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## Bronze Star Awarded to SSG Justin King



Staff Sergeant Justin King receives Bronze Star for meritorious service.

Photo courtesy of Krista Brooks Submitted

Staff Sergeant Justin King, son of Krista Brooks of Sonora, distinguished himself through exceptionally meritorious service as a Squad Leader and Convoy Commander for the 812th Quartermaster Company, from 04 November 2005 to 30 September 2006. SSG King proved to be an essential element in the restructuring of the 812th QM CO towards executing Convoy Security gun truck missions. He quickly developed into one of the most dependable and professional soldiers although he is a junior Staff Sergeant. As a convoy commander, SSG King began his tour as an E-5. Since that time, he has completed over 50 Combat Logistic Patrols with a total of 47,000 miles on some of the most treacherous roads in Iraq and even a few in Kuwait. With SSG King's motivation and take charge attitude, he volunteered to take a convoy farther than any other to Kurkuk, Iraq. This particular mission turned out to be 20 days long. When SSG King accepted this mission no one could tell him how to get there, but that did not stop him from charging on. The convoy was on the road for 2 days before SSG King found out how to get to Kurkuk. SSG King consistently displayed sound decision making and courage in the midst of chaos. On several occasions he displayed exemplary leadership

while being engaged by the enemy. On this 20 day mission SSG King got the opportunity to fine tune his Land Navigation skills and tactical procedures during enemy attacks. Therefore, with confidence and precision tactics, he led his convoy and many others through the danger zone.

Not only has SSG King played an integral role in convoy execution, but also at the Forward Operating Base. With a solid reputation as a valuable convoy commander and squad leader, the unit relied heavily upon him to conduct Convoy Protection Platform recertification training, rules of engagement, escalation of force, communication equipment and procedures, weapons and other tactics, techniques and procedures. As a squad leader, SSG King not only trained his squad on their individual role in a gun truck, but made sure they were proficient in every other position. His dedication to his soldiers and the command's mission can be seen daily in the extra efforts put forth, going above and beyond mission requirements. SSG King's repeated success and dedication to duty are indicative of a superior combat leader. His actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon himself, 3D Corps Support Command, and the United States Army.

## Congressman Conaway Visits Sonora

By Ray Glasscock

Last Thursday, Mike Conaway, United States Congressman from the 11th District, met with Sonora citizens at the Bank and Trust. He visited personally with all who attended and wanted to know what our concerns were. After the informal meeting, he addressed the group and fielded questions.

Rep. Conaway discussed the Mark Foley scandal and explained the involvement of the Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert. He explained that Foley had sent an e-mail to a page congratulating him on the page's birthday and requested a picture. Rep. Hastert had seen this e-mail and there was no way that it could be considered inappropriate. Rep. Conaway went to explain that the other text messages that were sent by Foley were definitely of a sexual nature and totally out of place.

He next talked about the border security issue and immigration reform. Rep. Conaway is for a very logical guest worker program. Workers would be given an identification card that would be required to gain employment. A portion of their income would go to fund emergency medical care for guest workers. Children born to guest workers while they are in the United States would not become American citizens just as children born to diplomats do not become American citizens. He explained why he voted against building the 700 mile fence. The 700 mile number was just pulled out of thin air. "I want the Border Patrol to tell us where they need the fence built," he said. Also, he is pushing for money to remove the salt cedar from the banks of Rio Grande. The salt cedar currently makes it easy to cross the river, plus it damages the recharge of our aquifer.

I was very impressed with the honesty of Rep. Conaway. It was very disturbing to hear him tell of how things are in Washington these days. The relationship between the Democrats and the Republicans is very adversarial. He explained that it is almost impossible to get anything done as each side wants to take full credit for any new bill. Compromise between the parties is almost unheard of these days.

## A Celebration of 90 Years of Excellence

By Cam Campbell

The Sonora Texas A&M Agriculture Experiment Station held its 90th anniversary Friday, October 6th. Invitational attendance consisted of descendents of the Stations' original founders, families who have made the Station their home in the past, local area ranchers, professors and scientists. The event

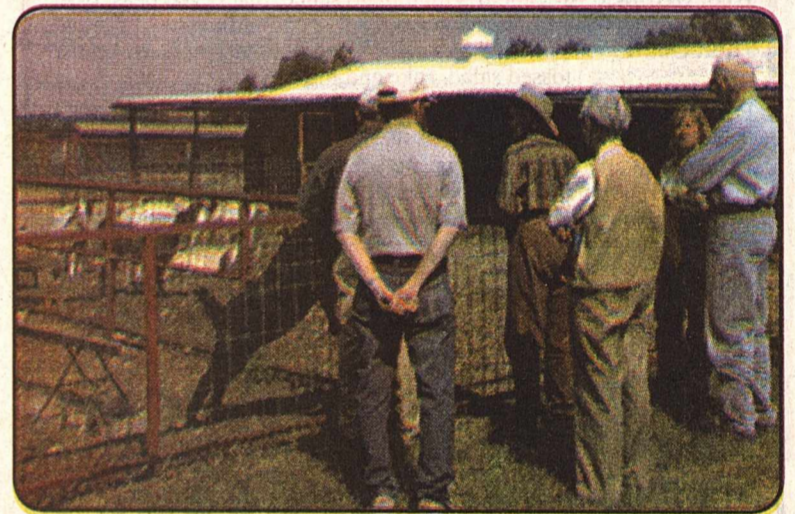
was a homecoming for all, and a time to reflect upon the profound influence that the Station has had upon their lives, families, careers, and on the sheep and goat industry.

The program began with time for catching up with old friends and neighbors, followed by the noon meal consisting of lamb chops and steaks, beef brisket, potato salad, red beans and a home-made dessert prepared by the women of the station.

Station director Dr. Butch Taylor kicked off the historical program by recounting the history that led to the founding of the experiment station in 1916. Stockmen in the Edwards Plateau were faced with tough times following several dry, hard years and an outbreak of a disease known at the time as "swellhead". They wanted help addressing these problems and others such as the improvement of the Angora goat, and internal and external parasite infestations. Sutton County ranchers B.M. Halbert, J.B. Murrow, R.E. Taylor and V.A. Brown worked and fought for the establishment of an experiment station in the area to assist stockmen with the selection and breeding of animals and to research prevention of disease. From this pioneer ranching attitude, the experiment station was created.

The Sonora station proved its worth by discovering that the cause of swellhead is consumption of the blooms of Sacchuista (also known as Beargrass). The Station is also directly responsible for the first registered Angora flock and the development of the sore mouth vaccine. Sore mouth, incidentally is

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Dr. Erika Campbell discussing the Super Juniper Eating Goats which have been researched by the Experiment Station

## On the Road from San Angelo to Lubbock

By Feature Writer Bill Sontag

Ports-to-Plains - Part 2

The paucity of 18-wheelers thundering over west Texas highways, Sept. 10, was a measure of light commercial driving on Sunday afternoons. But, even under heavy traffic, the road stretching away to the northwest from San Angelo is inviting and open to far horizons.

The 1,360-mile Ports-To-Plains Trade Corridor overlays U.S. Highway 87 in its march toward Colorado, from the west-central counties of the Lone Star State. Here, the road is smooth asphalt, four-lane divided highway in excellent condition.

But in about 25 miles, where the route snips the southwest corner of Coke County, the width is the same, but the road is noticeably older, in need of re-surfacing. In contrast, at the county line, one of Texas' snazzy, nearly extravagant new highway rest stops greets drivers on the northbound side of the road.

As 87 approaches Big Spring, Texas, both the historic petroleum extraction industry and new energy exploration are in evidence. The Howard Glasscock Oil Field was "discovered" in 1925, and remains in the top 100 of oil producing fields in the United States. And across the road from this lucrative Conoco Phillips treasure, is a windmill electric energy generating "farm."

North of Big Spring, the impact of late summer rains and center pivot irrigation color the landscape with shades of emerald green. Lush crops of cotton and grain sorghum line the highway for miles.

The acreages have been historically nourished and protected by antique crop duster aircraft, piloted by a dying breed of men

and women who spray fertilizer, pesticides and other chemicals. The mostly yellow planes are still seen buzzing both sides of U.S. Highway 87. But now, this once-thriving industry is increasingly hampered by rising costs of fuel, insurance, and the advent of tall-wheeled "high boy" field sprayers.

The importance of agriculture in this part of Texas is further demonstrated in tiny Lamesa, Texas, about 60 miles south of Lubbock. Bordering the east side of the highway through town is one dealership after another, with lined-up, sparkling clean farm implements: Harvesters, seeders, sprayers, and new and used tractors in impressive display.

North of Lamesa, the Ports-To-Plains route along 87 is rougher, in need of re-surfacing, and for an eight-mile stretch that is being accomplished in southbound lanes with excellent results toward Tahoka and into Lubbock.

Lubbock is the hometown to Ports-To-Plains, and Michael Reeves is the coalition's president. The organization's thrust is to build a multi-lane divided highway from the U.S. ports-of-entry from Mexico to Colorado, and, with connections to similar routes, to Canada and the Pacific Northwest. The coalition was incorporated in 1997, and has enjoyed the support of governors and congressional delegations in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Colorado.

"Our first phase of work was building partners [industry representatives, cities, counties and chambers of commerce]," Reeves explained, Sept. 11. "Then we did that with departments of transportation in all the states, and next with representa-

tives in Washington, D.C."

Reeves' predecessor in his current job was Randy Neugebauer, who has become a powerful ally in Washington. Neugebauer successfully ran for congress and now represents the 19th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives. "And now we're back to developing partners locally," said Reeves.

The organization now boasts 24 municipalities on its list of "Investors in Progress," as well as 19 counties, 13 economic development organizations, ten chambers of commerce, 19 corporations, and 11 industry organizations and universities.

Money, of course, is the ever-looming challenge to fulfilling the goals of developing a safe, reliable and economically-satisfying corridor of commerce through four states. With a \$2.8 billion-price tag, Reeves is understandably in a hurry. "That's in today's dollars," Reeves gushed, acknowledging that ever-increasing fuel, materials and labor costs will drive the figure higher each year. "That's why we've got to move faster on this."

The need for speed is compounded, Reeves said, by tight financing available from most state departments of transportation now, so he's exploring other revenue streams such as leased right-of-ways. Noting the increasing abundance of "wind farms" generating energy along the Ports-To-Plains route, Reeves is considering whether transmission lines entrenched in the highway right-of-way could be a convenience to producers and a source of financing for highway developers.

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## Fred Perez Runs for County Commissioner Pct. 4

Fred Perez, a Sonora native, is a candidate on the November ballot for County Commissioner Pct.4. Fred served as City Councilman from May 1992 to May 1999 and again from August 2004 to May 2006. Fred is owner and operator of Perez Tiendita, a home owned business since 1954. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from Angelo State University, and taught 7th and 8th grade math at Edison Jr. High from September 1968 through May 1979 at which time he returned to Sonora to raise his family.

Fred hopes to serve with dedication, the needs of those in his precinct, as well as the entire county. He asks all citizens to remember to take time and vote.

Fred Perez, nativo de Sonora, es un candidato en la boleta electoral de noviembre para comisario del condado, precinto 4. Fred sirvió a Sonora como consejal de la ciudad desde mayo de 1992 hasta mayo de 1999 y nuevamente desde agosto del 2004 hast mayo 2006. Fred es dueño y operador de Pérez Tiendita, un negocio familiarmente operado desde 1954. Graduó con licenciatura de la Universidad de San Antonio, fué maestro de mathmáticas del séptimo y octavo grado en la escuela secundaria Edison desde septiembre de 1968 hasta mayo de 1979, es ese tiempo regresó a Sonora para criar a su familia.

Fred espera servir con dedicación, las necesidades de los residentes de su precinto como también a todo el condado. El le pide a todos los ciudadanos que recuerden votar.



Sky Lynn Hernandez proudly displays trophy saddle. Staff Photo

## Sonora Cowgirl Wins Trophy Saddle

Sky Lynn Hernandez, age 3 of Sonora, has every right to be proud of the trophy saddle won at the Saddle Club of San Angelo.

The equestrian event consisted of six events, in which Sky placed first in her age group with 230 points.

Nine months of hard work with her father Daniel, helped this young cowgirl and her horse Hito, bring home the first place prize.

Sky is the daughter of Alvin and Esme Hernandez, and the granddaughter of Alvin and Olivia Hernandez of Sonora, and Albert and Andrita Borrego of Ozona. Sky thanks all those supporting her, and wants to remind local cowgirls, Sky is on her way.

**St. Ann Catholic Church**  
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*Thursday - 7:00 a.m.*  
*Friday - 7:00 a.m.*  
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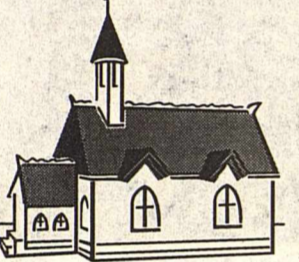
**Fri. Oct. 13- Happy Birthday Gaile Cade!**  
**Mon. Oct. 16- Bingo**  
**Tue. Oct. 17 - Happy Birthday Victoria Romero!**  
 CEAP at 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
**Wed. Oct. 18- Happy Birthday Maggie Martinez**  
 Van to San Angelo, Medicals come 1st.  
**Thur. Oct. 19- Crafts anyone?**

**Senior Center Menu**

**Fri. Oct. 13** -Cheese enchiladas, spanish rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, crackers, pudding and milk.  
**Mon. Oct. 16** -Beef stew, sweet peas, crackers, peach half, chocolate pudding and milk.  
**Tue. Oct. 17** - Chicken strips with gravy, pinto beans, mustard greens, wheat bread, juice, milk and cobbler.  
**Wed. Oct. 18** -Meatloaf with tomato sauce, blackeyed peas, okra, cornbread, sugar, cookie and milk.  
**Thur. Oct. 19** - Pork roast with gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, cake and milk.

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.  
 Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go)

**Sonora Church Directory**



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<b>The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian</b> 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616	<b>First Baptist Church</b> 111 E. Oak 387-2951
<b>Lighthouse Community Church</b> 1705 N. Crockett 387-9100	<b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 404 E Poplar 387-2955
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**Letter to the Editor**

Texas Governor Rick Perry is so blindly and stupidly obsessed with his Trans-Texas Corridor boondoggle, that he apparently doesn't realize that he is playing into the hands of America's enemies by creating a target for terrorists so large that it would be visible from the moon.

Just think how strategically dimwitted it is to place all our eggs in one basket. A single terroristic strike against this "Highway to Hell" could knock out our electrical power grid, as well as our natural gas, oil, and water systems, and all forms of ground transportation.

Only one part of Perry's feeble-minded plan makes any sense at all, and that is the high-speed rail aspect. At 200 miles per hour, people and goods can be moved between major urban areas in less time, and at much less expense than traveling by automobile or even by air. The pollution level would be only a fraction of that caused by million of cars and overloaded diesel trucks.

An elevated high-speed rail network with dual tracks could easily be built on a hundred foot wide right-of-way, rather than Perry's 1,200 foot wide gash across Texas. Perry's plan would sever hundreds of rural county roads, divide farms and ranches, fragment forests, destroy wetlands, and cause widespread environmental damage so severe that the quality of life for all Texans would be negatively impacted.

Half a million acres of Texas would be permanently destroyed, so Perry's overblown ego can be stroked to his satisfaction. Billions of dollars would migrate out of Texas to bank vaults in Spain. Perry would trade the basic wealth of Texas in order to satisfy his obvious megalomania.

Hundreds of rural families whose lives would be disrupted, and in many cases destroyed, would resort to alcohol and drugs in an attempt to cope with the inevitable depression that could lead to suicide. In my opinion, their blood would be on Perry's hands, and all the scrubbing in the world could never wash it off.

Other innocent blood would be spilled if Perry's dream, which is our nightmare, comes to pass. No terrapin, deer, rabbit, armadillo, fox, frog, toad, or any other member of Texas' wildlife population could ever successfully cross a 1,200 foot wide series of highways and ground level train tracks.

If I were Osama Bin Laden or any other terrorist leader, I would hang portraits of Rick Perry on the walls of my cave and thank Allah five times a day that Texas is being led down the primrose path by a dupe of the enemies of America.

Sincerely  
**George H. Russell**  
 Editors comment- *The Trans Texas Corridor is NOT the same project as the Port-to-Plains project.*

**Obituary**

**Jeronimo Romo**

Jeronimo Romo, 80 of Sonora, died Tuesday, October 3, 2006 in a local hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 4 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial in the Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Survivors include his sons, Roldolfo Romo of San Angelo and Juan Romo of Sonora; daughters Connie Virgen and Herlinda Segura, both of Sonora; brothers Epifanio Romo and Cuca Romo both of Zaragoza, Mexico.

**Reprint Wedding Announcement**



**Hollis and Jenny Ward**

**Submitted**

Hollis Ward and Jenny Sykes, both of Sonora, were united as a family on September 16, 2006.

The bride is the daughter of Joyce Harris, of Sonora. The groom is the son of Buddy and Jerry Nell Ward of Kerrville.

The brother of the bride, Jeremy Robles, walked her down the aisle. Michelle Parkinson of Dallas, was Maid of Honor, while Mark Ward, brother of the groom, stood in as Best Man. Jackilyn Sykes, daughter of the bride, was the Flower Girl, throwing red rose petals as she marched down the aisle.

The couple was united in a small ceremony at the Star Ranch Lodge outside of Crystal City, Texas, with David Ortiz officiating.

Also joining them for this joyous occasion was Shelbi, Sharee, and Shainah Johnson, daughters of the bride. They were joined by many friends and family for the ceremony and the dance Saturday evening. Music was played by longtime friend Darrell McCall, his wife Mona, and Justin Trevino. A good time was had by all.

Hollis is an independent consultant employed by Newfield Exploration and Jenny is employed by National Oilwell Varco. The couple will continue to reside in Sonora.

**Thank You**

Sarah and I would like to say a special thanks to all the people who came to help me during my recent horse accident.

From Jose and Maria Fernandez, who were there with me from the time of the accident, to Game Warden Will Allison, Deputy Oscar Chavez, police officer Bryn Humphrey, the EMS staff, Dr. Pajestka, the nursing staff, our good neighbors, the Brockmans, and the people who brought us food, we truly have been blessed.

*Thank you and may God bless you,*  
**John and Sarah Wade**

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station wishes to express their thanks to the sponsors of the October 6, 90-year celebration held at the Sonora Experiment Station. The sponsors include: American Boer Goat Association, Department of Animal Science -Texas A&M University, Dow AgroSciences, Dolores' Unique Designs, First National Bank of Eldorado, Jack and Jessie Wardlaw, Mike Keller- D.V.M., Palmer Feed and Supply, Rafter W Feeds, Sonora Wool & Mohair Company, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers, Texas Wool and Mohair Warehouse and the Devil's River News.

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- October 12**  
 Robert Perez, Victoria Box, Bill Stanton, Tom Matchus, Laura Purvis
- October 13**  
 Agustin Vaquera, Sherry Welcome, Arcelia Carrasco, Bill Keel, Derek Ramos, Jalyn Mathews, Amanda Word, Gaile Cade
- October 14**  
 Brian Van Winkle, Krissie Gonzales, Leandra D. Lopez, Ronnie Wipff
- October 15**  
 Olivia S. Cunningham, Angela Gonzalez, Aracely Hernandez, Shane Deel, Bert Young, Robbi Harris, Walker Thompson, Olivia Samaniego, Adrian Segura, Linda Segura
- October 16**  
 Robert Higdon, Joe Brown, Eddie Teasley, Suzanne Badeaux, Letty Campos, Gene Thompson, Ruben Mendez, Jr., Crystal Lopez, George Rodriguez
- October 17**  
 Wyatt Watkins, Jami Chavarria, Niki Russell, Fernando Gonzalez, Jr., Fernanda Gonzalez, Nora Perez,
- October 18**  
 Alice Cox, Mary Watkins, Dayton Armke, Fred Buchanan, Rosa Hawkins, Peggy Sharp, David Lee Gandar, Mason McGeath, Larissa Gabriela Galindo.

**Letter to the Editor**

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## Historical Society

### ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary Sutton County Historical Society

Donations were received this week from: Connie Mack Locklin, Dan Eaton and Robert A. and Diane G. Malone

Q. Why do foreign ships allow liquor and not American ships?

A. A gentleman named Admiral Josephus Daniels ended the practice of "grog" on board ships. Until his time men were given a grog ration every day. "The Devil's River News" of April 18, 1914 had the following to say about this matter: Absolute prohibition will prevail in the United States Navy after July 1, next. Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels made public a sweeping order which not only will abolish the tradition "wine mess" of the officers, but will bar all alcoholic liquors from every ship and shore station of the Navy. This order, constituting one of the most notable victories ever won by prohibition forces, was issued on the recommendation of the Surgeon General of the United States.

While this rule is still in effect at sea in the U.S. Navy, it was amended to allow the establishment of officer and enlisted men clubs at shore facilities. One of the reasons officers love to meet a foreign ship at sea and be invited onboard is they know they will get to partake in beverages forbidden on their own ship.

Now let's take a look at local news in the same issue: Work is now progressing rapidly on the addition to the school house and the Board of Trustees expect to have everything ready for the opening of the fall term in September. The Trustees are deserving of special appreciation at the head of the patrons for their untiring efforts and attention to the duties incident to the erection of the new building. (Society Note: This is the addition to the Old Rock School in 1914)

Miss Myrtle Briant of Ozona spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Sonora the guest of her mother Mrs. E.S. Briant. Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Sawyer left this week for the East where they will spend the summer. They left for Del Rio Tuesday where Mr. Sawyer has banking interests.

Harry Smart, the contractor has completed the E.E. Sawyer home on prospect Avenue and left Tuesday for his home in Bangor, Maine. The Sawyer home is the best built modern home in Sonora and cost about \$10,000. Mr. Smart was unassuming and gentlemanly throughout his for months stay in Sonora and

made friends of all the men employed on the building and with others he came in contact. (Society Note: Now we have written record that the Sawyer house on Prospect St., right behind the Sutton County Courthouse was built in 1914.)

W. P. Caldwell has the contract to construct for J. W. Mayfield a modern home, on the present home site near the High School to cost \$3,000. Contractor Caldwell was a boyhood friend of the Mayfields. The building will be modern and just what Mrs. Mayfield wants in every particular. The work of removing the present house is in progress. The Mayfield home location is one of the prettiest in East Sonora.

Miss Isabel Benson and Alfred Mills were married at Eldorado Saturday April 12 Rev. J. R. Maxwell officiating. The bride is the daughter of T. L. Benson and the groom is one of Schleicher's prosperous young stockmen.

As I sit writing this column I can't help but think about a wonderful lady who went out of her way to welcome me to Sonora. Marlene Evans was Worthy Matron of the Sonora Eastern Star Chapter when I came to Sonora. One of the Deora Masonic Lodge members had given my husband her name so that I could contact her and have someone to talk to when Rick went back to his duty station at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station. She wound up being one of the best friends I have ever had in my life.

Marlene didn't just talk. She came over and helped me steam clean rugs, put up curtain rods, paint rooms, hang curtains and arrange furniture. She was just a itty bitty little lady but with more energy than anyone I have ever met in my life. And there wasn't anything she didn't know how to do or anybody in this town she didn't know how to get in touch with to get something done. She made me lists of contractors, furnace men, electricians, plumbers, church addresses and gave me a map of Sonora. She brought me an aloe vera plant to heal any burns I might get, a potted plant to help beautify my new house and meals because she thought I would starve on my "horrible Yankee cooking." She was a one woman welcome wagon.

Marlene is the wife of Coach Roy Evans. Many people had him for history or as their football or track coach. Marlene helped as scorekeeper and any other way she could with the teams. She organized things to make life smoother for all the volunteers. She worked tirelessly with the blood drives in Sonora and

even though she is so tiny she gave over 3 gallons of blood in her lifetime. She worked tirelessly on refurbishing and repainting the schools during the summer in between taking care of her daughters, her spotless house and her husband. She even worked with the Girl Scouts.

Marlene is one of those people you just don't forget. When she and "Coach" left Sonora they were greatly missed. He went on to Miles and was awarded the "Best Coach of the Year" title in the San Angelo Standard Times. Then Roy retired to their new house in Ballinger and started helping Marlene in her project to completely renovate the old place. The kids were all grown and married with children of their own and it was just Roy, Marlene, one ancient dog and a couple of cats but they were very happy.

Marlene is terminal, she was diagnosed with cancer last week and has gone into kidney shutdown and been given less than a week to live. As you read this she might be gone. I spent Friday at her house with her children and family members getting to spend a few minutes with her each time she woke up and could speak for a while. But that little body, wracked with pain, still had a sharp mind and her great sense of humor. My compulsive little friend told me that when I get to Heaven, she might not be at the gate to meet me as she was sure she will be too busy cleaning as usual. I guess she is planning on polishing clouds, halo's and wings. When I get there if I spot a lady with a dust cloth and mop I will know before she even turns around in her spotless gown and brightest halo in the place that it is Marlene. Goodbye old friend a lot of people in Sonora will miss you! Please pray for Marlene, Roy and their family, give them a call or drop them a line.

I know this isn't my usual column but I couldn't not mention my old friend. If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net you can also reach us by stopping by the office at 307 Oak St. on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday mornings or giving us a call at 387-5084. We do museum tours these mornings and help people with research. Our files are growing every day. The archival room has some great things for people to do research on their families histories in Sutton Co. We also have Ancestry.com to help you look up family members.



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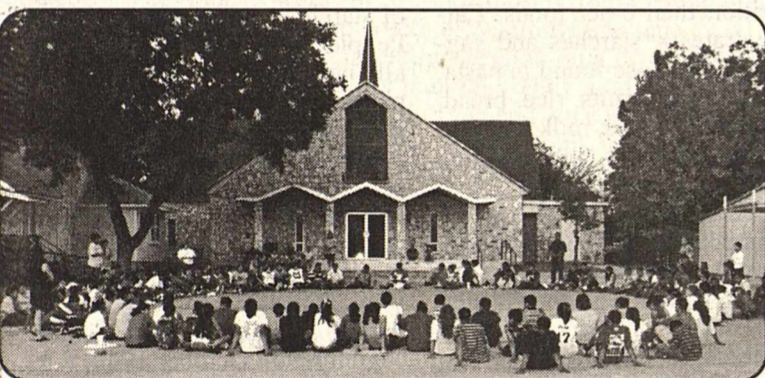


**Sonora**

**WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE**  
Week 5 Results

Team Name	Pounds Lost	Avg. lbs. lost
1 Tons of Fun	-25	-12.5
2 Tarzan and Janes	-29	-5.8
3 The First Amen Group	-29.5	-4.92
4 Piggy Bank	-24	-4.8
5 Mission Impossible	-27	-4.5
6 Bo Peeps	-27.5	-4.42
7 Charles' Angels	-17.5	-4.39
8 "Flab"ulous Five	-21.4	-4.28
9 Fat Busters	-17.5	-3.5
10 Scale Tipppers	-7	-3.5

**The Health & Wellness Center**  
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**Submitted**

The students at St. Ann's Catholic Church prayed a "Live Rosary" Wednesday, October 4, 2006.

As each prayer was said, a student lit a candle until all candles were lit to complete the rosary.

October is the month of the rosary in honor of Our Blessed Virgin Mary. The rosary was offered for the many intentions of our community, and those of the whole world.

The rosary is a form of prayer in the Catholic Church.

*A tiny miracle*

Victoria Kate welcomes her little sister home.

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## ASU Teaches QuickBooks

The Angelo State University Small Business Development Center will be hosting a three part series for QuickBooks this quarter. The first class -Introduction to QuickBooks: Company Profiles - is on Wednesday, October 18 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Rassman Building (2222 Dena Drive) of the ASU campus, Room 117. Cost is \$20 per person.

We will review basic business terms and how to obtain the necessary information to set up your company. This will be a hands-on class where you actually set up a company in the QuickBooks program. Two more classes will follow, with each class building on the knowledge from the previous class.

Conducting the QuickBooks seminar for the SBDC is Doug Terrill, CPA from Armstrong, Backus and Company, LLC. He has a BBA, and a MBA in accounting concentration from Angelo State University.

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### District Competition Starts This Week

By Nancy Glasscock

Well, it's FINALLY here!!!! That's right!!!! It's time for Sonora Bronco District Football games. The Broncos' first opponent is Junction here at home. The Eagles are 4-1 in non-district play. Junction defeated 1-A Irion County and Eldorado by a combined score of 72-8. San Saba and Reagan County, both 2-A, lost to the Eagles by a combined 60 to 39. 2-A Crane defeated Junction in a close one, 7-0.

The Eagle quarterback who started for the Eagles last year, but who had a season-ending injury early in 2005 play is back calling signals for Junction. However, the Eagles don't have a player this year who would be considered a game breaker as they had in the recent past with Sissel, Holik, and Nieman. Last year, the Broncos dashed the Eagles' hopes to play in the post season when Sonora beat Junction there, 32-27.

This week the games begin with the 7th and 8th grade Colts playing host to Junction's middle school teams at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. The JV White team travels to Comfort, while the JV Red team plays in Junction. The Bronco Varsity game begins at 7:30 p.m. Come out to cheer the team on.

If you have not come out to watch the Colts/Broncos, you are missing some incredible football. Their combined record is 22 and 1!!

### 7th Grade Colts Romp 44 to 14 Over the Bobcats

By Ray Glasscock

The first visit by our new rivals from Comfort was not pleasant for the Bobcats. The 7th Grade Colts were fired up and ready to play. Seven Colts scored points against the Bobcats.

The Colts kicked off to start the game. The Colt defense led by Ryan San Miguel quickly forced a three and out. Parks gained 20 yards on the Colts' first play from scrimmage. On the second Colt play, Trey Virgen took the handoff from Parks on the flanker mis-direction and raced 65 yards down the left sideline for the first touchdown of the game. Milton Black bulled over for the two point conversion and the Colts had an early lead of 8 to 0 with 2:55 left in the first quarter.

Zach Badeaux hustled down the field and tackled the Bobcat kickoff returner near the Bobcat 15 yard line. The Colt defense held and after a very short punt, the Colts had great field position. After Badeaux gained ten yards, Black scored on the counter play. Badeaux was tripped up short of the goal line, and the score stood at 14 to 0 with 1:27 left in the first quarter.

The next Bobcat started off better as they were able to record a first down. Then San Miguel and Word Hudson stopped their quarterback on a first down carry. Two of the smallest but toughest Colts, San Miguel and Edward Garza logged the next tackle. After an incompleting, Kyle Patlan joined Garza by smashing the Comfort runner. They tried to go for it on fourth down, but a bad snap killed the play before it could even start.

The next Bronco drive lasted one play: Parks threw deep to San Miguel who hauled in the perfectly thrown pass for a 50 yard touchdown pass play. Badeaux followed the right side of the Colt line across the goal line for the two point conversion making it 22 to 0 with two seconds left in the first quarter.

The Colts kicked off and Patlan and Hudson hustled down to stop the kickoff returner. Comfort promptly fumbled and Black recovered for the Colts. Hudson and Black quickly moved the ball to the Bobcat eight yard line. Badeaux got the touchdown completely untouched. The Bobcats were able to stop Hudson from making the PAT and the score stood at 28 to 0 with 6:19 left the first half.

The Bobcats scored on their next possession on a 60 yard run. The Comfort runner was flagged for taunting. They tried to pass for the PAT and Erik Santana intercepted in the end zone and took 102 yards scoring two points for the Colts. At this point, the score was Sonora 30 and Comfort 6 with 6:13 left in the second quarter.

The Colts had a very short field as Comfort had to kickoff fifteen yards further back due to the penalty. On the second play, Black scored the next Colt touchdown. The PAT failed and the score was Sonora 36 to 6 with 4:37 left in the second quarter.

The Colts started on offense at the start of the second quarter with a new backfield of Christian Kenney, Black, and Santana running the ball. Jorge Villanueva entered the game and promptly scored the sixth Colt touchdown and a fifteen yard run. Virgen reentered the game and easily added the two point PAT making the score 44 to 6 with 2:15 left in the third quarter.

The Bobcats added a touchdown on a long pass play in the fourth quarter. They also put on a nice goal line stand to keep the Colts from scoring 50 points.

After the game, I interviewed Santana on his thoughts about his PAT interception return. When asked what he thought about the play, he answered, "It was fun." I asked him if he thought they might catch him, he replied, "They didn't." So I asked if he was tired after running that far and he said no. This week, the Colts play the Junction Eagles here in Sonora at 5:00 p.m.

### 8th Grade Colts Dominate Comfort 32 to 8

By Ray Glasscock

The Colts kicked off to start the game against the visiting Comfort Bobcats. After two attempts to run, they tried a quick sideways pass that Ethan Morriss almost intercepted. The Bobcats punted and Morriss returned it about 15 yards into Bobcat territory. The coaches called for Morriss to run the ball, and he took it to the eleven yard line. Just like the 7th grade Colts, the 8th Grade Colts scored on their second play from scrimmage as Jesse Guerrero scored the touchdown. Bailey Joe Pennington ran for the PAT making the early score 8 to 0 with 6:36 left in the first quarter.

After the kickoff, the Bobcats went three and out and punted. Morriss gained 15 yards and then almost scored on a 35 yard run as he was tackled just short of goal line. On his third carry of the drive, Morriss scored from three yards out. Guerrero scored a PAT, but it was called back on a holding penalty. Morriss dropped back to pass and found Guerrero open on the screen. Guerrero weaved his way through the Bobcats for the 23 yard PAT. The score stood at 16 to 0 with 1:51 left in the first quarter.

William Otwell and Kevin Barron stuffed the Bobcat runner on second down. After an incompleting, the Bobcats punted. Morriss gained good yardage on the return but fumbled as he was being tackled, and the Bobcats took over. Super de-

fensive plays by Caleb Shirturn and Ryan Garmon caused the Bobcats to punt again. On first down, Morriss circled the left side of the Colt line and gained 50 yards into Bobcat territory. A carry by Guerrero followed by a run by Preston Lopez moved the ball to the Bobcat 20 yard line. The Bobcats defense held and they took over on downs. Once again, they could not move the ball and punted to Morriss who brought it back to the Comfort 25 yard line. Morriss kept it again and gained 16 yards to the Bobcat six yard line. He scored on the next play. Morriss lined up under center, took the snap, and sprinted to his left for the PAT. The score at half time was 24 to 0 in favor of the Colts.

The Bobcats kicked off to start the second half. On the first play from scrimmage, Morriss kept the ball and sprinted 65 yards for a touchdown. Pennington came in motion from the right flanker position, took the handoff from Morriss, and cut right into the end zone to finish the scoring for the Broncos. With only 35 seconds gone off the clock, the Colts had scored again.

Both offenses in the second half could move the ball between the 20s. The Bobcats got a touchdown and PAT late in the game to make the final score Sonora 32 and Comfort 8.

The Colts take on the Eagles from Junction this Thursday with a 6:30 p.m. kickoff.

### Fillies Volleyball News

Submitted by Chap Taylor

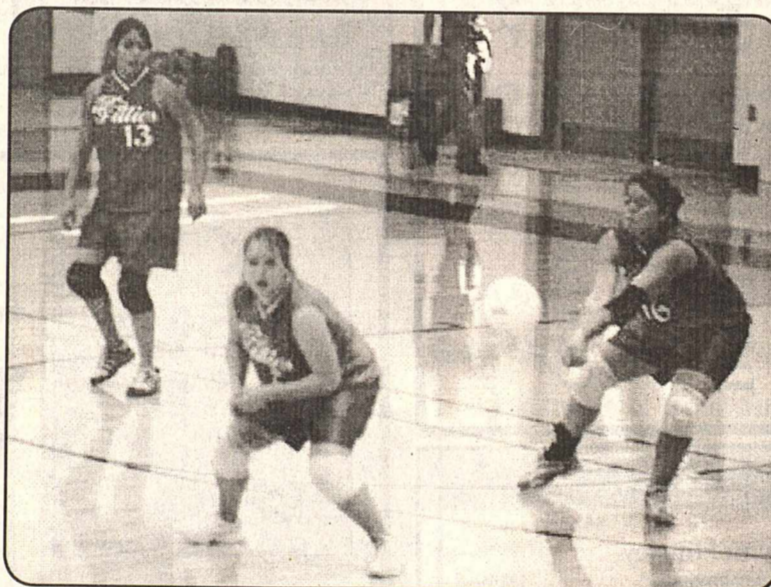
The Sonora Fillies travelled to Junction for their last game of the season. The JV Fillies struggled in both games. The troubles came from the service line, as well as being unable to overcome the strength of the Eagles offense.

The Varsity Fillies began play with similar problems. In the first game, they were unable to control serves and were also unable to react to the Eagle's offense, and consequently unable to mount their own offense.

The Fillies regrouped and began the second game, taking the lead over the Eagles. As the game progressed, the Eagle's

experience and size began to control the score. The Fillies continued to pressure the Eagles, but were not able to overcome their disadvantage in size and experience.

The Fillies challenged the Eagles offense, defending spikes and mounting their own offense in the second and third games, but in the end fell to the Eagles. *Editors note: We are proud of the Fillies volleyball team for the courage demonstrated in their first year of competition. We hope the volleyball team is able to continue representing Sonora High School and our community.*



The Fillies defense set-up a return against the Junction Lady Eagles. Photo courtesy of Chap Taylor

### Sonora Heavyweights and Peewees to Play at Home

This Saturday in Bronco Stadium there will be some exciting football. The YMCA Youth Football league features teams from around the San Angelo area.

Young Bronco football players (3rd & 4th graders - Peewees, and 5th & 6th graders - Heavyweights) from Sonora, Ozona, Big Lake, Junction, and Eldorado will play here in Sonora this Saturday, October 14th starting at 9:00 a.m. with the last game beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The experience that these young players gain in this league keeps the tradition of Bronco excellence intact.

There will be a concession stand sponsored by the Lady Bronco Softball team raising money for their spring season tournaments.

Come on out to Bronco Stadium on Saturday, and join the FUTURE of the Sonora Bronco Football teams!

Go RED and WHITE!!

### Brady Invitational Cross Country Meet Results

Submitted

The Sonora Broncos garnered impressive showings at the recent Brady Invitational Cross Country meet.

A.K. Williams came in second with the time of 20:34, just 21 seconds behind the winning pace of Mauricio Avila of Brady.

Behind Williams, Colton Moore finished third, while Uvaldo Ramos and Ameka Hernandez placed fifth and sixth, respectively.

Of the top six finishers, four were held by Sonora Broncos. All in all, it was a very good showing for our local athletes.

Sports coverage continues on page 6.

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## Students of the Week

By Rosario Moreno

Juan Capuchina, Amy Hernandez, Isaac Quiroz are the three new students of the week at Sonora High.

Juan Capuchina is a freshman this year. He has lived in Sonora his whole life. According to Juan his favorite thing about Sonora High are the sports. His favorite teacher is Mr. Robbins. "He makes IPC fun," said Juan. One of Juan's favorite classes is World History because to him it's easy. He plans to go to college in Sweetwater for body shop. His parents, Juan Capuchina and Maria Capuchina, are proud of him for being student of the week.

Amy Hernandez is a freshman this year. She moved to Sonora in kindergarten and kept moving back and forth from Fort Worth. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. West. "She can get serious but she can act like a teenager too," said Amy. Her favorite class is Algebra because she likes to challenge herself. Amy plans to go to college in San Angelo for basketball and nursing. Amy is currently involved in the Spirit Crew. Her parents, Alonzo Hernandez and Patricia Hernandez, are proud of her for being student of the week.

Isaac Quiroz is a sophomore this year. He moved to Sonora in 7th grade from Dallas, TX. Isaac's favorite thing about Sonora High is football. His favorite class is woodshop because you get to build things. Isaac plans to go straight to work after graduation. He didn't expect to be student of the week that's why he was a little surprised when he found out.

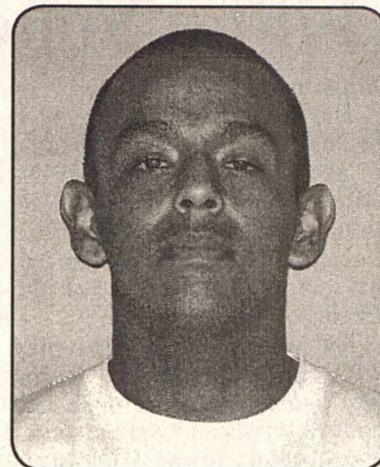
All three students were surprised and excited when they found out that they were nominated to be the students of the week.



Juan Capuchina



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## JV WHITE MANHANDLES LIONS

Submitted by Kate Jennings

The JV White Broncos traveled to Ozona to challenge the JV Lions last Thursday. In what was a very physical game, the Broncos set the bar high on the first series of play. Kris Agüero started with a 27 yard run. Zac Rodriguez continued the streak with a run to the goal line, and Rodriguez punched it in behind Agüero and a wall of offensive linemen. Will Anderson ran in the 2-point conversion. On the kickoff by Dylan Castillo, the Lions fumbled and AK Williams recovered. The Broncos took the ball over on the 42 yard line in Lion territory. Excellent blocking by linemen Cody Word, Westley Lipham, Chacho Mesa, Cash Jennings, and Tyler Creek helped the Broncos to move the ball. Harvey Santana ran for over 10 yards with a key block by Anderson. Agüero wrapped the series up for the Broncos with a TD run to make the score 14-0.

The Lions had yet another chance to make a showing, but Dustin Neff stripped the ball with Cash Jennings recovering the fumble on the 50 yard line. The Bronco offense again took over.

No rest for the Broncos offense took its toll. They were not able score. The defense held on as the Lions could not convert their good luck into points. Broncos got the ball back, and Agüero broke for another long run to put the Broncos on the Lions' 30 yard line. The Broncos were plagued with penalties on this series. Trying to dig the Broncos out of a hole, Caleb Gonzales, on a quarterback keeper ran for 10 yards. This still wasn't enough

to keep the Bronco offense on the field. The Bronco defense took the field and on a 30 yard pass to a Lion receiver, Bronco defender, Gonzales, recovered a fumble on the Bronco 20 yard line. Awesome runs by Agüero and Anderson put the Broncos back in scoring position. Anderson ran in the touchdown, but the 2-point conversion was not successful. Good defense by Williams, Anderson, Neff, Creek, and Lipham frustrated the Lions. Neff and Jennings put on the final hurt to end the half. Ozona began the second half on the offensive side of the ball trying to make a comeback, but to no avail. Agüero, Santana, and Neff had nice runs on the next series. But the Broncos couldn't put points on the board. Lions scored the next time down the field to make the score 20-8.

After a reality check, the Broncos began to move the ball again. Rodriguez took the ball in for six points. Anderson converted for two. The score was now 28-8. The Lions showed a glimmer of hope as they connected a long pass for a score and converted for two points to make the final score 28-16.

The Broncos learned a lot after a very physical game, in which two players were injured: Damon Johnson and Tyler Creek. Johnson should be returning, along with Matt Fay (knee injury) and Paul Faz (back injury), in the coming weeks. Creek, it looks like, is out for the remaining season with a knee injury. Good luck, Broncos, on the rest of the season!

## Gospel Music Festival

The 27th annual Wimberley Gospel Music Festival has a new home and a new date this year. Friday and Saturday, October 13 and 14, the Cowboys for Jesus will host the festival at their location in Fischer, Texas, just outside Wimberley. The festival will be held outdoors weather permitting. In case of bad weather the festival will be moved indoors to their 225 seat auditorium. Admission to the event and parking are free and chairs will be available or you can bring your comfortable lawn chairs. Bring your friends and family and come out for the 27th annual Gospel Music Festival and enjoy some of the best gospel music up close and personal. For more information, call 830-935-2920.



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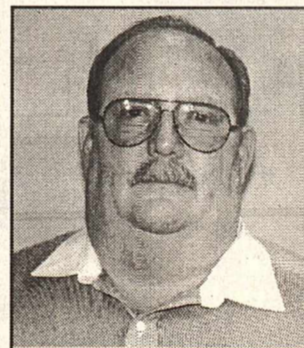


Lynn Hinsley  
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Devon Ambassador Lynn Hinsley is a west Texas native and has been a district foreman for the company for 13 years. Sports of all kinds play a significant role in Lynn's life, which is why he is a committed Sonora City League activity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

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**Incidents:**

**October 2, 2006**

- 8:08 AM: Caller reported a cat in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 8:20 AM: Caller reported a dog on the street. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 9:17 AM: Caller reported an injured hawk at business. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 9:43 AM: Caller reported a lose pit bull. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 10:12 AM: Caller reported a lose dog. Animal Control Officer notified.
- 10:26 AM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.
- 12:46 PM: Caller requested an animal trap at residence. Animal Control Officer notified.
- 1:42 PM: Caller reported two lose dogs. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 4:45 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 8:30 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.
- 8:35 PM: Subject requested to speak to an officer at the Sheriff's Office. Officer responded.
- 10:20 PM: Caller reported a suspicious person. Officer responded.

**October 3, 2006**

- 10:13 AM: Caller reported an 18-wheeler blocking business entrance. Officer responded.
- 11:55 AM: Caller requested a funeral escort. Officer notified.
- 3:35 PM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
- 3:45 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle, and advised child was inside the vehicle. Officer responded.
- 5:00 PM: Wide load. Officer responded.
- 8:30 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.
- 10:15 PM: Report of a disturbance. Officer responded.

**October 4, 2006**

- 9:25 AM: Caller requested Bank Escort. Officer responded.
- 9:31 AM: Caller requested an animal trap at residence. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 9:36 AM: Caller reported a possum in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 9:45 AM: Funeral Escort. Officer responded.
- 10:05 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer notified.
- 10:27 AM: Caller reported a dead deer on Highway. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 11:27 AM: Fire alarm. Officer responded.
- 1:30 PM: Caller requested to speak to animal control. Animal Control Officer notified.
- 2:08 PM: Caller requested animal trap at residence. Animal Control Officer notified.
- 8:00 PM: Caller requested an officer at business. Officer responded.
- 10:10 PM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.

**October 5, 2006**

- 8:30 AM: Caller reported two dogs on street. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 11:15 AM: Caller requested an officer at business. Officer responded.
- 11:39 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 1:49 PM: Caller reported a dog on street. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 5:15 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.

**October 6, 2006**

- 8:55 AM: Caller requested to speak to animal control. Animal Control Officer notified.
- 3:49 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 5:55 PM: Report of a minor accident. Officer responded.

**October 7, 2006**

N/A

**October 8, 2006**

- 6:50 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.
- 8:50 PM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.



Long-haul truck driver Richard Smith is greeted by Apollo, left, and Sissy, after Smith finishes lunch at a prominent Lubbock truck stop, the Flying J Travel Center. Smith travels the country, largely between Ames, Iowa, and Laredo, Texas. He believes the commerce connected by truckers is under-appreciated, but enjoys his job, part of which routinely includes use of the Ports-To-Plains Corridor between Lubbock and Sonora. (LIVE! photo Bill Sontag)

**From page 1**

In addition, ethanol — distilled from harvests of corn or grain sorghum — is “coming on line with a new plant in the Panhandle, soon,” said Reeves. The Texas State Energy Conservation Office estimates that, by 2008, ethanol plants in Texas — mostly in Central Texas and the Panhandle region — will produce 500 million gallons of ethanol annually. The new fuel must be piped to consumers, and, again, Reeves sees highway right-of-ways as a logical answer.

But publicity and public- and industry-education are important objectives of the coalition, too. Ports-To-Plains data reveal that in the first six years of the coalition's existence, Texas Department of Transportation let \$368.5 million in contracts for projects along the route in that state.

Moreover, last year congress approved and the president signed a massive transportation bill authorizing expenditure of \$286 billion for highway improvements and transit programs. It includes more than \$117 million in “direct funding for projects along the Ports-To-Plains Corridor.”

Reeves proudly showed off a detailed plan for the corridor, nearly filling a three-inch notebook, a result of collaboration among departments of transportation in all four states. Among all the data showing where improvements are needed, what kinds of improvements, and estimated costs — with a four-stage “Capital Structure Schedule” — the planners estimate that completion will create 40,000 new jobs, with an economic impact of \$4.5 billion, generating a benefit-to-cost ration of three to one.

Richard Smith, a 47-year-old truck driver from the little community of Laverne, Ok., is all for highway improvements, but notes that there's plenty of them impeding his travels already.

“This whole country is nothing but one major construction zone,” said Smith, relaxing after lunch in the Flying J Travel Center, Lubbock, Sept. 11. But

Smith and his two traveling companions — Apollo, an eight-year-old Boston Terrier, and Sissy, Smith's girlfriend's Dachshund — love their travels together.

“I haul ice cream to Laredo,” Smith said. A former stock car race driver in Wichita Falls, Texas, and Altus, Ok., he now drives for H.E.I., owner/operator, and Schuster Trucking Company, headquartered in Le Mars, Iowa, self-proclaimed “Ice Cream Capital of the World.”

Smith's “reefer” — refrigerated trailer — hauls meat and many food perishables, “But we haul any product they need to make ice cream, too — whether its ice cream cones from Kelloggs or popsicle sticks from Maine.”

The trio — Smith and his canine companions — have only been with Schuster for five months, “But I've been more satisfied and happy with this company than any other I've ever worked for.” He left Le Mars with 32,000 pounds of ice cream, and after depositing the load in five different locations, Smith is now “dead-heading” back to La Verne for some down time.

Truckers, Smith explained, are required by law to rest after 11 hours of driving, “But everybody breaks that. We do whatever we have to do to get the load there on time.”

Smith had heard mention of the Ports-To-Plains Corridor, but knew little about it. His route from Lubbock to Laredo only goes to Sonora on the corridor. Though the route is more direct if he stayed on Ports-To-Plains, Smith diverts onto Interstate 10 to San Antonio, then onto I-35, south to the border.

His loyalty to the profession is clear: “There's a sign you may have seen on trucks that says, “Without trucks, America stops!” I wish more people realized that. Without us, within a couple of days all grocery stores would close, because everybody would panic and empty the shelves, but the truckers have never been on a nationwide strike.”

Next week Bill Sontag's journey takes us on to Denver, CO, as he travels the Ports-to-Plains Highway

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## Possible Name Change At Texas A&M

By Pachatta Pope

When people hear Texas A&M, most instantly think about agriculture and a number of faculty members fear that is exactly what potential students think. And they say that mindset is making a need to get the word out that the university is a whole lot more.

Dr. Elsa Murano, dean of the college of Agriculture and Life Sciences, says the college needs to improve its image so people have a better perception of what the school is all about. If the image is revamped, it's the hope that prospective students will see the university in a new appealing light.

AgriLife Sciences is the proposed new name of the college of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Dr. Murano says she and other faculty members want a name that reflects all that the college has to offer.

The school not only offers programs in agriculture, they also have programs in molecular biology, nutritional sciences, homeland security, and more. That is the message the name AgriLife Sciences is supposed to deliver.

However, with change, some opposition must come.

A number of past and present Ag students say changing the name is not the way to go. One current Agriculture student who opposes the change is Allen Livingston, IV.

He's not convinced that a new name would draw more students. Livingston says, "I don't think they're going to come here based on the name of AgriLife Sciences or the college of Agriculture. They're going to come here because of the quality classes, instructors, and job training that they can receive."

He also says a name change could be detrimental to the university and could even tarnish the reputation of the university. Livingston is not alone in this opinion. A campaign has been started on the internet to stop the name change.

Dr. Murano says she understands and respects Texas A&M's roots in agriculture, but says the college's appeal needs to be expanded. She says a new name will allow the college, "To go from a perception of being narrow and stuck in the eighteenth and nineteenth century. To a very twenty-first century that is a very broad definition of agriculture."

## Lower Enrollment Rates Lead to Revamping Ag College's Image

By: Stuart Womak, Battalion issue - 09/21/06

Student enrollment in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (COALS) is dropping and University officials say a facelift might be just what the college needs.

COALS is seeking to improve its image through a branding initiative that will combine a large-scale advertising campaign with the possibility of changing the college's name.

Undergraduate enrollment in the college has dropped by 254 students between 2003 and 2005, said Elsa Murano, vice chancellor for the college. She said prospective students' and society's antiquated perceptions of agriculture are responsible for difficulty in recruitment.

"Many people have a very narrow and dated concept of agricultural education," Murano said. "They think that agriculture is only production of crops with old technology. We must try to alter misconceptions about the value of agriculture or we run the risk of becoming irrelevant."

Pre-conceived notions subject COALS students to incorrect stereotypes, said junior agribusines major Genna Meisner.

"I hate that some people think that an agricultural major is an inferior degree," she said.

Murano said she submitted a proposal to recreate COALS' image in March to Big Picture Thinking (BPT), a branding and marketing firm out of Houston.

"Branding is to change the entire image of an entity," she said. "We want those who are less knowledgeable and supportive of agriculture to understand our college's contribution to research and development in nutrition, food safety, bio security, environmental conservation, water availability, bio fuels and all other aspects encompassed by COALS."

The campaign will consist of ads that visually expand

students' perceptions of agriculture, Murano said.

"We are specifically considering utilizing Twelfth-Man Advertising tools, television, posters, former student magazines, recruiting events and buzz marketing," she said.

Whatever the cost of the project, it will be funded through discretionary funds from the Vice Chancellor of Agriculture's office, Murano said.

"The office's fund is sponsored through gifts from donors," she said. "No state appropriated funding will be used."

Research indicated former and current COALS students are satisfied with their educations and impressed with the economic outlook of their future, and that universities indicated COALS was ranked among the top three agricultural schools in the country.

Murano said her goal is for prospective students to see the opportunities available within the college's 28 majors.

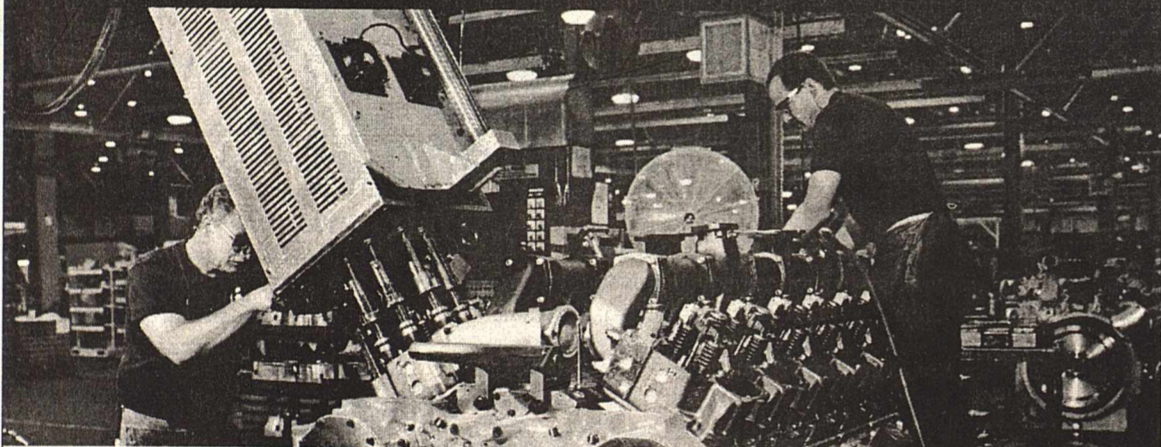
"The BPT suggested changing the college's name to raise curiosity from outsiders, especially prospective students and to eliminate stereotypical notions that are prevalent," she said. "COALS is about life, so we are considering changing our name to the College of AgriLife Sciences."

The name change has been endorsed by the college's graduate and undergraduate committees and is awaiting approval by the faculty senate, A&M President Robert M. Gates and the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

While the changes might attract students, Dale Pracht, assistant director and career coordinator of COALS, said they could improve the college's image with prospective corporate employers.

"Should this name change come about, we (the career center) would plan to work closely with the college to market students to employers," he said.

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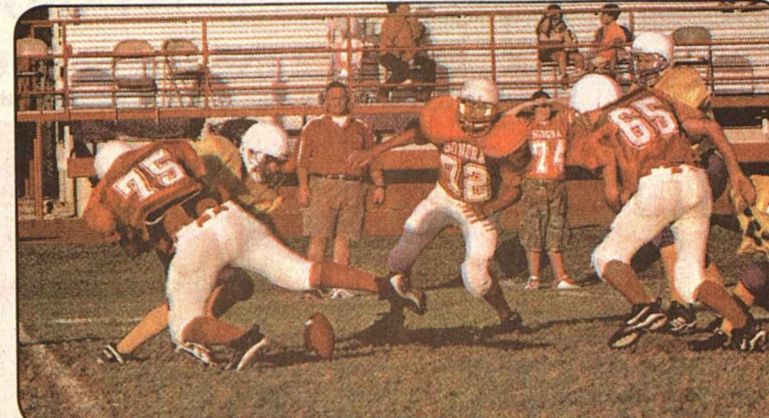
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Third Row: Will Dutton, Chris Molina, Jonathan Acosta, Scott Gonzales, Andy Samaniego, Tyler Smith, Darien Lopez, Kevin Buitron, Paul Culp

Fourth Row: Jared Hinsley, Austin Rodriguez, Lino Villanueva, Phillip Onofre, Jose Gutierrez, Sam Powers, Nolan Kinder, Michael Sanchez, and Cody Barber

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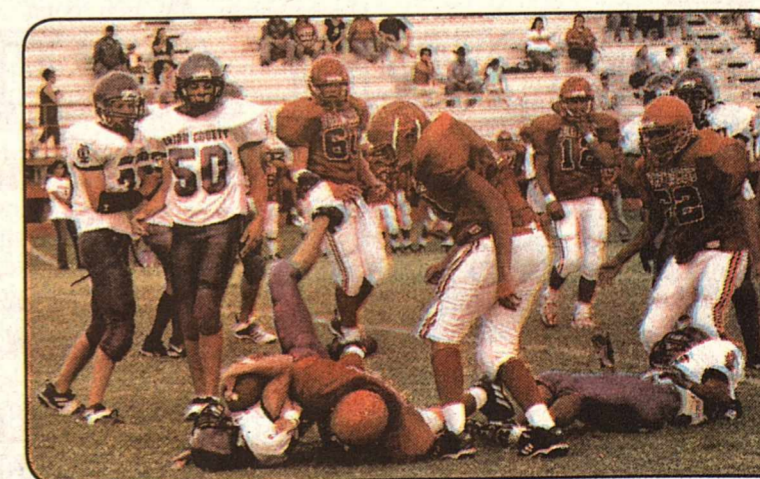
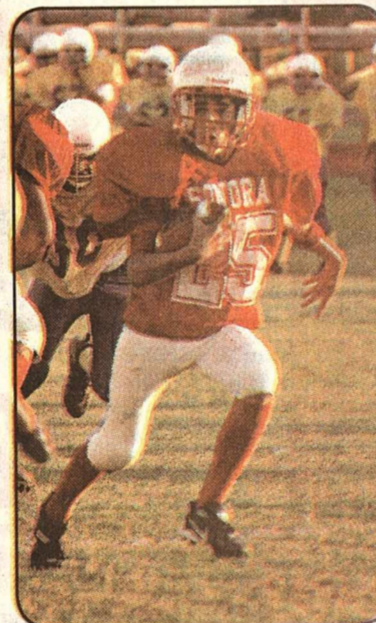
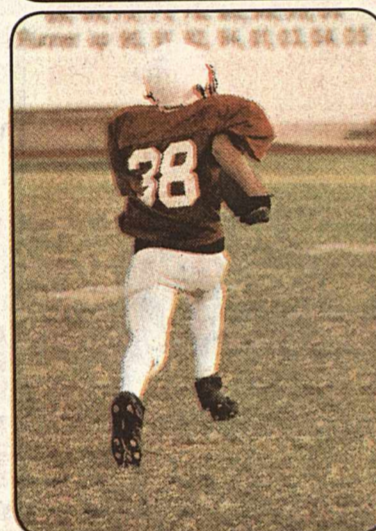
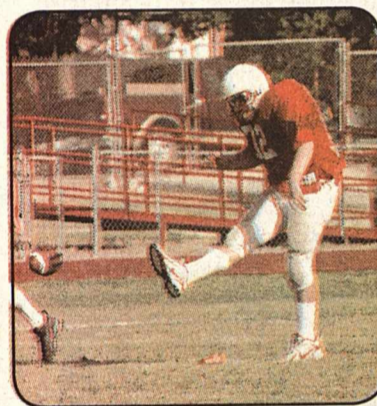
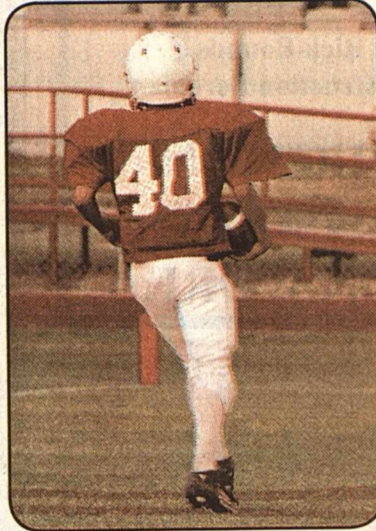
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4th Row: #54 Hector Ortiz, #61 Ethan Patlan, #99 Justin Garmon, #32 Brett Castillo, #10 Nelson Black, #5 Sid Anderson, #70 Jose Reyes

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By Christina Hernandez and Delaney Ramsdell  
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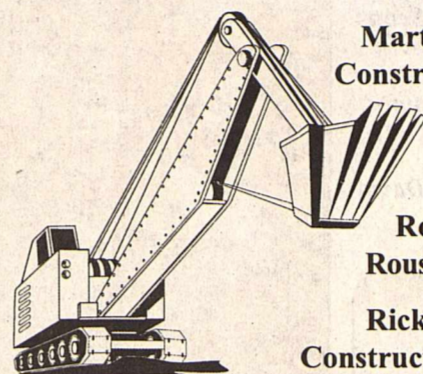
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The Kimble County Meals on Wheels will be sponsoring a retreat to the beautiful HEB Camp near Leakey. We invite you to join us in the fun. The retreat will be Nov. 7, 8, and 9. The cost is \$45.00 per person. This fee covers the insurance and all meal costs. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend this great week of fun and fellowship. To register, please come by the Sonora Senior Center. We can only take 10 people, so let us know ASAP. If you would like to go but can't pay, let us know at the Senior Center and we will find some sponsors willing to help with the costs.

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 The Health and Wellness Center Wednesday, October 25, 2006 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Free blood screening begin at 7:00 a.m. Persons must be fasting to qualify for Cholesterol and Blood Sugar screenings. PSA will also be available. Many other free or discounted health screening will be available.

The Lady Bronco softball team fundraisers for spring tournament expenses: Tickets will be available for a mystery gift basket to be raffled at the Junction game Friday, Oct. 13. Tickets are \$1.00 each, and may be purchased at the game before half time; YMCA football concession stand, Sat., Oct 14, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Bronco Stadium; Friday, Nov.3 carry and go fish & chip meal from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the field house parking lot. Cost is \$10 per person. Tickets available from any Lady Bronco softball team member; Bake Sale, Sat. Nov. 4, 8:00 a.m.-till gone at the T&C Village Market.

There will be a benefit menu-do breakfast at St. Ann's Catholic Church Hall Sunday, Oct. 15 beginning at 7:00 a.m. Menudo, tacos de barbacoa, sweets and coffee will be sold. This benefit breakfast is for Nora Jo Dominguez and her son, Brian Andrew.

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