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The annual 6th Grade Culture Fair was held on Monday, May 15, 2006 at 6:30 in the evening at the Jr. High snack bar. The event is sponsored by the Sonora Middle School 6th grade teachers; Jami Chavarria, Kate Jennings, Stacie Phillips and Shelley Shannon. Each of the students is required to dress in the costume of their chosen land, have a presentation, and prepare a dish from their country. This year was a wonderful assortment of food, fanfare and fun!

Spring Graduates Announced for ASU

Angelo State University conferred degrees upon 520 students during 2006 Spring commencement exercises May 13 in San Angelo, Texas.

Areas of undergraduate academic study at ASU lead to the following degrees: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.), Bachelor of Music (B.M.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Science Nursing (B.S.N.), Associate/Bachelor of Science Nursing (A.B.S.N.), and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.).

The 2006 Spring graduates include the following from the Sonora Area: ROSALINDA HERNANDEZ, B.A.; THOMAS RAY JACOBY, B.S.; and THOMAS W. SCHENKEL, B.S.

Students And Community Hear Former Meth Addict's Story

Submitted by: Sutton County Child Welfare Board Members

The images were disturbing and horrific but the message was clear. Do not try meth. You cannot control the drug. The drug controls you. During two separate assemblies, David Parnell was very busy last week sharing his story with both high school and junior high students here in Sonora. He spoke to the community that evening at the local civic center with over 100 concerned citizens, parents, youth, medical personnel, and law enforcement on hand. At the conclusion of his presentation, a panel of experts was available for questions. Audience members flooded the panel with over an hour and a half of inquiries.

From the very beginning of Parnell's presentation the audience was captured by his ugly account of addiction and abuse. Parnell was an addict for 23 years. He started smoking marijuana and getting drunk with his father at the age of thirteen. He was a felon who spent 2 years in jail for selling his marijuana crop and tax evasion. He told his audience that prison is nothing like it is portrayed on TV. He said he was surrounded by murderers, rapists, and child molesters. He abused his wife and neglected his children. He stopped using meth when he blew off part of his face with a SKS assault rifle after he attempted suicide in February 2003.

He addressed the child abuse that occurs when parents are on meth.

"Children who are in a meth home are being abused, whether it's neglect or physical. My own children were abused even though I did my dope behind locked doors. I thought, since I wasn't doing it in front of them, that it wasn't abuse." Parnell showed photographs of unimaginable abuse towards children with burn marks, bruises, black eyes, and chemical burns all over their little bodies. These photos seemed to affect the audience more than the photo of David lying in a pool of blood with his face shot off.

Parnell said that in his home state of Tennessee child abuse has risen over 500 percent in the last 10

years. The Child Protective Service is overwhelmed with cases of children who are affected by meth use in the home.

David Parnell before and after



Before Meth



After Meth

Parnell told his audiences that "every seven seconds a woman is abused." He said that "abuse and addiction go hand in hand." He conveyed a story of a 15 year old girl from east Texas who was beaten to death by her mother and stepfather and that autopsy reports revealed that the couple had "shot her up" with enough meth to kill four people. Parnell then began telling audience members about meth labs. "If you come up on a meth lab, don't touch anything!" Jars with highly flammable chemicals and propane tanks can be volatile. Parnell said that many times meth labs are "booby trapped" with all sorts of contraptions. He said, "the manufacturers didn't care who they hurt. You could be 80 or 8 years old; it simply doesn't matter to these folks."

A common side effect of the drug is paranoia. Parnell said, "I put over 200 bullet holes in my house because I thought people were in the upstairs of my house. I even accused my wife of being in cahoots with the drug dealers." He warned the audience, that thousands of reci-

pes for making meth can be found on the internet and that the danger in this is that many times they are incorrect and can lead to explosions and deadly consequences.

Parnell was a promising young basketball player who was offered a college scholarship his senior year of high school but declined because getting high was more important to him. College no longer mattered to him. The former addict said the first time he tried meth he was hooked. He said at first he was only using on the weekends but eventually his taste for the drug consumed him and it became a daily habit.

"Ninety five percent of people who try it get hooked." "It made me feel strong, full of energy and I could think more clearly." Parnell showed pictures of meth users with sores on their bodies from picking their skin, and addicts with rotten teeth. The rotten teeth are from the chemicals eating away at the enamel. He said that many times he would look at people he was using with and think to himself, "I'm never gonna let that dope control me."

"You don't control meth, it controls you." Parnell told the audience he would stay awake for 10 days at a time. He spoke of hearing voices and hallucinating. The voices came from the "shadow people" that danced on the walls of his home. Parnell then began to encourage his wife Amy to try the drug to lose weight. He was sick of her nagging him about his use so he thought if he could get her hooked they could do the drug together. And she became addicted, too.

"With six children in the house we would lock ourselves in our dope room and smoke or eat meth while the kids tried to take care of themselves." "In my mind we weren't abusing the kids because we didn't do it in front of them. But the reality of it is that we weren't there for our kids. I was never there for them when I was high on meth."

Suicide is also high among meth users and Parnell tried to hang himself five months before he put the assault rifle under his chin and pulled the trigger. He started hanging around with his former meth friends *Continued on Page 8*

Gas Leak Closes Streets

New handicap ramps being constructed on the southeast corner of Crockett Avenue and First Street, was the scene of a few tense moments Thursday, May 11, 2006, when a natural gas line was damaged, forcing the closure of a four block area surrounding the intersection.

The gas line damage occurred around 1:00 p.m., and within the hour was repaired, allowing for the re-opening of the affected streets. George Noriega of WTU, along with Sanchez Welding repaired the damaged line. The City of Sonora Street Dept. with the assistance of TxDOT personnel, and the Sonora Police Department, assisted with the street closures. Noriega stated, "It was a combined effort by all."

Swift action by all parties involved averted a potentially dangerous situation from escalating into a disaster.



Crews scramble to repair broken gas line

Relay for Life Commemorates 10th Anniversary in Sonora

By Kel Thomas

It's hard to believe ten years has passed since the first Relay for Life ran in Sonora. The entire world is a different place. Terrorist threats we never thought possible have occurred, technology is growing by leaps and bounds. Gasoline, for heaven's sake, is close to \$3.00 a gallon. It is so easy to find ourselves bound by all the negative issues that seem to be everywhere, we sometimes forget the positives that are right in our own backyard. A definite positive is the research progress being made in the fight against cancer.

Sonora's own effort and generosity with the yearly Relay for Life has been instrumental in raising the funds to make this progress possible. This year's Relay for Life is no exception.

The Survivor Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Sonora High School commons area. The 2006 Relay for Life will begin at 8:00 p.m. Friday, May 19th, at Bronco Stadium with the Opening Ceremony and Cancer Survivor lap. At 10:00 p.m. the night sky will be gently illuminated by the Luminaria Ceremony. Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. May 20th, Bronco Stadium will swell with excitement as a large number of activities and games will be held. The activities will include:

Card toss
A watermelon seed spitting contest
A limbo contest
Tug of War

Horseshoes
Volleyball tournaments
Pin the Tail on the Donkey
Bingo

With all the scheduled activities, both participants and non-participants are sure to build quite an appetite. To combat hunger, a large variety of food choices will be available from the food fund-raiser booths. On the menu will be:

Ham plates
Fruit sticks
Turkey legs

Homemade ice cream
Brisket burritos
Chicken salad

Hamburgers
Soft drinks
Sausage sticks

For those of you holding raffle tickets, the winning tickets will begin to be drawn at approximately 4:30 a.m. Saturday, May 20th. Relay for Life encourages everyone to be in Bronco Stadium for this year's event. The raffle prizes will include:

A Las Vegas trip
Gift Certificate for a 3 month membership to The Wellness Center
Leaf blower
A lap top computer

A kayak
Turkey Fryers
Ice chests
Weed-eater

Thirteen teams have been organized for the 2006 Relay for Life. These include:

First National Bank
Church of the Good Shepherd
City of Sonora
Creek Swabbing and Roustabout
Duke Energy

First Baptist Church
Keep Sonora Beautiful
Dominion E&P
Day's Ind/Comfort Inn/ Sutton Co. Steakhouse
Sonora High School PALS

The support shown by the residents of Sonora and Sutton County not only raises funds used toward the fight against cancer, but also raises awareness and provides education. And just as importantly, Celebrates the lives of survivors. Your generous support makes all this possible. *SEE YOU THERE!*

Final Band Concert of the Year Announced

By Chuck Christian

The final band concert of the year will be presented Sunday, at 3:30 PM, in the High School Auditorium. All three of the Sonora I.S.D. bands will present a program and recognize outstanding achievements of the bands and of individuals.

The program will begin with the Sixth Grade Beginning Band. Their program includes Pirates Parade, La Cucaracha, and Trumpets on Parade. Following the sixth grade, the 7th and 8th grade Kickin' Colt Band will present Gateway March, Fanfare for a New Age, Canticle, and conclude their portion of the program with Let Freedom Ring. Among the selections played by the high school's Mighty Bronco Band will be Highlander Regiment, Brother



Kickin' Colt Band (See Page 5)

James Air, and Catch the Wind.

The concert is free to all and will conclude prior to the Baccalaureate Service for our seniors that is scheduled to begin at 5:00 PM.

Lighthouse Community Church

A place for returning Prodigals
and recovering Pharisees

Sunday Services

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.
1705 N. Crockett

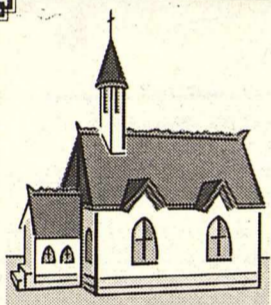
Senior Center Activities

Fri. May 19 - Run errands & pay bills! Relay for Life starts.
Mon. May 22 - Celebrate Older Americans Month. Open house week, May 22nd - 26th. Come visit us!
Tues. May 23 - Happy Birthday, Kathleen Freeman. BINGO!
Wed. May 24 - Exercise w/video!
Thu. May 25 - Kooking w/Kelly, nutritional education @ noon.

Senior Center Menu

Fri. May 19 - BBQ chicken, baked beans, mixed veggies, corn bread/milk, macaroni salad, Jell-O w/fruit.
Mon. May 22 - Pork chops w/gravy, diced potatoes, carrots, milk, wheat rolls, tossed salad, peach cobbler.
Tues. May 23 - Steak fingers w/gravy, mac & cheese, sliced tomatoes, biscuits, cake w/icing, milk.
Wed. May 24 - Chopped steak w/gravy/onions, mashed potatoes, carrots, rolls, veggie salad, pudding cup, milk
Thu. May 25 - Chicken salad sandwich, tomato soup, potato chips, banana, milk

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 \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go)



Sonora Church Directory

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| Primera Iglesia Bautista 504 Santa Clara 387-2035 | Church of Christ 304 N. Water 387-3190 |
| The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616 | First Baptist Church 111 E. Oak 387-2951 |
| Lighthouse Community Church 1705 N. Crockett 387-9100 | St. John's Episcopal Church 404 E Poplar 387-2955 |
| Pentecostal Calvary Temple United 509 Amistad 387-5266 | First United Methodist Church 201 N. Water 387-2466 |
| St. Ann's Catholic Church 229 W. Plum 387-2278 | Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios 306 W. 4th St. 387-5713 |
| Jehovah's Witness 310 St. Ann's St. 387-5658/387-5518 | Hope Lutheran Church 417 E. 2nd St. 387-5366 |

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Wedding Announcement

Word and Abilez Wed

Laura Nicole Word and Aaron Kyle Abilez were married March 11, 2006 at Cain's Cove on Lake Nasworthy with Paster Don Longoria officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Kay Word of Sonora. The bridegroom is the son of Dwayne and Dorothy Abilez of Round Rock. Matron of Honor was Kathleen Martin, and Flower Girl was Stacy Lopez. Bridesmaids were Brittney Abilez, Hannah Allison, Victoria Lopez, Missy Longoria, Japha Routh, and Amanda Word. Best Man was Jonathan Medina. Ringbearer was Houston Sheets. Groomsmen were Cody Glasscock, Jake Imholte, Scott Beattie, Chris Zuniga, Jeff Stanley, and Louie Becerra. Ushers were Chris Ripple and Kody Word.

The bride is a 2004 graduate of Sonora High School and attended Howard College. The bridegroom is a 2004 graduate of Stoney-Point High School and is currently attending Angelo State University. After a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will make their home in Christoval.



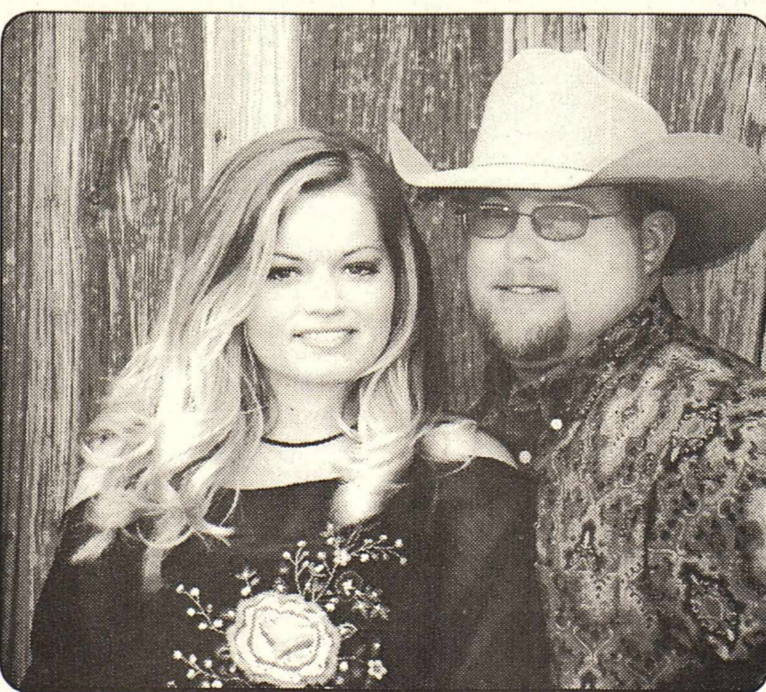
Laura Nicole Word
The Bride of Aaron Kyle Abilez

Engagements



Llamas-Cervantes

Jackie Llamas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Salvador Llamas of Houston, Texas, is engaged to Anthony Lee Cervantes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leopoldo Cervantes of San Antonio, Texas. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Socorro and Jose Llamas of El Tule, Zacatecas, Mexico and Macaria Acosta of Estasuela, San Luis Potosi, Mexico. The prospective groom is the grandson of the late Oralía Cervantes and Leopoldo Cervantes of San Antonio. He is also the grandson of the late Frutoso Chavarria and Elvira and Joe Garcia of Sonora, Texas. Anthony is also the great grandson of late Guadalupe and Carolina Chavez of Sonora, Texas. Jackie is a graduate of Bellaire High School in Houston and the University of Houston with a bachelor's degree in Finance. She has completed her course work for her Master of Business Administration degree from Tulane University. She is employed as a Senior Financial Analyst with ConocoPhillips in Houston. Anthony is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School in San Antonio and Texas A&M University in College Station where he graduated with a Bachelors of Business Administration in Management of Information Systems. He is employed as a Lead Senior Consultant with Sungard Consulting Services in Houston, Texas. The couple plans an August 5, 2006 wedding at St. Cyril of Alexandria Catholic Church in Houston, Texas. More information can be found on their website www.anthonnyandjackie.com



Jones and Conley

Rocky and Janalyn Jones are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kendra to Chad Conley, son of Jim and Debbie Conley of Quanah, Texas. The couple plans an August wedding.

Thank You Notes

We, the family of Rafael Ruiz Lozano, Jr. would like to express our most sincere and warm felt thanks to everyone who supported our family through this very difficult time. Your presence, words of comfort and love were felt by each of us.

We would like to extend a great big hug and thanks to each and everyone that called, came by our house and funeral home, sent flowers, plants, and the beautiful Christian statues. Thanks to all the people, restaurants and businesses that sent the wonderful food.

Thanks to the Kerbow Funeral Home staff for the care and services given to our father and family.

There are not enough words to convey our appreciation. It is the Lord and people like you that makes a person so strong, it can withstand any obstacle that comes before him.

Once again, Thank You!

Mrs. Rosaura Galindo Lozano
Mr. and Mrs. Cleofas Lozano & Family
Mr. Adolfo & Judge Adelita Alvarez & Family

Dear Sutton County Residents,

I want to personally thank everyone involved in making the "Methamphetamine Presentation" a success. I believe that David Parnell's powerful message made an impact on our youth and concerned citizens. This presentation would not have been possible without the cooperation of the following: the Texas Cooperative Extension Agency for making the Civic Center available, First National Bank for providing the wonderful refreshments, the Sutton County Child Welfare Board for bringing Mr. Parnell to our community, the Ministerial Alliance for encouraging their congregations to attend, and to Sonora I.S.D. for allowing me to interrupt the school day to share this important information about the dangers of methamphetamines. I also owe a special thank-you to the following panel participants: DuWayne Castro, Jed Davenport, Becky Johnson, Dr. Greg Johnson, David Parnell, Valerie Robbins, Martha Saucedo, and Eric Sanchez, for moderating the discussion. Once again, thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Amy Davenport, Sutton County Child Welfare Board Secretary

Thank You

2006 Cinco De Mayo Little Princess Marlena L. Hernandez and her family wish to thank the community for all the support in raising funds for St. Ann's classrooms and hall. God Bless.

Thank You

I would like to say thank-you to God and my mom and dad for making it possible for me to be named Miss Cinco de Mayo. I would also like to say thanks to my sister, my aunts and uncles, and the Taco Grill staff. Last, but not least, I would like to say thank-you to the community, to EM Hobbs, Location Builders, and Stirrup Trouble. The donations received were very much appreciated.

Thank You,
Paula I. Zaragoza

Thank You

I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their encouragement and support during my campaign for school board. Despite the outcome, I will continue to work on behalf of the youth of Sonora.

God Bless,
Noemi Samaniego

Obituary

Rafael R. Lozano, Jr.

Rafael R. Lozano, Jr., 86, passed away Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at his home. Services, directed by Kerbow Funeral Home, were held Saturday, May 13, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Mr. Lozano was born October 14, 1919 in Kerrville, Texas to Rafael Lozano, Sr. and Vicenta Ruiz Lozano. He had been involved in farming and ranching in the West Texas area most of his life.

He served in World War II from December 8, 1942, through January 9, 1946. Mr. Lozano was a light machine gunner and qualified as a combat infantryman. He served mainly in Central Burma, India. His decorations were the American Theater Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and when he became wounded on February 2, 1945, he received the Purple Heart.

Survivors include his wife: Mrs. Rosaura Galindo Lozano, his son, Cleofas (Leo) Galindo Lozano, daughter, Adelita Lozano Alvarez, all of Sonora, Texas, with 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Lozano was preceded in death by his parents Rafael Lozano, Sr. and Vicenta (Bessie) Ruiz Lozano; seven brothers, Pedro Lozano, Jose Lozano, Manuel Lozano, Carlos Lozano, Sr., Raymond Lozano, Sr., Juan Lozano, Sr., and Estanislado Lozano; three sisters, Tomas Lozano Ayala, Nela Barron, and Lillie Lozano Trevino.



School Lunch Menu • May 22 - 26

Breakfast

Milk, cereal and asst. juice offered with all breakfasts.

Mon. - Toast and peanut butter **Thurs.** - Cinnamon roll

Tues. - Banana nut muffin **Fri.** - Asst. cereal

Wed. - Biscuits & sausage **Last day of school!**

Lunch

Mon. - Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, corn, fresh fruit cup

Tues. - Beef tacos, cheese, Spanish rice, beans, salad, fruit

Wed. - Steak fingers/roll, mashed potatoes/gravy, mixed

veggies, fruit salad

Thur. - Chicken patty on bun, pickles, lettuce & tomatoes,

tots, apple

Fri. - Ham & cheese sandwich, baked chips, carrot

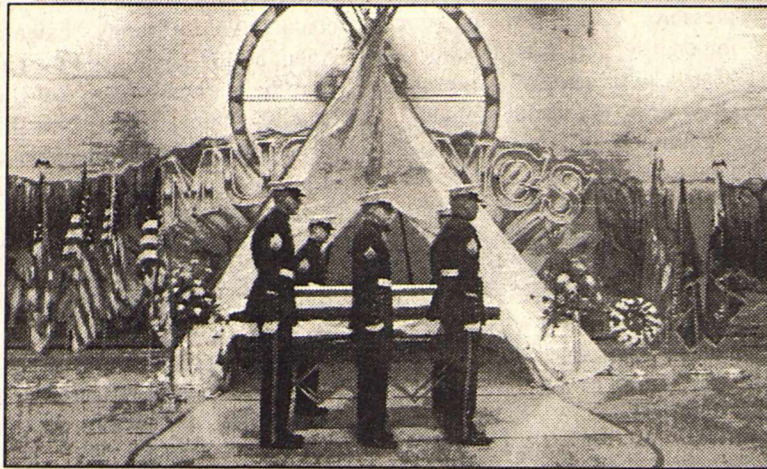
sticks, fruit cup

Last day of school! Early release @ 1:00!!!!

Letter to the Editor

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Historical Society



ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary
Sutton County Historical Society

NOTICE - The office will be closed on May 20th while we take out of town classes on advanced computer searches of Federal Archives etc. to compile more complete family trees.

Every now and then I come across an article in another publication that I would like to share with my readers. Today you will be reading an article published in the VFW and written by Janie Blankenship, Senior Writer. She graciously agreed to let me reprint it here.

Marine Killed in Iraq Receives Tribal Rites
By Janie Blankenship

For the Marines of the 2nd Bn., 6th Marine Regt., 2nd Marine Div., Cpl. Brett Lundstrom will long be remembered for giving his life in Iraq. To Lundstrom's family in South Dakota, he is now remembered as Wanbli Isnala, meaning "lone eagle." At 22, Lundstrom, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and the tribe's first fatality in Iraq, was killed Jan. 7, 2006, north of Fallujah in a firefight. Before Lundstrom was buried at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Colorado, a 42 hour ceremony, including Lakota rituals, took place on the nearly 2 million acre Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. (Lakota is one of three dialects spoken by Sioux.) Lundstrom's body was escorted to the entrance of the reservation in a hearse, transferred to a horse-drawn wagon, then taken to the Little Wound School gymnasium in Kyle, S.D., located on the reservation. Lundstrom's casket was placed inside a 30 ft. tall teepee, where - as believed by the Oglalas - his ancestors would communicate with him. Before being moved to the teepee, he was given his tribal name by his great-uncle, Birgil Kills Straight. "Before he enters the spirit world, it's important for him to have an Indian name, because that's how the ancestors will know him," Kills Straight told the "Rocky Mountain News." "He will fly to the highest reaches of the universe. He may bring back news to us in our dreams."

Lundstrom also had an eagle feather placed on his chest - something done for all those who return from war. His people consider it to be the highest honor for bravery. Next to Lundstrom's casket was a tall staff with buffalo hair and lined with eagle feathers, representing local members of the tribe serving in Iraq. Their photos were arranged on the staff.

Enlisting in the Marines in 2003, Lundstrom came from a long line of warriors. His father, Ed, was a career Marine, having recently retired. His great-uncle Charlie Underbaggage was killed at the Battle of the Bulge in 1944, and another great-uncle, Alfred Underbaggage, was killed in Korea.

His younger brother, Eddy, 21 also is serving in Iraq. Eddy was offered the option to fulfill the remainder of his military service stateside, but he chose to go back to Iraq. He also was given his Indian name during his brother's ritual. He is now known as Wicahci Kailehya or "shining star."

Toward the end of Lundstrom's burial rights, his family presented

hand made quilts to those who helped with the ceremony.

The quilts take weeks to make and can sell for as much as \$600. More than 50 were presented during the ceremony.

A Navy veteran hitchhiked more than 100 miles to give one of her quilts to the family to distribute.

"I had a picture of this in my mind, but to actually see it was just overwhelming," Marine Capt. Chris Sutherland told the "Rocky Mountain News" after the Lundstrom family presented him with a quilt. "If you think about it, in our culture, we give thank-you notes."

Sutherland was one of 12 Marines who posted guard in shifts for the 42 hour ceremony. Other Marines had similar sentiments.

"I was a history major," Staff Sgt. Kevin Thomas said. "I learned about the Western expansion. I learned about Indians. But I never really understood."

A final roll call was taken for the 100 plus veterans at the solemn rite. It took 15 minutes to get through all the names, the last being Cpl. Lundstrom's. The Indians sang Lakota warrior songs as Lundstrom was welcomed home.

Historical Society note: I thought this column showed us how patriotic the American Indian is to his country. They have fought in every war, at Tripoli, Civil War, Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, Grenada, Beirut, Afghanistan, Iraq, to help protect our nation. Before this they fought many wars against the people from Europe who came to this country and took it from them in battle and trade. Many times breaking the terms of peace treaties to take away their new territories.

Even though many were torn from their ancient tribal territories, they still love America and are usually some of the first to sign up to defend it. Without the help of the code talkers in WWII we might have lost the war. These young men and women have shed their blood in many foreign countries, some never came home and are buried and listed as simply "unknown" in graveyards near battlefields around the world. Many never received the tribal honors as Cpl. Lundstrom did but they are truly American heroes.

We should remember to treat all veterans of conflicts with proper respect. They gave up years of their lives to serve this country and to keep us free. You might not like the war they are fighting in but you should always respect the man in uniform and the service he gives, by order of his Commander in Chief.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may call us on Tuesday and Thursday from 9-12:30 or Saturday from 8-12 with your questions or stop by the office at 307 Oak Street during the same hours to do research or tour the Miers Home Museum. Rentals of the John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Bldg. (Old Depot) and Miers Complex grounds should be made during the same hours.

Tedford Jewelry

Bridal Registry

Kasey Kreamer bride-elect of Cameron Sims
Tracy Barbatto bride-elect of Ryan Hardgrave
Elizabeth Hatla bride-elect of Russell Dempsey

107 N Concho, Downtown Sonora 387-3839

Tedford Jewelry

Graduates' Selections

Casey Arrendondo
Shane Baker
Tina Covey
Julia Lugo
Tanya Luna
Maggie Ramirez

Jose Rodriguez
Fred Romo
Roland Solis
Jack Turney
Julie Villanueva

107 N. Concho
387-3839

Senior Selections

Chantel Arispe
Steven Barthelemy
Desirae Boldt
Hilton Bloodworth
Mandy Brister
Felicia Castillo
Tina Covey
Will Crittendon
"Boomer" Galindo, Jr.
Jillian Gulley
Hillary Lawson
Tanya Luna
Kayla McBride
Danielle Matthews
Megan Maxwell

Brandon Munn
Dee McGee
Chris Perez
KayLynn Perez
Bryan Reyes
Jose Rodriguez
Kaleena Samaniego
Christine Sanchez
Rudy Sanchez
Lauren Smith
Ronald Solis
Jack Turney
Miguel Vaquera
Tissie Wagoner
Warren Wallace

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Everett's Pharmacy
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Roy Jean Johnson and Shanna Petty of First National Bank, present Lance Castro, Chairman, Relay for Life committee, the popcorn donation of \$150.00.

Gifts Galore & More

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Tracy Barbatto bride-elect of Ryan Hardgrave
Pam Jones bride-elect of T.J. Thorp
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108 S. Crockett, Sonora
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Mindy's Flowers - Betty's Jewelry

Chantel Arispe
Casey Arrendondo
Desirae Boldt
Nikki Fierro
Kristina Hernandez
Hillary Lawson

Julia Lugo
Danielle Mathews
Kaleena Samaniego
Christina Sanchez
Lauren Smith
Julie Villanueva

"Order your Graduate Gift Basket today!"

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The Hype About Hypertension
 By: Kelly L Thorp, MS
 County Extension Agent-FCS
 Texas Cooperative Extension

More than half of Americans over age 60 have high blood pressure; but, that does not mean it is part of normal aging. High blood pressure, or hypertension, is sometimes called the "silent killer" because you cannot necessarily see or feel any of its symptoms. You can have hypertension and still feel just fine. However, hypertension is a major health problem. If not treated, it can lead to stroke, heart disease, eye problems or kidney failure, among other things. The good news is that there are ways you can prevent and/or control high blood pressure.

Whether going in for a check-up or major surgery, having your blood pressure checked is a standard procedure for health providers. But, what exactly do those numbers mean and why are there two of them? The first, or top, number is your systolic pressure. This tells you how much your blood pushes against the blood vessel walls as your heart beats. The second, or bottom, number measures the pressure while the heart relaxes between beats. This is the diastolic pressure. If your blood pressure is normal, according to current recommendations, your systolic pressure is less than 120 and your diastolic pressure is less than 80.

For older people, the first number (systolic) often is high (greater than 140), but the second number (diastolic) is normal (less than 80).

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This problem is called isolated systolic hypertension. Isolated systolic hypertension is the most common form of high blood pressure in older people. Isolated systolic hypertension can lead to serious health problems. If you are diagnosed with hypertension, your health care provider will probably want you to make changes in your daily habits to try and lower those numbers.

He or she may also ask you to check your blood pressure at home at different times of the day. If the numbers are still high after several checks, your health provider will probably suggest medication, changes in your diet and exercise.

Try these healthy habits recommended by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute to help you control or prevent high blood pressure:

- Keep a healthy weight. Being overweight adds to your risk of high blood pressure. Ask your health provider if you need to lose weight.
- Drink less alcohol. Drinking alcohol can affect your blood pressure as it decreases the amount of water in your body. As a general rule, men shouldn't have more than two drinks a day; women not more than one drink a day.
- If lifestyle changes alone do not control your high blood pressure, your health provider may tell you to take blood pressure pills. You may need to take medicine for the rest of your life. It is important to note any significant changes in your health or level of functioning once you start taking blood pressure medication. The dose may need to be adjusted to suit your needs and this may take several attempts.
- If you have high blood pressure, remember that:
 - High blood pressure may not make you feel sick, but it is serious.
 - You can lower your blood pressure by changing your daily habits and, if needed, by taking medicine. If you need to take high blood pressure medicine, lifestyle changes may help lower the dose you need and reduce side effects.
 - If you have hypertension but are controlling it through diet, exercise and/or medication, that's great! But if another health provider asks if you have high blood pressure, the answer is "yes, but it is being treated."
 - Blood pressure pills should be taken at the same time each day. If you miss a dose, do not double the dose the next day. Contact your health provider if you have any questions.
 - If you have high blood pressure, test it at home between check-ups. Ask your health provider to show you how. Make sure

CHAMBER EVENTS
CALENDAR

Friday & Saturday,
May 19 & 20
 Relay for Life, 8:00 p.m.,
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Thursday, June 1
 Sutton County Transportation
 Committee Meeting,
 4:00 p.m., The Bank & Trust

June 2 & 3
 Vernon West Memorial Team
 Roping, noon, Sutton County
 Arena

Saturday, June 3
 West Texas Championship
 Cook-Off, Sutton County
 Park

Thursday, June 8
 Chamber of Commerce
 Monthly Meeting, noon,
 Chamber office

Monday, June 12
 Keep Sonora Beautiful
 Monthly Meeting, noon,
 Chamber office

you are seated with your feet on the floor and your back has something to lean against. Relax quietly for 5 minutes before checking your blood pressure. Your arm should be resting on a support at the level of your heart. Keep a list of the results to share with your health provider.

With a little effort and attention, you can make great strides in preventing hypertension from af-

fecting you and your family. You may also be able to effectively control your or your loved one's hypertension. For more information, contact your County Extension Agent at 387-3604. You may also visit the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute at <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/heart/index.htm>. Source: Andrew B Crocker-Gerontology Specialist

CHAMBER NEWS

By Greta Ramsdell, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Director

May 13-21 has been designated as Texas Tourism Week by Governor Rick Perry. This week is designed to act as a tribute to the Texas travel industry and the many visitors to our great state. Tourism is an economic development device that generates jobs and revenue for Texas. In 2004 travelers in Texas spent \$44.4 billion in direct traveling expenses and the travel industry employed 491,000 Texans. Sutton County travel revenues have increased 63% from 1994 until 2004 to a total of just over \$8 million. Sutton County has 200 employees related to tourism and without those dedicated individuals our economy would definitely suffer.

To celebrate Texas Tourism Week, Texans can travel right here in the Lone Star State, with the possibility of experiencing everything from city vacations to country excursions. If you're in the mood for an invigorating, fast-paced, exciting trip, opt for one of the metropolitan areas of Texas. If relaxation and enjoying nature are more up your alley, Texas is definitely the place for you, regardless of which side of the state you are visiting. Of course Sutton County has fabulous natural attractions including the Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary and the Caverns of Sonora.

NEW MEMBERS
 The newest member of the

Chamber of Commerce is Smith Brothers Leasing. Smith Brothers Leasing is a contract pumping business and also provides slickline service. The partnership was formed in 2004 and the "Smith Brothers" are DeVoe and Duray Smith. Both are graduates of Sonora High School and are very active in the community. DeVoe and his wife Melanie are raising four girls and Duray and his wife Celia have a grown son and a daughter still in school. Sonora I.S.D. is blessed to have all those Smith girls! Smith Brothers Leasing can be reached at 325/277-2009 or 512/517-7405 and we are very pleased to have them as Chamber members.

A grand opening celebration for JuneDangs Thrift and Book Store will be held on Friday, May 19th at noon. The store has recently joined the Chamber and they are now open for business at 305 S. Crockett. Come by for snacks and be ready to look through all of the goodies there. The store offers books, collectibles, jantiques, clothing, furniture, small appliances, knick-knacks, household items, jewelry and lots more! Donations and E-bay consignments are being accepted and you can call 387-3525 if items need to be picked up. The shop is open Monday—Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Community Prayer Garden Dedication

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"Dear Friends, we are assembled today in the name of our Lord, Who has immeasurably blessed the work of our hands in preparing this place of prayer, to publicly set apart this Garden to the most vital of all Christian ministries —PRAYER." Thus began the official dedication ceremony of Sonora's new Community Prayer Garden, Sunday May 14th. Pastor T. Wayne Price, having recognized several contributors, led the assembly in a responsive reading, raising our voices in unified praise and proclamation.

In the Garden, a hymn of dedication was beautifully performed by Mike Andress, Director of Music at First Baptist Church and many among the crowd joined in the singing.

The Reverend Milton E. Black of Saint John's Episcopal Church led the assembly in an inspired Prayer of Dedication, recalling Christ's example of retreating to a quiet place

for communion with the Father and requesting sanctification of the garden to the Glory of God.

The ceremony concluded with the touching and befitting song of praise, Holy Ground, followed by the Doxology.

The idea for a community prayer garden was initiated several years ago when Jimmy Cahill approached the First Baptist Church asking if they might consider using the property adjacent to the draw as a prayer garden. The seed was planted and became part of the church's planning strategy. Sometime later, Bill and Barbara Savell were moved to honor Barbara's parents, the late Leo and Ruby Bishop through a donation of funds to bring the vision to reality. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop had lived catty-corner to the Prayer Garden from 1953 until about 1961. Jimmy Cahill provided the construction and the project began to take shape last winter. Each church in Sonora has sponsored a "Scripture Rock", engraved by Cut-In-Stone of Eldorado, to be placed in the garden. Twelve trees, purchased through the efforts of Keep Sonora Beautiful have been generously donated by the wonderful citizens of Sonora, and many others have lent time and talent to create a beautiful sanctuary for all to enjoy. The Community Prayer Garden has been a labor of love for all involved, and it is our heartfelt desire that the whole of Sonora, as well as visitors passing through, be blessed by this very special place.

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COAHOMA ENDS LADY BRONCOS' SEASON

By Tryon Fields

At the beginning of this softball season, the Lady Broncos established several goals. Number One was to be District 2-2A champions. Number two, go undefeated in district play, and Number Three, make it to the Final Four and play in the State Tournament in Austin. But, to achieve these three goals meant the play-off road would have to go through Coahoma. The Lady Broncos achieved the first two goals with 20 wins and 0 losses and a play-off series with Coahoma. A dream season, and the third goal was now in sight.

After a lengthy debate between Coach Hanson and the coach from Coahoma, the decision was made to play a best of three series at the ASU Softball Field in San Angelo. With other conflicts to consider, it was also decided to play two games on Friday and one game on Saturday, if needed.

As expected, a pitchers duel evolved in the first game between Sonora's Meghan Krieg and Coahoma's Kali Roberts. Both pitchers went the distance, with Krieg recording her twenty-first win of the season. Krieg faced thirty two batters, giving up one run off three hits, walking six and striking out seven. Roberts gave up three runs off seven hits, and struck out three Lady Broncos. Brandy Neff led the Sonora offense with two hits and an RBI. Kayla Fields, Kimble Luna, Heather Hughes, Azeneth Villanueva and Jamie Duran would each have a hit. Defensively, Jaimee Duran responded with excellent plays at first base, with Meghan Krieg, Heather Hughes, Azeneth Villanueva, and Kayla Fields making solid defensive plays in Game One.

Final score, Sonora 3 - Coahoma 1.

In Game Two, the Lady Broncos would not fare so well. A stellar pitching performance by Coahoma's Sarah Dunn allowed the Lady Broncos one run off five hits in seven innings of play.

The Bulldogettes would find themselves stymied for the first two innings, but exploded for eleven runs off seven hits and five Lady Bronco errors, making the final score Coahoma 11 - Sonora 1, and the first defeat of the season for the Lady Broncos.

With the Coahoma victory, the series would now go to the third and decisive game on Saturday.

Game Three saw a pitching rematch of game one. Krieg pitching for Sonora, and Roberts for Coahoma. Coahoma would strike early and score a run in the bottom of the first inning. Roberts kept the Lady Broncos off balance, allowing one base runner and one hit in each of the first three innings of play.

In the bottom of the third inning, Coahoma sent eight batters to the plate, resulting in four runs off two hits, a walk, a hit batsman, and a Sonora error.

For the next four innings a pitchers duel very similar to game one would evolve. However, Sonora could not master the pitches of Coahoma's Kali Roberts, and could not muster any runs off the four hits and a base on balls allowed by Roberts in the seven innings of play. Meghan Krieg suffered her first defeat of the year allowing 5 runs off seven hits and walking three.

Jessica Snyder would lead the Lady Bronco's at the plate with a single and a double. Kayla Fields and Kimble Luna would each

single, to round out the hitting for Sonora. Defensive plays by Heather Hughes, Jaimee Duran, Kayla Fields, and Meghan Krieg helped keep the Lady Broncos close. However in the end, Sonora's goal of reaching the State Tournament fell short by a final score of Coahoma 5 - Sonora 0.

With only one senior graduating from this year's team, Desiree Alvarado, the Lady Broncos will return eight starters, making a total

of twelve players returning for the 2007 season. Even though they did not reach their third goal, the talk after the season ending game was - NEXT YEAR!!!!

Congratulations Lady Broncos - You made every one in Sutton County very proud of you for a GREAT 2006 season, and look forward in anticipation to the 2007 season.

Anthony Longoria finishes 8th at State

Sonora High School senior Anthony Longoria's quest for a State championship in the 100 meter dash fell .68 seconds short. Anthony's time of 11.18 seconds in a highly talented field of the fastest 100 meter specialists in Div. 2A, was .87 seconds slower than his blistering pace set at the District meet with a time of 10.31 seconds, held earlier this spring. At the Regional meet in Abilene, Longoria qualified for the State meet with a time of 10.97 seconds in the finals of the 100 meter dash.

In the energy charged and pressure packed environment of a state track meet, Anthony Longoria can be proud of his accomplishments. Anthony Longoria will be missed in Sonora, as he takes his athletic talents to the next level.

Middle School Bands Sweep HPU Band Festival

Friday, May 12, the Sonora Middle School 6th grade band and Kickin' Colt Band attended the Howard Payne University Band Festival in Brownwood, Texas. This was the first time either of these bands had competed in music competition in a very long time.

The bands participated in two contests at the festival—a concert contest and a sightreading contest. Ratings ranged from III (average) to I (Superior). If first division ratings are received in both contests, the band is awarded a Sweepstakes Award. Directors Chuck Christian and Rusty Baldwin are proud to announce that both bands were awarded Sweepstakes Awards. "The students couldn't have done any better," says Director Christian. "Now they understand the value of diligent, consistent practice on their instruments."

As the two band busses pulled into Sonora from I-10, they were met with a Sheriff's escort to Highway 277. At this point, a parade of emergency vehicles, with lights flashing and sirens blaring, and long line of proud parents, joined the procession through town. The "Welcome Home" was concluded at the middle school band hall.

Bronco State Golf Results

By Kel Thomas

To the young men of the Sonora Bronco golf team, it must have seemed they were up against the world. Well, almost. At stake was the 2A State Championship golf tournament held at the long, demanding and wet Jimmy Clay Golf Course in Austin on May 8th and 9th.

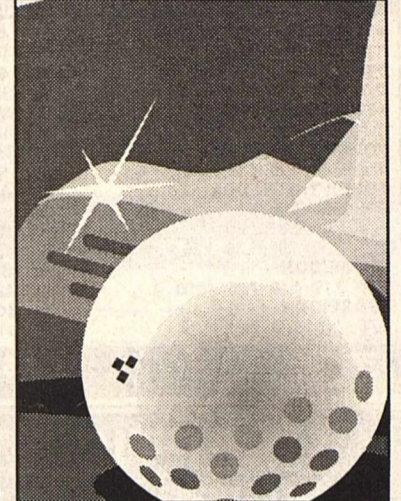
After the completion of the first eighteen holes of golf, the Broncos were two shots behind eventual winners of the tournament, Edgewood. Bronco day one scoring was led by freshman John Duke Hudson, with a round of 76. Senior Embre Smith close behind with a 77, followed by Seniors Trent Reiner with an 81, Mason Martinez also posting an 81, and Cullen Parker finishing up with an 86.

Day two saw drier course conditions, but a reduction of "casual water" on the course did not translate to a lack of water hazards on the Jimmy Clay course. Case in point, the ninth hole. The ninth is a par 4, playing to a distance of 399 yards and requiring an approach shot over water to a tricky green. Four of the five Broncos saw their shots end up in the water, with each losing at least one stroke to par on that particular hole. At the completion of day two, the Broncos were three strokes behind Edgewood, and tied for second with Regional rival Olney. A play-off to determine second place, was won by Olney, with Sonora bringing home a third place medal. Coincidentally Olney, as was the case with Sonora, fielded a golf team with four Seniors and one Freshman.

Day two featured Trent Reiner leading the Bronco's scoring with a round of 77, Embre Smith firing a score of 78, followed closely by John Duke Hudson with a 79, Cullen Parker coming in with a final round 81, and Mason Martinez staying consistent with an 84.

Congratulations to the Bronco's for a great golf season !!!

| Player | Sonora Score | Olney Score |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Hudson | 76 | 79 |
| Martinez | 81 | 84 |
| Parker | 81 | 81 |
| Reiner | 77 | 77 |
| Smith | 77 | 78 |
| Sonora Total: 630 315 315 | | |
| Olney Total: 650 314 316 | | |
| Betts | 77 | 75 |
| Kraeger | 77 | 75 |
| Muellano | 77 | 75 |
| Rogers | 77 | 75 |
| Summitt | 77 | 75 |



Tournament Scoreboard



Coach Cox and the Sonora Bronco Golfers

Kayla Takes Third at State

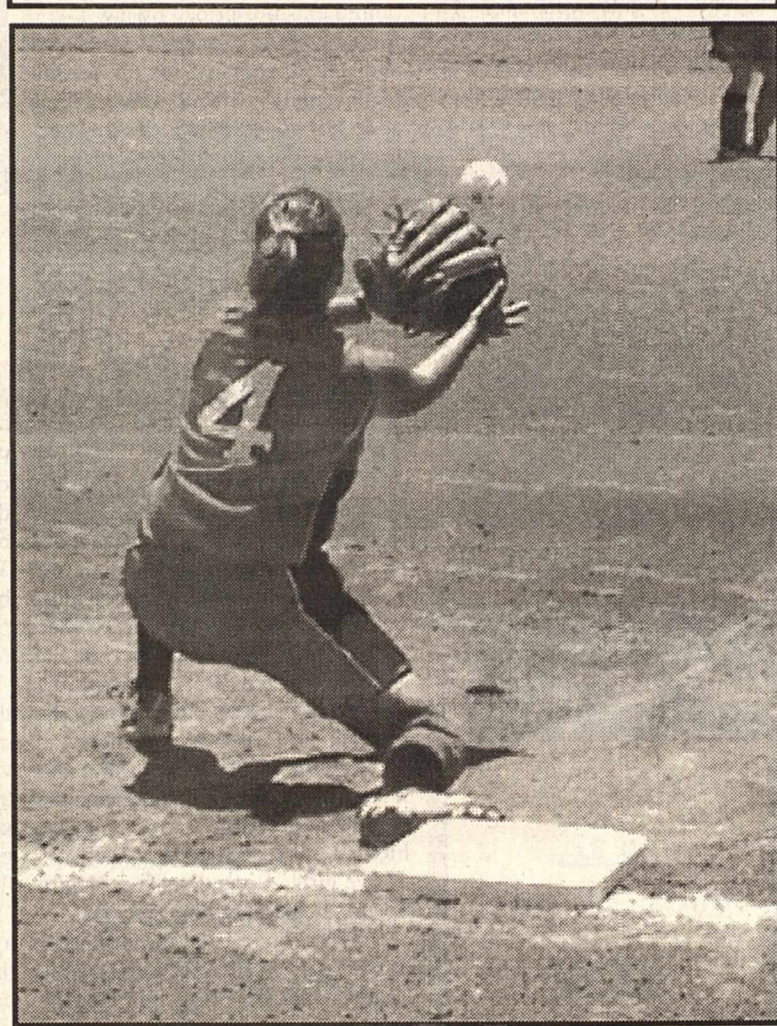
By Kel Thomas

At the Women's State 2A golf tournament, the term "hitting the wall," took on a different meaning as Sonora's Kayla McBride quickly realized. This "wall" turned out to be two sisters from Wall. The Whittle sisters, Kendra and Kyla were all that stood in front of Kayla McBride, and her hopes of capturing gold at State.

Kayla fired rounds of 76 and 82 at the difficult Jimmy Clay course in Austin, on May 8th and 9th, on her way to a third place medal in a crowded field of forty-eight participants.

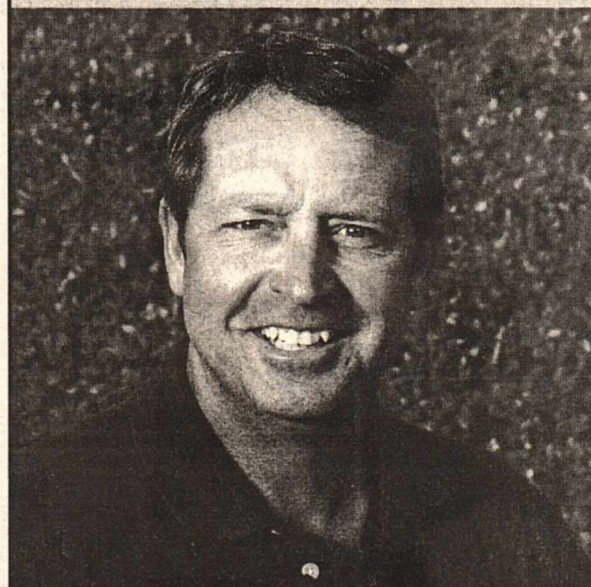
As a Senior, Kayla can reflect with pride on her golf career at SHS, and look forward to her up-coming freshman year golf season at UTSA.

Congratulations on a great high school career and Best Wishes at UTSA!!



Lady Bronco Softball pictures courtesy of Robert Higdon

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Devon Ambassador Lynn Hinsley is a west Texas native and has been a district foreman for the company for 13 years. Sports of all kinds play a significant role in Lynn's life, which is why he is a committed Sonora City League activity supporter. Lynn is also an avid football fan and looks forward to the time he spends coaching YMCA Youth Football in Sutton County. Lynn and his wife, Susan, are the proud parents of 11-year-old twins, Aaron and Jared, and daughter Kayla, who is the mother of grandchildren, Bailey and Kenzie. Lynn fills his free time during every season pursuing his other hobbies, which include hunting, fishing and golfing.

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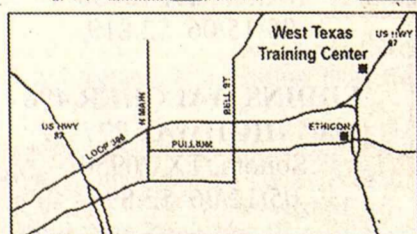
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State Capital Highlights

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Package of tax reform bills pass, head to governor

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - The Texas Legislature passed House Bill 1: property tax relief combined with school finance legislation. Passage came on May 12, four days before the end of the 30-day special session, when the House on a vote of 136-8, approved Senate amendments to the bill. Voting against the bill were Democrats Lon Burnam of Fort Worth; Garnet Coleman, Jessica Farrar and Rick Noriega, all of Houston; Rene Oliveira of Brownsville; Eddie Rodriguez of Austin; Marc Veasey of Fort Worth; and Mike Villarreal of San Antonio. The bill pulls \$3.8 billion out of the state's \$8 billion budget surplus. Of the \$3.8 billion, \$2.4 billion will be used to reduce the maintenance and operations portion of school district property taxes and \$1.4 billion will be used for classroom education-related purposes. Also, Texas schoolteachers will get a \$2,000 pay raise, plus another \$500 to replace a health care stipend that was taken away from them in an earlier legislative session. Plus, school districts will get an extra \$275 per pupil, based on average daily attendance, to help students pass exit exams. A couple of complaints against the bill included loss of local control in how state money can be spent and in the capping of local enrichment. Lawmakers agreed that the legislation, while not perfect, is good enough for now, and that it can be improved in the next regular legislative session, which begins in January. The Texas Supreme Court ruled last year that lawmakers over the years have in effect created an unconstitutional statewide property tax, because many school districts are forced to set tax rates at the \$1.50 cap. Thus, those school districts have lost "meaningful discretion" in setting tax rates. So, the high court ordered the governor and the Legislature to give back meaningful discretion to local school districts.

ity tax, passed the House and Senate, and sat on the governor's desk over the May 13-14 weekend. Three other bills, below, are now headed to the governor's desk.

HB 2 allocates revenue from franchise taxes, motor vehicle sales and use taxes, and taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products to provide future property tax relief.

HB 4, the liar's affidavit bill, amends the tax code so that the used car sales tax will be based on the Blue Book value of the vehicle.

HB 5 increases the cigarette tax by \$1. Independents submit petitions May 11 was the deadline for the independents to hand over their petitions to the state's chief elections officer, Secretary of State Roger Williams. Independent gubernatorial candidates Carole Strayhorn and Kinky Friedman each delivered to Williams' office what seemed to be enough signatures to earn them places on the November ballot. Rounded off, Strayhorn delivered 223,000 signatures, or about five times the required number of 45,540. Friedman turned in about 170,000.

How many of these signatures will stick is the question. To verify signatures, which may take four to six weeks, the Secretary of State's elections division must follow Elections Code Chapter 277, which says for a petition to be valid, it must contain (in addition to the signature):

- the signer's printed name;
- the signer's date of birth and residence address or voter registration number; Furthermore, if the territory from which signatures must be obtained is situated in more than one county the petition must contain:
- the county of registration; and the signer's residence address; • the date of signing; and
- comply with any other requirements prescribed by law.

Governor expands session call With the success of his tax reform plan largely realized, Gov. Perry added a few subjects the Legislature may consider in the remaining days of the special session. Among those subjects are legislation related to FutureGen, a high-tech coal gasification plant; and revenue bonds for building projects at colleges and universities.

Election Results

By Ray Glasscock

Sonora voters braved roadside bombs and sniper fire to cast their votes in the school board and city elections. Only 119 citizens were able to escape the deadly explosions and make it to the city polling places. Gloria G. Lopez, who ran unopposed, was re-elected Mayor of Sonora as she received 96 votes. Virgil Poloczek was re-elected as City Councilman for Ward One with 60 votes. Frank Wamble received 25 votes. The sales tax proposal passed by a margin of 82 to 34.

The sales tax increase will take effect October 1, 2006. Only 351 brave souls cast votes in the school board election. Incumbents, Tammy Favella and Scott Jacoby, received 251 and 197 votes respectively. Malory Rousselot won a seat on the board with 207 votes.

Flying the Hump

By Ray Glasscock

Kenneth Babcock was born in Dallas in 1918. His family moved to Sonora in 1920. In a field west of the Sonora Wool and Mohair warehouse, a barn-storming pilot landed and changed 10-year old Babcock's life. "After that flight, I knew that I wanted to become a pilot," said Babcock in an interview conducted last week here at the Devil. As he grew up here in Sonora, Babcock became Sonora's first Eagle Scout of Troop 19. After graduating from Sonora High School, he

earned a degree in geology at the University of Texas. After college, he moved to McCamey and became a pilot. When World War II started, he became an instructor pilot for the Army Air Corps. He taught cadets how to fly in the PT-17 and 19 at the airfield at Fort Stockton. After two years, the Army offered him a rank of Flight Officer Service Pilot. His most exciting flying was in China flying the "Hump." The "Hump" referred to flying over the Himalayan mountains which are the tallest in the world. Babcock flew the Curtiss C-46D "Commando" delivering supplies to Army bases in China. The C-46 was specifically designed to carry cargo while being able to climb to high altitudes.



Kenneth Babcock

After the war, Babcock moved back to McCamey where he started a crop dusting business where he flew crop duster aircraft for thirty years. Babcock has written an exciting book about his life as a pilot. Mr. Babcock is married to Blanch Taylor, the daughter of Cashes Taylor. They will be in Sonora on May 31 for a book signing on the courthouse lawn.

SBA -UPDATE

The Angelo State University - Small Business Development Center is pleased to serve Sonora with small business advising and training services.

Catarino Villarreal, Business Development Specialist, will be in Sonora on Thursday, May 18th providing these services. He will enjoy meeting with anyone who could benefit from business advising. Catarino may be contacted at 325-942-2098 or by email: sbdc@anglelo.edu

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Editorial correction: Mr. Sam Kent was inadvertently identified as Sam King in the May 11, 2006 Keep Sonora Beautiful meeting coverage. Also, Karri Nicholas was not mentioned as lighting director in the One-Act Play article on May 11, 2006. K.T.

The Wasps Now Have A Home

Tumbleweed Smith

On March 8, 1943, a group of Women Airforce Service Pilots arrived at Avenger Field in Sweetwater to start the only all-female air training facility that operated during World War Two. The women trained briefly in Houston, but the weather was bad, so they moved the training to Sweetwater, which had 300 days of sunshine every year and lots of room. Rig Edwards was one of 400 pilot instructors at Avenger Field. Each instructor was in charge of five girls. Rig's daughter, Sandra Spears, helped get him to work.

"We would drive up to the entrance early in the morning and the guard would shine his light into the car. My sister and I usually had on our pajamas. When he saw that it was us, he would wave us on in. Then when it was time for Daddy to come home in the afternoon, he would buzz the house three times and we'd go get him."

The women pilots received six months training at Avenger Field. "There were 25,000 women that applied. The women had to know how to fly before they could even be accepted into the program. The men could learn how to fly from the ground up, but WASPs had to have a commercial pilot's license to get in. At that time there were only about 3,000 women in the United States that qualified. Of those, there were 1,845 accepted into the program. There were 1,074 that actually graduated and got their wings. They were then stationed all over the US." The WASPs flew 77 different

types of aircraft. They could not fly outside the US. "One of their main duties was to ferry planes from aircraft factories on the west coast or Texas to the east coast so they could be sent off to Europe. Some women pilots tested planes after they were repaired.

Others were tow pilots, where they were towing targets for the men pilots to shoot at. And they were using live ammunition." The trainers and students were all civilians, except for military pilots who gave the WASPs their final check flight.

"WASPs were not recognized as veterans until 1977. They paid their way to get here. If they washed out of the program they paid their way home. If they were killed in action, the girls usually took up a collection to have the body sent back to the family. When the program closed in December of 1944, they had to pay their way to get home." After the program ended, some women joined the military; others became housewives or started other careers. For some time, efforts were made to have a museum to honor the WASPs. On Memorial Day of last year, the WASP museum opened in Sweetwater. Sandra is a board member. "We have a hangar where huge photos of WASPs line the walls. Beneath the photos is information about the girls. The museum is attempting to interview all the remaining WASPs as an oral history project. 38 WASPs died in action."

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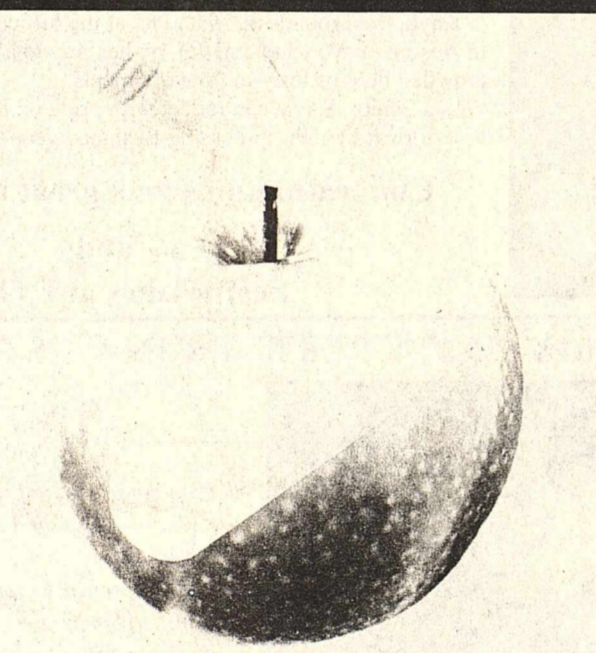
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May 12, 2006

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- 8:19 AM: Caller requested animal control at residence. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 8:23 AM: Caller requested animal control at residence. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 10:34 AM: Caller requested house watch. PD & Sheriff's Office notified.
- 11:44 AM: Caller advised police escort reminder. Officer's notified.
- 1:15 PM: Softball escort.
- 3:15 PM: Wide load escort.
- 3:45 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 4:15 PM: Wide load escort.
- 7:25 PM: Report of a theft. Officer responded.
- 8:00 PM: Band Escort.
- 9:15 PM: Report of a small fire. Officer responded.
- 9:55 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

May 13, 2006

- 9:45 AM: Funeral Escort.
- 2:15 PM: Report of a family disturbance. Officer responded.
- 3:50 PM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.
- 6:00 PM: Ambulance Escort. Officer responded.
- 9:10 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.
- 10:30 PM: Report of a disturbance. Officer responded.
- 10:20 PM: Report of a disturbance. Officer responded.
- 11:20 PM: Report of a family disturbance. Officer responded.

May 14, 2006

- 9:40 AM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.
- 3:20 PM: Report of a possibly burglary. Officer responded.
- 4:29 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 7:40 PM: Caller requested officer at residence. Officer responded.
- 10:13 PM: Caller requested assistance with getting items from a residence. Officer responded.
- 10:15 PM: Caller requested welfare check. Officer responded.
- 10:25 PM: Report of vandalism. Officer responded.

Rig Locations as of May, 12



- SUTTON**
 New 1 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9700'** Duke Wilson -21 1/2- #6 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 39 05/30/06 Assigned
 2 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9450'** May M Ray #4 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 39 05/10/06 3 Drlg Ahead
 3 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9400'** Duke Wilson #1867 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 704 05/04/06 9 Drlg Ahead
 4 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9400'** Duke Wilson #1867 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 704 05/15/06 Assigned
 5 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8950'** Mayer -20a- #7 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 122 05/10/06 3 Drlg Ahead
 New 6 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8950'** Mayer -20a- #8 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 122 05/16/06 Assigned
 7 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8700'** Mayfield -40- #20d Dw Patterson Drilling/a 120 05/05/06 8 Drlg Ahead
 New 8 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8400'** Mayer Ranch -e- #7 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 108 05/15/06 Assigned
 New 9 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8250'** Kirby -1- #14 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 105 05/08/06 5 Drlg Ahead
 New 10 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8250'** Kirby -1- #15 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 105 05/15/06 Assigned
 11 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8250'** Edwin S Mayer Jr -s- #3-3 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 108 05/07/06 6 Drlg Ahead
 12 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7450'** Fawcett -130- #15 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 115 05/08/06 5 Drlg Ahead
 New 13 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7250'** H C Epps -39- #10 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 161 05/10/06 3 Drlg Ahead
 New 14 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7150'** Simmons -a- #3 D Dw Patterson Drilling/a 120 05/15/06 Assigned
 15 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7100'** Jones -120- #22 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 40 05/06/06 7 Drlg Ahead
 New 16 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7050'** Morriss -84- #8 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 161 05/16/06 Assigned
 New 17 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6992'** Deberry Halbert #18 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 115 05/16/06 Assigned
 New 18 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6975'** Sawyer -112- #19 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 40 05/15/06 Assigned
 19 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6750'** Deberry-berger Unit #20 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 105 05/21/06 Assigned
 New 20 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6325'** Fields -17- #19 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 107 05/11/06 2 Drlg Ahead
 New 21 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6150'** Fields -15- #19 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 107 05/18/06 Assigned

CROCKETT

- 1 **Exl Petroleum Lp 11000'** University Sarah #2601 Dw Lariat Services/ode 22 05/20/06 Assigned
 New 2 **C & F Petroleum Inc 9100'** University 32-10 #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 109 05/07/06 6 Drlg Ahead
 New 3 **Approach Operating 9000'** J W Childress #1713 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 347 05/10/06 3 Drlg Ahead
 4 **Approach Operating 9000'** Childress #802 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 710 05/02/06 11 Drlg Ahead
 New 5 **Pogo Producing Co 8500'** Ranch Hand -8- #4 Dw Capstar Drilling 14 05/05/06 8 Drlg Ahead 3080'
 New 6 **Anadarko E & P 8000'** Hoover Estate #1515a Dw Patterson Drilling/a 38 05/10/06 3 Drlg Ahead
 7 **Bluegrass Energy 7000'** Simpson Canyon -1035- Unit #1 Dw Adobe Drilling Mustan 05/04/06 9 Drlg Ahead 3115'
 New 8 **J. Cleo Thompson/dal 6800'** University 30-28 #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 42 05/09/06 4 Drlg Ahead
 9 **Oxy Bermian/houston 5600'** South Cross Unit #235 Dw Sledge Drilling 1 05/03/06 10 Drlg Ahead 1240'
 New 10 **Fiml Natural Res 5500'** Baggett Oz -g- #1116a Dw Patterson Drilling/a 721 05/08/06 5 Drlg Ahead
 11 **Mlc Operating 5000'** Onyx -a- #10 Dw Adobe Drilling Bronco 05/01/06 12 Drlg Ahead 3800'

SCHLEICHER

- New 1 **Approach Operating 9000'** Hemphill #2404 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 353 05/14/06 Assigned
 2 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8950'** Hill-mayer --r- #1-3 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 742 05/07/06 6 Drlg Ahead
 New 3 **Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8750'** Jeffers -28a- #2 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 742 05/15/06 Assigned
 New 4 **Pogo Producing Co 6900'** Keeney -77- Unit #2 Ft Heart Land Drilling 2 05/11/06 2 Drlg Ahead 668'

EDWARDS

- 1 **Newfield 11000'** R C Walker #2 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 471 04/28/06 15 Drlg Ahead
 2 **Chi Operating, Inc. 10500'** Diamondback -19- #1 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 04/30/06 13 Drlg Ahead
 3 **Newfield 10000'** Wittenburg #3601 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 118 06/01/06 Assigned
 New 4 **Pxp Texas Inc 5000'** Peterson -81- #1 H Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 24 05/08/06 5 Drlg Ahead
 New 5 **Fairway Links 4500'** Glasscock -18- #13 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 102 05/11/06 2 Drlg Ahead

TERRELL

- New 1 **Encore Operating Lp 14700'** Banner Estate #48 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 641 05/15/06 Assigned
 2 **Bp America Prod/mid 12200'** Banner Estate #34 H Dw Helmerich & Payne(A) 214 04/22/06 21 Drlg Ahead
 3 **Encana O & G/dallas 12100'** Acu -48- #7 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 57 04/10/06 33 Drlg Ahead
 4 **Riata Energy Inc 8000'** Kothman #9301 Dw Lariat Services/ode 1 03/02/06 72 Drlg Ahead 7148'

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Pecan Nut Casebearers Get an Early Start

*Submitted By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Extension Agent-Ag*

If you hope to gather a bountiful harvest from your backyard pecan tree this year, get ready to treat for insects earlier than usual. Unseasonably warm weather has caused at least one pest, the pecan nut casebearer, to start laying its eggs early this spring.

The pecan nut casebearer is the most common and damaging insect pest of pecan for both commercial and backyard pecan growers. The small, dark-colored, casebearer caterpillar feeds on the pecan fruit just after pollination in the spring. The damage destroys the newly formed nuts and leaves a mass of webbing and black waste webbed on the normally green nut clusters.

The pecan nut casebearer is most damaging in May and early June, although a later generation in mid-summer can sometimes be a problem. A single, well timed application of a foliar-applied insecticide can prevent nut loss by this pest. Based on date of trap captures this year, the anticipated optimum spray date for Sutton County should fall between May 15th and May 19th. This date is earlier than last year.

For most homeowners with only a few trees, however, spraying for casebearer may be more trouble and cost than it is worth. They may consider letting nature take its course. Also, some nut loss due to feeding by the pecan nut casebearer may be beneficial when trees have more nutlets than they can support. These insects do not damage a tree, so, if only shade rather than a pecan crop is desired, treatment is unnecessary. Or you may also consider using a landscape service.

For the gardener who is determined to spray, call the Extension Office for a list of insecticides labeled for pecans.

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"The Bank & Trust is pleased to offer these scholarships and to support the youth of our community. Educating our children in the hopes that they will return to our community and serve as leaders to make Sonora a place that we will continue to be proud of is an important role of the local business community. The Bank & Trust congratulates all of the 2006 graduating seniors and challenges them to strive for their goals," Brady Johnson, President of The Bank & Trust.



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- #1 Old Crop Lambs 70-90 lbs. .65-.80
- Fat Ewes -.45-.50
- Thin Ewes -.35-.40
- Bucks -.30-.50
- Solid Mouth Ewes - no mkt. test
- Ewe & Lamb Pairs - no mkt.test

Goats:

- Baby Tooth Angora
- Stocker Nannies -no mkt.test
- Solid Mouth Angora
- Stocker Nannies -.55-.65
- Stocker Angora Muttons -.65-.75
- Angora Kids - 1.40-1.50
- Angora Kids Shorn 1.20-1.35
- Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Thin) .35-.40
- Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Fat) Nannies -.45-.55
- Stocker Spanish Nannies .85-1.10
- Fat Spanish Nannies .60-.72
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 4:44 AM – Subject called on 911 reported vehicle just rolled over a couple of times. Unknown if any injuries. Paged EMS and SVFD. S.O. and DPS notified.
 4:48 AM – Received another call on 911 reference rollover.
 8:46 AM – Subject in S.O. reporting two daughters missing for three days. S.O. and P.D.
 notified. Both daughters located.
 1:07 PM – Subject called reference lost puppy, will be one month old brindle pit bull.
 4:34 PM – Subject called reference property damage off 277-S. S.O. notified.
 4:34 PM – Subject called from the Cavens reference locked vehicle with keys inside. S.O. notified.

May 13, 2006
 10:15 AM – Subject called requesting an officer, tire blew out, people keep stopping. S.O. notified.
 2:19 PM – Subject called requested an office, family disturbance. S.O. and P.D. notified.
 5:55 PM – Subject called requested EMS, subject may have had a seizure. EMS paged.
 P.D. notified.
 9:19 PM – Subject called requested election results.
 9:20 PM – Subject called reported vehicle broke down on IH-10 about 427 MM. S.O. notified.
 10:22 PM – Subject called requested officers, reference family disturbance. P.D. and S.O. notified. Subject arrested.

May 14, 2006
 2:30 AM – Subject called 911, needing ambulance. EMS paged.
 2:55 AM – Subject called reference kids riding bikes around and suspicious vehicle on E. 2nd. P.D. notified.
 6:46 PM – Subject reported vehicles parked on roadway in Sinoloa. S.O. notified.
 8:32 PM – Subject reported stranded motorist near Carta Ranch on 277-S. Advised wrecker enroute.
 10:12 PM – Subject reported suspicious activity at Liberty Park. S.O. notified.
 11:45 PM – Subject reported lights out at eastbound rest area on IH-10. Already reported.

May 15, 2006
 7:13 AM – Subject called and reported he fell asleep and ran off road 22 miles West of Rocksprings on Hwy. 55. Not injured, just need an officer. Edwards County S.O. notified.
 7:50 AM – Schleicher County S.O. reported wreckless driver in 18 wheeler running people off road, driving in excess of 80 MPH. S.O. notified.
 3:24 PM – Subject requested officer assist with recovering truck from a driver. S.O. notified.
 3:42 PM – Subject reported trash in roadway on IH-10 about the 427 MM. TXDOT notified.

Addict's Story continued from Page 1

and soon after, he began using the drug again. Once using again, he became depressed and suicidal. He felt the only way he could beat the drug was through death. Voices told him that his family would be better off if he were dead.

His wife had stopped using and began going to church. She realized she could no longer live with David and the abuse so she asked for a divorce.

The voices got to David and he once again attempted suicide. This time he put his gun to his chin and pulled the trigger in front of his wife. "The pain hit me instantly and as I lay there in a pool of blood with my blown apart face in my hands I thought, why did I do this?" Parnell's mother had arrived shortly after the blast ripped apart his face. One of his children had called her in hopes of her intervening like she had done so many times before. While he was wheeled off in the ambulance, the Lord gave him the ability to tell his mother, wife, and children that he was sorry and that he loved them.

When the ambulance left for the hospital, the sheriff's office considered him "good as dead" and felt he would not make it to the hospital alive. His wife was encouraged to

go home and make funeral plans. On the way to a hospital in Nashville, David died twice only to be revived by CPR and a tracheotomy tube.

For three days Parnell remained unconscious and, during that time, his wife discovered she was pregnant with their seventh child. With some 30 screws and plates in his face, it took him three months to learn to speak again. It took a year of speech therapy before people could understand him. He has gone through 20 surgeries with more planned in the near future. Fortunately during his recovery, Amy encouraged him to tell his story and remains the "force" behind the man. He has taken his story all over the world. Recently, he returned from London, England where he gave similar presentation to youth.

Meth is not just a problem here in the United States-it is becoming a worldwide epidemic. "It crosses all socioeconomic groups and does not discriminate."

Parnell then gave advice to parents. "Look through your kids' rooms. It's not an invasion of privacy. It means you love them enough to do that."

"Be involved and know their

friends." Parnell advised them to look for straws, rolled up dollar bills, pipes, tin foil, spoons with burnt residue, needles, and empty plastics bags and other signs of drug use. Tell your kids to be careful with their drinks. Meth can easily be slipped into a drink and the person would never taste it.

"Crime goes up in the neighborhood when meth is involved", he said.

He addressed the addicts in the audience and said there is hope and help available. "You can get clean and sober. Don't ever give up. Don't ever give up. I credit the Lord for my sobriety and my second chance at life. He gives me the strength to stay clean and strong for myself and my family."

Parnell and the panel then answered questions. A lady from the audience asked how you get someone off meth. "We can't force them. Tell them you love them. Tell them it's killing them, he said. Ultimately it's up to the user."

Questions were asked about how the law enforcement is handling this crisis. The answer many times was that the law states probable cause must be established before anything can be done. One officer stated, "you just can't go

search someone's home on a hunch. Proper protocol must be followed. Investigations have to be done and warrants have to be issued."

Dr. Greg Johnson then addressed the effects that meth has on an unborn fetus. Johnson said that everything the mother ingests has an effect on the unborn baby. The long term implications of meth addicted babies are not yet fully known.

In an email to the Child Welfare Board following David's presentation, Cyndy Allen thanked the board for the program. She said, "This event opened many eyes to the extreme danger lurking in our neighborhood. Only through education and prayers can we hope to win this battle. I liken meth to Biblical Babylonia, an enemy that has infiltrated our country, and unless those of us not yet in its grip rise up and fight it with all our might, it will continue to suck our country's population and resources into its demonic grip.... It was not a fun evening by any means, but painfully informative and honest. Now that we've been educated, what more can we do to stop this demon here in Sonora?"

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Paying at the Pump



By Congressman Henry Bonilla

Since the spring of 2004, gas prices have risen tremendously, putting added pressure on family budgets across the United States. The escalating price of crude oil, which is traded in a world market, is one contributing factor. Decisions or events occurring in the farthest, most remote areas of the globe can have a huge affect on the price of crude for all nations. Over the past couple of years, many factors have contributed to this crisis. Predatory pricing by members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) drove many U.S. producers out of business. This gave the members of OPEC a greater majority of the international oil production and increased America's dependence on foreign sources of fuel. Additionally, OPEC has been slow to raise production quotas after having greatly reduced them in 2002. You may remember that an oil embargo instituted by OPEC 30 years ago rattled our economy and triggered mile-long lines at gas

pumps. Shortages in supply have been furthered by large disruptions in the oil production of major oil exporters, such as Venezuela, Iraq and Nigeria. However, the largest contributing force driving the current oil shortage is an explosion in demand for fuel by China and India. Add all these factors together and you have the perfect recipe for an international fuel shortage.

What can we do to alleviate this problem? As a nation, we must decrease our dangerous dependence on unstable Middle East oil. Three decades ago, America was 30 percent dependent on foreign oil. Today, we are nearly two-thirds dependent. I am committed to decreasing our nation's dependency on Middle Eastern oil. I support environmentally sound exploration in the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), which is known to have the single, largest deposit of oil in the entire United States with an estimate of more than 10 billion barrels of oil. That is more than double the proven reserves of the entire state of Texas and almost half of the total proven reserves in the U.S. Drilling in ANWR will also generate more than 735,000 new jobs and benefit the national economy.

Another contributing factor to the increase in the price of gasoline

is the lack of necessary refineries to process crude oil into gasoline. American demand for gasoline has risen significantly as economic growth has increased. This mounting need for fuel must be met with increased production.

My colleagues and I are committed to securing affordable energy for all Americans. We cannot simply moan about rising energy prices, we must take action. We must remain steadfast in this commitment to discover solutions to the United States' urgent energy challenges. On May 3, 2006, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 5253 the Federal Energy Price Protection Act. This bill will prohibit price gouging in the sale of gasoline, diesel fuel, crude oil, and home heating oil. I voted for this bill which passed by a

vote of 389 to 34.


We must remember that these problems associated with high gasoline prices took decades to develop and will not be solved overnight. It is essential to our society and economy that we update our nations' outdated energy policies. We must remain committed to new ideas to promote conservation, reduce America's growing dependence on foreign oil, and create new jobs. Along with increasing domestic energy production, we must reduce our foreign oil needs and increase renewable and alternative energy usage. I will continue to support responsible legislation that will promote greater fuel efficiency, decreased foreign dependence and increased domestic production.

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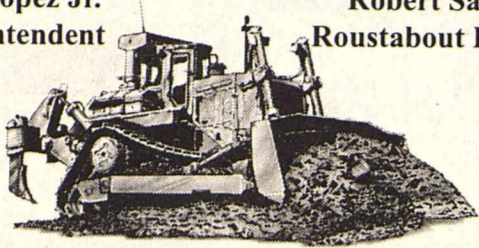
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Faith Reflections

Open Here

By Elizabeth Black

The other day as I was completing my grocery shopping at the HEB in San Angelo, I found myself struggling and fuming at the simplest of tasks. Cart full of overflowing, grocery list clutched between my teeth, one hand holding a clump of dripping wet broccoli, I fumbled with my other free hand to open the plastic bag in which to put the broccoli. Simple endeavor...ideally. First I tried to maneuver my forefinger and my thumb in a motion that would press open the two edges of the bag. No Success. Then I reversed the action, this time adding the index finger for more strength and friction. Then I rubbed the bag up against my hip, hoping to break the perforated closure. No Luck. Finally, in utter frustration, I had to put down the broccoli, and intricately pull the edges of the bag apart with two hands. Still no deal. "What's the matter with this stupid thing" I said, or something to that effect. I held the bag up to the light. There it was in bold red type, with a huge arrow: "Open Here"...pointing at the other end, of course. I looked over my shoulder to see if anyone was watching me.

If that's not a lesson in life, I don't know what is. How many times do I try to open the bag from

the wrong end? How often am I in such a hurry that I don't read the instructions and plow through life, frustrated and defeated. Some things in life can be so easy, but because we refuse to follow instructions (much less read them) we create more work, more trouble, and more expense for ourselves. Gosh, we can be stubborn!

God has given us some relatively simple instructions. Here are a few: Love Me, Treat others the way you would like to be treated, Listen to Me, Forgive others when they hurt you. Lend a helping hand to someone who needs it, Don't do things that hurt you or hurt others, Live Simply. If we would but listen to God's instructions, we might find life a whole lot less frustrating and defeating. Even a joy! We may even find an opening in life that we were looking for, a way through, a passage to a better life. One thing that most assuredly opens up through our obedience to God is our communication with Him. He delights to reveal more of Himself and His Plan to us as we work with Him and not against Him. We become partners with Him in His divine plan for our lives and others. If you are tired of opening the bag at the wrong end, then hear these words, "Acknowledge and take heart this day that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other. Keep his decrees and commands, which I am giving you today, so that it may go well with you and your children after you and that you may live long in the land the Lord your God gives you for all time." Deuteronomy 4:39-40

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Days Inn/Steakhouse/Comfort Inn Relay for Life Team is selling purple ribbon car magnets to raise money for Cancer Awareness/Relay. Large = \$5 and Small \$3. Come by any of the locations to pick one up and show your support!

AI-Anon Meetings - 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays - L.M. Hudspeth (old part) cafeteria.

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