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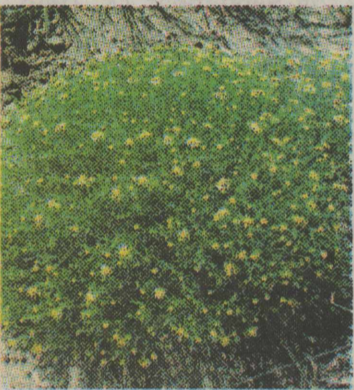
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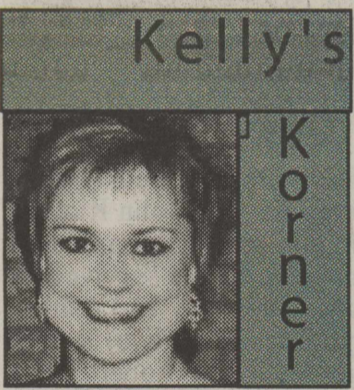
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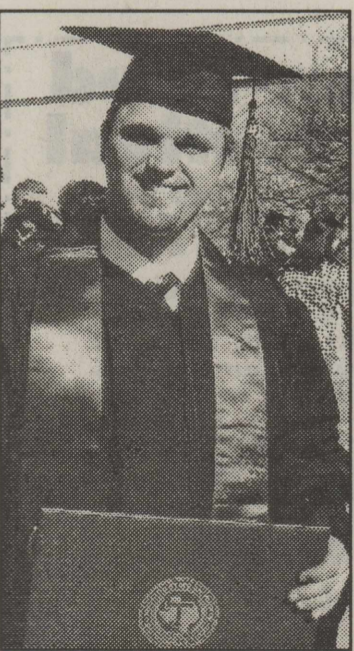


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Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo and Sutton County Days To Change Dates:

June 24th-25th



Ft. Pratt, Kansas native Rocky Patterson stands in front of the crowd as the 2010 Outlaw Pro Rodeo All Round Champion.

By Ben D. Taylor

The Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo has long acted as a sign for the end of summer. This event, typically held in the latter part of August, is held in conjunction with Sutton County Days will now be held on the weekend of June 24th-25th.

Johnny Van Court (President of the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo) commented that this change was mainly due to the change seen in the rodeo business in the past few years.

"The people that came to the rodeo and our sponsors have been great. Our crowds are great, and sponsors have been behind us 100 percent. Its not that what we've done in the past is wrong, but the business [rodeo] has changed so much over the past few years".

That change is best exhibited

through the much more mobile nature of the sports athletes as Van Court commented, "we picked this date to coordinate with the rodeo in Pecos. While it might seem that Pecos is far away from Sonora, it really isn't that far for these cowboys. It will give them a chance to come to Sonora. We will have a lot more contestants, a bigger show and a better rodeo as a result".

Donna Garrett (Executive Director for the Sonora Chamber of Commerce) also sees the date change as a positive for the Sutton County Days Celebration.

"It will be a huge success being earlier in the year and we will have more participation for vendors, out of town tourists."

The rodeo arena itself is un-

dergoing constant change as the Rodeo Improvement Committee continues its work. President of that committee Curry Campbell added that, "Our new concession stands and rest rooms are something we are real proud of, but they are just the beginning. The tremendous generosity of our many contributors whether it be individuals or businesses or trusts have another shining star to the community of Sonora."

The county team roping will now be held on the weekend of June 11, while Slack will move from a Friday to Wednesday, June 24th. Slack will continue just as it has in the past with competition being held on that Thursday, and money events on Friday, and Saturday.

Texas State Senate Passes Eminent Domain Legislation

(AUSTIN)—The Senate State Affairs Committee passed a bill Thursday to clarify the process through which private property is taken for public use. Bill Author Senator Craig Estes of Wichita Falls testified that property owners need better protection. "I believe that the proverbial deck of cards is currently stacked against private property landowners," he said. "The eminent domain process does not properly recognize the value of a landowner's private property interest."

The bill, SB 18, is virtually identical to a bill passed unanimously by the Senate last session. That died in the House.

The current debate of the government's ability to take private land goes back to a 2005 U.S. Supreme court decision that ruled that economic development was a justification for the use of eminent domain. Since that time, 34 states have passed legislation preventing public taking of land for economic purposes. This issue has been before the state legislature for more than 4 years, and this year Governor Rick Perry added the issue to his call for emergency legislation, allowing lawmakers to take up the issue early in

the session.

SB 18 would require an entity exercising eminent domain authority to offer a fair price for any land, require a fair appraisal, a written initial and final offer, and copies of the appraisal and all relevant documents provided to the property owner. It gives the owner 14 days to respond to the offer. It also provides provisions for repurchasing the property, at the price paid to the original owner, if the project the land was taken for does not progress over 10 years. An entity would also be prohibited from taking land to build a recreational project, like a park or a swimming pool.

Also at issue is the confusion over which governmental entities can exercise eminent domain authority. According to committee chair and bill co-author Senator Robert Duncan of Lubbock, no one can generate a definitive list of every entity which can take land for public use. The bill would require any entity with the authority to take land to register with the Secretary of State by September 2013, or lose that authority. "What this will allow the legislature to do is to examine all of the grants of eminent domain

authority to determine whether or not they're appropriate," said Duncan.

On Wednesday, the Senate passed eminent domain legislation aimed at protecting private property rights. SB 18, by Senator Craig Estes of Wichita Falls, would require a governmental entity intending to take private land for public use to offer a good faith offer in writing that meets appraised value of that property. It would also permit an owner to repurchase the land at the price the government paid for it if the public use purpose is not advanced within 10 years.

Lt. Governor David Dewhurst praised Senators for unanimously passing SB 18. "In a rapidly growing state like Texas, eminent domain reform is vitally important to preserving our private property rights and making sure that our infrastructure needs are addressed in a way that is fair to land owners," he said. This legislation was one of the issues placed on the emergency call by Governor Rick Perry, and now heads over to the House of Representatives for their approval.

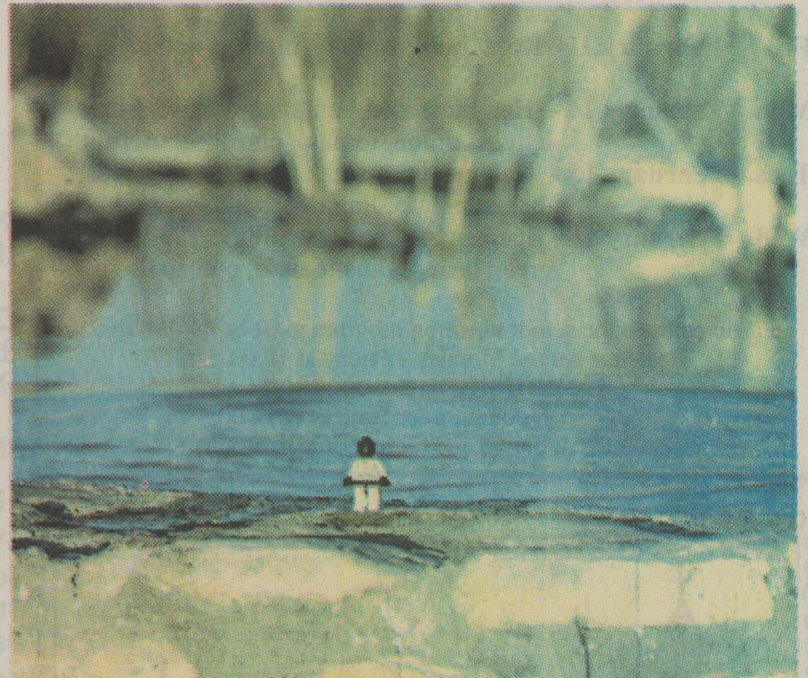


Photo by Delyse Jaeger
Last week the ice on this pond easily held the weight of an under exercised editor.



Photo by Delyse Jaeger

Up on Eaton Hill:
I Can See Clearly Now
The Ice is Gone

Photo By Delyse Jaeger

With the ice scarcely melted, a hint of spring has arrived in budding plants and birding reports. Birders in the southern part of the state have reported hummingbird and oriole activity. Locally, hummingbirds have been documented as early as February with the majority of birds on the move by mid-March. An early feeder could be just the ticket for interested observers and certainly for our tiny jeweled friends. Oranges, sliced in half and secured by a branch or nail will bring in the orioles with their brilliant shades of yellow and orange. Other changes are floating on the breeze as well. Eaton Hill Nature Center and Wildlife Sanctuary is in the process of establishing itself as a Non-profit Corporation, a separate entity from the Sonora Economic Development Corporation. More information will be forthcoming as well as opportunities to participate in and support the new organization. The Sonora EDC owns the property and will continue to provide financial support for this project.

Eaton Hill is pleased and excited to announce receipt

of a grant through the National Rifle Association. The grant will allow Eaton Hill to offer an Outdoor Skills Program and includes archery equipment. Various formats are being considered for the program but it will be offered as a parent-child activity. Additionally, the grant will fund the acquisition of several GPS units and digital cameras, thus expanding the recreational and educational opportunities available through Eaton Hill. Thank you NRA and NRA supporters!

A special group of boys visited Eaton Hill last week. Den Leader Scott Garett and six Cub Scouts from Pack 19 learned a bit about feeding birds in the winter, bird bills, and bird nesting needs. The boys made homemade suet and feeders. Bird suet is a comprised of lard, beef suet or shortening, and fruit, seeds, peanut butter and grains. It provides an excellent source of fat for winter feeding.

Lastly, our Third Annual Outdoor Photography Contest is just around the corner so keep your camera close and watch for details in the coming weeks. Hit the trails!

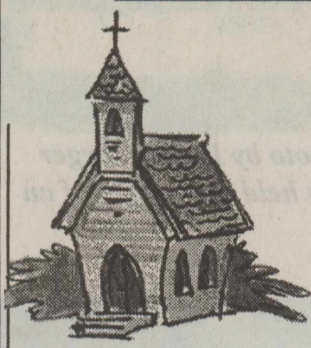
Senior Center Activities

Thurs. February 10 - Crafts
 Fri. February 11 - Run errands
 Mon. February 14 - Happy Birthday *Valentina Gallegos*
John Hill
 Tues. February 15 - Exercise video
 Wed. February 16 - Van to San Angelo

Senior Center Menu

Thurs. February 10 - BBQ pork chops, baked beans, milk sweet peas, corn bread, tapioca pudding
 Fri. February 11 - Roast beef w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, roll, carrot cake
 Mon. February 14 - Hamburger on bun, oven French fries, lettuce, onion, tomato, carrot salad, fruit
 Tues. February 15 - Chicken fried steak w/gravy, roll, milk baked potato, Italian vegetables, pudding
 Wed. February 16 - Spanish meatballs, white rice, roll, milk, green beans, slice tomato, pineapple rings

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.
 Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.
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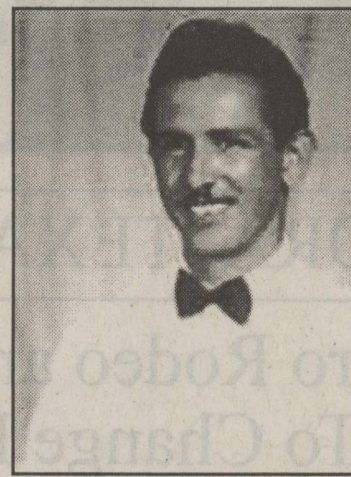
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Obituary

Jesus S. Villarreal



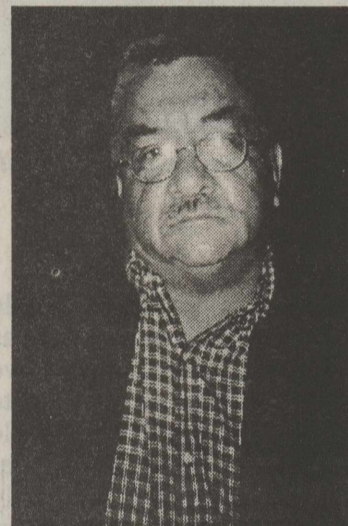
Jesus S. Villarreal, 85, of Sonora, Texas, passed away on Monday, February 07, 2011 at the Shannon Hospital, (St. John's Campus) in San Angelo.

Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Interment was held in the Sonora City Cemetery under the direction of Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home of Del Rio, Texas.

Mr. Villarreal was born on June 19, 1925, in Jimenez, Coah. Mexico. He was a retired construction worker.

Survivors include his loving wife of 64 years, Carmen C. Villarreal of Sonora; two sons, Jesse Villarreal Jr. and wife Yolanda of Ft. Worth and Humberto Villarreal and wife Denise of Austin; three daughters, Linda Lozano of Big Lake, Beatrice Robles and husband Rudy Jr. of El Paso and Ana Johnson and husband Rick of Sealy. Other survivors include 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Juventino Dominguez, Jr.



Juventino Dominguez, Jr. died Sunday, February 13, 2011 at Lillian H. Memorial Hospital in Sonora, Texas. Jr. was born to the late Juventino Dominguez, Sr. and Nora Dominguez on May 2, 1953, in Sonora, Texas.

Jr. was preceded in death by his father, Juventino Dominguez, Sr. and his late wife, Gloria Dominguez.

Juventino Dominguez, Jr. graduated from Sonora High School in 1972. He attended Angelo State University from 1972 to 1973. He was a member of the ASU Ram Band.

Jr. was an employee of the Sonora Independent School District as a custodian and ground maintenance supervisor until retirement in 2008; however, he did continue working on a part-time basis for Sonora ISD until a couple of weeks ago. He took pride in the upkeep of Bronco Stadium and assisted in all phases of stripping operations.

One of his favorite past times was music. Jr. was a talented musician. He enjoyed playing trumpet, saxophone and the bass guitar. Jr. and his brothers formed Los Primos (tejano) Band in the late 1970's. He also played with J.R. and Company (locally) in the mid 1980's and several local bands in San Angelo up until 1998.

Juventino Dominguez, Jr. is survived by his mother, Nora Dominguez; daughters, Nora Jo Pedraza and husband Rick, Priscilla Revilla and Irma Martinez, all of Giddings, Texas; son, Tino Dominguez III and wife Sonia, of San Antonio, Texas; sisters, Irene Dominguez of Sonora, Texas and Rosemary and husband Rick, of Fruitport, Michigan; brothers, Carlos Dominguez and wife Gloria, Armando Dominguez and wife Teri, all of Sonora, Texas; grandchildren, Destiny Orocio and Brian Dominguez both of Giddings, Texas. Jr. is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers: Stephen Dominguez, Michael Escalante, Luis Samaniego, Jr., Diego Deleon, Jerry Gray, and Refugio Martinez.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at St. Ann's Catholic Church followed by burial in Sonora Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

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Sunday	Tuesday
9:45 Sunday School	12:00 Lion's Club
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<i>Nursery available from 9:30 - 12:30</i>	
Wednesday	
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	

Obituary

Fannie Elizabeth (Sellman) Wade



Fannie Elizabeth (Sellman) Wade passed away peacefully on February 14th, 2011 in Junction, Tx., where she had been residing after a recent stay in the hospital. Funeral services will be Friday, Feb. 18, 2011 at 2:00p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Sonora. Burial will follow in Sonora Cemetery.

Fannie was born on the 11th day of December, 1924 in McCulloch Co., Tx. near the town of Brady, to John Thomas (Johnny) Sellman and Myrtle Dulcina (Burk) Sellman. The Sellman family moved to Sutton Co., Tx. in 1930, where Johnny and Myrtle established ranching operations. Fannie spent the rest of her life as a resident of Sutton County. A major accomplishment in the life of Fannie was her being named the valedictorian of the Sonora High School class of 1942. She later attended business school in San Angelo, Tx. Fannie married Bill Wade of Eldorado, Tx. on September 18, 1946. Together they operated the Sellman Ranch in Sutton County, with the ranch eventually becoming known as the Sellman-Wade Ranch. Fannie never worked outside of the home, but as everyone familiar with her knows, she put in a life's worth of overtime being a dutiful and loving wife and mother. Because of this, her family never suffered for want of anything. Fannie never met a stranger, and always had an open hand, and heart, for a friend in need. She was kind and caring with all animals, and raised numerous "fat and happy" pets during her lifetime. She made sure that her children, and grandchildren, always got the very best she could provide, many times doing without herself. She was born of the country, with country ways, and she passed those ways down to her descendants. May her spirit live forever through them. Fannie was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of Sonora, Tx. She was always ready with cards and prayers for fellow parishioners in times of need. She leaves behind many fellow church members and friends in the Sonora community to mourn her. Fannie was preceded in death by her father Johnny(1891-1944), mother Myrtle(1893-1981), brother Richard Thomas Sellman(1926-1995), husband Bill(1922-1993), and son Joseph Michael Wade(1952-1952).

Fannie is survived by her daughter Vera Elizabeth (Wade) Joy and husband Preston of Roosevelt, Tx., son John Richard Wade and wife Sarah of Sonora, Tx. and son William Patrick Wade and wife Linda of San Antonio, Tx. She is survived by grandchildren Cash Joy and Christy, Chane Joy and Ashley, Johnna Wade, Joseph Wade and Kylie, Jackie (Wade) Robinson and Will, Lisa Wade, and step-grandchildren Robert Hillin and Daniel Hillin and wife Carissa. She is also survived by great grandchildren Taylor Joy, Avery Joy, Parker Joy, Dock Joy, and step-great grandchild Cheyanne Robinson. It is time for you to leave us now mother, but there are others who miss you and are waiting for you. We will remember you always, and love you forever. Pallbearers will be Warren Hemphill, Dr. Matthew Goldman, Jenky Thorp, Virgil Burge, Glen Fisher, Nick Garza, Jaime Chavez and Pat Campbell. Honorary pallbearers will be Glen Richardson, Jimmy Cahill, Ben Pool, Wes Wade, Joe David Ross and Carl Teaff. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Sonora, Sutton County Library or Sutton County Historical Society or charity of choice.

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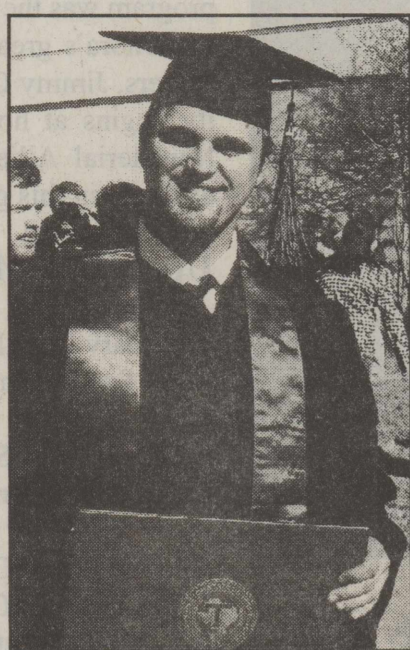
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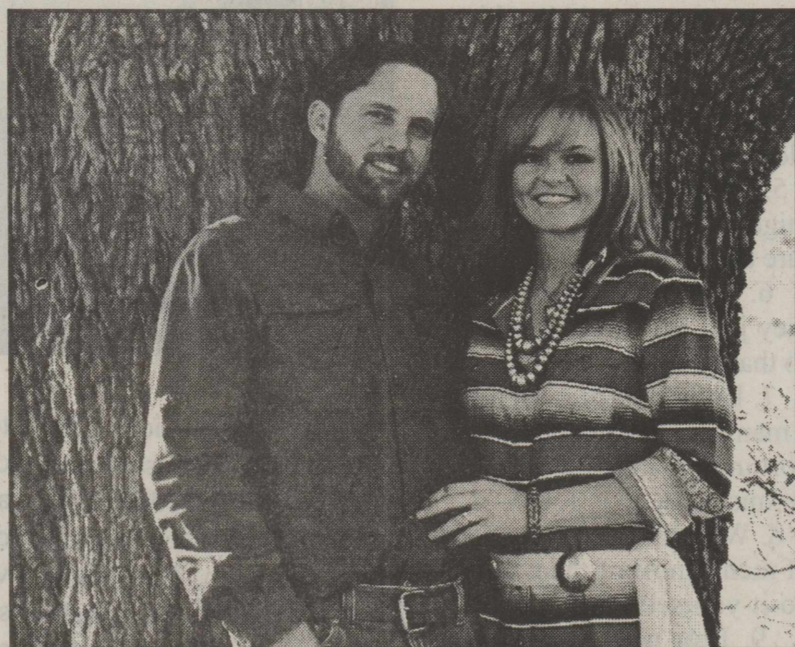


Laramie Hall graduated from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas, on December 18, 2010 as a distinguished student with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting. He is working at Delta Oil and Gas in Breckenridge in their accounting department and is preparing to take his CPA exam in the near future.

He is a 2005 graduate of Sonora High School. Laramie is the son of Callaway and Ronda Hall of Midlothian and formally of Sonora.

Congratulations Laramie and Good Luck!

Engagement Announcements Bissett and Kerbow Announce Engagement



Ms. Kathryn Johnson of Rocksprings, Texas, is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Georgia Blaine Bissett to Zachary Cole Kerbow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kerbow of Sonora, Texas.

Georgia graduated from Rocksprings High School in 2002 and received a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Tarleton State University in August of 2006. She is currently employed by Multi-Chem in Sonora, Texas.

Zac graduated from Sonora High School in 1999 and received Bachelors of Arts in History and Anthropology from Texas State University in May of 2004. He is currently employed by Ed White Realty in Rocksprings, Texas.

The couple plans to marry in the Spring of 2011 in Rocksprings, Texas at the First Presbyterian Church.

Easy Tips To Help You De-Stress

(StatePoint) Stress is on the rise nationwide, and experts say it's endangering our physical and emotional health.

Approximately three-quarters of Americans say they experience chronic stress at unhealthy levels, putting them at risk for heart disease, diabetes and depression, according to the American Psychological Association's 2010 "Stress in America" survey.

In today's fast-paced world, it's more important than ever to take time to de-stress through such techniques as exercise, meditation and proper nutrition.

Meditate To Unwind

Scheduling time during your week to unwind will help you access your self-confidence and make better life choices.

"Many experts believe in the healing powers of meditation. It allows us to de-stress from our hectic, overscheduled lives," says Ryuho Okawa, author of the new book "The Next Great Awakening: A Spiritual Renaissance" and founder of the Happy Science spiritual movement, which has 12 million members in 70 countries. "The real purpose of meditation is not just relaxing, but closing your physical eyes, and going into a state where you open your spiritual eyes."

One form of meditation practiced and taught by Okawa focuses on teaching people how to enjoy solitude and silence. Once you stop the constant chattering in your busy mind, you can tap into a sense of peace and gain confidence in being alone. In the process you become more self-sufficient, since you will no longer be looking to others for confirmation of who you are.

Another method is called "Reflective Meditation," where you look back at the events that took place in the past week, month, year, or your whole life. Through self-reflection, you calm your mind and enter a state of deep relaxation. This meditation allows you to change your perspective from negative to positive and become happier and healthier.

Take Care of Yourself

It's easy to forget to take care of yourself when balancing work and family obligations.

Make sure to eat healthfully, instead of grabbing fast food or snacks on the run. Get proper nutrients from vegetables, fruits, protein and grains. When tension spikes, a balanced diet will help you stay calm.

Walk, run, dance or participate in a favorite sport to work out tension. Physical activity can clear your mind and release endorphins that make you feel better.

Get proper sleep. Too little sleep can make you more stressed and too much can make you sluggish. It's a balancing act.

Engage With The World

Don't spend all your time alone, indoors, stressing about life. Enjoy natural sunlight and the great outdoors. Or spend more time with people who love you for yourself and who have upbeat outlooks about life. These people lift your spirits, help you have fun and even may help solve problems in your life.

"De-stressing is about more than just calming down our hectic lives," emphasizes Okawa. "It's about self-acceptance as well as unconditional love for others, because we are all struggling to better our lives."

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February 21!



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LENTEN MISSION: Everyone is invited to attend a bilingual Lenten Mission, entitled "Seeking God," to be held at St. Ann's Church, Feb 28 thru Mar 2, 2011 from 7:00pm to 8:15pm. Each day will have a special theme to help you bring God into your life. Light refreshments will be served following each session. For further information please call, 387-2278 between 8:30am and 5:00pm.



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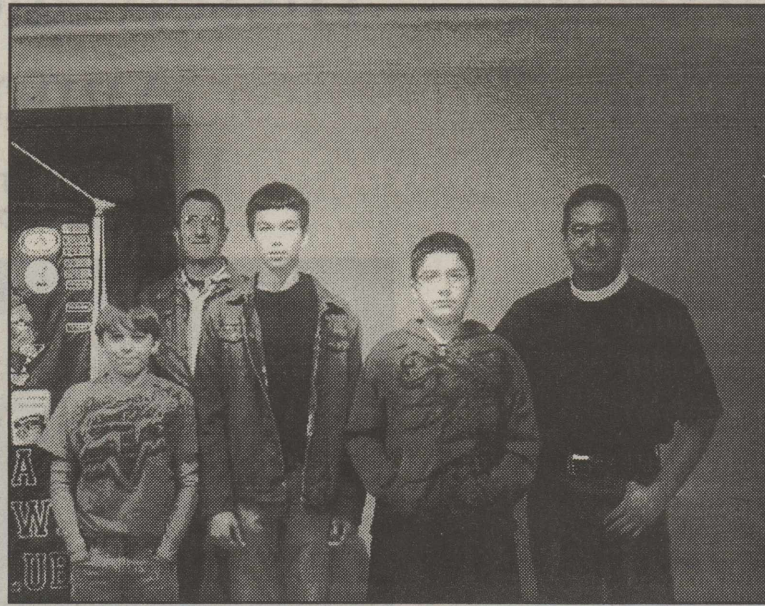
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Facts About Men Every Girl Should Know

1. Don't imagine you can change a man - unless he's in diapers.
2. What do you do if your boyfriend walks-out? You shut the door.
3. If they put a man on the moon - they should be able to put them all up there.
4. Never let your man's mind wander - it's too little to be out alone.
5. Go for younger men. You might as well - they never mature anyway.
6. Men are all the same - they just have different faces, so that you can tell them apart.
7. Definition of a bachelor; a man who has missed the opportunity to make some woman miserable.
8. Women don't make fools of men - most of them are the do-it-yourself types.
9. Best way to get a man to do something, is to suggest they are too old for it.
10. Love is blind, but marriage is a real eye-opener.
11. If you want a committed man, look in a mental hospital.
12. The children of Israel wandered around the desert for 40 years. Even in biblical times, men wouldn't ask for directions.
13. If he asks what sort of books you're interested in, tell him checkbooks.
14. Sadly, all men are created equal...

Lions Roar



At last weeks Lions Club Lion Queen Marissa Prieto prepared and introduced the students of the week to speak before the Club. They were: Liam Yourgalite 6th grade, Harold Luna 7th grade and Dub Latham 8th grade. Each student did a fine job addressing the membership. Harold and Liam served the dessert to the members for which we were very appreciative. These children are our future and we are thankful they're going to be ready.

I have a question for all of you....Which Sonora organization is the Best Known/Unknown organization in our town? After listening to Lion Reverend Lewis Allen, I would vote for the Minis-

terial Alliance. Oh, we all recognize the name but do we really know the great good they do for the needy who live in or visit our community? This assemblage of Sonora Churches and Pastors work together to silently insure that those in need are taken care of. Tens of thousands of dollars each year are donated by our citizens, churches, businesses, clubs and trusts to insure funding is available to help the less fortunate. This money is then provided to help the needy each year, in 2009 alone over \$100 thousand was distributed. In addition, food baskets at Christmas are collected and distributed. Last year 16 tons of venison was provided to the less fortunate by the Alliance.

Upcoming Milestones:

February Installation of Boy Scout Committee

March Lions Scholarship Selection Committee Meets

March Lions Club Officer Nominating Committee Meets

March 29 BROOM SALE @ City Hall & POST OFFICE

The Lions Club commends the City and employees for the fine work in restoring City water during terrible weather last week.

Congrats to Sonora Boys Basketball Team who are playoff bound and can share the District Crown with a WIN over Wall this week.

Great job by the Sonora HS Power Lifting Team @ Fort Stockton last weekend.

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Toyota ShareLunker 511 Thaws Winter's Grip on O.H. Ivie

ATHENS—O.H. Ivie Reservoir moved into striking distance of becoming the second-highest producer of 13-pound-plus bass with the catch of Toyota ShareLunker 511 on February 13.

Susan Dixon of Hawley, Texas, who spent her honeymoon on the lake, reeled in the 13.3-pound bass about 5:30 p.m. She was fishing with O.H. Ivie guide and friend Jeff Walker. "We were fishing a spot we hadn't fished in a long time," she said. "I was throwing a jig, and I was fixing to pull it in. She bit it on the way up."

Dixon was fishing in 15 feet of 44-degree water, and the fish did not pull hard at first. "But the more she pulled, the better it got," Dixon said. "I

finally got her to where I saw her, and I couldn't believe it. It was just unreal. I've caught big fish before, but this was the ultimate. It was a wonderful feeling."

Dixon immediately took the fish to Elm Creek Village, an official Toyota ShareLunker weigh and holding station. After it was weighed she and Walker resumed fishing. "It's been over a year since I caught a double-digit fish," she said. "I know for a lot of people that's a big deal, but on Ivie, it's not that uncommon. Ivie is a wonderful place. I wish we could keep it a secret, but it's not a secret anymore."

It's also no secret that Dixon's catch is ShareLunker number 21 from the lake, which now trails only Lakes

Fork, Sam Rayburn and Alan Henry in number of ShareLunkers produced. Ivie appears poised to surpass both Sam Rayburn's 23 fish and Alan Henry's 25 before the current season is over April 30. The number of big bass catches normally peaks in March, and last year O.H. Ivie produced two ShareLunkers on the final day of the season, including the current lake record of 16.08 pounds.

Anyone legally catching a 13-pound or bigger largemouth bass from Texas waters, public or private, between October 1 and April 30 may submit the fish to the Toyota ShareLunker program by calling program manager David Campbell at (903) 681-0550 or paging him at (888) 784-0600 and leaving a phone number including area code. Fish will be picked up by TPWD personnel within 12 hours.

Anglers entering fish into the Toyota ShareLunker program receive a free replica of their fish, a certificate and ShareLunker clothing and are recognized at a banquet at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens.

For complete information and rules of the ShareLunker program, tips on caring for big bass, a list of official Toyota ShareLunker weigh and holding stations and a recap of last year's season, see www.tpwd.state.tx.us/sharelunker. The site also includes a searchable database of all fish entered into the program along with pictures where available.

Information on current catches, including short videos of interviews with anglers when available, is posted on www.facebook.com/sharelunkerprogram.

Dry Winter Should Mean Less Bitterweed

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent



With the dry winter we've had, vegetation is brown, dry, and dormant. The only "good news" is that during dry winters, bitterweed is not as abundant. However, more toxicities may occur in drought as green vegetation is not available and livestock may be more apt to consume it. Long-time ranchers are very familiar with this problematic plant, but our general public may not, so let's discuss it a bit.

Bitterweed is an erect, annual, dome-shaped plant growing from 3 inches to 2 feet tall. Bright yellow flowers bloom throughout the spring and occasionally in the fall. This plant has a bitter taste and a distinct odor. Bitterweed is toxic to sheep and is generally unpalatable. However, starved sheep or those that don't have green vegetation choices begin eating the plant may develop a liking for it.

The toxic agent is called hymenoxon. This material appears to accumulate, with a lethal dose consisting of 1.3 percent of an animal's weight in green plant mate-

rial, whether ingested at one time or over several months. Green salivary and nasal discharge is a typical sign on the range. Clinical signs are usually not immediate; they may appear a month or more after the plant is first eaten. Cases of poisoning in cattle, horses or goats are rare.

From a management perspective, it is probably best to consider bitterweed toxic at all growth stages. The plant becomes much more toxic in drought, when a lethal dose

is 0.5 percent of the animal's body weight. There is no medical treatment for bitterweed poisoning. Move poisoned animals to bitterweed-free pastures or feed them alfalfa or a suitable diet in a feedlot for 10 days before returning them to rangeland.

To learn more about weed toxicities or identification, visit the Sutton County Extension Office website at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>. In the meantime, let's pray for a wet spring.

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February: Time to Think about Your Heart



Adapted By:
Kelly L. Thorp, MS
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Throughout the month of February, we are swarmed with decorations and candy that remind us of Cupid, love, and February 14th. While the hearts that cover Valentine's Day merchandise are meant to represent love, they

should also serve as a simple reminder for us to take care of our hearts. The next time you see one of these hearts, think about your own heart, and ask yourself if you are living a heart-healthy lifestyle.

While the rates of death due to cardiovascular disease are on the decline, it is still the number one cause of death in the United States. Many risk factors of cardiovascular disease can be controlled by a living a healthy lifestyle and making wise choices every day. A pro-active approach to heart health also involves visiting your doctor to find out about your cholesterol and blood pressure.

While some risk factors of heart disease are out of our control, such as age and genetics, there are many things

we can control through our everyday choices. Everyday choices include what you eat and how much you exercise. A heart-healthy diet is nutrient rich and includes lots of fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and fat-free or low fat dairy products. It limits foods that are high in calories and low in nutrients, and also limits saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol, and sodium. It is recommended that healthy people age 18-65 exercise at least 30 minutes a day, five days a week. The exercise you do can be whatever you enjoy the most swimming, jogging, walking, biking, or playing a sport the important thing is that you are engaging in physical activity. Finally, as part of a heart-healthy lifestyle, you should make the pledge to

quit smoking or vow to never start. While many people associate smoking with lung cancer, which is true, it is also a major risk factor for heart disease.

One added bonus to living a heart-healthy lifestyle is that it is also a cancer-preventative lifestyle. Not smoking, exercising regularly, and eating healthfully will help reduce your risks of developing certain types of cancers along with greatly benefiting your heart health.

Seeing one of cupid's hearts should also remind you to visit your doctor and find out how your own heart may be doing. You should have your blood pressure measured to know if you have pre-hypertension or hypertension, which is high blood pressure. It is es-

timated that one in three U.S. adults has high blood pressure. Having hypertension or pre-hypertension can increase your risk of stroke, heart attack, heart failure, and kidney failure. While at the doctor's office, you should also have a blood test to determine your cholesterol levels. Having high cholesterol levels may also put you at increased risk for heart disease. Knowing you have high cholesterol or blood pressure can help you and your doctor make decisions about changes you can

make to help lower or decrease these numbers and lower other risk factors. Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Cancer Council remind you to live a heart-healthy lifestyle.

Source: Courtney J. Schoessow, MPH, Extension Program Specialist B Texas AgriLife Extension Service, and Meghan Wernicke. February 2008. Texas AgriLife Extension Service Family and Consumer Sciences website: <http://fcs.tamu.edu/>

Sonora Golf: The Season Tees Off In Austin

On two frosty mornings in Austin, TX, members of the Sonora High School golf teams waited for the "go ahead" to start warming up for their first tournament of the year. Because of the cold mornings, the start of the tournament was held up for 2 hours each day.

Luckily, the weather warmed up and so did the golf. Sonora High School was represented by Elizabeth Chavarria (84, 77-161) who finished 2nd place and Sidney Dermody (86, 84-170) who finished tied for 8th place in her first varsity tournament.

On the boys side, Sonora was represented by Jansen McBride (82, 82-164) who tied for 16th place and Jason Alaman, who participated in his first varsity tournament.

The tournament was hosted by Andrews at Roy Kiser golf course in Austin. This is the site of the state golf tournament in May. Sonora was the only class AA school in the tournament and represented Sonora High School well. There were 68 girl golfers and 60 boys playing in the tournament. It was a very good start of the golf season.

Lenten Mission

Everyone is invited to attend a bilingual Lenten Mission, entitled, "Seeking God," to be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Feb 28 - Mar 2, 2011; 7:00pm-8:15pm. Each day will have a special theme to help you bring God into your life.

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This notice is being published pursuant to 12 USC 1828(c) and 12 CFR 5. Anyone may submit written comments on this application by March 19, 2011 to: Director of District Licensing, Southern District Office, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 1600 Lincoln Plaza, 500 North Akard Street, Dallas, Texas 75201.

The public file is available for inspection in the district office during regular business hours. Written requests for a copy of the public file on the application should be sent to the Director of District Licensing.

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All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference for Contract 6221-74-001 to be held on February 22, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the 150 EAST RIVERSIDE DR, ROOM 1B.1, AUSTIN TX.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 35454

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Sunday, February 20 2:00 p.m. matinee
Friday, February 25 7:00 p.m.
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Sunday, February 27 2:00 p.m. matinee

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Call (325) 833-2900 or come by the theater office 115 SW Main
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210 E. 2nd St.	\$99,500	
208 S. Concho Ave.	\$129,900	
115 Deerwood Dr.	\$140,000	New Listing
300 E. College St.	\$149,000	
301 W. Castlehill Rd.	\$159,500	
102 Oakwood St.	\$165,000	
1209 Mesquite Ave.	\$175,000	
111 Sonora Dr.	\$175,000	
213 Hudspeth Ave.	\$178,000	
105 Sawyer Ct.	\$188,500	
1105 Ave. C, Ozona, TX	\$219,000	

Commercial Properties

606 Crockett Ave. - Vacant Gas Station	\$64,500
226 E. Main St. - In-line Downtown Bldg.	\$90,000
308 11th St., Ozona, TX - Apartments	\$135,000
847 Meridian Drive - Large Office Bldg.	\$295,000
Stadium Park Mobile Home Park w/Several Properties	\$420,000
102 N. Fairway Dr., Ozona, TX - Apartments	\$450,000

Acreage

20 acres - Sutton County Estates Lot 5 - Hwy 864	\$50,000
122.416 acres - Sutton County Estates - Hwy 864	\$244,832
84.838 acres - Schleicher Co. - Hwy 190E&CR404	\$115,000
675.714 acres - Crockett Co.	\$912,209
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1011 Eaton St. - 80'x120' lot
603 Tom Green - 5 BR/3BA
1197 S. Concho - 3 BR/2BA
312 Railroad St. - 3 BR/1.5 BA

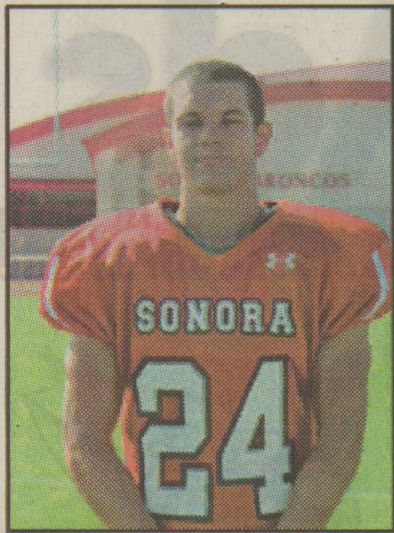
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1105 Tayloe
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8:30 Morning Show
with Eddy and Eligio

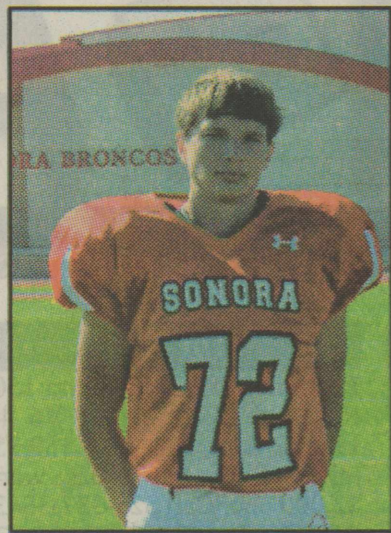
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Mondays - Agriculture
Tuesday -
Sonora ISD News & Sonora Bronco Coach's Corner
Wednesday -
Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital News with Dr. Kristy D. Edwards, M.D.
Friday -
Voice Of The Sonora Bronco's Sports ...
GO BRONCOS!!!



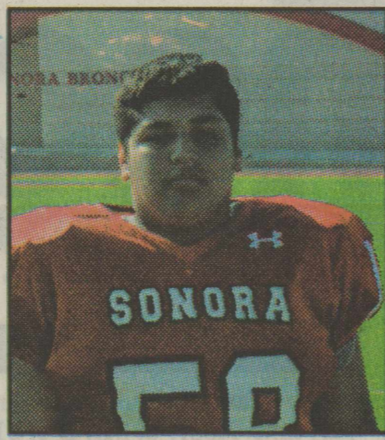
Zach Badaeux

*1st Team All-District Offense
1st Team All-District Defense:*



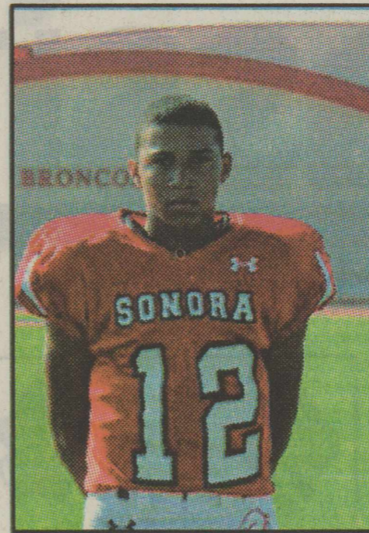
James Bean

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District 13-2A Academic All-District*



Osbualdo Castaneda

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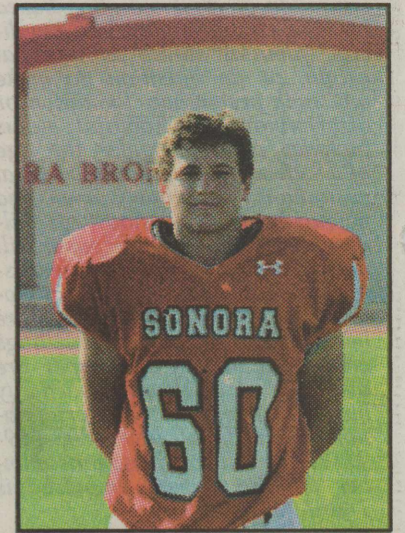
Imoni Cross

*District 13-2A
Newcomer of the Year
1st Team Utility Back Class
2A All West Texas
Class 2A AP Honorable
Mention All-State Defensive
Back*



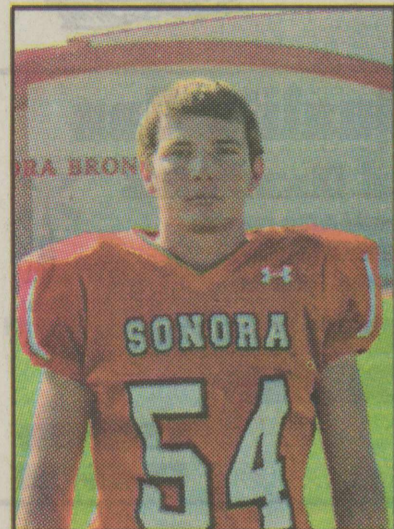
Colyer Dermody

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1st Team Academic All-State
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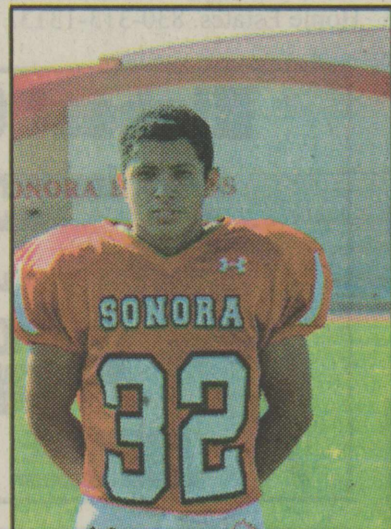
Damon Evans

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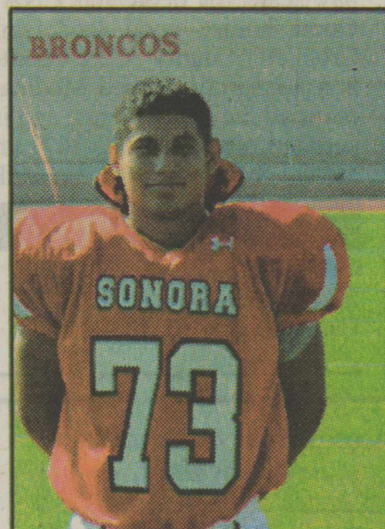
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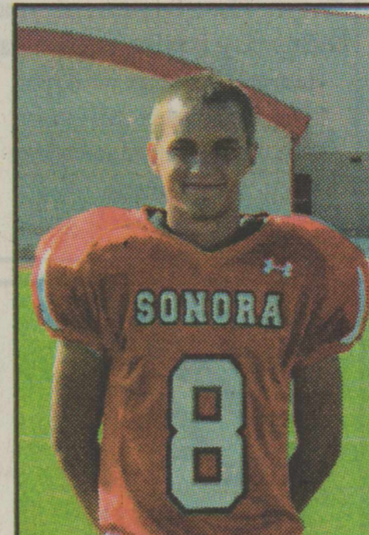
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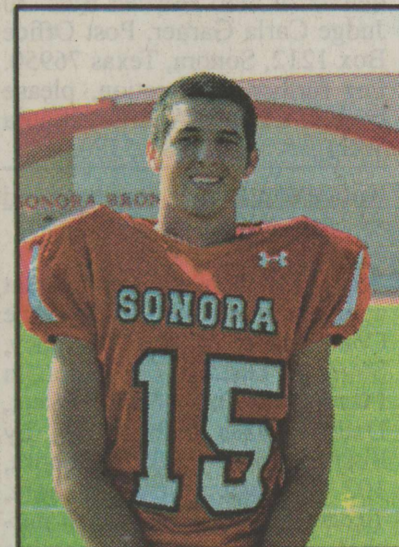
Jorge Gaytan

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1st Team Defensive Tackle
Class 2A All West Texas*



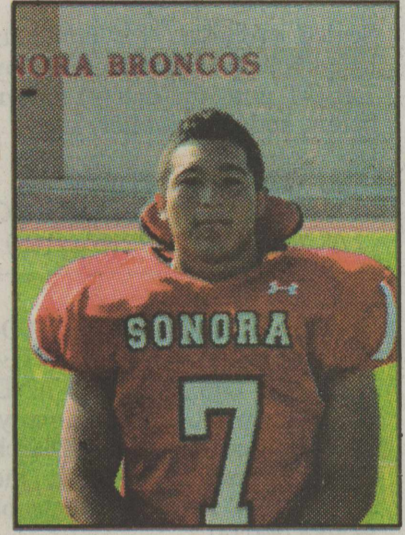
Austin Hampton

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District 13-2A Academic All-District*



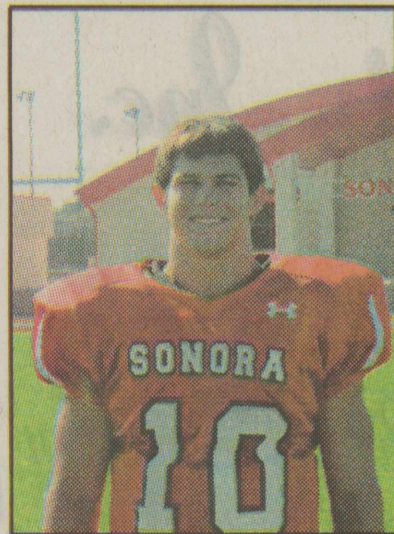
Word Hudson

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District 13-2A Academic All-District
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2A All West Texas*



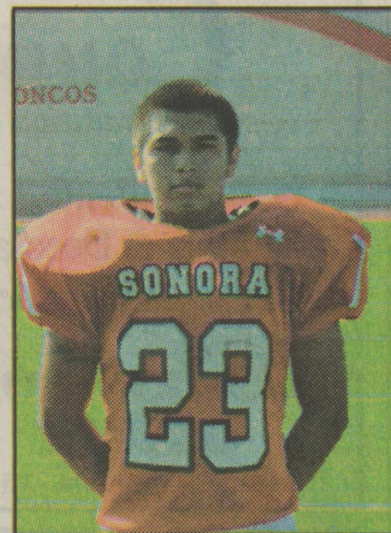
Preston Lopez

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2nd Team Academic All-State
District 13-2A Academic All-District*



Ethan Morriss

*District 13-2A
Co-MVP
Academic All-District
Co-MVP Class 2A
All West Texas
Class 2A AP Honorable
Mention All-State
Quarterback
2010 Old Spice Player
of the Year
Honorable Mention
Academic All-State*



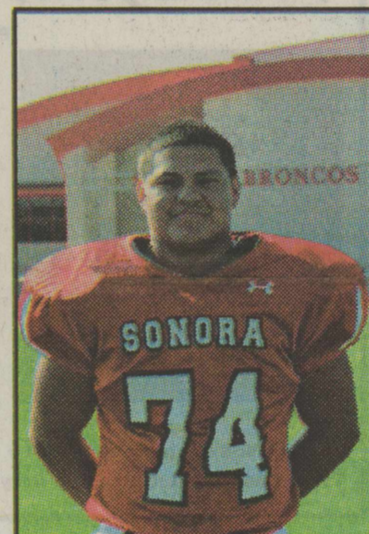
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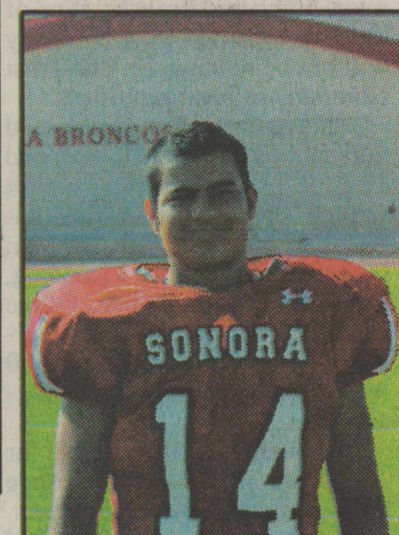
Clayton Parks

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Kyle Patlan

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District 13-2A Academic All-District*



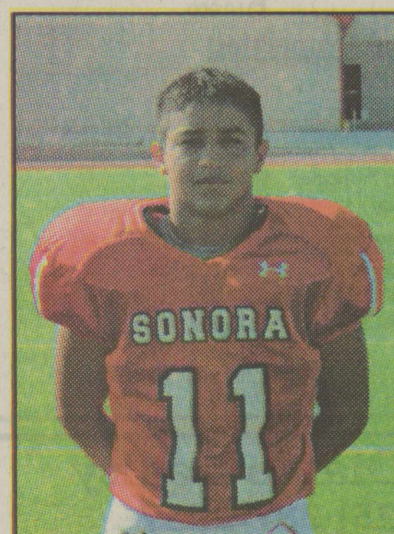
Shane Patlan

2nd Team All-District Defense



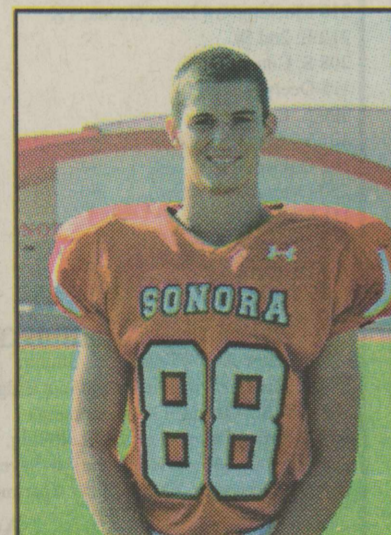
Dallas Payne

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2nd Team All-District Offense
1st Team Defensive Back
Class 2A All West Texas
Class 2A AP Honorable
Mention All-State Defensive Back*



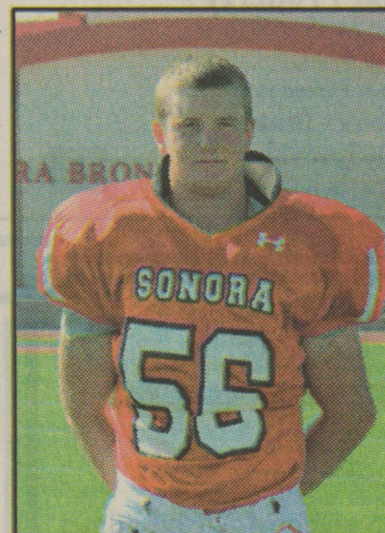
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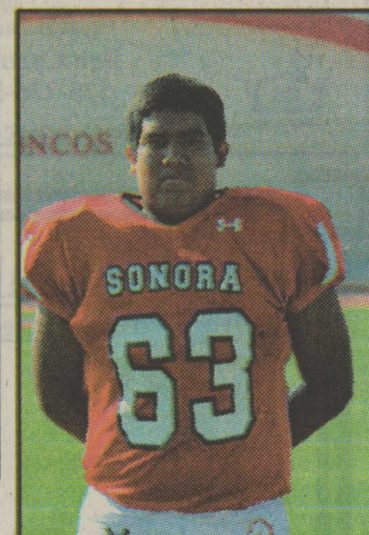
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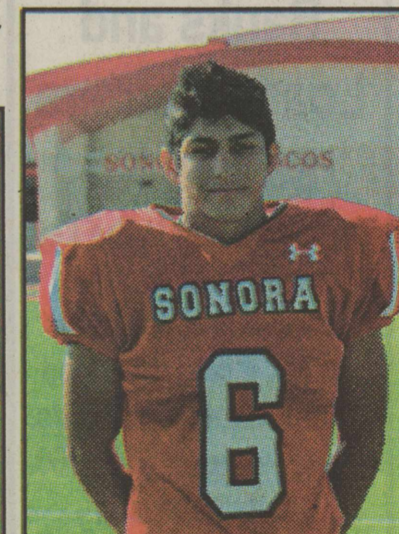
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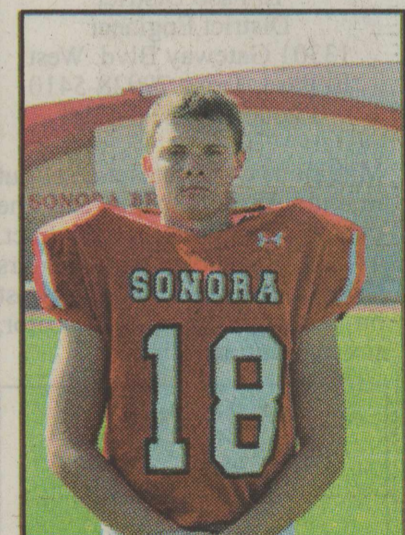
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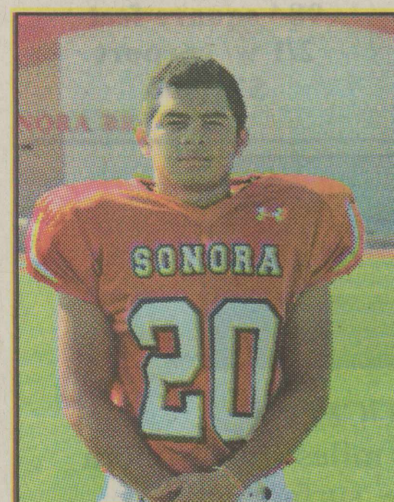
Eric Santana

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Honorable Mention All-District*



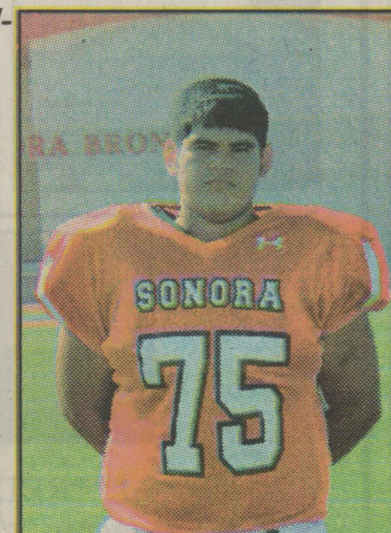
Braxton Snyder

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Jorge Villanueva

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Lino Villanueva

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Sonora Bronco Football Post Season Awards

Congratulations To All These Student Athletes