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State Leaders Reach Consensus on Closing FY 2011 Budget Gap

AUSTIN – Gov. Rick Perry, Speaker Joe Straus and Comptroller Susan Combs today announced the decision to close out the Fiscal Year 2011 budget gap by implementing \$800 million in cuts, using \$300 million from increased sales tax collections over the last few months, and using a one-time draw not to exceed \$3.2 billion from the state's Economic Stabilization Fund, also known as the Rainy Day Fund.

"We have worked closely with state leaders and lawmakers to balance the current budget, which includes using a one-time amount from the Economic Stabilization Fund to help our budget deal with the impact of the national recession," Gov. Perry said. "As we craft the next two-year budget, Texas leaders will continue to focus on a more efficient, fiscally responsible government, essential state services, and private sector job creation. I remain steady-

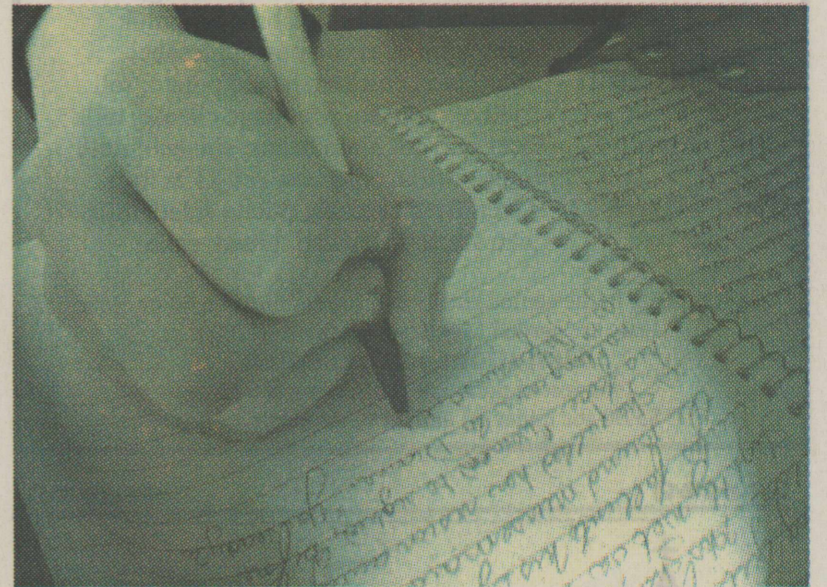
fastly committed to protecting the remaining balance of the Rainy Day Fund, and will not sign a 2012-2013 state budget that uses the Rainy Day Fund."

"For more than a year, leaders in the Texas House and I have been working with Governor Perry and Lt. Governor Dewhurst to cut state spending by nearly \$1.7 billion as our revenue fell during the national recession," Speaker Straus said. "Now that most agencies have made substantial cuts from their current budgets, using part of the Rainy Day Fund to pay for the rest of our bills – even as we continue to look for more savings – is the conservative and fiscally responsible way to meet our constitutional duty to balance the budget. The Rainy Day Fund was created to help manage just such unexpected declines in state revenue. We will do so while preserving more than \$6 billion in the fund to cover unexpected emergencies in the future."

"I look forward to working with the members, Gov. Perry and Lt. Gov. Dewhurst to preserve the remainder of the Rainy Day Fund," Speaker Straus said.

"I commend legislative leadership and lawmakers for their work to close the current year budget gap and do what is right for Texans," said Comptroller Combs. "Sales tax revenue has done well in recent months because of increased business and consumer activity, which will help close the 2011 deficit. And as I mentioned in recent testimony, it is also important to keep the state's future budget needs in mind in our decision making of today."

By resolving this biennium's shortfall, Texas leaders can now focus their future efforts on completing the 2012-2013 biennial budget without raising taxes.



HIGHLIGHTING YOUNG WRITERS

Forward by Ben D. Taylor

To ask anyone who claims to be a writer they will almost assuredly tell you that the most difficult thing to write is fiction. Fiction requires the ability to balance imagination with reality to ensure the prose is believable. It is true when they say that the only difference between fiction and reality is that fiction has to make sense.

Most success full fiction writers might tell you that their stories are inspired by true events, or objects. Juan Gamez was inspired to write about the story of a stuffed bear he saw at the Old Ice House Ranch Museum. He was able to convince me that his story could have been possible, and I found myself drawn into his fictional account of "Billy Bear".

BILLY BEAR

By Juan Gamez

All of a sudden we heard this loud growl, and all we saw was a bear charging right at us! This is the story of how my fateful companion and I try to take down Billy Bear.

It was the summer of 1988, the year my companion and I were tracking down the humongous bear named Billy. As we made our map I thought, "What if the bear tracks us down first." We made our plans. "We will go through the woods and march on until dusk and then we will make camp," said my companion. "Agreed" I spoke. We needed something to hunt with so we went to the General Store to get equipment. We bought two bows, arrows, and a week's worth of supplies. We were ready.

It was early in the morning when we decided to head out. We started trekking through the woods hearing the sound of leaves crush between our boots as we searched for the elusive bear. It started to get dark so we set up camp near a creek. My companion and I started a fire as we thought about where we could look for the bear in the morning.

The next morning we were woken up by this noise. Across the river we saw a bear about the size of the bear we were looking for. We looked for our bows but couldn't find them. I told my companion to get up and walk slowly backwards towards me. Instead of doing that, he ran towards me and then all I could see was the bear charging us. We started to run towards town when we heard a gun shot. "Bullseye" said the mysterious stranger. We asked him his name and he told us "Bill Stewart". "Thanks, you saved our lives back there", my companion and I said.

That is the story of how Billy Bear was caught.

Eaton Hill and The Historical Society "Get Lucky"

Eaton Hill Nature Center is busy planning an April one Must Wash the Dishes, an event, part open house, part quirky anti-women's suffrage fundraiser, all Spring. Enter satire written by Marie Jenney Michèle LaRue, New York-area actress with several April performances in Texas and a sister in Sonora.

Miss LaRue has had a varied theater career, from Off-Broadway plays and one-woman shows to soap operas, films, and Law and Order.

On Thursday evening, April 28th, the Sutton County Historical Society will present of the late 1800s-early 1900s, Michèle LaRue in Someone Must Wash the Dishes: An Anti-Suffrage Satire.

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New Businesses Abound In Sonora

Pistols and Petticoats



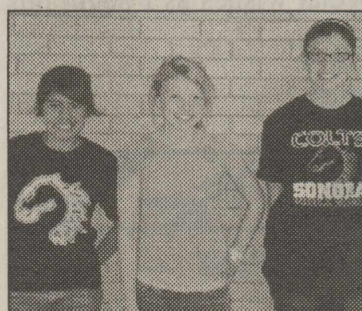
This new business located at 809 N Crockett is owned and operated by Sonora Native Stormi Kennedy. This boutique offers everything from a haircut to decor.

Sonora Air Cooled Engines



Carl and Terri Johnson has changed the property at 115 N. Concho into a showcase of all your small engine needs.

Students of the Week



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Senior Center Activities

Thurs. March 17 - Happy Birthday *Fina Hernandez*
 Fri. March 18 - Happy Birthday *Faye Thorp*
 Mon. March 21 - Bingo
 Tues. March 22 - Happy Birthday *Rita Lopez*
 Wed. March 23 - Van to San Angelo

Senior Center Menu

Thurs. March 17 - Carne guisada, pinto beans, tossed salad flour tortilla, raisin bread pudding, milk
 Fri. March 18 - Fried catfish, hominy, broccoli, milk hush puppies, cinnamon applesauce
 Mon. March 21 - Smothered chicken, baked potato, roll fried okra, pears w/cottage cheese, milk
 Tues. March 22 - Beef burrito, pinto beans, spinach, milk flour tortilla, coleslaw, Jell-O w/fruit
 Wed. March 23 - Oven fried chicken, potato salad, milk carrots, tossed salad, bread, cake

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).

Obituary

Jimmie Ann Howorth



Jimmie Ann (Pool) Howorth entered eternal life on March 12, 2011 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. She was our light and laughter and will be truly missed.

Born August 18, 1943 in Borger, Texas, she was the daughter of Bonnie and C.B. Pool and spent her formative years in the Texas Panhandle before moving to Monahans in 1955.

In 1957 she met Max Howorth, who she described as her soul mate, and they were married in 1961. In 1963 she gave birth to Sheila, their only child and the joy of her life, and they moved with Max to El Paso to attend college. Upon graduation in 1966, Max accepted a job with Shell Oil Company and they spent the next 35 years living and traveling all over the world.

While Max moved on with his career, Jimmie was constantly honing new skills. She was a Legal Secretary, Real Estate Agent, Medical Office Manager and Physicians' Financial Advisor, but her highest priorities always were focused on her role as wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

After retiring in 2000, Max and Jimmie made Sonora their home. Jimmie spent many wonderful hours enjoying the serenity and beauty of High Point Ranch, making it a special destination for her family and beloved friends and a haven for the many animals she rescued and loved.

Jimmie was a ray of sunshine to all the lives she touched. She was a tireless optimist, always seeing the best in others. She found great joy in the accomplishments and talents of her family and friends.

Those left to cherish Jimmie's memory are her husband Max Howorth of Sonora; daughter Sheila Velarde and husband Jorge and grandchildren Taylor and Landon of San Angelo; brother Ben Pool and his wife Lenora of Sonora; sister Sheila Speasmaker and her husband Bill of Waco; brother-in-law Jerry Howorth and his wife Gaye of San Angelo; and mother-in-law Myrtis Howorth Reeves and her husband Laird of San Angelo.

Jimmie leaves a rich legacy as a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother, and valued mentor and friend to so many.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to any of the following organizations that were important to Jimmie:

1. First United Methodist Church of Sonora Building Fund
P.O. Box 675
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2. Grand Companions Animal Shelter
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Fort Davis, TX 79734
3. Hospice of San Angelo
P.O. Box 471
San Angelo, TX 76902

Obituary

Rosa Elena Sanchez



Rosa Elena Sanchez, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and foster-grandmother of Sonora, Texas, passed away on March 11, 2011. She is survived by her sons, Juan Carlos Gonzales, Alfredo Gonzales and Alex Gonzales; daughters, Rosemary Rodriguez and Diana Gauna; sister, Olga Romono, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services were held in Sonora at St. Ann's Catholic Church on Tuesday, March 15, 2011. Pallbearers were her granddaughters, Emily Rodriguez, Desiree Gonzales and Crystal Carr; grandson, Alex (A.J.) Gonzales; great-granddaughter, Kandyse Rodriguez; nieces, Elena Luna and Anna Luna; and family friend, Roberto Herrera. Honorary pallbearers were Bryn Humphreys from The City of Sonora Police Department, Eddie Ratcliffe of St. Simons Island, Georgia and grandchildren John Carlos Gonzales, Mark Alfred Gonzales, Abel Rodriguez, Jr., Arturo Lopez, Jr., Traci Garza, Alex Rodriguez, Marisa Morales, Albert Rodriguez, Alfred Rodriguez and Austin Rodriguez.

Rosa was well known in her community and had many friends. Rosa was always willing to help when she could and in any way she could, as is evident by her volunteer work at Sonora Elementary School, where she volunteered her time as a Foster Grandparent for the past 10 years.

Rosa will be missed dearly and will always hold a special place in our hearts and in the hearts of all of those that she came to know.

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support.

Thank You Notes

Thank you to the wonderful people of Junction, the wonderful community of Sonora, the EMS, the Police Department and our friends and family for all your help and generosity after the loss of our home. A huge thank you goes out to our Fire Department family. We will forever be indebted and words cannot begin to express how much each and every one of you mean to us!

Thanks again,
 Billy and Christy Lippman

To Sonora Chamber of Commerce

Thanks for bestowing to me the great honor of "Citizen of the Year" award. No where else, but Sonora, could I have had such a GREAT experience. I am truly both proud and humble.

Thanks to the great people of Sonora and Sutton County for letting me share in the lives of your wonderful children; that experience has made my life wonderful, also!

Thank you,
 Mattie Nix

On February 28, 2011, I retired from First National Bank after 38 years of employment. My sincere thanks to family, friends, FNB customers, as well as the directors and staff of FNB for all the gifts, cards and special wishes as I begin this exciting time of my life.

Roberta James



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Watkins Shines at A&M

Broncos at the Next Level

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

The Lady Techsters competed in the Texas A&M Invitational this past weekend. On Friday, Meghan dominated on the mound as the Techsters beat Mississippi Valley State 2-0 and fell to #22 Texas A&M 3-1. Meghan struck out 14 in each game moving her up to #2 on the Louisiana Tech's all time strikeout list. Against A&M, 14 of her 15 outs recorded were strikeouts. Saturday, freshman pitcher Kipp took the loss against San Diego State after being tied 2-2 going into the 6th. Meghan picked up the 7-1 win against MVS immediately following the SDSU game. Meghan allowed 1 run on 3 hits while striking out 8 and walking none. Tech pitchers Jones and Kipp combined for a tough loss to A&M on Sunday before heading home. The Techsters will stay within the state of Louisiana this week as they travel to Northwestern for a Wednesday game and then to Southeastern for a Saturday double header.

Kimble Luna-'08 Sonora

graduate, Howard Payne, Jr., softball

The Lady Jackets of Howard Payne traveled to Belton, Tx. to play a double header on Saturday and Sunday against the Mary Hardin-Baylor softball team. Mary Hardin-Baylor swept HPU 4-5, 6-7, 0-3, 1-3. Kimble hit a hitting slump as she was unable to manage a hit after putting the ball in play and only striking out once. Defensively, Kimble had 4 put outs from center field. The Lady Jackets next take on Schreiner in a mid week home game then travel to Alpine for a weekend series against Sul Ross.

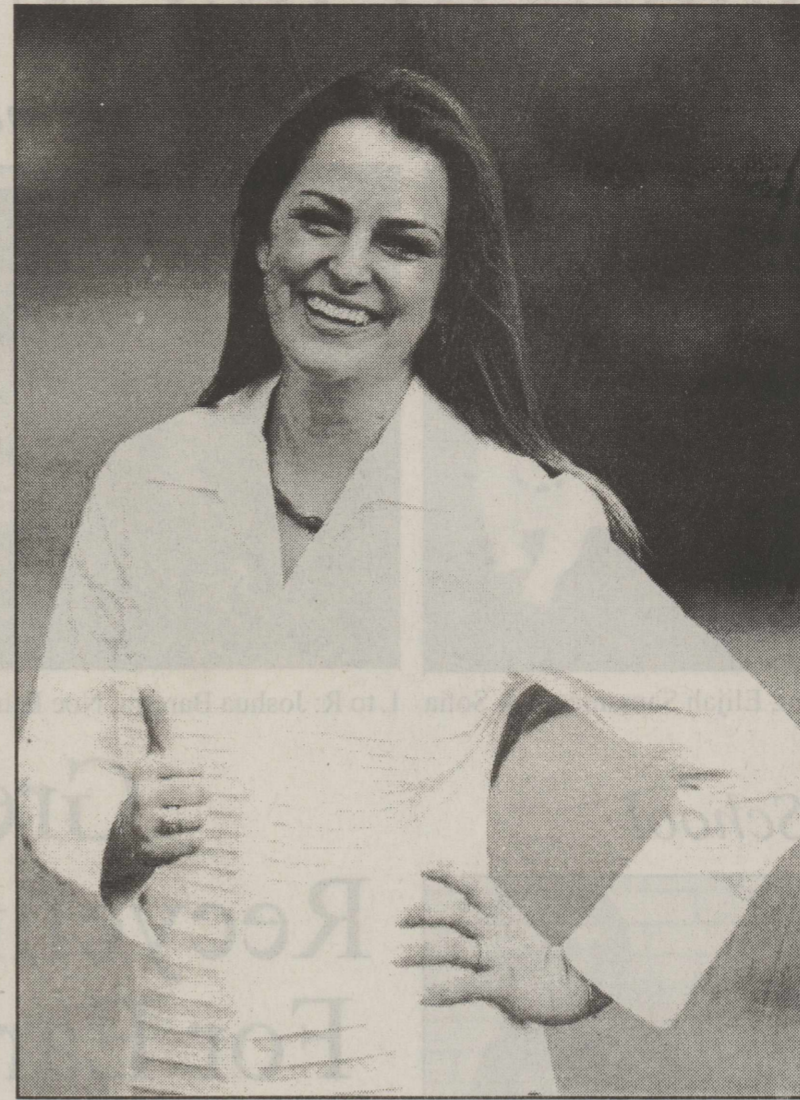
John Duke Hudson-'09 Sonora graduate, College of Charleston, So., golf

As the week's SoCon golfer of the week, John Duke had his 2nd top 5 finish this weekend as the men's golf team of C of C finished tied for 14th in the Cleveland Golf Palmetto Intercollegiate Tuesday at the Palmetto Golf Club. John Duke shot 69-70-73=212 (+2) for the tournament. The Cougars will compete Mar. 13-14

at the General Hackler Championship hosted by Coastal Carolina in Myrtle Beach, S.C

Cassie Krieg-'10 Sonora graduate, Louisiana Tech, Fr., softball

The Techsters competed in the Texas A&M Invitational this weekend without the help of #22 Cassie Krieg. Cassie was forced to rest severe shin splits in both legs. After the lead off got on base Cassie did get to pinch hit in the last inning of the SDSU game Saturday morning. She came off the bench and recorded a hit and a run for the Techsters. That was the only action allowed to a very frustrated Cassie. The Techsters will play a few games within Louisiana this week but Cassie's status is probably more rest to have her ready for the start of conference play the next week.



McKenzie Watkins, a senior agricultural communications and journalism major at Texas A&M University and a 2007 graduate of Sonora High School, has earned three awards from the College of

Agriculture and Life Sciences: the Dean's List, the Senior Merit Award, and an invitation to join Gamma Sigma Delta.

She is the daughter of Ms. Cindy Gilcrease of Sonora, and Mr. Bo Watkins of Lubbock; and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gil-

crease of Sonora.

Watkins was selected for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Dean's List based on her academic performance in fall 2010. Dean's List recipients have a grade-point-ratio of 3.75 or higher. Watkins has also earned the Senior Merit Award from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The Senior Merit Award is the highest award given to an undergraduate by the College and has been awarded for more than 50 years.

Selection for the Senior Merit Award is based on academic performance, leadership and service activities, community involvement, professional and civic activities, employment and internships, academic honors, and publications at the departmental, college and university level.

Gamma Sigma Delta is an international honorary society. Selection for the society is based on scholastic achievement and leadership potential. Watkins will be inducted into the society on April 13, 2011. Watkins will be graduating from Texas A&M University in May 2011 and plans to attend graduate school in fall 2011.

Sonora Independent School District Bond Election May 14, 2011

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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.

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.

Lions Club Broom Sale Mar 29, City Hall & Sonora Post Office, Order early from any Lion. Info call 387.6282

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!

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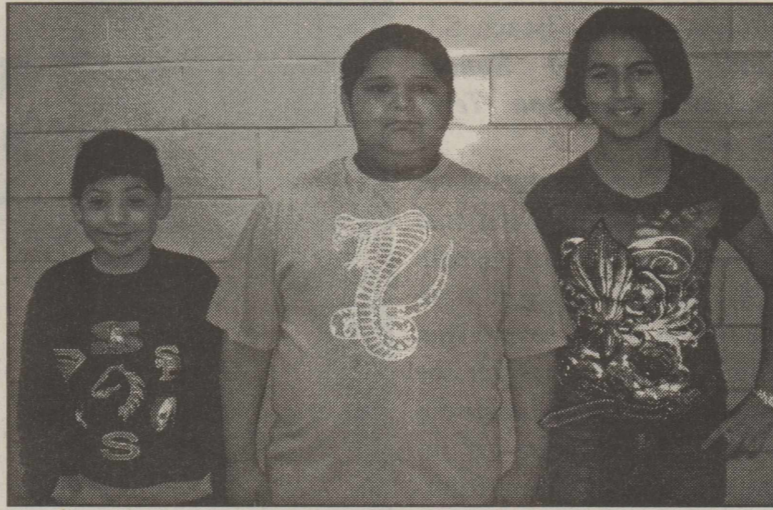
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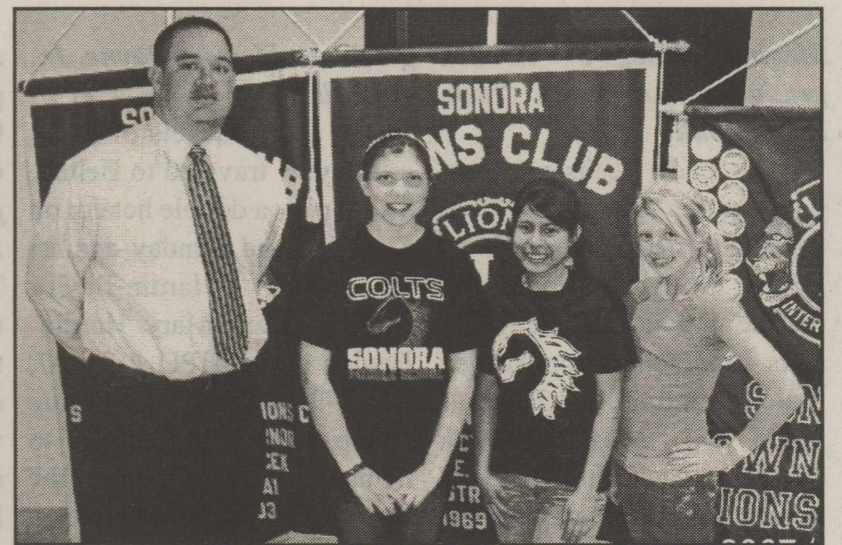


L to R: Sianne Alviso, Lane Taylor, Elijah Samaniego, & Sofia Serrano



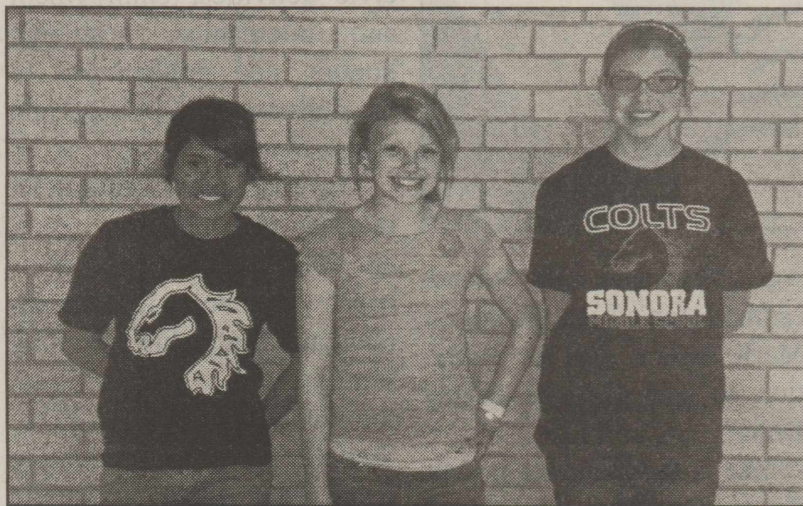
L to R: Joshua Barerra, Noe Estrada, & Jacqueline Hernandez

Lions Roar



Sonora Middle School Principal Brandon Duncan, Kaitlyn Lipham, Mia Smith, Kathryn Bean

Middle School



L to R: Mia Smith 8th grade, Elizabeth Bean 7th grade, Katelyn Lipham 6th grade

Great Recycling Tips For Earth Day

(StatePoint) Whether you're making plans for Earth Day or simply looking for ways to do more for the planet, now is the perfect time to revitalize your recycling efforts.

Something as simple as recycling more of the plastic bottles, bags and wraps you use every day can make a big difference. But recycling doesn't stop with throwing these items in the bin; purchasing products made with recycled materials is another great way to go green!

In fact, nearly 83 percent of Americans say they feel more "green" when buying products made with recycled plastics or other recycled materials, according to a recent survey

by Plastics Make It Possible, an initiative sponsored by the plastics industries of the American Chemistry Council.

"Earth Day is the perfect time to close the 'recycling loop' by purchasing products made from recycled materials," said Steve Russell, vice president of the plastics division of the American Chemistry Council. "Many plastics can be recycled and given a second life as clothing, carpeting, furniture, gardening equipment, backyard decks, new bottles and bags and other products we use every day."

Here are some tips to get you back to recycling basics:

- * Understand your local recycling program. Recycling programs vary across the country, but most community curbside programs collect plastic bottles, and many major grocery and retail chains now offer bins to collect plastic bags and wraps for recycling. An increasing number of communities also collect other containers such as yogurt and butter tubs -- check to see if yours is one of them.

- * Check the neck. For recycling purposes, a bottle is any container with a neck smaller than its base. This includes beverage containers, food jars for products such as mayonnaise and dressings, and bottles for shampoo, laundry detergent and household cleaners. And remember, recyclers want the caps, too!

It never ceases to amaze me about the abundance of talented folks here in this small town of Sonora. The Lions Club strives to provide its members informative programs about a wide range of issues affecting this community and its citizen. This last week we called on one of our own Lion Bob Malone, to educate us on The US National Energy Policy. I may be singing to the choir but there is no other person I would rather hear from on this topic than Lion Bob Malone. Lion Bob is currently President of the 1st National Bank of Sonora and formerly the CEO of BP Oil. A frequent guest of the Congress of the US testifying on Energy issues and very much in demand world wide for his expertise in all facet of power generation and exploration.

Bob Malone major message is this Nation does not have an Energy Policy nor has it has one for over 35 years. The current gasoline price should cause Americans to reflect on whether the issue is a National Crisis or merely years and years of Compliancy. He spoke of some facts bearing on the problem/solution as the US has 100 years of coal supplies, we have untapped oil/natural gas supplies in the Gulf, Offshore East and West Coast, Rockies and other locations. Wind and Solar in abundance as well as Bio-fuel capability, which won't raise the price of food. The bottom line is the US has a 60% gap in what we produce in oil and natural gas and what we use. A Comprehensive National Energy Policy which includes fossil fuels and renewables along with conservation is needed now.

Thanks Lion Bob for your illuminating presentation. GO BRONCOS and PLEASE SHOP SONORA

Coming Events:

- Lions are gearing up for evaluation of deserving HS students for scholarships under the direction of Lion Janalyn Jones.
- Lion Don Gibson is heading a nomination committee for Lion Officers for next FY.
- Broom Sale 29 March, Maine Street @ City Hall & Post Office.
- Special Olympics 15 April
- May Relay for Life & Project Graduation & 7 on 7 FOOTBALL qualifying in SONORA

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Extension Office To Offer Pesticide Applicator Training Course

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent



With spring on the horizon, some of us begin thinking about ways to control unwanted vegetation. However, you should know that some chemicals are designated general-use pesticides and can be purchased "over-the-counter" while others are restricted-use pesticides and require a pesticide applicator license. To that effect, if you've considered acquiring an applicator license, here are some things you should know.

Private applicator license are required in order to use or supervise the use of restricted or state-limited pesticides or regulated herbicides in the production of agricultural commodities. Applicators must obtain 15 continuing education units (C.E.U.s) every five years, including a minimum of two C.E.U.s in laws and regulations and two in integrated pest management (IPM).

Commercial licenses are required to use or supervise the use of restricted or state-limited pesticides or regulated herbicides, for hire or compensation, on the land of another person. An individual that is not a licensed commercial pesticide applicator,

certified private applicator, or structural pest control applicator, but intends to apply restricted use pesticides in the performance of his or her job duties (e.g. government entities such as state, county, or city) must be licensed as a noncommercial pesticide applicator. Both commercial and noncommercial licensees must obtain five C.E.U.s annually, including at least one C.E.U. each in two of these three topics: laws and regulations, integrated pest management, and drift minimization.

If you are interested in acquiring a license, please contact your local County Extension Office at 387-3101. We will be offering a training course on March 28th at the Sutton County Civic Center. We will also provide take-home study material and have a "refresher" session on April 12th. Cost for the private applicator manuals is \$50 and includes training, necessary course manuals and study materials. Cost for commercial and non-commercial applicators depends on the license category sought. Call by March 21st for details and so that study manuals can be ordered for you.

Wildfire Risk To Continue into April

COLLEGE STATION — We continue to have grass Crops, pastures and rangeland fires popping up all over continued to be stressed by drought in most of Texas.

Adding insult to injury, the high risk of wildfire would last through April for most of the state, according to Texas Forest Service and Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel. The problem remains lack of moisture, combined with a heavy fuel load of dry grasses and high winds.

On Feb. 22 these conditions contributed to the outbreak of 20 major wildfires from Amarillo to Ozona and Midland east to Matador, an area with a "footprint of about 45,000 square miles," said Mark Stanford, Forest Service operations chief.

Stanford said the winds spread the fires at 4 to 5 miles per hour, creating the equivalent of a football-field size area burning every minute. At least 80 homes burned and hundreds of families evacuated.

Stanford and other forecasters feared that, without rain, the same conditions that fueled the Feb. 22 fires will continue to raise the risk of wildfires big and small.

We continue to have grass fires popping up all over the county," said Tommy Yeater, AgriLife Extension agent for Howard County, west of Abilene. "We are in desperate need of a good rain. Farmers don't have any moisture to go into planting season. Ranchers continue to doze firebreaks around their pastures."

"Childress County is in need of more moisture," said Lonnie Jenschke, AgriLife Extension agent for the county, which is northwest of Wichita Falls. "The county saw some 50 mph winds early in the week. There was one small fire and some small fires this week. Small-grain fields are in definite need of moisture."

"A total of 32,294 acres burnt and left some ranchers without any grazing," said Ryan Martin, AgriLife Extension agent for Motley County, northeast of Lubbock. "Some producers were fortunate enough to have other pastures to move cattle to, but several had just pulled cattle off these pastures due to lack of moisture and grazing becoming sparse. Some

producers were even forced to sell off cattle due to all of their grazing acres and hay supply being destroyed."

Other parts of the state were spared the wildfires, but conditions in many areas could favor similar burns, according to the

Forest Service.

More information on current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force webpage at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

The Dog That Takes You Into the Bar

Two men are walking their dogs (a doberman and a chihuahua) when they say to each other "I'm thirsty." They see a nearby bar and walk up to it.

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The man put on his sunglasses, walked up to the door and tried to get in but a big muscular man stopped him. "Where do you think you're going?" asked the big man. "This is my seeing-eye dog," said the man hoping for good feedback. "Alrighty mister, go right in," said the big man. The doberman man walked in.

The second man slipped his sunglasses on and did the same as the first man. "Where are you going?" asked the big man. "I'm going into the bar, this is my seeing-eye dog," he said. "A chihuahua?" asked the big man with suspicion. The other man, playing his part yelled, "They gave me a chihuahua!?"

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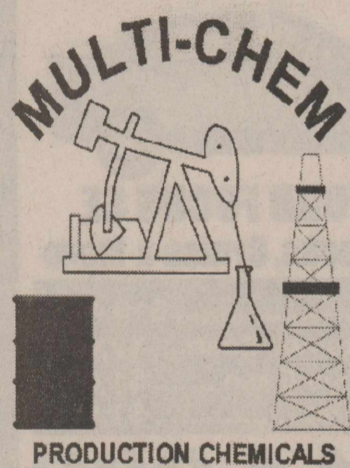
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Protect Your Home From Severe Weather

(StatePoint) Storms and natural disasters are an inevitable part of life, but homeowners can take steps to minimize their impact and damage to their homes. The warmer weather offers a perfect opportunity to make some small but meaningful changes.

"With recent tornados in New York and snow in Texas, every part of the country should prepare for storms and natural disasters," says Christopher Rose, president of Christopher Rose Architects and a member of The American Institute of Architects' Custom Residential Architect Network. "Fortunately, there are a number of budget-friendly upgrades homeowners can make to protect their homes without ripping down walls."

Here are some manageable ways to protect your home from storms:

Retroactive Improvements

Homeowners can install galvanized metal clips in their attics to provide structural support from the roof of a house to its foundation. These clips, which will also help minimize damage from high winds, can be purchased in most hardware stores.

Homeowners may also consider strapping, which are boards that are nailed as a large "X" to the ceiling joists to strengthen walls. Similar to metal clips, strapping is readily available in most hardware stores.

Don't Fear the Basement

Many basements are prone to flooding, even in simple rainstorms. Luckily, there are two easy ways to minimize damage, says Rose. Homeowners can brush a liquid waterproofing product onto the surface of the concrete block walls in a typical basement to inhibit moisture penetration. Also, installing a sump pump can help remove water that has already seeped into the basement. Sump pumps are a good idea for most homes, especially those in heavy rain areas.

Treat Your Windows

Windows bear the brunt of powerful winds and flying debris during storms, so homeowners may consider covering them with a special film, much like the films used to tint car windows, to help protect against heavy winds.

Or they can install ballistic nylon to protect glass, reduce wind pressure and help protect

against wind-driven debris. Ahead of storms, homeowners can secure nylon sheets with a series of hooks in front of glass or on a porch, softening winds from a dangerous 110 mph to a more manageable 5-10 mph. During more extensive renovation, consider replacing the windows with ones that are designed and tested to withstand severe storms.

"No matter where you live, readying your home for a storm or natural disaster is a worthwhile investment," says Rose. "Taking the time now to lessen the damage Mother Nature unexpectedly throws our way is always a sound practice."

If your home does suffer severe storm damage, an architect can help assess the damage and determine if the house is still structurally sound. Architects can serve as vital assets when it comes time to renovate, especially for homeowners looking to take any storm- or disaster-resistant measures.

For more storm- and disaster-resistant ideas, visit www.aia.org, where you also can locate an architect in your area.

(StatePoint) For many Americans the warmer weather of spring means it's time to focus on all those home improvement projects that would be inconvenient during winter.

Adding an extension, sanding wooden floors or replacing a roof are a lot easier when you're not worried about the weather and diminished day light. Also, contractors are less likely to have weather-related delays that blow timelines, making spring renovations run more smoothly.

Here are some home improvement projects you may want to start this season:

* **Replace the Roof:** If your roof is starting to leak or you notice dramatic increases in heating or cooling bills, it may be time to replace it. The best time to do so is when the weather is warm and dry. Keep in mind the U.S. Department of Energy recommends light roofing colors, which will keep down cooling costs and help reduce global warming. For more energy-saving home improvement tips, visit www.energy.gov.

* **Check the Perimeter:** Inspect your home's exterior,

making sure to check your siding. Mold and cracks can be a sign you need to re-paint or replace boards. Also, now may be a good time to repave your driveway. Asphalt needs the right factors of temperature and moisture to set properly. Better weather leads to better driveways.

* **Add a Fireplace:** Fireplaces are great focal points to any home, and now homeowners can double their impact by adding see-through fireplaces that can be installed between rooms or even to warm a patio. Versatile fireplaces, like the Montebello See-Through by Lennox Hearth Products, can be installed between a kitchen and dining room or between a living room and patio, creating a dramatic effect. You can learn more at www.lennox.com.

"An indoor/outdoor installment is a great way to enjoy your fireplace year-round," says Bill Wetzel, product manager of Fireplace Systems for Lennox. "After all, who wants to spend money on home improvements you can only use half the year?"

* **Tinker with Plumbing:** Because bathroom and kitchen

renovations often require plumbing changes, the warmer months are the best for these projects. Now's the ideal time to expand that half-bathroom with a shower stall, or to upgrade your master bathroom with a whirlpool tub. And there are many choices of eco-friendly fixtures from such brands as Delta, Kohler, American Standard and others.

* **Install Skylights:** With longer days and clear, starry nights, it's the season for gazing at the sky. But allergens can make sky gazing difficult for some. Consider installing skylights in your home this season.

* **Sand the Floor:** Most people think of floor maintenance as a cool weather activity, but floor sanding kicks up incredible amounts of dust. In warmer weather, you can throw open doors and windows and set up fans to suck the dust outward.

The better weather makes almost all home improvement projects more enjoyable. So take advantage of the season to upgrade your home!

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Honoring Young Volunteers

(Family Features) Many youth today are involved in what 19-year old Jourdan Urbach describes as a "youthquake" of charity work among their generation. Jourdan is founder of Children Helping Children, which has raised \$4.7 million for neurological disease research and care through Concerts for a Cure. He believes volunteer efforts by young people will be "this world's saving grace."

A recent survey suggests that, indeed, today's youths are attuned to helping others. The survey, conducted by Build-A-Bear Workshop, reveals that:

- 98 percent of kids think it is important to help others.
- 95 percent think it is important for kids to help charities that help people.
- 94 percent said it is also important to help charities that help other kids and charities that help animals.

While 82 percent of kids surveyed think it is fun to help charities, only 69 percent think it is easy for kids to get involved in doing so. It's clear that kids want to give back, but they may not always know how.

"It's as easy as looking around your neighborhood and asking yourself, 'What can I do to make things better?'" said Mimi Ausland.

Mimi created the website FreeKibble.com when she was just 11 years old. The site collects donations in order to buy food for animal shelters.

"Animal shelters need animal lovers to volunteer, find homes for pets or collect food," she said. "They can always use a helping hand, no matter how small."

Max Wallack, 14, was inspired to give while caring for his great grandmother Gertrude who suffered from Alzheimer's disease. He founded Puzzles

and Remember, a non-profit organization that collects, donates and delivers puzzles to Alzheimer's patients, nursing homes and Veterans Affairs facilities.

For 11-year-old Ashlee Smith it started with a fire. Ashlee's toys were destroyed when her home burned down. She started Ashlee's Toy Closet and has now donated nearly 165,000 toys and books to kids in the United States, Canada and Haiti.

These are just a few examples of how everyday kids found extraordinary ways to give back to their communities, but opportunities for service are endless.

• The book "77 Creative Ways Kids Can Serve," by 18-year-old Sondra Clark, is just one resource for kids who want to help but may not know how.

• RandomKid (www.randomkid.org), founded by 15-year-old Talia Leman, provides staff

and services to youth for the development, management and accomplishment of their goals to help others.

• Websites like Zoom into Action (pbskids.org/zoom/activities/action/index.html) and Do Something (www.do-something.org) also are great tools to find volunteer projects.

Jourdan, Mimi, Max, Ashlee, Sondra and Talia were all recognized by the Build-A-Bear Workshop Huggable Heroes program, which honors young leaders making a difference in their local communities and around the world and rewards them with scholarships, charitable contributions, networking opportunities and leadership training.

If you know a deserving kid in your community, you can nominate him or her to be a 2011 Huggable Hero. Nominations will be accepted through February 28. Visit www.lovehugsmiles.com/HuggableHeroes.aspx or a Build-A-Bear Workshop

Sun Safety Tips For Kids And Teens

(StatePoint) There's no such thing as a healthy tan, say experts, especially among kids and teens.

"Children need to be protected from the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays, even on cloudy days," says Dr. O. Marion Burton, president of American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). "Parents should make sure kids and teens are using a waterproof sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher when outdoors."

The AAP also strongly cautions teenagers against using tanning salons. While it may be a growing fad among teens today, artificial tanning is not risk-free and can cause skin cancer and eye damage just like sun tanning.

For more information, visit www.healthychildren.org.

Spring Car Care Tips

(SPM Wire) Spring is the perfect time for getting your car in shape before peak driving season.

As such, the Car Care Council is stressing three tips for motorists:

- * Keep your vehicle clean. Regular car washes and waxes protect your car's paint and body from corrosive debris.
- * Keep on schedule. Every vehicle has a manufacturer recommended maintenance schedule. Whether you do your own maintenance or patronize a local repair shop, follow a routine service schedule.
- * Keep an eye on little things. Your gas tank is missing its cap? There's a warning light on your dashboard? Repairing small things now helps avoid more costly problems down the road and add years of useful vehicle life.

First National Bank of Sonora is pleased to announce the promotion of Shanna Petty to the position of BSA Officer.

Shanna began her banking career in 2004 as a teller at the Sonora Branch. She has since served in many departments throughout the bank. Shanna brings an outstanding background to the important role of Bank Secrecy Act Officer.

Shanna has an 8 year old daughter, Kadee Brian, and says that "she embraces every moment with her." She served as President of Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of Sutton County Relay for Life for six years, Secretary of the Fling Ding Club, Sutton County 4H, Board of Directors for the Sutton County Child Welfare Board, Treasurer of the Sutton County Rural Health Clinic and Board Member of the St. Vincent De Paul Society of St. Ann's Catholic Church. She also enjoys floating and Kayaking Texas Rivers, and just piddling in the yard.



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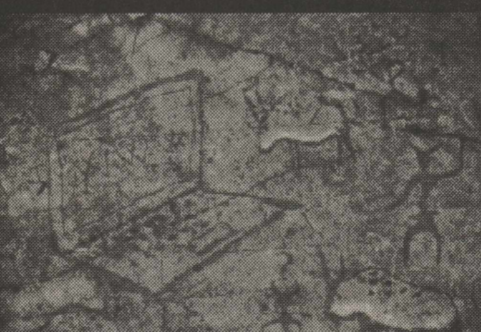
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Discus: Damon Evans, 4th, 114'03". Triple Jump: Bailey Joe Pennington, 2nd, 41'01". High Jump: Dallas Payne, 4th, 5'02". Long Jump: Edward Garza, 1st, 9'02.5". 3200 Meter Run: Robert Chavez, 3rd, 10:30.96, Jesus Vasquez, 5th, 10:48.40. 400 Meter Relay: Ethan Morriss, Ryan Garmon, Zach Badeaux, Gunter Pennington, 2nd, 45.27. 800 Meter Run: Robert Chavez, 1st, 2:01.87, Esteban Garcia, 4th, 2:07.71. 110 High Hurdles: Will Dunn, 1st, 15.21, Zach Badeaux, 2nd, 15.56, Dallas Payne, 3rd, 15.74. 100 Meter Dash: Ethan Morriss, 1st, 11.52, Gunter Pennington, 2nd, 11.58. 800 Meter Relay: Ethan Morriss, Gunter Pennington, Eric Santana, Edward Garza, 3rd, 1:37.09. 400 Meter Dash: Jesse Guerrero, 1st, 52.08, Jansen McBride, 3rd, 54.84, Ryan Garmon, 5th, 58.51. 300 Meter Hurdles: Will Dunn, 1st, 41.34, Zach Badeaux, 2nd, 42.93, Dallas Payne, 3rd, 43.68. 200 Meter Dash: Jesse Guerrero, 1st, 23.46, Eric Santana, 2nd, 24.62. 1600 Meter Run: Jesus Vasquez, 5th, 4:55.59.

Varsity Girls Dominate Bronco Relays

Discus: 4Th Place- Kylie Love- 81'3 ¼". High Jump: 3Rd Place- Serena Allison- 4'6", 4Th Place- Kylie Love- 4'6". Triple Jump: 1St Place- Morgan Smith- 33'10 ¾", Long Jump: 1St Place- Jacinda, Sanchez- 16' 11 ½", 2Nd Place- Morgan Smith- 16'6". Pole Vault: 2Nd Place- Kelsey Favila- 9'6", Shot Put: 3Rd Place- Jomayra Gutierrez- 26' 4 ½", 4Th Place- Chelsey Lou Campbell- 26'1", 3200 M Run: 2Nd Place- Dulce Acosta- 12:47, 5Th Place- Megan Yourgalite- 13:04, 4X100 Relay: 2Nd Place- 51.50, Macie Friess, Nicole Lipham, Morgan Smith, Chelsey Lou Campbell, 800 M Run: 2Nd Place- Kallie Humphrey- 2:32, 4Th Place- Clarissa Hernandez- 2:44. 100 M Hurdles: 1St Place- Kelsey Favila- 17.25, 4Th Place- Logan Smith- 20.34. 100 M Dash: 1St Place- Jomayra Gutierrez- 13.75. 4X200 Relay: 3Rd Place- 1:56, Jomayra Gutierrez, Nicole Lipham, Macie Friess, Jacinda Sanchez. 300 M Hurdles: 1St Place- Chelsey Lou Campbell- 48.4

6Th Place- Jomayra Gutierrez- 31.81. 1600 M Run: 2Nd Place- Kallie Humphrey- 5:50, 4Th Place- Dulce Acosta- 5:56. 4X400 Relay: 2Nd Place- 4:09.31, Morgan Smith, Nicole Lipham, Jacinda Sanchez, Chelsey Lou Campbell.

TEAM SCORES:
SONORA- 195
WALL- 141
CRANE- 102
JUNCTION- 64
OZONA- 54
REAGAN CO- 11

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Al McGuire

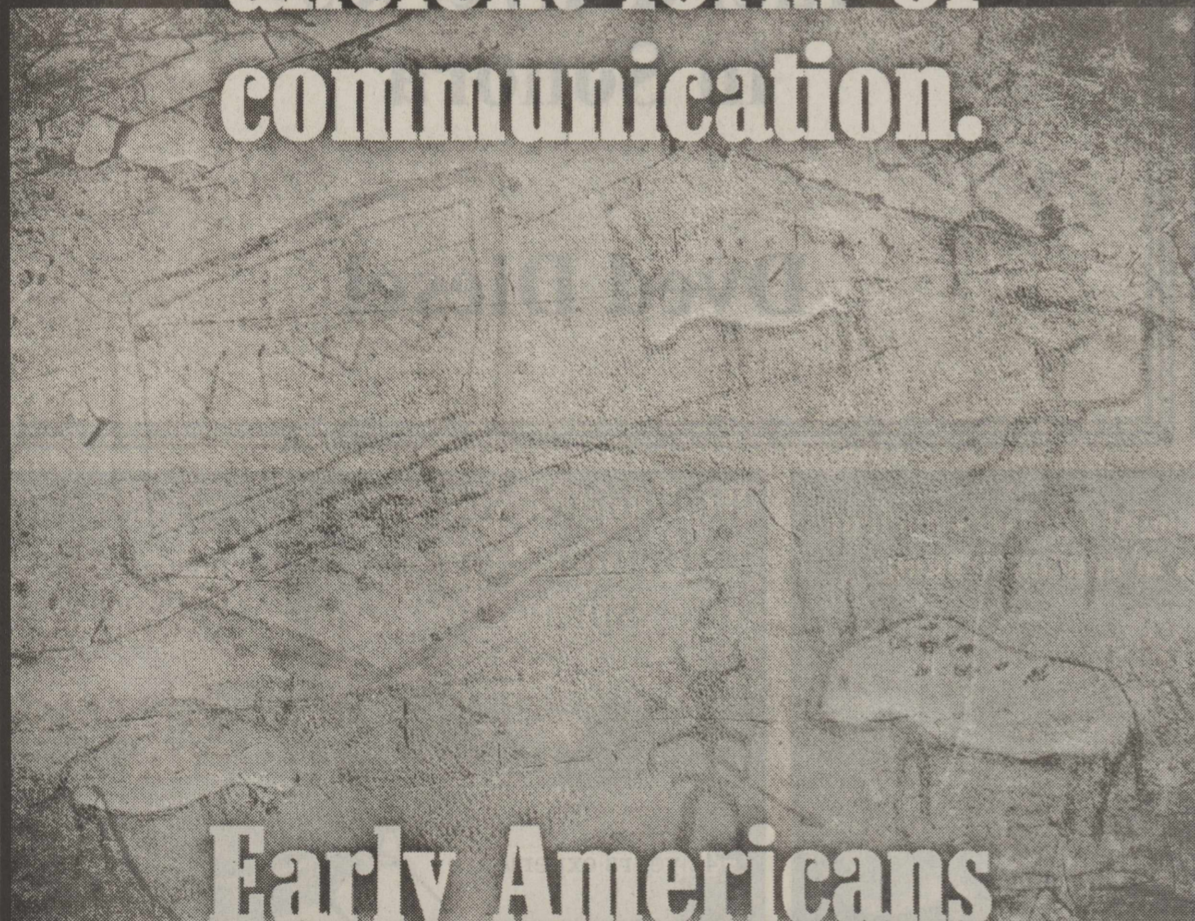
Bronco Softball Destroys Harper

Last night the Lady Broncos took on the Harper Longhorns. All three aspect were clicking last night for the Lady Broncos. Hitting: The Lady Broncos manufactured 19 runs on a slew of hits. Every Lady Bronco had at least one hit last night with the majority of the Lady Broncos getting multiple hits. All Ladies getting hits last night were: Hunter Jennings, Morgan Smith, Kylie Love, LeAndra Castaneda, Sarah Carrillo, Evelyn Solis, Micaela Moore, Paige Sykes, Abby Creek, and Jacinda Sanchez. Defense: The Lady Broncos only gave up 2 runs last night but only one of them were earned. One of the runs came on an error but it was the only one of the night for the Lady Broncos. Pitching: Freshmen Kylie Love struck out 10 Longhorns in just 5 innings.

Sonora- 19
Harper-2

This pushes the Lady Bronco record to 11-4 on the year.

Archeologist uncovers ancient form of communication.



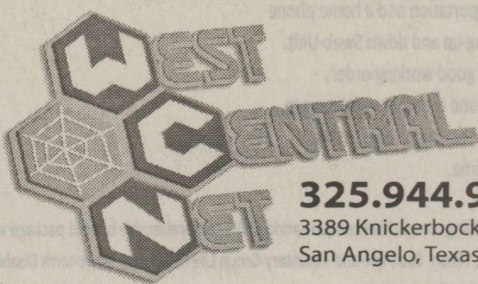
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Step Back In Time! 2011 Chamber Banquet

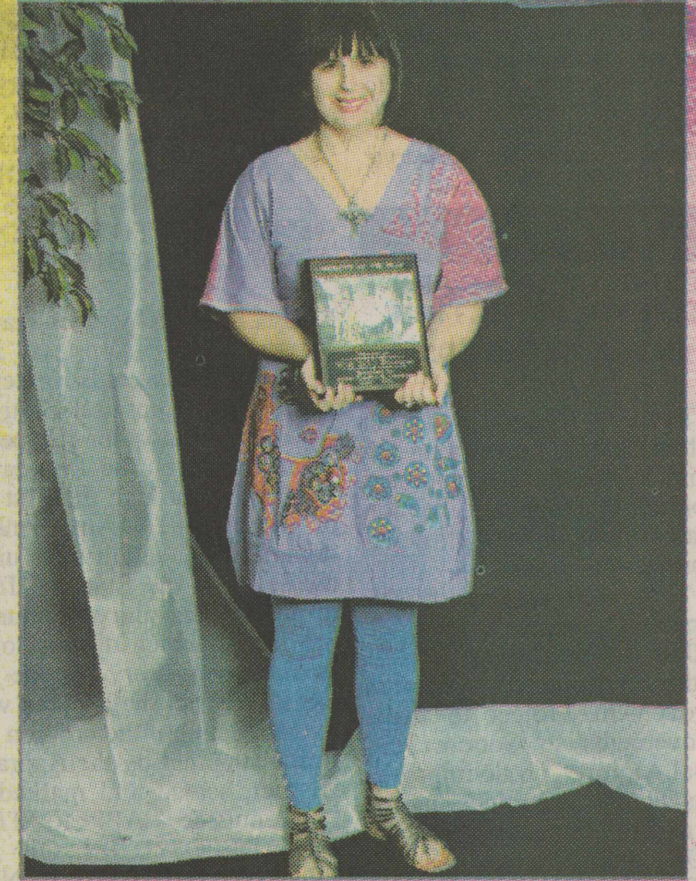
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The Sonora Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet on Thursday, March 10th, 2011. The theme was "Step Back in Time". The tables were decorated with black and white table linens accented with a single red rose. There were old black and white photos of Sonora, dated back to 1897, along the wall for everyone to see and take a "Step Back in Time". The photos were courtesy of the Sutton County Historical Society and Viva Sonora. We would like to thank Ben Taylor for all his help with the photos. I would like to thank Kendra Vyvlecka for all her work on the decorations! They were absolutely beautiful. The Sutton County

Steakhouse catered the meal and La Mexicana had the cash bar. This year seemed to be the largest crowd I have ever seen. Don Longoria blessed the meal, and then Donna Garrett thanked all the outgoing board of directors for their dedication to the chamber for the past three years. Those directors are; outgoing President Jimmy Sims, Kendra Vyvlecka, Carla Smith and Bill Hodges. Donna then introduced the current board of directors and the new directors. Current board is as follows, Ed Mayfield, Jody Luttrell, Dani Dillard, Juanita Gomez, Cynthia Perez, Pam Payton, Katy Harrell and Mariah Castro. The new directors are Blayze Sykes, Tabitha Sanchez

Abrego, Casey Fitzgerald and Lisa Price. Jim Stephen then entertained the crowd with a speech about looking forward in the future and everyone coming together to help the leaders accomplish their goals. Susan Hall introduced the Landscape of the Month winners from April 2010 - March 2011 and announced the Landscape of the Year; Sutton County Senior Center Meals on Wheels Program, Citizen of the Year; Paul Friess, President of the Sonora Economic Development Corporation then announced the Customer Service Champions for the months of April 2010 - March 2011 and then announced the Customer Service Champion of the Year Linda Luna from Stripes Convenience Store. Linda re-

ceived a plaque and a gift card in the amount of \$250. Jody Luttrell then announced the nominees and winners of the following categories; Educator of the year; June Williams, Employee of the Year; Danny Hardin, Business Person of the Year; Mallory Roussetot, Organization of the Year; Wild Bill's Boutique. Congratulations to Katy! John Mattie Nix. Janell Sparks with Sparkle Images was there to take the photos of the winners. I would like to thank everyone that helped with the banquet and everyone that came out to support our wonderful nominees. Congratulations to all the winners!



*Landscape of The Year
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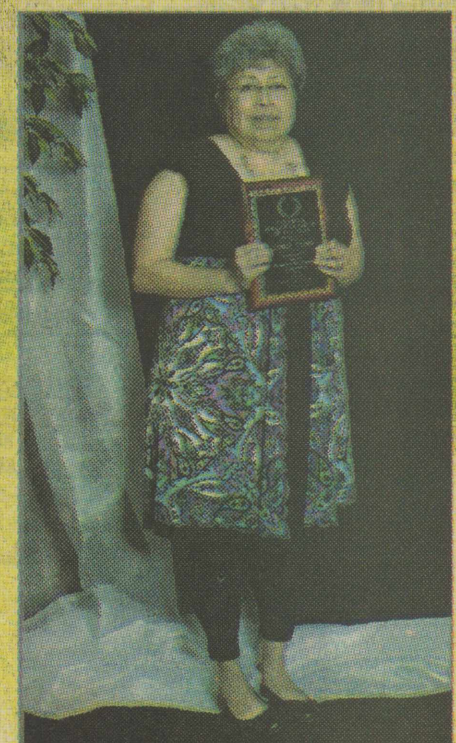
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