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Breg Hughes Wounded in Iraq

By Ray Glasscock

First Lieutenant Breg Hughes was standing by his cot when three mortar shells hit his company compound in Hit, Iraq. He told his father, Brad Hughes, that he felt a burning in his leg after the second explosion. When he looked down he saw that his leg was bleeding. 1Lt. Hughes was air evac'd to an Army hospital for X-rays and treatment. He called his father from the hospital and told him that the shrapnel went completely through his leg without hitting an artery, a vein, or the bone. He should be able to return to duty in a few days.

Breg is a graduate of Sonora High School. He became an officer in the United States Army by completing Army ROTC at Sam Houston State University. He is serving with the 1st Armor Division Alpha 16.

Our Mission - Water

By Greta Ramsdell

The mission of the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District is to protect the purity of our water and to ensure that water is available for all current and future users. As the new manager of the District, I have begun the process of learning the numerous state laws regarding water and also the existing rules of the Sutton County UWCD. My position is responsible for monitoring all water well drilling in the county and issuing permits, when required, and that entails coordination with landowners, well drillers and pump installers. Our office is available for assistance in the acquisition of permits, and we will gladly visit proposed sites to provide guidance for well locations. We assist landowners with the proper process for well drilling and maintenance and work with the well drillers and pump installers to assure compliance with state laws.

Our district provides an in-house lab for testing water for alkalinity, hardness, chloride, specific conductivity total dissolved solids, fluoride, iron, nitrite, sulfate and pH levels. These tests are done at no charge to landowners, and the resulting reports compare the analysis to National Drinking Water Standards. Water quality is continually evaluated across the county by a series of monitor wells. These wells are utilized to evaluate water quality over a period of years and also provide information in the case of contamination.

The District monitors water levels to track changes in water tables and promotes conservation measures to assure water remains available for all users. District rules prohibit the wasting of water. We participate in rainfall enhancement programs with other districts to promote recharge of the aquifer. The District participates with other water entities on statewide planning, water policies and legislative issues involving groundwater. I look forward to working with the Region F Regional Water Planning Group which includes Sutton County and compiles water plans and strategies for the entire region. I am also excited about working with the City of Sonora on continued monitoring of their water supply and conservation methods to ensure the citizens of the city never see their water supply interrupted.

Please stop by 301 S. Crockett or call 325/387-2369 if I or Virgil Polocek can provide any assistance in water matters.

Becky Covington Takes the Reins at Sonora Chamber of Commerce



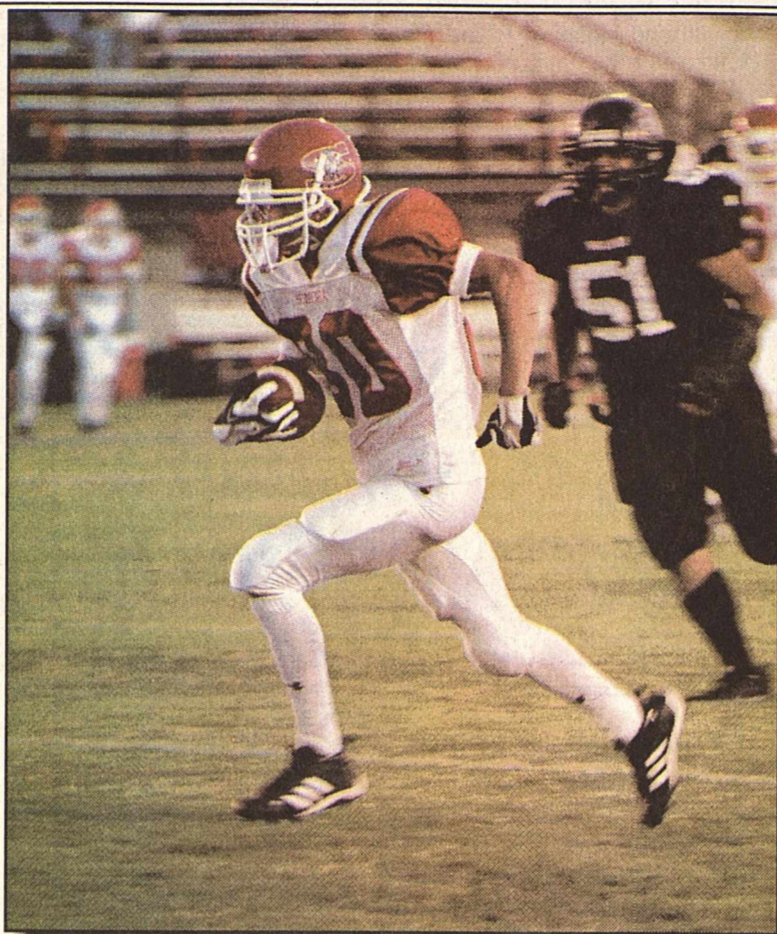
The Sonora Chamber of Commerce announced that Becky Covington has been hired as the new Executive Director of the Chamber. Becky has more than 20 years experience in city government. At the City of Sonora, Becky was City Secretary for 20 years. Also, she held the positions of Interim City Manager, City Clerk, Deputy Court Clerk, and Administrative Assistant.

Becky is married to Jim who is employed with Energy Transfer Company. Their children are Duane and Kim Jones and granddaughters, Kaitlyn and Kera and Jason and Beth Donaldson and their son, Jaxon. They have lived in Sonora since 1980.

Becky has always been involved with the public and served on numerous boards, including the Sonora Industrial Development Board, Chamber of Commerce and Keep Sonora Beautiful.

In accepting her new responsibilities, Becky stated, "I am excited about the challenge and starting a new phase in my career. The work of the Chamber is service to its members and community. Every effort will be made to continue to provide the following:

- To serve as a primary source of information to existing and potential businesses and the community.
- To foster economic development through the expansion of existing businesses as well as the location of new businesses.
- To actively retain existing members and recruit new members.
- To help bring the community together through events that will make the community a more enjoyable place in which to live.
- Support effort locally, regionally and nationally that promote a healthy community that are essential to prosperous businesses."



Evan Rousselot Scores First Bronco Touchdown

Broncos Eradicate the Wolves 28 to 0

By Ray Glasscock

The Wolves kicked off to start the game, and Victor Vaquera returned it to the 30 yard line. On the first play, Justin Northcott gained 15 yards on a run to the left side of the offensive line. Caleb Ramos ran for another 15 yards on the keeper. The initial drive continued for another 15 plays. During the drive, Lito Trevino kept it going with a big run for a first down. Evan Gulley caught a pass from Ramos and was tackled at the one yard line. The Wolves stopped the drive when the Broncos fumbled.

The Wolves responded with two first downs - one of which came on a Bronco penalty for a facemask. Then on first down, Northcott blitzed and tackled their runner for a 15 yard loss. Two plays later, Travis Valliant recovered a Wolf fumble, and the Broncos took over with good field position at the Wolf 35 yard line. The Broncos could not take advantage of the turnover as Ramos threw a very rare interception.

Colorado City made one first down, and then the Bronco defense forced them to punt. The Broncos started their third drive from their 40 yard line. The first quarter ended with no score. Two nice runs by Northcott moved the ball to the Wolf 45 yard line. On third and long, Trevino scampered for about 20 yards and a Bronco first down at the Wolf 24 yard line. Gulley moved the chains after catching a quick pass from Ramos. From the 13 yard line, Ramos hit Evan Rousselot on a quick slant for the first Bronco touchdown. Jesus Limon kicked it true, and the Broncos led by 7 to 0 with 9:11 left in the second quarter.

The Broncos held the Wolves to a three and out. Their punt rolled dead at the Bronco 25 yard line. On first down, Ramos fired a bullet to Gulley who added yardage after the catch. He was tackled at the Wolf 48 yard line after a 27 yard gain. After two nice runs by Ramos and Northcott, the Broncos fumbled and the Wolves took over at their 23 yard line. On their first run, they fumbled and Gulley recovered for the Broncos. After a short catch by Gulley, Ramos rolled to right away from a blitz and threw back left to Northcott who evaded tacklers until he was tackled at the one yard line. Trevino got the touchdown on a trap play. Limon made the score 14 to 0 with 2:57 left in the half. (Continued on page 5.)

Yari and Gary Crime Fighting Team

By Ray Glasscock

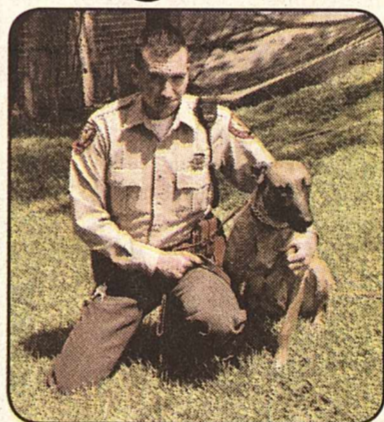
Sonora is lucky to have an outstanding crime fighting team. One team member has a real nose for sniffing out crime. The other one trained with the best in the world - The United States Marines.

Gary Harwell served his country as a Marine with a combat tour in Iraq. He was a security policeman who was trained to be a K-9 attack dog handler. During his tour in Iraq, he traveled from camp to camp showing the commanders the capabilities of the U. S. Marines K-9 Corps. When Gary was promoted to his next rank, he knew that he would no longer be handling dogs. This, combined with the time away from his family, caused him to not re-enlist. "I was driving through Texas looking for a place to live when I stopped in Sonora. I liked Sonora, so I decided to stay," said Gary.

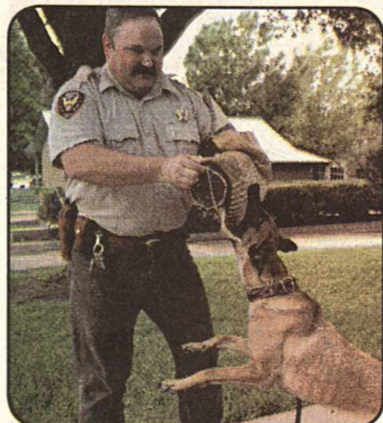
Yari is a Belgian Malinois. The Belgian Malinois is a medium size dog of exceptional beauty and working ability used for many purposes, including herding, tracking, agility, obedience, and police work. To the inexperienced eye, they may seem to resemble the German Shepherd Dog, but upon closer inspection, many differences may be seen including size, bone structure, color, and head and ear shape. The Belgian is generally a lighter, quicker, more agile dog. They are also generally a more "high energy" dog.

Yari is a highly trained crime dog. She is trained to sniff out drugs, find evidence, track a trail, and attack when needed. After 9-11, the demand for well trained dogs far exceeds the supply. Yari was only available due to sex discrimination. The other sheriff departments did not want a female. "When I saw what she could do, I knew that Yari was the one to buy," commented Harwell. Yari cost \$13,000. She has already recouped her cost. She was called to assist in Kimble County where she alerted on some drug money and uncovered \$74,000. Here in Sutton County, she assisted in recovering \$19,000.

Jody Harris Keeping Yari Trained



Gary Harwell and Yari



Jody Harris Keeping Yari Trained

Annual Lions Club Auction

By Lewis Allen

The Sonora Downtown Lions Club is holding its annual auction on Tuesday, September 26 at the Civic Center, Activities begin at 6:00 p.m. with a free supper catered by and donated by The Sutton County Steak house. The auction will follow at about 7:00 p.m.

Local businesses and individuals have donated a varied mixture of items to be auctioned, from a gallon of homemade hot sauce to a color TV to a freshly baked pecan pie.

The Lions Club auction is a tradition of long standing in Sonora, and is the primary fundraiser for the Downtown Lions Club. Through the funds raised, The Lions Club charters the Sonora Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops and pays for utilities and maintenance of the Scout buildings; provides supper for Sonora Speech Meet participants each

February; and provides lunch, trophies and ribbons for Sonora Wool Show participants each June.

Additionally, The auction enables the Lions Club to provide a hamburger supper each August for all faculty, administrators and staff of Sonora ISD; provide vision check-ups and eye wear for Sonora residents in need; provide funding for numerous Sonora Youths to attend special academic and musical workshops, or athletic competitions; and to contribute charitable efforts of Lions Club International, most notably the Children's Camp in Kerrville for diabetic children and children with disabilities.

The Lions Club would like to invite every citizen of Sonora to attend the auction and help out in support of a worthy cause, as Sonorans have done for over 50 years.

Sonora Middle School 8th Graders Commemorates Constitution Day

Photo and story by Kel Thomas

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America"

With these words, the founding fathers set forth the spirit and conviction of one of our most precious and honored documents - The Constitution of the United States.

Signing of this historic document took place in Philadelphia, PA prior to its presentation before Congress for final ratification. The date was September 17, 1787.

Each year, schools across the United States commemorate the date as Constitution Day. The United States Department of Education mandates implementation of Constitution Day for educational institutions receiving federal funding. If September 17 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, as it did this year, the commemoration is to be during either the preceding or following week.

This year, on September 18, several 8th grade students from Sonora Middle School donned historic period clothing, and made available to other students copies of the Constitution, as part of the remembrance.



Front row left to right are: Christina Robins, Morgan Smith, and Crystal Coronado
Back row left to right are: Justin Crittenden, Alex Galindo, and Nichole Lipham

Gary, Thanks For Stopping And Choosing Sonora!

St. Ann Catholic Church

Father Miguel Dinio, Pastor

311 W. Plum
P.O. Box 1397
Monday - Wednesday & Friday 1-4
Thursday - 10:30 - 12:30, 1:30 - 5:30
Phone: 325-387-2278
Fax: 325-387-2278
E-mail: stannsec@verizon.net
Confessions: Sat. 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE!
Sunday - 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Monday - NO MASS
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 a.m.
Thursday - 7:00 a.m.
Friday - 7:00 a.m.
Saturday - 6:00 p.m.

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



SUTTON COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION

Your memorial gift helps preserve access to quality healthcare for generations to come. Please consider the Sutton County Health Foundation, PO Box 18, Sonora, TX 76950. All contributions 100% tax deductible.

Senior Center Activities

Fri. Sept. 22 - Happy Birthday Aurora Bernal!
Mon. Sept. 25 - Happy Birthday Loma Surber!
Bingo!
Tue. Sept. 26 - Work on Puzzle
Wed. Sept. 27 - Crafts!!
Thur. Sept. 28 - Exercise with video

Senior Center Menu

Fri. Sept. 22- B.B.Q. Chicken, pinto beans, cornbread, potato salad, apricot and banana medley and milk.
Mon. Sept. 25 - Chicken Spaghetti, Italian green beans, garden salad, French Bread, milk and frosted spice cake.
Tue. Sept. 26 - Steak Fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, peach cobbler and milk.
Wed. Sept. 27 - Polynesian Chicken Salad, sweet peas, wheat bread, golden salad, vanilla cup and milk.
Thur. Sept. 28 - Meatloaf with tomato sauce, blackeyed pea, honey glazed carrots, cornbread, melon salad and 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)

Schleicher County Medical Center invites you to celebrate life with a tour of our loving home in beautiful Eldorado, Texas. We have remodeled our bathing area, complete with a relaxing whirlpool and shower facilities. Take a nature stroll, through our beautiful garden area, featuring a fish pond and rock water fall. Sit under a tree and watch the birds, butterflies and squirrels at play. We offer something for everyone; vegetable gardens to work in, flower beds to tend, and birds to watch. If you or your loved one is in need of a little extra loving care, let Schleicher County Medical Center be your Home.

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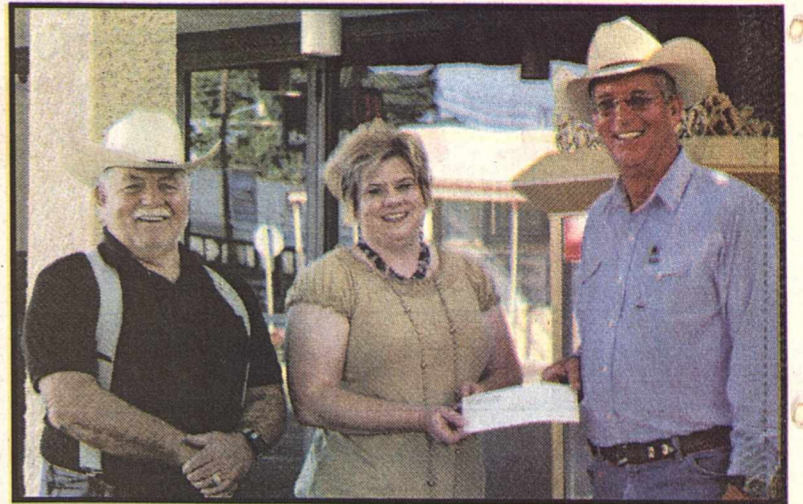
Letter to the Editor

Dear Citizens of Sonora and Sutton County:
In regards to Dr. Johnson leaving, it should be obvious by now that there is an underlying problem with the Hospital Board and Administration.
It is strange that every time we get a decent doctor in Sonora, they only stay a short time, and then they are gone!
It is time for the citizens of Sonora and Sutton County to demand an explanation from the Hospital Board concerning this situation.
The Board should hold a Town Hall Meeting as soon as possible, explaining their actions to the citizens of Sonora and Sutton County.

If this happens, I strongly urge everyone to attend, and in the future, attend Hospital Board meetings to express their own feelings concerning the operation of the hospital.
If they refuse to schedule a Town Hall meeting, I would suggest that the citizens of Sonora and Sutton County work to replace these Board members at the next election.

As a patient of Dr. Johnson, I would like to thank he and his wife for their service to the community, and wish them the very best in their new endeavors.

C.J. "Jim" Brisbin



Frank Wamble and Curry Campbell, on behalf of Dee Ora Masonic Lodge, accept the Popcorn Fund Donation of \$150.00 from Shanna Petty of The First National Bank of Sonora.

Wedding Announcement



Rachel Lira and Juan Carlos Meraz

Mr. and Mrs. Narciso Lira Jr. would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Rachel Lira to Juan Carlos Meraz son of Mr. and Mrs. Emilio Perez of San Angelo, TX.
Rachel is a 1998 graduate of Sonora High School. She is attending Angelo State University and will be receiving her bachelors of Science in Education in May of 2007. She is currently employed at La Esperanza Health and Dental Center.
Juan is a 1998 graduate of San Angelo Central High School. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. From 1998-2002. Juan is currently attending college to receive a degree in Computer Networking. He is employed by the Tom Green County's Sheriff's Office.
The wedding will held October 28, 2006 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Sonora, TX.

Thank You Notes

I want to thank all my supporters, JMC Transport, Southwest Treating Products and First National Bank, in my candidacy for Miss Sutton County.
Also, I want to thank all the people in Sonora who bought tickets or gave donations. I enjoyed meeting new people and those I have known. Thank you also to my church family, friends, grandparents, and my Mom and Dad who played a big roll and believed in me. I would also like to thank Hillary and Kim for inspiring me. Thank you Sonora. Sincerely, Kaija Valkonen

The Sonora Middle School 6th grade teachers and students want to thank all of you who purchased Krispy Kreme donuts from our class as well as the parents of all the 6th grade students who

wanted to help their child with this fundraiser. Tressa Esparza, Amy Sykes, Patricia Hernandez, Kathleen Freeman, and Lynn Onofre were instrumental in helping us distributing the donuts. We all are thankful for their volunteering to help out on a very warm afternoon. We appreciate the community's support in this project that will allow us to put on a pumpkin lab, learn about local history at Ft. Concho, present the Culture Fair, and take some great class trips plus several Young Buck trips.

Thank you!
Shelly Shannon

I would like to thank Chief Mike House, ambulance personnel Leslie Thorp and Jackie Smith for quickly responding to a 911 call. Also thanks to Dr. Pajesta, Diana, and the ER staff for everything they did when I was in need.
Thanks and God Bless,
Brenda Neff

We are deeply humbled by all of the acts of kindness shown to us during the last 2 months. To say a simple "thank you" just doesn't seem kike enough. We want everyone to know how very much we appreciate the cards, food, thoughts, and most importantly the power of prayer. We are truly blessed to live in such a wonderful Christian community. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.
Virgil & Linda

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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A Cosmic Accident?
Ever feel that way?
You simply exist. A random series of events with no real purpose? Is that you?
Guess what? You're not alone. You just feel like you are.
The truth is—you were born for a reason. Like all mankind, you have a purpose. More important, there is a God, and He has a plan for you.
Life doesn't have to be empty. It can be full, with meaning.
God Gives hope
Join us Sunday, and we'll talk about it!
Templo Jerusalem
306 NW 4th St.
Sonora, Texas 76950
325-387-5713
Services: 9:45 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

"Life, What About It?"

Has God been talking to you or trying to? You've felt something tugging at you're heart and don't really know what or who it is. You lack purpose and direction in your life, and are just going along with the crowd to fit in. You lay in bed at night and ponder at the thought of...what life holds for you. You see the sun rise...and you see the sun set...you can figure out the sun's purpose on earth. A table's purpose is to put things on it and hold them there. A salt shaker's purpose is to hold salt. A plate's purpose is to hold food...that's elementary. But what are you for? That's the real question! God has real answers to real questions that people face everyday.

You are invited to attend this Evangelistic Community Outreach On Saturday, September 23, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. We will have free food from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. We will also have live music and D-7 Drama team from Emmanuel Worship Center in Lubbock, TX will be ministering. Everybody Welcome.

Letter to the Editor

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Historical Society



Helen Parks Baptist Circle - 1st Baptist Church Sonora
If you recognize any of these members please contact Jo Ann Palmer

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Q. I think someone painting your street signs made a mistake, they spelled Taylor, Tayloe. Which is correct?

A. Tayloe is the correct spelling. In "The Devil's River News" of March 28, 1891, we find the following: S.G. Tayloe, a clever young attorney of Cleburne arrived in Sonora Friday prospecting for a location. Mr. Tayloe is a talented and agreeable gentleman and will probably hang out his shingle in the trading center of the Stockman's Paradise.

S.G. Tayloe first took over the bookkeeping dept. at the Sonora Supply Co., then he was an attorney for many years in Sonora then moved on to a higher court in San Antonio. He died and was buried in San Antonio. While he lived here, his sister Nellie, was born in St. Louis in 1876, Missouri, and later a teacher in Omaha, Nebraska, spent quite a bit of time visiting her brother, Samuel Tayloe and his family in Sonora.

Nellie Tayloe married William Bradford Ross, a native of Tennessee, in 1902 and quit teaching in Omaha and went to Wyoming, her new husband's place of residence. Her husband was a very popular and well respected gentleman and was elected governor in the general election of 1922 and took office on January 1, 1923. He died while in office on October 2, 1924. One month before the general election of 1924, the Democratic nomination was accepted by Nellie Tayloe Ross to fill her husband's unexpired term. She was then elected over the Republican candidate and took office formally on January 25, 1925. Nellie Tayloe Ross got 42,932 votes to Republican E. J. Sullivan's 35,666. In 1926 Republican Frank Emerson had 35,651 votes to Nellie's 34,286 and she lost by 1,365 votes.

Mrs. Ross was a woman of understanding and charm and personality. Her term was conducted with dignity and poise and dispelled any illusions that a woman wasn't suited to hold high executive office. She was active after her time in office as National Vice Chairwoman of the Democratic Party.

In the Devil's River News of May 5, 1933 there is the following article: Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, former woman governor of Wyoming and a girlhood resident of Sonora, Wednesday was sworn in as director of the United States Mint, one of the most important posts in the U.S. Treasury Department. She was reappointed director by President Roosevelt in March of 1938. She was highly respected through all her years in public office.

So our street signs are correct and now you know the history of the Tayloe name in Sonora.

Now to set the record straight, once and for all, on who the first duly elected female governor, elected to a full term of office was: Miriam A. "Ma" Ferguson was inaugurated governor of Texas on January 20, 1925. On January 4, 1925, sixteen days prior to the inauguration of Mrs. Ferguson, Nellie Tayloe Ross was inaugurated as the Governor of Wyoming.

Q. Why is it so hard to find good metal antique pieces in the

Sutton County area?

A. In August of 1942 all kinds of scrap metals were added to the list of vital items needed by the government for the war effort. County boards had been collecting scrap metals for some time but this was the official request for the much needed materials that were needed for America's steel mills and much needed scrap rubber. People all over Sutton County donated scrap metals for the project. Old Cars, old pots and pans, cans, old metal signs, kerosene lamps, table ware, kitchen utensils were all given to the drive. Boy Scouts scoured the town looking for items to be turned in for the war effort. Piles of junk disappeared for yards. Things didn't get saved to be used another time when the metal was needed for bullets to help our boys win the war. For a small county, Sutton County gave a great deal of used metals to the war effort. Not only metals, the women of the county saved their used grease, which had glycerine that was used in shell manufacture. They saved silk stockings, which were used to make parachutes in the days before nylon. They recycled clothing so that there would be material to make uniforms and they knit bandages, hats, gloves and sweaters for the war effort. Bams were cleaned out and everything not used was given to help our boys win the war.

Today we throw away so many things that could be recycled and reused by other people. We are clogging our dumps with materials that could go into making new items through recycling and cause less pollution in our atmosphere. Plastics, glass, cans, bottles, computers, oil, old lawnmowers, etc. all can be recycled. There are so many items that we might not have a use for that someone else might really need, yet we just throw them all out in the dumpster. America wastes more than any other nation. Which is probably why we have so many problems with clogged landfills, backed up sewer lines loaded with grease, and waste thrown along our highways.

If you look back into history you will find that many of your ancestors really cared about cleaning up Sonora. "The Woman's Club of Sonora" was a pioneer in cleaning up our streets and beautifying our town. Children were taught not to throw out trash on the streets. (Take a look at how many soda cans are thrown out of vehicles leaving the schools and how much trash from local eateries is thrown onto the highway on the way back to school.) They were shown how to wrap up their gum in paper and throw it into the proper trash container, not just dump it in the parking lot of a store or in front of church or school where unsuspecting people get it all over their shoes and track it into buildings. Grownups wouldn't think of walking out of a store in the old days and throwing their paper or plastic bag, for the item they just bought onto the ground, and hopping into their vehicle and driving off. They wouldn't be so inconsiderate as to change a diaper on their child and be too lazy to take it to a trash container and just throw it under their vehicle or out the window. We would strongly suggest you follow the example of your ancestors and help keep Sonora clean. Mow your lawns, recycle, get rid of trash in your yards that draws snakes, mosquitos and other varmints.

Teach your children to use a most precious resource, water, wisely or there might not be enough for their children. If everyone would try a little harder Sonora than would look a lot better and our natural resources could last much longer. Learn from history and recycle and ration.

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. The offices of the society and Miers Home Museum are open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. You may rent the Old Depot/John & Mildred Cauthorn Trust Memorial Building by calling either Jo-Ann Palmer

93 Years Ago Devil's River News 1913

As soon as the school house bonds are sold, the present board of trustees intend to make a park of the grounds, Plant trees, fence the property, equip with water and in other ways make the Sonora School the most attractive in the western part of the state.

The board has figured how the improvements may be done and everything else is under way. Get busy now and make Sonora your home.

Thomas Bond was in town Tuesday to meet Miss Willie Mae James of Ballinger, who has accepted a position as governess. Miss James filled a similar position at the Bond ranch a few years ago but last year took a law course at the Texas University.

Mrs. Joe Turney and daughter, Miss Bertha, visited in San Angelo this week where Miss Bertha was treated for her eyes.

Miss Mattie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Martin, has gone to San Angelo to attend the Conv. School.

Mrs. Josie McDonald returned Tuesday from a pleasure trip to Plainview and Pecos.

Misses Ruth and Ray Davis, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis, left last week for schools in other towns.

See the dry land exhibits at the First National Bank and add yours thereto. The exhibits at the First National Bank cannot be excelled and the suggestion has been made that the Sonora County make an exhibit at the San Angelo fair.

Amor Whitehead left last Saturday for Chicago where he will take a law course at the University.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Aldwell expect to leave Monday for Boston where Mr. Aldwell will attend the American Banker's Convention. After which they will visit Washington where Mr. Aldwell will present the needs of the developers of West Texas for postal service. Mr. and Mrs. Aldwell will also visit their daughter, Mrs. John Lee Nisbet, in Davenport, Iowa, and friends in other points. They will be gone about three weeks.

at the office or JoAnn Hernandez at The Bank & Trust. I will be out of town at doctor appointments in October and JoAnn has kindly volunteered to book rentals when I am not around. Don't forget we could still use some help with lawn mowing and keeping the Miers Home clean and doing tours of same. If you would like to volunteer, call the office at 325-387-5084 when we are open.

Don't forget to Thank God for all the wonderful rain we have been getting. Saying thank you is just as important as saying please.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Barton and children left Sunday for San Antonio on a few weeks visit to Mr. Barton's mother and family. Miss Earl Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Martin, accompanied them.

Mrs. M. M. Parkerson and daughter, Miss Pearl, have gone to San Marcos for the school session. Miss Pearl is studying to be a school teacher and Mrs. Parkerson will be with her during that time.

Rev. Richard Mercer will hold services at the Episcopal Church Sunday. The Church has been improved by a donation from Mrs. James Hagerlund of a cross and the donation of Mrs. W. L. Aldwell of an altar.

The Honorable Commissioners Court of Sutton County, met in special session at the Court House, in Sonora, Monday, September 22, 1913, County Judge E. S. Briant presiding; Commissioners J. W. Fields, W. A. Miers and E. L. Martin of Precincts 1, 2, and 4 respectively being present, County Clerk J. D. Lowrey and Sheriff T. B. Adams being in attendance. The rolls of Tax Assessor, George J. Trainer were examined and approved.

The petition of 94 land owners asking for an election to determine the question of fever tick eradication was granted and the election was ordered held on Saturday, November 1, 1913.

The petition asking for the closing of the street bordering on the west side of the school house grounds was general.

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Flylady & The Dinner Diva Drinking Water in All Seasons

by The Dinner Diva, Leanne Ely

As the weather starts to change, so can the habit of drinking our water. We think as the weather cools, we need less hydration. We start to think having a soda or two in place of our usual water won't hurt—it's not that hot out now. Well, you've had me harp on the water drinking before and yes, I'm going to do it again. Every time I turn around, there is a new study, new article or new information about how rotten these soft drinks are and how detrimental they are to your health. (I guess the people at Pepsi won't be calling me to be their spokesperson anytime soon!)

Did you know that soda consumption among American children has increased by 500% in the last 50 years? It's the biggest single source of sugar in the diet today. And after the age of 10, sodas are the most consumed beverage drunk daily—over water, milk or juice.

One 12 ounce can of soda contains 9 teaspoons of sugar. That is equal to about 1/4 cup of sugar and the average American drinks about 2 cans a day, equally 1/2 cup of sugar and 300 calories of negative nutrition. Get out your measuring cups and put 1/2 cup of sugar in it. Would you give this to anyone you love to eat??

The soda habit could push you a little closer to tooth decay (with all that sugar, you bet!), diabetes (ditto again on the sugar), osteoporosis (the phosphorus in

soda leeches calcium from the bones), obesity (an extra 300 calories a day—2 sodas-- will result in as much as a 30 pound a year weight gain!).

So there you have it, a quick education on sodas. Diet sodas aren't any better, btw. Here's a paragraph from another Food for Thought so we don't have to rerun it:

"The University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio ran an eight year study to study the effects of soft drink use. Sharon P. Fowler, MPH, who ran the study, had this shocking statement to say, "What didn't surprise us was that total soft drink use was linked to overweight and obesity. What was surprising was when we looked at people only drinking diet soft drinks, their risk of obesity was even higher."

For each can of diet soda consumed, a person's risk of obesity went up 41%!!!"

Listen, Americans drink over 13 BILLION gallons of soda each year. Don't you think it's time we quit the soda habit and help take a million or so gallons of this stuff off the market so we can get healthier, leaner, stronger, have better teeth and prettier skin? Those are just some of the benefits by quitting the soda habit.

It's time to drink up—make mine a water!

Keep **SONORA** Beautiful

By Susan Hall

The Mighty Bronco Band and Keep Sonora Beautiful (KSB) are working together.

Blue recycle receptacles have been placed all around the SISK Bronco Stadium and at the different campuses. After the aluminum cans have been accumulated they will then be sorted by the band students, and then taken to be turned into cash, with all the funds benefiting the band department.

This is a win, win situation for the community, KSB, and the Mighty Bronco Band. We hope that if you purchase a canned drink from the concession stands at the game, everyone will learn to throw them away in the BLUE containers next to

the garbage containers. KSB also has more containers for our communities businesses to put to use in their break rooms.

Stop by the Chamber of Commerce office and pick up a recycle receptacle to help the Mighty Bronco Band and our Community be more "Environmentally Conscientious."

KSB is so happy that the Mighty Bronco Band is helping support this effort.

Also, KSB gives a big thanks to Danny Hardin and his staff for making this work for everyone. Recycling one aluminum can saves enough electricity to run your TV for six Jimmy Neutron Episodes, according to www.cancentral.com/funFacts.cfm

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Middle School Principle Joe Young Welcomes Students and Parents with Open House

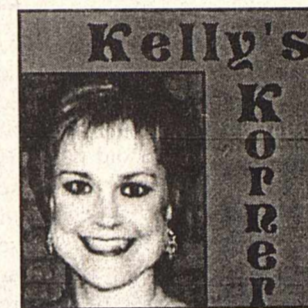


Sonora Middle School held their annual Open House with the theme of *Parents as Partners* on Tuesday, September 12, 2006. Principal Joe Young and his faculty/staff invited all parents, guardians and family members to attend. Mr. Young said that "We want as many parents, guardians, grandparents and other people that are interested in our student's education to attend our Open House. We feel that without parental support we cannot provide all of the necessary tools for our kids to succeed after they complete middle school. The faculty and I have the attitude that great things are going on up here at Sonora Middle School and we want to show them off to everyone in the community."

Parents as Partners consisted of parents/guardians walking to each of the student's classrooms and meeting with their student's teachers, and seeing first hand some of the work the students at the middle school are doing. Afterwards students and parents enjoyed a pot luck supper.

Texas Cooperative Extension Encourages Citizens to be Prepared

Submitted by: Kelly L Thorp County Extension Agent-FCS
Texas Cooperative Extension-Sutton County



AMARILLO – Texas Cooperative Extension officials will spend September trying to help people statewide focus on being prepared for disaster – whether by natural forces or terrorism.

The fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the anniversary of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and recent wildfires all make this year's National Preparedness Month more meaningful for many Texans, said Janie Harris, Extension housing and environment specialist.

Extension will host numerous events around the state and offer a variety of instructional materials as part of the preparedness campaign, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the American Red Cross.

The Extension Disaster Education Network Web site at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu/> has information on topics from avian bird flu to wildfires, much of it in English and Spanish.

"Being disaster prepared is more than just knowing what to do in the case of a tornado or a fire – it's about preparing to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours after a disaster," Harris said.

Extension materials can help families put together a 72-hour disaster supply kit for the home, office and car, she said, and provide information on developing and practicing a family emergency plan. The site also teaches about community warning systems and evacuation routes, and provides information on getting involved and supporting community emergency preparedness, Harris said.

Preparation and plans need to be made in homes, businesses, schools, and on farms and ranches, said Kyle Smith, Extension associate director of county programs in Texas.

"In order for a family and a community to be prepared for a disaster, everyone needs to take the necessary steps to become disaster-ready," Smith said. "Get informed. Get prepared. Get involved."

Extension agents in each county will conduct programs throughout National Preparedness Week, Sept. 10-16, in conjunction with other emergency management officials, county judges and commissioners, and various volunteer organizations, Smith said.

In addition, Extension agriculture agents are working with county officials to establish a County Animal Issue Committee, Smith said.

Patriotism through Preparedness is an Extension youth curriculum for fourth-grade-level students and their families, Harris said. This curriculum is available in both English and Spanish on the Texas EDEN Web site.

The agency also offers free programs that teach life skills, basic money management and health and nutrition, all skills that may be needed on the road to recovery, she said.

Extension is in a unique position to respond quickly, because it has employees and volunteer programs in every county, Smith said.

Whether providing food for victims of the hurricanes or helping producers after wildfires this spring, Extension has been a part of many recovery efforts, he said.

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Be Prepared to Vote

By Smith Neal

With the November general elections just around the corner, voters need to be aware of some of the devices politicians use to persuade voters to vote for them and their proposals.

One of the often used devices is the "band wagon" device. Politicians often get community leaders to let them use their names in a list of voters who are supporting them. The propagandist who uses the "band wagon" device wants the readers to believe that everybody who is anybody is voting for this particular candidate. What he doesn't tell you is that one could compile a list of other influential people who are not voting for this candidate. Some people who value the secret ballot are hesitant to allow their names to be used in an advertisement supporting a certain candidate.

I recall hearing my dad tell of the time he went to vote just before the polls closed. When he went in, the election judge said: "Arch, we didn't think anyone else was coming to vote, so we have just finished counting the ballots." To which my dad said, "Then I will not vote." (A few ballots are supposed to be left in the ballot box until after the polls are closed). My dad's reaction showed how seriously he took the right to a secret ballot.

Another device the propagandist used is the "name calling" device. For example, a candidate may be called "a warmonger." The propagandist wants the reader to believe this candidate needlessly will get us into a war and keep us in a war.

A candidate may be called a "tax and spent" candidate. The propagandist wants his readers to believe all this candidate wants to do is elect a raise taxes and spent the county into debt. Inflation and upkeep on facilities has affected the cost of government to the extent that an

increase in taxes and fees may be absolutely necessary.

The voter should not just close his eyes and shift his mind into neutral, but he should think about the methods the propagandist is using to persuade him to vote for a certain candidate.

Other propaganda devices that the propagandist used are as follows: The "glittering generalities" device, the "transfer" device, the "testimonial" device, and "plain forks" device, and the "card stacking" device.

Just because a candidate is a Democrat doesn't mean he is all bad or all good. There was a time (not so long ago) in Texas that a Democrat controlled all public offices. That has changed in Texas. We are now a two-party state. There are obviously good and bad candidates in both parties.

My dad always voted a straight Democratic ticket. Others always voted a straight Republican ticket.

In the past, in Texas, if one wanted to have a voice in local elections, one had to vote in the Democratic Primary. Now that we have a two-party state, party affiliation may mean more than it did in the past.

A voter should think seriously about why he is voting for a certain candidate: but more importantly a voter should vote. Voting a secret ballot is a right we have in the U.S., and we should take this right, this duty, seriously. We should vote in every election. We should vote for whom we want to vote and not just vote for whom our friends vote.

I always like to get a sample ballot before I go to vote so that I can know who the candidates are and know before election day how I am going to mark my ballot.

We should make the effort to learn the candidates and what they would do if elected. Then we can cast an intelligent ballot.

Selling America Piece by Piece

By Lawrence L. Swanberg

As our Federal Government moves us closer to bankruptcy, Americans would be shocked to learn that foreign organizations are buying our infrastructure at an alarming rate.

Recently a Spanish-Australian group paid \$3.8 billion for the rights to lease an Indiana toll road. This vitally important asset built by U.S. taxpayer dollars will now be stuffing the coffers of foreign interests. Indiana residents will be facing higher taxes to replace this lost revenue. Most likely, this will come in the form of floating public bonds.

Other states have participated in selling off infrastructure, for example, an Australian company's lease of a Virginia highway, and a Spanish-Australian partnership leasing a Texas toll road from Austin to Seguin.

Americans were infuriated to learn of the Dubai ports deal, however, only six-months later congress allowed the Arab nation of Oman to operate U.S. ports. To learn more about this sellout of America visit www.thenewamerican.com and read the article "America For Sale" for more information on this dangerous practice.

We must immediately contact our representatives and demand they oppose this selling of infrastructure piece by piece.

Obituary

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, life isn't always fair, and maybe it was my fault. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer Panadol, sun lotion or a Band Aid to a student - but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses, and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar can sue you for assault. (Not true in Texas!!!)

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason.

November General Election Will Be Here Before You Know It

By Kel Thomas

With the November elections fast approaching, maybe it's time to do a little research on the issues, instead of voting strictly along party lines. As a long time supporter of the Republican party in local, state and national races, this year I must look beyond party lines, especially in the race for Governor.

As disillusioned as I currently am with the "top dog" in Austin, I'm almost to the point of anyone but Rick Perry. That will change as I get to know the other candidate's stands on the issues.

The one issue that has gotten me really hot is the Trans Texas Corridor project, that was railroaded through the Texas legislature.

For those who might argue that this is an I-35 and east Texas issue, it has ramifications for all of Texas.

The current head of the Texas Transportation Commission is Ric Williamson, an appointee and crony of Gov. Rick Perry. Here are a few quotes from Mr. Williamson.

1. "in your lifetime most existing roads will have tolls"—Transportation Commissioner Ric Williamson (October 11, 2004)

2. "It's either toll roads, slow roads or no roads"—Transportation Commissioner Ric Williamson (May 2004)

3. "The Governor did ask us to move quickly and as I have a personal relationship with the Governor, I can speak with [for] him in this regard. Once the Governor decided that this is where we needed to head, he wanted to remove it from the political flow of the state, he wanted it to become policy as opposed to politics, and that was one of the reasons he asked us to move so fast, and we've done an admirable job" - Chairman Ric Williamson, Texas Transportation Commission meeting (June 27, 2002).

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The answer is everything. There is so much public and political opposition to this plan, a change in Governor would basically kill this terrible project and require the appointment of a new chairman of the Transportation Commission.

Carol Keeton Strayhorn says she is opposed to the plan. She must have changed her mind, since the project was her idea in the beginning.

Kinky is certainly against it, as is the Democrat Chris Bell of Abilene, who is beginning to look like the most viable choice as Governor.

There are certainly the usual hot political topics such as stem cell research, abortion, immigration, energy, and so on, that are constant in any election year campaign.

If the corridor project is not enough for you, consider the complete and utter chaos our education system in Texas is currently experiencing, and the failure of the Perry administration to resolve even the most basic of these concerns.

Research the project. A good place to start is:

www.corridorwatch.org If you don't have access to a computer, go to the library or find someone who does, and find out for yourself.

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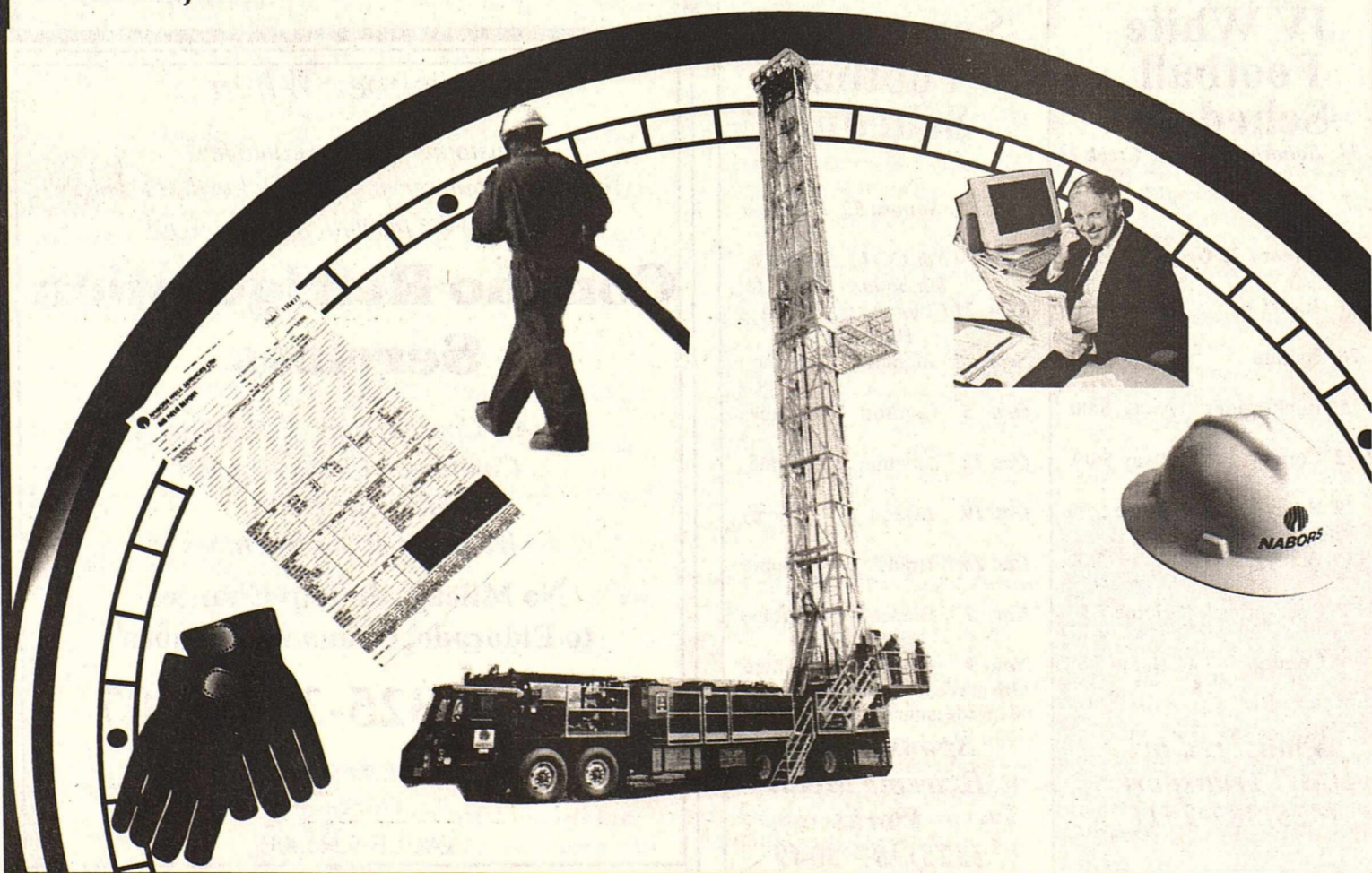
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Sonora Police Department Report

Arrest(s) **September 12, 2006**

September 12, 2006

- 5:33 PM: Noe Anthony Rodriguez, 29 years old from San Angelo, Texas was arrested for an out of jurisdiction warrant from Tom Green County (San Angelo, Texas) for a probation violation.
- 4:55 PM: Caller reported an 18-wheeler illegally parked at a business. Officer responded.
- 8:20 PM: Burglary alarm. Officer responded.

September 13, 2006

- 2:39 PM: Caller reported suspicious vehicles. Officer responded.
- 5:45 PM: Ambulance escort. Officer responded.
- 6:45 PM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.
- 8:00 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 8:55 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.

September 14, 2006

- 4:30 PM: Alisa Desiree Carr, 40 years old from New Braunfels, Texas was arrested for Theft (Shoplifting)
- 4:30 PM: Albert Jason Shelton, 30 years old was arrested for Theft (Shoplifting)
- 8:15 PM: Christopher Gutierrez, 29 years old from Sonora, Texas was arrested for a Sutton County warrant for failure to appear for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

September 16, 2006

- 6:20 PM: Randal Ruiz, 20 years old from Menard, Texas was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance over 1 gram less than 4 grams.
- 9:35 PM: Mary Jo White House, 24 years old from Sonora, Texas was arrested for traffic violations and Possession of a Controlled Substance over 4 grams less than 200 grams.

September 14, 2006

- 1:15 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 2:05 PM: Caller reported a skunk in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 2:27 PM: Caller reported a lost item. Officer notified.
- 4:08 PM: Caller reported a theft from a business. Officer responded.
- 11:50 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.

September 15, 2006

- 5:55 PM: Caller reported vandalism on vehicles. Officer responded.
- 8:55 PM: Caller requested an officer at business. Officer responded.

September 17, 2006

- 11:30 PM: Caller reported two suspicious vehicles. Officer responded.

Incidents:

September 11, 2006

- 8:44 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 2:52 PM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.
- 6:40 PM: Caller reported an 18-wheeler blocking traffic. Officer responded.
- 10:20 PM: Burglary alarm. Officer responded.

Of Duct Tape, Baling Wire and WD-40

By Julie Carter

There are some constants for survival that every country girl learns to utilize beyond feminine charm and tough grit.

In the years of hauling down the road - that's rodeo talk for paying entry fees, driving hundreds of miles to perform in the rodeo arena for a few seconds and then driving home - I often found a need for basics in emergency management.

Three items consistently required for crisis control were duct tape, baling wire and WD-40. With those items you could fix anything short of an amputated limb.

The duct tape covered an assortment of ills ranging from the horse's splint boot that wouldn't stay fastened to the pickup tail light lens that refused to stay in place.

Duct tape could cover a split in a radiator hose, mark the rented stall as "taken" or pad a spot that was poking somewhere or something it shouldn't. I was decades ahead of not-yet-invented Homeland Security in my use of duct tape to seal the ills of the world (road dust) out of the camper.

If the rodeo went badly, it also was an adequate "For Sale" sign placed prominently across the rear end of the horse you shouldn't have bought in the first place.

Baling wire is a generic term for any kind of wire of usable size to fix all those things you didn't get around to replacing, welding or repairing in a proper manner. Sometimes called the "poor man's welding rod," no self-respecting horse trailer or pickup truck should be without it for emergency repairs of the wiring kind.

It works well for vehicle mechanical repair (tying up the muffler that just fell off), horse equipment repair (the headstall that broke as your name is being called to compete) and tying the dog to the trailer hitch because she slipped her collar and bit

the rodeo clown.

WD-40 literally stands for water displacement, 40th attempt. That is the name straight out of the lab book used by the chemist who developed WD-40 in 1953 when he was trying to concoct a formula to prevent corrosion. The result was a multi-purpose problem solver that has thousands of uses and even comes with a medical warning for those that spray it on their body joints to treat arthritis.

Life is easier with WD-40 around and in those times when the handyman jack wouldn't jack and the trailer hitch jack was immovable, nothing was more valuable than that yellow and blue can of magic.

Unless of course you were Barbara.

Barbara, my friend and hauling partner, didn't need emergency backup for anything. Barbara was beautiful, very feminine with a smile and figure that stopped traffic. Perfectly coiffed at all times, she had long nails, little need for makeup, and a natural charm that emanated like sonar.

While I was cussing and beating the lug nuts off a flat horse trailer tire with all the brute strength I could muster, Barbara would step to the front of the rig and wring her lovely hands in distress. In a nano-second four linebacker-sized cowboys would appear and with a cowboy drawl say, "Can we help you out there little lady?"

Shoving me out of the way like a pesky weed, they would bodily lift the trailer, fix the tire and leave for the rodeo dance with Barbara on their arm like a prize trophy.

I'd simply watch in amazement and put the jack, WD-40 and duct tape back in the tack compartment.

A thousand times since I have wondered when I missed the "Hand Wringing 101" class.

Julie can be reached for comment at jcarter@tularosa.net

Little Johnny

Little Johnny was attending his first day of school. The teacher advised the class to start the day with the pledge of allegiance, and instructed them to put their right hands over their hearts and repeat after him. He looked around the room as he started the recitation, "I pledge

allegiance to the flag...
 "When his eyes fell upon Little Johnny, he noticed his hand over the right cheek of his buttocks. "Little Johnny, I will not continue until you put your hand over your heart."
 Little Johnny replied, "It is over my heart." After several

attempts to get Little Johnny to put his hand over his heart, the teacher asked, "Why do you think that is your heart?" "Because every time my Grandma

comes to visit, she picks me up, pats me here, and says, 'bless your little heart,' and my Grandma wouldn't lie!"



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Six Perils of Retirement

By David Corbett

You couldn't wait to retire. Now you've done it, and your life feels unhinged. Your calendar and email in-box are empty. Your spouse wants you to do anything that involves leaving the house. And you feel guilty for not being productive.

Welcome to retirement. Even those who work part-time after leaving a primary career, as most people now do, face major logistical and psychological challenges. Retirees who don't anticipate these landmines may learn about them the hard way. But you can prepare for them.

Here are six pockets of turbulence and suggestions for how to avoid them.

1. Where did the time go? Retired people often say they've never been so busy in their lives. But there's a difference between being busy, on the one hand, and on the other, being engaged in doing things that satisfy, help us grow as human beings, or enable us to help others. You may ask, "How did I get swept up in a bunch of activities that, to be honest, don't excite me all that much?" Certain activities, considered alone, may be good and worthwhile. But what about other demands on your time? Everyone has to strike a balance between commitments and keeping the flexibility that lets us remain in control of our time. A key rule is to reject demands on your time that don't fit your short- or long-term goals.

2. "I used to be . . ." People often make the mistake of allowing themselves to be defined by their careers. If they fail to diversify, they pay the price—unhappiness—when a career is pulled away. For a driven type person who was a top corporate executive, it might take a while to get over the social awkwardness of not defining oneself by one's career. In reality, you don't lose your identity when you quit a job. You lose that identity; and you shed one of your identities. But you who you fully are, inside, as a human being, is deeper. Look at your identity

as a work-in-progress that evolves with you. Ask questions you may have thought were answered once and for all. Who am I? Do I matter? What can I do? New answers yield new purposes when the old underpinnings are pulled away.

3. Loss of work-related social bonds. Even if you're making new friends, a key set of relationships with people in your life have changed. Not facing this reality and, as a result, not taking time for proper closure with these relationships, can leave you feeling rejected when former colleagues don't call you up. That isolation can prevent you from moving forward in your life. Build your new networks before you leave your job. Find new social circles. Turn to family and old friends for support—and to new friends and colleagues as well.

4. Loss of support systems. This one is hard for people who had secretaries, lots of high-tech office tools to keep them on track and assistants to whom they could delegate tasks. They may lack the discipline or support they need to get through the day seamlessly. Having to replace the ink cartridge in the printer or make their own travel arrangements can drive them crazy. Self-reliance is simply the cost of leaving your job. You have to develop these skills. Yes you have to think big and follow dreams—but you may need to change the toner cartridge, too.

5. Fractured households. Marital strain often follows retirement, which reshapes intimate relationships. When both spouses are "home alone" everyday, tensions often arise. Work keeps spouses apart for much of the week. But removing a job doesn't mean that the couple has to spend every minute together. Discuss this with your marital partner beforehand. Figure out how much time you need alone. Decide which activities will be done jointly and which individually. Sparks can also fly when one spouse is primed to de-emphasize work and the other

wants to keep putting in long hours. Most women who entered the workforce 1970 to 2000 did so after age thirty-five. Having begun careers later, they're not ready at the same chronological age as some men to dream new dreams—or cast off as camp cook in a big RV. By being open about your feelings and respectful of others you can minimize these strains. Recognize the need to amend preconceived plans and find some middle ground when choices conflict. If it seems tough, remember that we're dealing with essentially a new stage of the marital relationship.

6. Guilt. You may feel as though you are cheating your family out of money by not working. Instead of enjoying a movie during the afternoon, you may feel as though you should be at work. Among men, guilt may be linked to a socially conditioned premise that a man who is not productive is not a man. Remember, lots of terrible people have been very productive. And many poets, mystics and saints who left the world better than they found it appeared to do nothing. If you want to feel productive, give some full attention to your gifts, needs and goals, perhaps to the benefit of others. Examine your assumptions. Enjoy whatever you do.

People who have it toughest during the post-career phase of life generally did not anticipate, prepare or plan for it. Sadly, people are still deluded into thinking that rest, leisure, and recreation will be enough or that retirement will evolve by itself. They are at risk of being bored and without a purpose. Find a passion. Live that passion. It may add years to your life.

Finally, remember to introduce change bit by bit. Challenge so-called "facts" and be willing to change habits. See life as new each and every day. Be grateful for it. Find ways to stay energized and optimistic. The evidence shows that such an attitude can make a difference.

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Scottish Proverb

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Sonora High School Students of the Week Sept. 18th

By Emily Newton

Raul Segura and Austin Casteneda have been chosen for Students of the Week at Sonora High School, for the week of September 18th.

Raul Segura, son of Linda and Luis Segura, is a sophomore this year. He has lived in Sonora since he was three years old, and says he enjoys being in school. After graduation, he plans to attend college to be a diesel mechanic or a lawyer.

Austin Casteneda, son of Baldo and Mindy Casteneda, is a senior this year. He has lived in Sonora since 5th grade, and before that he lived in El Paso, Texas. He is a varsity football player and says his favorite thing about Sonora High is playing football and basketball. After graduation he plans to go into the Air Force.

Bad is never good until worse happens.

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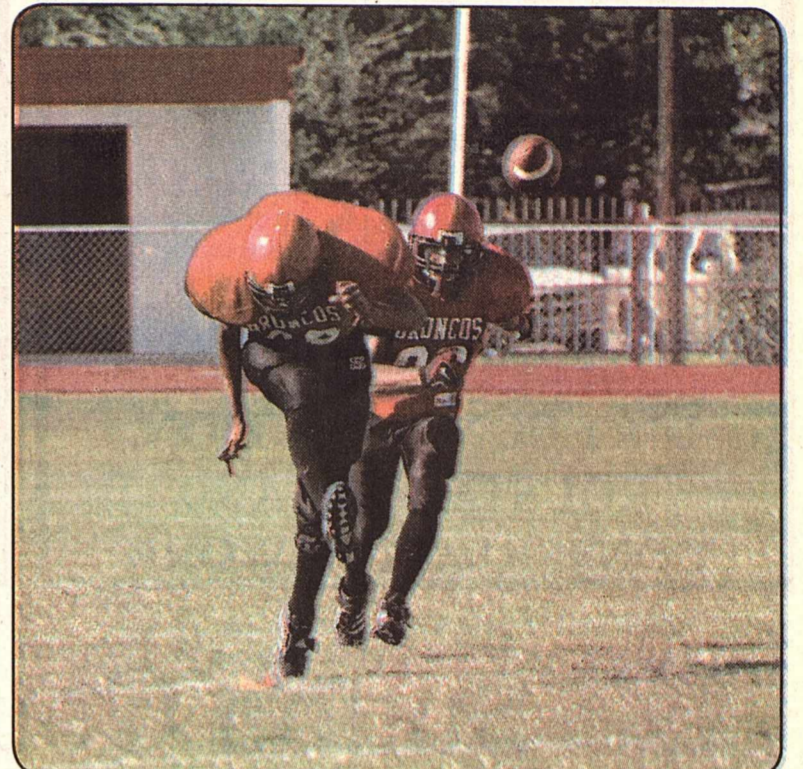
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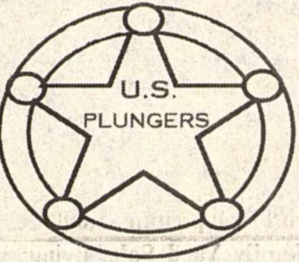
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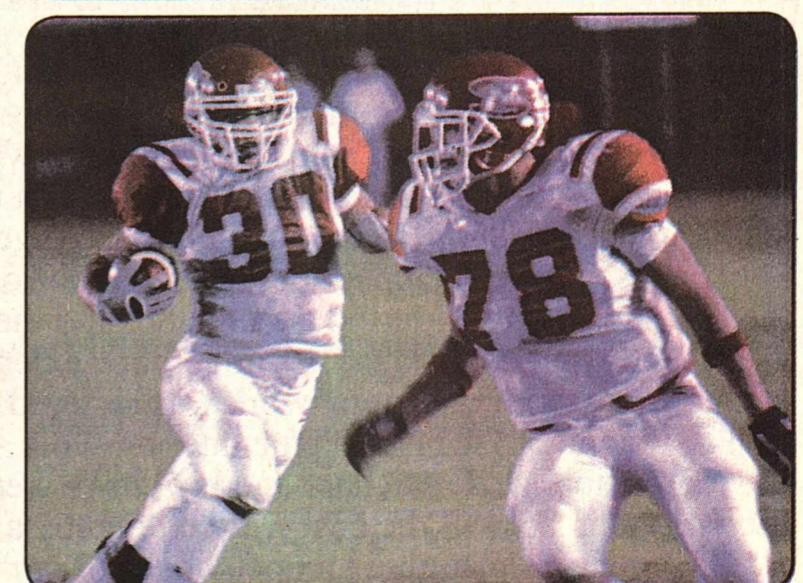
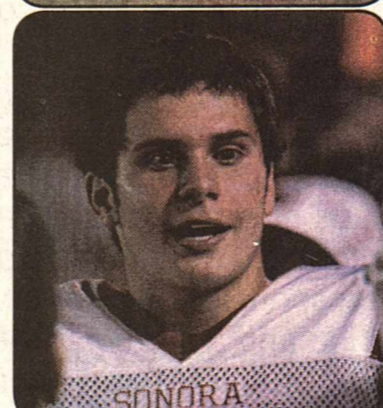
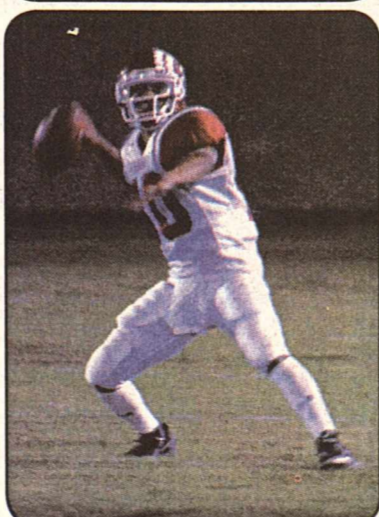
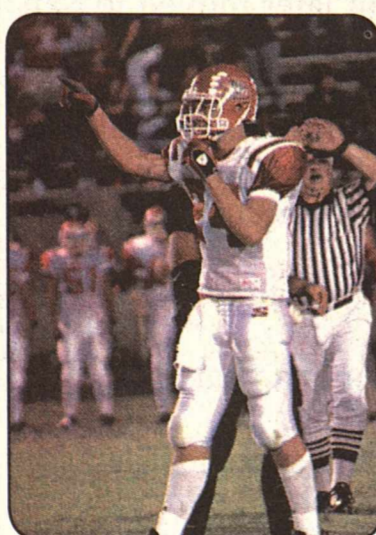
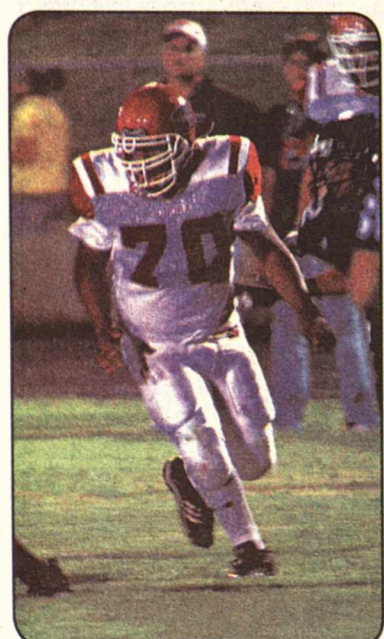
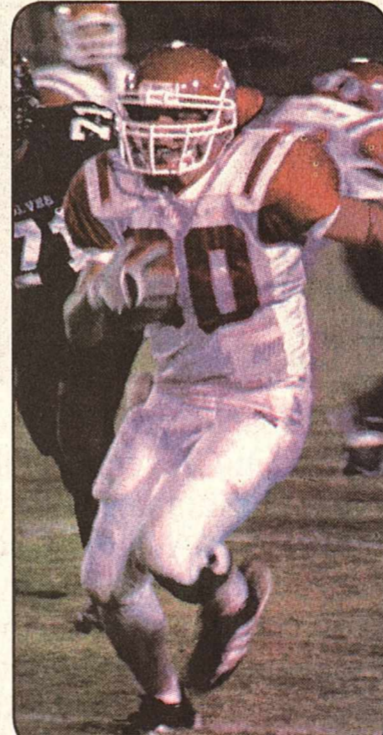
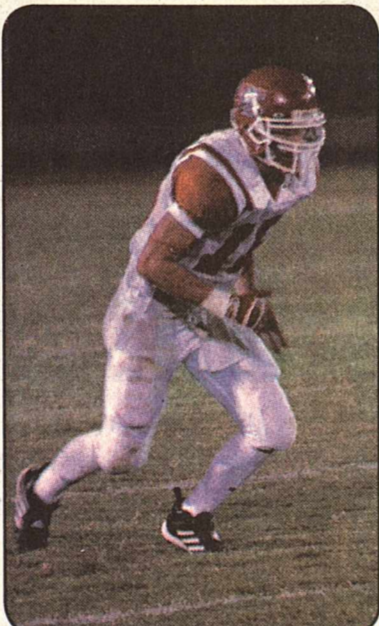
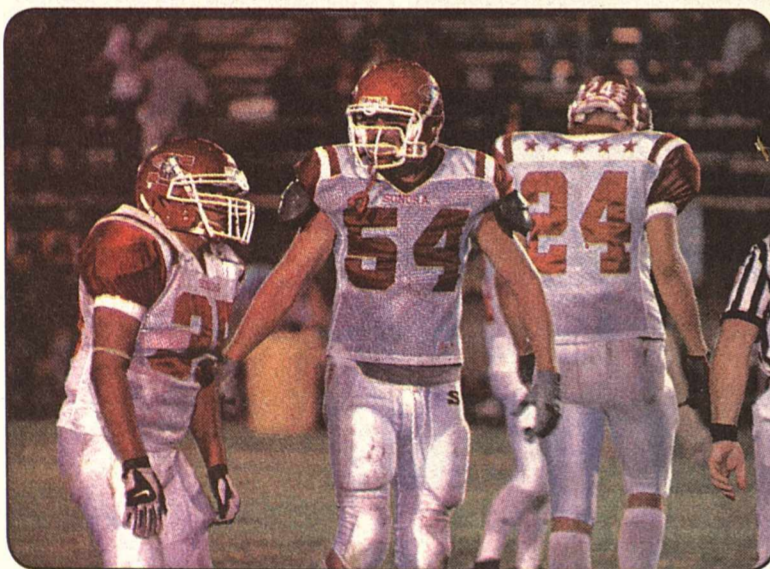
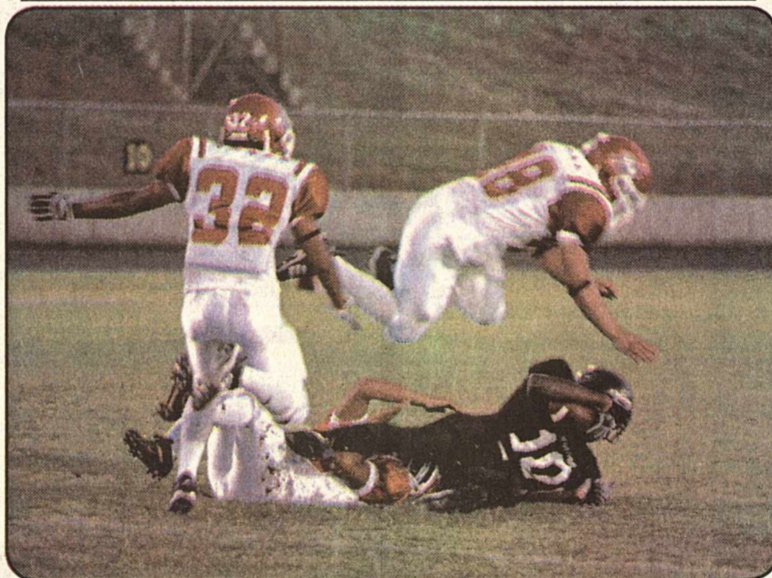
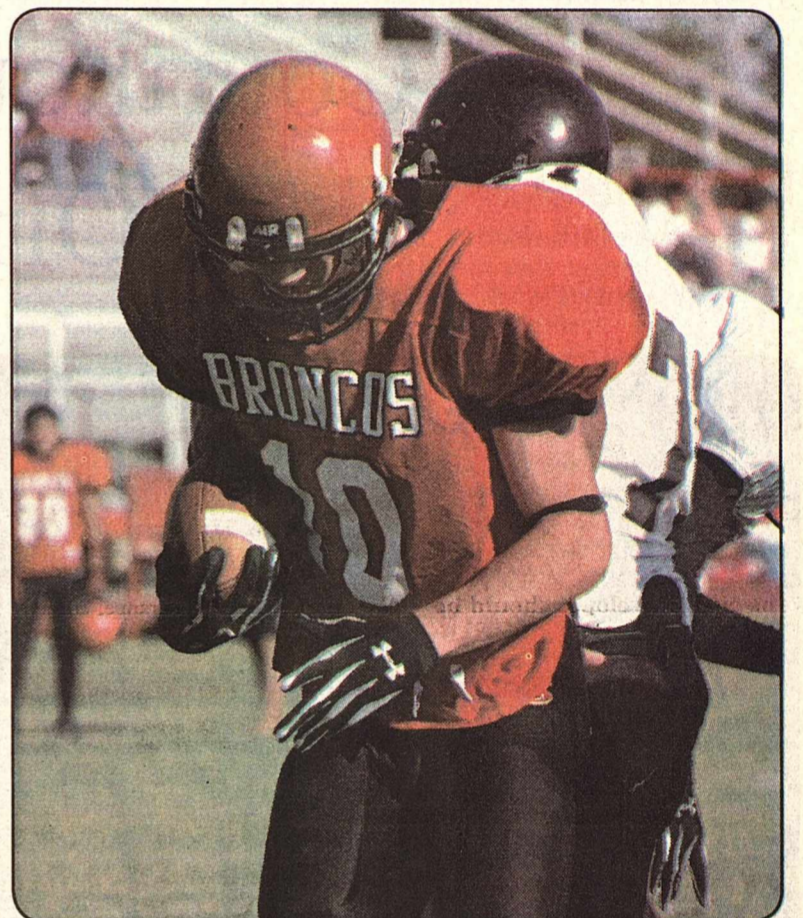
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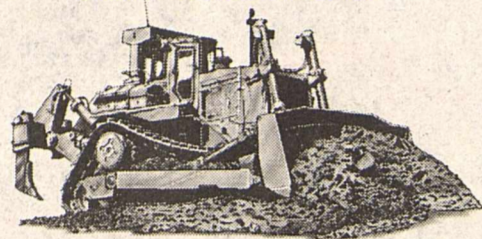
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The Sutton County Courthouse was designed by Oscar Ruffini of San Angelo. Oscar and his brother, F.E. Ruffini were both prominent Texas architects. They were born in Cleveland, Ohio of immigrant parents. They received their architectural training while working in firms in Ohio and Indiana. They were both chiefly known as designers of courthouses. F.E. came to Texas in 1876 and opened an office in Austin. Oscar joined him in 1879, but later moved to San Angelo in 1884.

The brothers Ruffini were both prominent in Texas architecture during the later part of the nineteenth century. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, of immigrant parents, they received their architectural training in firms in Ohio and Indiana. In 1876, F.E. Ruffini opened an office in Austin, where two years later he was joined by his brother. Before becoming established in Austin, Oscar worked for a time in the firm of E.E. Myers of Detroit, Michigan, the architect of the Texas state capitol. In 1884, Oscar moved to San Angelo.

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