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## Preston Love: Part of Sonora's Lasting Legacy

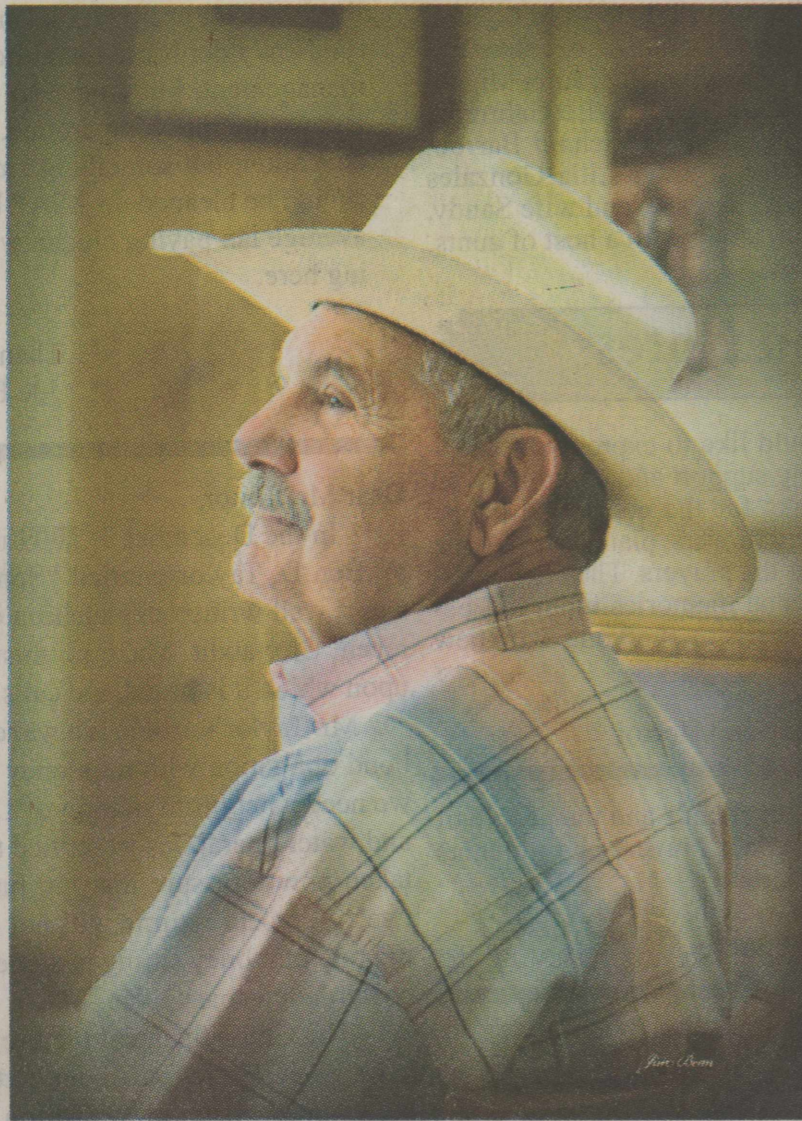


Photo By Jim Bean

By Ben D. Taylor

The strength of anything is defined by the foundation it is built upon. In construction, the foundation is the most important aspect to ensure the soundness of any structure. The foundation of science is built on its own progress as Sir Isaac Newton once stated, "If I have seen farther, it is because I have stood on the shoulder of giants".

As happens in life, some events serve to reduce us all to our foundations. The words of man will fade with time. His great works, either with hand or tool, will crumble under the weight of the world. The only true lasting legacy any man can ever hope to leave behind is the strength of his character, the honesty of his word, and the foundation of his life left behind for others to build upon.

When I sat down with Linda to talk about Preston I asked her to describe him to me (as she saw him). She did not hesitate to direct me to the Bible, Corinthians 1:13, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres". She told me that, "He forgave, he loved, and he never talked bad about people. He taught me and the kids that. He wasn't a score keeper; he chose to see the best in everybody. He taught me and our children how to live, love, and forgive."

His ability to forgive and not keep score would come early in his life with Linda as she recalled one of the few times she really made him mad. "It was after Sutton County Days and I was in charge of the Miss Sutton County Contest, and Kate Matthews [now Jennings] had gotten Miss.

Sutton County at the time. I had gotten her trophy, and Amy and I had taken it over to her house. Kate and Larry were just dating then and I guess he had just gotten a brand new blue sports car.

When we left I backed up straight into Larry's new car. I looked straight ahead and I saw Mr. Matthews and Larry looking at me from the front door, and they didn't have a very nice look on their face. I freaked out and thought "Oh, my gosh! What am I going to do?" Amy said, "Go Mama Go!" So, I drove off to the house as fast as my car would go. I ran in the house grabbed the phone and started dialing to try to tell them I was sorry. When they picked it up I got scared and handed the phone to Preston. He took the phone and said, "My wife just flew in here and told me that she just wrecked Larry's car. She is sorry, I can assure you that she will pay for everything, and will NEVER leave the scene of an accident again!"

Early on in my conversation with Linda it became evident to me that Preston was a source of strength for his family. He was the one that everyone looked to for advice, because they knew that no matter the situation, his advice would not change. A lesson that Linda's brother, Charles learned the hard way. "My brother is an attorney in Kerrville and was having trouble with his son (who was in high school at the time). Charles asked Preston, "How do you get your sons to mind you? Even if they don't do everything right, they still listen to you." Preston said, "I'll tell you what Charles, you have to let them know who is boss". Well, one day Charles decided to take Preston's advice, and he ended up calling us from his driveway in Kerrville waiting for the ambulance to pick him up. He called to tell us that he wasn't going to take Preston's advice anymore".

Apparently Charles' son started back-talking and Charles tried to "verbally establish dominance" with his son, who in turn thought his father had lost his mind. His son (apparently thinking that his father was a danger to himself) tried to hold his dad down to calm him down, in the process breaking his nose. Charles is 5' 11" and his son (at the time) was 6' 4". When Charles told Preston that he wasn't going to take advice from him anymore, Preston's response was simple, "Well, you waited too long to show him who was boss".

Some of us have passion for music or art. Later in his life, Preston's passion was his grandchildren. "He was the greatest grandfather in the world. Alexa remembers sitting in his lap and feeling like nobody could ever hurt her. She would sit in his lap and they would get his tape measure and see how much of it we could get out before it fell over. They would do that over and over again. If it meant spending time with his grandkids, he would do it no matter what".

The Love family lost Preston in August of 2009 to a stroke, but even in his weakest state his family drew strength from him. "Even in his death, I feel he protected his family. The doctors thought that he would only last until Friday when they took him off of life support. The minute they took him off the machine he started breathing on his own. Sunday rolled around, and I had a feeling that this was the day. All of us were in the room, and we started singing to him and telling stories. We told him that we were all going to be ok, and that's when he let go.

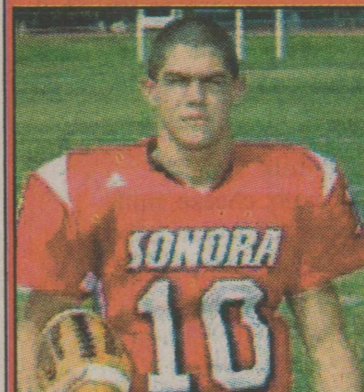
I remember when we were married one month, he sent me a card with some flowers. The card read, "Congratulations you just completed one month in a life sentence with me". Every year he would send me the same card, "Congratulations you completed 4 years, or 10 years". I got to complete my life sentence with Preston."

Preston Love spent his life building things. Linda stated that, "Preston loved piddling in his garage, and doing projects. He loved buying houses and fixing them up as much as I did. We laughed about it and said that every house we lived in we made better for the next person moving into it." Of all the things he built in his life, it is ironic that the most lasting structure was not built with his hands, but with his heart. He left a foundation for his family and friends to continue building on, and he made it better for those charged with building upon it. It is a foundation built with the strength of his character, bound with the honesty of his word, and tempered with love. It is a lasting legacy for all of us to build upon. In the words of his wife of 28 years, "We are all who we are because of what he was."

## Broncos Make All District Team

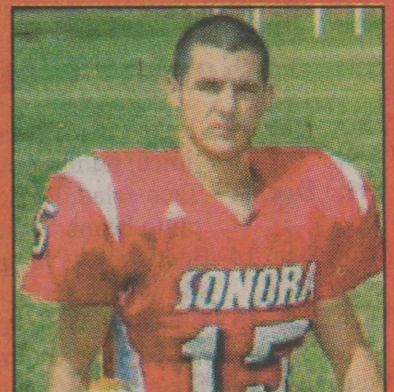
Photos by William Sherz (Sherz Studio)

Offensive MVP



Ethan Morriss

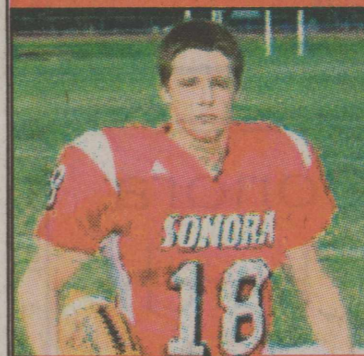
Newcomer of the Year



Word Hudson

1st Team Offense

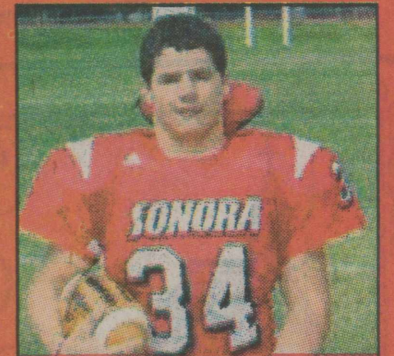
Wide Receiver



Tyler Creek

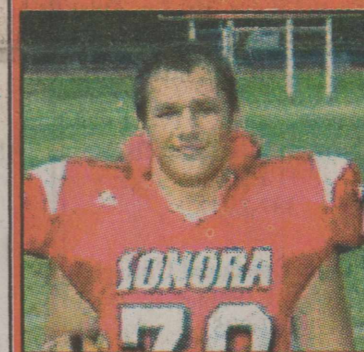
1st Team Defense

Linebacker



Dustin Neff

Offensive Line



Cash Jennings

Linebacker



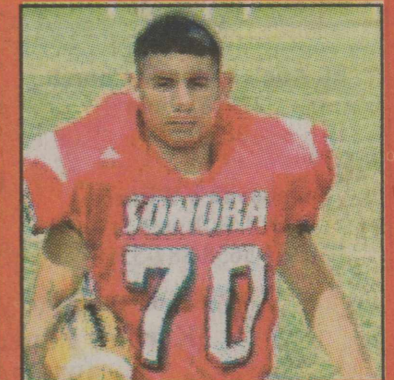
Cadesman Pope

Offensive Line



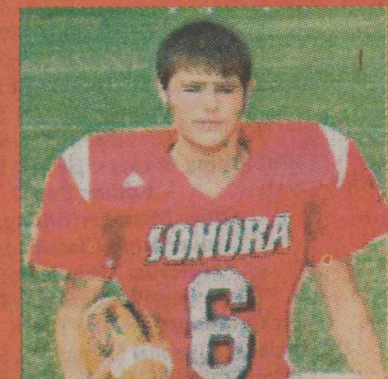
Dylan Castillo

Defensive Line



Jorge Gaytan

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Kris Aguero

## Next Week in The Devil's River News

- County Election Coverage
- All District Academic Receptants
- End of year statistics for Football
- Sutton County Underwater Conservation District Conducts Regional Water Study

### Lighthouse Community Church

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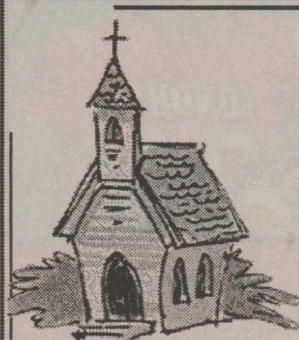
### Senior Center Activities

- Thur. Dec. 10 - Christmas Party w/Senior Support Group 5:00 p.m.
- Fri. Dec. 11 - PEC Electric Program @ Noon w/Matt
- Mon. Dec. 14 - Happy Birthday *Tive Chavez* Bingo
- Tues. Dec. 15 - CEAP Asst. 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Wed. Dec. 16 - Happy Birthday *Jane Archer*  
Van to San Angelo Medicals 387-3941

### Senior Center Menu

- Thur. Dec. 10 - Baked ham, peas & carrots, beets, rolls, juice, pumkin pie and milk
- Fri. Dec. 11 - Taco salad, lettuce, tomato, cheese, milk pinto beans, spanish rice, chocolate cake
- Mon. Dec. 14 - Beef stew w/veggies, sweet peas, cornbread, strawberry shortcake, milk
- Tues. Dec. 15 - Steak fingers w/gravy, baked potato, mixed veggies, orange cake, milk
- Wed. Dec. 16 - Spaghetti w/meatsauce, seasoned spinach, garlic bread, tossed salad, pudding 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 \$2.00; \$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).



## Sonora Church Directory

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|--|---|
| <b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b><br>504 Santa Clara<br>387-2035                     | <b>Church of Christ</b><br>304 N. Water<br>387-3190                   |
| <b>The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian</b><br>319 E. Mulberry<br>387-2616 | <b>First Baptist Church</b><br>11 E. Oak<br>387-2951                  |
| <b>Lighthouse Community Church</b><br>1705 N. Crockett<br>387-9100                 | <b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b><br>404 E. Poplar<br>387-2955       |
| <b>Pentecostal Calvary Temple United</b><br>509 Amistad<br>387-5266                | <b>First United Methodist Church</b><br>201 N. Water<br>387-2466      |
| <b>St. Ann's Catholic Church</b><br>229 W. Plum<br>387-2278                        | <b>Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios</b><br>306 W. 4th St<br>387-5713 |
| <b>Jehovah's Witness</b><br>310 St. Ann's St<br>387-5658/387-5518                  | <b>Hope Lutheran Church</b><br>417 E. 2nd St.<br>387-5366             |

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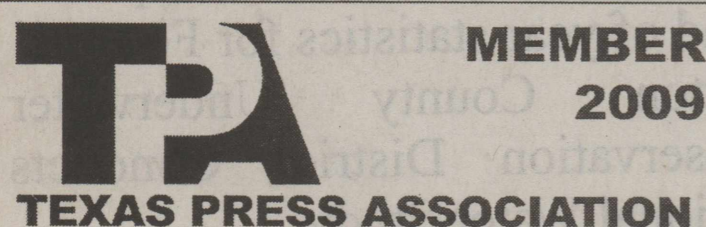
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### Death Notice

Sonora- Jesus "Coach" Martinez, 59, of Sonora died Monday Dec. 7, 2009 in Ozona. Graveside services will be held Thursday Dec. 10 at 2:30 p.m. in the Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home. He is survived by one son, Jesus, Jr., one daughter, Nina Martinez, five brothers, Tony, David, Salvador, Linos and Carlos Martinez, and three sisters, Guadalupe Perez, Betty Acosta and Mary Jo Sepeda.

### Obituary

Sonora- Irene Perez Duran, 61, our loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, and grandmother went to be with the Lord Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009 in Fort Worth. Services were Monday, Dec. 7 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Sonora. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. Irene was born April 5, 1948 in Sonora. Survivors include her Husband Miguel Duran, Jr., daughter Lanette Carmichael and husband Melvin, grandson, John Miguel Carmichael, son Michael Richard Duran and wife Gabriella, step-grandchildren Anna Gallegos, J.C. and Richard Barron, parents Eva Perez and Ricardo Perez, sister Lilia Gonzales and husband Juan, brothers Richard Perez, Jr. and wife Sandy, and Ramiro Perez and wife Rosita, along with a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

### Thank You Notes

We, the Galindo family would like to express our deepest gratitude for the overwhelming support and comfort given to us in our time of need. Thanks for the concerned phone calls and visits, for the beautiful flowers, plants, and for the abundance of food. Thank you for the prayers. They helped us during our time of need. The special memories mom left behind will forever keep her in the hearts of everyone that knew her.

The Galindo Family  
 Oscar, Neria, Carmen and Hector

I would like to thank all of our friends and the people of Sonora and Sutton County for all their prayers and thoughts during my recent illness. So far so good.

Thank you very much,  
 Barbara Lasky

The family of Dixie Genini would like to thank all our friends and family for their phone calls, cards, food, memorials, flowers and prayers.

Also, we want to thank Hospice and Laura, Veronica, and Rosemarie for all the good care and support that they gave during mothers last months.

We truly appreciate all the care and support given to us during our time of need.

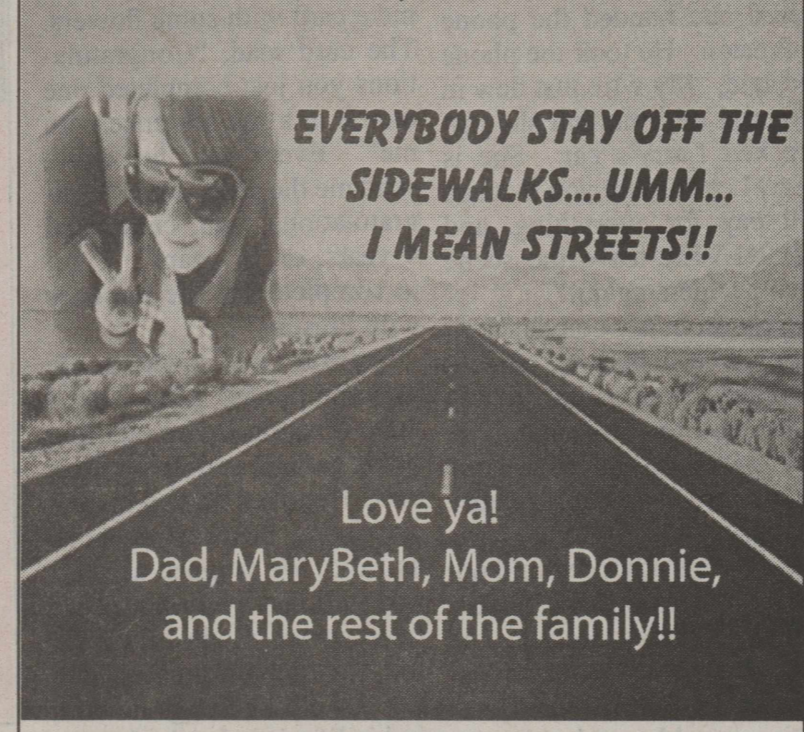
Brenda & Tommy Beck and family  
 John & Evelyn Zook and family

The family of Jonathan Edward Zook would like to express our heart felt gratitude to Sonora and the surrounding area folks. We have never experienced such an outpouring of love and sympathy at a time of loss. Though devastated by Jon Jon's early passing, we take comfort in all the memories and stories relayed to us by his friends. Thank you for your prayers, tears, hugs, flowers and comforts. You kept us fed and occupied during a time of extreme hurt and loss.

Thank you, Brenda Beck for being there for us and keeping the calm. Thank you all for everything.

The Zook Family

### HAPPY 16TH BIRTHDAY LOGAN!!



### First United Methodist Church

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 Ray Wells, Pastor

- Sunday** Nursery available from 9:30 - 12:30
- 9:45 Sunday School
  - 10:55 Worship
  - 6:00 Bible Study
- Tuesday** 12:00 Lion's Club
- Wednesday**
- 5:00 Choir Practice
  - 6:00 Beth Moore Study - Fellowship Hall
  - 6:00 Jr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House
  - 7:00 Sr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House

### Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I read the article "City in the Red" in The Devil's River News issued on December 3, 2009. What are the facts about the fuel making only \$297.00 after one year of sales. Does someone have their hand in the kitty? Where did the money go? Something is wrong in Sonora.

B. Large

In your recent headline article concerning the "City Audit", please clarify something for me. You stated that the airport sold \$97,000 worth of fuel in 2008 for a profit of \$20,000 or 20%. Then in 2009, they sold \$42,000 worth of fuel for only a profit of \$297 or 1%. It would appear that they sold 1/2 as much fuel and lost \$19,000 on the sales.

Now I don't use the airport and have no gripe about the management, but I have to assume these are my tax dollars we are throwing around. I'm a country boy, with slight education, but something smells rotten here. I believe this should be cleaned up ASAP by the City Council so that the average tax paying citizen will understand what is happening here.

Thank you,  
 Joe Brown

Dear Mr. Editor,

In the December 3, 2009 issue, you published an article by Ben D. Taylor entitled "Sonora In The Red". The article was a well written explanation of some of the findings in the recent City audit. Make no mistake, the article and the audit upon which it is based, are calls to action.

Mr. Taylor's article is a wake-up call, friends. A \$9 million bond obligation with no money to pay it makes me cringe. If we need a net profit margin of 13% from the combined sewer and water operations to service the obligation, action must be taken now to assure that the funds are there. Ten, eleven or twelve percent returns will not cut it, and we do not have a big pile of money sitting in some contingency fund available to cover deficiencies.

The City's financial picture is dismal, and it is not going to fix itself. Heck, one of our better revenue sources generated the whopping sum of \$297 for a year's worth of effort pumping airplane fuel. We all realized that the recession put a dent in things and total revenues were likely to fall, but can there be any legitimate excuse for profit margins dropping from 20% on total sales to less than 1%? Was the fuel priced too high? Were the facilities dilapidated so no one wanted to use them? Someone needs to look in to this matter and get some answers.

Heaven help the person who says it is time for a "rate hike" or "tax increase", but without one or the other, just how do we expect to pay off the bond? Do we join California in line at the bankruptcy court? Or, maybe hold a carwash every Friday for the next year? I'll be there with bucket and rag in hand. Will you? Scary thoughts, eh? The point is that we need some fresh ideas, some better program management and some new (and better) revenue generating programs ASAP. Non-essential programs which are losing money or generating only marginal profits must be held accountable.

It's time to get going folks. No one is going to do it for us. Regardless of what we decide, we better get it figured out now. Friends, some fellow volunteers and I made \$300 wrapping Christmas gifts for Goodwill Industries one year in less than a week. We cancelled that program the next year because it didn't make enough money. Even a lowly volunteer board of directors recongized that it needed a solid revenue generating sources rather than marginal producers. So, you City leaders who think it is great that airport fuel made a whopping \$297 on \$42,000 worth of sales in FY 2009, better rethink the matter. Get a dialogue going immediately. Get moving on some better programs that generate the revenues needed to run the City in a proper manner. Take action now, before it's too late.

Sincerely,  
 Linda Lorenz

Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.

Mark Twain



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# Main Street Traffic

Submitted by Ann Kay

## The Ten Commandments of Customer Service

1. Know who is boss. You are in business to service customer needs, and you can only do that if you know what your customers want.
2. Be a good listener. Take the time to identify customer needs by asking questions and concentrating on what the customer is really saying. Do you know what three things are most important to your customer?
3. Identify and anticipate needs. Customers don't buy products or services. They buy good feelings and solutions to problems. Most customer needs are emotional rather than logical.
4. Make customers feel important and appreciated. Treat them as individuals. Always use their name and find ways to compliment them, but be sincere. People value sincerity -- be sure that your body language also conveys sincerity.
5. Help customers understand your organization. Your organization may have the world's best system for getting things done -- be careful that your system doesn't reduce the human element of your organization.
6. Appreciate the power of "Yes". Always look for ways to help your customers.
7. Know how to apologize. When something goes wrong, apologize. It's easy and customers like it. The customer may not always be right, but the customer must always win.
8. Give more than expected. Since the future of all companies lays in keeping customers happy, think of ways to elevate yourself above the competition. Consider the following:
  - What can you give customers that they cannot get elsewhere?
  - What can you give customers that is totally unexpected?
  - What can you do to follow-up and thank people even when they don't buy?
9. Get regular feedback. Encourage and welcome suggestions about how you could improve.
  - Listen carefully to what they say.
  - Use a Focus Group to gain customer feedback and new ideas.
  - Provide a method that invites constructive criticism, comments and suggestions.
10. Treat employees well. Employees are your internal customers and need a regular dose of appreciation. Thank them and find ways to let them know how important they are. Treating customers and employees well is equally important.

Shop Sonora and support your community!  
Merry Christmas!

# Cancellation of Little Dribblers

Cancellation of the Little Dribblers program for 2009-2010 season was carried out on a 5-2 vote by Sonora City League Board on their meeting held December 3. We need a good turn out of volunteers to have a successful program; therefore, if anyone is interested in keeping dribblers alive please attend a volunteer meeting to discuss options of continuing a basketball program for 3rd thru 6th grade youth.

LITTLE DRIBBLERS VOLUNTEER MEETING ON DECEMBER 15, 2009 AT 5:30 PM middle school little gym. Anyone interested in volunteering or if you have any questions, contact Manuel or Nelda Tobias at 387-5390.

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**2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Monday thru Friday**  
**All drinks and Artie Rushes**

# LIONS ROAR



L to R - Adrian Garcia, Josh Galindo & Shelly Shannon

Submitted by Frank Wamble

The Lions welcomed two outstanding Middle School students, 5th grader Josh Galindo and 6th grader Adrian Garcia. A big thanks to their chaperone, Mrs. Shelly Shannon, a 6th grade Science teacher at our Middle School. The boys shared lunch with the Club and had an opportunity to speak to the members. I have to marvel at the high caliber of our youth here in Sonora. Thanks again, Shelly

On the business side, the Lions Club owns the Scout huts and provide for their upkeep. Scouting youth in our community use these houses as their headquarters. The facilities are also used by traveling Scout troops as a night stopover hostel. In order to promote the scouting program, Lion Jim Stephen will create a sign for the huts which will be visible as you transit Water Street. This sign will hopefully promote the idea of scouting as well as identify these facilities as a donation made by the Lions Club to Sonora for the past 60 plus years. GO BRONCOS!!

# Sonora Elementary Students of the Week



PK - Omar Gonzalez, K - Giovanni Gamez,  
1st - Brianna Ramirez, 2nd - Jonathon Zamora,  
3rd - Valerie Gonzalez, 4th - Savannah Castro

## Sonora Animal Hospital

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## F.Y.I.

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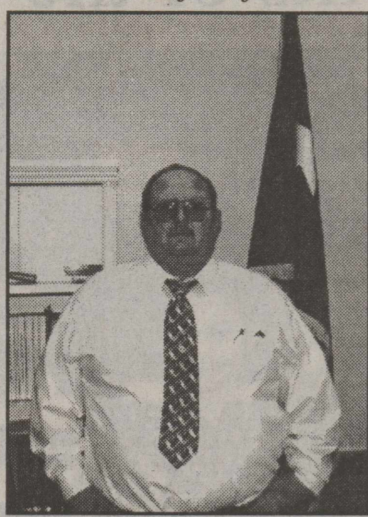
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# The Idle American

John Wilson, Sutton County Justice of the Peace  
Announced he has filed for re-election.



It is an honor to serve the citizens of Sutton County and I want to continue as a fair, dedicated, and impartial Justice of the Peace.

By Dr. Don Newbury

Had it been "duck, lobster or lamb chop night," there's a fair chance that I wouldn't have even chimed in. My knowledge of such delicacies is as limited as my Aunt Maude's is about golf.

Instead, I jumped right into the mix in the same light-headed manner Maude did upon hearing the hullabaloo about Tiger Woods. She said she knows so little about golf, she's "not sure which end of the caddie to hold." Enough about Tiger's "rough" experience.

This commentary concerns "steak night" on a cruise ship to the Panama Canal. Seated at a table with three "non-Texan" couples, my wife and I were stung by strong comments made by an Illinoisan. He claimed to be in a group back home that serves up equally great steaks four times annually. This came across as a challenge, and I felt obligated to speak up, loud and clear, about steaks grilled by Texans. Alas, I made a colossal "mis-steak"...

It seemed my duty to defend the honor of Texans, dating back to the infancy of the Old West, who've "grilled the best steaks we've ever lapped lips over."

And, Texan or not, I wanted to stand up for the Island Princess chefs who got all meals "right" without exception--including "steak night."

Without my Stetson hat and nary a Confederate bugle to blow, I turned on my best Texas accent. I spoke slowly, "semi-snarling" my words, confident that I'd soon have this Illinois guy up the creek without a paddle....

Mere moments later, I was the one who was sinking. His is a "give-away deal" for injured veterans. The top quality steaks he described are purchased, prepared and served by members of the Knights of Columbus from Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Carol Stream, IL. ("Top quality" doesn't seem to do justice. These are Kobe steaks, top dollar cuts introduced in Japan from Wagyu cattle.)

Recipients of their generosity are injured veterans in the spinal ward at nearby Hines VA Hospital, and the nurses who attend them.

On a recent visit, the Knights served "cooked to order" steaks for 40 vets and 10 nurses. They also gifted the patients with sweatshirts, and heard a report on two vets who competed in the recent Special Olympics in Spokane, WA. They led the applause for the four bronze medals the vets brought back. After all, the Knights financed the trip....

The meals are orchestrated by a Knight who is head chef at a swanky country club.

Like the mail, the steaks "must go through." Typically, the dozen or so Knights board a pair of vans, all cooking gear in tow. After processing through security, they grill on the grounds adjacent to the spinal ward. The weather? No matter. They sometimes grill in the snow.

Vets able to do so roll their wheelchairs into the cafeteria, where tables are lowered from the ceiling to accommodate them....

On one of the visits, 40 vets and 10 nurses were fed. That night, nine patients were able to gather in the cafeteria, but of that number, only seven could feed themselves the cut-up portions. The other two could but move their lips and swallow, thus providing a literal example of "spoon fed."

The other 31 patients ate from trays delivered to their rooms. Whatever dining assistance each needed was lovingly provided.

When the honorees and nurses were all fed, the Knights ate, too....

My friend got misty-eyed telling the story. "These meals make the men and women at the hospital know that we care, and this labor of love strengthens the Knights every time, making us want to do more."

By the time he'd finished, we knew more about the

meals in detail...how the steak is the finest they can buy...side dishes of asparagus and potatoes...bread and butter...and for dessert, kolacky, of course.

I dared not admit that I didn't know a "kolacky" from a front-end loader--at least not spelled "thataway." Maybe I had one thing over on him--I doubt that he had ever sopped up Ribbon Cane syrup with a fluffy homemade biscuit....

Needless to say, upon hearing the account, there was no offense to be found. What had seemed to matter early on in "steak night" conversation, no longer did.

My friend closed out the evening by mentioning that he's teaching his grandchildren how to bake kolacky. He's interested in having this culinary art passed on. And he enjoys giving them away.

We left the magnificent dining area thankful for much, particularly military veterans whose sacrifices we can only begin to understand. In a crowded elevator, I found myself whistling "America, the Beautiful." And thinking of a familiar scripture, Matthew 25:40: "...Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

## Lost in Translation

At long last... The Men's Guide to what a woman really means when she says something. Pay close attention (there might be a quiz later).

1. You want = You want
2. We need = I want
3. It's your decision = The correct decision should be obvious by now.
4. Do what you want = You'll pay for this later.
5. We need to talk = I need to complain
6. Sure... go ahead = I don't want you to.
7. I'm not upset = Of course I'm upset, you moron!
8. You're ... so manly = You need a shave and you sweat a lot.
9. This kitchen is so inconvenient = I want a new house.
10. I want new curtains = and carpeting, and furniture, and wallpaper....

## Chamber Chatter

By Donna Garrett

November was a very busy month for Sonora, beginning with the Veteran's Reunion at the newly restored Liberty Park on November 7th, organized by Viva Sonora. Veteran's from the past and present came together for the wonderful occasion and unveiling of the Veteran's wall.

Ladies Night Out was held on November 12th, a very exciting and busy night for the local businesses. Ladies were out shopping and having a really nice time.

November 14th, the 43rd Annual Sutton County Game Dinner, organized by the Sutton County Game Dinner Association, fed over 1,000

people, with the majority being from outside of Sutton County.

On November 20th, the Chamber's annual "More the Merrier" Christmas Bazaar was held at the Civic Center. Local businesses and crafters came together in one location for a day of shopping, a visit from Santa, great food and entertainment from our local youth.

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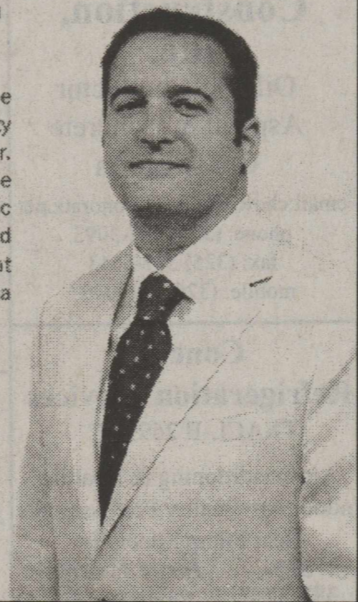
After graduating with a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University in College Station, Dr. Burger received his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine Affiliated Hospitals in Houston. He completed his Internship and Residency in Internal Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine Affiliated Hospitals as well as fellowships in Cardiovascular Disease and Interventional Cardiology. Dr. Burger is board certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease and Interventional Cardiology.

**Sabino D'Agostino, D.O.**  
Neurosurgery

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Beginning December 10

After graduating with a bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University in University Park, Pennsylvania, Dr. D'Agostino received his medical degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Philadelphia. He completed his Residency in Neurological Surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina in Neurological Surgery in Charleston.

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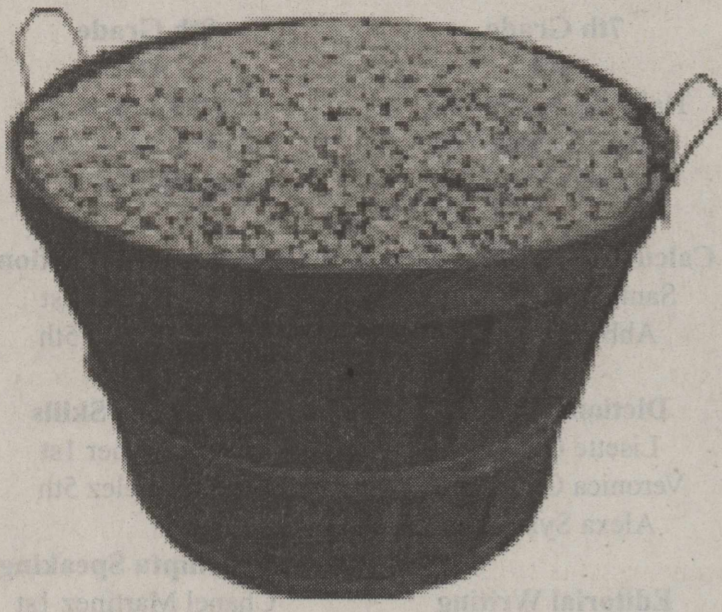
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## Exactly How Much is a Bushel?



By Pascual Hernandez,  
Sutton County Agricultural  
Extension Agent



I was completing some end-of-the-year impact of agriculture reports, and the form had some questions on bushel production. As we have no cropland in Sutton County, I reflected that most of us have no concept of what a bushel is. It might be interesting to look into.

You hear this term for measurement all of the time, particularly in agriculture reports, but exactly how much is a bushel? In the United States, a bushel is a unit of volume used for the dry measurement of things such as vegetables, fruits or grains and is equivalent to 4 pecks. In the U.S. Customary System, a bushel is equal to 2,150.42 cubic inches, or 35.24 liters. When used as a British capacity of measure, or in the British Imperial System, a bushel is used as both a dry and liquid measure and equals 2219.36 cubic inches or 36.37 liters.

To better visualize the capacity of a bushel, one can use the following list to get a better idea regarding the actual size of a bushel: A bushel of potatoes weights 60 pounds,

while a bushel of shelled corn weighs 56 pounds. On the other hand, 32 pounds equals a bushel of oats. Most of us have bought 10-pound bags of potatoes or 50-pound bags of "deer corn". That may help us envision a bushel of each.

The bushel began as part of a system (British Imperial) for measuring commodities such as corn by volume rather than weight. The system incorporated some measurements familiar today for measuring liquids: 4 gills = 1 pint; 2 pints = 1 quart; 4 quarts or 8 pints = 1 gallon; 2 gallons = 1 peck; 4 pecks or 8 gallons = 1 BUSHEL, and 8 bushels = 1 quarter.

Pints, quarts and gallons are still in current usage, but gills, pecks, bushels and quarters are considered archaic terms now and few younger people have come across them. However they are found in old documents so it is still useful to know them.

Measuring by volume rather than weight may seem strange, but the weight of corn, for example, may reduce as it dries out, so the idea has its merits.

## Sometimes Excuses Work

A man in his 40's bought a new BMW and was out on the interstate for a nice evening drive. The top was down, the breeze was blowing through what was left of his hair and he decided to open her up.

As the needle jumped up to 80 mph, he suddenly saw flashing red and blue lights behind him.

"There's no way they can catch a BMW," he thought to himself and opened her up further. The needle hit 90, 100.... Then the reality of the situation hit him. "What the heck am I doing?" he thought and pulled over.

The cop came up to him, took his license without a word and examined it and the car.

"It's been a long day, this is the end of my shift and it's Friday the 13th. I don't feel like more paperwork, so if you can give me an excuse for your driving that I haven't heard before, you can go."

The guy thinks for a second and says, "Last week my wife ran off with a cop. I was afraid you were trying to give her back."

"Have a nice weekend," said the officer.

## Texas A&M Faculty Working to Improve Afghan Agriculture

COLLEGE STATION – Agricultural improvement efforts through the Norman Borlaug Institute of International Agriculture and other Texas A&M System experts are helping bring economic and social stability to Afghanistan, said Dr. Edwin Price, the institute's director.

"In President Obama's recent national address on Afghanistan, he said the U.S. would also be focusing on non-military assistance to that country and specifically mentioned agriculture as a way to improve the lives of the Afghan people," Price said. "I'm proud to say that for more than seven years the Borlaug Institute has provided in-country agricultural support to the Afghan people, plus has recently been involved in efforts to help the Department of Defense assess Afghanistan's agricultural sector."

The Borlaug Institute, named after the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize laureate and father of the green revolution, is part of Texas A&M University, where Dr. Borlaug served as a distinguished professor of international agriculture from 1984 until his death in September. The institute continues Borlaug's mission of improving agriculture in poor and developing nations.

Since 2002, the institute has been involved in agricultural development efforts in Afghanistan, including leading a U.S. Agency for International Development-funded project to help Afghanistan's traditional nomadic herdsmen, known as the Kuchi, Price said. Partners in that project include Texas A&M's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the Texas AgriLife Research Center for Natural Resource Information Technology, University of California-Davis, Mercy Corps, and the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Temple.

"More than 80 percent of Afghanistan's livestock production originates with the Kuchi, who number about 3 million nationwide," he said. "Our Pastoral Engagement, Adaptation and Capacity Enhancement, or PEACE, project has been helping them improve livestock production, manage rangeland and natural resources, and use modern technology to their advantage."

Price said not only has the project helped the Kuchi improve their livelihood, it also has helped them address tribal clashes by introducing them to conflict resolution techniques.

"For years, the Kuchi and Hazara have had conflicts over access to important rangelands in Afghanistan which are vital to supporting irrigated agriculture in its lowlands," he said. "Project personnel, working with one of President Karzai's advisors and the Independent Department for Kuchi Affairs, have provided several conflict resolution workshops to Kuchi and Hazara tribal leaders."

He said the workshops address effective communication skills and mediation techniques for settling disputes. "Basically what we've been doing through the project is helping the Kuchi reduce the variety of risks associated with their livelihood, which is producing and selling livestock," said Dr. Michal Jacobs, a research scientist with Texas A&M's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the in-country chief of party.

"Years of conflict and drought have severely affected Afghanistan's livestock sector," Jacobs said. "Improving it depends on helping the Kuchi develop better rangeland management techniques, enhance their animal production practices and improve how they market their livestock."

The project also has been successful at employing new technology to help the herders make better decisions regarding their livestock, he added. One example is the use of a livestock early warning system originally created by Texas A&M rangeland and livestock specialists for use in another USAID-funded project serving East Africa and Mongolia.

The most recent institute efforts in Afghanistan include coordinating the activities of five Texas A&M faculty and others associated with the university assigned as a team of agricultural assessment specialists to help evaluate Afghanistan's current agricultural situation.

"We were asked by the Department of Defense Task Force for Business and Stability Operations to do a rapid agricultural assessment, which we did for the Afghan provinces of Kabul, Herat, Nangarhar and Balkh," said Dr. Glen Shinn, the team's leader.

Shinn, a professor and international agriculture development specialist at Texas A&M, estimates that 80 percent of the workforce in those four provinces is involved in agriculture.

His team's three-week assessment included a review of the provinces' agricultural capacity, production, processing, distribution, and marketing. Their efforts included assessing agricultural colleges and faculty and their "knowledge delivery systems," determining potential agriculture ministry support for needed improvements, understanding existing agricultural practices, and evaluating the quality of agricultural extension education.

"We looked at all links in the agricultural value chain from gate to plate to see where Afghan producers might improve their agricultural practices," he said. "The Afghans we met in those provinces were very receptive and interested in suggestions or advice we had to offer."

Shinn said the team addressed issues ranging from developing agricultural capacity, to natural resource use and conservation, crop variety and selection, improving production practices and value-added processing.

"One of the things people may not realize is that the quality of most of the vegetables grown in these provinces is excellent, but there's no 'cold chain' for refrigeration so they can't get them to distant markets while they're still fresh," he said. "These are the kinds of things that should be implemented before the Afghan farmer can export products."

Shinn said he hoped the efforts by his team would help the Afghans become better stewards of their soil and water resources, benefit from improved crop genetics and overcome limiting factors such as outdated technology and limited access to credit at the farm level.

He added that the team's report, including specific recommendations on how Afghanistan might improve and expand its agricultural sector, is being used to focus assistance that can make an immediate impact in the lives of the Afghan people.

"From what we experienced with the farmers we visited with in Afghanistan, they are open to new ideas and receptive to collaboration," Shinn said. "They've been through a lot, and now they're ready for something better."

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Come Christmas Shop with Santa's Elves at

## Rockhouse Boutique, Wild Bills and The Mercantile Garden

after school  
December 18th at 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.  
Children school ages Pre-K thru 6th grade will receive help from Santa's Elves with Ideas, Shopping and Gift Wrapping. Christmas wish list's are available.  
Sign up at  
Rockhouse Boutique, Wild Bills, and The Mercantile Garden

Ask about Christmas Specials for Children Shoppers Only on December 18.

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1107 Glasscock	\$86,500
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1006 E. Poplar	\$107,500
310 Brookside	\$110,000
1212 Glasscock Ave.	\$115,000
504 E. 2nd St.	\$129,500
919 E. 2nd St.	\$139,900
208 S Concho	\$165,000
102 Oakwood	\$175,000
312 Edgemont Rd.	\$185,000
301 W. Castlehill Rd.	\$195,000
111 Sonora Dr.	\$210,000
214 Murphy Ave.	\$265,000 Sale Pending
114 Edgemont Rd.	\$340,000

**Residential Properties w/acreage**

1740 CR 243 (Schleicher Co. - 10 acres)	\$153,500
5098 US Hwy 277 (Schleicher Co. - 5 ac.)	\$169,500
1893 S. Service Rd. (17.569 acres)	\$279,500

**Commercial Properties**

606 Crockett	\$89,5000
208 E. Main St.	\$105,000
226 E. Main	\$110,000

**Acreage & Lots**

42.320 Acres - Sutton Co. Estates - Hwy 864	\$2500/Acre or \$105,800
50.003 Acres - Sutton Co. Estates - Hwy 864	\$2500/Acre or \$125,008
75 Acres-Sutton Co. FM 1691&PR3401	\$1850/Acre or \$138,750
84.838 Acres -Schleicher Co. -Hwy 190 E&CR404	\$1355.52/Acre or \$115,000
88.036 Acres -Schleicher Co. - Hwy 190 E	\$1419.87/Acre or \$125,000
88.444 Acres. - Sutton County-FM 1691	\$1900/Acre or \$168,044
150 Acres - Sutton Co. - FM 1691&PR3401	\$1750/Acre or \$262,500
350.416 Acres - Crockett Co.	\$1350/Acre or \$473,062.60
720.96 Acres - Schleicher Co.	\$1450/Acre SALE PENDING
1332 Ac. w/lodge - Sutton Co.	\$1495/Acre or \$1,991,669

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**Public Notices**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Dixie L. Genini, Deceased, were issued on November 16, 2009, in Docket No. 1355, pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, to Vernon L. Pruett.

Claims may be presented in care of James A. Boyd, Jr., the attorney for the Independent Executor at the following address:

c/o Carter, Boyd & Lissan  
515 W. Harris, Suite 100  
San Angelo, Texas 76903



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**The Voice of the Sonora Broncos**

**8:30 Morning Show  
with Eddy and Cindy**



**Mondays -** Agriculture  
**Tuesday -** Sonora ISD News & Sonora Bronco Coach's Corner  
**Wednesday -** Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital News with Dr. Kristy D. Edwards, M.D. & Devil's River Newspaper with Ben D. Taylor  
**Thursday -** Veterinary News with Dr. Gene Gibbens, DVM  
**Friday -** Voice Of The Sonora Bronco's Sports ... GO BRONCOS!!!

**Sutton County** - 976 acres located approximately 18 miles northeast of Sonora. Gently rolling with liveoak, cedar and mesquite. Barn and pens and two water wells, one with electricity. Deer and turkey hunting, county road frontage.

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**For Sale:**

Approx. 1097 Acres, Sutton County Ranch Land, 11 miles NE of Sonora, Approx. 1 1/2 miles of paved CR Frontage  
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650 ac. Highway frontage, deer, turkey, large liveoaks, very little cedar, electricity. \$1495/ac.

These properties are 15 minutes from I-10 on state highway less than 1 1/2 hr. from the Kerrville area.

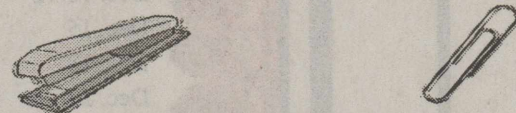
Bob Caruthers - Broker

325-226-3003 Anytime

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**Sonora Office Supply**

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210 Murphy .292 acre lot **SOLD**

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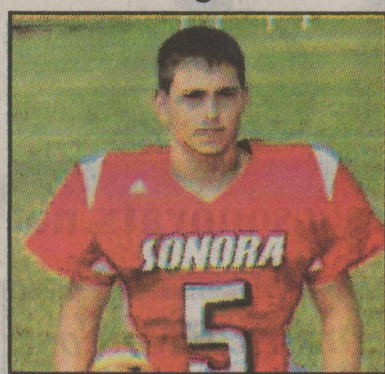
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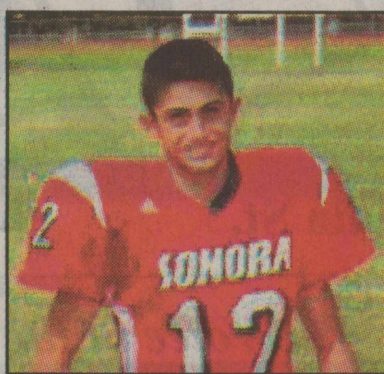
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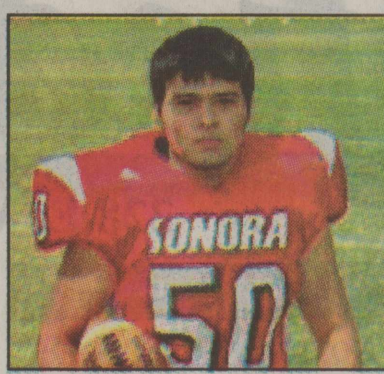
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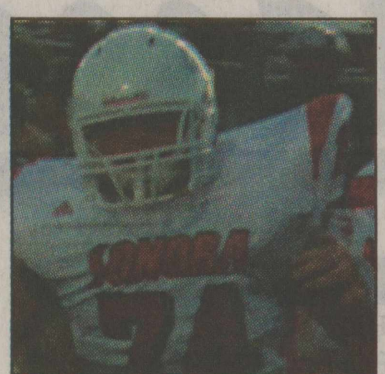
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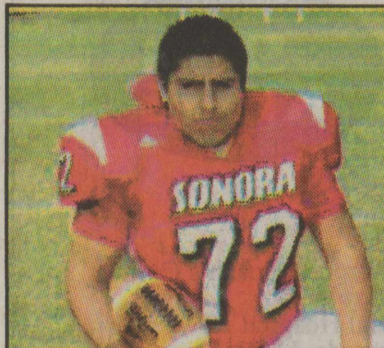
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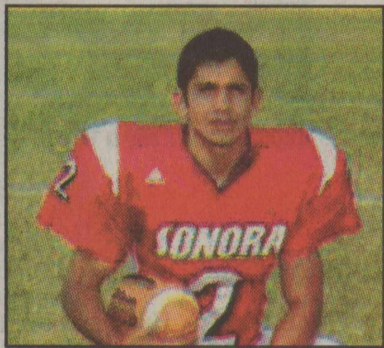
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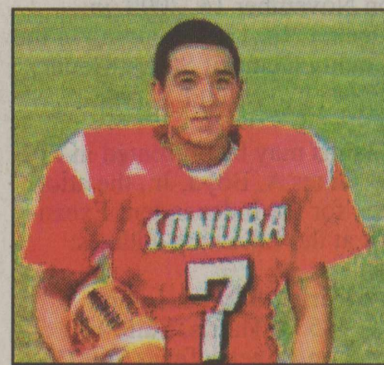
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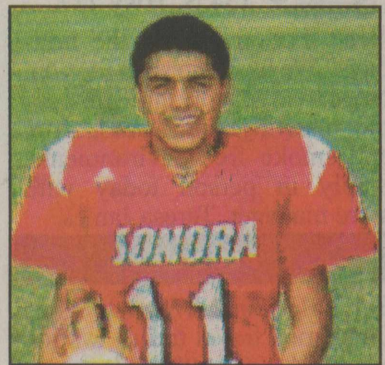


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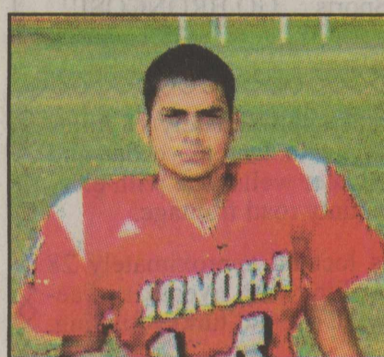


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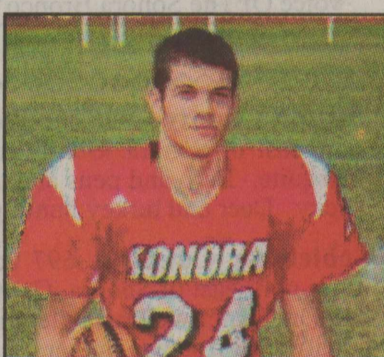


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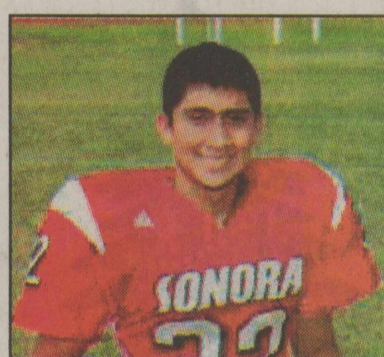
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Shane Patlan



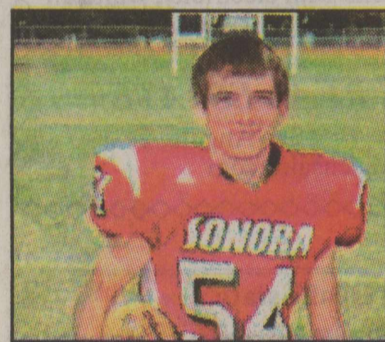
Zach Badeaux



Paul Faz



Colyer Dermody



Ryan Garmon

***Congratulations to all these young men for their achievement And hard work!! From The Devil's River News***

**JV Bronco Girls Bring Home Silver**



By Coach Robertson

The JV Lady Broncos went to Eldorado this weekend for a tournament and came away with 2nd place. The girls did very well and lost to Ozona in the Championship game. The girls are getting better and better every week and will have revenge against Ozona when District rolls around. We are very excited about District coming up and are looking to take first place!! Good job ladies, keep up the great work!!

**Sonora vs Mason 30---29**

- Emilce Hernandez—8 pts
- Paige Sykes—6 pts
- Jacinda Sanchez—7 pts
- Taylor Hampton—4 pts
- Evelyn Solis—3 pts
- Abby Creek—2 pts

**Sonora vs Christoval 31---16**

- Jaron Falcon—4 pts
- Emilce Hernandez—2 pts
- Paige Sykes—7 pts
- Jacinda Sanchez—6 pts
- Taylor Hampton—2 pts
- Evelyn Solis—2 pts
- Micaela Moore—2 pts

**Championship Game**

**Sonora vs Ozona 27---34**

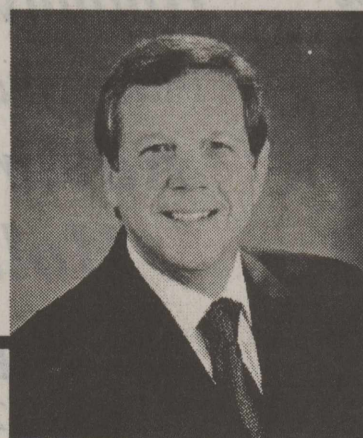
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*Unless a man undertakes more than he possibly can do, he will never do all that he can.*

*-Henry Drummond*

The Board of Directors and Officers of First National Bank of Sonora invite you to help us celebrate this Holiday Season and meet Bob Malone, our new President/Chief Executive Officer and his wife, Diane Trujillo Malone, at a special Open House gathering.

Wednesday, December 16, 2009  
102 E. Main, Sonora, Texas  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Refreshments will be served



Bob Malone, President/Chief Executive Officer

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**Sonora Lady Bronco Basketball Schedule 2009-2010**

Date:	Opponent:	Site:	JV White	JV Red	Varsity
Dec. 8	Mason	Away		5:00	6:30
Dec. 10-12	Iraan JV Tour		TBA		
Dec. 10-12	Water Valley Tour				TBA
Dec. 15	*Crane	Away	8:00	5:00	6:30
Dec. 18	*Kermit	Home	8:00	5:00	6:30
Dec. 28-30	Eula Tour				TBA

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