more than two hours.

\* Beware of the Buffet. Calories are not the only things lurking at the buffet table; germs live there too. Be a good guest by not snacking directly from the buffet or dipping vegetables or chips

directly into a dish. Hosts can also help reduce contamination by making individual plates and not leaving food out in the open where germs from the occasional cough or sneeze can land.

\* Keep Tableware Germ-Free. Avoid fanning out decorative napkins. Instead, save table space and keep guests from transferring germs by providing a napkin dispenser. For example, Tork Xpressnap, the leading tabletop napkin dispenser in the restaurant industry, is now available for the home. The uniquely designed containers dispense napkins individually so guests take only the one they touch. Plus, the photo slots on each side of the dispenser let you create designs to fit everyday or special occasions.

\* Hibernate If You're Not Healthy. If you do get sick, be good to yourself and stay home. While no one wants to miss the party, taking care of yourself is the best thing -- for you and your loved ones. And who knows, with a box of tissues and your favorite DVDs, staying home might be just what the doctor ordered!



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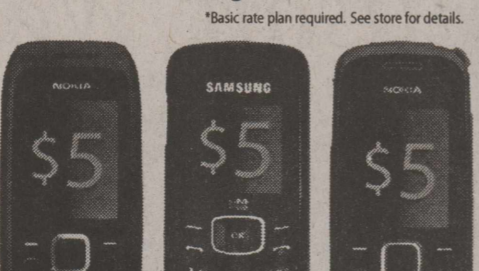


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**Dist/Div Office(s)**

San Angelo District  
District Engineer  
4502 Knickerbocker Rd  
San Angelo, Texas 76904  
Phone: 325-944-1501

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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**Notice To Creditors**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JOHN W. FIELDS, D.V.M., were issued on November 29, 2010, in Cause No. 1370, pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, to JERYL D. FIELDS.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:  
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1107 S. Concho - 3 BR/2BA

**308 Railroad**  
3 BR, 1 1/2 BA nice older home on a corner commercial lot with large trees! Features a large room previously used as a flower shop with a work room & and a second 1/2 bath. Great home with a lot of character. Come See!!!

## Sonora Elementary and Intermediate Schools Place 3rd in District at UIL Meet

December 6, 2010 the Sonora Elementary and Intermediate School students went to Wall to compete in the Academic UIL Meet. Our students worked very hard and represented Sonora well. We congratulate these students on a job WELL DONE!

Elementary/Intermediate School UIL Results  
December 6, 2010  
Wall, Tx.

**2nd Grade Creative Writing**  
5th place-Osbel DeLuna  
2nd Grade Storytelling  
6th place-Michael Creek

**5th Grade Ready Writing**  
5th Place-Christina Hernandez  
6th Place- Delaney Ramsdell

**3rd Grade Storytelling**  
4th Place- Wilson Johnson  
5th Place-Slade Dermody

**5th Grade Listening**  
5th place tie- Elyssa Prieto  
5th place tie- Christina Hernandez

**4th Grade Ready Writing**  
2nd Place- Cara Hernandez  
6th Place- Mary Kyle Johnson

**5th Grade Oral Reading**  
3rd Place- Hazel Kent

**4th Grade Oral Reading**  
1st Place- Evan Shannon  
3rd Place- Avery Leamon  
4th Place-Mary Kyle Johnson

**5th Grade Spelling**  
1st place- Delaney Ramsdell  
4th Place-Christina Hernandez  
6th Place-Savannah Castro

**4th Grade Number Sense**  
5th Place tie- Dylan Taylor  
5th Place tie- Mary Kyle Johnson

**5th Grade Social Studies**  
2nd Place-Felicia Farley

**4th Grade Music Memory**  
5th place- Reagan O'Brien  
6th Place- Perla Salazar

**FINAL RESULTS**  
1. Wall 524  
2. Ballinger 334.3  
3. Sonora 155.6  
4. Ozona 116.3  
5. Grape Creek 101  
6. Brady 75.5

**4th Grade Spelling**  
4th place- Cara Hernandez

## A Very Special Christmas Gift

By: Marisol Gutierrez

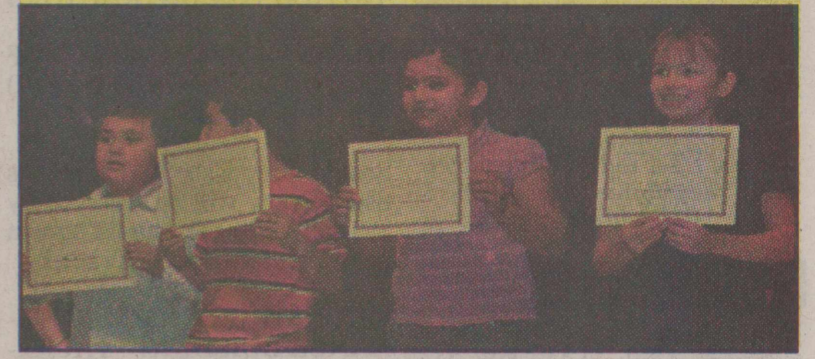


On November 2nd, 2010, a very excited little girl walked into Master Cuts in the Sunset Mall to get her very first haircut ever. She expected the experience would be a big step into becoming a big girl, so she welcomed it without any hesitation. Upon her arrival at the salon, I requested that the length of her hair be measured prior to being cut. From her shoulders to the very end, it measured ten inches long. This was the perfect length.

Just two weeks before this haircut took place I sat on the couch of our living room, and informed my little girl Sicily, who had been begging for a haircut for quite some time, that she could get a haircut, and that we could give it to another little girl who didn't have any hair. At first she seemed puzzled, and she didn't know how this was possible. I took the opportunity to show her through the computer. As we visited [www.locksoflove.com](http://www.locksoflove.com), Sicily began to understand what would happen to her hair. I must admit she was possessive about her long locks at first, but she soon realized that it would be alright and that it would make someone else very happy to receive her beautiful hair.

I admire my daughter for the decision that she made, and the acceptance she had in giving away one of her most beautiful possessions. On Monday, December 20, 2010, I mailed my little girl's hair off to the Locks of Love foundation, in hopes that this holiday season it will bring cheer and hope to a child or adult that is battling a disease that has taken something very personal to them.

I am aware of the fact that it is not possible for everyone to donate hair to Locks of Love right now, but there are several other organizations out there that make a difference in people's lives everyday. The Salvation Army, Meals for the Elderly, Habitat for Humanity, and the YMCA are a few of them. I encourage each and every citizen of Sonora to make a donation, to any organization that makes a difference in someone's life. It doesn't matter which one, all that matters is that you helped to make that difference.



## Easy Ways To Save Money In The New Year

(StatePoint) Do you remember the New Year's resolutions you made last year, or the year before? If you're like most Americans, many of them were probably related to how you were going to manage your money better.

Here are five easy ways to help you gain control of your finances in the New Year:

\* **Set Goals.** Where do you want to be financially in one, three or five years? Do you want your credit cards paid off? A fat savings account? Or how about a vacation paid with cash, not credit cards? You probably can have any of these things but you must make them a priority.

\* **Look at the Big Picture.** A \$5 latte may not seem much, but it adds up to more than \$1,800 a year or more than \$9,000 in five years. So ask yourself if that \$5 latte is steering you away from your goals. How many other unnecessary expenses are keeping you from reaching your financial destination?

\* **Spend Rationally.** As long as you aren't spending more than you make, you can spend your money on whatever you'd like. The key is to not make impulse or emotional purchases. Put a picture of your goal in your wallet so you are reminded of it each time you are tempted to spend. Another trick is to keep your credit cards in sleeves that remind you to "Stop, Think, Save" before using them. You can get such sleeves for free from the non-profit site, [www.stopthinksave.org](http://www.stopthinksave.org).

\* **Evaluate Debt.** It's hard to move forward financially when you are still paying off Christmas presents from three years ago. Create a plan to get out of debt as soon as possible. This may include reviewing your interest rates, increasing payments or consulting an objective credit counselor. Debt-free living is a reality, but it takes hard work.

\* **Save.** Don't allow a medical emergency, broken furnace or car repair to create a financial disaster. Create an emergency fund and add to it each pay period. Direct deposit is also a great way to save. Ask your employer to automatically deposit a small portion of your pay into a savings account so you are not tempted to spend it.

For more tips to save money, visit [www.stopthinksave.org](http://www.stopthinksave.org).



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