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First National Bank wins "Landscape of the Year" award. Presented by Sonora Chamber President, Jody Luttrell

## Sonora Stars Recognized at Banquet

By Greta Ramsdell, Sonora Chamber of Commerce Director

The Chamber of Commerce banquet was a spectacular display of what makes Sonora the special town it is—lots of hand shaking, hugging and smiles! We had a fun evening with great food and awards for the outstanding citizens of the area.

The evening was started by Pastor Don Longoria blessing our meal and members of the Bronco Band serenaded the crowd. A saxophone quartet made up of Sierra Gomez, Emily Newton, Mik Samaniego, and Juan Gonzalez and a clarinet trio comprised of Dee McGee, Maritza Garcia and Steely Ingham played and were accompanied by Michael Luttrell and Mrs. Christian. The board of directors of the Chamber was then introduced with the outgoing directors receiving gifts for their service. Juanita Estrada, Marla Percifull and Storie Sharp have gone off our board and we will miss them very much! Chamber of Commerce president Jody Luttrell acted as emcee for the program and the evening progressed with a wonderful slideshow of our local law enforcement officers. Representatives of the police department, sheriff's department, Texas Parks & Wildlife department and Highway Patrol were present and honored. Sonora is so lucky to have such dedicated offi-

cers who work together to keep our city and county safe. The tickets for the officers were donated by Virgil & Jackie Polocsek, Judge Carla Garner, the City of Sonora and Dominion. Thanks for your support!

The Masonic Lodge #715 presented their Community Builder Award to Tommy Whitehead, to the delight of the crowd. Tommy is the wife of W.L. (Bud) Whitehead. Band members McKenzie Watkins, Monica Traylor and Samantha Adkins then played a flute trio and a trumpet trio made up of Will Crittendon, J.T. Downing and Colton Moore played, all again accompanied by Michael Luttrell and Mrs. Christian.

The Landscape of the Month winners, including Comfort Inn, The Bank & Trust, Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital & Wellness Center, Sonora I.S.D. Elementary, First National Bank, Sutton County Library, Best Western Sonora Inn, Ami's Gift Shop, Ol' Sonora Trading Company, Multi-Chem Training Center and the American Meat Goat Association were awarded plaques by Susan Hall after a slideshow of their landscapes. The Landscape of the Year was then presented to First National Bank for their beautiful gardens.

The winners of our outstanding citizen awards were finally announced and they were

Educator of the Year: Jackie Polocsek, Employee of the Year:

Roy Jean Johnson,

Business Person of the Year: Marla Percifull, Organization of the Year: Keep Sonora Beautiful, and Citizen of the Year: Doyle Morgan.

What fun to see their surprised and happy faces as many of them shared their joy with their families and friends! The banquet was the result of lots of hard work by many of our directors and for them we are very thankful. Special thanks go out to Cyndy Allen, Iris Garza and Shirley Badgett for their time and assistance with the banquet. Chamber of Commerce Administrative Assistant Donna Garrett provided an unbelievable amount of hard work and moral support—thanks Donna! We are already looking forward to next year—hope you will join us then.

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## Water Tank Refurbishment Underway

Submitted

Starting Monday April 24, 2006 work will begin on the rehabilitation of the elevated storage tank on Thompson Hill. This work is expected to take approximately 45 days. The interior and exterior of the tank will be worked on. First, the interior will be refurbished; the 24" hatch opening to the interior will be replaced with a 30" opening as mandated by TCEQ. Next, work will begin on the interior removing and refinishing areas of rust or other anomalies. Once the interior is cleaned it will be repainted with an epoxy paint system that is specified for potable water tanks. This coating protects and preserves the integrity of the steel tank while not contaminating the water. During this phase the tank will be taken out of service, the water system will be monitored for proper flow of water. Once the interior painting is completed it will be necessary to allow the paint to cure. After the curing process is completed and the interior passes inspection the tank will be refilled for resumption of regular service. Meanwhile work will be underway to clean/refurbish and repaint the exterior. The exterior paint is described as a "dry-fall" paint meaning that by the time it falls to the ground it will be dry, not stick to surfaces; but may form a dust like film. If people living around the work area are concerned they may want to cover items to keep the dust from accumulating on objects. When this project is completed Sonora will have a bright and shiny water storage tank again with the Bronco logo prominently displayed on the side.

## City Council Discusses Arena Grant and Annexations

Submitted

The Sonora City Council met on Tuesday, April 18th for its regular monthly meeting. Following the normal business of minutes and the appraisal district report being approved, a public hearing was held with comments solicited by Mayor Lopez about the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation's proposed \$85,000 project grant for improvements to the county arena's lighting and sound systems. Mayor Lopez stated she had spoken to Judge Garner about some of the thirteen organizations listed as using the arena facility. The mayor said that three or four of the organizations have not used the arena due to the county's requirement for a substantial liability insurance policy prior to events being held on its grounds. SIDC director Max Howorth proceeded to review the economic benefits information that was in the council's meeting notebooks. No other individuals on the council or in the audience had any comments. When the public hearing ended, Mayor Lopez read the resolution that accompanies the public hearing required by state law. The next public hearing on the proposed SIDC grant expenditure will be during the May 16th City Council meeting.

The council discussed annexations of county property in order to obtain city utility services. Carlos Sanchez requested city water and sewer to the lot that his father owns at 511 Railroad Street. Mr. Sanchez's father owns two adjacent lots on Railroad Street. One is inside the city limits and one is in the county. Mr. Sanchez wishes to place a mobile home on the vacant lot in the county. Councilman Neal stated he did not care for the idea of

giving city services to county residents. Councilman Polocsek asked if it wouldn't be possible to annex the property into the city. City Attorney Elizabeth Wallace stated the owner of the county lot on Railroad Street would have to make an official request with City Hall to be annexed in order to receive city services. Councilman Neal made a motion that was seconded and approved if Mr. Sanchez's father requests to be annexed into the city limits, the city will provide city utilities.

Anita Hudson, representing John and Jen Jones, discussed a housing subdivision plat of land on East Second St. The Jones are also requesting city utilities. Councilman Neal asked if the council had not previously annexed property in the same area. Councilman Polocsek asked about the water lines on Second St. City Manager Polonis said they were two inch lines on the far end of the street. He would recommend, if the annexation is approved, that the water lines be increased to six inch lines since that is presently the city standard. City Attorney Wallace stated if the city does proceed with plans for an annexation, the city would be responsible for instituting a plan to provide services to the annexed land. Polocsek made a motion to table the possible annexation of the subdivision until more research about the utilities is completed.

In other business, the city accepted bids from four companies to complete the TCDP sewer line project. Texas Water and Soil Co. of San Angelo was the low bidder at \$81,465. Engineer John Bauer will oversee the project for the city. The City's Quarterly investment report was discussed. The council set the

City Swimming Pool dates, times and fees. The pool will open May 29th and close August 11th. The pool will be open from 1 PM until 6 PM with the \$2.00 fee remaining the same.

Mary Ann Kay submitted a Proclamation to declare May as Historic Preservation Month for Sonora. The Memorial Day celebration will be held on the courthouse lawn on May 29th from 2:00 PM until 3:00 PM. The Goodfellow AFB Honor Guard will again participate.

Due to a vacancy on the planning and zoning committee, it was necessary for the city council to select a new member. The three candidates were Willie Mungia, Duray Smith, and Jim Phillips. Councilman Neal moved to appoint Duray Smith to fill the vacancy. The motion passed, and Smith will join Tom Payton and Rosa Hernandez on the planning and zoning committee.

Councilman Thomas Adkins asked that the city's grease trap and grease interceptor policy be discussed during the city council meeting. He stated that he felt that the ordinance needed to be "nailed down in black and white, instead of having so many gray areas." After further discussion by the council, the City Manager, and Charles MacDonald, the city's contracted Grease Interceptor Manager, the council decided to organize a committee to discuss and draft a comprehensive grease trap ordinance for the City. There will be penalties but no dollar amounts (fines) are being discussed at this time. The goal is to have the ordinance ready in two months.



photo by JG DRN Staff

## "Drinking and Driving Ends All Dreams"

Shattered Dreams  
By Jana Dover

Two years have past and Chief of Police Mike House felt it was time for the DEAD to come to Sonora. "Drinking and Driving Ends All Dreams" is a program to heighten awareness in our schools and our community to the devastation drinking and driving brings.

Every 15 minutes a person dies in an alcohol related accident. This was portrayed at the High School as the Grim Reaper (Will Allison) pulled individual students (Kenzie Watkins, Curtis Sinders, Casey Arredondo, Mandy Brister, Victoria Mendoza, Jordan Isenhower, and Shane Baker) out of class every 15 minutes. These students were then considered the "walking dead".

At 10:00 a.m. over the school intercom, the students hear the last heart beat followed by a loud crashing sound. The juniors and seniors were called to the front of the school where a mock wreck was staged. Among the wreckage are their fellow classmates and friends (Jesus Talamantes, Holly Trevino, Julie Villanueva, Nikki Fiero, Hillary Lawson, Julia Lugo).

All Sutton County emergency response services (including 4 students as 1st responders Shea

Trevizo, Maricela Moreno, Yasmin Coronado and Michelle Hernandez) arrived and "worked the accident." The accident included 2 fatalities, 1 paralyzed, several injured and 1 arrest.

While this was merely a dramatization, the events seemed all too familiar and all too real for those witnessing it. As the students watched their classmates be transported to Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, Kerbow Funeral Home and the Sutton County Jail, a flood of emotions was felt by all.

After the dramatization was complete, those involved were taken to the retreat site at Lighthouse Community Church, where Henry Gonzales and his staff with Right Choices took them through a very real and personal program including challenging activities and guest speakers.

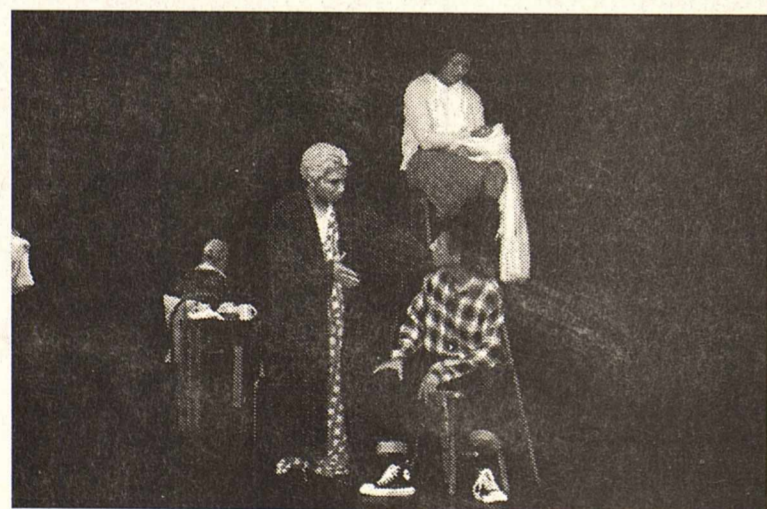
Those who spoke with the students included Gabe Garza of ADACCV, Trooper Shawn Baxter-DPS, Matt West with TABC, and Dr. Dodson. These students had no outside contact with family or friends of any kind. Bringing to reality, the pain brought by separation from our loved ones.

Mike and Debra Hobbs, Kyle and Jana Dover and Don and Charlotte Longoria provided volunteer

homes to house the students over night. They were then reunited with their classmates the following morning for a closing assembly.

Precious Moments in San Angelo used footage recorded at the accident taken by volunteers Becky Johnson, Tamra Wolfe, Carl Wengert and Carolyn Earwood to create a very powerful video which was shown to the students. Those students involved in the program gave testimonies of what this program meant in their life and what they hoped it meant for the student body as a whole. One student summed the purpose of the program up by saying, "Remember your bad choices don't just hurt you, they hurt everyone around you."

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## One Act Play is — STATE BOUND

Submitted

It has been four years since Sonora has participated in the State One-Act Play Contest. This past Friday, "Unexpected Tenderness", under the direction of Renee Casey and Jerrilyn Miller, advanced to the 80th Annual One-Act Play Contest in Austin. "Unexpected Tenderness" by Israel Horowitz is a play set in Boston, Massachusetts in the 1950's. Sonora will compete against seven other 2A schools: Post, Centerville, Franklin, Salado, Bishop, McGregor, and Corsicana. Mildred will join Sonora in the competition on Friday, May 5th. Sonora will participate in the second session which will begin at 7:30 p.m.. At the Regional Competition this past Friday in Abilene, Sonora,

along with Post, advanced out of Region 1. Sonora placed seniors Nash Traylor and Nick Favila on the All-Star Cast. Junior, Kayla Fields was named as the Region 1 Best Actress. Kathy Pacheco, Staryln Chadwick, Jose Casillas, and Brandon Munn make up the remainder of the cast. The crew consists of Laura Martin, Kaci Chavarria, Kari Nicholas, Erin Newton, Stacy Sanchez, Spencer Hall, and Alex Kenney.

Congratulations are in order to each of these young people. They have put in countless hours of rehearsal and preparation time. The hard work has paid off. Congratulations on advancing to the State One-Act-Play Competition.

GOOD LUCK IN AUSTIN!!!!  
BREAK A LEG!!!!

May 4, 2006  
National Day  
of Prayer

## Lighthouse Community Church

A place for returning Prodigals and recovering Pharisees

### Sunday Services

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.

1705 N. Crockett

## Senior Center Activities

- Fri. April 28** - Kooking w/Kelly Nutrition Education @ noon
- Mon. May 1** - Blood & sugar ckecks w/Outreach Homehealth Services, 11 a.m.-?, BINGO
- Tues. May 2** - Exercise w/video--need seniors to sign up!
- Wed. May 3** -TRAX Van to San Angelo--call 387-2509, AAA Reports due
- Thurs. May 4** - Happy Birthday Odell Flores!  
Crafts, need new ideas & volunteers!

## Senior Center Menu

- Fri. April 28** - Taco salad w/beef 7 cheese, tomato & lettuce, pinto beans, crackers, peach cobbler, milk
  - Mon. May 1** - Polish sausage, potato salad, steamed cabbage, cornbread, pears, milk
  - Tues. May 2** - Oven fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, zucchini squash, wheat bread, lemon squares, milk
  - Wed. May 3** - Catfish, corn/tomato casserole, spinach, cornbread, Jell-O w/fruit, milk
  - Thurs. May 4** - Country fried Steak w/gravy, baked potato, juice, Spanish green beans, wheat roll, milk, lime rice swirl
- 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)*



## Sonora Church Directory

<b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> 504 Santa Clara 387-2035	<b>Church of Christ</b> 304 N. Water 387-3190
<b>The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian</b> 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616	<b>First Baptist Church</b> 111 E. Oak 387-2951
<b>Lighthouse Community Church</b> 1705 N. Crockett 387-9100	<b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 404 E Poplar 387-2955
<b>Pentecostal Calvary Temple United</b> 509 Amistad 387-5266	<b>First United Methodist Church</b> 201 N. Water 387-2466
<b>St. Ann's Catholic Church</b> 229 W. Plum 387-2278	<b>Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios</b> 306 W. 4th St. 387-5713
<b>Jehovah's Witness</b> 310 St. Ann's St. 387-5658/387-5518	<b>Hope Lutheran Church</b> 417 E. 2nd St. 387-5366

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Thank you, thank you, thank you... for listing arrest reports in our paper. The public needs to know what is going on in our town. Many of our citizens have been unaware of our growing drug problem. I use the word "Our" because this problem, in some ways, affects everyone who lives here. We must be reminded of the illicit activities of and related to "the drug business", else we may tend to think "It's not THAT bad."

As a professional involved in the treatment of addiction, I am reminded on a daily basis how devastating the drug problem has become. Not only does the addict suffer, but so do the families and friends of the addict along with the safety of our children and community. Hopefully, if enough citizens become aware of the extent of drug activity in our community, we can all do something about it. I commend our law enforcement personnel for the job they do in our community. Surely, we, the public can help by paying attention to what is going on in our neighborhoods then reporting any suspicious activities to the authorities.

Sometimes it's not popular or easy to stand for what is right. I believe you have done the community a great service, by reporting the facts.

Sincerely,  
Becky Johnson

## Power in Humility

By Elizabeth Black

Over a glass of cognac, Oskar Schindler exhales cigar smoke into the heavy air of the library. He studies his comrade, Amon Goeth, who is already drunk and belligerent. His eyes follow those of Goeth's, to the beautiful Jewish maid serving them. Goeth's look is ravenous and full of rage. Schindler knows that Goeth will unleash his hate and desire on the slave girl, if he has not already done so. In measured tones, Schindler offers a word of advice. "Real power is exhibited in mercy". For he knows Goeth's act against the Jew would be to demonstrate power, not love.

This is the provocative scene from Steven Spielberg's 1993 movie "Schindler's List" that I most remember. In the scene, you can see Goeth (played by Ralph Fiennes) dangerously flirting with the concept of power. Into this tension is interjected a new take on the idea. True power comes in restraint, humility, and mercy.

"If you are the Christ, come down from the cross" the crowd shouted. "If you are really the Son of God, save yourself". Show us some power, is the translation. Those that hurled these insults saw power as something to be taken, exerted with force,

gripped as with a clenched fist. The amazing irony of the story however is Jesus' response. Real power was revealed in his restraint, his quiet submission, his selfless act of giving his life for the world. In it, He conquered death and forgave all sins for those who call upon his name - and He lives forever giving that same life to every people, nation and tribe that comes to him. Ok that's power!

I think it is a universal truth that to give something away is a sure sign of possessing it. We can't give away what we don't have. To cling to, hoard or flaunt something calls into question our rightful ownership or its temporary nature. If we are assured of God's love for us, why can't we then love that difficult relative or co-worker even if they reject us? If we are convinced of God's mercy in our lives, why can't we then forgive our parents or children for what they did in their weakness? If we know our value in the eyes of the King, why can't we then offer respect and friendship to a bristly neighbor who so desperately needs it? We can! And we lose nothing. We have everything to gain. If we want to live a life of power, we do so by bowing low. "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up." James 4:10

## Thank You Notes

We would like to thank all of our sponsors for participating in this years Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Eaton Hill Treasure Hunt events. Because of you it was such a great success.

The roads started to fill up about 9:00 a.m. with kids and their Easter baskets ready to go and find as many eggs as they could. By 10:00 a.m. there were an estimated 275 kids and adults lined up ready to go. Parents with cameras in their hands, and kids from ages 2 years to 12 years old lined up ready for Ann Kay to say that magic word, "GO!" By 10:15 a.m. all 3,000 eggs had been found, picked up and carried off.

As names were called kids were waiting in anticipation, with smiles, and wondering who would win the prizes. The morning ended with a bang as many kids walked away with pleasant thoughts about Easter.

We would like to give a special thanks to Dairy Queen of Sonora for their DQ treats, Town & Country for donating 5 cases of sodas, The Bank & Trust and the First National Bank of Sonora for donating a combined total of \$175.00, Sonora Answering Service for donating the stuffed Animals, Alco for discounting the bikes, Johnny Solis and Carlos Gallegos for keeping the Sutton County courthouse lawn so beautiful for the kids to run around on, the County for letting us use the courthouse lawn, City of Sonora for keeping the street safe while the events were taking place, SIDC for letting us use Eaton Hill for the Treasure Hunt, Lewis Allen for helping with the treasure hunt, and the parents for letting the kids participate in a fun filled event.

Thank You,  
Sonora Main Street Program  
Jennifer Esparza

## Obituary

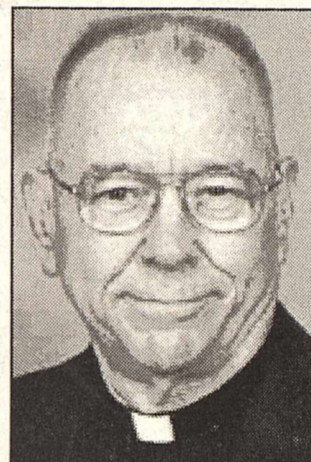
### Loyce Camille Campbell

Loyce Camille Campbell, 78, died Sunday, April 23, 2006, at her residence. Grave-side service will be at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements are by Kerbow

Funeral Home.

Survivors include her son, James Campbell of San Angelo; and brother Leo C. Haggard of Gustine.

### Louis James Droll



The Rev. Louis James Droll, 73, passed away Sunday, April 23, at Padua Place in San Antonio. Droll served the Diocese of San Angelo from March 9, 1968, until his retirement on May 16, 1995. A Rosary was held at Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo at 7 p.m., Wednesday, with Msgr. Fred

Navarskas presiding at the Rosary and Msgr. Benedict Zientek delivering the eulogy.

Fr. Droll's funeral Mass will be held at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, at St. Joseph Church in Rowena. The Most Rev. Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI, Bishop of San Angelo, will be the celebrant; Msgr. Elmer Holtman of Austin will give the homily; and Msgr. Larry Droll will say the closing prayer for the funeral Mass and preside over the burial service. Fr. Droll will be interred in Rowena.

Fr. Droll was born April 3, 1933, in Rowena, to Louis A. and Odelja Droll, both of whom preceded him in death. He is also preceded in death by a brother Victor Droll and a sister-in-law Frances Droll.

Fr. Droll is survived by a sister, Alma Mixon, and her husband, E.C., of Georgetown and children Gerald, JoAnn, Suzanne, Dennis, Timothy, and Exley III; a brother, Daniel Droll and his wife, Kathy, of McAllen, and their children Mary Ellen, David and Dina; and Victor and Frances' children, Maureen and Charles.

While with the Diocese of San Angelo, Fr. Droll was assigned to Sacred Heart Cathedral, San Angelo, as pastor; Sacred Heart, Abilene and St. Joachim, Clyde, assistant pastor; Central Catholic High School and Grade School, Abilene, principal; Holy Angels, San Angelo, associate pastor; St. Joseph's, San Angelo, administrator; St. John's Hospital, San Angelo, chaplain; Catholic Charities, San Angelo, and Social Action, director; St. Therese, Carlsbad, and St. Paschal Mission, Sterling City; Angelo State University, San Angelo, chaplain; St. Margaret, San Angelo, pastor. Fr. Droll also worked served chaplaincies at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Washington D.C.; the Federal Correctional Institute in Texarkana, and at the U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Mo.

Prior to entering the priesthood, Fr. Droll worked for the American Cancer Society in San Angelo. He was educated at St. Joseph's Elementary School, Rowena; Stephen F. Austin High School, Austin; the University of Texas at Austin; St. Mary's Seminary in Houston; Immaculate Conception Seminary, Conception, Mo.; and the University of Texas Graduate School, Austin (Master's in Education).

Pallbearers will be Pallbearers are Gerald Mixon; David, Robert, Montey, Herbert, and Craig Biedermann; and Exley Mixon III.

## Welcome Home.... To First Baptist Church May Ministries/Reminders

- 6<sup>th</sup> Ladies Bible Study
- 7<sup>th</sup> Baptism - a.m.  
VBS Planning - p.m.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day  
Parent - Child Dedication - a.m.  
Prayer Garden Dedication, 2 p.m.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Relay for Life
- 20<sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament  
(Ministerial Alliance Benefit)
- 21<sup>st</sup> High School Seniors Recognition

In May, Pastor presents sermons on the Family!

Coming in June . . . Vacation Bible School, ages 5-9

## Regular Weekly Schedule

- Sundays: 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 10:45 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship
- Wednesdays: 5:45 p.m. Family Night Meal  
6:30 p.m. AWANA Club (3 yrs. - 5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
7:00 p.m. Youth Group - Youth Center  
Adults - Fellowship Hall

## Welcome home!

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### Letter to the Editor

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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 lawyer 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. - To be continued in next week's paper.

The following were received this week:

A memorial for Midge Shurley given by Doris Chadwick.

A memorial for Jay Shurley given by Philip S. Shurley and Beverly Barkley

A generous donation from Mr. and Mrs. James Powell for the Miers Home roof fund.

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 office is 325-387-5084.

There will be a meeting of The Sutton County Historical Society at 12 noon on Wednesday, April 26 at the Sutton County Steakhouse. A financial report will be given by the treasurer and we will be discussing work on the Old Ice House Museum. The public is welcome to attend, and we could use a lot of young people interested in helping do work to build Sutton County a new, large museum that can house many exhibits on local ranching, industries and sports through the years. This will be a dutch treat function.

## SPRINGTIME IN TEXAS

By Tumbleweed Smith

Life seems to begin in he springtime. The earth feels cleansed, blessed again, purged of winter's darkness. We witness the season of hope and renewal. Spring is when you want to get a cane fishing pole and a can of worms and go to the creek, even if you've never done that before. It's when you want to sit and watch a bug for about an hour. Or just stretch out and stare at your shoes. Spring is when you think about going barefooted and wearing fewer clothes. You might even get out that bicycle and take a spin. Or climb a mountain. It makes you feel frisky, like you're three years old and you've just finished taking a bath. You pull out the ice cream freezer and begin to imagine how the fruits of summer will taste. You think about swimming and convertibles and warm, sensuous nights.

No season offers more promise than springtime. And no place shows off its spring wardrobe any better than Texas. When it's springtime in Texas, fields of blue and red and yellow appear and the air is scented with wildflower perfume. The early leaves on mesquite trees are the shade of light green artists find hard to duplicate. Lawns come back to life. The earth warms. The sky boils. The wind howls. Seeing Texas in the spring is like seeing New England in the fall. We experience the colors and our lives are enriched. Texas is the birth-

place of spring. Flowers are arranged among the cactus and rocks in natural bouquets.

The silence of the prairie is broken by the piercing sound of birds. Welcome to the spring, they seem to say. And they show off their colors, too. Mocking birds dart about, flashing their white tail feathers from the tops of juniper bushes. Cardinals and cedar waxwings provide a spectacular aerial display. A hawk catches a wind current and glides gracefully over the land.

The miracle of spring is amazing to observe. Even when the winters are mild we still anticipate spring. We want to hear the birds, to feel the sunshine, to experience life outside the house. Spring makes you appreciate the sense of freedom that exists in Texas. The skies open up and exist larger. Texas has more sky than most places, anyway. The 24-hour celestial parade is an event not to be missed in the spring. We awaken to a dawn dressed up in sunrise pink. Later the golden sun illumines the clouds, which become active in mid afternoon and float around and bump each other. At sundown, the sky is streaked with reds and oranges. And darkness brings its own special magic. It's fun to go outside at night, lie on a pallet and look at the stars. If you're lucky you'll see one fall. You might even see a satellite streaking across the heavens. Spring makes you glad to be alive.

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Houston S. Baker  
Steven K. Barthelemy  
Hilton L. Bloodworth  
Desirae N. Boldt  
Mandy I. Brister  
Yasmin Coronado  
Cameron L. Cox  
William A. Crittendon  
Perry S. Draper  
Steven J. Duhon  
Lisa J. Frye  
Boomer Galindo, Jr.  
Hillary D. Lawson  
Candise D. Martin  
Christina S. Martinez  
William M. Martinez

Danielle L. Matthews  
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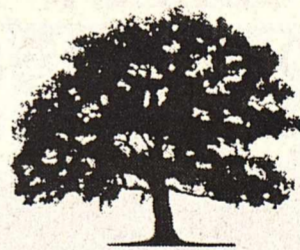
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- Tues. - Toast & jelly
- Wed. - Breakfast pizza
- Thurs. - Banana nut muffin
- Fri. - Scrambled eggs, toast

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- Mon. - Hot dog w/chili, French fries, fruit icee, apple & orange wedges
- Tues. - Oven fried chicken/roll, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, peaches
- Wed. - Beef nachos/cheese, pinto beans, apple, cornbread
- Thurs. - Fish nuggets, ketchup, tossed salad, macaroni & cheese, fruit
- Fri. - Hot ham & cheese sandwich, French fries, ketchup, carrot sticks, fruit cup

A medical and travel expense fund has been set up at First National Bank

**Dennis Lacayo**  
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to offset medical and travel expenses due to an accident he suffered on April 8, 2006

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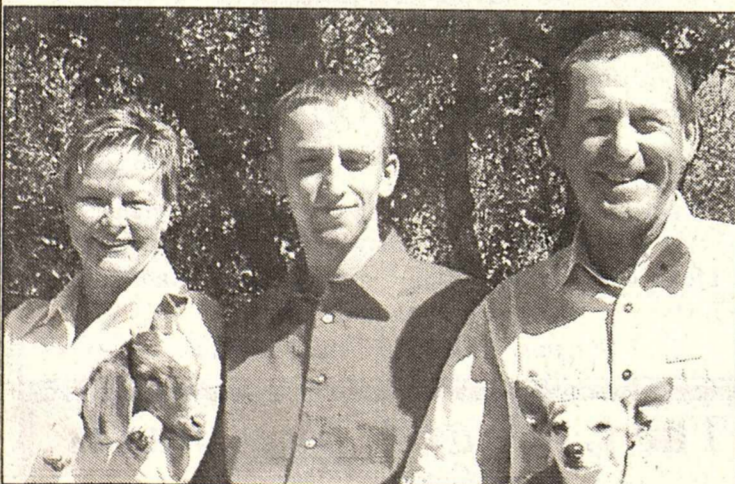
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Sonora ISD Trustee at Large

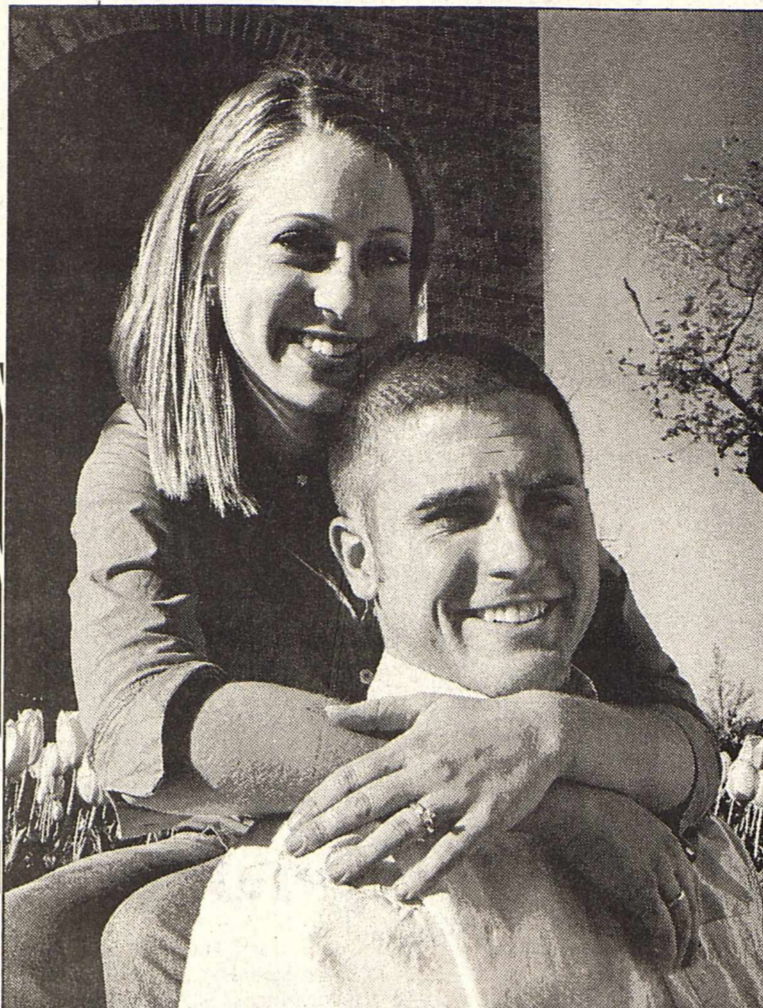


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Early voting May 1-9 @ Administration Bldg.

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**Engagements**

**McManus & Kissko**



*Brenda and John*

The engagement of Brenda Lynn McManus, daughter of Bill McManus III and the late Georgette McManus of Mertzson, to Mr. John Andrew Kissko, son of Mick & Libby Kissko of Wall, is proudly announced by her father. Brenda is the granddaughter of Bill & Judy McManus of San Angelo, and George & Snookie Joseph of Sonora. Johnny is the grandson of Mary Frances Kissko and the late Mike Kissko, both of San Angelo, and William Lyles and Shirley Beth Lyles, both of Mason. Brenda is a 2002 graduate of Irion County High School, and is a candidate for May graduation from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in advertising and a minor in architecture. Johnny is a 2002 graduate of Wall High School, and is a candidate for December graduation from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree with concentrations in math, exercise sports science and secondary education. They will be married on June 10, 2006, at The First Presbyterian Church in San Angelo, Texas.

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By Susan Hall

Sincere gratitude is the feeling most felt after receiving the "Organization of the Year" award at the Chamber of Commerce banquet. Keep Sonora Beautiful is a true partnership among several entities throughout Sonora. We have the City Council behind us with Smith Neal taking part on the Executive Committee, John Wade is our County Commissioner representative, Ann Kay with Friends of Historic Main Street, Max Howorth with Sonora's Industrial Development Corporation, Chief of Police Mike House, Sam Kent with Texas Department of Transportation, plus all the other volunteers that believe in our mission. That mission being to empower the residents of Sonora to take greater responsibility for improving our communities' environment. This will be accomplished through litter prevention, beautification, and community improvement, and the minimization of solid waste. We are very excited and glad that the Community is behind us and we will do all in our power to do a GREAT job to Keep Sonora Beautiful. This Friday is Arbor Day and over 100 trees were purchased with this fund-raiser. The fifth graders will be planting ten Red bud Trees at the Cemetery in the morning. We have a big day planned, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Middle School small gym and then on to planting. Please come out and enjoy the activities with us. We always welcome anyone that has an interest and believes in our mission. We are grateful for such wonderful support!

**Up On Eaton Hill**

**Bonnets & Birds in Hues of Blue**

By Delyse Jaeger

Easter lingers and spring is in full swing with the usual suspects making their annual debuts: up from the ground (He Arose)... and... in the sky (Lord in the Sky).

Presenting for your delight are the following: blue-bonnets, Indian blankets, larkspur, scissortail flycatchers, vermilion flycatchers, hummingbirds, kingbirds, orioles (well a kid'll eat the middle...) buckeye blooms, buttercups, butterflies, butterfingers, yellows, reds, pinks, purples, lions and tigers and bears, Oh My! Not even the lack of rainfall can hold back the force (be with you), of new life. Once upon a time, bluebirds were among the critters that herald springs' arrival in Sonora, making their nests in the near perfect habitat found at the Sonora Golf Course and adding a different type of "color" to the game.

At one time, bluebirds were common in Texas but a series of unfortunate events combined to nearly destroy bluebird populations in our state. Bluebird woes began with the importation of the European house sparrow way back in the 1850's. The aggressive sparrows utilize the same type of nest cavity as do bluebirds and dominated the available homesteads which are often vacated woodpecker abodes. As if the bawdy little sparrows were not insulting enough, further injury was added with the introduction of the larger and even more tyrannical European Starling. The starlings began displacing native woodpeckers resulting in an even greater reduction of available nest cavities for the humble and beautiful bluebird...of happiness fly up your nose. And though we may tire of carrying the burden, human progress also took a toll on available bluebird habitat through the loss of family farms and the harvesting of old growth forests.

Seven consecutive years of harsh winters delivered the crowning blow and sealed the regrettable fate of one of our most popular American birds.

In 2001, avid bluebirders across our state joined

together and formed the Texas Bluebird Society. Enthusiasts began working to establish "bluebirds across Texas" through their nestbox program. Today, all three species of bluebirds can be seen in Texas and Bluebird Trails are taking shape throughout the state. Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary just received five nestboxes to place on the hill as well as in other prime bluebird habitat around town. Anyone interested in joining the nestbox monitoring team is encouraged (pleaded) to call Delyse Jaeger at 387-2615. To learn more about bluebirds in Texas visit [www.texasbluebirdsociety.org](http://www.texasbluebirdsociety.org) or attend the North American Bluebird Society Annual Conference, "Red, White & Bluebirds" to be held this weekend in San Antonio and hosted by the Texas Bluebird Society. For more information, visit [www.nabs2006.org](http://www.nabs2006.org). Hit the trails!



**CHAMBER EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Thursday, May 4:**  
Sutton County Transportation Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Bank & Trust

**Saturday & Sunday, May 6 & 7:**  
Cinco de Mayo Celebration and Sutton Co. Car Expo, Sutton County Park

**Thursday, May 11:**  
Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting, noon, Chamber office

**Friday & Saturday, May 19 & 20:** Relay for Life, 8:00 p.m., Bronco Stadium

**Blue Bird Conservation**

"Red, White, & Bluebirds" coming to San Antonio in April! The NORTH AMERICAN BLUEBIRD SOCIETY (NABS), spearheaded what many conservationists believe is the most successful campaign in conservation history to reverse the decline of a species. In April this year, The Texas Bluebird Society will host the North American Bluebird Society Convention in San Antonio, Texas. The name of the convention is "Red, White & Bluebirds." It will honor and promote bluebird and other native cavity-nesting species including Ivory-billed Wood-

pecker and Chimney Swifts. The event will feature Texas Hill Country field trips (birds, bats, natural history, popular tourist attractions), presentations, workshops, and special events with an accent on Mexican free-tailed bats. Speakers include David Luneau, "The King of Natural Cavities: The Ivory-billed Woodpecker"; Dr. Gary McCracken, "Bats Attack Insects Over Texas...Billions Perish!!!"; June Osborne, "Treasures of the Texas Hill Country"; and, Keith Kridler, "Bluebird Tales of Texas."

**LADY BRONCOS REMAIN UNDEFEATED**

Submitted by Tryon Fields

The Lady Bronco Softball team closed out District 2-2A play last week against the Lady Eagles from Junction. Sonora carried a Number 6 State Ranking into this game with Junction, as well as an undefeated record. For 3 innings, a pitchers duel ensued between Sonora's Meghan Krieg and Junction's Molly Carpenter. In the top of the fourth, Sonora's Brandy Neff would draw a walk, advance to third on balls put into play by Jaimee Duran and Jessica Snyder. Kayla Fields would drive Neff in with a single down the third base line. In the top of the fifth, Meghan Krieg would get the ball rolling with a blast over the right field fence. Krieg's home run would be followed by Heather Hughes drawing a base on balls, a single by Azeneth Villanueva, a two run RBI double by Jaimee Duran, and an RBI single by Jessica Snyder to put the Lady Broncos up by a score of 5 to 0. Sonora would add two more in the top of the sixth. Krieg would get aboard on a Junction fielding error, and Heather Hughes would single to left. Krieg would score on a passed ball by the catcher. Jaimee Duran's infield single would score Hughes to give Sonora a 7 to 0 advantage. The Lady Eagles would put a run on the board in the bottom of the sixth to make the final score Sonora 7 - Junction 1. Meghan Krieg would be the pitcher of record as she would go the distance and face 26 Lady Eagles. Krieg would give up the 1 run off of two hits, strike out 13 and issue 1 walk. Defensively, Jamie Duran, Heather Hughes, Kimble Luna, Kayla Fields, and Azeneth Villanueva kept the Lady Eagles at bay when they were able to put the ball into play.

With this win, the Lady Broncos now have attained a record of 18 wins and 0 losses. Being the District 2-2A Champions, Sonora will receive a first round bye in the play-offs. They will, however, play a warm-up game against Clyde on Friday in San Angelo at 5:30 p.m. The game will be played at the Central High School Softball Field. Their first play-off game will be against the winner of the Colorado City / Coleman game. This Area Round game will be played next week with time and place yet to be decided. Make plans now to attend the game on Friday. Come out and support the Lady Broncos as they begin the play-offs and their quest for a trip to the State Tournament.

**Sonora Students Excel in UIL**

Submitted

The One-Act play advanced from regional competition on Friday, April 21. They will be competing in the state 2A One-Act Play Contest in Austin on May 5. The first session begins at 4:00 p.m. and the second session begins at 7:30 p.m. We do not know our order yet. The tickets for each session are \$10 each. Anyone needing tickets will need to contact Stacy Sanchez.

At the regional contests, Kayla Fields was named Best Actress; Nick Favala and Nash Traylor were named to the All-Star Cast.

Also, the regional UIL Contest was held in Abilene on Saturday, April 22. Embre Smith placed first in Computer Applications and third in Accounting. Both places qualify him for the state UIL Contest. Mackenzie Perez placed second in Informative Speaking and will compete in the state contest. McKenzie Watkins placed fourth in Informative Speaking which makes her the alternate to state. The speech team tied for second place over all with Early High School. The state UIL Contest will be held in Austin on May 4-6.



The cast of the State Bound One Act Play

**JV Broncos Defeat JV Eagles 11 to 9**

Submitted by Ray Glasscock

In the bottom of the fourth, JT Downing tripled to right center. However, he was not able to score and the JV Broncos held a one run lead 7 to 6.

In the bottom of the fifth and six, they added to 4 runs to their lead. Tanner James singled. Travis Valiant had a two run double along with an inside the park home run that also scored two runs.



Kimble Luna Makes the Tag - Photo courtesy of Robert Higdon

**Broncos Clip The Eagles 9 to 4**

Submitted by Ray Glasscock

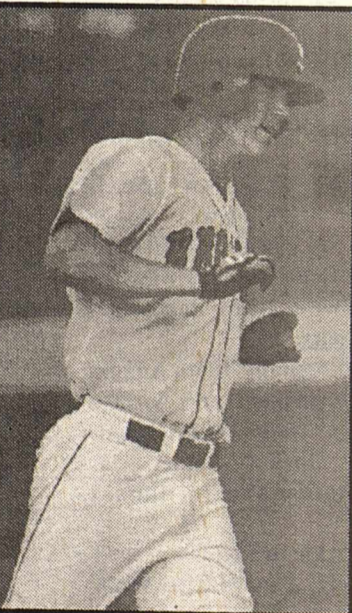
With two outs in the bottom of the first, pitcher Lito Trevino singled. DH Martin Gonzales doubled to right center moving both players into scoring position. Steven Duhon brought them home with a double of his own. Not to be outdone, Embre Smith stroked a home run down the left field line. The Broncos led 4 to 0 and would never trail in the game.

In the bottom of the fifth, Duhon reached first on a throwing error. Gonzales faked a bunt and Duhon safely stole second base. Gonzales hit a hard liner between short and third and Duhon scored easily from second. When Smith distracted the Eagle catcher by swinging at a strike, Martin moved to second on the passed ball. Smith drove in his third run of the game with another hit to the outfield. Smith moved to second when Evan Rousselot's slow grounder to second was mishandled. Roland Solis moved the runners with a sacrifice fly. The Eagle pitcher loaded the bases when he hit Cullen Parker in the back. Parker never rubbed it. The Eagle pitcher stopped the bleeding with an inning ending strike out.

Chris Perez got it started in the sixth with a single. Duhon took one for the team as the Eagle pitcher hit him squarely in the middle of the back. RBI Gonzales' single scored Perez from second. Smith avoided being hit and walked to load the bases. Duhon was forced out at home on Rousselot's easy grounder. When the Eagle catcher tried for the double play at first, his throwing error allowed Gonzales to score bringing the final score to 9 to 4.

After six solid innings, Trevino was replaced on the mound by Victor Vaquero. The previous night in Mason, Vaquero had trouble finding the strike zone. This was not the case as he had complete control of his pitches. He struck out the first Eagle. The second Eagle drove it deep to left field just out of reach of Trevino. Trevino fielded the ball moving to his left, twirled and fired a strike to cutoff man, Anthony Longoria. Longoria relayed the ball to Perez who made the tag. Eldorado's last hope faded as a slow grounder resulted in an easy out at first.

The Broncos' playoff hopes are barely alive. They must win their last road game against Wall on Tuesday and hope that Junction loses theirs.

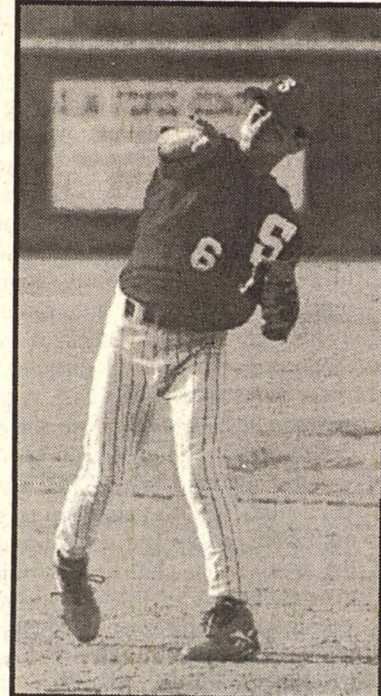


Embre Smith - Two Run Homer

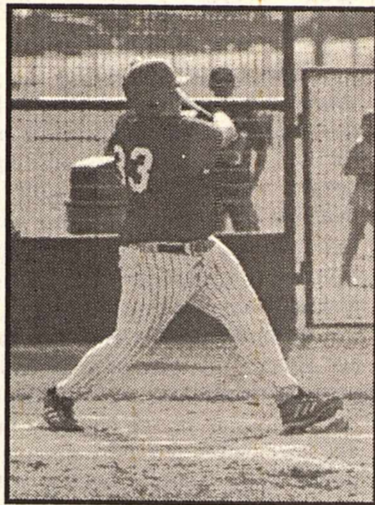


Martin Gonzales - DH

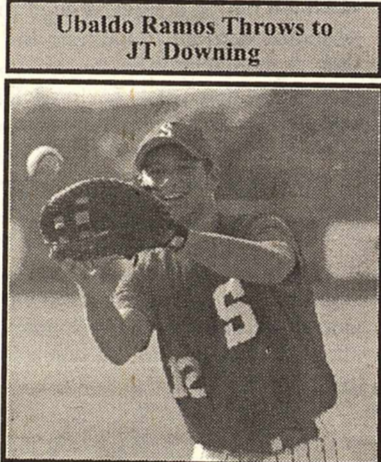
Correction:  
Last week, Cameron Cox should have been listed in the 400m relay and the caption under Nick Favala should have read 800m. We regret these errors.



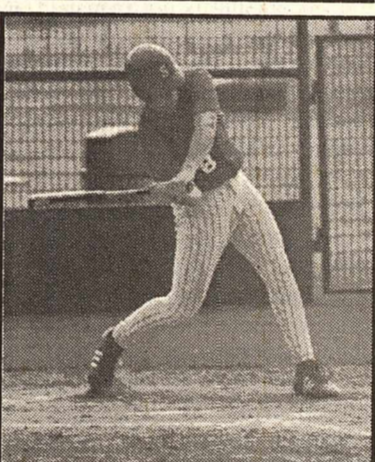
Ubaldo Ramos Throws to JT Downing



Tanner James blasts a single to left field. Travis Valiant clears the bases with an inside the park home run in last Saturday's JV baseball game against Eldorado.



Evan Rousselot Waits For The Pitch



Go Broncos



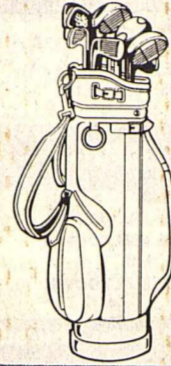
Sonora Golf Club is currently having a **New Membership Drive for the Month of April**

The normal \$100 initiation fee will be waived during this period. Regular dues are \$40 per month plus \$10 per month with cart shed rental.

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	Area Playoff Game	TBD	TBD

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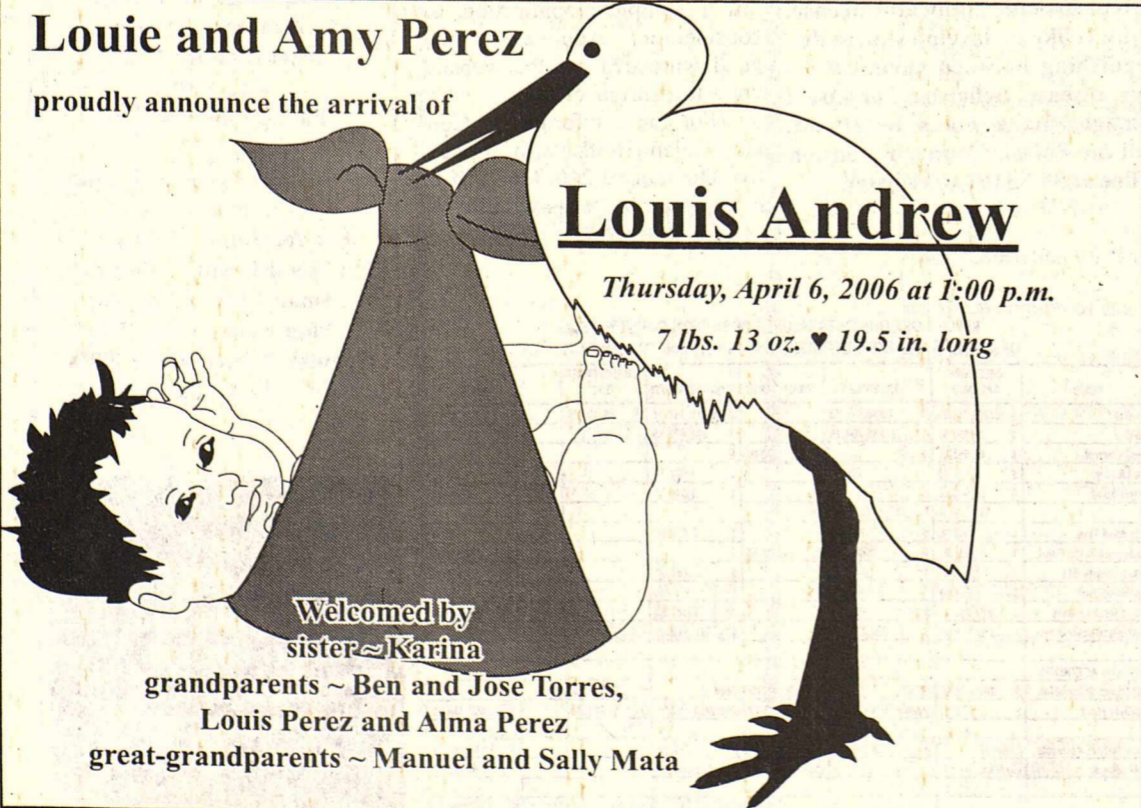
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**Texas Cooperative Extension's Veterinary Camp Sign-up Has Begun**

Writer: Steve Byrns, (325) 653-4576, s-byrns@tamu.edu  
Contact: Pascual Hernandez, (325) 387-3101, p-hernandez@tamu.edu

Texas Cooperative Extension's fourth annual "West Texas Youth Veterinary Science Workshop" is taking applications for this summer's session. This year's workshop will be June 25-29 at the Sutton County 4-H Center in Sonora.

Pascual Hernandez, Extension agent for Sutton County and the workshop's coordinator, said the camp was designed to introduce high school students to veterinary science careers. Instructors will include university and research faculty members, Extension and Texas Animal Health Commission personnel, and veterinarians.

Course topics will include: zoology, the Beef Quality Assurance Program, toxicology, parasitology, anesthesia, anatomy, nutrition, first aid, beef feedlot health management, large and small animal practice, dairy cattle health management, necropsy, and horse medicine. The workshop

will cover classroom study, lab work and field excursions.

The workshop is limited to 30 students, Hernandez said, but participants from throughout Texas are welcome to attend. Participants must be of high school age, have an interest in veterinary science and be willing to work in teams.

"We also need adults to serve as project guides," Hernandez said. "The camp is an excellent opportunity for Extension agents, teachers and volunteer leaders to learn more about this field."

Applications must be submitted to the Extension office in Sutton County by June 2. Participants will be informed of their acceptance by June 10.

Individual registration is \$175, due on June 16. In the event of cancellations, refunds will be offered in full until June 20. The fee is non-refundable after June 20.

For more information, call the Extension office in Sutton County at (325) 387-3101.

**Using Key Plants To Determine Pasture Rotation**

livestock that you are managing to graze no more than 50 percent of the key species. By not overgrazing your key species, the remaining forages are much less likely to be overgrazed, and pasture productivity is easier to sustain.

It's easier to talk about using no more than 50 percent of a particular grass than doing it. The most practical method is to locate a key area in every pasture. A key area contains the key species, has a high amount of available forage, average topography relative to the whole pasture, and the grazing distribution of livestock is not biased by distance to water (too close or too far). A key area should also not be close to feeders, mineral or salting locations.

It's not hard to find key areas in pastures, but it's important to get out of the pickup and walk through the area so that you can determine the grazing use of the key species. You'll get a different perspective by looking down on the grass than from looking across the grass. For most tall native grasses, a good rule of thumb is to graze them no lower than 6 to 8 inches in the growing season and then rotate pastures. Key tall grass species should be allowed to recover to a height of 10-14 inches before first frost. If your key species is a shorter grass such as Sideoats Grama, rotate pastures during the growing season when the grazed stubble is no lower than 4 inches. Generally, short grasses should be allowed to recover to a height of six to eight inches prior to first frost.

The concept of key species and key areas is a proven grazing management tool that has been used for many years. It is also one of the easiest monitoring methods available. Use the spring wisely by learning your plants and utilizing this simple method.

By Steve Byrns, (325) 653-4576, s-byrns@tamu.edu  
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BROWNWOOD - Texas Cooperative Extension's 28th annual "Heart of Texas Cow/Calf Clinic" is set for May 4 in the Brown County Fairgrounds Home Economics Building. The facility is located on U.S. Highway 377 South.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the program starts at 9. "The Cow/Calf Clinic is for anyone in the beef cattle business," said Scott Anderson, Extension agent in Brown County.

"Each year we work to produce a program that's practical for cattle raisers," he said. "This year's main topic is feeding. Cattle are still bringing good money, but trying to figure out what to feed them to keep them in good shape without losing all your profit to feed bills is becoming more interesting."

Topics and speakers include:

**Amistad Strikes Gold with Budweiser ShareLunker 400**

By Larry Hodge, larry.hodge@ppwd.state.tx.us

ATHENS, Texas -- Jason Baird hit the jackpot Feb. 28 when he caught Budweiser ShareLunker No. 400, a 13.1-pound largemouth bass worth \$5,240 in cash.

Now the huge fish is paying dividends for everyone who fishes Lake Amistad. On April 18 ShareLunker 400 produced 46,678 eggs, the most produced by a ShareLunker in a single spawn in the program's 20-year history.

The fry from that spawn, along with the big fish herself, will be returned to Lake Amistad in a few weeks.

"This is an outstanding example of why the Budweiser ShareLunker program has been so successful in improving the genetics of largemouth bass in Texas reservoirs," said Allen Forshage, director of the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens, home to the program. "In the wild, the fish would have spawned with an unpedigreed male. Here at TFFC, we pair the ShareLunker females with males that are themselves descendants of ShareLunkers

on both the male and female sides. We are concentrating the genes that make these big fish special. The ultimate winners in this program are the anglers of Texas, who will be catching these genetically superior fish in the future."

Forshage also emphasized that returning ShareLunkers to the lakes where they were caught is an important part of the program. "Returning the fish to their home lakes gives other anglers a chance to catch them as well as allowing the fish to continue to spawn in the wild in the future," he said. "Plus, everything we know about genetics indicates that the offspring of the ShareLunkers have an increased probability of growing to a trophy size. Taking the big fish out of the lake temporarily allows us to improve the quality of fishing in that lake permanently."

In addition to the usual prizes of a Budweiser ShareLunker jacket and a fiberglass replica of the number 400 fish, Jason Baird will receive a cash award of \$400 per pound of fish and a G.Loomis rod with Shimano reel valued at a total of \$600. Prizes will be funded by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation, Anheuser-Busch and G.Loomis.

**Cow/Calf Clinic Set for May 4th**

Local Youth Selected to Participate in Wildlife Leadership Camp

Submitted

Mark Holman, Kallie Humphrey, and Spencer Hall, all are from Sutton County, will participate in the Texas Brigade program this summer. They were selected based on their academic records, interest in wildlife and natural resources, and leadership abilities.

The Texas Brigades' mission is to empower high school youth with the necessary skills and knowledge in wildlife and fisheries, habitat conservation, land and water stewardship, team-building, communication, and leadership to become ambassadors for conservation in order to ensure a sustained wildlife and fisheries legacy for future generations. This is the 14th year of the Brigades.

There are six Brigade camps being held this summer; two Buckskin Brigades, two Bobwhite Brigades, the Feathered Forces, and the Bass Brigade!

There are some openings still available for qualified applicants. Participants must be between 13 and 17 years of age and submit a complete application for consideration. Applications may be downloaded off the website, www.texasbrigades.org.

For more information Contact Helen Holdsworth, Executive Director, at 210-826-2904 or h\_holdsworth@texas-wildlife.org

"Beef Cattle Body Condition," Dr. Bruce Carpenter, Extension livestock specialist, Fort Stockton; "What Will We Be Feeding Cows?," Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension economist, San Angelo; and "Herbicides to Control Poultry and Brush," Bob Capps, DOW AgroSciences Central Texas representative, Mason.

The clinic is sponsored by the Extension offices in Brown, Comanche, Coleman, Callahan, Mills, McCulloch and San Saba counties. Individual registration is \$5 before May 1 and \$10 thereafter. The fee includes a catered lunch.

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units for pesticide applicators will be offered.

For further information, contact the Extension office in Brown County at (325) 646-0386.

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- Thin Ewes -.40-.48
- Bucks -.30-.50
- Solid Mouth Ewes - no sale
- Ewe & Lamb Pairs - no sale/hd.

**Goats:**

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- Solid Mouth Angora Stocker Nannies -.55-.65
- Stocker Angora Muttons -.65-.75
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REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS  
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FUND	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	TRANSFER IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERRED OUT	BALANCE
General	\$ 2,444,841.23	\$ 2,354,971.63	\$ -	\$ 1,010,386.74	\$ 26,200.00	\$ 3,767,226.12
FMFC	\$ 25,592.85	\$ 536,704.26	\$ -	\$ 198,497.16	\$ -	\$ 363,800.05
Flood Control	\$ 10,843.89	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,043.89
Law Library	\$ 5,472.23	\$ 936.34	\$ -	\$ 1,966.50	\$ -	\$ 4,442.07
Lateral Road	\$ 12,490.61	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,815.59	\$ -	\$ 10,675.02
State Road Fees	\$ 1,002.00	\$ 990.00	\$ -	\$ 1,002.00	\$ -	\$ 990.00
Employee Benefit Fund	\$ 170,318.61	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 204,318.61
Sutton County 911	\$ 7,135.41	\$ 1,147.92	\$ -	\$ 1,282.87	\$ -	\$ 7,000.46
Appellate Fund	\$ 131.68	\$ 240.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 371.90
Sheriff Seizure Fund	\$ 470,911.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,047.86	\$ -	\$ 469,864.01
Courthouse Renovation	\$ 170,270.90	\$ 221,219.33	\$ -	\$ 245,519.29	\$ -	\$ 145,970.94
						TOTAL \$ 4,986,780.54
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNTS</b>						
Courthouse Renovation	\$ 145,970.94	FMFC	\$ 119,028.79	General	\$ 310,513.22	\$ -
Appellate Fund	\$ 371.90	Sutton County 911	\$ 7,070.46	Sheriff Seizure	\$ 19,881.68	\$ 602,786.59
Money Market Accounts	General	\$ 3,689,222.29	FMFC Fund	\$ 244,771.26	\$ -	\$ 3,933,993.55
CD Accounts	General	\$ 450,000.00	Seizure	\$ 450,000.00	\$ -	\$ 450,000.00
						TOTAL \$ 4,986,780.54

## Oil & Gas

### Rig Locations as of April, 21



**SUTTON**

1 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9548' Duke Wilson -173- #15 DW Patterson Drilling/A 704 04/28/06 Assigned  
 New 2 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9000' Duke Wilson -173- #11 DW Patterson Drilling/A 704 04/15/06 7 Drlg Ahead  
 3 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8950' Whitehead -10- #2 DW Patterson Drilling/A 39 04/15/06 7 Drlg Ahead  
 New 4 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8950' Mayer -20a- #4 DW Patterson Drilling/A 122 04/25/06 Assigned  
 New 5 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8900' Whitehead -1- #2 DW Patterson Drilling/A 39 04/25/06 Assigned  
 6 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8875' Mayer -3b- #10x DW Patterson Drilling/A 122 04/13/06 9 Drlg Ahead  
 7 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8800' Mayfield -41- #12 DW Patterson Drilling/A 120 04/14/06 8 Drlg Ahead  
 New 8 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8750' Mayfield -40- #20 DW Patterson Drilling/A 120 04/25/06 Assigned  
 New 9 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8400' Simmons Ranch #90 DW Patterson Drilling/A 105 04/16/06 6 Drlg Ahead  
 New 10 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8300' Edwin S Mayer Jr -S- #6 DW Patterson Drilling/A 108 04/25/06 Assigned  
 11 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8275' Edwin S Hill-Mayer Jr -F- #5 DW Patterson Drilling/A 108 04/11/06 11 Drlg Ahead  
 New 12 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7850' Shurley -148- #9 DW Patterson Drilling/A 40 04/20/06 2 Drlg Ahead  
 New 13 Kcs Resources/Tulsa 7850' Sawyer -145- #17 DW Patterson Drilling/A 102 04/20/06 2 Drlg Ahead  
 New 14 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7800' Shurley -165- #10 DW Patterson Drilling/A 40 04/25/06 Assigned  
 New 15 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7800' Mack Cauthorn -130- #14 DW Patterson Drilling/A 161 04/25/06 Assigned  
 New 16 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7150' Deberry Heirs #11 DW Patterson Drilling/A 115 04/18/06 4 Drlg Ahead  
 New 17 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7150' Deberry Heirs #12 DW Patterson Drilling/A 115 04/27/06 Assigned  
 New 18 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7000' H C Epps -38- #9 DW Patterson Drilling/A 161 04/15/06 7 Drlg Ahead  
 New 19 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6850' Ward #62 DW Patterson Drilling/A 105 04/28/06 Assigned  
 New 20 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6850' Shurley -123- #26 DW Patterson Drilling/A 107 04/18/06 4 Drlg Ahead  
 New 21 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6650' Ben Mittel #10 DW Patterson Drilling/A 742 04/20/06 2 Drlg Ahead  
 New 22 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6400' Reed -100- #21 DW Patterson Drilling/A 107 04/25/06 Assigned  
 New 23 Range Production Co 5000' W A Miers #19 DW Patterson Drilling/A 109 04/19/06 3 Drlg Ahead

**CROCKETT**

New 1 Exl Petroleum Lp 10300' University Sarah #2501 Dw Lariat Services/ode 22 05/01/06 Rigging Up  
 New 2 Approach Operating 9000' Bailey #118 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 347 04/19/06 3 Drlg Ahead  
 New 3 Approach Operating 9000' J W Childress -b- #3501 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 353 04/19/06 3 Drlg Ahead  
 New 4 Approach Operating 9000' Bailey #315 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 710 04/14/06 8 Drlg Ahead  
 New 5 Anadarko E & P 8900' Davidson -5- #9 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 38 04/14/06 8 Drlg Ahead  
 New 6 Ozark Exploration 8300' Joe Bean -d- #2-32 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 42 04/13/06 9 Drlg Ahead  
 New 7 Bluegrass Energy Inc 7000' Simpson Canyon -103- Unit #2 Dw Adobe Drilling Mustan 04/18/06 4 Drlg Ahead 866'  
 New 8 Oxy Permian/houston 5600' South Cross Unit #236 Sledge Drilling 1 04/19/06 3 Drlg Ahead  
 New 9 Fiml Natural Res 5500' J M Baggett Jr #8-1c Dw Patterson Drilling/a 721 04/18/06 4 Drlg Ahead  
 10 Mlc Operating 5000' Onyx #1 Dw Adobe Drilling Bronco 04/07/06 15 Drlg Ahead 3840'

**SCHLEICHER**

New 1 Leclair Operating 8000' Menzies #1 Ft Heart Land Drilling 3 04/16/06 6 Drlg Ahead  
 New 2 Pogo Producing Co 6900' West -78- Unit #4 Ft Heart Land Drilling 2 04/09/06 13 Drlg Ahead

**VAL VERDE**

1 Devon 16800' Jarrett-Farmer -4- #1 DW Nabors Drilling (O) 56 09/01/05 233 Drlg Ahead  
 2 Gruy Petroleum 15500' Phillip Arledge #9 DW Grey Wolf Drilling/M 514 04/13/06 9 Drlg Ahead  
 3 Willo Oil & Gas Exp 15200' Mills -16- #1 DW Patterson Drilling/A 169 03/16/06 37 Drlg Ahead  
 4 Patterson 15000' Redd State #1 DW Patterson Drilling/H 19 11/27/05 146 Drlg Ahead  
 5 Conocophillips/Odes 11100' Cauthorn -F- #5 DW Patterson Uti/Lv 481 04/16/06 6 Drlg Ahead

**EDWARDS**

1 Newfield 14000' Whitehead #4802 DW Patterson Drilling/A 471 04/11/06 11 Drlg Ahead  
 2 Pxp Texas Inc 10500' Wardlaw #1 H DW Nabors Drilling (O) 24 03/31/06 22 Drlg Ahead  
 3 Newfield 10000' Wittenburg #3601 DW Patterson Drilling/A 118 04/30/06 Assigned  
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## State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling

### AUSTIN - The 79th Texas Legislature convened for its third special session on April 17.

The House began its work by splitting the tax reform plan crafted for Gov. Rick Perry by former state comptroller John Sharp and the 24-member Texas Tax Reform Commission into four separate pieces of legislation.

On an 8-1 vote, the House Ways & Means committee approved the first of those four bills, House Bill 1, by Reps. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, and co-sponsors Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands, and Dan Branch, R-Dallas. Rep. Mike Villareal, D-San Antonio, vice chairman of Ways & Means, cast the only vote against the bill. Villareal represents rich and poor school districts. He said the legislation widens the gap between rich and poor school districts in funding per student.

What the bill does, mainly HB 1 buys down school district property taxes 17 cents to \$1.33 in the current year. An amended version of the bill contains a self-enrichment provision, letting local school districts conduct elections to add an extra 3 cents to the tax rate.

### Perry-Sharp Plan Wins Support of San Antonio Chamber, LULAC

Submitted

Gov. Rick Perry today announced the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce has endorsed the Perry-Sharp school finance and property tax cut plan with a unanimous executive committee vote; the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) also added its voice to the long list of groups that support the plan. "I am pleased that the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, which speaks for 3,000 San Antonio-area businesses, has endorsed our plan to provide Texans \$6 billion in property tax relief and a reliable source of funding for our schools," Perry said. "Today the Chamber and LULAC join the chorus of organizations sending a clear message to the legislature: pass this fair, forward-looking tax plan because it provides immediate property tax relief and promotes continued economic growth into the future." In its statement of support, the San Antonio Chamber pointed out that the Perry-Sharp tax plan treats all sectors of the business community equitably.

"In my years in public service, I have never before seen a tax relief and reform plan with such overwhelming, bi-partisan support from business and civic communities across Texas. As more Texans speak out, our momentum is growing and the property tax relief Texans deserve is on the near horizon," Perry said. In the past few weeks, more than 60 business and civic organizations have endorsed the Perry-Sharp plan. Other groups who have endorsed the plan include:

- American Forest and Paper Association
- American Electronics Association
- Automotive Parts and Service Association
- Association of Chemical Industry of Texas
- Beer Alliance of Texas
- Consortium of Texas Certified Nurse Midwives
- Educare Community Living Corporation
- Greater Dallas Chamber
- Greater Houston Partnership
- Greater Houston Retailers Association
- Greater Texas Chapter of the Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
- Gulf Coast Geriatric Nurse Practitioners
- Hispanics for Opportunity, Progress and Education
- Home and Land Association of Texas
- Houston Area Chapter of National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
- Non Profits for Tax Fairness - Texas
- Pineywoods Economic Partnership
- Private Providers of Texas
- Texans Investing in Healthy Families
- Texas Airline Association
- Texas Apartment Association
- Texas Association for Home Care
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- Texas College of Emergency Medicine
- Texas Council of Engineering Companies
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- Texas Daily Newspaper Association
- Texas Dental Association
- Texas Economic Development Council
- Texas Farm Bureau
- Texas Federation of Drug Stores
- Texas Forest Industries Council
- Texas Health Care Association
- Texas Hospital Association
- Texas League of United Latin American Citizens
- Texas Medical Association
- Texas Motor Transportation Association
- Texas Nurse Practitioners
- Texas Occupational Therapy Association
- Texas Oil & Gas Association
- Texas Optometric Association
- Texas Orthopedic Association
- Texas Pharmacy Association
- Texas Press Association
- Texas Restaurant Association
- Texas School Alliance
- Texas Society of Professional Engineers
- Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians
- Texas State Association of Firefighters
- Texas Taxpayers and Research Association
- Texas Trial Lawyers Association
- Wholesale Beer Distributors of Texas

This buy down is supposed to give school districts "meaningful discretion" in setting tax rates. Chisum said his bill would satisfy the Texas Supreme Court order issued last fall that required the Legislature to meet in special session.

### What to do with 'surplus'

However, with news from the state comptroller's office that the state budget surplus is \$8.2 billion rather than the \$4.3 billion reported earlier, the governor and others suggested using some of that money to buy down school property taxes much more: as low as 90 cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property.

Advocacy groups for teachers and the poor argued that the state budget surplus is a phantom because of the longterm lag in teacher pay, inadequately funded health programs and a host of other needs. Others complained that HB 1 exacerbates the lack of equity in school funding, so the cost-per-student gap between rich districts and poor districts widens.

### Full House to consider HB1

The amended version of HB 1 now moves to the full House for consideration.

Meanwhile, Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, offered SB 1, her version of school finance reform. It includes a \$2,000 raise for teachers. But as concerns about teacher pay and the condition of public education in Texas pour in, the governor's

office is holding fast to its story, that until Gov. Perry changes his mind, the special session is only about one thing: lowering the tax rate.

### Cigarette tax phase-in OK'd

House Ways & Means also approved a cigarette tax to help offset the cut in the property taxes.

Under the Perry-Sharp plan, the tax was a full dollar above the present tax of 41 cents per pack.

The committee instead adopted legislation by Rep. Peggy Hamric, R-Houston, phasing in a cigarette tax to increase by 55 cents after Sept. 1 and by another 25 cents in each of the two following years.

### Committee OKs business tax

House Ways & Means also passed a business activity tax that would capture revenue from corporations - primarily legal and medical practices - that have legally avoided paying the franchise tax in the past.

A taxable entity would get to choose the least costly of two methods: one, based on a firm's total revenue with deductions for either the cost of employees' salaries and benefits; or another, based on production and manufacturing costs. The tax rate would be 1 percent for most businesses and 0.5 percent for retailers and wholesalers.

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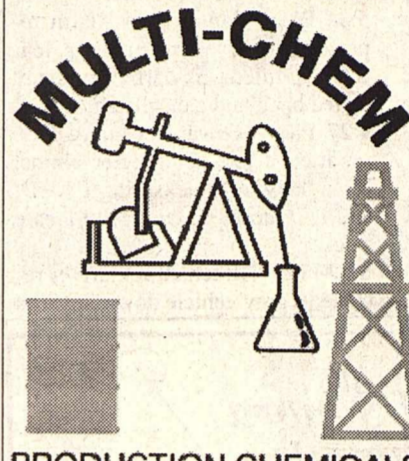
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## County Dispatcher Report

**April 16, 2006**

6:30 PM - Subject reported a speeding black Toyota Corolla, westbound on IH-10 about the 385 MM. DPS notified.

5:45 PM - Lady reported a large truck speeding at the 381 MM, eastbound. DPS notified.

5:27 PM - Male subject reported a dead animal at Mecu draw on 277-S. S.O. notified

2:30 PM - Subject requested an ambulance at 118 W. Oak Street, his grandmother collapsed. EMS notified. Transferred to San Angelo by ambulance.

9:03 AM - Trucker reported a female lying on the road at the 399 - 400 MM of IH-10.

S.O. notified. Female with mental problems, husband picked her up.

**April 17, 2006**

2:00 PM - Subject requested assistance with his vehicle, needed water approximately 6 miles West on IH-10. Wrecker notified.

2:01 PM - Subject called to reference vehicles in river at Allison Park. Game Warden notified.

4:01 PM - Deputy, Lubbock County, coming down on Wednesday to pick up inmate. Jail notified.

**April 18, 2006**

11:16 AM - Subject called battery dead - needing jump start, wrecker notified.

2:02 PM - Hospital called to page ambulance for transfer to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. EMS notified.

**April 19, 2006**

10:07 AM - Deputy, Lubbock County enroute to pick up inmate. Jail notified.

10:49 AM - Mental Health Clinic

to speak with Sheriff reference inmate.

12:27 PM - Subject called reference suspicious vehicle at County Park. S. O. notified.

Everything OK.

3:03 PM - Subject called reference Bar B Q pit left unattended at Taqueria. P.D. notified. Employees were cooking.

7:49 PM - Motorist reported couple in a black sports car fighting. Female is walking west bound on SCR 3130, and male is following in car. DPS and Game Warden notified.

Unable to locate.

8:00 PM - Female subject reported keys locked in vehicle with motor running. S.O. notified.

**April 20, 2006**

8:59 AM - Motorist reported deer hung in fence. S.O. notified. Deer shot.

12:45 PM - Motorist reported wreck at 432 MM of IH-10. DPS notified.

12:51 PM - Motorist reported wreck at 432 MM of IH-10. Advised units enroute.

4:44 PM - Junction P.D. reported a beige Jeep drove off without paying for \$41.67 worth of gas. S. O. notified. Unable to locate.

5:34 PM - San Angelo Alarm reported burglary alarm on Loop 467. S.O. notified. Alarm company called back and cancelled alarm.

7:27 PM - Edwards County S.O. reported a red 18 wheeler almost hit a lady in Rocksprings. P.D. and S.O. notified. Unable to locate truck.

8:59 PM - Nibletts truck driver reported a gray vehicle down Caverns

Road with two males standing outside and a female in the trunk. S.O. notified. Female was not in truck, looking at large stereo speaker in trunk.

**April 20, 2006**

10:36 AM - Tom Green County S.O. requesting release date for inmate. Subject not in jail.

10:01 PM - Motorist report hit deer near Baker Road on IH-10, need a wrecker. Wrecker notified. S.O. notified.

11:03 PM - Motorist reported possible drunk driver in white pickup pulling trailer, east bound on IH-10. S.O. notified and Kimble County notified.

**April 21, 2006**

8:19 PM - Motorist reported a black calf out at intersection of RR 864 and RR 2596. Calf put up.

9:42 PM - Lady reported two suspicious vehicles in alley behind her residence. S.O. notified. Unable to locate.

**April 22, 2006**

2:46 AM - Motorist called 911 and reported wreck at Caverns' exit. EMS, S.O. and DPS notified.

2:46 AM - Motorist called 911 reported wreck at Caverns Road and IH-10. Units notified.

2:52 AM - Motorist called 911 and reported wreck at 391 MM of IH-10. Car totaled and on its side. Advised units are enroute.

11:06 AM - Hospital called for transfer to Shannon ER. EMS notified.

12:15 AM - Motorist called 911 and reported one vehicle rollover, 3 miles N. on Hwy. 277. No injuries. S.O. and DPS notified.

10:18 PM - Hospital called for

transfer to Shannon ER. EMS notified.

**April 23, 2006**

12:14 AM - San Antonio P.D. called reference subject being detained. Please hold - subject is off his meds, family will be enroute to pick him up. S.O. notified. Family picked subject up.

12:27 AM - Female in Ozona called reference her daughter not at her grandmother's here in Sonora, with subject at residence here in Sonora. Please pick her up. Mother will be enroute to get her. S. O. notified. Mother picked daughter up.

11:36 AM - Subject reported kid on scooters in Loma Alta. S.O. notified.

2:03 PM - Female reported two bulls out on Bond Road. Will need help putting them back in pasture. S.O. notified. Bulls put up.

10:23 PM - Female reported she had a blowout on vehicle, has her daughter and 10 month old baby. S.O. notified. Changed tire.

**April 24, 2006**

10:06 AM - All units P. D., S.O. EMS, Fire & Rescue participated in Shattered Dreams Program at High School.

10:59 AM - Doctors office called reference to a dog bite. S.O. notified. Report made.

1:33 PM - Insurance company called needing copy of accident report on 4-16-2006. DPS notified.

4:01 PM - Received two 911 calls reference to a vehicle on fire at the 386 MM of IH-10. No injuries. SVFD and S.O. notified.

## Flylady & The Dinner Diva



### Junk Food Clutter

by *The Dinner Diva, Leanne Ely*

Believe it or not, there is such a thing as food clutter. This is the stuff that truly does not qualify as food, but instead is an artificial coloring, flavoring or some kind of chemical additive that will preserve or influence the manufactured food. This food clutter is also known as junk food, but I prefer to call it food clutter because clutter is like litter you just want to get rid of it.

Now more than ever, nutritional nightmares abound on grocery store shelves. Products that are manipulated to hook us into food addictions take us hostage daily. It simply does not have to be like that. I tell you what, you implement these simple rules, and you will no longer be victimized by the food industry again: read the food labels of each and every product you buy.

SKIP anything with an additive you can't pronounce or don't know what it is. Watch too, for food dyes. Did you know that Red No.3 (a dye allowed in foods) is also used as a pesticide for spraying on manure piles to kill maggots? (Source: EPA) Think about it: why would you want your child drinking an electrolyte replacement drink that looks like toilet cleaner? Do you REALLY want that kind of dangerous clutter in your food? These additives, fake colorings and flavorings are the food industry's weapons of mass destruction - true chemical warfare. Say NO to this food because it is not food!

Keep it simple: eat real food, skip the icky mixes that you substitute with water, partially hydrogenated and hydrogenated oils, and all that garbage. You know what food looks like. You'll find it in the produce section, the meat counter, and some fairly inexpensive dried beans, whole grains and breads on your grocers shelves. Read the labels, strap on a whole new mindset of awareness and get rid of the junk. The results will astound you. You will see your children's behavior improve, your own moods even out and your grocery bill decrease as junk food is expensive.

We need to be reminded that we are feeding souls not filling holes. Your children's tummies can't be filled like a hole in the plaster. They need honest nutrition that will help them grow, learn and become all that God intends them to be. They can't begin to reach their potential if they are under nourished (with real nutrients) and over fed (with junk). Think about your car. You'd NEVER intentionally put less than decent fuel in it or you might damage the engine. Why would you do that to yourself or your family? You can always replace your car, but those faces across the dinner table are irreplaceable.

## City of Sonora Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sonora promotes historic preservation initiatives to encourage and support community efforts for historic preservation and enjoyment of the area's rich cultural history, beautiful natural assets, and western heritage;

WHEREAS, the goals are a greater shared knowledge about Sutton County's past; strengthened regional identities and local pride; increased local participation in preserving the community's irreplaceable cultural and natural heritage assets, and support for the economic vitality of our communities;

WHEREAS, the City of Sonora is an historic Texas Main Street City, recognized by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as an accredited national Main Street Program for the past seven years; contains many historic resources and rich cultural heritage, and has demonstrated a commitment to the protection of the community's heritage and the development of heritage tourism;

WHEREAS, the month of May is dedicated to recognizing the value of our rich western heritage; we would like to acknowledge the outstanding restoration project that has been completed by Sutton County on the 1891 Sutton County Courthouse;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City of Sonora City Council does, by the adoption of this proclamation, bestow its unanimous support, congratulations and acknowledgement to the Sutton County Commissioners Court and to Sutton County Judge Carla Garner upon the outstanding completion of the restoration project of our community's 1891 Sutton County Courthouse; we further proclaim the month of May Preservation Month for Sonora, Texas in celebration of this job well done.

PASSED AND APPROVED THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2006

MAYOR: Gloria Lopez

ATTEST: Patti Prather City Secretary

DATE: 4/18/06

## Texas Bat Country Welcomes Back the Bats

The Devil's Sinkhole Society is holding an Open House Saturday April the 29th to celebrate the return of the migratory Free-tailed bats to Bat Country in general and to the Devil's Sinkhole in particular. There will be refreshments and T-Shirt door prizes from 10 am to 4 pm at the Visitors Center on the Court House Square. There will be information on all the bat sites in Bat Country.

The Mexican Free-tailed bat spends its winters south of the border and returns to Texas and other Southern States in the spring. In Texas, especially this area of South Texas, there are many caves that the bats like to inhabit during the summer. The Mexican Free-tailed Bats may live in your bat box but they prefer to live in colonies of millions in large caves. There are a number of these caves and sometimes bridges, where the public can view the massive evening exodus of the bats. Each site is unique and provides a different experience for the viewer. Here are some of the better-known sites:

Congress Avenue Bridge-Austin

[www.batcon.org](http://www.batcon.org)

Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area-Rocksprings

[www.devilssinkholetx.com](http://www.devilssinkholetx.com)

Eckert James River Bat Cave Preserve-Mason

[www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org)

Frio Bat Cave-Concan

[www.hillcountryadventures.com](http://www.hillcountryadventures.com)

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## National Volunteer Week-April 23-29, 2006

Volunteers Make a Difference Every Day!

The Senior Center would like to show appreciation, recognize, acknowledge, honor, salute and say a "Big Thank You" on behalf of Seniors at the Center to the following Volunteers who helped donate, & deliver meals to our homebound seniors: VOLUNTEERS are-Nell Wallace, Pam Armke, Melissa Teaff, Charlotte Wilson, Jack & Billie Moore, Teresa Zurita, Sandy Gandar, Maura Weingart, Joyce Hearn, Sandy Espinosa, Kathleen Freeman, Kelly Thorp, Linda Burge, Maggie Mesa, Jesus Hernandez, Beto Duran, Estella Sanchez, Olivia Longoria, Maria Carrasco, Sally Salazar, Wanda Neville, Debra Brown, Kayla Garcia, Iris Garza, City Bunch-Nonemi Samaniego, Gloria Noriega, Sue Moore, Jim Polonis, HSTE (Nursing) Class of Sonora w/Ida Castilleja, RN, helper-Cheryl Lock, Nikki Fierro, Julia Lugo, Julie Villanueva, Michelle Hernandez, Lisa Frye, Shea Trecco, Hillary Lawson, Yasmin Coronado, Candise Martin, Felicia Castillo, Holly Trevino, Maricela Moreno, the staff@center-Juanita, Lilia, Lisa, Hilda, Angie & Victoria. Thanks for caring & making a difference in our Community!

I hope we didn't forget anyone-if we did let us know so we can put your name on our list-call 387-5657 or 387-3941 or come by the Senior Center if you would like to Volunteer @ our Center!

## Art Exhibit Features Sonora's Youth

Submitted

An exhibit, featuring young artists of Sonora, was held April 20, 2006 at the Chateau Studio. Following a year of instruction, these students worked diligently to get their pieces ready to exhibit.

More than 60 people turned out to see the work of these talented young artists. For those who were unable to attend, you will have an opportunity to see the monochromatic paintings on display at First National Bank for the next two weeks

Exhibitors were:

Kindergarten and First Grade (Charcoal on white paper): Kenley Young, Emmy Phillips, Sky Jennings, Carter Zook, Trinity Zook, Samantha Castro, Savannah Castro.

Second, Third and Fourth Grade (Charcoal on toned paper heightened with white): Sydney Dermody, Sydney Burnham, Sierra Samaniego, Joni Casey, Chanel Martinez, Jeremy Doran, Stratton Rushing, Garrett Jaeger, Jomyra Ramirez.

Fifth and Sixth Grade (Monochromatic paintings): Marci Parks, Hunter Jennings, Sierra Barber, Abby Creek, Kevin Buitron. (Pictured below.)



The Devil's River



## Methamphetamine

What you should know to protect Sonora's kids and families from this nation wide epidemic

**Who:** A program sponsored by Sutton County Child Welfare Board and Texas Cooperative Extension

**What:** An educational presentation on methamphetamine by David Parnell, a recovering "meth" addict. David travels the country sharing his story of struggle and triumph over this horrific drug.

**When:** Three presentations will be given on May 10, 2006.

- 9:00 AM: High School
- 2:55 PM: Middle School
- \*6:30 PM: Community Presentation and Panel Discussion at the Sutton County Civic Center

\*Community presentation is opened to all Counselors, Medical Personnel, School Representatives, Parents, and Concerned Citizens. Following the presentation a panel discussion will be presented by Eric Sanchez, ADACCV, Executive Director and Martha Saucedo, Community Education Specialist

For more info contact Noemi Samaniego, SCCWB Chairperson @ 325-387-2558 or Amy Davenport, SCCWB member @ 325-387-2414

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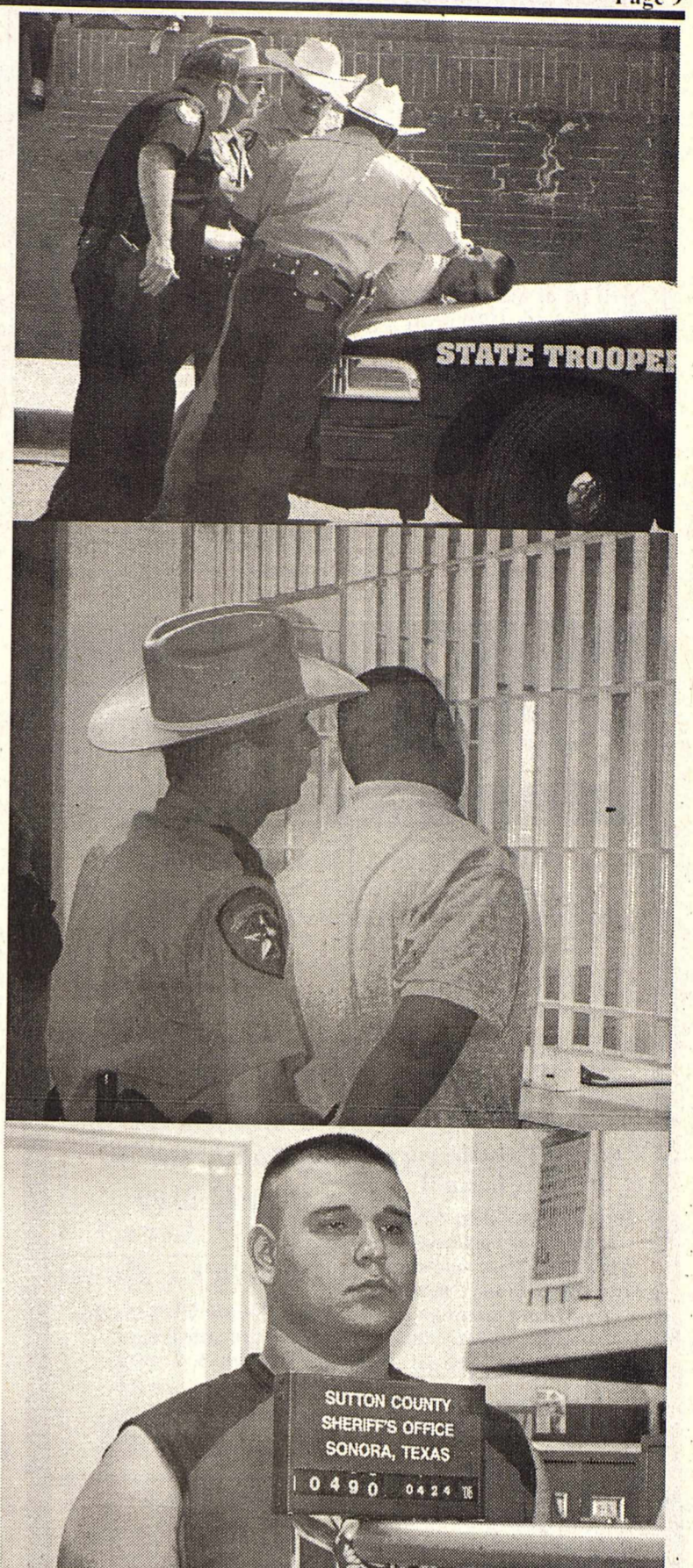
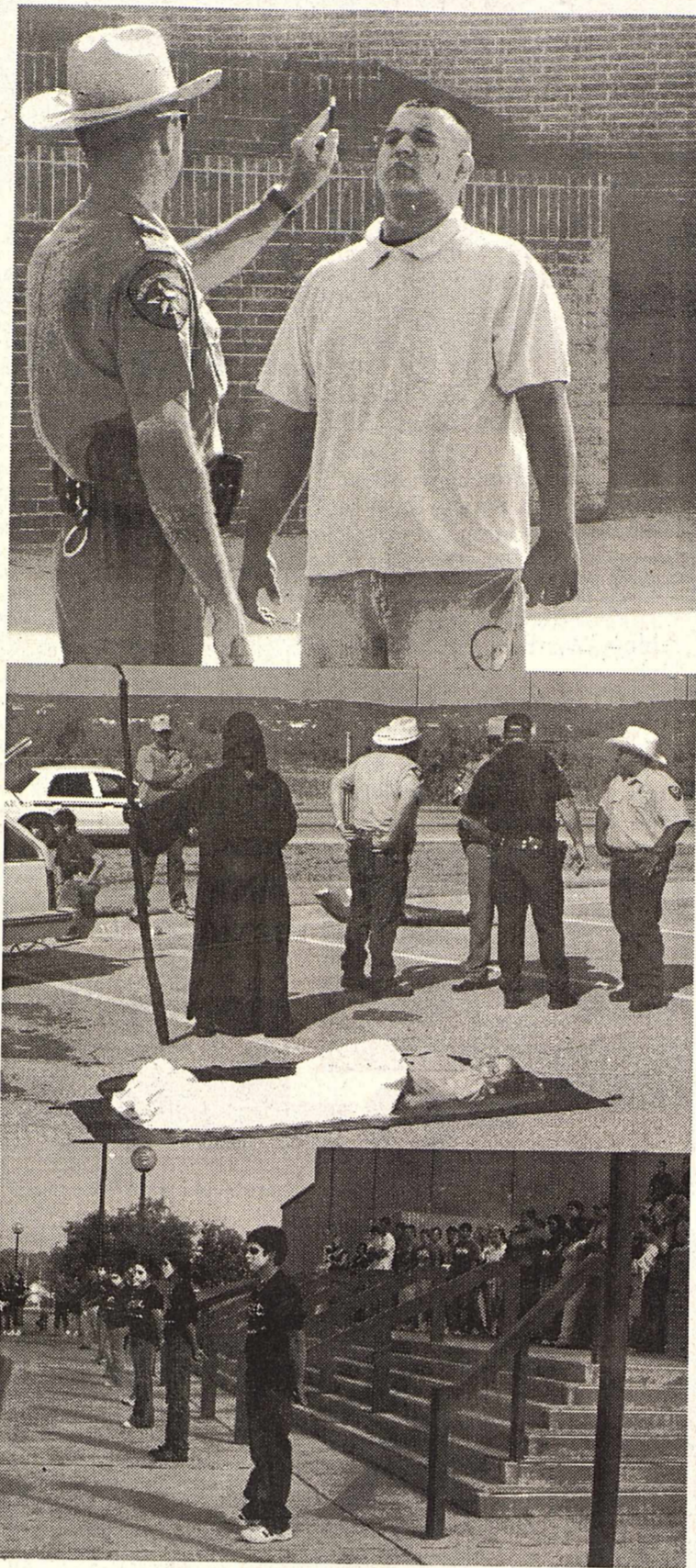
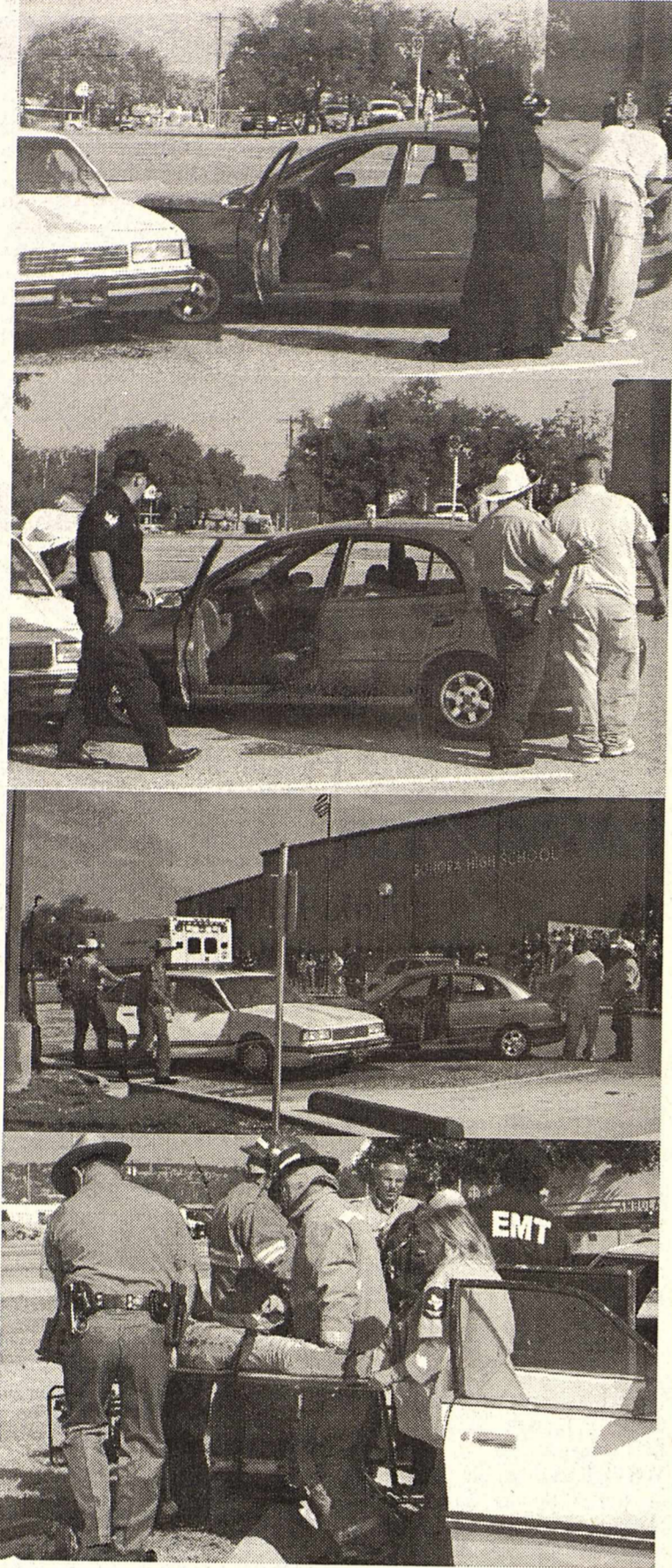
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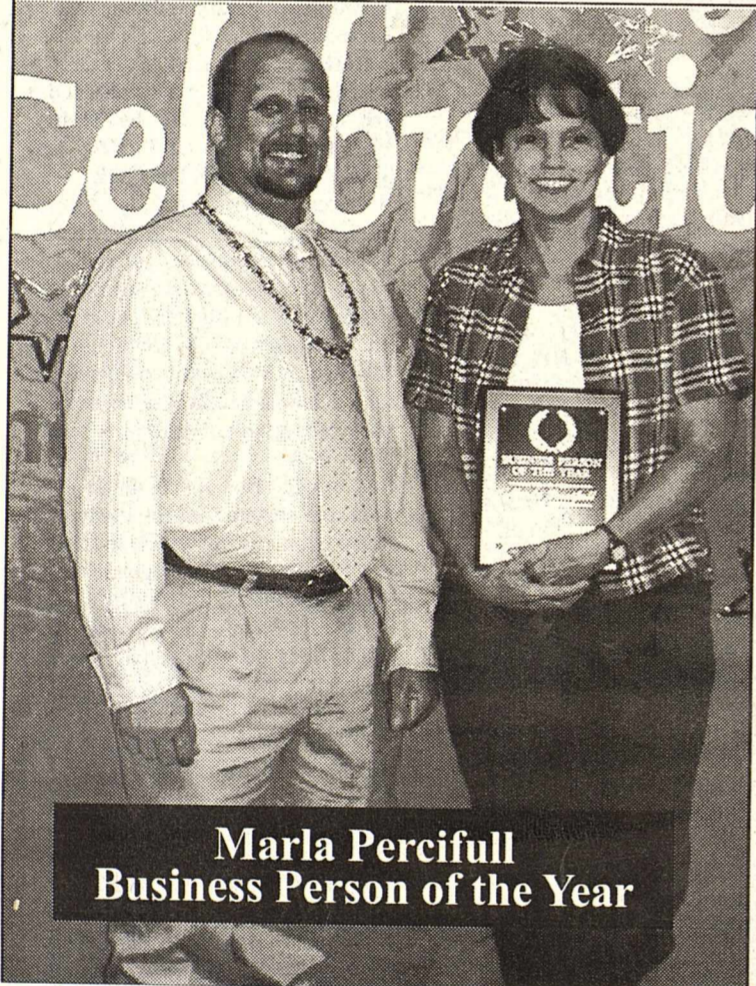
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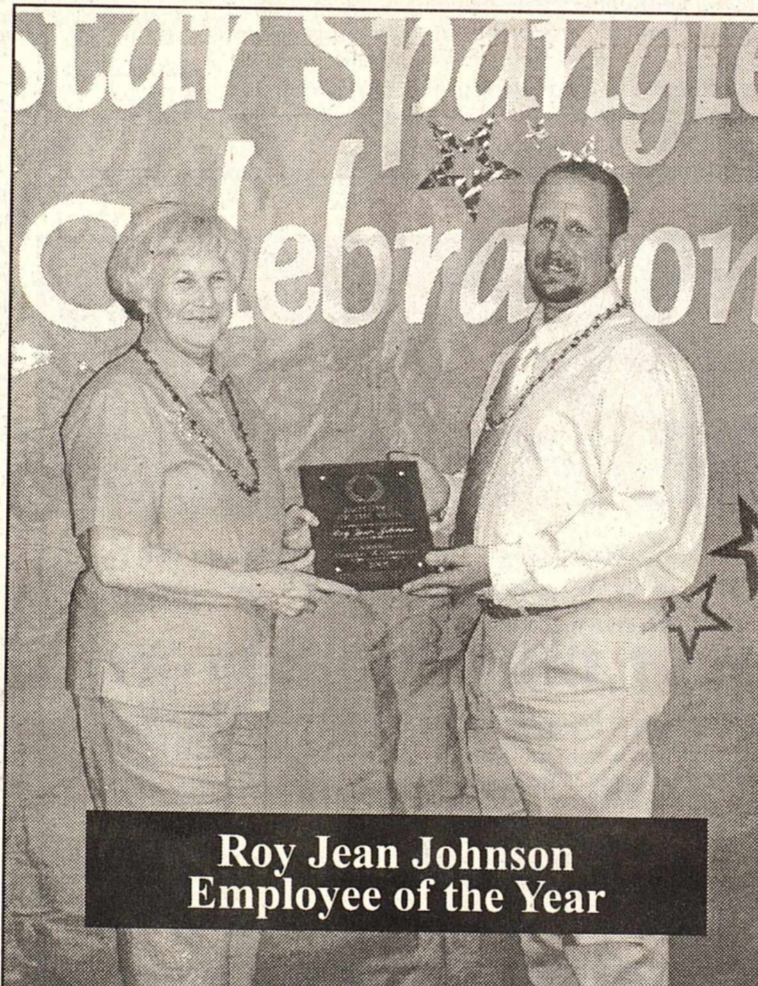
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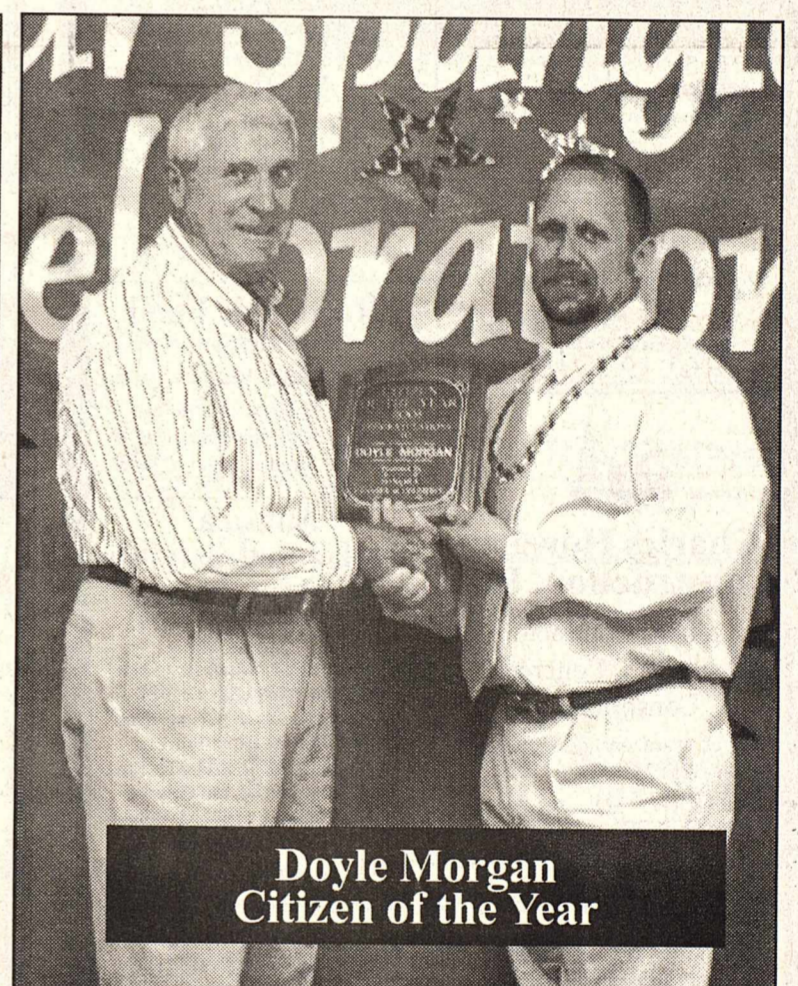
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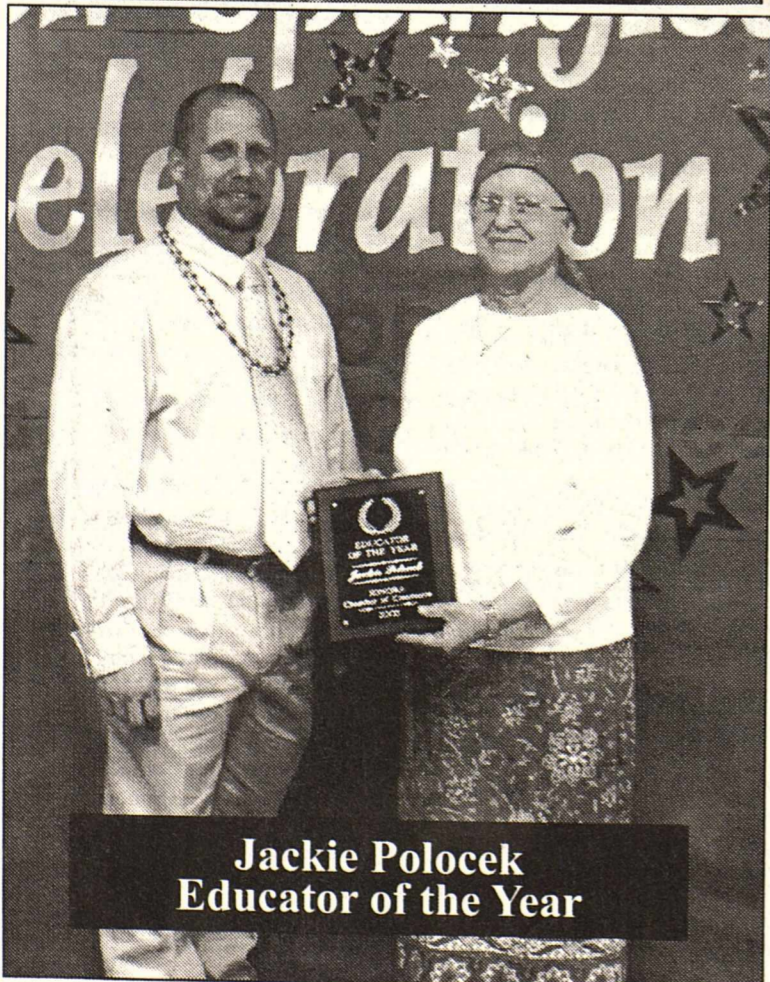
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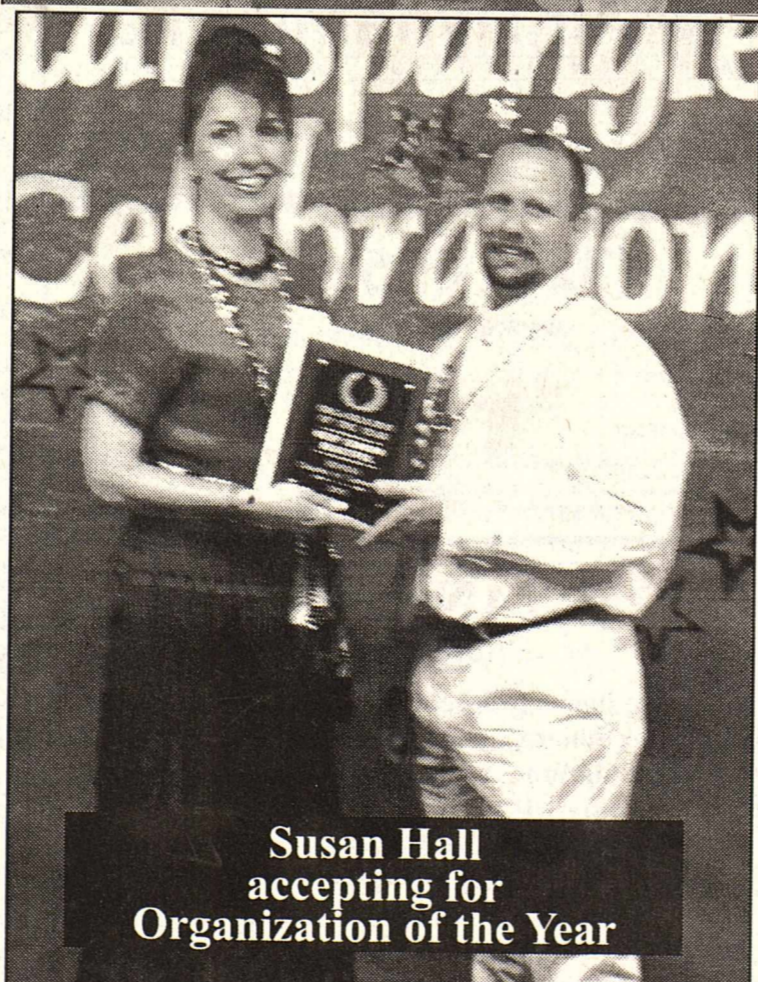
**Roy Jean Johnson**  
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**Doyle Morgan**  
Citizen of the Year



**Jackie Polocek**  
Educator of the Year



**Susan Hall**  
accepting for  
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**Tommy Whitehead**  
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- April 27**  
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- April 28**  
Tom Lock, Joe Michael Campos, Jr., Meredith Earwood, Debra Martinez, Kameryn O'Brien, Hector Mendez, Storie Sharp
- April 29**  
Angela Crittendon, Chang Hernandez, Eric Geske, Max Reyes, Abel McGee, Carla Harper, Jacob Narciso Lira, Candise Perez
- April 30**  
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**Public Notice**

Code, the presiding judge and at least two election clerks from City Hall, Ward 1 shall also serve as the early Voting Ballot Board to count the ballots received in Early Voting by Personal appearance and Early Voting by Mail.

**Duly Passed and Approved** by the City Council of the City of Sonora, Texas, Sutton County, State of Texas, on this 21 day of March, 2006.

APPROVED:  
Gloria G. Lopez, Mayor  
Attest:  
Patti Prather, City Secretary

**Public Notice**

LA ORDEN DE LA CITA PARA LA ELECCION DE LOS JUECES, ALTERNAS, Y LOS LUGARES DE LA VOTACION.

UNA RESOLUCION DE EL CONSILIO DE LA CIUDAD DE SONORA, TEJAS, CONDADO DE SUTTON, DEL ESTADO DE TEJAS DE AUTORIZAR EL USE DE VOTANTE ACTIVO DE DIEBOLD ACCUVOTE-T SISTEMA RECIPROCO DE TOQUE-PANTALLA, QUE DESIGNA A LOS OFICIALES DE LA ELECCION, Y QUE SENALA LOS LUGARES DE LA VOTACION EL 13 DE MAYO, 2006, PARA LA ELECCION DEL CONSILIO DE LA CIUDAD; PONIENDO LA TASA DE PAGO PARA LOS OFICIALES DE LA ELECCION, EL NUMERO MAXIMO DE LOS EMPLEADOS DE LA ELECCION, Y DE LA DESIGNACION DE LA MESACONSEJERA ELECTORAL TEMPRANA DE LA VOTACION. **MIENTRAS QUE**, el concilio de la ciudad de Sonora, condado de Sutton, de el estado de Tejas, ordeno que una eleccion sera llevada a cabo el sabado, 13 de mayo, 2006 para el proposito de elegir a dos miembros del consilio, uno de la sala 1 y uno de la sala dos, un alcalde, y una proposicion para adoptar un ¼ de un por ciento impuesto de ventas y uso para la conservacion y la reparacion de calles municipales y caminos y; **MIENTRAS QUE**, el ayuntamiento de la ciudad de Sonora por la presente autoriza para el uso en temprano y el dia de las elecciones que vota el diebold accuvote-t sistema reciproco votante-activado de toque-pantalla como aprobado por el Ministro para conformarse con los requisitos de HAVA;

**SECCION 1:** La Ciudad utilizara al votante de Diebold Accuvote-T sistema reciproco activado de toque-pantalla para permitir la accesibilidad a votantes que tienen una incapacidad o la condicion que lo haria dificil o imposible marcar las votaciones en la manera usual y para proporcionar el idioma ayuda a votantes;

**SECCION 2:** Los Jueces de la eleccion que serviran en los lugares de la votacion de tal eleccion sera y por la presente son designados de la siguiente manera:

Sala 1: Passillo de la Ciudad  
Juez de la eleccion: Charlotte Higdon

Alterna a el Juez: Rosemary Perez

Sala 2: Centro Mayor  
Juez de la eleccion: Terri Johnson

Alterna a el Juez: Mary Barron

**SECCION 3:** De acuerdo con la seccion 32.091 del codigo de la eleccion de Tejas, los empleados seran pagados en el indice de \$8.00 por hora, y los jueces de la eleccion recibirán \$10.00 por hora mas \$25.00 adicionales para entregar expedientes, las cajas de balota, las llaves de la caja de balota y los suministros no usados despues da la eleccion.

**SECCION 4:** Habra un minimo a un maximo de tres empleados en cada lugar e la votacion, segun lo necesitado. El juez alterno de la eleccion servira como uno de los empleados, proporcionado el juez de la eleccion adjunto designado esta disponible para conducir la eleccion.

**SECCION 5:** De acuerdo con la seccion 87.004 de el codigo de la eleccion de Tejas, el juez de presidencia y por lo menos dos empleados de la eleccion del pasillo de la ciudad, sala 1, tambien serviran como mesa consejera electoral temprana de la votacion para contar las balotas recibidas en votaciones tempranas por aparicion personal y votaciones tempranas por aparicion personal y votaciones tempranas por correo.

**Debido pasado y aprobado** por el consilio de la ciudad de Sonora, Tejas, condado Sutton, estado de Tejas, en este dia 21 De Marzo, 2006

Aprovado:  
Gloria G. Lopez, Alcalde  
Atestiguar:  
Patti Prather  
Secretaria de la Ciudad

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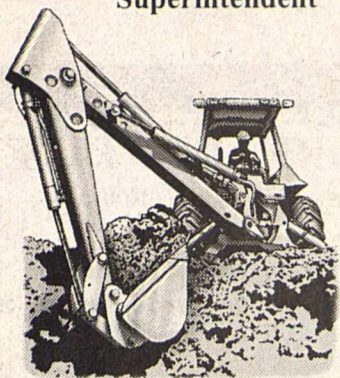
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### Taxing Complexity



By Congressman Henry Bonilla

Did you file a tax return this year? If you receive a pay check, you better have. How long did it take you to read all the forms, fill in the forms, and compute what you owe or are owed?

The 1040 form is one of the most commonly used forms used to file taxes by taxpayers who need to report items such as interest and dividend income, itemized deductions, and capital gains. It is estimated that it takes the average taxpayer using these forms 37.8 hours when using a computer and tax preparation software. Even if you are using the so-called "short" form, you need to allot at least 12 hours using your computer. The self-employed and small business owners spend approximately 80 hours on average to complete their taxes.

In 2005, the 1040 instruction manual was 142 pages long - more than triple its length from 1975 and 71 times larger than in 1935 when it was only 2 pages in length. If you are still baffled and need further instruction, the Internal Revenue

Service (IRS) now prints more than 1,000 publications to help clarify your uncertainty. Due to this complex, intimidating tax process, more and more taxpayers are turning to professional services to prepare their taxes for them. Starting in 1977, the law required tax professionals to sign returns they were paid to prepare. Today, over 60% of returns are prepared by a professional. When you add in returns prepared by either a tax professional or by using a computer, the statistic climbs to more than 90%.

The cost of filing your taxes has increased over the years and is creating a financial burden for many filers. A survey conducted by the National Society of Accountants found that the cost of using a tax professional to file the simplest 1040 would be \$110 and climbs to \$201 when you add in itemized deductions.

Many Americans hire a professional tax preparer because they are simply flabbergasted by the amount of paperwork associated with the filing process. In 1995, Congress passed the Paperwork Reduction Act in an attempt to reduce this burden. However, since this law was enacted, this burden has increased by more than 20%. Several laws

have been passed in Congress to reduce the financial burden for middle class taxpayers such as the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, and more recently the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 despite these efforts. The Tax Foundation estimates that in 2005 individuals, businesses and non-profits will spend over 6 billion hours complying with the federal income tax.

American taxpayers deserve a fairer, simpler tax system. Therefore, I believe that we should abolish the IRS as we know it. Americans now face the highest tax burden since World War II. I strongly support a reduction in tax rates to ease this burden on taxpayers.

A fundamental reform of our tax policy is severely needed to strengthen not only our national economy, but to strengthen the future of America's families. By simplifying the tax process, less Americans would run afoul of the IRS, fewer would suffer undue tax burdens and a more fair and balanced system would be in place. Families in Texas should not have to pay so much of their hard earned money in taxes or be hassled by a burdensome tax code. You deserve to keep more of what you earn. After all, it is your money.

### F.Y.I.

9th Annual College Scholarship Tournament - April 29th - Sonora Golf Course - 3 person team - \$100.00; 4 person team - \$150.00; 5 person team - \$200.00 - Tee time: 1:00 p.m.

Brisket Dinner  
Thursday, May 4th @ 6:00pm  
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Live music entertainment  
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An educational presentation on methamphetamine by David Parnell, a recovering "meth" addict, will be held at the following locations. Presentations will be given on May 10, 2006:

9:00 AM: High School  
2:55 PM: Middle School  
6:30 PM: Community presentation and panel discussion at the Sutton County Civic Center

T&C Relay for Life team is selling Coke products by the case. 24/20 oz. drinks for \$17.00. Contact Lisa Galindo @ 387-3438 or 206-0187.

Sutton County Days/Outlaw Pro Rodeo Association will have a membership meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at the Sutton County Arena Complex.

The Bank and Trust will be sponsoring the Cinco de Mayo Parade, which will be held May 6, 2006. Registration forms can be picked up at the Bank. For more information contact the bank and Trust at 387-2593.

Dominion E & P is raffling a Toshiba Satellite Laptop this year to raise money for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event on May 19th and 20th. The laptop is on display in the receptionist office at Dominion and there are flyers posted around town. Tickets are \$1.00/ticket or 6 tickets/\$5.00. For more information or to buy your tickets, contact Brandi Kuykendall or Christi Gayanich at 325-387-3588.

Sonora City League is interested in contracting Umpire services for the 2006 Baseball/Softball Major League Season. Anyone interested in submitting an application please contact Lynn Hinsley at 325-650-2223 or email: Lynn.Hinsley@dvn.com

WANTED: Cancer Survivors  
If you would like to participate in the 2006 Relay For Life Survivors' Celebration, which will be held on May 19th, please call: Noemi Samaniego @ 387-2558 x 301 or 387-3029.

First National Bank is still collecting cell phones and ink jet cartridges as a Relay For Life fundraiser. Collection boxes are located at the First National Bank, Devil's River News, Stirrup Trouble Salon and the Chamber of Commerce.

Days Inn/Steakhouse/Comfort Inn Relay For Life Team is selling purple ribbon car magnets to raise money for Cancer Awareness/Relay. Large = \$5 and Small \$3. Come by any of the locations to pick one up and show your support!

Al-Anon Meetings - 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays - L.M. Hudspeth (old part) cafeteria.

Sonora High School Yearbook Staff needs JV Basketball photos. If there is anyone in the community who would like to share the pictures with the Yearbook Staff, please contact Eric Craig at 206-1568 or email eric.craig@sonoraids.net

Dominion E & P's 1st Annual Volleyball Tournament benefiting The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life co-ed teams of 4-8 people needed (no entry fee) games will start at 10:00 p.m. Friday, May 19th, run all night through Saturday, May 20th during the event. deadline will be at the start of 1st game Contact Brandi Kuykendall @ 325-387-3588 x. 7310 or Christi Gayanich @ 325-387-3588 x. 7221

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