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Community meeting on Wednesday, April 13 at 6 PM in the High School Auditorium. The topic will be the upcoming Bond Election.

We'll Need Oil and Gas for Decades

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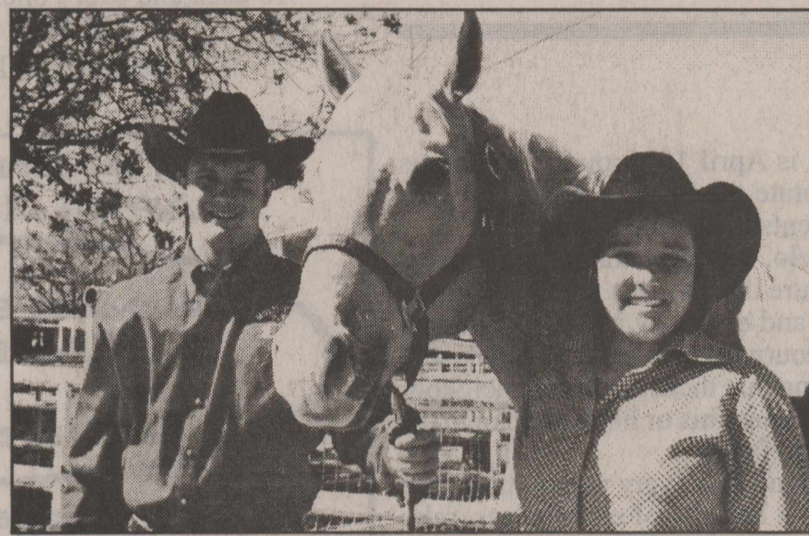
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Sonora Rodeo Team Batting A Thousand: All 9 Contestants Advance to State Finals



Photo from L to R: Serena Lee Allison, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Chance Campbell, Gunter Pennington, Macie Friess, Zella Powers, and Cody Barber.



Sam Powers and Stella Ingham representing Region 3 in the Texas High School Rodeo Association (THSRA) both qualified for the HS Rodeo State Finals to be held this June in Abilene, Texas. Sam will compete in Tie Down Calf Roping, Team Roping and Steer Wrestling. Stella will compete in Breakaway Roping.

By Bonnie Lou Campbell

Sonora, you should be very proud. Our high school rodeo teams from Region 2 and Region 3 competed in their perspective finals rodeos this past weekend. Only the top ten contestants in each event can qualify for the State Finals.

Seven contestants competed in Sweetwater for Region 2 and two competed in Graham for Region 3. All nine student athletes qualified for the state

finals to be held this June in Abilene, Texas.

The seven contestants who competed in Region 2 included Serena Lee Allison who placed 9th in Goat Tying. Cody Barber and partner Chance Campbell placed 10th in Team Roping. Chance also placed 8th in Tie Down Calf Roping.

Chelsey Lou Campbell placed 8th in Pole Bending. Macie Friess placed 2nd in Break-

away Roping and 2nd in Goat Tying receiving the Reserve Champion buckles in both of those events. Macie and her partner Keyla Kothman also placed 8th in Team Roping. Gunter Pennington was the Champion Calf Roper winning 1st in Tie Down. Zella Powers will represent us in four events. She finished 8th in Breakaway Roping, 6th in Goat Tying, 7th in Pole Bending, and 9th in Barrel Racing.

In addition, Region 2 crowned Macie Friess as Rookie Cowgirl of the Year and Chance Campbell was the Rookie Cowboy of the Year.

In Region 3, Stella Ingham competed in Breakaway Roping placing 4th at the finals and ending up 9th for the year. Sam Powers qualified in Steer Wrestling, Tie Down Calf Roping and Team Roping with his partner Kody Mahaffey.

Nine young athletes competing in this sport, and all nine qualifying for the state finals says a lot about our youth. At the end of the day, after seven hours of school, another few hours of athletics, then even more hours of practice in the arena, (many after dark), these young men and women still have the responsibilities of taking care of their animals. Their four legged friends are the partners they truly depend on.

These athletes have worked very hard all year to achieve their goals. They all compete in school sports representing Sonora in football, volleyball, basketball, track, and softball, as well as Academic UIL Competitions. They have learned to balance their time between their academics, school athletics and still make time for their other passion -- the sport of rodeo.

One Act Play Dominates District UIL TEAM Advances Ten to Regional



Sonora High School students have been scurrying to prepare for district UIL competition the past few months. Countless hours have been spent practicing, traveling and receiving feedback from coaches to battle in a very competitive district. At the end of the day Sonora High School finished third at district with ten students advancing to regional. The one act play "Handler" advanced from District on to Area with the high honors of Best Actress: Rose Karnes, Best Actor: Colyer Dermody along with Best Crew award. Honorable mention award were given to Clayton Parks

and Kash McGee. Rebecca Hudson received all star crew honors. Area Competition will be held Thursday, April 7 in Llano. Congratulations to ALL students who put in hours of practice and represented Sonora High School. Good Luck at Area and Regional! Here are the results of UIL District. Regional Qualifiers are in bold. **Accounting:** 2nd Place Team-3rd: Christina Rodriguez, 4th-Courtney James. **Calculator Applications:** 2nd Place Team -3rd Selena Mesa, 5th- Robert Hernandez. **Current Issues:** 2nd Place Team-2nd: Kash McGee-6th, Rebecca Hudson. **Computer Applications:** 3rd-Christina Rodriguez, 4th-

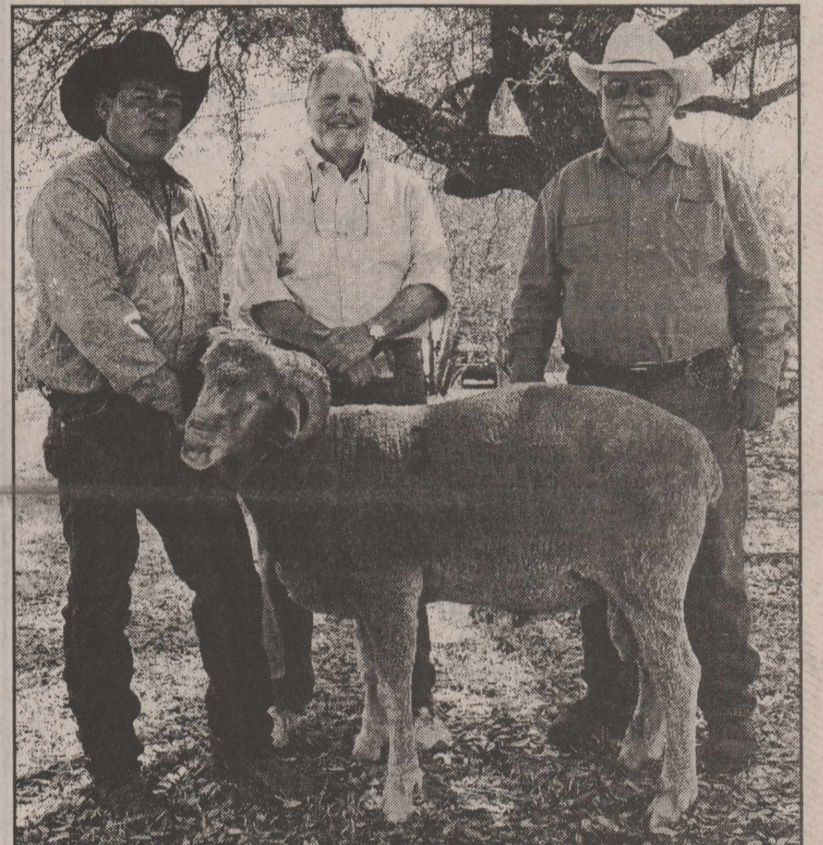
Ryan Contreras. **Computer Science:** 3rd place Team. **Headline Writing:** 1st-Jesse Amador, 2nd-Robert Hernandez. **Literary Criticism:** 2nd Place Team, 4th-Cody Snyder, 5th-Brittany Morin, 6th-Jesse Amador. **Mathematics:** 6th-Cody Barber. **Number Sense:** 4th-Cody Barber. **News Writing:** 4TH Ashley Guerra. **1st Place Speech Team. Informative Speaking:** 1st- Zachary Leonard. **Persuasive Speaking:** 5th Kash McGee. **LD Debate:** 2nd- Ali Castro. **Prose:** 1st- Colyer Dermody, 5th- Jasmine Daniels. **Poetry:** 1st- Rose Karnes, 3rd-Marci Parks, 5th- Zachary Leonard.

County Officials Press Release On Allison Park

Sutton County will reopen Allison Park to the general public the 1st week of April. The Commissioners Court is committed to providing the park for citizens to enjoy, with the understanding that the public using the park will help "police" the area.

This park is categorized as a "wilderness park," meaning that there are no amenities available. We would ask that the users of the park help us be able to keep the park open by removing all trash brought in; reporting misuse or infractions to the Sheriff's Office or other appropriate County Official; digging no latrines near the water; and not allowing items to be discarded in the water. Thanks for your cooperation.

Experiment Station Ram Sale: Sale Prices Slightly Down



The ram was purchased by Sawyer Ranch, TX, for \$2,200. Pictured: Juan Bonilla, Sawyer Ranch Foreman, Eddie Sawyer, and Dr. Butch Taylor, Texas AgriLife Research - Sonora

By Steve Byrns

SONORA - Despite the record high prices being paid for lambs nowadays, prices were down slightly on the 16 rams sold at auction following the completion of this year's Annual Ram Performance Test. The test was held at the Texas AgriLife Research Station at Sonora on March 18.

"The rams sold for an average of \$794 per head, which was down slightly from last year's average of \$802 per head, but considerably higher than 2009's \$734.52 average," said test coordinator, Dr. Dan Waldron, AgriLife Research geneticist at San Angelo.

"The high-selling ram was TAES 8687 from Texas AgriLife Research," Waldron said. "He sold to the Sawyer Ranch of Sonora for \$2,200. And this year's high-indexing ram was 8721, also from Texas AgriLife Research. He sold for \$700 to Bill Karnes of Sonora.

"It's interesting to note that the three highest-selling rams were all sired by TAES 8287, who is currently the highest-ranked ram for fineness on the 2011 sire summary, which was produced from several years of test records," he said. "That tells me that the gener-

ations of testing can produce predictable differences in the next lamb crop. The investments that breeders have made since the first test in 1948 are continuing to have an impact in the sheep industry in Texas and the United States."

Karnes and the Sawyer ranch were both volume buyers, as was Mark White of San Angelo. The Sawyer ranch purchased five head totaling \$7,400; Karnes paid \$1,500 for three head; and White bought three head for \$1,450.

The animals on the test come from some of the world's top flocks in terms of rate of gain and desirable fleece characteristics, according to Waldron. The test lasts for 140 days and is traditionally followed by an educational field day and sale conducted in cooperation with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

For more information on the Annual Ram Performance Test, pictures of the top indexing and selling animals, and a complete listing of test and sale results go to: <http://safiles.tamu.edu/genetics/ramtest.htm> or to <http://sanangelo.tamu.edu> and click on the "Performance Tests" link.

Senior Center Activities

- Thurs. April 7 - Decorate for Easter
- Fri. April 8 - Run Errands
- Mon. April 11 - Bingo
- Tues. April 12 - CEAP energy assistance
- Wed. April 13 - Volunteer to deliver meals!

Senior Center Menu

- Thurs. April 7 - Catfish, corn/tomato casserole, spinach, milk corn bread, Jell-O w/fruit
- Fri. April 8 - Beef & cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, milk coleslaw, fruit salad
- Mon. April 11 - BBQ on a bun, French fries, coleslaw, milk carrots, peaches
- Tues. April 12 - King ranch chicken, broccoli, carrot salad, roll, oatmeal cookie, milk
- Wed. April 13 - Chopped steak w/gravy & onion, roll, milk parsley potatoes, cuke/tomato salad, 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).

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

There is an adage that "Actions speak louder than words." Although this adage has stood the test of time, there are times when one must voice his or her thoughts regarding the importance of actions taken and, in some instances, the importance of failure to take action. Allow me to explain.

On May 14, voters will go to the polls to vote regarding two incumbent seats on the City Council and one vacant seat on the School Board. Not one person has filed to run against the incumbents, and only one person filed for the vacant school board seat. Surprised? Don't be. Naysayers would claim this reflects voter apathy. Positive thinkers know better. Clear cut acts of non-participation prove citizen satisfaction. Right???

Sonora's elected officials, who receive little or no remuneration, make critical, sometimes unpopular (but necessary) decisions which affect education, families, and the quality of life. These selfless public servants are doing their best to ensure that children receive the best education that can be afforded and to assure the best quality of life possible for Sonorans. Although one may not agree with every single action taken, most would agree that present circumstances require strict budgetary scrutiny with respect to public spending, much similar to what most do on a daily basis regarding family expenses. Naysayers take note, uninformed dissent is divisive. So get behind the elected leaders. Support them regarding their decisions and participate in the process in a positive and meaningful manner. Or run against them, but don't just sit in the wings voicing criticism.

Let me be the first to tip my hat to the present City Council and School Board. The actions of the Sonora citizenry confirm that the City Council and School Board are to be commended for their fine work. Sonorans are obviously quite pleased with the service each of these esteemed bodies is rendering. So let's hear it from everyone "Congratulations on a job well done."

Sincerely,
 Linda Lorenz

Thank You Notes

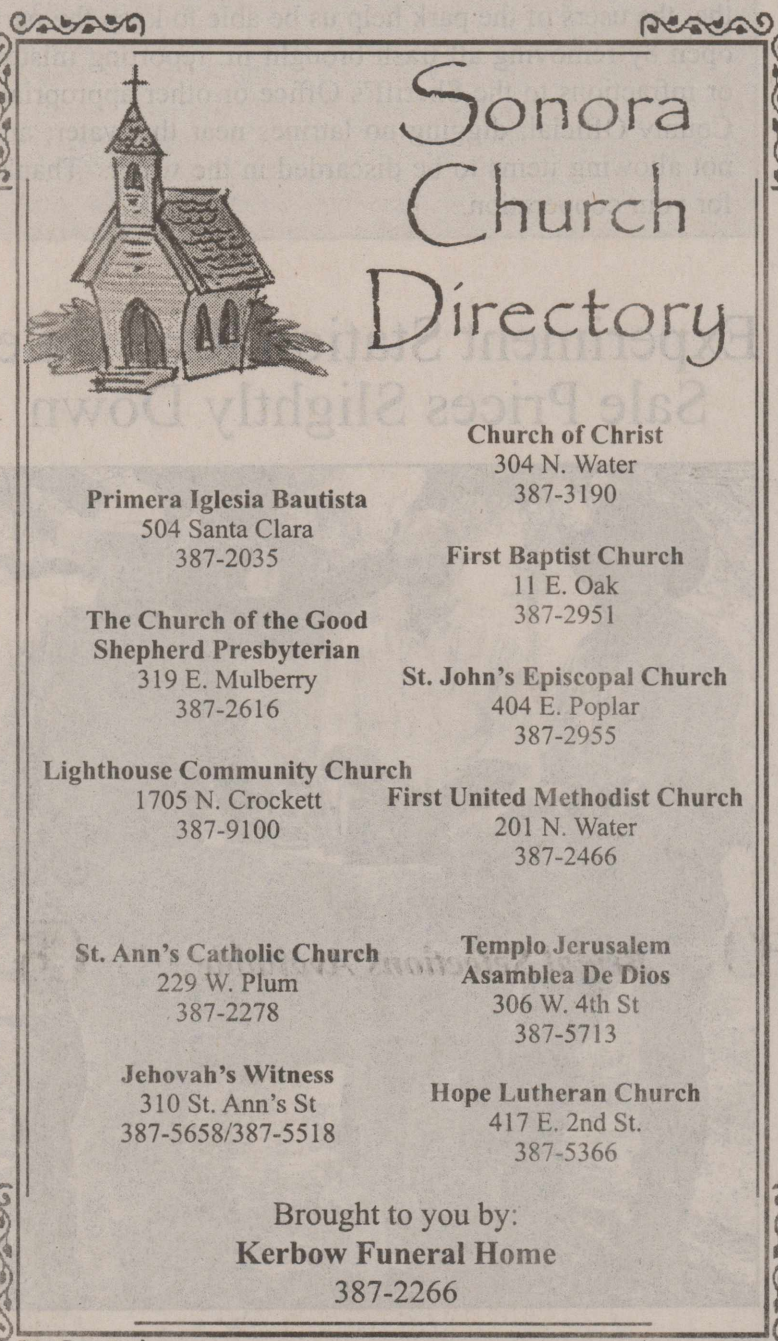
I want to thank everyone that helped with the Powder Puff Football Game! It was a huge success and everyone had a great time! Thank you especially to Coach Sine and the other coaches for helping us out with equipment, the field, jerseys, and announcing! Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to help our girls show off on the field! Wow-we sure have some athletic talent in Sonora!
 The Middle School Student Council appreciates everyone's efforts to make it happen.

Pamela Crenwelge

Time and time again gratitude has its roots in tragedy, because tragedy cracks the secure cocoon you live in wide open. It's a reality check. Not having experienced a fire of this magnitude with no means to pump water or gas to fill a sprayer for defense, we found ourselves in uncharted territory. Yes, the fire burned approximately 2500 acres on 4 area ranches, yes the fire was unsettling, yes it was scary. But it presented us with the greatest opportunity in life to be mindful of the volunteers/friends who drop everything and come running to the rescue never stopping to think 'what's in it for me'.

John Wade, you are such a treasured friend. Thank you for all your help! The Sonora, Rocksprings & Junction fire dept.'s along with the Nat'l. Forest Crews were awesome! We don't know how the Sonora volunteers or the Nat'l. Forest crews kept going, but we do know the fire would have never been contained without you. Words alone can never express our appreciation. From the depths of our being, we thank you!!! To the repair crews of Pedernales Electric, your expediency to restore our electricity was astounding. God only knows how you fixed the lines amid the fire, but thank you!! Our thanks also go out to the Sutton County law enforcement officers for their assistance to secure the safety and well being of all involved. Thank you!

To each and every one, we profusely Thank You!
 Mark & Jo Wilkinson
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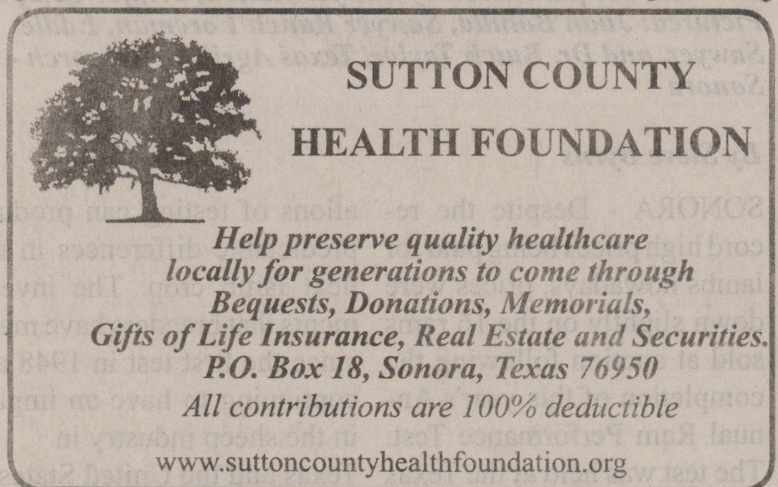
Dear Editor:

National Volunteer Week is April 10 through 16. This is a time to recognize and celebrate the many people who give selflessly of their time and talents in service to others. Here at Hospice of San Angelo, we have trained volunteers who are dedicated to making sure that patients in our 13 county service area have the support and care they need when facing the journey at life's end. This journey can often be a lonely and unfamiliar experience. Knowing that there is a caring neighbor to give a hand, lend an ear, and share his or her heart can make all the difference to patients and families.

Hospice volunteers understand that every person they care for is a unique individual with a lifetime of experiences, relationships and gifts to share. Hospice care brings comfort, dignity, and peace to help people live every moment of life to the fullest, leaving loved ones with memories they can treasure. Many misconceptions about hospice exist—that it means "giving up", or there's "nothing more that can be done." Nothing could be further from the truth: hospice is about living and making sure those with a life-limiting illness are surrounded by love and support.

If you know of someone who is a Hospice of San Angelo Volunteer, tell him or her thank you. The volunteering they do make our communities and our country a better place to live. Sincerely,

Toni Goodwin
 Hospice of San Angelo, Volunteer Coordinator



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Bond Monies Putting New Shine on Texas State Parks

AUSTIN – Visitors trekking to dozens of Texas state parks to take advantage of pleasant spring weather will find new restrooms, revamped playgrounds and campgrounds, and a host of other park upgrades resulting from millions of dollars in completed and ongoing capital repair projects begun last year.

Through February, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department had spent almost \$18 million on a variety of park improvements funded with bond monies approved by the state's electorate several years ago and appropriated by the Texas Legislature in previous sessions.

More than \$3 million in bond-funded repairs at Garner State Park is giving a long-awaited face lift to many of the Texas State Park system's overnight camping infrastructure. Complete remodeling is being done on 22 shelters with 11 fitted to ADA standards, including ADA-accessible walkways.

"The cabins are in full swing with all having been reroofed, rotted and damaged

wood is being replaced and contractors are scheduled to start with electrical, plumbing and HVAC work in April," says park superintendent Rick Meyers. "We are looking at re-opening cabins in May 2012."

Thus far, he notes, construction crews have completed repairs to the Live Oak Campground's electrical and water system and installed a new water system in Pecan Grove. At Rock Beach, Restroom #10 has been demolished and will be replaced by a new facility with dressing rooms and ADA accessibility. Construction should be complete by early summer.

In all, statewide, general obligation bonds have been sold to fund more than \$69 million in repairs and renovations to state park cabins, bathrooms, electrical and water systems, and other state park infrastructure. The majority of the FY08-FY09 funding (\$44 million) for the various repair projects at more than 40 state parks comes from the sale of Proposition 4 general obligation bonds, which were overwhelmingly approved by

voters in 2007 to fix up parks. Along with fixing up more than 40 state parks, the bonds provide an additional \$25 million to dry berth the Battleship Texas.

A number of capital repair bond projects address the most-cited concern in a recent Texas state park visitor study: aging and deteriorating bathrooms in state park campgrounds and cabins, according to TPWD Infrastructure Division deputy director Scott Stover, who is overseeing the massive state park capital repair program. Other projects are helping bring state park facilities into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

At Brazos Bend State Park, for example, work crews are installing new plumbing fixtures in the park's 30-year-old restrooms and making them ADA compliant as part of a \$419,000 bond project. ADA upgrades to the recreation hall and screen shelter area already have been completed as part of Lake Whitney State Park's \$2.5 million in capital repairs.

At Bastrop State Park, TPWD has budgeted well over \$3.3 million dollars to replace deteriorating galva-

nized plumbing in six of the historic cabins, replacement of electrical systems in the recreation hall, and general improvements at the golf pro shop; all structures built by the CCC more than 60 years ago.

At Cleburne State Park south of Fort Worth, a \$2.79 million bond project means groups will soon be able to stay in two new, air-conditioned and heated dorm-style barracks separated by a breezeway that feature 44 bunk beds, lockers and his-and-hers bathrooms. Renovations to the group area dining hall, which will have a fully equipped kitchen, seating for 75 and a covered back porch for diners to catch a breeze, are nearing final completion.

In addition, Cleburne Superintendent Collis Park says he's excited that summertime visitors will be able to enjoy a new concession building, bathroom/restroom, outdoor patio and beach at popular Cedar Lake. "Having a new restroom will be a wonderful asset. We've been using the two restrooms in the park for years and they've been getting hammered."

Stover expects the majority of the current slate of

state park repair projects to be completed by the end of this summer.

TPWD also has begun scheduling a new round of state park capital repairs with funding from the sale of the previous voter-supported state park bonds. The Legislative Budget Board and other state bonding agencies last year approved the issuance of \$38 million in general obligation bonds for FY10-11 to fund repair needs at 27 state parks, as well as fish hatcheries, wildlife management areas, and support infrastructure.

Scott says that so far, 76 percent, or \$28.9 million, has been allocated for state park repair projects, though the list of scheduled repairs is subject to change depending on priorities and other budgetary factors, he said. The remaining funding has been allocated to repair projects at other TPWD facilities.

For images of park repairs, visit: http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/newsmedia/news_images/?g=state_park_improvements_and_repairs.

New Options For IRS Tax Refunds

(SPM Wire) The IRS is reminding those who haven't filed their taxes that they can receive refunds in the form of savings bonds, payments to retirement accounts, mutual funds, as well as in the form of cash directly deposited to checking or savings accounts.

Midway through the tax season the average refund is amounting to \$3,070, according to the IRS.

For tax year 2010 returns, there are new savings bond options. Last year, if the taxpayer chose a savings bond as part of the refund, it could only be issued in the taxpayers' name. This year, taxpayers can designate anyone to receive savings bonds and also designate the co-owner or beneficiary.

For more on the different options, visit www.irs.gov.

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

Sutton County Friends of NRA Pre-event raffle is underway! Tickets are \$10 each with one winner taking home five firearms and a 14 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 4th Annual Auction/Banquet, Saturday, September 17, 2011. Your support is appreciated!


LIONS CAMP AT KERRVILLE FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED is available on a first come basis and is free. This one week camp is for Diabetics children on insulin, Physically disabled children and Down Syndrome children. For additional information contact Col. Pete Bradley 325.387.6282 or go to Lions camp.com

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



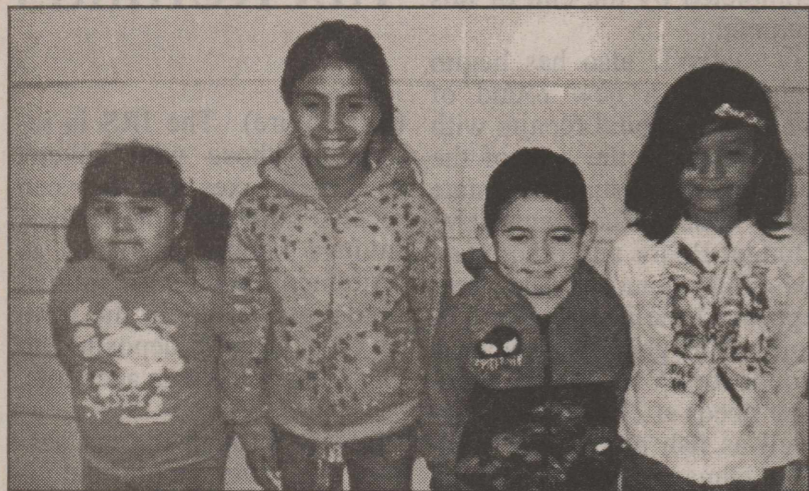
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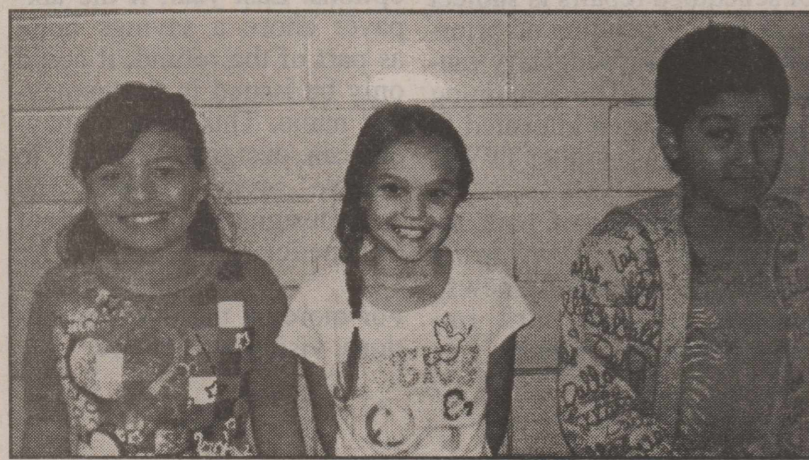
Students of the Week

Elementary



L to R: Felicity Castilleja, Esmeralda Salazar, Salvador Muro, and Yailin Dominguez

Intermediate



L to R: Morgan Anquiano, Allison Murphy, and Carlos Regino

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Sonora Golf Shooting For District

On a very windy day at Bentwood Country Club, the Sonora golf teams began their quest for a district championship. With golf balls blowing around on the greens and golf bags being blown over, the Lady Broncos rushed out to lead in the District race with a team total of 377. Brady is in second place (427) and Wall in third (492). Leading the Lady Bronco golf team was Liz Chavarria with an 80 followed by Sidney Dermody with an 85. Other team members included Logan Smith (102), Stephanie Hulsey (110), and Ali Castro (124). The Bronco boys team is

currently in second place with a team total of 349. They are behind the leading team of Wall (337) and ahead of the third place team Ballinger (366). Scoring for the Bronco were Word Hudson (82), Jansen McBride (85), Daniel Lankford (87) and Jason Alaman (95). The second and final round of district play will be held on Tuesday, April 12 at San Angelo Country Club.

A Guide To Male Expressions

"CAN I HELP WITH DINNER?"

Means: "Why isn't it already on the table?"

"UH HUH," "SURE, HONEY," OR "YES, DEAR..."

Means: Absolutely nothing. It's a conditioned response. If anything, it means; "I haven't heard what you said."

"IT WOULD TAKE TOO LONG TO EXPLAIN"

Means: "I have no idea how it works."

"TAKE A BREAK HONEY, YOU'RE WORKING TOO HARD"

Means: "I can't hear the game over the vacuum cleaner."

"OH, DON'T FUSS, I JUST CUT MYSELF, IT'S NO BIG DEAL."

Means: "I have actually severed a limb, but will bleed to death before I admit that I'm hurt."

Lions



Roar

Thank you Sonora! Our Broom Sale was a rousing success. This project was total team effort: Lions along with our stalwarts from the Middle School with Teacher Pam Crenwelge, The Caravan for the Blind and the wonderful giving heart of our Sonorans, made this event a big success. A special thanks to Juanita Barrera, a volunteer who sold brooms door to door and business to business. Juanita, a cornea transplant recipient, recognizes as well as anyone, "The Gift of Sight". We are so grateful for generous donations received from benefactors too numerous to name. You know who you are and so does your MAKER. Thanks again Sonora!

We would like to welcome two new members to the Lions Club: Lion Don Spiller and Lion John Wade.

Boy Scouts Troop 19 and Cub Scouts want a few more Bronco Boys. Lion Father Chris Roque is the Scout Master.

Our Lion District Convention is scheduled for April 22 & 23, 2011, in San Angelo. Our Club has five delegates authorized. Any Lion interested in representing our Club contact Lion Pete Bradley for registration information.

Preparation is underway to select worthy seniors at Sonora

HS for our annual scholarships. The top three students will receive scholarships, which memorialize three of our departed brothers who epitomized the "Lions Spirit of Service" - George Wallace, John Ward, and Virgil Poloczek. There will be additional scholarship awardees as well as these three. We would like to thank the donor who contributed a substantial tribute to the George Wallace Scholarship. All donations to these Memorial Scholarships are tax deductible.

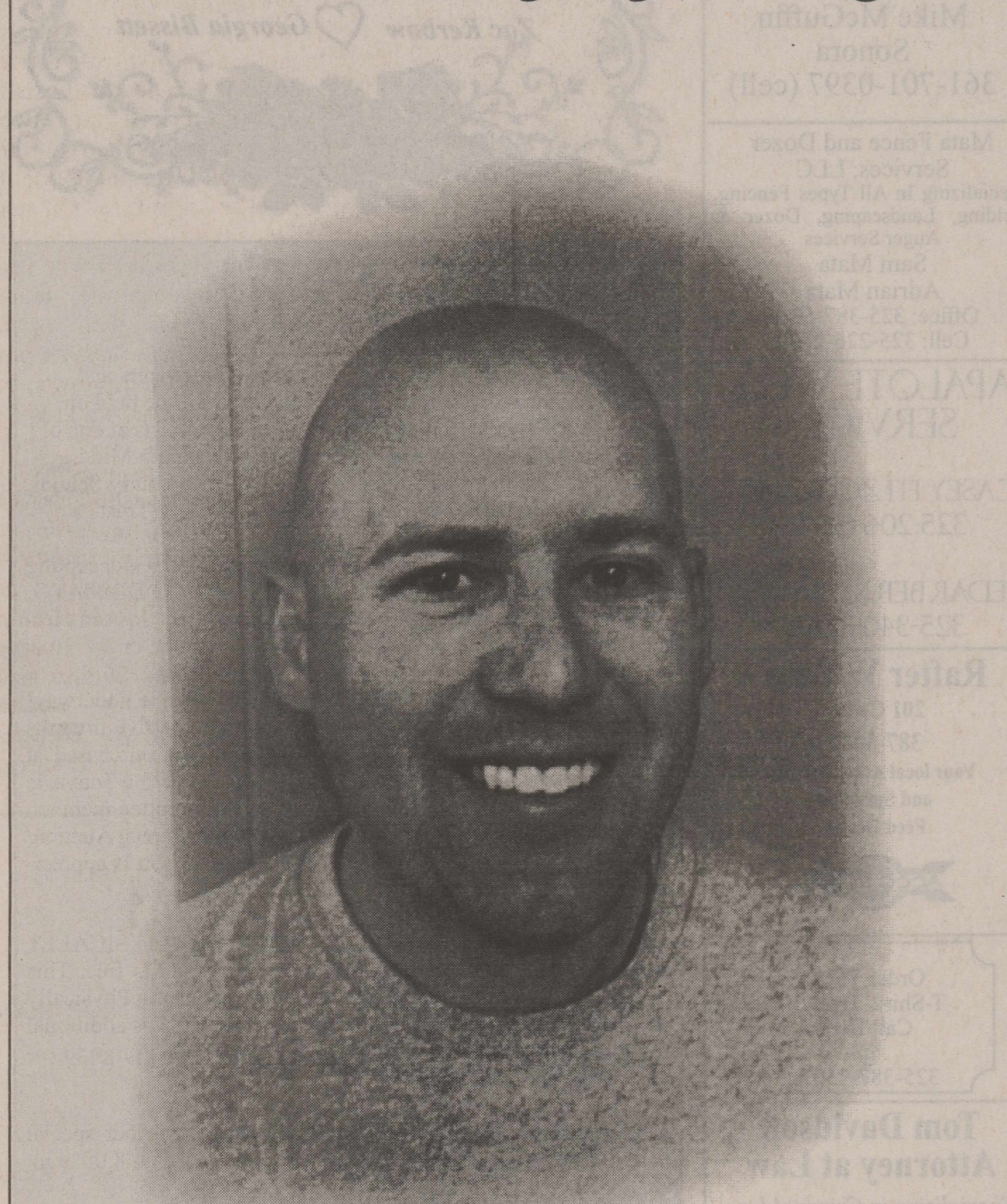
A high priority in the Lions charter is preserving the Gift of Sight. The week of the 16th of April is Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness week. Your Lions are active in the Lions Eye Bank, which is headquartered in San Angelo. We harvest donor corneas throughout West Texas for transplant into patients who are going blind. The Lions Eye Bank provides corneas to surgeons throughout the world for sight saving surgery. The key to organ donation is for all of us to let our loved ones know our desire to donate long before an emergency arises. The "gift of life and sight" is the greatest tribute our loved ones can give.

Upcoming Events:

- Sonora HS One Act Play Competition This week.
- Special Olympics sponsored by SISD April 15 donations needed.
- Relay for Life May 21
- Project Graduation May 27
- Sonora 7 on 7 Qualifier May 28
- Sutton County Days & Rodeo June 24-25

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Community Spotlight



TJ Thorp

Along with being a Sutton County EMS Volunteer TJ Thorp also works for the Kerrville Fire Department. TJ has been an active member of the EMS program for over 10 years.



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Extension Service Seeking Input From Clientele

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



An online Issue Identification Forum is being held in Sutton county to assist local Extension Agents and the Leadership Advisory Board identify the most critical issues affecting local citizens. We do this every few years to better define the areas in which we need to concentrate our work. Our local Extension program's goal is to provide educational programs that address the most critical issues in the county, related to Agriculture and Natural Resources, Families and

Health, Youth Development and Community Development. In order to make sure that the programs being planned for the future are on target, we invite your participation in the Online Issue Forum.

To participate, go to <http://extensionissues.tamu.edu>. The online survey should take you no more than 5 minutes to complete, and will provide us with valuable insight into the issues facing citizens in Sutton County. Your opinion is highly valued in our com-

munity, so we truly hope you will take a few minutes to participate.

The online forum is currently open, and will remain open for input until midnight on April 18, 2011. The link to the survey is prominent on the website, but should you have any problems, please contact the Extension office at 387-3101.

Both young children and old people have a lot of time on their hands. That's probably why they get along so well.

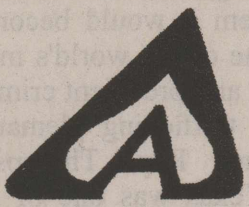
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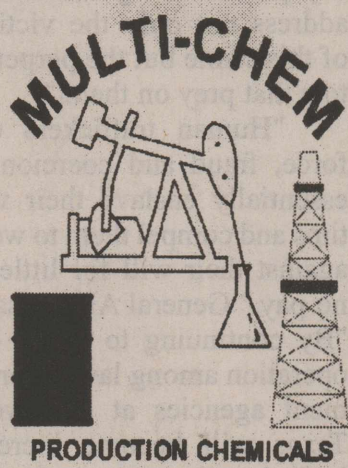


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By Lawrence J. McQuillan

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The Texas Animal Health Commission confirmed the anthrax case on a ranch in Hill County near Whitney, 30 miles north of Waco. A veterinarian submitted the tissue samples to the diagnostic laboratory in College Station.

"It's not unheard of, but somewhat unusual (for anthrax to be discovered in Central Texas)," said Dr. Amy Swinford, head of diagnostic bacteriology for the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

The laboratory conducted a series of tests to confirm the identity of the bacteria isolated from the cow's spleen, Swinford said.

"While the organism can be cultured from infected tissues, the preferred specimen is a blood sample, which can be collected without opening the carcass and potentially contaminating the surrounding soil," she said.

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The anthrax spores live in the soil and can continue to be a threat to livestock if not vaccinated, Swinford said. Recent dry, warm weather likely created a favorable environment for the spores to form.

"Also, when you have a heavy rain, spores that may have been deep within the soil can float to the surface," Swinford said. "They are then more easily ingested by livestock as animals graze the forage; the spores enter into their systems, germinate and cause disease." "I give credit to great people here in this laboratory," she said. "Myself and my three senior technicians are on call to do this diagnostic work. Upon diagnosis of a reportable disease (such as anthrax), we

notify TVMDL directors immediately, who in turn notify state health and Texas Animal Health Commission directors."

"This is another example of the laboratory providing early detection on diseases of high consequence and providing services to protect our livestock industry," said Dr. Tammy Beckham, Texas Veterinary Diagnostic Medical Laboratory director.

"We work closely with the industries and veterinarians across the state to provide timely, accurate diagnosis. In the case of infectious diseases such as anthrax, the time to diagnosis is critical for control and containment. Our staff is among the elite in their field and as such, works diligently to protect the agricultural, companion animal and public health sectors of Texas and the nation."

For more information on anthrax or the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, visit <http://tvmdl.tamu.edu>. Information about anthrax is also available on the Texas Animal Health Commission's website at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us> or call 800-550-8242.

We'll Need Oil and Gas for Decades

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In President Obama's derisory words, oil and gas are "doing just fine on their own." But like other commodities, oil and gas profits are highly cyclical and prone to booms and busts. A recent PricewaterhouseCoopers report showed that for 16 of the 20 years from 1987 through 2006, oil and gas companies earned a lower annual rate of return on invested capital than all other domestic industries combined.

Obama also says the industry is getting big bucks in subsidies each year. Not true. Like any business, oil and gas companies qualify for tax deductions, but they are far less generous than those enjoyed by the majority of energy companies. True, oil and gas companies receive federal energy R&D funding, but on average, electric technologies and renewables like wind and solar receive more than 22 times as much funding. Ethanol and biofuels are subsidized at a level 190 times that of oil and natural gas. Revenues and shareholder

profits can be large in good times, but the costs of finding and producing oil and natural gas are always high. With much of the world's conventional oil and gas reserves already developed, companies are turning to increasingly risky, non-conventional projects. Production costs for offshore oil can run between \$60 and \$65 per barrel -- three to four times the price for land-based drilling. Oil sands are even more expensive.

If we judge it by who is actually meeting the nation's energy needs, then oil and gas are clearly today's work horses. And tomorrow's, too.

The truth is, as President Obama seems to be slowly realizing, economics will always trump wishful thinking and right now, and for decades to come, economics are on the side of oil and natural gas.

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Texas Legislature Passes Laws to Protect Land Ownership

Gov. Rick Perry today was joined by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Honorary Director Tom Perini, and Abilene Mayor Norm Archibald to discuss legislation that would further protect private property owners' rights in Texas. The governor designated protecting private property rights/addressing eminent domain issues as an emergency item for the legislative session.

"The ownership of land is in many ways the culmination of the American Dream, and nowhere is the American Dream more accessible to more people than in Texas," Gov. Perry said. "We've taken important steps in the past to rebuild private property protections in Texas, and these measures will further assure Texas landowners that the power of eminent domain will

only be used for compelling, public reasons, never used lightly, and never used to pick winners and losers in the private sector."

Senate Bill 18, by Sen. Craig Estes and sponsored by Rep. Charlie Geren, requires entities to first make an offer, in writing and based on an appraisal, to the landowner to purchase the property through a voluntary sale for a fair price. This prevents entities from making lowball offers knowing the land can be taken by eminent domain if the landowner doesn't accept. The bill also requires condemnation petitions to specifically state the public use for which the land is needed, eliminating instances where land is taken without current plans for its use. The bill also makes it clear that eminent domain can only be used for public use.

"Don't mess with Texas, and don't mess with Texas land,"

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said. "Few issues have brought Texans together like eminent domain reform. SB 18 helps correct the injustice of loopholes in the law that allows landowners to be taken advantage of. Passing this legislation will send a message that, here in Texas, we hold dear to our heritage of land ownership."

Further, SB 18 requires a government entity that takes land to first have a record vote stating the land to be taken and the project for which it is being taken. It also requires entities to provide all appraisals of the property they have during negotiations to ensure landowners understand the fair market value of their land. Finally, SB 18 also allows landowners to repurchase land at the price they were paid for it if it becomes unnecessary for the project for which it was taken, or if no actual progress is made toward the project in 10 years, even if the project has not been cancelled.

"As landowners, we know that Texas is growing and that our land and water will be needed to accommodate future growth; however, that accommodation shouldn't come at our expense," Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Honorary Director Tom Perini said. "Eminent domain reform is needed to preserve Texas' natural resources and agriculture. With-

out stronger protections for property owners, Texas will diminish its ability to thrive."

Land steward organizations interested in further protecting private property rights, including the Texas Wildlife association, support these measures.

"The Texas Wildlife Association is a longtime supporter of protecting property owners from eminent domain abuse," TWA President Tina Y. Buford said. "SB 18 by Sen. Estes and Rep. Geren is another important step in providing meaningful eminent domain reform for all Texans."

Protecting private property owners' rights remains a priority for Gov. Perry. At the governor's request, last session the Legislature passed a measure to allow Texans to vote on a constitutional amendment requiring land taken to be only for public use, ending the seizure of property for use by a private developer. Additionally, local governments can no longer condemn an entire area for redevelopment by claiming it is blighted without proving that each section is blighted. The amendment also protects Texas landowners against further grants of eminent domain authority by requiring each new grant to receive a 2/3 vote in each house of the Legislature. Texas voters passed this amendment in November 2009.

Texas To Receive \$51.4 Million To Turn Around Its Persistently Lowest-Achieving Schools

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan today announced that Texas will receive \$51.4 million to turn around its persistently lowest achieving schools through the School Improvement Grants (SIG) program. The funds are part of \$546 million available to states for the SIG program in fiscal year 2010. In fiscal year 2009, states received a total of \$3.5 billion for the SIG program.

"When a school performs in the bottom five percent of the state and isn't showing signs of progress or has a graduation rate below 60 percent over a number of years, something dramatic needs to be done," said Duncan. "Turning around our lowest-achieving schools is difficult for everyone but it is critical that we show the courage to do the right thing by kids."

The \$51.4 million made available to Texas is being distributed by formula to the state and will then be competed out by the state to school districts. Texas's application, which includes its list of persistently lowest-achieving schools, as defined by the state, can be found here: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/sif/summary2010/index.html>.

School districts will apply to the state for the funds this spring. When a school district applies, it must indicate that it will implement one of four school intervention models in each of its persistently lowest-achieving schools for which it receives SIG funds, based on school needs:

- **TURNAROUND MODEL:** Replace the principal, screen existing school staff, and hire no more than half the teachers; adopt a new governance structure; and improve the school through curriculum reform, professional development, extending learning time, and other strategies.
- **RESTART MODEL:** Convert a school or close it and reopen it as a charter school or under an education management organization.
- **SCHOOL CLOSURE:** Close the school and send the students to higher-achieving schools in the district.
- **TRANSFORMATION MODEL:** Replace the principal and improve the school through comprehensive curriculum reform, professional development, extending learning time, and other strategies.

Increasing the Pressure on Human Traffickers

Gov. Rick Perry was joined by state Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, Rep. Senfronia Thompson, and Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott to discuss legislation that would strengthen penalties for those convicted of human trafficking. Sen. Van de Putte and Rep. Thompson are sponsoring legislation to address this issue, and General Abbott leads the Attorney General's Task Force on Human Trafficking.

"Trapped between the law and the lawless, victims of human trafficking suffer under inhumane conditions, forced into activities they'd never imagined with their captors threatening to kill them, or even their families, if they

don't comply," Gov. Perry said. "In Texas, we must do everything possible to ensure more people don't fall into the trap of human trafficking, and to make sure that the people behind these insidious acts pay the price for their crimes."

SB 24 and HB 7 contain proposals from the Attorney General's Task Force on Human Trafficking, which include creating a new offense for compelling prostitution for adult and child victims, stronger parole requirements for trafficking offenses that require offenders to serve longer prison time, eliminating release on mandatory supervision, and stronger restrictions on bond release.

"As startling as it is to imagine that human trafficking is occurring in our state, the reality is that this form of modern day slavery does take place," Sen. Van de Putte said. "We must do everything pos-

sible to severely punish those who profit from this heinous crime and help victims regain their dignity."

HB 3000 and SB 1436 create the Continuous Trafficking of Persons offense, a first degree felony with terms that range from 25-99 years to life, which the governor called on the Legislature to create in August 2010. Modeled after Jessica's Law, Continuous Trafficking of Persons applies to offenders who commit human trafficking two or more times during a period of 30 days or more. The legislation also requires notice of bail reductions, requires a two-thirds vote of the Board of Pardons on Paroles for release on parole, and makes Continuous Trafficking of Persons a crime eligible for automatic life without parole for a subsequent continuous trafficking conviction.

"Less than 10 years ago al-

most no one knew what human trafficking was, or how big a problem it would become. Now one of the world's most heinous and prevalent crimes, human trafficking demands attention," Rep. Thompson said. "Texas was one of the first states to really address this, and today we continue to be at the forefront of this issue. This session we are on the verge of passing several key pieces of legislation that address not only the victims of this crime but the perpetrators that prey on them."

"Human traffickers use force, fraud and coercion to essentially enslave their victims and compel them to work against their will for little or no pay," General Abbott said. "By continuing to foster cooperation among law enforcement agencies at all levels, Texas will become increasingly hostile territory for human traffickers."



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Roxy is a lifelong resident of San Angelo and graduate of Central High School. Roxy and her husband, Alan, have been married for twenty six years and are the parents of Josh and Briana Jones and Shayna Doty. They are proud grandparents to Brylee and Jakobe Jones and Trace Alan Doty. They are members of PaulAnn Baptist Church.



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Meghan Krieg-'07 Sonora graduate, Louisiana Tech, Sr., softball

The Lady Techsters traveled to Reno, Nevada this past weekend for their second WAC series of the year. Tech finished the weekend 2-1 (12-4, 5-2, 3-1) against Nevada. Meghan pitched all 3 games for the Techsters in a series Coach Dawson considered very pivotal for the team's season. Meghan finished the weekend pitching all 19 innings with an ERA of 2.21, 3 walks and 26 strike outs. The Techsters will stay in Nevada until Wednesday when they will then fly to Boise for the 3rd WAC series of the year.

Kimble Luna-'08 Sonora graduate, Howard Payne, Jr., softball

The Lady Jackets of Howard Payne split 2-2 (W5-4, L0-2, L1-5, W5-2) their series with Texas Lutheran over the weekend. Kimble unfortunately couldn't find a hole and seemed to hit directly to people all weekend. She

was 0-11 in the series putting the ball in play every at bat. In game 1, Kimble recorded 2 ground outs to the pitcher and one to short stop. In game 2, Kimble grounded out to 2nd, short stop and flew out to first. In game 3, Kimble had a put out from center field on defense while flying out to center, an unassisted hit to 1st and then getting on base with a fielder's choice on offense. In game 4, Kimble had another put out from center field and on offense flew out to 2nd and recorded a sac bunt. HPU will next travel to Abilene on April 8th and 9th for their series with Hardin Simmons University.

John Duke Hudson-'09 Sonora graduate, College of Charleston, So., golf

The C of C golf team concluded play at Hootie at Bulls Bay Intercollegiate Tournament on Tuesday finishing in 15th place. John Duke finished the 3 day event shooting a 232 (+19). The Cougars will be coming to Texas to compete in the Jim West Intercollegiate April 10-12 at Victoria Country Club in Victoria, Texas.

UIL Rule Changes Approved by Commissioner of Education

AUSTIN, TX— Amendments to current UIL rules passed by the Legislative Council of the University Interscholastic League have been approved by Commissioner of Education Robert Scott. The Commissioner's approval allows the rule changes and amendments to the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules to take effect immediately, and for the 2011-12 school year, depending upon the nature of the amendment.

The amendment to alter the UIL Concussion Management Protocol approved by the UIL Legislative Council in October was given final approval by Commissioner Scott on March 25. As part of the measure, UIL member schools will be required to follow the regulations for concussion management currently in place from the National Federation of State High School Associations. The amended concussion management protocol will take effect August 1, 2011.

Under the new guidelines, no student-athlete that sustains a concussion will be allowed to return to play on the same day. Current guidelines stipulate that a student-athlete who sustains a concussion could return to play on the same day if the student was symptom free after 15 minutes of evaluation

and testing. Return to play decisions will be made by a licensed health care professional, and only after written clearance will follow a stepwise progression back to full participation. Any subsequent concussion sustained by a student-athlete will require further medical evaluation by a licensed health care professional.

These guidelines, along with additional information on concussions, will also be included on the UIL website and in the 2011-12 UIL Parent Information Manual and other UIL publications.

Among the changes approved by Commissioner Scott was establishing an initial set of contest rules to conduct a Chess Puzzle Solving pilot event in grades 2-8. The pilot status will be used to determine interest level and feasibility for implementation of Chess Puzzle Solving as an official UIL event. The rules regarding the Chess Puzzle pilot take effect immediately.

Commissioner Scott's approval also allowed the following rule changes passed by the UIL Legislative Council in October to take effect during the 2011-12 school year:

- F0B7 Allowing interschool football scrimmages to be scheduled after six days of contact practices instead of seven;
- F0B7 Allowing critiques when using panel judging in One-Act Play;
- F0B7 Allowing all players to participate in the team playoff in golf;
- F0B7 Adding a verification period for all journalism contests;

Junior High Girls Track

By Coach Immel

The JH track teams traveled to Junction last Friday to compete in the Hubbell Relays. The 7th grade girls took 5th as a team but had 4 personal bests for the season. The Lady Colts will finish their season by competing for a district championship on Thursday, April 14th, in Ballinger. Thanks for your support!

High Jump: Tie 5th, McKenzie Murphy-3'10", Tie 5th, Julia Pope- 3'10. Pole Vault: 6th, Elizabeth Bean-5'6". 2400 M Run: 1st, Janelle Vasquez- 10:09.25. Sprint Relay: 2nd, Darby Ramsdell, Julia Pope, Cip Tobias, Lisa Garza-59.46. 800M Run: 6th, Dionne Hinojosa- 3:06.40*. 100 M Hurdles: 3rd, Julia Pope-20.30- 5th, Tyler Hampton, 22.40. 100 M Dash: 3rd, Darby Ramsdell- 14.48. 800 M Relay: 4th, Tyler Hampton, Kaitlyn Lopez, Cip Tobias, Elizabeth Bean-2:12.37. 300 M Hurdles: 3rd, Tyler Hampton- 1:00.46, 5th, Julia Pope- 1:04.24. 1600 M Run: 1st, Janelle Vasquez- 6:20.01 *. Mile Relay: 6th, Lisa Garza, Kaitlyn Lopez, Janelle Vasquez, Darby Ramsdell- 4:51.78 *. Team: 5Th place-73.5 points. *personal best for the season

8th Grade Boys Track

By Coach Moore

This past Friday the 8th grade Colt track team traveled to Junction for a meet. The meet was another successful meet with a lot of athletes having their personal best. The 8th grade Colts won the Hubbell Relays out of a six team field. Only their results can show how well the meet went.

2400: Tanner Esparza, 6th-9:43.47. 4 x 100 relay: Dub Latham, Sid Anderson, Andres Acevedo, Brett Castillo, 1st-47.26. 110 hurdles: Brian Garcia, 1st-18.18, Santi Garza, 5th-20.71. 100 meters: Dub Latham, 3rd-11.81. 4 by 200 meter relay: Dub Latham Brian Garcia, Gus Barrera, Sid Anderson, 1st-1:42.37. 400 meters: Brett Castillo, 1st-58.85. 300 hurdles: Brian Garcia, 1st-47.81, Santi Garza, 4th-52.18. 200 meters: Andres Acevedo, 2nd-25.99. 4 by 400 meter relay: Pedro Campa, Sid Anderson, Gus Barrera, Brett Castillo, 1st-3:55.62. Long Jump: Brett Castillo, 1st-19'4.5, Dub Latham, 5th-16'1.25, Brian Garcia, 6th-15'11. Triple Jump: Brett Castillo, 1st-38'8.5, Andres Acevedo, 5th-34'8, Brian Garcia, 6th-33'9.5. Shot Put: Ethan Patlan, 2nd-37'10.5. Discus: Pedro Campa, 1st-127'3, Lionel De leon, 2nd-116'3. High Jump: Dub Latham, 2nd-5'0. Pole Vault: Gus Barrera, 3rd-8'0.

7 Grade Boys Track

By Coach Tuttle

This past Friday the Sonora 7th grade Colts track team traveled to Junction for the Jr. High Hubbell Relays. The Colts put on a fantastic performance starting with the field events where the Colts scored 38 of their 84 points. The total of 84 points at the end of the night left the Colts in 3rd place for the meet. The Colts will have a week off this week and will return to the track for the final meet of the year, the District Track meet in Ballinger on April 14th. Team 84 points 3rd

Long Jump: 2nd Jonathan Martinez. Triple Jump: 4th Jonathan Martinez. Shot Put: 2nd Juan Gamez. Discus: 2nd Sergio Solis. Pole Vault: 3rd Garrett Jeager 4th Trent Harris. Sprint Relay: 4th Trent Harris, Jonathan Martinez, Oscar Herrada, Felix Guerra. 800m Run: 2nd Garret Jeager. 100m Dash: 4th Sergio Solis. 800m Relay 4th Felix Guerra, Jonathan Martinez, Sergio Solis, Garret Jeager. 400m Dash: 5th Arturo Lopez 6th Jake Swindall. 300m Hurdles: 6th Michael Campos. 200m Dash: 5th Sergio Solis. Mile Relay: 3rd Jake Swindall, Arturo Lopez, Michael Campos, Garret Jeager.

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