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Thursday, May 3, 2012

City Election Date May 12, 2012 7:00AM - 7:00PM @ SISD

Administration Building **Early Voting** April 30, 2012 -May 8, 2012 @ City Hall

May 1 and May 8 7:00AM - 7:00PM All other days 8:00AM - 5:00PM

Primary Election Date May 29, 2012

May 14, 2012 -May 25, 2012 @ Sutton County **Annex Building**

Early Voting

The Sonora Experiment Station:

The Past Defines Its Future



The early field days at the Sonora Experiement Station was a place Continuing with that standard, the Experiment Station still holds where ranchers from all over could exchange ideas.

Continuing with that standard, the Experiment Station still holds many programs for producers throughout the year. By Ben D. Taylor



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ing, and they didn't know own past. his father specifically problem for them." why. It was not uncom- "I remember driving on told him to go through These ranchers decided

In the early 1900's local Sonora Experiment Sta- bit distressed because the next. Unlike the young ranchers were facing a big tion) explained the situa- bump gate was broken man sitting on the side of problem. For some reason tion the ranchers were fac- The young man seemed the road, they didn't wait their livestock were die- ing with a story from his a bit distressed because for someone to fix the

mon to loose animals due 277 South one day and to any number of reasons: cane by a young man sit-drought, predators, or illness but this time it was different. This time the and asked him if he needanimals were simply diening, no matter what these ranchers decided the bump gate (which he that they needed to establish a permanent research broken).

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Initially the station was designed to answer the question of the mysterious livestock deaths (turns out it was the result of a poisonous plant the animals were eating). But over the years the station has grown to help lo-cal ranchers with a wide range of problems.

Next weeks edition will continue it's coverage of The Sonora Experiment

2012 Cinco de Mayo Candidates



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Broncos Clean Up At regional Track Meet



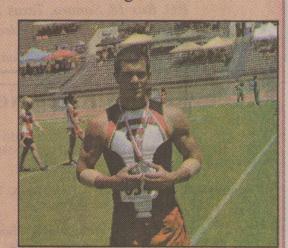
Lto R-4x100 Relay Zach Badeaux, Darien Lopez, Word Hudson and Gunter Pennington



Avery Nolan poses with the gold.



4x400 relay team regional champs Gunter Pennington, Robert Chavez, Dallas Payne and Imoni Cross.



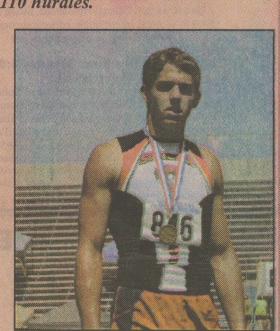
Zach Badeaux wins silver at the 110 hurdles.



L to R-4x200 Zach Badeaux, Gunter Pennington, Word Hudson and Darien Lopez



Darien Lopez silver medalist in the 200 meter.



Dallas Payne Wins Bronze in the 300 m hurdles

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Senior Center Menu

Thurs. May 3 -

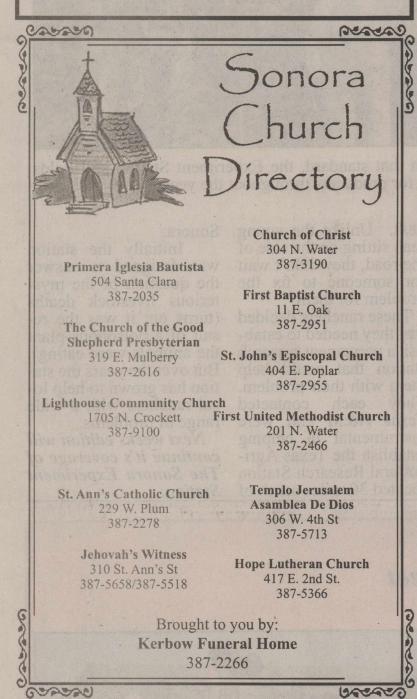
Fri. May 4 -

Mon. May 7 -

Tues. May 8 -

Wed. May 9 -

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).





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Obituaries

Ralph David Copeland



Ralph David Copeland, 75, passed away peacefully Sunday, April 15, 2012, at home in San Antonio, TX. His passing leaves a hole in the hearts of his family and friends along with a profound gratitude for having know him. Ralph was a true three great-great grandchildren. He is also survived by his siseccentric who was an unfailing gentleman and an enthusiastic epicurean. He will long be remembered for his great generosity, hiss droll sense of humor, and his amazing writing on all sorts of interests.

Born in the midst of the Great Flood in San Angelo, TX, nephews. on September 22, 1936, to Gay Y. and Esther Hines Cope-Sonora, TX, where his parents where ranchers and civic lead- rangements by Kerbow Funeral Home. ers. He graduated from Sonora High Schoool, class of 1955. at which he and his partner, Albert Ward, won state honors.

Ralph learned to fly as a teenager, earning his Private Limercially until he was in this mid-50's, logging some 4,000 driguez Mata.

1959, Ralph enlisted in the U.S. Army and began his long writ- in our hearts. Rest in peace Apa. ing career as Public Information Specialist in Louisiana and Germany. Following his military service, he spent three years as Public Information Officer for the European Headquarters of the American Red Cross. Later, he served as creative director, senior writer, senior editor, speechwriter, and other posts in companies such as Piper Aircraft, Fisher Scientific Instruments and PGC, Inc.

In later years, he attended law school, educated himself about the oil industry, and managed a family broadcasting business. He was a longtime member of the National Association of Royalty Owners and National Association of Royalty Owners -Texas. He taught seminars on various aspects of mineral ownership, lobbied the Texas legislature for the rights of royalty owners, and taught his family more about oil ownership than they ever thought they could learn.

He was a prodigious reader with an insatiable curiosity, and his personal library of thousands of books reflected the breadth of his interests. He held other writers and authors accountable for accuracy in their research, frequently writing them letters to correct some detail he knew to be wrong or to acknowledge some obscure detail.

He is survived by his brother, Richard Copeland and his wife Andrea, and his sister, Gayle Copeland, and her husband Jim Jacobs, all of San Antonio; niece Tracy Barsalou and her husband Chris of San Antonio; and nephews Hill Copeland and his wife Leslie of Readstown, Wisconsin, and Chris Copeland and his wife Stephanie of Greenwich, New York; grandnieces and grand-nephews Anne and Abigayle Pentland, Finn and David Barsalou, and Zach, Andie, G.P., Zoey, Scout, Sarah, Tanner, and Kate Copeland; and untold numbers of friends. The family is particularly grateful to Ralph's personal chef and friend, Scott Grimmit, and to his devoted caregivers, especially Jan Clark, R.N.

A graveside service and celebration of Ralph's life will be held Tuesday, May 8 at 2:00PM at Fairmont Cemetery in San Angelo, TX with a reception following. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donation to the San Antonio Food Bank or your favorite charity.

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2:00 p.m. (Nursery provided from 9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)

Wednesdays

Choir Practice 5:00 p.m. Community Bible Study 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth (St. John's Sunday House) 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth (St. John's Sunday House)

Holy Week Schedule Apr. 5 @6:00 pm @ Presbyterian Ch. Maundy Thursday Apr. 6 @ 6:00 pm **Good Friday Service**

Easter Sunday Apr. 8 Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 Worship & Confirmation 10:55 You can hear our worship service each Sunday morning @ 11:00 am on KHOS 92.1FM Check us out @ faithbreaksonora.wordpress.com

Obituaries

Robert Rodriguez Mata

Robert Rodriguez Mata went to be with our Lord, Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo,

Robert "Beto" Mata was born March 13, 1931 to Gabriel H. Mata, Sr. and Eugenia R. Mata in Sonora, TX. He married Minerva Martinez.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gabriel H. Mata Sr., and Eugenia R. Mata; his wife, Minerva; daughter, Linda Sue Montalvo; brother, Gabriel Mata, Jr. and grandson, Danny

He is survived by his son Robert Mata, Jr. and wife Irma of Grape Creek; daughter, Mary Lou Creek and husband, Luther of Sonora; grandchildren, Melissa Anderson and husand, Stanley, Javiel Jimenez of Sonora, Alison Montalvo and Robert Carlos of San Angelo, Artie Charles of Eldorado and Monica Zook of Grape Creek; great-grandchildren, Will Anderson of Lubbock, Sid Anderson of Sonora, Nathaniel Mata of Midland, Crista Galvan of San Angelo, Courtney Galvan of Big Spring, Allaire, Marissa, Trey and Madilyn of San Angelo and ters Frances Reyna, Amalia Galindo and husband Mario, Edwina Gandar and husband Arturo and Jeannie Lozano and husband Cleo; brothers, Manuel Mata and wife Celia and Samuel Mata and wife Irma all of sonora. Also numerous nieces and

Mass was held Friday, April 27, 2012 with Fr. Lionel Ferland, Ralph spent much of his childhood and school years on nando officiating. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. Ar-

Pallbearers were Will Anderson, Sid Anderson, Javiel Ji-Among his great pleasures where the UIL speech competitions, menez, Roverto Carlos Mata, Nathaniel Mata and Arti Charles

Our special and deepest thanks to Dr. DeMory, Diana Hercense at age 16 and his Commercial License at 18. He went on nandez R.N. at Shannon Dialysis and Jeannie Lozano or their to earn many other ratings, and flew both privately and com- ten years of caring for our beloved father, Roberto "Beto" Ro-

Apa we will miss you always, love you and cherish every AFter graduation from Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, in special moment we shared together. We will always keep you

Dorothy Jarvis Baker



Dorothy (Granma) Jarvis Baker passed peacefully from this earth to her heavenly home on Wednesday, April 25, 2012. She was born July 24, 1915 in Kimble County to Tate and Belle Ivy Jarvis. After graduation from Junction High School, she moved to Sonora to teach school on the Hudspeth Ranch.

She met and married Rex Baker April 24, 1936, at the Methodist Parsonage. They made their home on the family ranch in Eastern Sutton County.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, husband; sisters, Faye Grobe (Clarence), Loma Waters (Muddy); brother, Jack Jarvis (Dude); niece, Linda Holmquist, and nephew, Fred

She is survived by daughter, Rex Ann Friess, son, Jack Baker and wife, Jacque; grandchildren, Paula Friess, Clay Friess (Joetta), Wheless Miller (Shawn), Lewis Baker (Monica); great-grandchildren, Owen and Molly Friess, Raully and Ileana Baker, Morgan and McCall Miller; nephews, Bill Grobe and John Jarvis; niece, Martha Richardson, and extended families Fran (Stacey) Pennington and their sons, Bailey Joe and Gunter; Mike (Kay) Friess and their daughter, Macie.

Dorothy was a dedicated member of the Church of Christ, and her life was an example of Christian Service. She was a 50+ year member of the Eastern Star and a dedicated volunteer for the Cancer Society, 4-H Club and many more community services. Dorothy retired from the First National Bank of Sonora after 34 years of dedicated service. She ranched for many years and was the happiest when it rained. She had many dear friends.

The service will be at 2:00PM Saturday, April 28, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church in Sonora. Arrangements by Kerbow Funeral Home in Sonora.



tter to the Edito

I would like to believe the Sonora electorate is well in- Dear Editor, formed about the criticality of the upcoming election. In the event you are not well informed let me tell you what I believe taking time to look all around us at God's incredible creation! like to extend our most sincere thanks and appreciation to each is the current state of the City.

perience from the City staff. The City budget for 2012 projects the use of \$400,000 from reserves. An accounting firm serving Sonora for decades terminated their services to the City in December 2011 without an explanation. There is a forensic audit underway after the 2011 City audit had been completed. One has to ask why a forensic audit is needed after a "succussful annual audit". Our city tax and utility rates are at an all-time

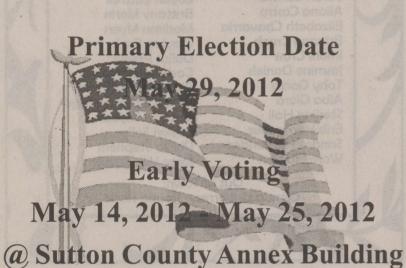
personally recommend Brigitte Rogers for the position of City encounter. Councilperson Ward 1.

as possible and will attemp to keep the people better informed. She will be available to be your voice and advocate on City over the town, at the wildlife and the delicate creation God has

Brigitte received her Business Administration and Accounting Degree and worked for 15 years and Sr. Accountant at the other people that make it possible for anyone to go up to Braniff International Airlines in Dallas, Texas. After moving to Sonora, she managed her late husband's, Doctor Rogers, medical office.

Brigitte is an experienced and proven advocate for the elderly in West Texas and has a stellar record in Austin and the Concho Valley. She was recognized in the Texas House of Representatives 81st Legislature for her tireless work as a Silver-Haired Legislator in support of the elderly and less fortunate. We are indeed fortunate to have her willing to serve us in Sonora.

> Thank you, C.J. "Jim" Brisbin



HILL COUNTR

May 5 - Sonora, TX: Cinco de Mayo Celebration www.sonoratexas.org (325)387-2880

May 5-6 - Austin, TX: Old Pecan Street Spring Arts Festival www.oldpecanstreetfestival.com

May 5 - 6 - San Marcos, TX: Heritage Home Tours www.heritageassociationsm.org(512)393-5930

May 5, 12, 19, 26 - Bandera, TX: Cowboys on Main www.banderacowboycapital.com (830)364-3833

May 6 - Bandera, TX: Music Hall of Fame Showcase (830)796-8179

May 6 - Bandera, TX: St. Stanislaus Parish Festival www.ststanislaus.us/stanislausfest/index.html(830)460-4712

May 6 - Fredericksburg, TX: Maifest: A German Chorale www.pioneermuseum.net (830)997-3936

May 6 - Marble Falls, TX: Highland Lakes Chili Cook-Off (830)613-8666 or (281)615-2408

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Baby Registry

Dani & Chance Dillard

tter to the Edit

I was talking to some of our local youth tonight about It is awesome and awe inspiring to know that he created all of As was reported earlier there has been a mass exodus of ex- this and still has time to love and adore us. When our meeting was done, and the sun was setting, I decided to go for a run. A friend of mine had mentioned that he had run up Eaton Hill and that it was a good run. I set out to conquer the hill. I left from my house and headed that way, after a couple miles I reached the base. I ran up the paved road and once the summit was reached, I decided to follow the paths where ever they would take me. They swerved all around the hill from one side to the other, and then to the bottom and back up. I was amazed In view of the current problems at City Hall, I would like to at the number of different kinds of flowers and wildlife I would

Although, there was one close call with a little skunk that Brigitte will vote to keep taxes and water/sewer fees as low could have gone much worse! Once back at the top, I took a moment to do what I had suggested to the youth. I looked put all around us. It was BEAUTIFUL! I mention all of this to say thank you to Delyse Jeager, Jacqui Thomas, and all of the hill and enjoy God's work. We are blessed to have people like that, who dedicate their time and energy to preserve the treasures that God has set here for us. Thank you.

> Respectfully, Ken Knight

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Thank You Note

We the family of Roberto "Beto" Rodriguez Mata would and everyone for your expressions of sympathy and condolences on the loss of our father, Roberto. For all your prayers and phone calls, thank you. To all the people who sent food, sweets, drinks, ice and paper goods, thanks. Special thanks to Fr. Lionel Fernando for the beautiful mass; to the Lectors Sam David and Betty Hernandez, the Eucharistic Ministers, Sandi Espinosa and Joyce Jiminez, Johnny & Veronica Reyna and David and Jane Reyna for ther offering of bread and wine and the choir for the beauiful songs. To the ladies and Fr. Lionel for reciting the rosary at the funeral home, thank you. Special thanks also to all who came from out of town to be with us during this difficult time and attend our father's funeral. Also a big thank you to all of you who visited our father while he was in the hospital. Again our most sincere thanks to each and everyone and may God bless you all.

> Robert & Irma Mata & family Mary Lou & Luther Creek The Mata Family

Brigitte Rogers For City Council Ward 1 May 12, 2012 I pledge to you that I will work diligently to insure your taxes and utility fees are carefully expended and maintained as low as possible. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VOTE Political ad paid for by Brigitte Rogers

sonora High School Class of 2002 will be celebrating their 10 year reunion during Sutton County Days, June 29-30, 2012. We are also currently working on raising money to award the Class of 2012 with a scholarship. If you would like to donate towards the scholarship you can go to The Bank and Trust and ask to donate to the SHS Class of 2002 scholarship fund. The last day to donate is May 14, 2012. For more information on the reunion or scholarship please contact Shalayne Mayfield, 325-387-5834 or Heather Cea ley, 325-387-2490.

The Sonora High School class of 1982 will hold their 30th class reunion on June 30, 2012. For more information, call Julie Martin at (325)387-5136.

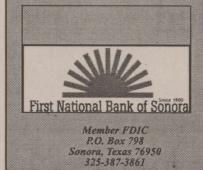
Sutton County Friends of NRA Pre-event raffle is underway! Tickets are \$10 each with one winner taking home five firearms and a 10 gun fire resistant safe. Tickets may be purchased at Buck N Bass/Sonora Air Cooled Engines, by contacting Tonya @ 387-3861 or 206-0454 or by contacting any committee member.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

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

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

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Major East Texas Deer Poaching Case Finalized

AUSTIN - State game hours, uncovered an ex- wasted, with the violators closed on February 23 up an extensive 16-month poaching in both Wood strap from the animals. poaching investigation in and Rains counties. East Texas that has netties.

began the investigation a three-month period. on Dec. 7, 2010 when

hanging from an oil well involved were found to county. pump jack on a wooded have shot two deer be-

wardens have wrapped tensive pattern of deer often only taking the back- when the fourth subject

During the course of ing law violations, the state jail and \$12,000 in ted stout fines and jail or the investigation, the war- wardens recovered mul- fines for hunting deer at prison sentences for four dens conducted several tiple stolen items and sev- night, hunting with armen responsible for il- protracted interviews, se- eral theft cases are still tificial light and huntlegally killing 30 deer in cured a large amount of pending. A total of 528 of- ing from a vehicle – all Wood and Rains coun- evidence, and were able to fenses were determined to Class A misdemeanors. document the illegal kill- have occurred with 40 of Sentences handed down Wood County Game ing of 30 deer by four in- those being state jail felo- added up to more than Wardens Derek Spitzer dividuals. All of the deer nies. Of the total offenses \$41,000 in fines, 3,000 and Kurt Kelley along had been killed at night known, 22 charges were hours of community serwith Van Zandt County from public roads with brought forward in Wood vice and a total of 12 warden Steve Stapleton the aid of a spotlight over and Rains counties. Nine years of jail or probation Class A misdemeanor time. In one documented in- charges and two state jail In addition, six firearms a dead deer was found cident, two of the men felonies were filed in each were seized and awarded

1,500-acre tract near hind a high fence at night three made plea deals with privilege of hunting in Alba. Only the deer's and returned later with a prosecutors with one of the state of Texas for five backstrap had been re- pair of bolt cutters, which them entering a plea in years and will be paying moved, with the rest of they used to cut a hole in exchange for a one-year civil restitution for the the meat left to waste. the fence and remove the sentence for hunting deer game animals taken. The subsequent investi- deer. Most of the deer without a land owner's gation, which involved meat in the investigation consent. The protracted an estimated 270 man was found to have been investigation was finally

changed his plea to guilty While probing the hunt- and received 3 years in

Men and Women

There was a couple who had been married for a long time, and one day, they were walking through the park together, when they saw a young couple sitting on a bench, kissing each other very passionately.

So the wife said to the husband, "Honey, why don't you do that?"

And the husband said. "How? I don't even know that lady!"

Mrs. Flinders decided to have her portrait painted. She told the artist: "Paint me with diamond earrings, a diamond necklace, emerald bracelets and a ruby pendant."

"But you're not wearing any of those things."

"I know," said Mrs. Flinders. "It's in case I should die before my husband. I'm sure he'd remarry right away, and I want her to go nuts looking for the jewelry."

to the state. Finally, all Of the four defendants, the defendants lost the

410 S. Crockett 325-387-5507 **Bridal Selections** Sterling Love-Neal & Chris Neal Heather Hughes & Clint Cearly Johnna Wade & Gary Gibson Caleb Gulley & Brooke Kelly Shawna Faris & Justin Rogers Curt Dempsey & Jessica Pierce Emily Earwood & Carl Whitworth Kavla McBride & Chris Marin Anna Hickman & Casey Fitzgerald Baby Chance & Dani Dillard A flower for everyday... Senior Selections Marie Acevedo **Hunter Jennings** Delilah Aguero Davis Jimenez Jesse Amador **Christian Kenney Zachary Leonard** Zachary Badeaux Sarah Carrillo Logan Luttrell Aliana Castro **Brittany Morin** Elizabeth Chavarria **Madison Myers Brianna Creek** Clayton Parks Imoni Cross Dallas Payne Jasmine Daniels Cadesman Pope **Toby Garza** Ricky Samaniego Alba Glora Vela Ana Samaniego Sterling Hall **Braxton Snyder** Erik Hernandez **Evelyn Solis** Sandra Hernandez Phillip Stephens Word Hudson Jorge Villanueva Out of Town: Glenda Gutierrez ~ Round Rock

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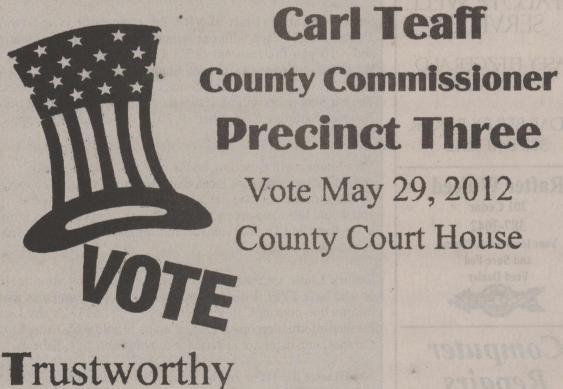
Qualifications: Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice or related field is required. (Psychology, Sociology, Criminology)

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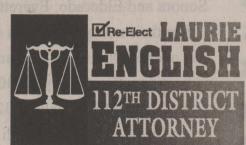
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Oil & Agribusiness

Southeastern Sutton County "Crawling" with Grasshoppers

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent



If you've driven down Bond Road lately, you've probably noticed all the grasshoppers on the road and on vegetation. You may have even heard the crunch as you drive over them. So what's going on? It's a grasshopper outbreak, though not in the proportion of three years ago. That year, we experienced quite a large invasion.

There are approximately 150 species of grasshoppers in Texas. However, the most common problems are the Migratory, Two-striped, Differential, Packard, and Red-legged grasshoppers. They destroy vegetation indiscriminately, though individual species do have preferences. There is usually one generation per year, except for the migratory and red-legged which can have more.

Females lay their eggs laid in grassy ditches, roadsides, and rangeland. Once hatched, they move from these areas when populations are high. The foraging grasshoppers can eat half their weight each day. To give you some idea of the impact 30/ yard will eat 1 ton of vegetation in 10 days. That's quite a bit. During severe outbreaks, they can impact forage availability for livestock and wildlife.

So what to do? Well that depends on the severity of the outbreak. If not severe, you may just let nature take its course. When treatment is justified, there are options. Carbaryl and malathion can be used in non-cropland and improved pastures. For the landscape, permethrins are the alternative. Of course, one has to weigh the cost of treatment against the damage caused by the insects.

With cool-season forbs beginning to mature and dry, watch your landscapes and gardens!

Drought Report

As in many counties, with lush growth brought on by recent rains, producers continued to bale a great deal of cool-season grasses for hay, Pierce said. Though the hay is certainly welcome - many Washington County producers didn't harvest any hay in 2011 – the flush of growth is holding back warm-season grasses, including Bermuda grass, Bahia grass and native species.

"Because of the high volume of ryegrass and clovers that we had that volunteered on many of our pastures because (other) grasses were so short, it was an excellent season for the cool-season grasses to take an upper hand," he said.

Because of the suppression, it's too early to see how much damage warm-season grasses suffered from the 2011 drought, he said.

Southwest: Pastures declined from lack of rain. Streams and rivers were already low going into summer. It was evident that many trees will not recover from last year's drought. In addition to live oaks and other oak trees dying, there was a die-off of cedar trees as well. Sutton County reported some cool-season vegetation was beginning to mature and turn brown. Cattle, sheep and goat prices were high in Uvalde County where producers were trying to restock. Gillespie County_reported some restocking, but high prices and lack of rain in the last 30 days slowed the process. Most producers in Kendall County have not restocked because of poor pasture conditions. Cotton planting was nearly finished in Guadalupe County. Corn and milo still looked good. Wheat in Hays County also looked good.

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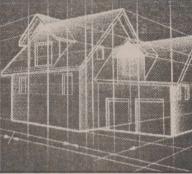
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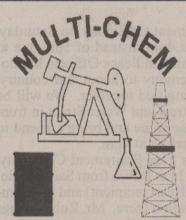
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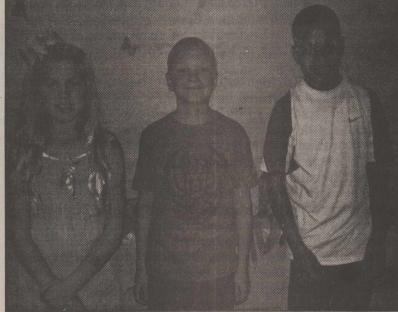
L to R: Dailen Luna, Mia Botello, Cassia Hernandez, Fernando Gonzalez

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Keep Sonora Beautiful has chosen the home of Victor and Diane Virgen for Landscape of the Month. The beautiful rock wall and gorgeous roses enhance the beauty of a well maintained home. The picture has their daughter Savannah and Mother-in-Law Ms. Amelia Ramos. Their home is a beautiful sight and it definitely is pleasing for their neighborhood. They have helped Keep Sonora Beautiful!

Intermediate School



L to R: Jaci Dutton, Braden Adams, Carlos Mendoza

Main Street Traffic

An update on our Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, May 19th. We will be starting at 4pm instead of 5pm due to being honored with having the National Peace Officers Memorial Day celebration and our ceremony to honor our country, flag and service personnel all being tied together. We will be gathering at the corner of Main Street and Water Street in front of the Mercantile Building. Please come and bring a friend to honor our fallen Peace officers starting at 4pm.

Then at 5pm we will start our Flag Retirement Ceremony. The speaker for this event will be Juan Rubio from San Angelo. He is a Wounded Warrior (Purple Heart recipient) and the Commander of the Purple Heart association there. Mr. Rubio brings heart and soul with him as he gave his all to give us our freedom. We are so fortunate to have Mr. Rubio along with all the other people who give us our freedom.

You might want to bring a lawn chair or blanket with you and enjoy the entertainment following the ceremony. Starting at 7pm will be Aaron Kothman and Scott Vance playing Patriotic songs along with your favorite country songs until 10pm. Come early and stay late. The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program will be cooking up burgers served with chips and a drink for \$5.00. Again 4pm till 10pm at Main Street and Water Street and be hungry.

of the Month



State Game Wardens Conclude Fish-Selling Sting

AUSTIN — State game wardens have issued citations to nine businesses which illegally purchased game fish from undercover officers during a 21-month sting conducted by the Spement Division.

cial Operations unit of the Texas saltwater species in- size flounder. Texas Parks and Wildlife cluding spotted sea trout, red Department's Law Enforce- drum (redfish), red snapper, C misdemeanors, fines can southern flounder and gold- range up to \$500. In an operation that dates en croaker to seafood marto June 2010, wardens in kets and restaurants along plain clothes began offering the upper Texas coast. Of 42 businesses approached, only 9 of those illegally pur-

> chased game fish. Wardens made video and audio recordings of each illicit sale in addition to preserving cash received and receipts as evidence.

> "While we were disappointed that some businesses knowingly purchased game fish for resale, 33 Texas businesses did the right thing and turned our wardens down," said Col. Pete Flores, Law Enforcement Division director.

> In all, wardens sold 418 pounds of fish for prices ranging from 60 cents to \$4 a pound.

> The number and type of misdemeanor citations filed include:

> Two for purchase of protected fish (spotted sea trout and red drum; seven for purchase of aquatic products by a wholesale fish dealer; two for having no retail fish dealer's license; three for purchase of aquatic products by retail fish dealers; two for purchase of aquatic products by restaurant owner, operator or employee; two for possession of undersize spotted sea trout; two for possession of undersize red drum; two for possession of undersize red snapper and two for possession of under-

For each of these 23 Class

Lions Roar

Following a great meal, President Sam Kent called the meeting to order. We did not have a program so the rest of the meeting was dedicated to Lion's Club Business. First item on the agenda was the Presidential Award to past president Pete Bradley for growth in membership. Pete responded that he was happy to receive the award but the club did the work and the club deserved it.

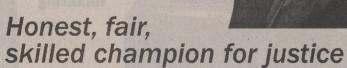
Lion Jim Garret read the nominating committees slate of new officers, and the motion was moved and accepted. Carl Teaff will take office this summer when all the new officers are installed.

There was a report concerning the Flag Retirement Ceremony which will be May 19th. Lions will furnish the veteran color guard to assist. And there was a report on the recent Scout Jubilee which Sonora's troop participated last weekend. It has been a number of years since the troop had been camping and they thoroughly enjoyed

Also there was a report concerning the Seven on Seven Program which Ken Wimberly will head up this year. Mr Wimberly was to be the program but his mother passed away and he could not be present. Main Street will be responsible for the program and the goal will be to have contests in Sonora to showcase our community. The Scholarship Committee reported that they were working on their recommendations and should be presented next week.



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- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

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Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state.tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.

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The Devil's River News

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Bob Malone, Trustee

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The residense of the Executor is Sutton County, Texas. the Mailing address is: Box 1381, Sonora, Texas 76950.

All person having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered shall present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated the 24 day of April, 2012

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Public Notices PUBLIC NOTICE

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2012 Cinco de Mayo Candidates

2011 Cinco de Mayo Queen Clarissa Hernandez

Miss Cinco de Mayo Queen Candidates



To the members of Viva Sonora, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for allowing me to represent the organization by being crowned as Miss Cinco de Mayo 2011-2012. It has definately been an honor and privilege to hold the title. Thank you for your support and encouragement throughout the year. It has been a wonderful experience and i would like to wish the best of luck to the queen candidates, Kali Mendez and Marci Parks. I'm sure it have been a wonderful experience for them as well. I would like to personally thank the community, friends, family and of course my sponsors, Grandma's House of Accessories, Creek Swabbing & Roustabout, Dakota Enterprises and last but not least, Viva Sonora. I urge the community to continue supporting this organization that gives so much back to the people of Sonora. I would also like to invite each and everyone of you to come out to the Sutton County Fairgrounds and help us celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Saturday, May 5. May God bless all of you.

> Sincerely, Clarissa Hope Hernandez

> > VIVA SONORA

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Kali Alyssia Mendez

Parents: Hector and Rita Mendez Grade: 9th Extra-Curricular Activities: Volleyball, Powerlifting, Tennis, Golf & Band Interests: Music, dancing, making new friends, spending time

College Plans: Undecided Why do you want to be Miss Cinco de Mayo? want to represent my families, ancestors and community. I also want to follow in my sister's footsteps and also be crowned Miss Cinco de Mayo.

with family and watching football



Marci Parks

Parents: Martin & Cathy Parks Grade: 11th

Extra-Curricular Activities: One Act Play, UIL Academics Interests: Arts & Crafts, hiking, children (care), travel & culture College Plans: Undecided, but planning to attend

Why do you want to be Miss Cinco de Mayo? Claire told me about how much fun she had running and convinced me to to a shot at it. Now that it is becoming official, I am excited to see all the things I can learn and take from this experience. I am excited!



Little Miss Cinco de Mayo Candidates



Jazmin Monique Garza Parents: Julio and Gris Garza Favorite Foods: Pancakes, Chicken, Fries and Watermelon Favorite Toys: Her ponies and horses Interests: Coloring, drawing and playing with her



Madison Alexis Galindo

Parents: Zeke and Stephanie Galindo Favorite Foods: Ribs, sausage, sour cream dip Favorite Toys: Barbie Jeep & John Deere Tractor Interests: Likes to sing and dance

Little Mr. Cinco de Mayo Candidates



Lane Sal Trujillo

Parents: Sulema Castilleja & Pete Trujillo Favorite Foods: Corn Dogs & Tator Tots Favorite Toys: Buzz Lightyear Interests: Roping and Horses



Adan Trevino

Parents: Holly Trevino Favorite Foods: Pizza Favorite Toys: Woody, Power Rangers Interests: Playing with his brother

