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Daylight Saving
Time Begins
March 11, 2012



Students of
the Week



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Not For Sale



By Dusty Padilla

Last Monday the Lighthouse Community Church of Sonora TX played host to The Wrecking and the Not for Sale Tour. They shared a message about human trafficking around the world. It was one that nobody should take lightly.

I think we get so relaxed in our ways that we think there is nothing really wrong with the world. This couldn't be further from the truth. I think what we really do is stuff all

the bad things we see in that little compartment of our brain titled "Do Not Open" and try our best to not think about it. Though we live in a little community we are surrounded by an area that could possible play host to human trafficking. I'm sure you are asking yourself "what does it have to do with me?" Well it has a lot to do with all of us. It's sad to think that after years and years of fighting for human rights there are still people in this world that get sold and bought for slavery. This slavery can consist of anything from everyday house work to prostitution. What is even more frightening is the fact that there is no age limit or specific gender. They talked about families selling their youngest because they couldn't afford to feed the entire family. Imagine selling your son or daughter to some man or woman for a few hours at \$30 or more. I'm sure that would never happen here in the greatest country in the world...right? The truth is it does happen. 30 Million People (let me say that again) 30 Million People are "slaves" as we speak. Human Trafficking is the second highest grossing criminal activity with the first being the Drug Industry. I can't sit here and break down the intricate web that is "human trafficking" because there are so many variables involved from within. It's not just about people being kidnapped or sold. It's also about the business and

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A Tribute to the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department



By: Donna Garrett

It's that time again for the Sonora Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet. This year the chamber will be paying tribute to the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department for all their hard work and dedication to Sonora and Sutton County, especially during the drought conditions we have been enduring recently. The Sutton County Outlaw Pro Rodeo Committee will also be making a special presentation. This committee held a benefit roping for the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department and will be giving the proceeds to them at the banquet.

Save the date on your calendar, MARCH 22, 2012, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. Come out for an evening of fun and good food and see who the lucky winners are this year from a great list of nominees.

La Mexicana Restaurant and Cantina will set up a cash bar if you would like to have an adult beverage with your meal. The banquet is a time to stop and honor those wonderful citizens that are the movers and shakers for Sonora.

The board of directors selects a nominating committee comprised of at least 3 board of directors and 3 chamber members to come up with a slate of candidates in each of the following categories; Citizen of the Year, Employee of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Educator of the Year and Organization of the Year. The ballot is then mailed to all chamber members in good standing for a chance to vote, and the winners are kept a secret until the night of the banquet. Well almost a secret, the families of the winners are notified in time to gather information.

Tickets are available at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce office for \$15 per ticket or \$120 for a table of 8. So call now and reserve your table and don't miss out on this fun evening. For more information you can call the office at 325-387-2880. Please check the chamber's new website at www.sonoratexas.org for all upcoming events and be sure and register to receive the monthly newsletter.

Here is the ballot for those who have not seen it and are not chamber members.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce 2012 Award Ballot

Citizen of the Year:

- Cliff Brister
- Susan Hall
- Max Howorth
- Doug & Suzanne Huddleston
- Chris Roque

Business Person of the Year:

- Jorge Huerta - Air Solutions
- Brad Hughes - Jet Specialty & Supply
- Bob Malone - First National Bank
- Hout Nhek - Snowflake Donuts
- Justin Mathews - Mathews Processing & World Class Taxidermy
- Anthony Mungia - Mungia's Southwest Heating & Cooling

Educator of the Year (church, school, day care, etc)

- Sharon Creek - Sonora ISD; 1st Grade Teacher
- Pascual Hernandez - Sutton County Extension Service Agent & 4H Coordinator
- Wheles Miller - Sonora ISD; Dyslexia Teacher/Reading Intervention
- Kelly Owen - Sunday school teacher, Home School Teacher & Young Believers Teacher
- Rachel Yourgalite - Sonora ISD; 5th Grade Teacher

Employee of the Year:

- Diana Arteaga - Physician's Assistant @ Dr. Charles Pajestka, M.D.
- Glen Love - Kerbows Funeral Home, Days Inn
- Troy Morgan - United States Postmaster; Sonora, TX
- Bill Sawyer - Caverns of Sonora
- Elizabeth Zapata - Sonora Elementary & Intermediate School PIEMS

Organization of the Year:

- SISD Wood Shop & Ag. Mechanic Dept. - Cliff McMullan & Michael Kissire Cauthorn Trust
- Eaton Hill Nature Center
- Sonora Lions Club
- Sutton County Friends of NRA
- Viva Sonora

The Chamber offers two different memberships, a business membership for \$120 per year or an individual membership \$60 per year. We welcome anyone to become a part of the chamber. If you would like to become a member or would like more information stop by our office at 205 Hwy 277 N. in Sonora or give us a call at 325-387-2880.

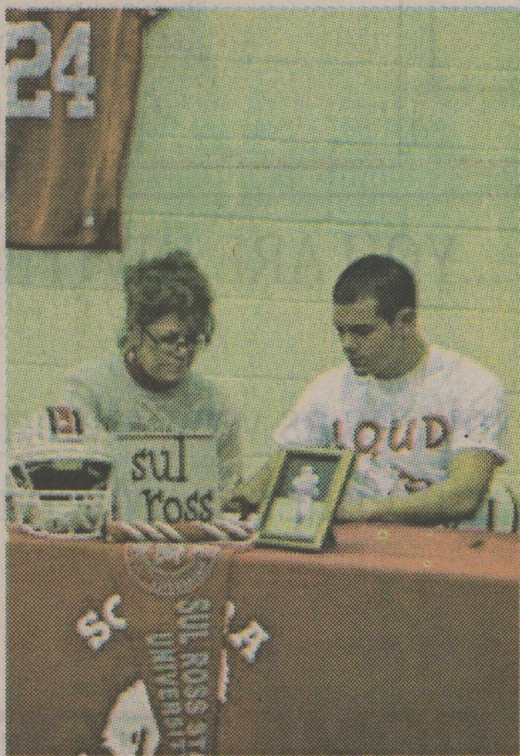
New Member for February:
Judy B. Edwards (Message Therapist) located at the Cutting Edge at 1001 St. Ann's St. To schedule an appointment call 325-234-5554

Broncos Going To The Next Level

Photos by Bonnie Lou Campbell



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Zach Badeaux signs his letter of intent to play football and run track for Sul Ross State University while his mother Suzanne looks on.



Word Hudson makes his future football career at West Texas A&M official as his parents Anita and Keith watch.



Dallas Payne commits to run track for Texas A&M Kingsville as his parents (Jill and Larry) look on.

DPS Advises Against Spring Break Travel to Mexico

The Texas Department of Public Safety is again urging Spring Breakers to avoid traveling to Mexico as a result of continued violence throughout the country.

"The Mexican government has made great strides battling the cartels, and we commend their continued commitment to making Mexico a safer place to live and visit," said DPS Director Steven C. McCraw. "However, drug cartel violence and other criminal activity represent a significant safety threat, even in some resort areas."

According to published information from the U.S. Department of State:

- 12,903 narcotics-related homicides were reported the first nine months of 2011 alone.

- The number of U.S. citizens reported as murdered in Mexico increased from 35 in 2007 to 120 in 2011.

- U.S. citizens have fallen victim to transnational criminal activity, including homicide, gun battles, kidnapping, carjacking and highway robbery.

- Rape and sexual assault continue to be serious problems in resort areas.

- Some bars and nightclubs, especially in resort cities such as Cancun, Acapulco, Mazatlan, Cabo San Lucas, and Tijuana can be havens for drug dealers and petty criminals.

- Crime and violence are serious problems throughout the country and can occur anywhere.

- The State Department now urges U.S. travelers to defer non-essential travel to all or parts of 14 Mexican states, four more than 2011.

The situation in Mexico today is significantly different than it was just a decade ago," said McCraw. "Many crimes against Americans in Mexico go unpunished, and we have a responsibility to inform the public about safety and travel

risks and threats. Based on the unpredictable nature of cartel violence and other criminal elements, we are urging individuals to avoid travel to Mexico at this time."

DPS acknowledges that many travel to Mexico without incident, but the risks cannot be ignored. Travelers are encouraged to carefully research any planned trips.

Travelers should always check the U.S. Department of State website for the most up-to-date information related to security issues in Mexico. (See *http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_970.html.)

U.S. citizens living or traveling in Mexico are urged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>.

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Bailey Brown
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THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Senior Center Activities

Thurs. March 8 - Happy Birthday, *Rosalba Chavez*
 Fri. March 9 - Happy Birthday, *Francisco Andrade*
Frank Wamble
 Mon. March 12 - Bingo
 Tues. March 13 - Exercise Video
 Wed. March 14 - Work on Puzzle

Senior Center Menu

Thurs. March 8 - Herb roasted chicken, potato wedges, milk wheat roll, peas & carrots, strawberries
 Fri. March 9 - Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, milk Mandarin oranges w/topping
 Mon. March 12 - Spaghetti w/meatballs, wheat roll, spinach honey dew melon, milk
 Tues. March 13 - Chicken salad sandwich, tomato, lettuce pickles, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, milk
 Wed. March 14 - Roast pork, sweet potatoes, succotash, milk wheat roll, banana pudding

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.
Donations are accepted
 (suggested donation for Seniors is \$2.00; \$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).

TV Dispute Disrupts Bailey Brown Party

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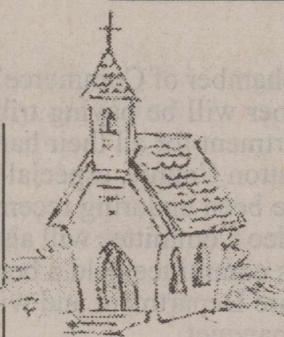
The dispute between Fox and Dish Network interrupted Wednesday night's party for Bailey Brown's call-in. American Idol was hosting the "Top 12" final contestants but due to the dispute between Fox and Dish Network, the Dish Network could not be shown in this area. Just before show time it was learned that DirecTV would be carrying the famous program.

A small crowd gathered at the Comfort Inn to watch the show. When their TV could not pick it up, a wonderful desk clerk began calling around to locate DirecTV, and alerted her cousin that "a whole bunch of people are coming to your house to see Bailey Brown". Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown had kind of mentioned to one or two people that Bailey was their granddaughter and the time and channel she would be on.

Bailey calls Krum TX home and has a wonderful fan club there which has supported her. All of Sonora has probably heard Bailey sing at the Presbyterian Church on important occasions - like Joe and Goldie's 50th wedding anniversary not long ago.

Anyway we were proud to be "Bailey's Bunch" in Sonora for just a little while.

Sonora Church Directory



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

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Sundays
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 10:55 a.m. Worship
 2:00 p.m. Bible Study
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Wednesdays
 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice
 6:00 p.m. Community Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth (St. John's Sunday House)
 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth (St. John's Sunday House)

Holy Week Schedule
 Maundy Thursday Apr. 5 @ 6:00 pm @ Presbyterian Ch.
 Good Friday Service Apr. 6 @ 6:00 pm
 Easter Sunday Apr. 8 10:00
 Easter Egg Hunt 10:55
 Worship & Confirmation 10:55
 You can hear our worship service each Sunday morning @ 11:00 am on KHOS 92.1FM
 Check us out @ faithbreaksonora.wordpress.com

1st Anniversary
 In loving memory of
 Rosa Elena Sanchez
 December 23, 1926 - March 11, 2011



Within our hearts the ones we love are never really gone in spirit and in memory their legacy lives on.

We miss you Love always,
 Your Family

Letter to the Editor

Due to recent events I have learned I was misinformed about which ward I reside in. On March 5th I filed to run for council against council member Martinez only to find that my residence is just on the boundary of ward 1. Currently a friend of mine is running for council in ward 1 and he (Justin Mathews) is the right man for the job. As much as I would like to be on the council and make a difference I have withdrawn my filing status because I believe Justin deserves to be on the council and I will not run against a friend who I feel can do great things for our community. I know he is ready to get to work and wants nothing more but the best for ALL of us. Support him in his efforts and I promise you will not be sorry. As for Sonora and Its younger generation of voters I'm asking you to please get proactive educate yourself on our local government and vote. Ultimately we carry the torch and we will be the ones to keep our town moving in the forward direction.

I will do my best to help all in need, I am a volunteer who believes in the common good in this world and I will file to run in the next election for a council seat. Thank you ...citizens of the CITY of Sonora.
 Michael Ramirez

...YOU ARE INVITED...

Please join us as we welcome our new
 SISD Superintendent ~ Mr. James Hartman

WELCOME RECEPTION

Stop by and meet Mr. Hartman and his family

Monday, March 19th
 3:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Old Vocational Building on the corner of
 2nd Street & Prospect Avenue



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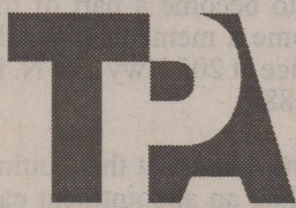
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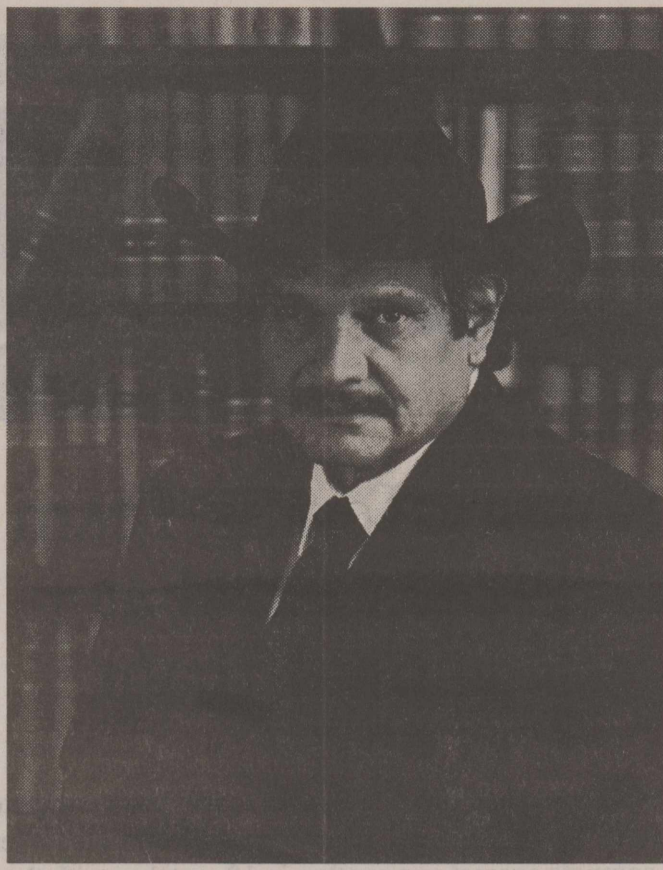
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James D. Jepson Announces Candidacy for 112th District Attorney

James D. Jepson, attorney from Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas has announced his candidacy for District Attorney in the 112th Judicial District, comprised of Crockett, Reagan, Sutton, Upton and Pecos Counties. Jepson graduated from the University of Texas Permian Basin in 1985 with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and earned a Juris Doctor in Law from Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University in December 1991. He served as an Assistant District Attorney with the 83rd and 112th Judicial Districts of Texas from November 1992 to December 1996 covering Brewster, Crockett, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Sutton and Upton counties. Jepson was also appointed Special Prosecutor in the 109th Judicial District of Winkler County, Texas in 1996.

Jepson is a former member of the College of the State Bar and attended the Prosecutor's course at Northwestern University in Chicago. Jepson is a former member of the Government Attorneys involved in Capital Litigation and the National Association of District Attorney's. Jepson is currently and has been a member of the Texas County and District Attorney's Association. His hobbies consist of hunting, fishing and cooking. He is a member of the Odessa Chuck Wagon Gang for 4 years. Prior to and during law school, Jepson spent over 16 years of employment in law enforcement. Jepson first came to Fort Stockton in 1978 as a police officer for the City of Fort Stockton. He also served as a peace officer in and around the 112th Judicial District serving as Chief Deputy Sheriff of Reagan County for over 3 years until being accepted into law school at Texas Southern



University in 1989. Jepson also worked as a police officer in Houston, Texas area while attending law school and raising his sons as a single parent. Jepson is married to his lovely wife, Elma. They live in Bakersfield, Pecos County, Texas where they farm and ranch. Jepson is the father of two sons, David Paul, 28, and daughter-in-law Melanie of Midland, Texas and James Robert, (JR) Jepson, who is now deceased, and a grandfather of two, James Ryder (JR) and Ryleigh Denice Jepson. "I feel that I am the most qualified candidate for District Attorney for several reasons. As

a parent, I know the importance of having a good community to raise our children in. I also know that it takes community strength and compassion to raise young people today. As a former peace officer, I know what it is like to spend the night working on a criminal case when one of our neighbors has become a victim of crime. As a former prosecutor, I know how important it is to be fair and just with the system. The Office of District Attorney is a very powerful position and one has to be fair, just and wise with this responsibility. Before someone is indicted and for-

mally charged with a crime it is important to be absolutely sure that there is enough evidence to convict that person. As a man who had to work his way through law school and a single parent, I recognize the importance that to most of us place on our good name and our reputation. Before you accuse someone as a criminal, it is important to look at all the facts and evidence before you ruin his reputation". As a former prosecutor I have been involved in well over 100 jury trials and handled directly or indirectly several thousand other criminal cases. I have been involved in cases ranging from DWI's to Capital Murder's. I have also been involved in cases that were in the national spotlight including the prosecution of the "Republic of Texas" militia group in Jeff Davis County and the investigation of the Marine shooting in Redford, Texas in Presidio County, Texas. I have represented the State of

Texas multiple times in the Appellate Circuit Courts in El Paso and San Antonio, Texas and the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin, Texas. I have been in private practice in Fort Stockton, Texas for the last 11 years with the majority of my practice consisting of criminal defense. I feel that this gives me the advantage of knowing both sides of criminal law. I have always taken a strong and tough position on violent crime and will continue to do so. If one of our neighbors children is shot, stabbed, murdered or sexually assaulted, it's time to get ready for trial because I will not plea that type of case for probation. I look forward to the opportunity of serving as your next District Attorney in the 112th Judicial District. If you have any questions, comments or would just like to visit with me, please feel free to contact me at 432.652.3322."

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325-387-5507



Bridal Selections

Johnna Wade & Gary Gibson
Steven Frazier & Brea Hughes
Cash Jennings & Catherine Warren
Shawna Faris & Justin Rogers
Curt Dempsey & Jessica Pierce
Emily Earwood & Carl Whitworth



Baby

Zed & Ashley Snodgrass
Candace & Landry Matthies
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A flower for everyday...

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To the citizens of Sutton County,
I want to thank you for your support in the past and I ask for your continued support as I seek re-election for County Commissioner, Precinct 3.

I have 162 hours of continued education in classroom credits and 11 years experience as Commissioner of Sutton County. I appreciate the opportunity to serve you, the citizens, as your representative in County government.

VOTE MILTON CAVANESS
**COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
PRECINCT 3**

F.Y.I.

Sutton County Friends of NRA Pre-event raffle is underway! Tickets are \$10 each with one winner taking home five firearms and a 10 gun fire resistant safe. Tickets may be purchased at Buck N Bass/Sonora Air Cooled Engines, by contacting Tonya @ 387-3861 or 206-0454 or by contacting any committee member. The winning ticket will be drawn during our 5th Annual Auction/Banquet, Saturday, September 15, 2012. Your support is appreciated!

Car Seat Available! Contact Araceli Perez at 325-387-2234 for more information.


Little Mr. & Miss Cinco de Mayo registration deadline is April 30, 2012. Contact Jo Ann Hernandez at The Bank & Trust for FMI.

Viva Sonora will be selling bricks to made into a sidewalk around the new city park located on Deerwood Drive. The money that is raised will be rotated back into community projects. If you would like to reserve a permanent brick you pick up a form at the Bank and Trust or call Juanita Gomez 206-2698 or JoAnn Hernandez 206-0366.


Are you interested in praying for our country, our city, our loved ones? You are most welcome to meet in the Prayer Garden every Tuesday morning at 10:00AM. Bring a chair please. All are welcome. FMI call 325-387-3246.

Sonora Lions are ready to sponsor our youth who are disabled or who have TYPE 1 diabetes to attend a 1 week camp. For more information contact Col. Pete Bradley @ 387.6282 or any Lion. Further information on all Lions Camps is online @ Texas Lions Camp. Camp dates are in June for disabled and July diabetes.

Rent the Depot or Icehouse Ranch Museum for your special party or event. Call 325-387-5084 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.



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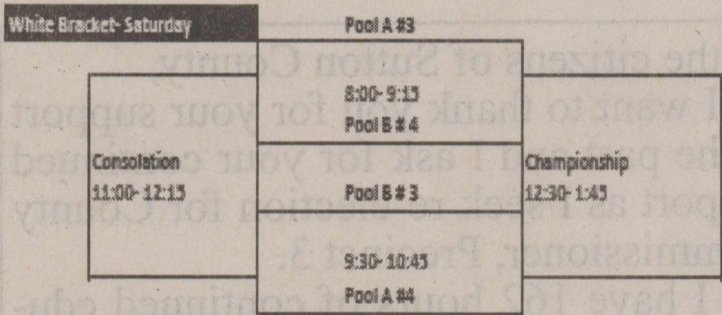
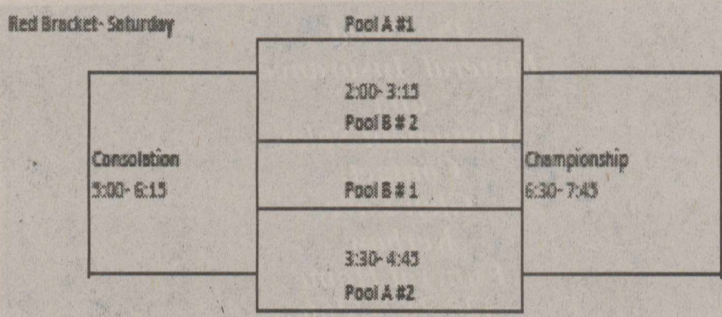
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BRONCO SPORTS

Sonora Lady Bronco Softball Tournament

3 game guarantee!

Pool A- Thursday	9:00-10:15	Sonora JV v. Big Lake
Center Point-1	10:30-11:45	Center Point v. Grape Creek
Grape Creek-2	12:00-1:15	Sonora JV v. Center Point
Sonora JV-3	1:30-2:45	Grape Creek v. Big Lake
Big Lake-4	3:00-4:15	Center Point v. Big Lake
	4:30-5:45	Sonora JV v. Grape Creek
Pool B- Friday	9:00-10:15	Sonora v. Central JV
Sonora-1	10:30-11:45	Harper v. Lake View JV
Harper-2	12:00-1:15	Sonora v. Harper
Central JV-3	1:30-2:45	Central JV v. Lake View JV
Lake View JV-4	3:00-4:15	Harper v. Central JV
	4:30-5:45	Sonora v. Lake View JV

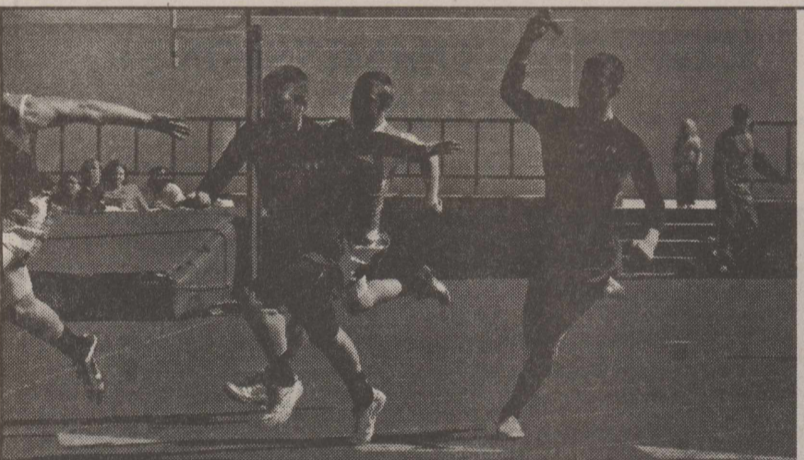


top 2 from each pool go into the red bracket for Saturday
bottom 2 go into the white bracket for Saturday

* first come first serve on dug outs will flip coin before game for home and visitor
Sonora will be home and on the 3rd base side when they play.

Pool games will be 1 hour and 15 min time limit (finish inning) or 5 innings which ever comes first.
Bracket games 1 hour 15 min. we will be on a running schedule.

Photo By Nancy Glasscock



Zach Badeaux hands off to Gunter Pennington. Full Results from the Sonora Track Meet Next Edition.

Sonora Tennis Team Places Third at Regional Team

On March 2nd and 3rd, the Sonora tennis team competed in San Angelo at the Regional Team Tennis Meet. In team tennis, teams compete against one another in 19 matches with the winner of the most advancing. Most players play both singles and doubles. It is a true test of the strength of your overall team. The two teams advancing from our region have finished in the top three in the state over the last several years. On Saturday, the team played Miles for third place. The team defeated Miles 10-5. They then had the chance to play Wall for a chance to advance to state. Sonora came up short against a very tough Wall team, 10-2. Mason and Wall now advance to state next week. Team members are Davis Jimenez, Darian Lopez, Phillip Stephens, Christian Kenney, Marcos Quiroz, Lionel DeLeon, Luis Hernandez, Alex Solis, Brianah Creek, Hunter Jennings, Micaela Moore, Adriana Faz, Gracie Dozier, Halle Samanigo, Jullisa Esquivel, and Kaitlyn Gibbens. These young men and ladies did a great job of representing Sonora.

Sonora High School Golf

On Thursday, March 1, the Sonora boys and girls golf teams traveled to San Saba and Kerrville, respectfully, to play in invitational golf tournaments. The golf was nearly as good as the weather. In Kerrville, at the Fredericksburg Invitational, the Sonora Lady Broncos totally overwhelmed their competition. The Lady Broncos placed 1st with a team score of 331. The second place team was 55 strokes behind (Salado - 386). The tournament was played in Kerrville because the Fredericksburg course is under construction. Individually, Elizabeth Chavarria was 2nd medalist (80), Sidney Dermody (80) was third medalist by virtue of a scorecard playoff, and Madison Myers (82) was 6th medalist. Other Sonora team members were Logan Smith (89) and Ali Castro (98). Other teams represented at the tournament were: Marble Falls (392), Kerrville Tivy Blue (406), Fredericksburg (423), Bandera (464), and Kerrville Tivy Gold (502). The top medalist was Sierra Sanchez (79) from Brandeis. Next action for the girls will be in the Sonora Invitational on Thursday, March 8.

The boys traveled to San Saba to play in their invitational golf tournament. The Broncos shot their best score of the year (328) and placed 2nd by virtue of a playoff. When teams are tied, they look at the score of the 5th man. Gatesville (328) was declared the winner because their 5th man's score was lower than the Broncos. Leading the Broncos was Jansen McBride (75) as 1st medalist in the tournament. Other Bronco team members were Word Hudson (82), Kade Wimberly (84), Jason Alaman (87), and Hunter Hughes (89). Next action for the boys will be on Tuesday, March 5, at the Sonora Invitational.

You have to love West Texas weather. Tuesday, March 6 - a very windy day, Sonora High School hosted the Sonora boy's golf invitational. Participants battled wind gusts up to 30 mph in their attempts to control that little white ball and get it into the hole. When play was finished, your Sonora Bronco golf team emerged on top with a very respectable score of 320. The boys from Rankin battled right with Sonora and finished 2nd with a score of 335. Other teams competing were: Iraan (358), Brady (389), Mason (451), Rocksprings (463), and Reagan County (NS). Leading in the medalist honors was Sonora's Jansen McBride with an even par score of 72. Placing second was Tanner Thompson from Rankin with a score of 76. Finishing third was Taylor Thompson from Rankin with a score of 80, by virtue of a sudden death playoff. Other Sonora golfers were: Word Hudson (80), Kade Wimberly (82), Hunter Hughes (86), and Jason Alaman (99). Next action for the boys will be on Monday, March 19, when they travel to Kerrville to play in the Ingram golf invitational.

Bronco Track



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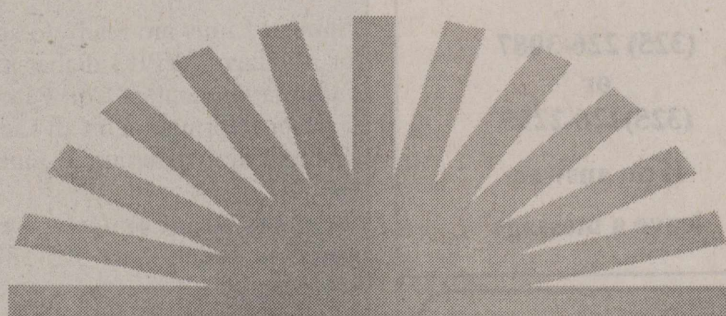
Macie Friess digs deep at the Sonora Track Meet.



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Outlook Promising for Spring Turkey Hunting

AUSTIN— Despite lingering dry conditions in some parts of Texas, prospects for this year's spring turkey season remain promising, thanks to a carryover of mature gobblers, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists.

Rio Grande spring turkey hunting season in the 54-county South Zone runs March 17-April 29 with special youth-only weekends set for March 10-11 and May 5-6. In the 101 counties comprising the North Zone, the season opens March 31 and runs through May 13 with special youth-only weekends set for March 24-25 and May 19-20.

"We had phenomenal production in 2010, which means there should be plenty of two-year-old birds out there," said Jason Hardin, TPWD turkey program leader. "Last year Texas hunters harvested the fewest birds on record, which can be attributed mainly to the drought. That also means greater carryover of mature birds."

Hardin expects hunters this spring will get plenty of gobbling activity from the 2010 year class and barring any late wet cold fronts, productivity and survival prospects are favorable this spring.

"Our biggest concern is having wet cold fronts once the hens are on the nest," he explained. "If we can get poults on the ground and then in the trees, survival increases dramatically."

Hardin said he's not concerned about the overall health of turkey populations going into the spring hunting season thanks to some timely winter rainfall.

"Parts of the state are greening up with a lot of forbs so the birds should be in good condition going into the breeding season," he noted. "If we can stay green for a couple more weeks we'll be in good shape."

Hunters are reminded several regulation changes take effect for the 2012 season. TPWD closed spring turkey hunting in the following 15 East Texas counties in response to low populations and harvest numbers: Cherokee, Delta, Gregg, Hardin, Houston, Hunt, Liberty, Montgomery, Rains, Rusk, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith, Tyler and Walker.

Closing spring turkey seasons in these counties will enable biologists to reassess Eastern turkey restoration efforts in areas having suitable habitat, restock sites and provide brood stock protection. The agency's goal is to reopen hunting once the Eastern turkey populations in the affected counties are capable of sustaining harvest.

Also effective for the 2012 season, TPWD is delaying spring Eastern turkey hunting in the remaining 28 counties having an open season by two weeks, to run from April 15-May 14. Biologists say the delay gives hens time to begin nesting prior to the season opening.

Also new this season, hunters may harvest gobblers and bearded hens during the spring season in counties having a bag limit of four turkeys. Hunting is for gobblers only during the spring season in all other counties.

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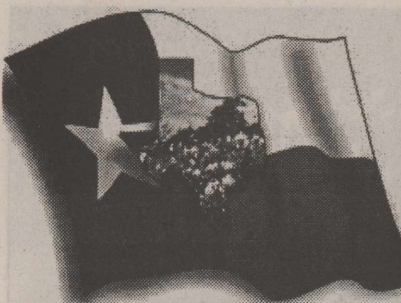
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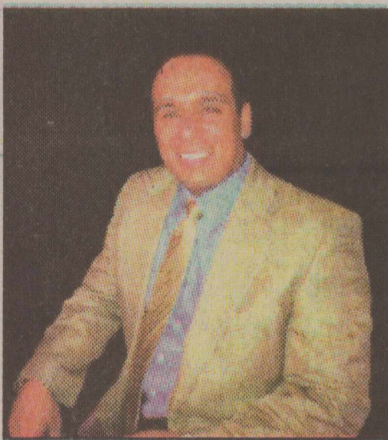
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Eric is the son of Sandi and Gabriel Espinosa of Sonora, Texas. He graduated from Angelo State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. He received his Associate's Degree in Mortuary Science from Mesa Community College in Mesa, Arizona and has received his preneed license in Texas and Arizona.

Internationally Acclaimed Artist to Speak at Art Extravaganza

Internationally acclaimed artist Luis Sottill will deliver an "Art Talk" Saturday, March 24 at historic Fort Concho during the 13th annual Stribling Art Extravaganza benefiting West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Sottill's presentation will offer a personal glimpse into his development as an artist, his motivation to share his creative passion with young people as well as his "Naturalism" painting technique he uses today by blending gold leaf and natural pigments in layers to attain greater luminosity.

Sottill will speak at 2 p.m. in the Living History Stables classroom. The cost will be \$20 per person and as seating space is limited, interested attendees are urged to call 325-223-6414 as soon as possible.

San Angelo is a focal point of Sottill's journey as he lived here in the late 1980's and had his very first art show at the Calla Lily gallery. Today his works are included in more than 2,000 private and corporate collections worldwide. He is represented in more than 20 galleries, including one of his own at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

This year's Stribling Extravaganza will feature approximately 280 works by 165 local and area artists. Mediums include oils, acrylics, watercolors, bronzes, metal, ceramics, wood and stone and all may be viewed at the Fort Concho's Commissary and Quartermaster buildings.

Ben and Beverly Stribling are underwriting the show and sale which showcases the talents of current and former residents of San Angelo and the Concho Valley. Additional funding for Extravaganza activities also is provided by Travis and Kam Stribling.

Hours for the free, public show are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. March 23 and 24 and noon to 4 p.m. March 25. Additionally, the young artists' display, sponsored by Jud Gray, may be viewed at the Living History Stables. This unique exhibit features the works of local and area high school students and affords them an opportunity to experience public recognition of their talents.

Also, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 24, guitar virtuoso Paul Finley will perform selections from his extensive repertoire in the Commissary while devotees view the weekend show. An Austin resident, he is appearing in San Angelo as a guest musi-

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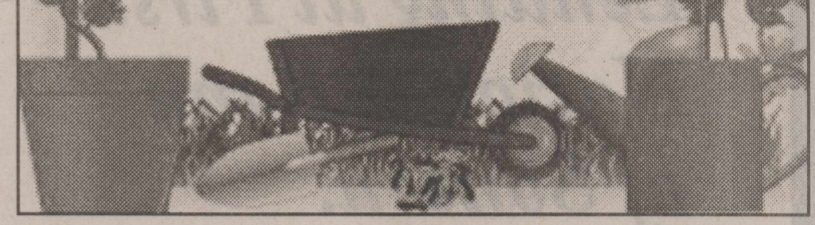
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While those glasses are raised, consider cheering a few other Irishmen who made contributions to the world. Did you know an Irishman, John Philip Holland, invented the submarine? Color photography was invented by Ireland's John Joly. And guided missiles, the modern tractor, and even a cure for Leprosy were all invented by Irishmen.

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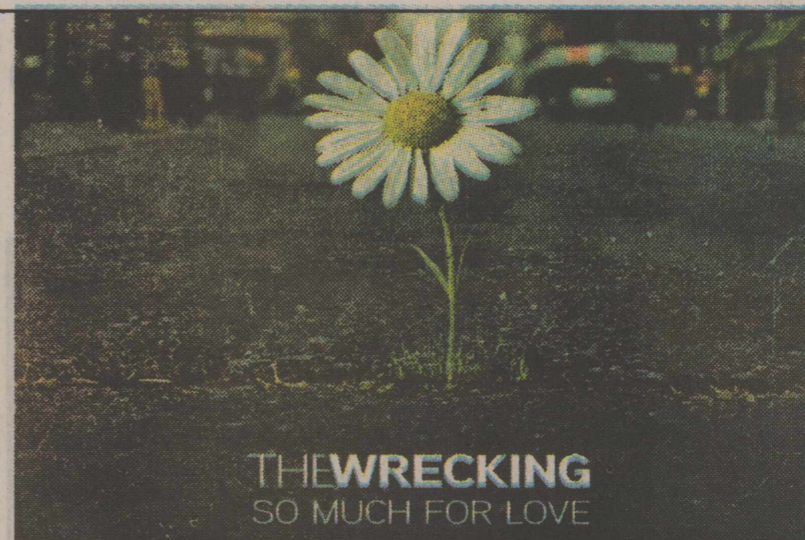
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in your community. Look out for signs and things that seem out of place. I'm not saying go out and question everything you see out there; just be watchful and mindful of what goes on around you. If we all take the time to do a little; then a lot can be accomplished.



Tonya Brown accepts promotion to Vice President/Lending at First National Bank of Sonora.

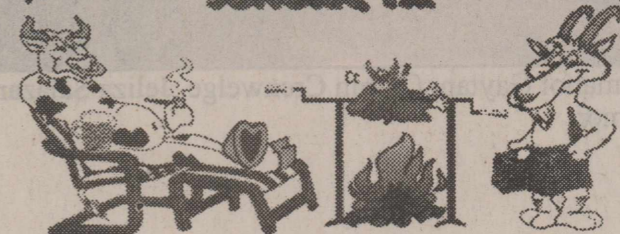
The First National Bank of Sonora is pleased to announce that Tonya Brown has recently accepted a promotion to Vice President/Lending. Tonya has been with FNBS since August 2008, and she has been a vital part of the growth of the Sonora Branch and the Bank. She currently serves as Assistant Branch Manager and Lending Officer at the Sonora Branch.

Tonya has lived in Sonora for 36 years and has been a banker for 23 of those years. She is active in the community, serving as Vice Chairman of the Sutton County Economic Development Board, Chairman of Sutton County Friends of NRA, and she is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. She, and her husband Charlie, enjoy all facets of the outdoors.



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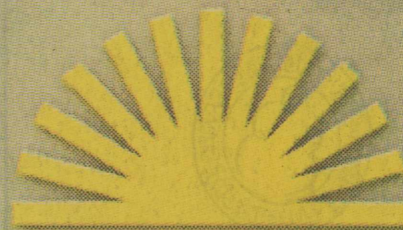
Kay Stewart
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When you've lived on a ranch your whole life you learn that taking care of the animals, equipment, and the land is first and foremost. Because, without them, your very existence is in jeopardy.

I'm Kay Stewart, Senior Vice President and Branch Manager for First National Bank of Sonora and I've been fortunate to have lived and loved the life of ranching.

All of us at the First National Bank of Sonora understand that the same philosophies that work well for ranching also apply to banking. Our existence depends directly on how well we take care of our customers needs. We aren't afraid of rolling up our sleeves and putting in a hard days work. Plus, we've had over 100 years to perfect our services, along with generations of honest people working for your best interest. People who understand that we're here, because you're here.



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