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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

Early Voting

May 14, 2012 -

May 25, 2012

@ Sutton County

Annex Building

The Sonora Experiment Station: The Past Defines Its Future



The early field days at the Sonora Experiment Station was a place where ranchers from all over could exchange ideas.

By Ben D. Taylor

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

In the early 1900's local ranchers were facing a big problem. For some reason their livestock were dying, and they didn't know why. It was not uncommon to loose animals due to any number of reasons: drought, predators, or illness but this time it was different. This time the animals were simply dying, no matter what these ranchers tried.

Dr. Butch Taylor (current superintendant of the

Sonora Experiment Station) explained the situation the ranchers were facing with a story from his own past.

"I remember driving on 277 South one day and cane by a young man sitting outside of a broken bump gate. I pulled over and asked him if he needed help. He told me that his dad told him to take the truck and go to a pasture through this bump gate. The young man seemed a

bit distressed because the bump gate was broken. The young man seemed a bit distressed because for someone to fix the his father specifically told him to go through the bump gate (which he couldn't because it was broken).

It seems to me that the ranchers facing livestock dieoffs were facing a similar problem. They were sitting in front of a broken bump gate and didn't really know what to do

Sonora. 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 local ranchers with a wide range of problems.

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

2012 Cinco de Mayo Candidates



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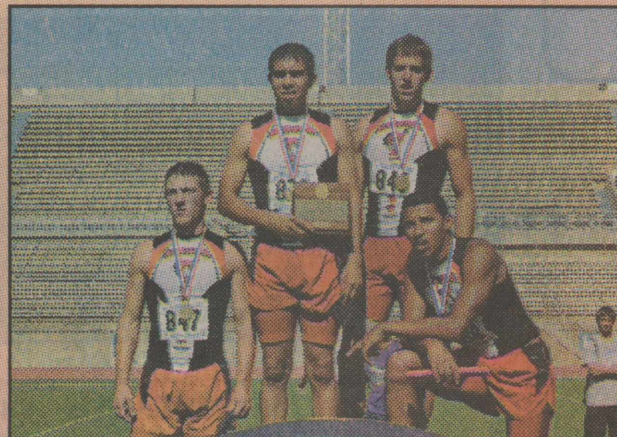
Broncos Clean Up At regional Track Meet



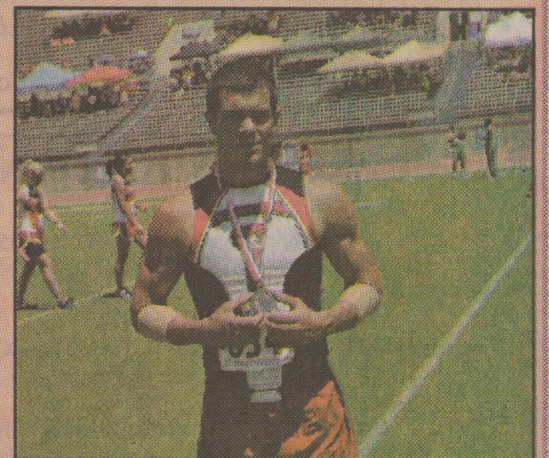
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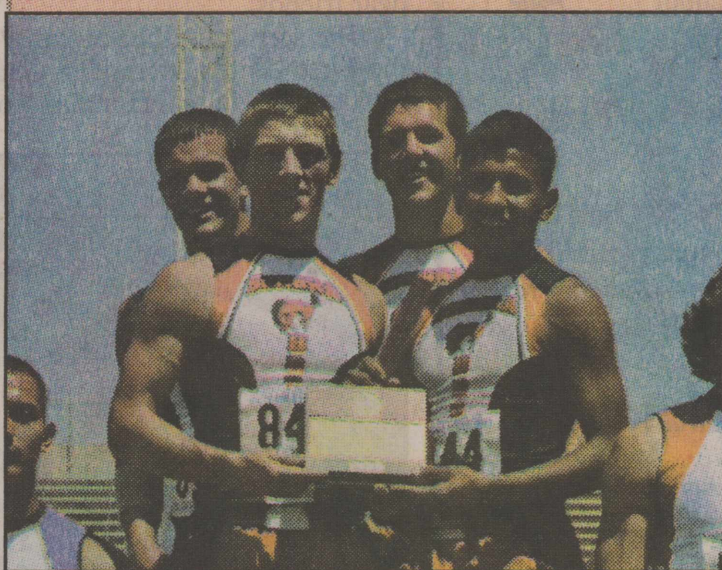
Avery Nolan poses with the gold.



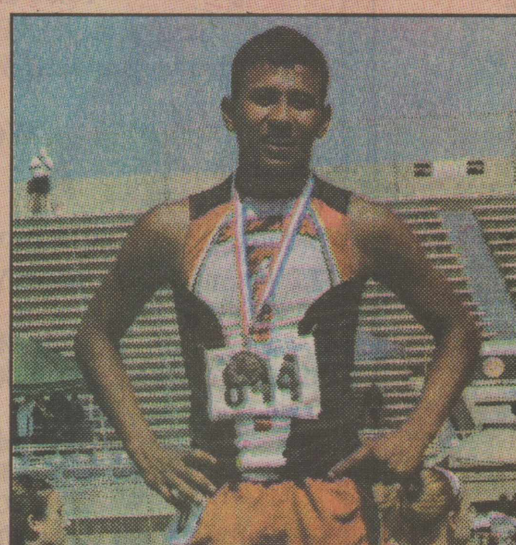
4x400 relay team regional champs Gunter Pennington, Robert Chavez, Dallas Payne and Imoni Cross.



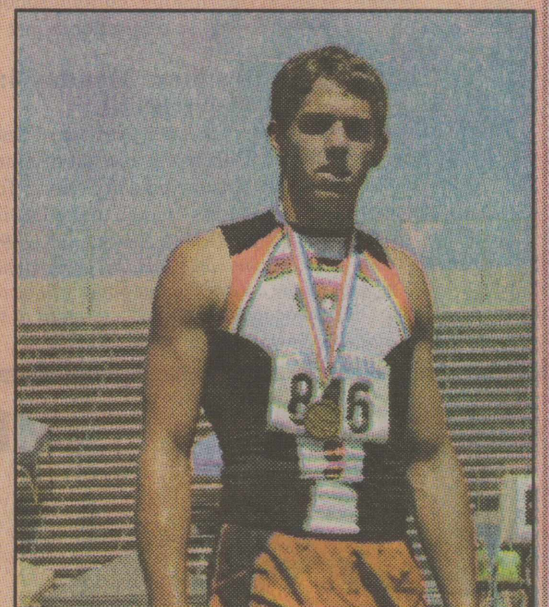
Zach Badeaux wins silver at the 110 hurdles.



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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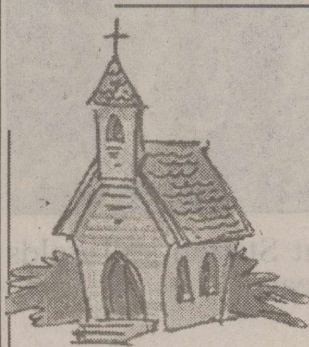
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Senior Center Menu

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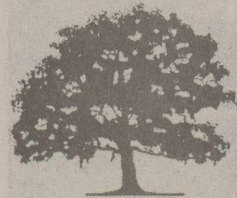
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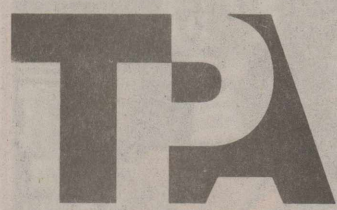
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Obituaries

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 eccentric 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, on September 22, 1936, to Gay Y. and Esther Hines Copeland, Ralph spent much of his childhood and school years on Sonora, TX, where his parents where ranchers and civic leaders. He graduated from Sonora High School, class of 1955. Among his great pleasures where the UIL speech competitions, at which he and his partner, Albert Ward, won state honors.

Ralph learned to fly as a teenager, earning his Private License at age 16 and his Commercial License at 18. He went on to earn many other ratings, and flew both privately and commercially until he was in this mid-50's, logging some 4,000 hours.

After graduation from Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, in 1959, Ralph enlisted in the U.S. Army and began his long writing 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 Abigail 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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Obituaries

Robert Rodriguez Mata

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

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 Mata.

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 husband, 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 three great-great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters 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 nephews.

Mass was held Friday, April 27, 2012 with Fr. Lionel Fernando officiating. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Will Anderson, Sid Anderson, Javiel Jimenez, Roverto Carlos Mata, Nathaniel Mata and Arti Charles Montalvo.

Our special and deepest thanks to Dr. DeMory, Diana Hernandez R.N. at Shannon Dialysis and Jeannie Lozano or their ten years of caring for our beloved father, Roberto "Beto" Rodriguez Mata.

Apa we will miss you always, love you and cherish every special moment we shared together. We will always keep you in our hearts. Rest in peace Apa.

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 Grobe.

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 Illeana 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.

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Major East Texas Deer Poaching Case Finalized

AUSTIN – State game wardens have wrapped up an extensive 16-month poaching investigation in East Texas that has netted stout fines and jail or prison sentences for four men responsible for illegally killing 30 deer in Wood and Rains counties.

Wood County Game Wardens Derek Spitzer and Kurt Kelley along with Van Zandt County warden Steve Stapleton began the investigation on Dec. 7, 2010 when a dead deer was found hanging from an oil well pump jack on a wooded 1,500-acre tract near Alba. Only the deer's backstrap had been removed, with the rest of the meat left to waste. The subsequent investigation, which involved an estimated 270 man

hours, uncovered an extensive pattern of deer poaching in both Wood and Rains counties.

During the course of the investigation, the wardens conducted several protracted interviews, secured a large amount of evidence, and were able to document the illegal killing of 30 deer by four individuals. All of the deer had been killed at night from public roads with the aid of a spotlight over a three-month period.

In one documented incident, two of the men involved were found to have shot two deer behind a high fence at night and returned later with a pair of bolt cutters, which they used to cut a hole in the fence and remove the deer. Most of the deer meat in the investigation was found to have been

wasted, with the violators often only taking the backstrap from the animals.

While probing the hunting law violations, the wardens recovered multiple stolen items and several theft cases are still pending. A total of 528 offenses were determined to have occurred with 40 of those being state jail felonies. Of the total offenses known, 22 charges were brought forward in Wood and Rains counties. Nine Class A misdemeanor charges and two state jail felonies were filed in each county.

Of the four defendants, three made plea deals with prosecutors with one of them entering a plea in exchange for a one-year sentence for hunting deer without a land owner's consent. The protracted investigation was finally

closed on February 23 when the fourth subject changed his plea to guilty and received 3 years in state jail and \$12,000 in fines for hunting deer at night, hunting with artificial light and hunting from a vehicle – all Class A misdemeanors. Sentences handed down added up to more than \$41,000 in fines, 3,000 hours of community service and a total of 12 years of jail or probation time.

In addition, six firearms were seized and awarded to the state. Finally, all the defendants lost the privilege of hunting in the state of Texas for five years and will be paying civil restitution for the game animals taken.

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."

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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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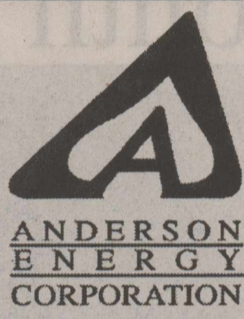
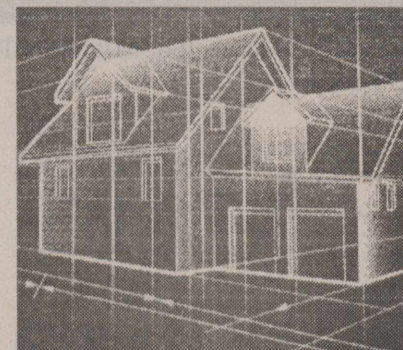
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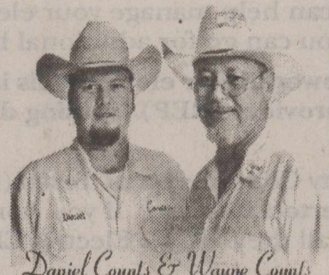
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9600' Burk Royalty Company Harris #1 Ringo Drilling I Lp #19 1/15/11 7 2510' O/G Dir Od
6500' Eog Resources University 40-14 #4 H Cactus Drilling #102 1/13/11 9 O/G Hor Od
9000' Approach Operating West #2315 Nabors Drilling #709 1/10/11 12 O/G Ver Od
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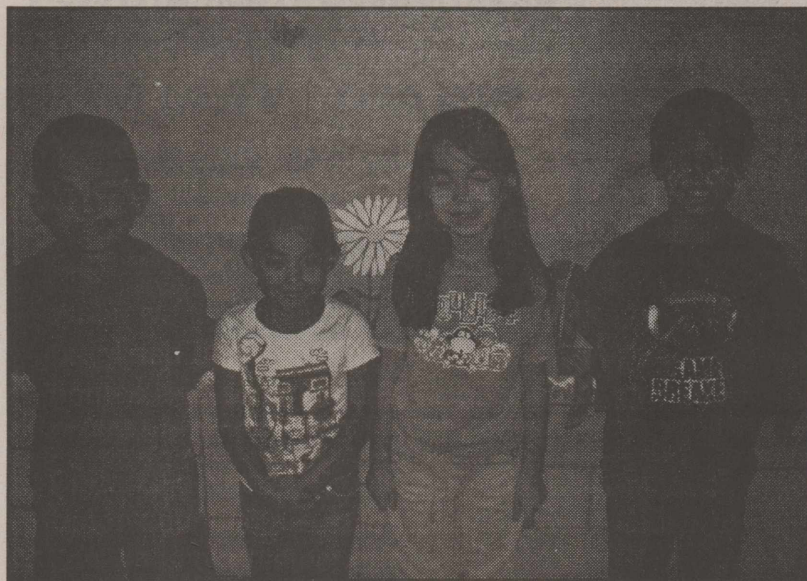


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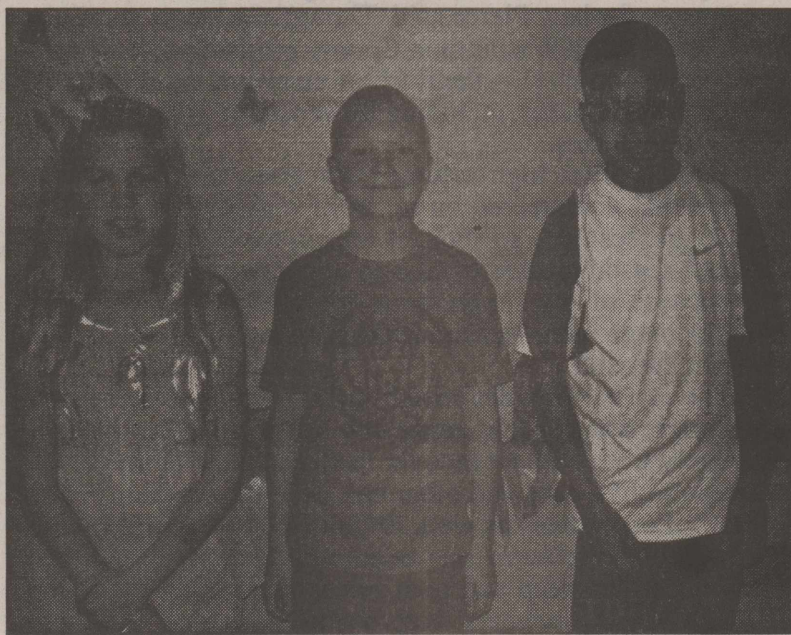
Students of the Week

Elementary School



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

Intermediate School



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

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 it.

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.

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.

KSBLandscape of the Month



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!

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 Special

Operations unit of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Law Enforcement Division.

In an operation that dates to June 2010, wardens in plain clothes began offering

Texas saltwater species including spotted sea trout, red drum (redfish), red snapper, southern flounder and golden croaker to seafood markets and restaurants along the upper Texas coast. Of 42 businesses approached, only 9 of those illegally purchased 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-

size flounder. For each of these 23 Class C misdemeanors, fines can range up to \$500.

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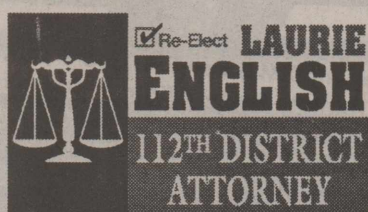
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Since AEP Texas and the 1,700 AEP employees in Texas are directly connected to the many communities where we live and serve, we'd like to share some information on how you can help manage your electric bills through active retail choice and where you can go for additional help if need be.

One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.

- 1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at www.powertochoose.org. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- 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.

Need some help?

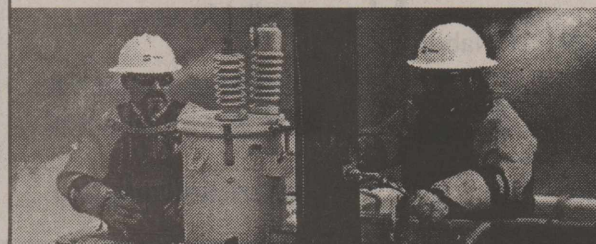
Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

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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2011 Cinco de Mayo Queen
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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 definitely 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



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



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 puppy, Kai-lan



Lane Sal Trujillo

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



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



Adan Trevino

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

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