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Cars, Queens and Cinco de Mayo Celebration

by Storie Sharp

It was a busy week-end at the Sutton County Park, with the 2nd Annual Sutton County Car Expo, hosted by Lino's Custom Stereo and the Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

The day started with a parade through town, showing off some great Cinco de Mayo themed floats, decorated in festive colors and some great decor.

Visitors could roam around the vendors, shopping for jewelry, art, caps, crafts or some great food! Gorditas, tacos, fajitas, fruit cups, hamburgers and even some Cajun fried chicken on a stick were found to tempt taste buds, while Tejano music filled the air Saturday. A washer pitching tournament was held under the shade trees in the slab with Martine and Jose winning the first tournament, and Trey and Hunter Preston winning second.

As evening fell on Saturday, the cars that were getting ready for Sunday's competition made a "Sonic Cruise" and the "Neon" competition was judged, with Ramiro Reyna's '98 Dodge Stratus taking first, and Juan Hernandez' Kia Rio taking second.

Vicki Garza won the "Best Decorated Booth" contest and Mauro Santana, Jr. was awarded for his "Best Decorated Go Cart".

A watermelon eating contest was held for the young visitors, with Mikey Sanchez eating the most in the allotted time.

Things got a little hot later in the day, when the jalapeno eating contest was held, with Desirae Boldt, whipping the competition and eating 10 large



peppers in one minute.

Kristina Hernandez, Christine Sanchez and Julie Villanueva took center stage after dark, with the 2005 Cinco de Mayo Queen was announced. Raising over \$10,000 for the St. Ann's Building Fund, the girls worked very hard preparing for the event. The final tally was very close, with the 2005 Cinco de Mayo Queen being Julie Nicole Villanueva, daughter of Harvey and Wilma Villanueva.

A dance rounded out Saturday night, with "Bravos De La Region" keeping the

dance floor packed at all times. Sunday found all the real competition going on, with the sound off competition rattling windows and the "dancing cars" entertaining the crowd.

In order to keep the crowd moving and the momentum going, "Little Mario" and his DJ crew out of San Angelo enticed the crowd into a special "dancing" presentation, with break dancing and a rapping competition with "Skittles" stealing the show.

In the Car Show, results

See Car Show page 10

Lady Broncos Advance

by Tryon Fields

Sonora softball took another step in the State Play-offs by defeating the Lady Yellow Jackets from Kermit. This game was a classic example of one team having a very good pitcher and the other having a pitcher that struggled from the get go. Sonora being the visitor; scored 5 runs in the top of the first off of five walks, an error, and two hits. Kermit would respond with 3 runs in the bottom of the first off of two walks, two hits and an error. At this point; everyone thought that the Lady Broncos were in for a game. You could not have been any further from the truth.

In the top of the second, Sonora sent sixteen batters to the plate, scoring 7 runs off of seven walks, two doubles and a single.

Kermit would not fare as well in the bottom of the second, as Meghan Krieg, Sonora's ace would find her groove and set the Lady Jackets down in order.

The top of the third through the fifth would be an extension of the second inning for Sonora, as they would score 16 more runs in the three innings.

Krieg would limit Kermit to only two base runners in their next three at bats. In the end Sonora would send forty-seven batters to the plate in their 23 to 3 win over Kermit.

The Lady Broncos would pound out 12 hits while walking 18 times in their Bi-District championship. At the plate, Sonora was led by Meghan Krieg who had a 3 for 4 day (2 singles, a double, and a walk). Heather Hughes would double twice, Kimble Luna had two singles, and Brandy Neff would single and hit a double. Jaimee Duran would have a double with Amanda Word, Adriana Castillo, and Laura Martin each singling to round out the hitting for Sonora. This games RBI leaders were Brandy Neff with four and Heather Hughes with three.

On the mound, Meghan Krieg would go the full five innings, facing 22 batters giving up the 3 runs off of 4 hits and 2 walks while striking out 7 Lady Jackets.

With this win the Lady Broncos will advance to the Area round of the playoffs. Sonora will face Jim Ned in a best of three series starting Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. at San Angelo Central's softball field. Game two will be Saturday at 1:00 p.m. with game three (if needed) to start 30 minutes following the second game. So make plans now to support the Lady Broncos in their quest for the State Tournament.

GOOD LUCK LADY BRONCOS - WIN AREA!!!!

Sonora welcomes home Marine, Pfc. Adkins

by Storie Sharp

It was an excited group of friends and family that waited on in the La Mexicana parking lot for the arrival of U.S. Marine, Pfc. Brandon Adkins on Saturday, April 16. He pulled in to town with a police escort and a rowdy entourage following him to his home, where it was hugs, smiles and pats on the back. On Sunday, April 17, Adkins was joined by a large group to witness the removal of his yellow ribbon from the Old Oak Tree on the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn. Some very special guests joined the Adkins group, four U.S. Marines that were stationed with Pfc. Shane Folmar in Iraq and were visiting to pay their respects to the family and visit Shane's home town.

Adkins, a 2002 graduate of Sonora High School, left for Iraq in September of 2004. He was stationed at Camp Ar Ramadi, where he was a part of convoy security, prisoner transfers, vehicle maintenance and building of armor.

After about a three week visit in Sonora, Brandon leaves for Camp Pendleton on Thursday, May 5th.



Pfc. Brandon Adkins proudly removes his yellow ribbon from the Old Oak tree.

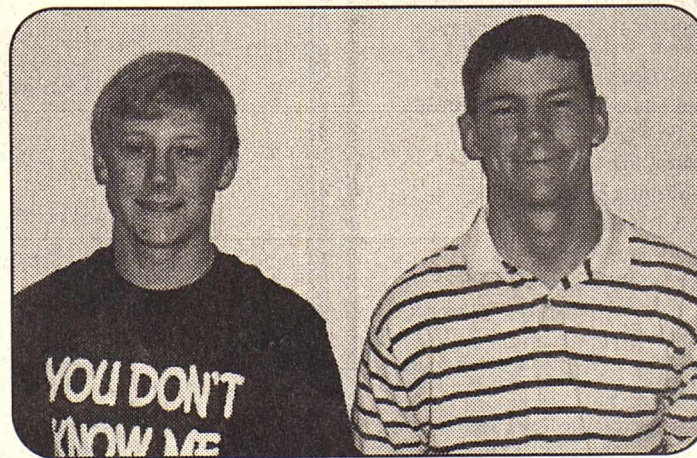


Golf teams to tee off at State

by Juanita McBride

Ten gold regional medals came home around the necks of ten high school golfers last week. Coach Drew Cox could not have been more proud than he was with the Sonora Broncos and Sonora Lady Broncos both winning the regional Tournament on April 25 & 26 at the Shady Oaks Golf course in Baird. The boys 2 day total was 614, Stetson Perez won the Silver medal individually shooting a 148, Cullen Parker 154, Trent Reiner 156, Embre Smith 156 and Mason Martinez 178. The girls 2 day total was 748, Kayla McBride 170, Sara Baggett 182, Candise Martin 197, Jessica Chavarria 199 and Kaci Chavarria 221. These 10 kid represented Sonora well at regionals and we wish them Good-Luck as they advance to the State Golf Tournament to be held May 9 & 10 at the Jimmy Clay golf course in Austin. The boys and girls teams are both ranked #1 in 2A going into this tournament. GOOD-LUCK TO THE SONORA LADY BRONCOS AND SONORA BRONCOS! BRING HOME THE GOLD!!! Photo by Memories by McBride

Embre Smith advances to state UIL competition



submitted

Regional UIL Academics were held in Abilene on the ACU Campus on Saturday, April 23, 2005. Students from Sonora High School that competed were: Mackenzie Perez, McKenzie Watkins, Warren Wallace - Informative Speaking; Allison Higdon - Persuasive Speaking and Current Issues and Events; Cameron Cox - Persuasive Speaking; Embre Smith and Jack Turney - Computer Applications.

Embre Smith (right) placed 3rd in Computer Applications qualifying for the state meet in Austin on May 7.

Jack Turney (left) placed 6th in Computer Applications and Allison Higdon placed 7th in Persuasive Speaking.

You're Invited to walk through the "Tea Cups From the Past"

submitted

The month of May is National Preservation Month and The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program and the Bank and Trust would like to invite the community of Sonora and Sutton County, as well as the surrounding counties and towns to take a walk back in time. On Thursday, May 5, 2005 to the end of May there will be historic family clothing, china, and other memorabilia from the past displayed in the newly remodeled Bank and Trust Lobby. During this time the Ranch Women of Sutton County Exhibit will also be on display. There will be a reception on Thursday, May 5, 2005, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., celebrating the reopening of the remodeled lobby and the exhibit will be open for viewing at that time. So please join us in honoring your Aunts, Grandmothers, or Sisters from the past by coming and viewing these beautiful artifacts.



Alicia Lowe models one of the many precious pieces from the past that will be on display at the Bank & Trust.

See City of Sonora update on Mosquitoes page 8

More Cinco de Mayo fun page 6

Broncos finish season undefeated

Bronco Baseball finished their regular season defeating the Eldorado Eagles 3-1. The win improved their record to 14-0 in District, 19-2 overall.

Anthony Longoria pitched five innings with six strikeouts, four walks and two hits. Dustin Creek was the closer, with three strikeouts, one walk and one hit.

From the plate, Diego Cardona had a double, a single and a sacrifice fly for two RBIs. Garrett Watkins had two singles and Roland Solis a double. Lito Trevino, Clint Cearley, Martin Gonzalez (1 RBI) and Steven Duhon all had one single.


The Broncos will start the playoffs on May 13 and 14, with a best-of-three series. It will not be known who they play or the location until May 7.

Keep up the good work and take one game at a time. Go Broncos!

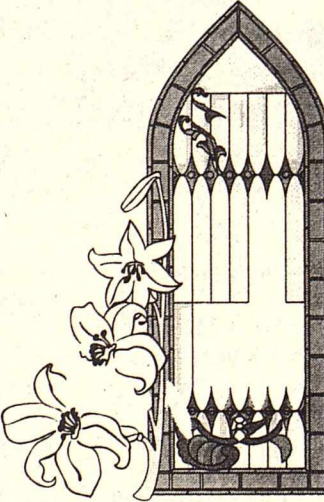
District Standings
Sonora 14-0
Grape Creek 12-2
Junction 8-6
Eldorado 6-8
Ozona 6-8
Mason 5-9
Wall 5-9
Reagan County 0-14

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Obituaries

Arnulfo A. Virgen, Jr

Arnulfo A. Virgen Jr., 61, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, April 22, 2005. A memorial service was held at 3 p.m. on Friday, April 29, at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Arnulfo was born April 16, 1944, to Arnulfo G. Virgen Sr. and Victoria A. Virgen. He married Connie Romo on March 20, 1992, and had a son Arnulfo Virgen III.

Arnulfo was a lifetime resident of Sonora, Texas. He attended the L.W. Elliott School in Sonora. At the very young age of 16, he went to work for Carl J. Cahill, owner of Carl J. Cahill Inc., and worked there from 1961 to 1997.

Arnulfo was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife and son; two sisters, Socorro V. Avila and her husband, Armando, and Edna V. Vargas; and a brother, Victor A. Virgen and his wife, Diana; along with several nieces, nephews and cousins.

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Eugene M. Reyna

Eugene M. Reyna, 44, died Tuesday, April 26, 2005, in Brady, Texas. He was born May 24, 1960, in Sonora, Texas, to Frank N. Reyna Jr. and Frances Reyna.

He was preceded in death by his father, maternal grandparents Gabriel and Eugenia Mata Sr., and paternal grandparents Francisco and Elvira Reyes Sr.

Survivors include his wife, Delia Reyna; three sons, Steve Reyna, Francisco Reyna and Eugene Reyna Jr.; a daughter, Victoria Hernandez; his mother, Frances Reyna; two brothers, John Reyna and wife Veronica of Kennesaw, Ga., and David Reyna and wife Jane of La Pryor, Texas; and three sisters, Yolanda Avila and husband Frank of Sonora, Texas, Delma Torres and husband Rudy of Laredo, Texas, and Gina Cervantez and husband Robert of Abilene, Texas. He is also survived by nephews Frank Esquivel, Jason Reyna, Jay Reyna, Eric Reyna, Justin Northcott and Jordan Torres; and nieces Crystal Delgado, Jessica Mayorga, Katherine Reyna, Amanda Reyna, Brooke Northcott, Jacklyn DeCordova and Sarah Torres; as well as great-nephews and nieces Joseph Delgado, David Delgado, Joshua Esquivel, Kacey Mayorga and Kayla Mayorga, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He graduated from Sonora High School in 1978 and worked in different positions at Food Center for over 20 years. He was an avid follower of all local sporting events, especially Bronco football, and enjoyed watching the Dallas Cowboys.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Sonora with Father Mike Dignio officiating. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery.

Pallbearers were John Reyna, David Reyna, Frank Avila, Frank Esquivel, Jay Reyna, Justin Northcott, and Eric Reyna.

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Carol Mills Dacus

Carol was born on May 16, 1956 in Alpine, Texas. She is survived by her devoted husband, Jim Dacus, her daughter Amber and grandson Brandon. She is also survived by her mother and father, Eva Jeanne and George Mills, her sister, Marsha Stabel, her brother, Homer Mills and her nephew Kenneth. In addition, she is survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and countless friends. Nell Wallace and Jerry Wallace of Sonora are two of her aunts.

Carol loved life. She lived every moment in her life with joy, passion, and humor. She was one of the finest examples of West Texas women. She had been a certified horse trainer at Ruidoso Downs and was employed for 25 years by Sul Ross University, most recently retiring from her position as Senior Buyer due to failing health in 2003. Carol ranched the family ranch with her faithful husband of 12 years, Jim. Theirs was a uniquely happy and harmonious marriage, working side by side, horseback and afoot, true partners, in the finest Texas tradition.

Carol was an accomplished artist, painting, sculpture, weaving, pottery, jewelry making and wood burnings. She had a particular passion for all creatures, great and small, from tiny birds to massive bull elk which responded to her call and gentle touch. Her most cherished place on the face of the earth was at the Mills ranch with her "girls", Brutus, Zaggy, Yoders, and with Jim.

Finally, Carol was a woman of deep and rock-solid faith in her God, the creator of her beautiful desert and all the creatures therein. From the onset of cancer in 1987, through the chemotherapy in 1988, her faith never wavered. Even while in the hospital and at times when it appeared she might not survive, Carol was at peace with her Saviour and God. Facing the prospect of death, Carol's only regret was the possibility of leaving the love her life, Jim and the beautiful desert ranch where she lived each day that God gave her to the fullest. A life long member of the First Christian Church in Alpine, Carol has "crossed over" to her reward where she waits for her beloved family and friends.

The family suggest that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society if you wish to do so. Vaya con Dios, mi bella prima.

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Obituaries

William Albert Childress

William Albert Childress, 87, of Ozona passed away on April 30, 2005, at the Crockett County Care Center. Graveside service were held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

He was born in Ozona on Aug. 21, 1917, to Lee Childress and Myrtle Kincaid Childress. W. A. was a well-known rancher, having ranched in Crockett and Wilson counties. He was a Beefmaster breeder and served as a director for Beefmaster Breeders Universal.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; his brothers, Phillip Lee Childress and James Robert Childress; his first wife, Mary Jess Koy Childress; and his son, William Ross Childress.

W. A. was a beloved husband, father and friend.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Haralson Childress; his daughter, Frances Childress Ross and her husband, Joe David Ross, of Sonora; and his son, Frank Childress and his wife, Ann Childress, of Canyon Lake. He had five grandchildren, Joe Will Ross and wife Lori Ross, David Lee Ross, Mary Ross Buchholz and husband Bob Buchholz, Bert Childress and Felice Childress; as well as three great-grandchildren, Robert, Dalton and Franklin Buchholz.

He was also close to his wife's family, Linda Fagan and her son Brandon Fagan and wife Misty Fagan; Sharon Link and her son Christian Link and her daughter Heather L. Curry and husband John Curry; and Linda and Charles Haralson and their daughter Nancy H. Smith and husband Russell Smith, their son Charlie Bob Haralson and wife Janyne Haralson, and their son Tom Haralson.

Honorary pallbearers were Eugene Miller, Charlie Fuller, Dan Conoly and George Carroll.

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Robert "Ruggie" Wilson

Robert "Ruggie" Wilson died at home on May 2, 2005, after a long illness. He was born February 11, 1926, in Menard, Texas to Bob and Hollie Guest Wilson. He attended school in Sonora, Texas.

Robert served in the U.S. Army from 1945 to 1946, serving in Leyte, Luzon and Tokyo, Japan, where he was a crane operator, unloading supply ships. He was married to Sydonia Nichols in 1947, and they made their home in Sonora. They have one daughter, Jennie.

Robert served the community as a propane delivery person for over 20 years. He worked for Phillips Petroleum and Cockrell Production as a gas pumper. He also drilled water wells for many people in the area.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter and family, Jennie and Bruce Swyter of Eldorado; three grandchildren, Jesse Crawford of Bloomington, IN, Jackie Crawford of Port Henry, NY; and Rhapsody Swyter of



Eldorado, TX; one brother, Emmitt Wilson and his wife Dorothy; nephew Tom Bob Wilson and wife Rhonda and their children, Annett Thornton and Daniel all of Sonora.

Graveside services were at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 4, at the Sonora Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to The First United Methodist Church of Sonora, P.O. Box 675, Sonora, TX 76950, or to Hospice San Angelo, P.O. Box 471, San Angelo, TX 76902.

Senior Center News

- May 9 - Bingo; Blood pressure checks w/ TDH!
- May 10 - Beth Wallace will be at Center to do wills for Seniors from 11:00 a.m. - ?
- May 11 - Exercise w/ video! Get off your rocker and rock with us!
- May 12 - Start Summer Crafts - need volunteers and ideas!
- May 13 - run errands and pay bills!
- May 14 - Mother's Day Tea Party - 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Senior Center Menu

- May 9 - Hamburger on bun, lettuce/onion/tomatoes, oven French Fries, carrot salad, apple, milk
 - May 10 - Roasted chicken, pinto beans, spinach, cornbread, cobbler, milk
 - May 11 - Roast beef w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, juice, angel food cake, milk
 - May 12 - Chicken/rice casserole, broccoli, rolls, peach half, chocolate cake, milk
 - May 13 - Pork chop w/ gravy, baked potato, yellow squash, cornbread, pineapple, Waldorf salad, milk
- Mon. - Fri 7:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
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Menu is subject to change.


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<p>May 5th Dominion Relay for Life Fish Fry Civic Center Park • 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>May 8 Happy Mother's Day</p> <p>May 9th Commissioners Meeting 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>May 9 School Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>May 12th Chamber Meeting 12:00 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Office</p>
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Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. Do you have any information on B. M. Halbert, Sr.?

A. B. M. Halbert, Sr. was born on July 20, 1867 in Washington County to Lucius Nash and Rebecca Alford Halbert. When he was twelve years old his family moved to Gonzales Co., and later, after the death of his father, he and his mother settled in Coleman. He finished public school and took a two-year course at Texas A&M College. He later was graduated from Hill's Business College in Waco.

With his brother and another man he went into the land and loan business, and for a time lived in Old Mexico. Returning, he went to work on a West Texas ranch for \$20 a month. After working for a year, he got a raise of \$5.

Becoming dissatisfied with the ranch business, he got a job as bookkeeper at a general mercantile store operated by Major A.A. DeBerry and Webb March as a branch of March Brothers' Store in San Antonio.

He married Kidie Ellis, the daughter of Judge J. J. Ellis of Edwards County on January 20, 1895 at the Hoffman boarding house in Sonora. They had met at a 4th of July picnic on a dance platform where the schools are now built. Kidie wore a black sateen dress with a high white collar the Sunday night they were married by Judge J.M. Bell. Kidie had been born in San Antonio on April 2, 1876.

A short time later the Bank of Sonora was organized and he went in as cashier. This private bank quit business when the First National Bank was organized.

While in the banking business he saw that people with goats were the ones making the most money and this determined him to go into the goat business. He purchased his ranch in 1898.

The first public work that B.M. Halbert did was to serve on the school board at Sonora. He was active in getting the large campus where the elementary schools now stand and active in increasing the size of the school district.



B. M. Halbert, Sr.



Kidie Ellis Halbert

He was very active in the organization of the Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, serving as its second president. It was through his efforts, to a large extent, that the Experiment Station was located between Sonora and Ricksprings.

Mr. Halbert used to say, "I've been here a long time, but I've never learned to like cows yet, maybe because my father made me milk them when I was a boy. Talk about a goat astinkin', why I'd rather smell a dozen goats than one old wet cow. You know they always smell worse when they're wet and then is when I had to milk them as a boy. I've never liked cows to this day."

During World War I, he was very active in different kinds of work. He was one of the most active food administrators in the West. He had a life membership in the Red Cross and one year gave his entire mohair clip to that organization, shipping it to Boston at his own expense. He purchased thousands of dollars in bonds, borrowing the money at 10% to do so.

Mr. Halbert found the Navy

wanted a goat for a mascot. Always a publicity man for the Angora, he wired the Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy he would like to supply a registered Angora Billy.

From that day on, until 1945 when a Fredericksburg goat was sent to the academy out of respect for Admiral Nimitz, Mr. Halbert supplied the Naval Academy with its mascots. Once a reporter fell for the story that Mr. Halbert had a "monopoly" on furnishing the academy with the goats. An investigation was asked. Mr. Halbert heard about it and wired the investigating committee: "No monopoly on mascot goats of the United States Naval Academy. But if Billy VIII does not butt the Army mule off the football field in their coming game. I promise to replace him with Billy IX."

Mr. Halbert's enthusiasm for the Angora goat was pronounced from the time he went into the ranching business in 1903, but when he paid \$1,750 for Riddell's No. 93, the top price for a registered Angora Billy, West Texas people knew he really believed in good goats. Higher prices have been paid since, but this was the talk of the West Texas ranchmen in the early 1920's.

Mr. Halbert was quoted as saying "Nineteen years ago I paid J.N. Ross \$10 a head for registered Angora Billies. Today Mr. Ross is paying me \$75 for Billies to breed to his flock. Nineteen years ago I sheared three pounds of mohair from my goats. Today my best goats shear six pounds in six months clips and last fall some of my yearling bucks cut from eight to ten pounds of mohair in a clip."

Kidie Ellis Halbert died on September 28, 1936 in San Angelo. She was buried in the Sonora Cemetery near her twins, Jerry (7-23-1900-9-18-

1900) and Jessie (7-23-1900-2-14-1902) and son Horace Hilton Halbert (11-26-1895-5-2-1898). She was survived by her children Mr. B.M. Halbert, Jr., Mrs. L.P. (Ida) Bloodworth and Mrs. Willie B. (Della Rose) Whitehead and numerous grandchildren. Kidie had been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the San Angelo unit of the Texas A&M Mothers' Club.

B. M. Halbert, Sr. died on June 20, 1946 and was buried beside Kidie in the Sonora Cemetery. He was a member of the Dee-Ora Masonic Lodge A.F.&A.M., the Downtown Lions' Club, Sheep & Goat Raisers Association, and the American Angora Goat Raisers Association.

Both B.M. and Kidie were loved by many people and were greatly missed after their deaths. How they loved to sit and listen to his stories of the old days and his humorous tale of the "toothpicks."

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@sonoratrax.net. You may call us at the office at 387-5084 Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 8:00 to 11:45 with your questions about history or rental of the grounds. May dates are going very fast so call now and don't wait till the last minute or you might not get the date you want. Just stop by the office during the same times on Monday, Friday or Saturday mornings to tour the museum and grounds.

Please don't call the house for a while. Rick is still in a lot of pain and needs to rest in the afternoons and evenings and to get strength for his surgery. Thanks!

State lawmakers pass 1,968 'routine' measures

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

by Mike Cox

AUSTIN - With the regular session of the 79th Legislature down to its last month, the pace of law-making is about to pick up.

So far, legislators have passed 1,968 measures, but they are routine, uncontested measures, ranging from honorary resolutions to local bills.

Of those at the close of business on April 29, only 65 had been signed by the governor. Again, they all are routine. But Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has said he believes the upper chamber will act this week on Sen. Florence Shapiro's (R-Plano) school finance bill (the committee substitute to House Bill 2 was voted out of committee the evening of April 29.)

Also this week, the Senate Finance Committee will begin consideration of the property tax bill, the committee substitute to House Bill 3.

Democratic candidate boots up...

Looks like the Democrat going up against the winner of the Rick Perry, Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Kay Bailey Hutchison nomination fight will be former Congressman Chris Bell of Houston.

Redistricted out of office, he's setting up a Howard Dean-style, high tech "exploratory" read fund-raising campaign. Bell's Web site, www.chrisbell.com, says, "We plan to run a smart, aggressive grassroots campaign that fully recognizes the fundraising potential and organizing power of the Internet community."

Blue eyes cryin' in the rain...

Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos' (D-Austin) effort to name State Highway 130 - a part of the Central Texas Turnpike Project - after Willie Nelson has crashed into a dead end with the senator saying enough is

enough after two of his Republican colleagues balked at naming the roadway after the singer.

When Sens. Steve Ogden (R-College Station) and Jeff Wentworth (R-San Antonio) got Senate Bill 802 removed from the local and uncontested calendar, Barrientos opted not to push to get it on the upper chamber's regular calendar. That effectively closed the road to the proposed Willie Nelson Turnpike.

Meanwhile, Sen. Shapiro has been assigned by the chair of the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee to come up with a definitive policy on naming roadways after people.

Targeting chubby students...

The Senate has passed a bill requiring all public middle and high school students to get at least a half-hour of exercise a day at school. (A similar law covering elementary pupils went on the books in 2001.)

Bill sponsor Sen. Jane Nelson (R-Lewisville) says the new law is intended to help keep older school children from becoming obese. The Senate bill has been sent to the House.

Senate supports 1 kind of pot...

Senate members have approved a measure declaring the Dutch oven, a three-legged iron pot, the official state cooking implement. The resolution now goes to the House, where approval is expected.

If it worked for Jesse...

Kerrville mystery writer-singer Kinky Friedman, actively pursuing his independent campaign for the Governor's Mansion, has announced the hiring of the political strategist who helped wrestler Jesse Ventura get elected governor of Minnesota - Dean Barkley.

Barkley, who served briefly in the U.S. Senate, will be Friedman's campaign director.

Letter to the Editor

Alyssa Collins gets good results

We got word Monday that the latest bone marrow test performed on my granddaughter, Alyssa Collins, has returned with 0% cancer cells! None! Zip! Nada!

It is the best Mother's Day present ever. To each person in this community who has given us the gift of their time, money, and prayers for this precious child, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. You have provided encouragement when our spirits were flagging and love when we felt so very alone.

We know we are not out of the woods. Alyssa will have to undergo more testing as the medical professionals "re-build" her immune system. But there's a big glow at the end of the tunnel, and all the roads lead home to Sonora.

"Thank you" somehow just doesn't seem adequate. It is my prayer that God shower his blessings upon you.

There really is no place like home.

Becky McAngus

Happy Birthday

May 6

Becky Johnson, Kim Yocham, Pedro Munoz, Alyssa Vela

May 7

Manuel Lopez, Selena Trevino, Scott Jacoby, Jaydan Crain, Will Dunn, Gaye Sanchez, John David Lozano, Fidencio Vasquez, Monique Levario, Mario Hernandez, Jr., Kory Humphry, Serena Trevino, Becky Lavario

May 8

Ethan Patlan, Rudy Caro, Johnny Luna, Tommy Van Winkle, Karina Velez

May 9

Ross Sanchez, Joel Arwine, Aidan Castro, Jo Davis

May 10

Kimberly Gonzalez, Trinity Zook, Sam Houston Powers, John Brown, A.J. Gonzales, Treva Smart

May 11

Jessica Zaragoza, Garrett Watkins, Andres Hernandez, Mike McBride, Vicente Hernandez, Dee McGee, Taylor Liverman, Jerry Jackson

May 12

Esteban Garcia, Marlana Hernandez, Renee Casey

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**Spring cleaning brings about
city ordinance questions**

by Juanita Gomez, City of Sonora Code Enforcement Officer

Spring-cleaning is upon us! Have you and your neighbors been doing some spring-cleaning inside and out? Does it seem like everything is ending up outside the dumpster or blowing down the alley? First of all, let's talk about what cannot go into the dumpsters. Disposing of hazardous waste, medical wastes, used oil, used lead-acid batteries, tires, or paints can lead to costly fines and in some cases, jail time. Also, using someone else's dumpster without their permission is against State Law. Letting items fall outside the dumpster or placing any items, small or large, by the dumpster is considered littering, which can also lead to costly fines.

I know it's hard in some cases to get everything to fit in the dumpster because someone else has filled it up. In this case you should wait for the dumpster to be emptied and put your items in then, or can call City Hall to make arrangements to dispose of your items at the convenience station. There is a fee for this service.

One more thing! Sonora City Ordinance Section 38-34

(b) The areas to be maintained clean under this section shall extend back from each property line that abuts any open and maintained street right-of-way 25 feet, and all areas within 50 feet from any building or structure, whether situated on the same lot or adjacent lot.

(c) It shall be the duty of the property owner or person occupying the property to keep the area from the property line to the street curbline, or if no curbline, then to the bar ditch on the nearest maintained part of the traveled portion of the street or roadway, clean in accordance with this section; however, the property owner or property user shall not be required to remove any shade trees from any areas covered by this section unless the same constitutes a traffic hazard, and removal thereof is specifically required by the city.

Basically, in plain English you need to mow up to the curb or the street and around the water meters and dumpsters. If you walk behind your fence to the alley, you have to mow all the way up to the caliche.

You can make a difference by keeping your neighborhood and community beautiful by monitoring your alley and not allowing any dumping and littering to take place.

If you see any violations occurring please call the Sonora Police Station at 325-387-3888 or Sonora City Hall at 325-387-2558 to report these crimes. You do not have to give your name, number and all of your information will remain confidential.

If you are confused as I was when I first read all of this; call and set up an appointment and I will be glad to come visit with you and explain everything.

Thank you Notes

Sonora's first American Junior Rodeo "AJRA" in many years was held with great success this past weekend. This rodeo was sponsored by our Sutton County 4-H Club to benefit our newly formed scholarship fund. Without the help of our many community volunteers, 4-H members and their families, and our local support this could not have been done. A great big Thank You goes out to Ann Kay and the Friends of Historic Sonora, Paul Ramsdell and Comfort Inn, Doug and Suzanne Huddleston, Ralph and Bobby Lou Mayer, Sutton County Days Association and Jacque Smith with the E.M.S. Our entire group received rave reviews by both of our stock contractors on how well everything was run and on the amount of local volunteers that we were so very lucky to have. Again, we appreciate everyone and their generosity. We could not have done this without you!

Thank you,
Stacey & Fran Pennington

The 2005 Cinco de Mayo parade was a great success thanks to all our parade participants. A special thanks goes to the parade line-up crew: Susan Hall, Chamber of Commerce Board Member, Spencer Hall, Victoria Robles, Ramon Estrada with Creek Swabbing and Rosa Hernandez with the Bank and Trust.
Juanita Estrada, Parade Chairman

Thank you to all Band Booster members who helped during the District Band Concession Stand and Sunday, April 24, BBQ lunch plates. A special Thank you to the following members: Irene Casillas, Rosario Tovar, Betty Garcia, Toni Charo, Michelle Lipham, Carol Leonard, Mary Lou Castillo and Toni Gallegos for

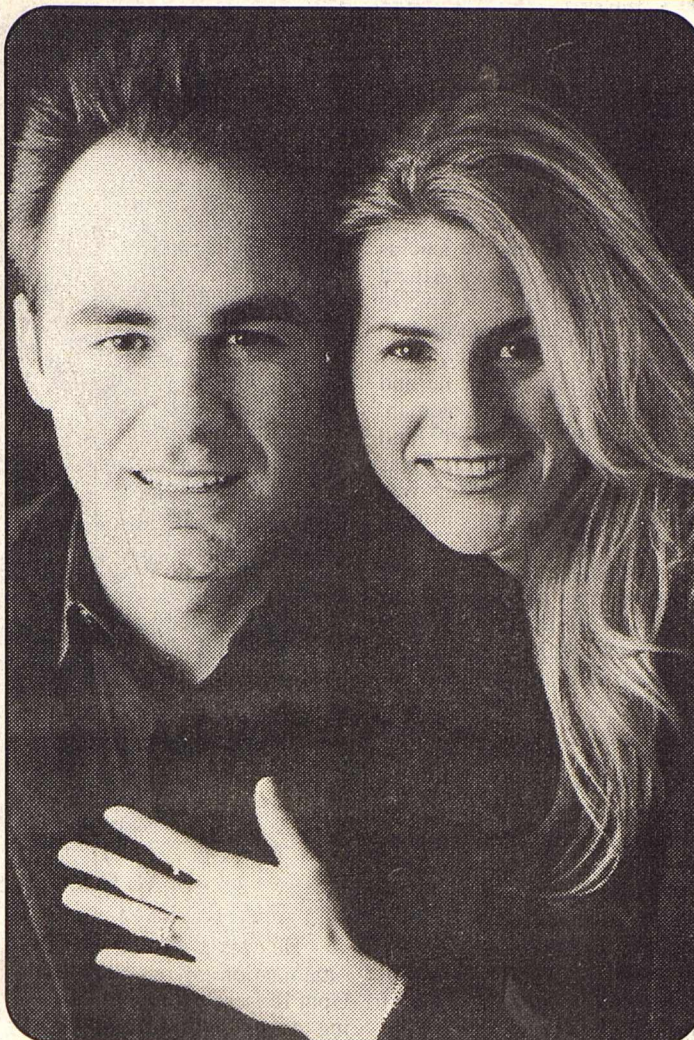
the delicious cakes.

For all the GREAT cooks and servers: Rusty Baldwin, David Love, Ty Love, Cliff Brister, Clifton Lipham, Carlos & Toni Gallegos, John & Annette Castro, Mary Lou Castillo, Susan Hall, Joyce Jimenez, Julie Martin, Sylvia Martinez, Willie & Linda Mungia, Tami Love, Toni Charo, Armando Noriega, Marco Jimenez, Victoria Robles, Mandy Brister, Rudy Charo, Colton Moore, Sherry Ingham, Fil Garza, JJ Galindo, Spencer Hall, Mark Hernandez and Eddie & Tammy Favila for all their hard work! Our BBQ lunch went over great!! Thanks to all the great supporters of the Mighty Bronco Band!
Band Booster Officers

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone that showed support of the Knights of Columbus Scholarship fund by purchasing tickets to the raffle for the computer, that was announced at the Cinco de Mayo festival on Saturday, April 30. The lucky winner of the computer was Dora McAfee! Congratulations to Dora and again, thank you to everyone.

I would like to take this time to thank the whole community of Sonora for your help and support while running for Cinco de Mayo Queen. I would especially like to thank my grandparents Reynaldo and Olivia Perez, my aunts Hilda Galvan, Pat Villanueva, Gina Sananta, Betty Hernandez, Maria Zaragoza, Vicki Garza, Nora Perez, Patricia Hernandez, Guadalupe Hernandez, Sonia Hernandez, my cousins Sandra Mesa, Sandra Zaragoza, Jessica Zaragoza, Paula Villanueva, and Jennifer Espinosa. I also want to thank Dee Martinez, Viola Solis, Kirk Joy, Gully and Sons for your help. I would like to give a special thanks to my parents for all their support and to my brother for being my escort. It is people like you that make this a great community. Thank you and May God Bless you all!

Kristina Hernandez

Engagement Announcement

Charles Coke and Carrie Neely

**Neely-Coke announce
summer wedding plans**

Carrie Elizabeth Neely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Neely, is engaged to Charles Edward Coke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Flynn, and the late William Coke. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Lura Sawyer and the late Edwin Sawyer, and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Neely, and the late Frances Neely. The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Conrad, and Mrs. Pauline Coke and the late Wyatt Coke.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing. She is employed as an Independent Representative for Choices for Children. Her fiancé will graduate from the University of Texas at Dallas with a Bachelor of Science in Finance & Economics in May 2005. He plans to work in the oil and gas industry.

The couple plans an August 2005 wedding at Christ Episcopal Church in San Antonio, Texas.

Chamber Chatter**Chamber of Commerce
kicks off Landscape project**

SONORA
Chamber of Commerce
by Ruthie Bounds, Executive Director

The "Landscape of the Month" award for May 2005 goes to The Comfort Inn of Sonora. We had three chamber member businesses nominated for May, and of these three the Comfort Inn of Sonora was chosen as the winner. The scope and scale of the landscaping for the Comfort Inn was the deciding factor. Even though this business is recessed back off Highway 277 the improvements and landscaping carry all the way out to the highway. They received extra marks for the use of native and xeriscape plantings. The use of these plants helps to conserve water and they naturally thrive in our climate. Congratulations to the Comfort Inn of Sonora for being the first "Landscape of the Month" award winner.

Remember this award will be given to a chamber member each month. All you have to do to nominate your business or one that has captured your attention is to call the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center at 325/387-2880, and state that you would like to

make a nomination for the "Landscape of the Month" award. So everyone needs to get busy and dress up their business then call and nominate that business to receive this award. We would like for all chamber members to participate, and if you are not a chamber member we would like to invite you to become a member. The committee meets the last Friday of each month, so get your nominations in now for the June award.

There will be a free hearing screening by a licensed Audiologist provided by the Rehab Hearing Center of West Texas Rehab at the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, May 11th from 9:00 am until 12 noon. This is free to the public, so there are no excuses not to have your hearing checked. Don't miss out on all the wonderful sounds life has to offer, come get your hearing checked.

We want to thank all the wonderful people that helped with the Sutton County Car Expo and Cinco de Mayo Celebration. From all accounts it was a huge success and that can only be attributed to the hard work of volunteers. The people of Sonora are so great and so giving of their time and talents.



Congratulations to the Comfort Inn, chosen as the Chamber's first "Landscape of the Month" winner.

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Bronco JV Baseball Team ends season with 4 straight wins

By Mark Rousselot

Remember Harry Carey, the famed baseball announcer who made the song "Take me out to the ballpark" a national pastime hit. Well, in his famous words, Hoooooooly TOLEDO! What a game! In dramatic fashion, the Bronco JV beat its arch-rival, the Eldorado Eagles, 7-6 in a come-from-behind victory in the last inning.

Down 6-2 with the Eagles best pitcher on the mound, the Broncos started their one out rally when Tanner James singled to left field (Come to think of it, the rally may have started with Jose Casillas sliding catch in left field to save two runs and keep the Eagles from scoring in the top of the seventh.) With Travis Valliant pinch-running for James, Augustine Vaquera followed with an infield hit. Riley Sanchez then walked to load the bases for Evan Rousselot. Rousselot promptly singled sharply to left field to plate two runs for a 6-4 score. On the throw to home plate, Sanchez and Rousselot moved to 2nd and 3rd bases. Victor Vaquera followed with a clutch base hit to right field to tie the game 6-6. Again on a throw to the plate, Vaquera went to second and on a surprise move, stole third. With two strikes on him, Ty Love lofted a fly ball to left field for the game winning RBI when Vaquera "tagged up" on third for the 7-6 thrilling victory.

With his older brother



Augustine behind the plate, Victor Vaquera picked up the win while Rousselot would go 2 for 3 with 2 stolen bases, 2 runs scored and 2 RBI's.

This game ended the Bronco JV's season at a record of 9-6, but 8-2 in district which included a perfect record at home. Austin Casteneda and Victor Vaquera led the team in pitching. Jack Turney and J T Downing provided clutch hitting during the season. Brian Reyes was steady at third while Nathan Mungia provided some key pinch hits.

The season was capped with early victories over Ballinger, Ozona and Reagan County. After a mini mid-season slump, the Broncos rallied, finishing with four straight wins, two of which were this thrilling game and an outstanding 2-1 victory of nemesis Wall.

Thanks go to Coaches Duncan and Buchanan for their leadership and sincere interest in coaching these young men. Congratulations to the Bronco JV Baseball Team!

Varsity Track results from District

The Varsity Boys finished second with 131 1/2 points, behind only Wall who finished first with 169 1/2 points.

- Individual results were:
3200m Run: 6. Jacob Ibarra 11:25.31
440m Relay: 2. Cameron Cox, Steven Duhon, Anthony Longoria, Brett McDaniel 44.04
800m Run: 5. David Love 2:12.59
100m Hurdles: 5. Nash Traylor 16.57
100m Dash: 2. Brett McDaniel 11.11
800m Relay: 1. Cameron Cox, Steven Duhon, Jose Rodriguez, Anthony Longoria 1:32.36
400m Run: 1. Jesse Garza 52.71
300m Hurdles: 3. Jose Rodriguez 41.06; 4. Nash Traylor 42.58; 6. Justin Northcott 43.88
200m Dash: 2. Anthony Longoria 22.34
1600m Run: 5. Nick Favila 4:56.94
1600m Relay: 6. Jessie Garza, Brett McDaniel, Pedro Gloria, Steven Duhon 3:38.83
Discus: 1. Brett McDaniel 161'; 6. Cameron Cox 123' 10"
Long Jump: 1. Anthony Longoria 21' 9"
Pole Vault: 3. Justin Northcott 11' 6"; 5. Warren Wallace 11'
Shot Put: 2. Diego Cardona 47' 1"; Brett McDaniel 44' 8"
Triple Jump: 1. Anthony Longoria 42' 11"

Lady Broncos

Sonora 23, Kermit 3

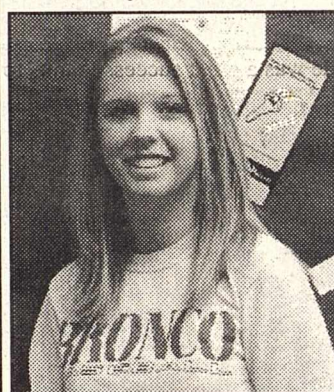
Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Sonora	5	2	4	4	8	0	0	23	14	2
Kermit	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	3

	AB	R	H	RBI
#6 Fields, K., CF	3	1	0	0
#4 Duran, J., 2B	3	4	1	0
#10 Krieg, M., P	4	4	3	1
#1 Luna, K., C	4	5	3	2
#7 Hughes, H., SS	3	4	2	3
#11 Neff, B., 3B	3	2	2	4
#18 Word, A., LF	2	2	0	3
#25 Castillo, A., DH	2	0	1	0
#8 Martin, L., 1B	1	1	1	3
#20 Alvarado, D., RF	1	0	0	1
#13 Higdon, M., RF	2	0	1	1
Totals	28	23	14	18

2B: #7 Hughes, H., (2), #4 Duran, J., #10 Krieg, M.

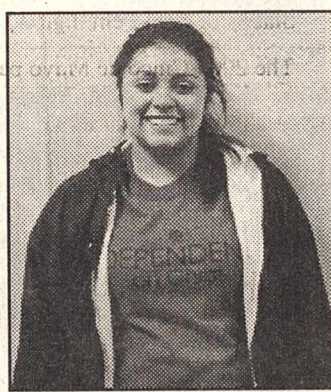
Students of the Week

Hillary Lawson



Hillary Dru Lawson is the 16-year-old daughter of Jane Rushing and Jack Lawson. The junior at S.H.S. enjoys talking on the phone, riding around, hanging out with friends and spending time with family. Her favorite class is PALS. She plans to attend the Covenant School of Nursing.

Mackenzie Perez



Mackenzie is the 16-year-old daughter of Janna and Zeke Martinez. The sophomore enjoys cheerleading, basketball, talking on the phone and being with her friends. Her favorite subjects are debate and history. Her plans after graduation are to go to a four year university.

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Evelyn Castillo	Allison Higdon
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Jessica Chavarria	Chelsey Seaton
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4:00-5:20 p.m.	ANTH 2301 J01 Dr. Hall	Introduction to Archaeology (3 hours credit)

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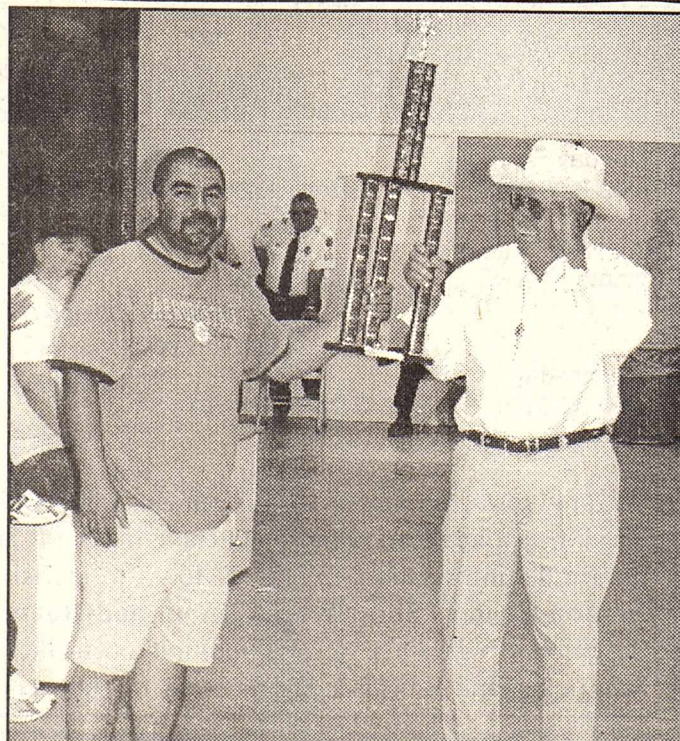
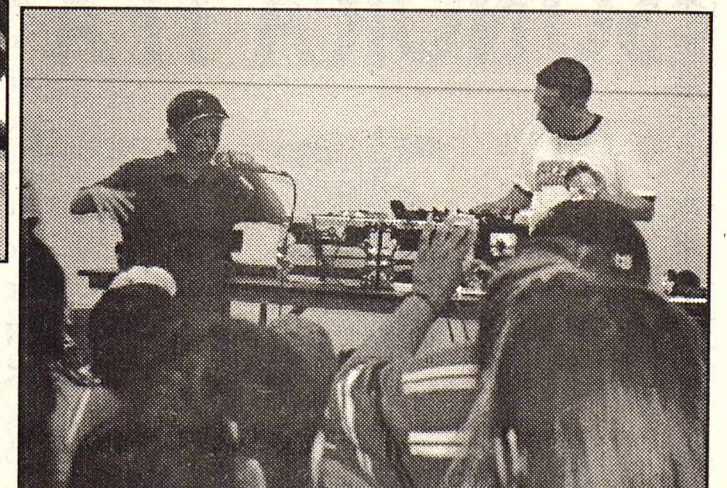
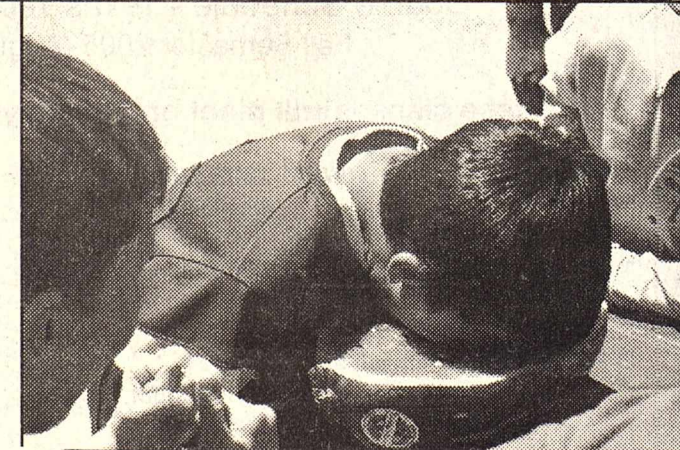
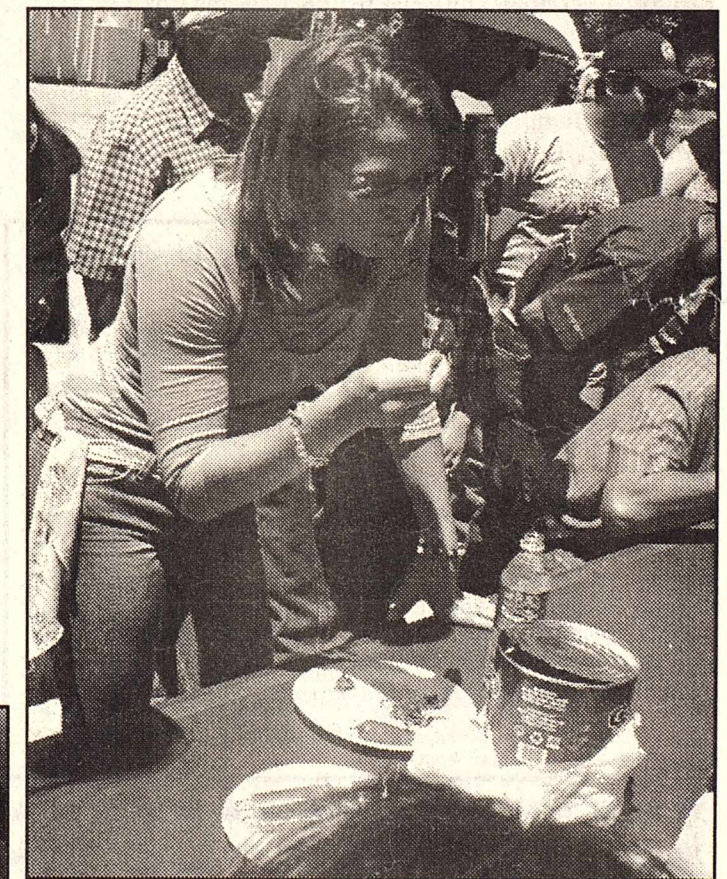
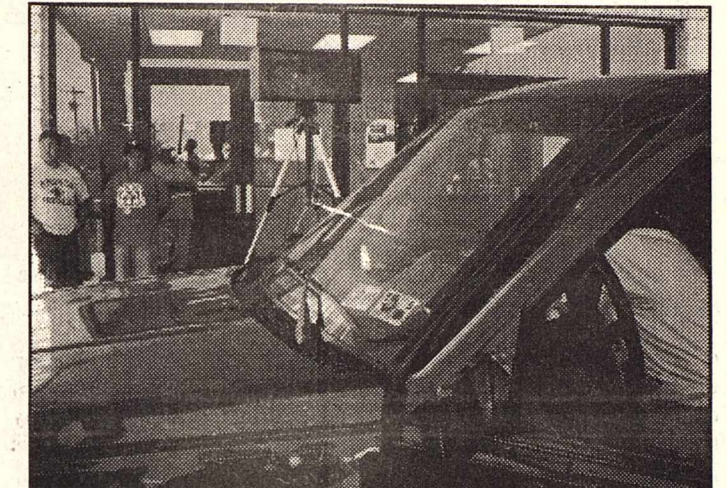
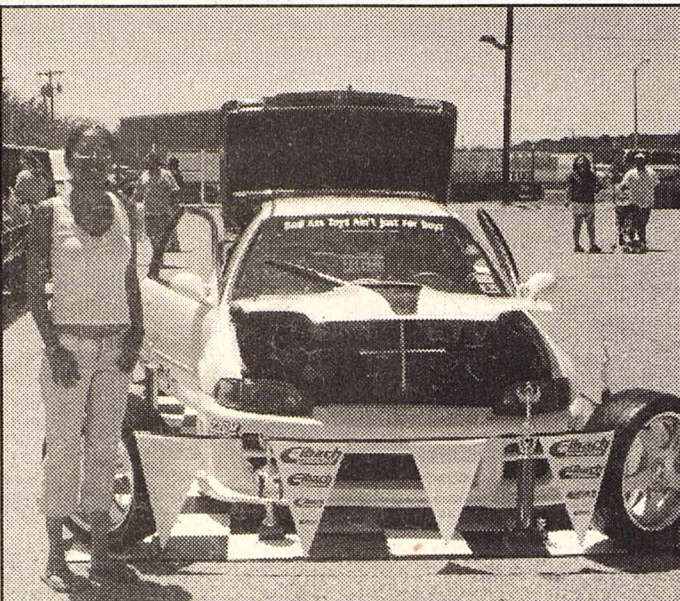
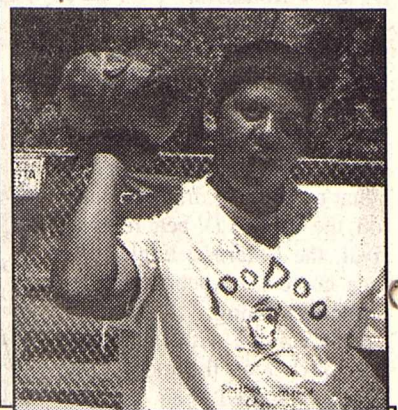
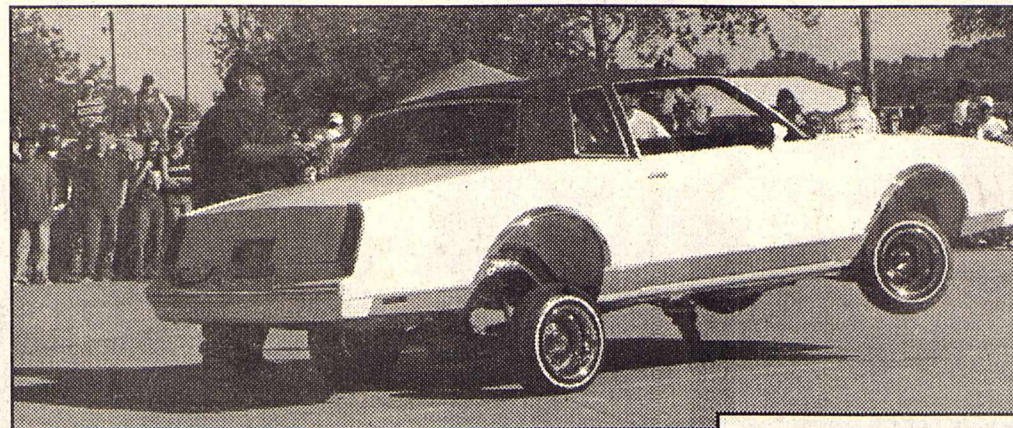
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Letter to the Editor

The following letter was shared with us by a local parent who asked to remain anonymous, but the threat is very real and happened to one of our S.H.S. graduates attending college. Please remind your children to be aware of their surroundings at all times and take necessary precautions to avoid such situations!

Got home late, but for some reason, I went to check the messages on the answering machine right away. There were a couple that I would see about tomorrow and then the last one. From the son at college.

"Hi, Mom, just checking in. Love you. Just had something I needed to talk to you about. You know, I really love you. Call me back."

Something about the tone. Yes, it was pretty late, but I called back right away. We talked, then, for thirty minutes or so. For the first past, about things at school, his girlfriend, what he had been doing, what I had been doing, just the regular stuff we visit about a couple times a week. Then he said, "Something happened last night; I need to tell you about it, but everything is okay." That tone again.

"I was studying last night in the Flag Room on campus. I had my laptop out and was doing research using the wireless Internet. It was late. [The girlfriend] wasn't with me, but there were other kids in there, a bunch of guys, younger than I am - probably freshmen, maybe sophomores. Then this other guy walks in; he was older. He looks around and heads straight for me."

"So did you know him, son?"
"No, I had never seen him. He walks up to me and asked me if I was a Christian. Then he told me that he was thinking about committing suicide and asked if I would talk with him. So, I shut my laptop and told him, 'Sure, I'll talk to you.'"

"Mom, he said that all his family and friends had left and gone to Arkansas. He wanted a bus ticket and he asked if I could help him out. I could smell the malt liquor on him, but I couldn't just walk away if he was really thinking about killing himself. So I opened the laptop and told him I would buy him a ticket. I would have to put in on your card, but I know it would be all right with you; we've always tried to help others if we can. Guess that's part of being a real Christian."

"But he didn't want me to buy him a ticket. He said to just give him the money. I knew better than that and I told him again that I would be happy to buy him a ticket, but I wouldn't just give him money. He was pretty insistent, Mom, but I gave the same answer. So then he asked if I would just drive him to the bus stop, and I could buy the ticket there. I didn't think this was a very good idea, so I told him, 'Look, Man, I don't know you, so I would rather not do that.' He started arguing with me again. And I told him again I would buy him a ticket using my laptop and the Internet, but I would not give him money and would not give him a ride."

"That was good thinking, son."
"Okay, mom, it was about then that they closed the Flag Room, so we all had to leave. He was still asking me for money, so I showed him my wallet - Mom, I didn't even have a dollar and [my girlfriend] had by debit card; that meant, it told him, that I couldn't even pull cash. The only thing in my wallet that I could buy anything with was your credit card. But he just kept on. Even as everyone was leaving, he stayed right with me, just asking for money."

"I did stay in a well lighted area, and tried to stay within range of the other guys who had been in the Flag Room. But then, just as they rounded the building out of our sight, he grabbed me and said, 'You're coming with me, Man, or I'm gonna hurt you.' I was pretty much on my guard, as he was just too pushy, I could smell the alcohol and his eyes looked as if he was on drugs, but, I have to tell you, Mom, that even though I know stuff like that happens... well, now it was happening to me."

"I can tell you now that I know I have a pretty good right hook. I landed one square on his jaw and he literally flew backward. As I looked at him on the ground, I knew I had stunned him, probably hurt him some and I almost went after him again; I mean, the adrenaline was pumping! I could have inflicted some serious pain. But you never know.. he could have had a gun or knife, and crack heads can be mean and aggressive. I had yelled when he first grabbed me, and I met the guys who had been in the Flag Room with me running back toward me as I ran to the place where I had seen them last. When we got back to where I had laid that guy out, he was already gone."

"So then we called the campus police. They came and took statements. The told me and the younger guys that I had done everything right: not giving him money, staying in lighted places, yelling and running toward other people. But, Mama, it really shook me up."

When I left, I couldn't go back to the house because [house-mate] wasn't home and I didn't want to be myself. So I went over to [girlfriend] and woke her and her roommate up. We iced my hand; it's still swollen, but I don't think I broke anything. Mom, I hit him hard; I hope I didn't break his jaw."

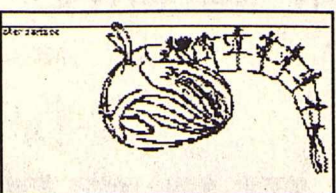
Then my son asked the questions: "What if it had been a girl he accosted; what if it had been his girlfriend? What if it had been a smaller guy? (This son is a pretty big guy, in pretty good shape.) What if the crack head had had a gun? What if he did commit suicide? Should I have tried to help him?"

There were no answers, but we talked a little more. Then he said, "Well, I knew I had to call you; thanks for listening. Besides, you know Sonora... you would probably hear it from someone there sooner or later. And, Mama, I love you."

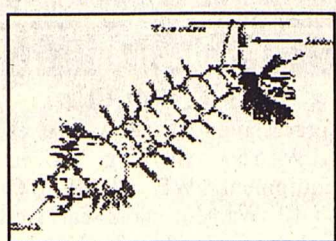
As I put down the phone, lots of thoughts were going through my mind. The same ones he had voiced, and one more "What if..." What if he had been hurt; would he have known how much he is loved? I hope so. As I shuddered to think about possible different endings, I promised myself that those I love will know it always... because you just never know when tomorrow won't come. I am proud that he didn't just walk away from someone who asked for help; it is often so much easier to do that than get involved. I am so grateful that while he didn't walk away, he also used common sense and was prepared for the threat when it came. I'm glad he is strong and was able to defend himself; I'm also glad he didn't go after the man once he had knocked the guy down. I'm humbled by his strong faith, his sense of values (money is very tight for us, especially with the college expense, but money is just that, money). I am honored that he still includes me in his life as he is finding his way in this world. And finally, I am so very, very grateful to God for His constant and abiding presence in this son's life.

Are you ready for summer pests?

submitted by City of Sonora
This spring and summer beware and be on the lookout for wiggler and tumbler. What are wigglers and tumbler? They are mosquito larvae and pupae, which are distinct stages in the life cycle of a mosquito. The four stages of a mosquito's life cycle are egg, larva, pupae and adult. The adult stage is terrestrial and free flying, while the other stages are aquatic.



Watch out for Larva (above) and pupae (below), they aren't good guests!



less than 1/2 mile. This is a very small flight range compared to the salt marsh mosquito, which can fly 20-40 miles.

In a previous article, we discussed the four groups which mosquitoes are often divided into, based on where the females lay their eggs and where the larvae develop. Those groups are the (1) permanent pool group, (2) transient water group, (3) floodwater group and (4) artificial container and tree-hole group.

Some of the artificial container and tree hole groups of mosquitoes include Aedes aegypti, Ae. albopictus and Ochlerotatus triseriatus.

These mosquitoes have a limited flight range of usually

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by Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Extension Agent-Ag
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Horse Health Clinic planned for Sonora



submitted by Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County

With warm weather and mosquito season almost upon us, now is the optimum time to take a look at horse health. Horse owners have to think about Eastern equine encephalitis, Equine Infectious Anemia, West Nile Virus, and other diseases. To that effect, make plans to attend a horse health seminar beginning at noon on May 21 in the Sonora Fire Hall. The seminar is all about horses and health. The event will have discussion and demonstrations, and is geared for all levels of horse expertise- from 4-H'ers and horse enthusiasts to ranch horse owners.

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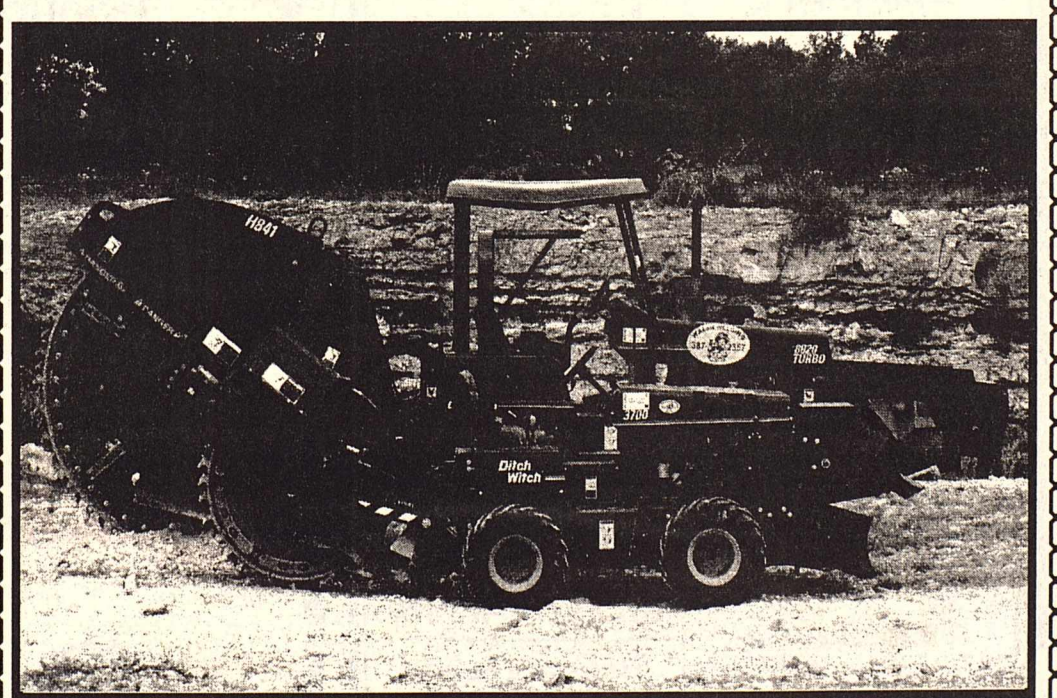
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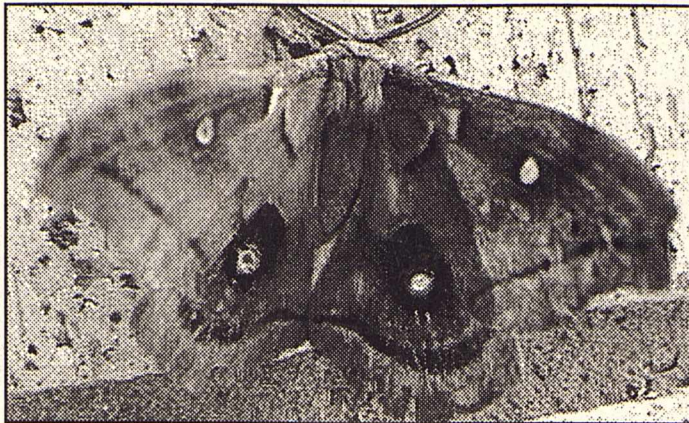
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Up on Eaton Hill

Moth Moxie & Mystery



A Polyphemus moth rests near the entrance to Church of the Good Shepherd. The tattered wings indicate this moth is probably near the end of his rather short life.

Butterflies get all the glory. Moths on the other hand, often flutter around our collective conscience as drab little pests. Granted, the invasion of the "Miller moths" a few years back played havoc on household windows as the obnoxious bugs left their moth excrement splattered everywhere. Perhaps the splatters were of some other composition, but that will have to wait for another day. Taking a closer look at the larger moths known as Giant Silk Moths revealed what should no longer be surprising - exquisite design and incredible complexity. Silk moth caterpillars spin a silk cocoon to encase themselves in during the metamorphosis from chubby green eating machines to delicate winged creatures adorned with an impressive canvass of nature's own palette. The most common silk moth residing in the US is the Polyphemus, pictured above. The large eye spots of the Polyphemus moth earned it this name which is derived from Greek mythology. In Homer's epic poem, the Odyssey, Polyphemus is the giant one-eyed, sheep-herding Cyclops son of Poseidon and Thoosa, who captured and was subsequently outsmarted by Odysseus.

The Polyphemus occurs in a variety of colors with the upper wings ranging from a grayish to yellow-brown, to the more common rust or deep cinnamon brown with lines of pink and black inset from the wing margins. Wingspan of the gentle giant is 4-6 inches. The arresting eye spots on the hind wings are clear and ringed in yellow, blue and black with pink, white and even purple highlights splashed in. It is believed that the eye spots resemble an owl's fierce gaze and function to ward off bats and other moth eaters, since the bats themselves are prey for owls. Ingenious mimicry design...or a random mutation that paid off?

Another amazing relationship involves a particular mite that feeds on the ears of silk moths. The mite causes deafness in the ear it parasitizes, and moths need their ears to avoid

eaten all the pretty moths!" Sounds like a recipe for extinction, but hold on Boy Wonder, encoded within the DNA instructions of the microscopic parasite is the directive to eat only one ear!

While the mythical Polyphemus fed on raw flesh, the winged Polyphemus, as well as all giant silk moths, lack true mouths or even digestive systems and eat nothing at all, subsisting on what was stored during the caterpillar stage. After emerging from her silken lair, the female moth remains in one spot releasing pheromones (strong chemical seducers) into the air that can be picked up by the feathery and highly sensitive antennae of the male Polyphemus. He follows the allure of her air born attractant to find his mate. Incredibly, one study suggests that the male can detect and locate a female from a distance of 23 miles! Perhaps more commonly, a male will travel up to 3 miles to meet his sweetheart. In our area, the moths lay two or possibly three broods before their short life is over. It remains a mystery just why moths are attracted to lights, but scientists believe that the critters navigate and orient themselves using natural moonlight. It is thought that artificial light confuses this system, causing moths to circle back, so to speak, in decreasing concentric patterns. Ah, the mystery.

To really appreciate the distinct beauty of giant silk moths, visit the website www.johncody-gallery.com. Dr. John Cody is a premier moth artist and his work is outstanding. The site also features species information and stunning photography. But more importantly, keep an eye out for the largest of night flying summertime insects, and personally go eye to eye with one of nature's most splendid designs.

Eaton Hill has gone to the birds again. With orioles and painted buntings moving in for the summer and going about their nest building, the brush is alive with song and flurries of color. An updated map is available at the Dry Devil's Trace Trailhead kiosk and will soon be

F.Y.I.

The Dominion Relay for Life team, "Vanessa's Guys & Terry's Gals" will be holding a Fish Fry on May 5, at 6:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Park. The event is being held by National Oilwell, Cactus Flow, HEEP Equipment, Weatherford, Crume Sales, and RJ Sales. Come out for fish, fries and fun, with all proceeds going to the ACS Relay for Life. Tickets may be purchased, \$6 or \$10 for 2, from Dominion team members or for more information call 387-3588 or National Oilwell at 387-6567, or go by the office on Hwy 277 S.

Free Hearing Screening by a licensed Audiologist provided by Rehab Hearing Center of West Texas Rehab at Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, May 11, 2005 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Rehab Hearing Center 223-6360.

Scrap Your Saturday! On May 7th a collection site, located caddy corner to Red Horse Feeds, will be accepting donations of scrap iron. The proceeds of the iron will be donated to benefit Alyssa Collins. Alyssa is undergoing treatment for leukemia. Proceeds will help with the medical and travel expenses. If you have a handful or a truck load of scrap, it will be appreciated. If you have a large amount, call 1-800-760-8218 and we can make arrangements to unload on another date. If you bring a load of iron, attendants will help unload at collection site. WE CAN NOT ACCEPT wire, tin, or refrigerators. Please donate any and all other iron. Be sure to check with attendants before unloading. No junk cars! If you don't have iron and wish to make a donation, please contact the First National Bank or Teaff Oil Co.

Mike Boatright Benefit Team Roping - June 4, 2005, San Angelo Spur Arena, - Trophy Bits to average winners. FMI call Bill Sanders 325-653-1777 or Randy Edwards 325-658-8868.

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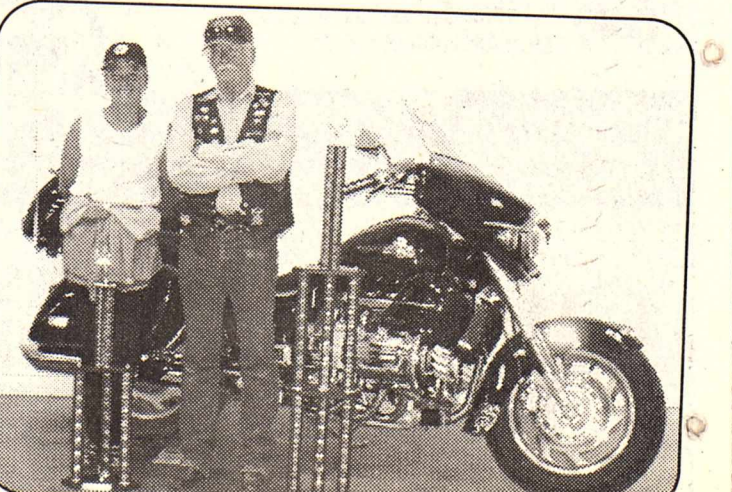
- were as follows:
- Special Interest - 1. A.J. Hernandez, 2. David Langford
 - Full Size Truck Mild - Pedro Capuchin.
 - Corvette - 1. Lynn Simpler, 2. Janice Cook
 - Full Size Truck Wild - 1. Daniel Ibarra, 2. George Venegas
 - Mini Truck Domestic - Eric Rangel
 - Luxury Car - 1. Roland Hinojosa, 2. Alberto Quivel
 - Classic Car - Richard Cooper
 - Lowrider - 1. Joe Diaz, 2. Alex Rodriguez
 - Lowrider Euro - Lorenzo Lopez
 - Compact Car - 1. Michael Elizardo, 2. Juan Hernandez
 - Honda Mild - 1. Joanna Sanchez
 - Honda Wild - 1. Vision Audio
 - Antique - 1/2. J.C. Surber
 - Lowrider Bike - 1. Lino Villanueva, IV, 2. Little Joe
 - Castillo
 - Sports Car - 1. David Sanchez, 2. Reyes Garcia
 - Street Rods - Adrian Sanchez
 - Classic Trucks - Randy Surber
 - Street Customs - 1. Little Joe Castillo, 2. Pablo Zamora, 3. Miguel Morales
 - SUV - 1. Jesse Venegas, 2. Trini Banda, 3. Buddy D.
 - Impala - Jerry Nunez
 - Scion - Armando Noriega
 - 4x4 - Michael Cadero
 - Motorcycles - 1. Doug Winn, 2. Martin McGee, 3. Gigi Galvan
 - Choppers - 1. Richard Vargas, 2. Mike McBride
 - Best Car went to Lorenzo Lopez' Lowrider and Best Truck went to Pedro Capuchin. Best Bike went to Doug Winn. Congratulations to all the winners.



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Pedro Capuchin was a big winner at the Sutton Co. Car Expo



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