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SIDC initiates plans for transportation committee

Arena improvement group requests monetary assistance with lighting and sound project

by Storie Sharp

The Sonora Industrial Development Corporation met to discuss future growth and development for Sonora and Sutton County on Monday, February 6. Opening the monthly meeting of the SIDC Board of Directors, Office Manager Nancy Glasscock informed the directors present, Max Howorth, Marty Parks, John Friess, and John Tedford that the group might want to review and address a possible situation with a piece of property belonging to the SIDC, located at the end of Kissleburg St. The property is a part of the Eaton Hill project, and offers an alternate entrance to the hill be there an emergency of some sort. It was brought to the office's attention that the area may need to be fenced to prevent damage and or parking of unauthorized vehicles. The directors agreed to visit the location and discuss possible action at the March meeting.

After reviewing minutes and financial statements from previous months, minor changes were made to some wording before the two items were approved.

Howorth gave a summary of the Ports-to-Plains meeting held the week prior, explaining that key stakeholders in the project were invited to attend an informative session, with the intention of gathering useful information and possibly forming a transportation committee. Howorth explained that after discussing the idea it had been decided that the SIDC would put together a list of possible candidates for such a committee, consisting of elected officials from the county and city, as well as community members that would benefit or play an integral part in the decision making of Sonora's future transportation projects. The directors discussed many avenues, each contributing their opinions on the importance of this project and offering their thoughts and concerns. After much deliberation it was agreed that the SIDC would spearhead the transportation committee and they formed an initial list of nine possible members, with representatives from the county, city, SIDC, Chamber of Commerce, oil & gas business, a merchant, media, and/or TxDOT. It was agreed to keep the number of members minimal for better cohesiveness, and to possibly include "ex-officio" members. Howorth agreed to work with Friess and Tedford to complete the suggested list and have it ready to present to the Commissioners on Monday, February 13 and also to the City Council at their next meeting.

Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Committee President, Curry Campbell approached the SIDC directors, seeking assistance for funding

on a light/sound project that is part of an overall improvement project at the Sutton County Arena Park Complex. The new system will be dependable and provide superior lighting and sound compared to the existing systems. Campbell provided the board with information regarding the project, including an estimate for the lighting portion of the project. Campbell explained that currently the arena improvement group has been working with a land owner, hoping to gain access to a piece of property behind the baseball fields to allow for more parking during the rodeo, and also implementing a "warm-up" area for the cowboys and cowgirls that come to our community each year to participate in the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo, local team ropings High School and youth rodeos, and more. Continued growth of the ball parks has reduced the area for such livestock preparation. An additional softball field is also included in the new plans for the property in question. The intent is to continue to improve the facilities, allowing for more use and making it possible to host bigger and better events in our community, resulting in more tax dollars being turned over in Sonora.

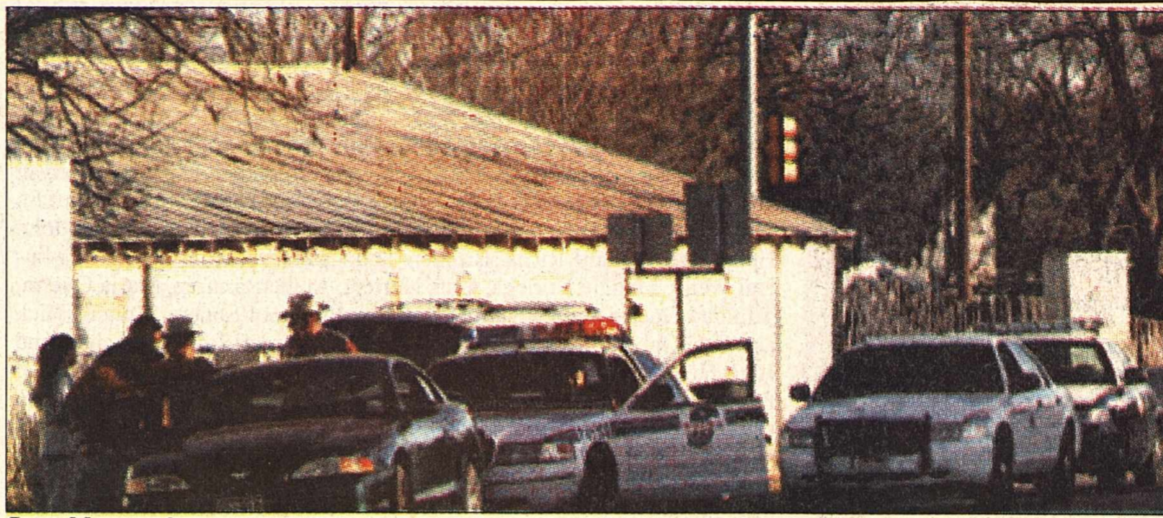
The board fielded many questions, stating that more information was needed from the improvement committee before any amount could be agreed to.

Glasscock shared recent requests for property that she had received in the office during the previous month, explaining that both major companies that had contacted her were in need of access to rail transportation, therefore knocking Sonora out of the running for their relocation. She also informed the directors that she had attended the grease trap, or inceptor, management seminar that had been held at City Hall for local restaurant owners. She explained that she had passed out the grant applications that the SIDC recently implemented to assist with such requirements, but had not received any back as of that time. Local restaurants have to show that the installation, or upgrade of existing equipment, in order to meet TCEQ regulations has begun by September 30. Any local restaurant owners that did not receive a grant application may stop by the SIDC office to pick one up.

Glasscock also reported that a visitor from neighboring Rock-springs had stopped by the office to inquire about possible locations for a gas station and/or hamburger stand. She provided him with information.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Greta Ramsdell,

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Local law enforcement officers question suspects in conjunction with a burglary.

Staff Photo

Quick response leads to two arrests; stolen property recovered, returned

by Storie Sharp

Attentive neighbors and the quick response of local law enforcement contributed to the arrest of two burglary suspects and the return of all the merchandise stolen from a Sonora home on February 14, 2006.

At approximately 4:30 p.m. last Tuesday afternoon, Sonora Police Officer Mike Routh was dispatched to respond to a breaking an entry call at 301 Edgemont Rd. An employee of the Balch Family arrived to drop off some items for the family, when she found shattered glass and open doors into the home. Further investigation found that a forced entrance, using an ax that was still laying on the bed in the room, had been obtained through a side window. Electronic equipment, personal clothing, ceramic decorations, frozen foods, alcoholic beverages, clothing, toys, and more were missing. The thieves had also entered a back office, removing computers, phones, and office equipment.

The witness and a neighbor were able to describe a suspicious green vehicle seen leaving the area. Both witnesses described the occupants of the car and a search for the vehicle began throughout the town. Sonora Police Officers, Sutton County Sheriff's Deputies, Texas State Troopers and the local Drug Task Agent and Game Warden as-

sisted in the search.

A vehicle fitting the description was located within 30 minutes, traveling south on Hwy 277 S. The vehicle was stopped and an initial investigation by Officer Bryn Humphrey led to the disclosure of property taken from the residence. Further investigation led police to a separate location, where more of the stolen property had already been delivered and sold.

The suspects were taken to the Sonora Police where they were interviewed separately. A refusal for a consent to search the suspects' home delayed the process until later in the evening.

A warrant was obtained and upon searching the driver of the vehicle's apartment, the remaining articles that were reported stolen were obtained and taken into custody as evidence.

The owners of the property



Stolen property recovered from a local apartment will be returned to owners.

Commissioners table request for property trade

by Storie Sharp

The Sutton County Commissioners voted to table a request from Curry Campbell regarding a possible property trade transaction at the Sutton County Arena Complex, at their March 13th meeting.

Campbell explained that there was no longer enough County property to provide ample parking and warm-up areas for the contestants and visitors during the annual Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. He ex-

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Sonora girls get tough on A&M Rugby pitch; Brea Hughes selected for national team



Brea Hughes has been chosen to join an elite group of young women athletes, being one of only two Texas A&M Rugby players that have been selected for the US under-23 National Rugby Team.

For the entire story see *Rugby* page 5.

New system offers electronic voting

Beginning with the primary election that started on February 21, voters in Sutton County will have more choices to make at the polling places than just who they want to represent them. They will also be able to choose just how they wish to cast their vote, manually or electronically. Sutton County has contracted with Election Systems & Software (ES&S) to purchase five AutoMARK voter assist terminals.

The ES&S AutoMARK voter assist terminals do not tally or store votes; rather, it is a ballot marking system designed to provide privacy and accessibility to voters who are blind, vision-impaired, or have a disability or condition that would make it difficult or impossible to mark a ballot in the usual way. In addition, the technology provides language assistance to voters who are more comfortable speaking an alternative language or who have reading difficulties.

The County opted to also purchase precinct ballot counters, which will streamline the counting process and give final results much quicker. Voters that chose to cast their vote on the first day may not have received the option only because the state didn't meet their deadline on delivering the required "cards" that go in the machine, but everything should be up and running by the end of this week or the beginning of next.

So basically, when voters enter a polling place this year, they will be directed to either vote in the Democrat Primary or the Republican Primary. Election Judges and Clerks will still request the voters registration card or some form of identification, the voter will have to sign-in, and he or she will be given a ballot. The voter has the option of using the voter assist terminal to mark the ballot or to go to a voting booth and mark the ballot with a pen.

If the voter chooses to use the

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The Studio dancers put their best foot forward at international competition

submitted

The select dancers from *The Studio* traveled to Ft. Worth, Texas, February 10-12, 2006, to compete in the International Dance Challenge.

Dancers from the Advanced II class, Sidney Dermody, Kaitlyn Gibbens, Sydney Burnham, James Freeman, Melissa Freeman, and Audrey Johnson danced a Lyrical number to "La Tortura" and received a Sterling Silver Medal. The group advanced to the National Competition to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada; Boston, Massachusetts; or Daytona Beach, Florida.

From the Advanced II class, Kaitlyn Gibbens performed a Lyrical ballet number to "Once Upon a December" for which she received a Gold Medal advancing her to Nationals. Gibbens was also nominated for Jr. Mrs. IDC, along with receiving the "Doll on a Music Box Dancer" ribbon given by the director of the competition.

Ali Castro, Alexis Galindo, Heather Smith, Kari Nicholas, Danielle Castro, Hunter Jennings, Abby Creek, Ana-Lesa Samaniego, Rose Karnes, Marissa Prieto, and Kelsey Favila, all dancers from the Advanced II class, danced a Modern-Abstract number to "Nas-Angles" and received a Silver medal.

Alexis Galindo received a Silver medal for her Lyrical Solo to "Bring me Back to Life".

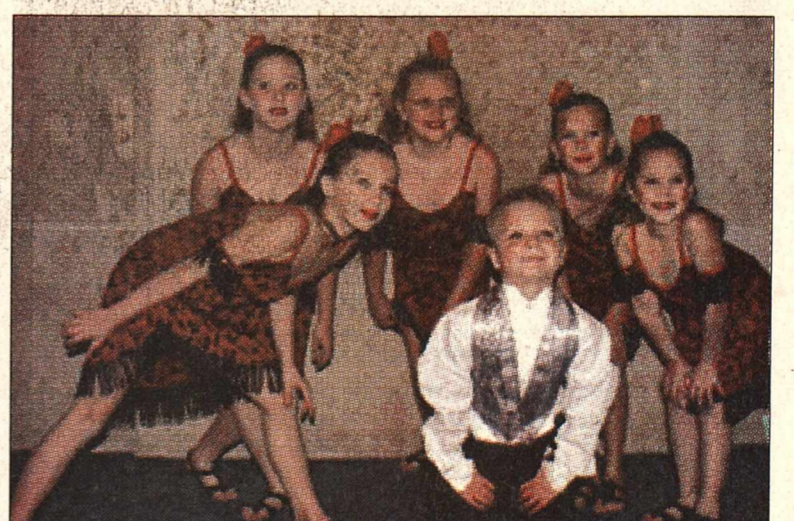
Heather Smith performed a Modern-Abstract Solo to "Shadows in the Darkness", receiving a Sterling Silver medal which qualifies her for Nationals.

The dancers are instructed by Marlyn Young.

International Dance Challenge provides dance competitions for all ages in over 15 subject categories including Acrobatic/Gymnastic,



Dancers from *The Studio* shine at an international competition. (not listed in order) Above: Ali Castro, Alexis Galindo, Heather Smith, Kari Nicholas, Danielle Castro, Hunter Jennings, Abby Creek, Ana-Lesa Samaniego, Rose Karnes, Marissa Prieto, and Kelsey Favila. Below: Sidney Dermody, Kaitlyn Gibbens, Sydney Burnham, James Freeman, Melissa Freeman, and Audrey Johnson



Ballet, Clogging, Dance Team,

Ethnic/Folkloric, Hip Hop, Jazz, Lyrical, Modern/Abstract, Musical Theatre/Character, Open, Pointe, Song & Dance, Tap, and Twirling. IDC holds 50 plus Regional competitions throughout the United States and Canada and three National Fi-

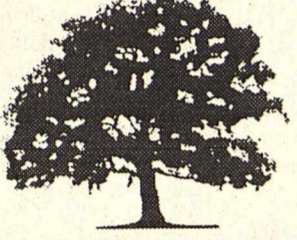
nals. All the Sonora dancers did an outstanding job at the competition. Their ability, grace, poise, and politeness made them shine in the large crowd and put the little town of Sonora, Texas, on the map.

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Obituary

Carolina Guerra Roland

Our beloved mother, sister, and grandmother passed away on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at a Ft. Worth hospital. Services were held at 10:00 am Saturday, February 18, 2006 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Carolina was born in Sonora to Eliseo and Librada Guerra on February 23, 1936. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Joe Roland, brothers Eliseo Jr. and Antonio Guerra. Carolina is survived by her three loving daughters, Esperanza Galvan and husband Felix Jr. of Odessa; Andrea Hernandez and Victor Meza of Ft. Worth; and Norma Garcia and husband Rocendo of Ft. Worth; sons, John Henry and Richard Rivas. Brothers and sisters Valentin Guerra of Mineral Wells; Maggie Noriega, Cruz Herrera, Angie Ramirez, Maria Guerra, Trinidad Guerra and Galvan III and wife Emma of Sonora; Roland, Rick and Cari Galvan of Odessa; Oscar Hernandez Jr. of Sonora; Michael and Julie Hernandez of Ft. Worth; Roxanna Malenna and Mariah Garcia of Ft. Worth. Four great grandchildren Caleb, Alize, Adrian and Jonathon Galva; numerous nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives. Pallbearers were her five grandsons and loving nephew Joe A. Guerra.



Carolina was a loving mother, sister and grandmother and will be truly missed.

God Saw You

God saw you getting tired,
 And a cure was not to be.
 So, He put His arms around you
 And whispered, "Come to Me."
 With tearful eyes, we watched you
 And saw you pass away.
 And though we loved you dearly,
 We could not make you stay.
 A golden heart stopped beating,
 Hard-working hands at rest.
 God broke our hearts to prove to us
 He only takes the best.

Jake Merck

Jake Merck, 92, passed away Friday, February 17, 2006, in Colonial Manor II in Hollis, Oklahoma. A graveside service was at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 19, in the cemetery in Sonora, Texas.

Jake was born April 17, 1913, in Sonora, Texas. He was baptized at the Standpipe Road Baptist Church in Carlsbad, N.M. Throughout his life, he had several trucking businesses. Even at 92, he still maintained an interest for livestock and horses.

He was preceded in death by Mildred Turney Merck in 1976. Jake is survived by his son, John Nelson Merck and wife L. Dean; granddaughter Rachel Randall and husband Mark; great-grandson William Rowdy Randall of Hollis, Okla.; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He greatly appreciated the staff and all the kind care from Colonial Manor II.

Kathryn Moses

My loving mother, Kathryn Moses was called home to be with Jesus and the angels on Friday, February 17, 2006.

Mother was born on October 31, 1921, in Goldthwaite, Texas, to parents Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Bledsoe. She was raised in Goldthwaite and continued her formal education at Tarleton College. After graduating there, she attended Texas Women's College to pursue a degree in education.

My mother married her lifelong partner, my father, Arnold Moses. They made their home in San Angelo, where Mother was a devoted wife and mother. As a family I have many fond memories of hunting and fishing trips with friends and family, as my parents shared with me their love of the outdoors.

Mother provided me with religious training as a child, as we were members of the First Christian Church of San Angelo.

Mother was a faithful and loyal woman. She was able to maintain lifelong friendships with childhood friends from Goldthwaite and women who were her college classmates. A group of these friends met twice yearly to share their life until illness and death began to separate them in their golden years.

Mother's loyalty and concerned nature was shown by the love and care that she gave to others. She was a dedicated caregiver for over 20 years to various members of her own and my Daddy's family.

After Daddy's death in 1993, Mother and I had the opportunity to strengthen the bonds between us even more. We've had many wonderful days together as she shared with me her wisdom of age.

Mother was preceded in death by her parents; my father, Arnold Moses; her brother, Lawrence Bledsoe; and her sister, Lucille Hill.

She will be missed greatly by me, Teresa Elliott and son-in-law Tommy Elliott of Sonora; and a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Graveside service were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, in Fairmount Cemetery.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In regards to the letters about licensed plumbers. If a person wanted to find out who has their license in Sutton County, all they need to do is go to the web site: www.license.state.tx.us Sutton County. On this web site, of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, you can find out who has their license in Sutton County. Not only the ones for plumbing, but also electricians, heating and air conditioning, water well companies and etc. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation covers over 50 different trades.

I know that the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation requires that an electrician needs to have a state masters license and a state contractor's license if in business for himself, and also a city license to be bonded. The also have to take a continuing education class once a year. I know that other occupations have different rules, but an electrician can be fined by the State of Texas for not having these licenses.

There is no city inspector in Sonora, that I know of, to check their work out. Some people are not too concerned about this.

Barbara Newkirk

TEXAS TALES TOLD BY TUMBLEWEED

The tough people of Cross Plains



Tumbleweed Smith
 As I approached Cross Plains on Highway 206 I started noticing the black, charred ground. Partially burned fence posts hung from loose strands of barbed wire. It was like this for a couple of miles before I reached the city limits. When I got to town, the scene was horrible. Mounds of ashes were the only remains of blocks of houses. I went to see my friend David Estes at Texas Heritage Bank. He told me two people had died, 116 houses had been totally destroyed and 39 more damaged. That's about 25 percent of the housing in and near town. The home of Robert E. Howard, the author of Conan and other fantasy works, was not damaged, although fire burned the lawn.

The fire started around noon on Tuesday, December 27 about 3 miles west of Cross Plains. The temperature was 80 degrees and the wind was blowing toward the east at 30 miles an hour. By 3 o'clock the blaze turned north and headed into town. 31 fire departments fought the blaze and stayed around until Friday putting out flare-ups on trees and bales of hay. As soon as news of the fire spread, donations of food, clothing, furniture and money poured in from Texas and states as far away as Minnesota and North Carolina. The First Baptist Church became a command center. The First Methodist Church was the only public structure completely destroyed. Flames got close to the school, but it was spared.

As I left Cross Plains and headed west on highway 36, I passed about 5 miles of black, burned fields. The smell of smoke and ashes was still in the air. The cleanup continues. City and county are clearing the lots at no charge to the residents. The people affected by the fire are amazing. David and Bethany Parker and their children, Amber and Taylor, are excited about the new home they're designing. The Parkers were out of town when the fire burned their house. Bethany saved all her photos to disc and had them with her in her laptop. Before she went digital, she had duplicates made of her pictures and sent them to family members, who are now making copies and sending them back to the Parkers.

Kathy Chesshir put her family photos in the back seat of her car as flames approached her home. She punched in the garage door opener and the door opened. When she drove out and punched it again to close it, there was no electricity and the door remained open. Kathy says she doesn't have to worry now about which of her possessions to keep or pass on to family members. She says she feels a sense of freedom from stuff, most of which doesn't mean anything. Cross Plains residents are helping each other cope with what has happened. Kathy is helping fire victims make inventories of their losses. Bethany says just about everybody in town was affected by the fire, but the town will be better because everybody is pulling together like never before.

Texas searches for the 2006 Outstanding Older Worker

Experience Works, the nation's largest training and employment organization for mature workers, is searching for the Texas outstanding older worker. Outstanding older workers from every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. America's Oldest Worker, and outstanding employers of older workers, will be honored in Washington, D.C., and in their home states for their contributions to the workforce and local communities. Experience Works Prime Time Awards program is part of Experience Works' national effort to raise awareness of the contributions made by older individuals and to break down barriers associated with the hiring of older workers.

Texas is currently soliciting nominations from businesses and individuals. Applicants must be 65 years of age or older, a resident of Texas, currently employed and working at least 20 hours each week for pay. The honoree must be willing and able to travel to Washington, D.C., in September for the Prime Time Award events. The visit will include meetings with congressional representatives, a tour of the city's landmarks and the awards banquet and ceremony. Applicants who are part of a subsidized employment program funded by the local, state or national government are not eligible for this award.

Official nomination forms may be obtained from Experience Works, Inc., 801 Washington Ave., Waco, Texas, 76701, phone 877-781-9953 or 254-761-1310 or fax 254-776-1759. Entries may be mailed, faxed or emailed to phyllis_gibson@experienceworks.org. An online nomination form or a printed nomination form can be accessed online at www.experienceworks.org. The deadline for nominations is May 31, 2006. A search for America's Oldest Worker for 2006 is also under way. Last year, 100 year old Dwight Hauff, owner of Hauff Sporting Goods in Sioux City, Iowa, was named America's Oldest Worker.

The Texas 2005 outstanding older worker was 80 year old Jeanna Vaughn. When asked what she considered the most important attribute a worker can bring to the workplace, she replied, "Honesty, good work habits, morals and ethics." Her advice to older people entering the workforce is, "Take care of your health and maintain a positive outlook, keep active with your social and spiritual life."

Experience Works is a national, nonprofit organization that provides training and employment services for mature workers. Established in 1965 as Green Thumb, and renamed Experience Works in 2002, the organization reaches more than 125,000 mature individuals in all 50 states and Puerto Rico each year.

Senior Center Activities

- Fri. February 24 - Bingo after lunch!
- Mon. February 27- Blood pressure checks w/ Interpid Home Health 11 a.m.
- Tues. February 28 - Bring a friend for lunch 7 stay to play BIN-GO!
- Thurs. March 2 - Crafts

Senior Center Menu

- Fri. February 24 - Smothered chicken, baked potatoes, fired okra, rolls, sliced peaches, milk
- Mon. February 27 - Hamburger on bun, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, sliced onions, carrot salad, fruit, milk
- Tues. February 28 - Smothered pork chops, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, cake, milk
- Wed. March 1 - Salmon croquettes, macaroni & cheese, turnip greens, coleslaw, rolls, peach half, milk
- Thurs. March 2 - Smothered steak w/gravy & onions, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, juice, apple crisp, 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)

Letters to the Editor Policy

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Chamber members benefit with free advertising and promotion



by Greta Ramsdell, COC Executive Director

Calling all Businesses! Are you receiving all of the free advertising offered by the Chamber of Commerce? We are here to serve our members and want to let you know what we can do for you.

Did you know that as members of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce your website can be linked from the Chamber website? In 2005 the Chamber website received over 15,000 hits! Think of the exposure for your business as our website is accessed by hunters, tourists and individuals interested in relocation.

Did you know that you can display your wares in our office? We have exhibit space and in 2005 we had almost 900 out-of-town visitors in our office, not to mention the numerous local visitors dropping by. Visitors are provided with city and county maps, local brochures, motel and restaurant listings and any other information requested. All Chamber members are encouraged to display their brochures on our wall rack.

Did you know that each year the Chamber office receives over 2,000 calls and inquiries regarding our city? We utilize our membership list to direct these callers to our members and their businesses.

Did you know that the Cham-

ber office sends out information packets to over 12,000 individuals during the year? These packets are requested from all across the country and include information regarding the community, area attractions and schools.

Please keep us informed about your business so we can keep our website and publications up to date.

NEW MEMBERS

The Chamber of Commerce gladly welcomes Brown Automotive Center in Del Rio as our newest member. The Auto Center offers new and used Buicks, Cadillacs, GMC's, Nissans and Pontiacs at 2520 Veterans Boulevard (or visit their website at www.brownauto-center.com). The dealership can be reached toll-free at 800/725-7550 and they will gladly deliver your vehicle right to your door. The sales manager, Billy Willard and his staff are becoming well-known in our community as sales representative Doug Humphreys is assisting many local businesses with their vehicle needs. Mr. Humphreys has also become active in our community and purchased two goats and a lamb at this year's 4-H livestock sale. Please keep Brown Automotive Center in mind for your next vehicle purchase.

CHAMBER

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, March 9: Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting, noon, Chamber office.

Monday, March 13: Keep Sonora Beautiful Monthly Meeting, noon, Chamber office.

Thank You Notes

We would like to "Thank" everyone for their concern, phone-calls, cards, visits and well-wishes during my recent illness. These are the times when we truly realize how lucky we are to live in such a giving and caring community.

We would especially like to "Thank" Dr. Pajestka, Diana Green, Manuel Tobias, Martha Alvarez, Cindy Gabaldon, Neria Galindo and all the Hudspeth Hospital staff, for providing such prompt and proficient care and assistance in such a critical time. We are fortunate to have such skilled professionals living and working in Sonora.

Once again, thank you all for everything.

Sincerely,
Don and Jan Grider

We, the family of Carolina G. Roland would like to express our greatest thanks and gratitude to everyone who donated food, flowers, calls and prayers during the loss of our mother, sister and grandmother. Also, a special thanks to Kerbow Funeral Home, St. Ann's Catholic Church and choir and also, to the ladies and gentlemen who helped cook and served the meal.

Thanks to all, God Bless You.
Espy & Felix Galvan Jr. & family
Andrea G. Hernandez & family
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Cruz G. Herrera & family
Maggie Noriega & family
Valentin, Trinidad, Maria, Hilda and Juanita Guerra

Special seats offer children safety boost

Children often leapfrog from child safety seats to seat belts, but when they do they miss an important transitional safety support - a special vehicle booster seat, designed just for their size, according to safety experts at the Texas Department of State Health Services(DSHS).

When children outgrow child safety seats, usually at about 40 pounds, most are then restrained with a vehicle's safety belt alone, even though these restraints are designed for adults and do not fit children properly.

"If children have outgrown a safety seat but are less than 4 feet 9 inches tall, they need a booster seat," said Frank Luera, director of DSHS Safe Riders Traffic Safety program. "It lifts the child so that the seat belt fits correctly." With a booster seat:

- * The lap belt will be placed low on the child's hips, rather than on the child's abdomen;
- * The shoulder belt will cross the center of the child's chest; and
- * The child's knees will bend at the edge of the booster seat, increasing comfort and fit.

Only an estimated 10 to 20 percent of children 4 to 8 use booster seats, despite the fact that children in booster seats are 59 percent less likely to be injured in a motor-vehicle crash than are children who are restrained by safety belts alone, according to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Luera also points out that airbags pose a high risk of death or serious, life-altering injury for children. "Even in vehicles with advanced airbags, which is a new technology that allows airbags to adjust deployment based on the occupant, children 12 and under should ride in the back seat," he said.

SAFE KIDS Worldwide estimates that children riding in the back seat are 36 percent less likely to die in a crash than are children sitting in the front seat.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has launched a new Web site at www.boosterseat.gov that features the following information for parents:

- * An interactive child seat guide. Enter the age, weight and height of your child and receive a recommendation for the type of child seat your youngster needs.
- * Child seat inspection information. Locate child seat fitting stations in your area where certified technicians can help make sure child seats are used correctly.

For more information about booster seats and other child passenger safety information, contact the DSHS Safe Riders program at 800-252-8255 or visit the DSHS Web site at www.dshs.state.tx.us/saferiders.

PTP Coalition to appear at Texas Transportation Commission Meeting

The Ports to Plains Corridor Coalition will update Texas Transportation Commissioners on the project at the commission's monthly meeting in Austin at 9 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 23.

"We are happy to have the opportunity to let commissioners know about the progress we are making on Ports to Plains," said Ports to Plains President Michael Reeves. "This commission has demonstrated a commitment to the principles that Ports to Plains was founded on - transportation infrastructure is vital to economic development. I think they truly understand that Ports to Plains will bring economic growth and opportunity to this part of the state and beyond."

The Ports to Plains Corridor is approximately 1400 mile long and runs from Denver, CO to Laredo, TX that will be completely upgraded to four-lane divided highway with 15 reliever routes. Congress designated the route as a high priority corridor in 1998. Today 511 miles are already either four or six lane divided, with about 150 more under design or construction.

When completed, Ports to Plains is projected to create more than 40,000 new jobs throughout the corridor with an economic impact of more than \$4.5 billion.

Texas fails to submit hurricane aid application in time

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Top officials thought Texas was going to get \$2 billion of a \$20 billion hurricane relief appropriations supplement from Congress. U.S. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn were among those surprised to learn Texas was left off the list of requestors. Gov. Rick Perry's office said Texas' request was made. Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams, whose job it was to communicate with the White House on hurricane-related funding needs and provide details, said he did his part.

Both senators said they would continue to work to get adequate funding for Texas.

Funds coming for services

On Feb. 16, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, jointly announced the Legislative Budget Board had authorized the Health and Human Services Commission to draw upon funds to pay for nursing homes, mental health care, trauma care and other programs.

The funding, which totals about \$240 million, is a stopgap measure.

Last summer, Gov. Perry asked for \$655 million to cover the programs. Since then, the agency has been waiting for the 10-member Legislative Budget Board to exercise its budget execution authority.

Dewhurst and Craddick sit on the board.

Expenditures include:

- * \$4.3 million in general revenue and \$4.3 million in federal funds to increase the personal needs allowance for long-term care facility residents from \$45 to \$60;
- * \$75 million in general revenue and \$115.7 million in federal funds for nursing facility rate increases;
- * \$27.6 million in general rev-

enue for EMS/trauma care; and, \$13.4 million to expand the capacity of mental health state hospitals. "By funding these services," Dewhurst said, "we are one step closer to delivering the highest-quality care to those who really need it - the elderly and the frail."

Report out on AP exams

Despite a 61 percent increase in the number of Texas students taking Advanced Placement high school classes since 2001, Hispanic and African-American students are underrepresented in these classes, based on percentage of population.

This information comes from the College Board's Advanced Placement Report to the Nation.

The report said 35 percent of the state's high school students are Hispanic, but only 32.2 percent of AP examinees are; and, African-American students, who make up 13.5 percent of the Texas high school population, make up only 6.8 percent of the Texas students who took AP exams.

"Ideally, the student population in AP classes should reflect the demographics of the school system as a whole," Education Commissioner Shirley J. Neeley said.

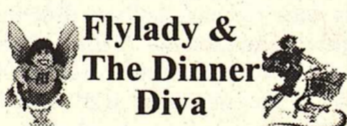
Boosters work for bigger kids

Children who have outgrown their car safety seats but aren't quite big enough for adult safety restraints need an intermediate solution, the Texas Department of State Health Services said earlier this month. "If children have outgrown a safety seat but are less than 4 feet 9 inches tall, they need a booster seat," said Frank Luera, director of the state health agency's Safe Riders Traffic Safety program. The booster seat lifts the child so that the seat belt fits correctly - low on the child's hips, Luera said.

RNC looking at Texas' big 3

Dallas, Houston and San Antonio are among 31 cities invited by the Republican National Committee to bid on hosting the party's 2008 national convention.

The Thief of Time



by Marla Cilley

Have you gotten in a rut? Not a bad rut; but let's say a comfortable rut. You know the same ole same ole! You go through your day without any thought about your passion. Passion: What is that anyway?

We have all heard that procrastination is the thief of time. I don't think that is entirely the case. Time is constant; we all have the same hours in every single day, it is how we choose to use those hours that steals the time. We all seem to think that things will take longer than they really will, so we talk ourselves out of doing them. What have you been procrastinating about lately: Laundry, getting the car washed or is it something much deeper than household chores?

When procrastination gets in the way of your passion; it becomes an excuse to not follow your dreams. We have all said it in some form or fashion, "I don't have time to go back to school and finish my degree". This "I don't have time" attitude gives us the excuse to not be or do what we were put on Earth to do with our lives. You are robbing yourself of you! Not to mention what you are robbing the world of: YOU!

When your heart is not in what you are doing then nothing will ever make you happy! It doesn't matter if you make all the money in the world, if it doesn't make you happy it means nothing. Happiness comes from within. This is what FLYing is all about. Finally Loving Yourself enough to know that for some reason you are not happy. You thought getting the house clean was all it would take to make you happy.

As you learn the FlyLady way of breaking things down into babys-

steps; you will find the right path that is going to lead you to true happiness. This happiness starts by letting go of procrastination and perfectionism.

Ruts keep you in a path that is not your choosing. Because it is so hard to get out of the rut, it is just easier to continue on this sidetracked journey. I can hear you now, "but I did choose my path!" Did you really or did circumstances just put you in this position.

Some people never get out of their ruts of procrastination. Procrastination is a thief, but not the thief of time! It is a thief of self-esteem. Sometimes we cannot see what it is we are missing until we get rid of the things we have been procrastinating about. As long as we allow ourselves the opportunity for self-loathing we will never fill our voids. Why should we, we are not worthy; when we beat ourselves up on a daily basis for the little things in life; we can't even think about our purpose for living! We have brainwashed ourselves into believing that this is all there is, so why want more passion or joy!

It was only after I got rid of my clutter and found my routines that my purpose for living was revealed to me. Open up your hearts by taking care of the things you have been putting off till later. Later is a lie that never happens unless you set your mind to clearing out your mind clutter! That is all procrastination really is!

Are you ready to FLY with anti-procrastination being the stepping stones out of your rut?

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, Sink Reflections published by Bantam. Copyright 2006 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

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| Thurs.- | Pancake on a stick, syrup, apple juice |
| Fri.- | Blueberry muffin, orange pineapple juice |

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.



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| Lunch | |
| Mon.- | Pizza, kernel corn, tossed salad, orange wedges |
| Tues.- | BBQ on bun, pickle spears, baked beans, fruit crisp |
| Wed.- | Beef & macaroni, green beans, peaches, wheat roll |
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Shape Up Sonora Weight Loss Challenge

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WEEK 4 RESULTS

| Team Name | Pounds Lost | Ave lbs lost |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
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| 2 Heavy Weights | -21 | -10.5 |
| 3 Tadpoles | -63 | -10.5 |
| 4 Ladies in Weighting | -47 | -9.4 |
| 5 Money Crunchers | -49 | -8.17 |
| 6 Purple People Eaters | -45 | -7.5 |
| 7 Waist-Aways | -41.5 | -6.92 |
| 8 Jolly Ranchers | -40 | -6.67 |
| 9 Team Hope | -30.5 | -6.1 |
| 10 Buff Daddy and the Under Yoned | -34.5 | -5.75 |
| 11 Disappearing Acts | -33.5 | -5.58 |
| 12 Bodacious Barkers | -30 | -5 |
| 13 Leafovers | -29 | -4.83 |
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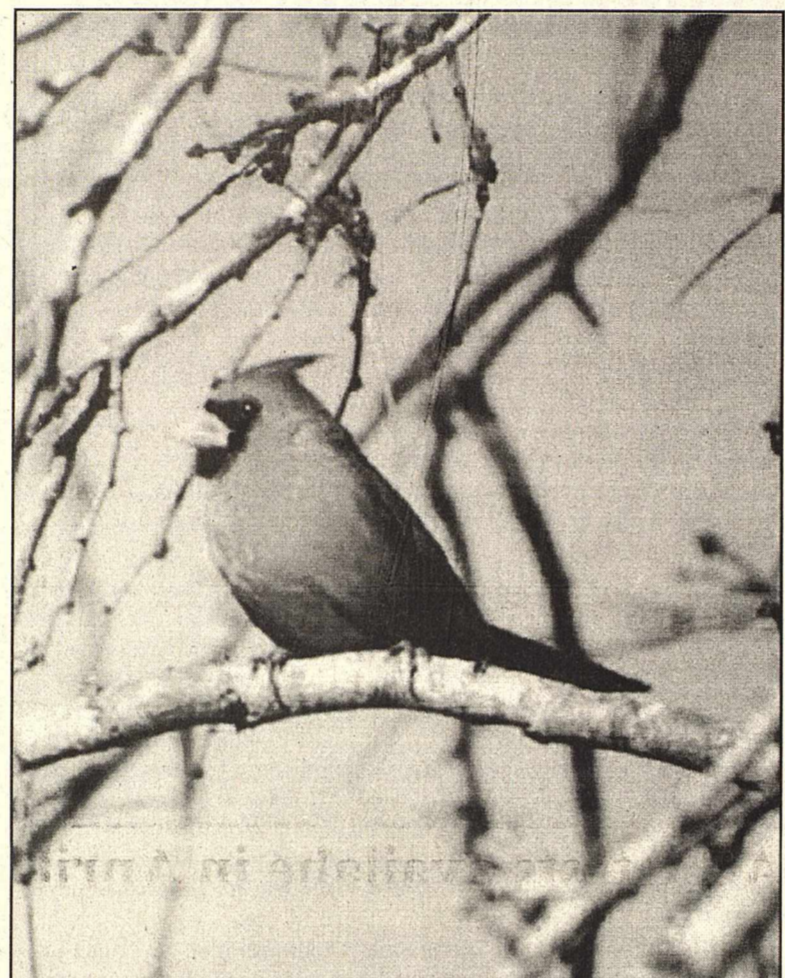
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Engagements
**Lowther and Franco announce
Spring wedding plans**

The engagement and approaching marriage of Whitney Denice Lowther and Brett Sutton Franco has been announced. The couple will finalize their commitment to one another March 31 in Austin at Creekside Pavilion.
The bride-to-be is the daughter of Beverly Olsen and Robert Lowther, of Fort Stockton, and granddaughter of William and Peggie Yeary of Fort Stockton and R.A. and Terry Lowther of Cross Plains. She is a 2001 graduate of Fort Stockton High School.
The prospective groom is the son of Simon Jr. and Janice Franco of Austin, formerly of Fort Stockton, and is the grandson of Simon and Lucila Franco of Fort Stockton and J.W. and Maida Sutton of Sonora. He is a 2000 graduate of Fort Stockton High School, where the couple met.
Whitney and Brett are 2005 graduates of the University of Texas. Whitney earned her bachelor's degree in nursing and is a practicing registered nurse at South Austin Hospital's Intermediate Care Unit.
Brett earned his degree in geography with a minor in history and is currently working as a doorman at the Hilton Austin Downtown.
The couple plans to move to Vero Beach, Florida, in May, where Brett will take training to become an airline pilot at Flight Safety International.
The couple has planned their honeymoon to include several cities along the west coast, including Seattle, Washington, and La Jolla, California.

**The Great Backyard Bird Count,
not quite UP ON EATON HILL**



Backyard birding in Sonora - Northern Cardinal; photo courtesy of Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.

by Delyse Jaeger
This past weekend, birders across the continent participated in the Great Backyard Bird Count. The event runs for four days and anyone can participate. Bird watchers count birds for a minimum of fifteen minutes and tally the most of each species seen at one time. Totals are then entered on the internet, generating a "snapshot" of species and numbers of birds across the U. S. and Canada. According to the website, www.birdsource.org/gbbc, scientists analyze the results and post summaries highlighting the year's trends and findings. The count is in its ninth year and is sponsored by Wild Birds Unlimited and managed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Audubon.
On Saturday, the weather in Sonora was a bit prohibitive of outdoor birding. With wind chill temperatures in the single digits, I was unable, actually unwilling, to "Hit the trails" on Eaton Hill. Unfortunately, my first go at the Great Backyard Bird Count did take place in my very own backyard, but the outcome I believe is pleasantly surprising. In approximately forty-five minutes we counted 14 different species and a total of 72 birds. Next year, weather permitting, Eaton Hill will be the count site! Bird - on!
Overall, Texas reported impressive numbers and it seems there is a bit of friendly competition going on. The website posts numerous "Top Ten" lists of which Texas reigns for the most species reported. In 2005, when Texas did not even make it into the Top 10 for Most Checklists, we still ranked #1 for Most Species and Most Birds Counted. Tallies have not been completed, but Texas is currently #5 in participation, so it appears a growing number of birders are joining the count. Or, perhaps a growing number of folks are discovering the thrill of birding. Exact locations are not required, so I don't believe there is any chance of having private property declared a sanctuary for the varied whooping sparrow or some such species and it's a great deal of fun to participate. The count is considered "citizenscience" and offers a wonderful hands-on opportunity for children to learn about birds, science, math, computers, mapping, etc.
With the exception of some buzzards flying overhead, wild turkey was the top bird on my list as far as number of birds counted. Other species observed included canyon towhee, scrub jay, cardinal, dark-eyed junco, spotted towhee and black crested titmouse. I discovered that two species have undergone official name changes since I had learned to recognize them, and so am now up to date on the correct identifications.
Next year, I intend to hit the trails for the Great Backyard Bird Count and anyone interested in joining is welcome!

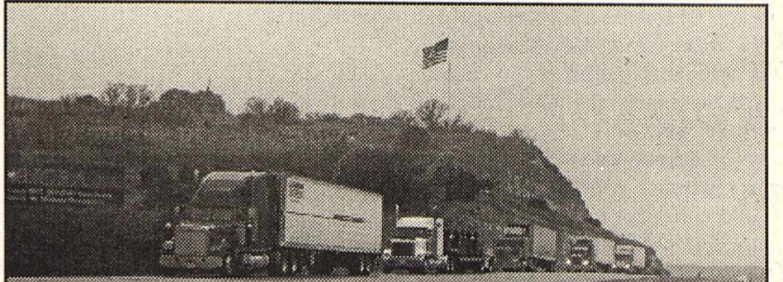


A jack-knifed semi closes the Interstate after hitting an ice patch on the Poplar St. Bridge.

**Icy roads reap havoc on I-10 travelers,
local emergency crews busy all day**

After 80 degree weather for two days last week, the sudden snap of cold and ice caught many week-end travelers off-guard. Local law enforcement and emergency crews responded to over ten calls within a two hour time span of wrecked vehicles on Interstate 10 or surrounding county roads. Vehicles were hitting slick spots, referred to as "black ice" and were sent spinning or rolling into guardrails, medians or other vehicles. One call was a multi-vehicle accident at the 428 mile marker, with over eight injuries. EMS crews from Junction were called to assist the three Sutton County ambulance crews. Eldorado crews also assisted with an accident on Hwy 277 N.

All law enforcement, emergency volunteers and rescue personnel were called in to assist. East bound traffic was detoured through Sonora, resulting in many lost semi-trucks ending up "lost" on East 2nd Street, having to be assisted to turn around and pointed in the right direction to the Interstate. Locals found it hard to even get across the busy intersections on Saturday. Lanes on I-10 were not fully opened until Sunday afternoon.



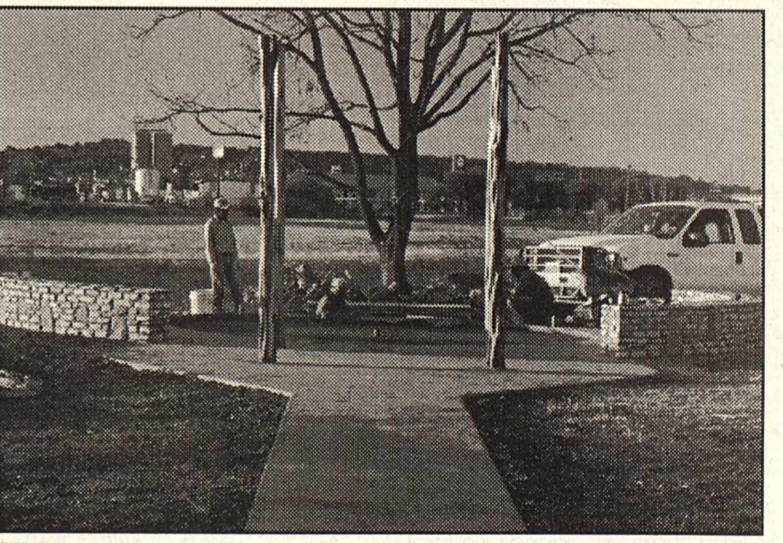
Trucks stack up on I-10, closed because of a wreck caused by ice on Poplar St. Bridge.

SIDC from page 1

reported that Delyse Jager, City Manager Jim Polonis and herself had recently met with TxDOT representatives and had secured their approval for the placement of two directional signs pointing the way to Eaton Hill. An estimate for the cost of the two signs was provided by Jager, and Ramsdell explained their intent to request assistance on the installation from the City of Sonora. She also reported that two "City Pride" signs have been requested. City pride signs display names and logos of local civic organizations, and are placed at entrance points to the community. Depending on the design of the sign, which is constructed and maintained locally, the estimated cost can range from \$100 to \$2,000. Since the project was not budgeted for this year, Ramsdell explained that donations will be sought and that local organizations and groups will be able to add their names to the signs that are planned to be located at both entrance points on Hwy 277. Anyone interested in having their organization added to the signs can contact Ramsdell at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

An update was given on the fencing project at Sonora's airport. A "pre-bid" meeting was scheduled for Tuesday for contractors. An additional gate in the north-west corner of the airport has been added to the original plans, to allow an extra exit way for any animals that might get into the area.

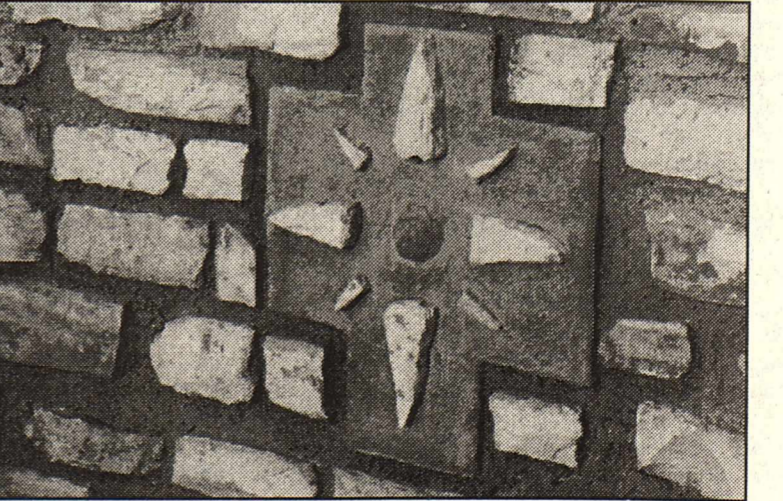
A final item of discussion was the possibility of hiring a cleaning service for the SIDC office. Certain restrictions must be met when hiring such personnel, due to contract labor laws. It was decided to contact City Hall and see if a city employee might be interested in doing the work. Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the SIDC will be on Monday, March 6, at 11:30 a.m.



Workers construct a community prayer garden at the end of Concho Avenue.

Shall We Gather At The ...


submitted
You may have noticed a bit of construction going on at the end of Concho Avenue near the draw. The beautiful rockwork, sidewalk and cedar posts are all part of the vision to create a community prayer garden for all to enjoy. The idea was conceived as part of the trail system for exploring Sonora which includes the Downtown Historic Walk and Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary. The sanctuary will offer residents and visitors easy access to a year-round special place for reflection and prayer in an inspirational atmosphere. The project has become reality through donations, volunteers and the hard work of excellent craftsmen. Each church in Sonora is invited to sponsor a scripture rock to be placed in and around the prayer garden which will also feature a small pond and waterfall. Contact your pastor for more information, or call First Baptist Church of Sonora.



Special touches, such as this hand-crafted star, are planned throughout the prayer garden.

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Rugby from page 1

Rugby is a game that few people in West Texas have ever heard of and even fewer have seen. But that is changing, and with the help of two of Sonora's own, rugby is becoming more and more popular in Texas.

Brea, a 2004 graduate of Sonora High School, played on the under-19 National Team last summer. She recently traveled to Los Angeles to play with the Eagles against a Southern California select side. She was chosen as a starter at Flanker and performed as expected, helping the team secure a 17-0 victory.

A "Flanker" or a Wing Forward joins the Scrum, the name of the formal conglomeration of forwards who bind together in specific positions when a "scrumdown" is called. Form and timing are more important than brute strength. The National coaches commented that Brea was "a tackling machine".

It is very rare to see a player go straight from the under-19 to the under-23 team. Most players require another year or two of experience before being asked to join the older team. Hughes will likely play for the under-23 until she is too old. At that time, or before, her name will be in a pool of players to be considered for the Senior National

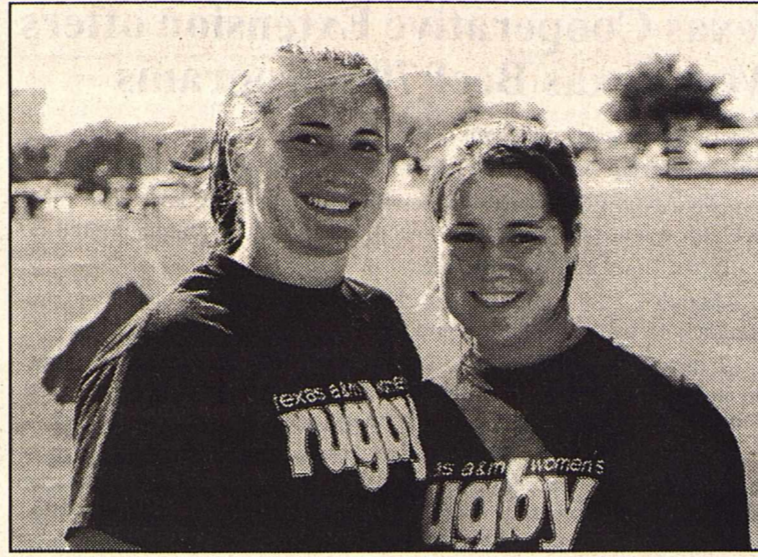
team that represents the US at the World Cup and other international matches.

Brea is the daughter of Chandra and Brad Hughes. Her two brothers, Beau and Breg, also Sonora graduates, introduced her to rugby.

Huges is joined on the A&M Women's Rugby team by fellow Sonora classmate, Koda Armke.

Koda, a 2003 SHS graduate, is the daughter of Pamela and Dayton Armke. She joined the Rugby team in the fall of 2005. She is a "back", playing both inside and outside center. Although required to "ruck and maul" when necessary, as well as tackle and do whatever, to advance the ball. The backs play in a lot less traffic than the forwards. After the forwards have won the ball, the backs are expected to run, pass, kick, and score lots of tries.

The biggest shock to rugby lately is that women play, and they are very good. Rugby, one of today's fastest growing women's collegiate sports, is played by two teams of 15 players using an ob-long ball that is more rounded than a football. Rugby players wear no pads. The object of the game, much like in football, is to score by advancing the ball over the end line, the try line, and touching it down. The offense tries to advance the



Brea Hughes and Koda Armke show Sonora-style strength on the Texas A&M Women's Rugby Team.

ball by running it forward, passing backward or laterally to teammates, or punting. There is no forward passing.

Scoring can also be accomplished by drop kicking the ball through the uprights, which stands on the try line. The defense attempts to stop the other team from scoring by tackling the ball carrier.

There are not separate offensive and defensive units in rugby, all of the players play both ways. There is also no system of downs in rugby as there is in football. When an offensive player is tackled she

must release the ball. Whichever team recovers the ball becomes the offense, and the other team must quickly adjust to play defense. This makes rugby a much more fast paced game than football. Stoppage of play occurs only if one team scores, the ball goes out of bounds, or someone commits a foul.

The selection on the US under-23 National Rugby Team is an enormous honor for Brea and Aggie Rugby. If you would like to watch Hughes and Armke in action, a schedule of games can be found on the web at aggierugby.com.

Accounting team adds up wins at UIL competitions

Many Sonora High School students placed well at the Annual Sonora Speech Meet held February 10, 2006.

Sonora Accounting team, consisting of Desiree Alvarado, Mason Martinez, Suade Draper and Embre Smith, placed 1st overall.

The accounting students also did very well individually, with Embre Smith placing 2nd overall and Swade Draper placing 3rd.

In other individual competitions, Jack Turney finished 2nd in Computer Applications; Ty Love was 4th and Embre Smith 6th in Computer Applications. Cameron Cox finished 3rd in Persuasive Speaking. In the Lincoln Douglas Debate, Lauren Schaefer finished 3rd.

Mackenzie Perez was 2nd in Informative Speaking. Kathy Pacheco finished 6th and Erin Newton 8th in Poetry and Starlyn Chadwick placed 7th in Prose.

Prior to the Sonora meet, students competed in the UIL Invitational Meet held in Ozona on Saturday, January 14, 2006.

The Sonora High School Accounting Team and the Speech Team both finished first overall.

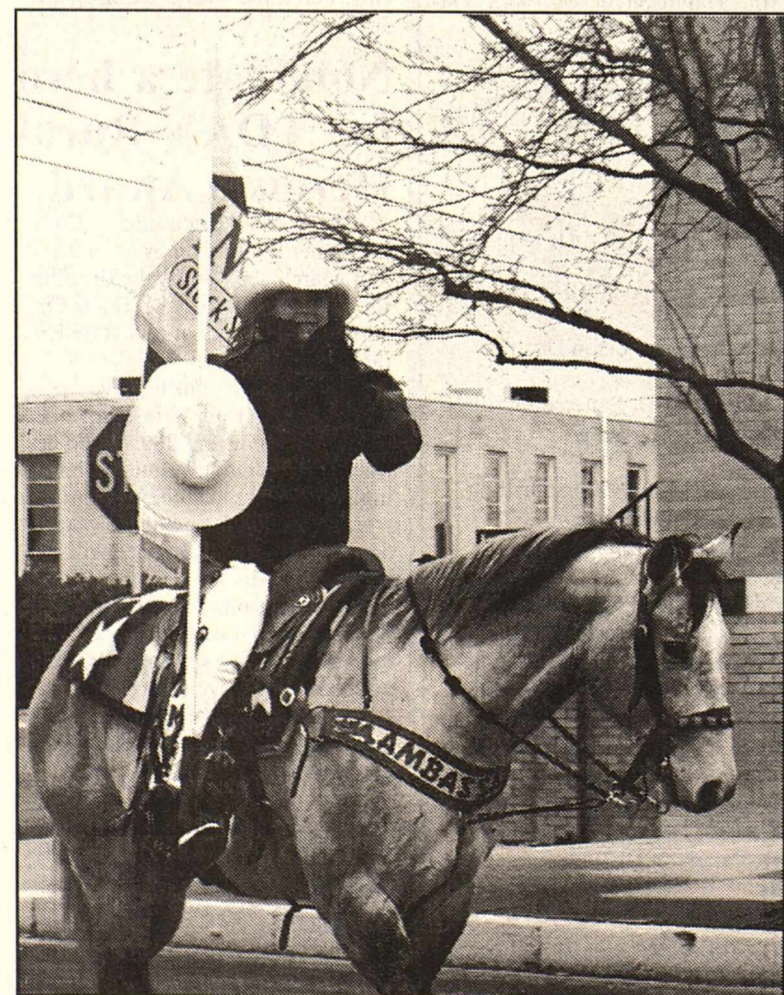
Several students placed individually: Embre Smith: 2nd Computer Applications, 3rd Accounting and 2nd Number Sense; Swade Draper: 4th Accounting; Desiree Alvarado: 6th Accounting; Ty Love: 3rd Science, 1st Biology; Warren Wallace: 1st Informative Speaking; Stacy Sanchez: 2nd Persuasive Speaking; Travis Valliant: 6th Persuasive Speaking; Erin Newton: 3rd Poetry; Starlyn Chadwick: 1st Prose; Kayla Fields: 3rd Prose; Desiree Boldt and Mackenzie Perez: 3rd Cross-Examination Debate; Kaci Chavarria: 3rd Lincoln Douglas Debate.

Weingart graduates from A&M

Christopher Matthew Weingart, a senior at Texas A&M University, was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science, joining more than 3,567 Texas A&M University graduates during fall commencement ceremonies held December 16 - 17, 2005.

Sonora teen rides with San Angelo Rodeo Ambassadors

Kyla Turney of Sonora, riding her horse Radar, a 4 year old Grullia Quarter horse, fared the frigid weather to participate in the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Parade as one of the San Angelo Rodeo Ambassadors this past Saturday in downtown San Angelo. The Ambassadors perform the opening act for each San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo performance with fast paced flag drills choreographed to country and western music, and assist in the opening ceremonies and the Mutton Bustin' contest. Kyla can be seen performing this Thursday through Sunday as the last week of Rodeo Performances continue. The Ambassadors also perform at various rodeos around the area, including Sonora's Sutton County Days to promote rodeo.



Kyla Turney bundles up to ride with the San Angelo Rodeo Ambassadors in the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo parade.

Bronco Tennis teams slug it out in the cold

by Carol Pope

Despite the bitter temperatures last weekend the Ozona High School Tennis Tournament went on over the weekend of February 17 - 18, 2006. Several Bronco players fared well despite the cold weather.

Swade Draper placed first in Varsity boys singles. The Varsity boys doubles team of Brandon Muna and Steven Barthelemy finished 10th, and the team of Kody Word and Riley Sanchez were right behind them in 11th.

Monica Traylor and Chantal Arispe played for 11th and 12th for the Varsity girls singles.

The Varsity girls doubles team of Alex Kenney and Cerrisa Hedgecock placed very well, winning 3rd, and the team of Madeline Higdon and Tissie Wagoner finished 9th.

For the Junior Varsity, the doubles team of Laura Martin and Sierra Gomez won an impressive 3rd. In singles girls play, Alicia Covey won consolation.

Congratulations to all of the Bronco Tennis players, you all did great. We hope it is warmer next tournament!

ACT tests available in April

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 8, 2006, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is March 3. Late registration postmark deadline is March 17. The cost is \$29 without and \$43 with the Writing Test (an additional \$18 fee is required for late registration).

Students can receive registration information from their high school guidance counselors or they can register on ACT's website at www.actstudent.org. The website also features test tips, practice tests, online test prep, and a database for students to find out if a prospective college requires a writing score.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. Scored are used, along with a student's high school GPA, high school courses taken, extracurricular activities and other information to help determine if a student is academically ready for college-level coursework.

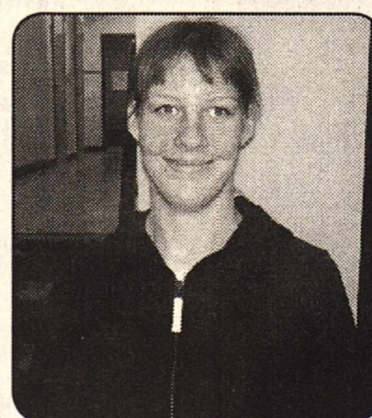
"In April, many juniors the ACT," said spokesman Ken Gullette. "When they get their scores, they should examine them carefully, talk with parents and counselors, then get extra help from tutors or peer helpers and take courses that will strengthen any academic weaknesses. Students can retest early in their senior year and then report only the score they want colleges to see."

The ACT Assessment is an achievement test that includes four exams; English, reading, math, and science. Students who take the optional Writing Test will add 30 minutes to the 3-hour normal testing time. Most colleges and universities don't require a writing score, so students should check the writing test requirements of colleges they're considering before registering for the ACT.

S.H.S. Students of the Week

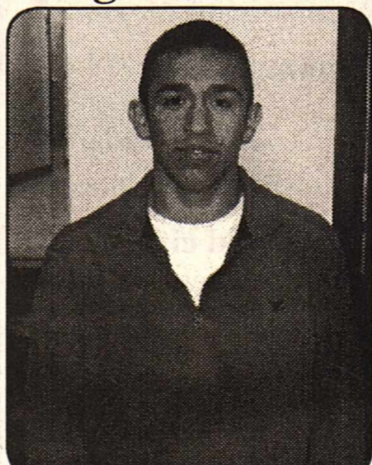
Lisa Frye

Lisa Frye is the senior daughter of Charles and Pat Frye. She has lived in Sonora all of her life and enjoys living here. Her favorite thing about Sonora High is that she has a lot of fun with her classmates and her teachers. Lisa is a very pleasant student and is always in a great mood, she has a great attitude about school. After graduation Lisa says that she would like to stay home for a little while.



Jose Lugo

Jose Lugo is the 10th grade son of Irma Luna and Ramiro Lugo. Jose is a member of the Sonora Bronco football team, the Spanish Club and Future Farmers of America. He has attended Sonora schools since kindergarten having lived here all of his life. Jose states that his favorite thing about Sonora High is that everyone here is competitive in every sport they do. After graduation Jose plans to go to college and he hopes that he can attend THE University of Texas.



| 2006 Sonora Bronco Baseball | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | TIME |
| February 23-25 | Dry Devils River Tournament | SONORA | T.B.A |
| February 28 | Fort Stockton | Fort Stockton | 7:00 p.m. |
| March 3 | Anson | San Angelo (Lakeview) | 4:00 p.m. |
| March 7 | Comfort | Comfort | 5:30 p.m. |
| March 10 | Lago Vista/D.H. | Lago Vista | 4:00 p.m. |
| March 14 | *Ozona | Ozona | 6:00 p.m. |
| March 17 | *Grape Creek | SONORA | 5:00 p.m. |
| March 21 | *Reagan County | Big Lake | 5:00 p.m. |
| March 24 | *Junction | SONORA | 5:00 p.m. |
| March 28 | *Eldorado | Eldorado | 4:00 p.m. |
| March 31 | *Mason | SONORA | 7:30 p.m. |

| JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL SCHEDULE | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Date | Opponent | Site | Time |
| February 28 | Fort Stockton | Fort Stockton | 4:30 p.m. |
| March 6 | Eldorado | Eldorado | 4:00 p.m. |
| March 13 | Ozona* | SONORA | 5:00 p.m. |
| March 17 | Grape Creek* | SONORA | After Varsity |
| March 20 | Reagan County* | SONORA | 5:00 p.m. |
| March 24 | Junction* | SONORA | After Varsity |
| March 27 | Eldorado* | SONORA | 5:00 p.m. |

| TENNIS VARSITY FEBRUARY | | |
|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 24-25 | | FT. STOCKTON |
| MARCH | | |
| 3-4 | | REGIONAL TEAM TENNIS (SAN ANGELO) |
| 10-11 | | STATE TEAM TENNIS (AUSTIN) |
| JUNIOR VARSITY MARCH | | |
| 21 | | REAGAN CO. |
| 30-31, APRIL 1 | | MASON |
| JUNIOR HIGH MARCH | | |
| 4 | | SONORA |
| 7 | | DUAL MATCH(TBA) |
| 25 | | ELDORADO |

| SONORA LADY BRONCOS SOFTBALL 2006 | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| DATE | OPPONENT | PLACE | TIME |
| 2/24 | BRADY | SONORA | 5&7 P.M. |
| 3/2-3/4 | SAN ANGELO TOURN. | | TBA |
| 3/7 | *ELDORADO | ELDORADO | 4 P.M. |
| 3/10 | *REAGAN CO. | SONORA | 4 P.M. |
| 3/14 | *OZONA | OZONA | 4 P.M. |
| 3/17 | *GRAPE CREEK | SONORA | 4 P.M. |
| 3/21 | *WALL | WALL | 4 P.M. |
| 3/25 | LAKEVIEW | SONORA | 2 P.M. |
| 3/28 | *JUNCTION | SONORA | 4 P.M. |

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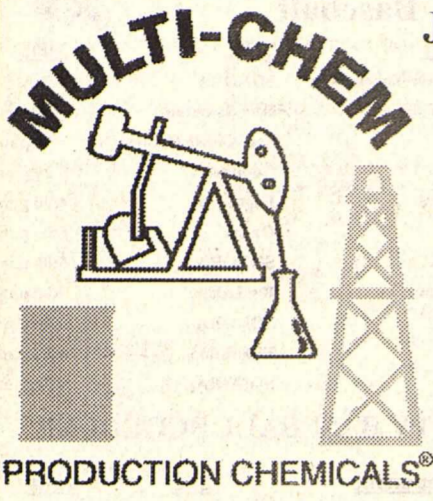
| 2006 TRACK AND FIELD HIGH SCHOOL MARCH | | | |
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| 4 | JUNCTION | VB,VG,JVB | |
| 11 | REAGAN CO. | VB,VG,JVB | |
| 18 | IRAAN | VB,VG,JVB | |
| 25 | SONORA | VB,VG,JVB,JVG | |
| 31 | ABILENE | VG | |
| 31 | SAN ANGELO | VB | |

| MIDDLE SCHOOL MARCH | | | |
|---------------------|------------|--|--|
| 3 | JUNCTION | | |
| 10 | REAGAN CO. | | |
| 24 | SONORA | | |
| 30 | OZONA | | |

| 2006 BRONCO GOLF SCHEDULE | | | |
|---------------------------|--|--------------|--|
| GIRLS FEBRUARY | | | |
| 24-25 | | Ft. Stockton | |
| 28 | | ReaganCo. | |
| MARCH | | | |
| 8 | | Sonora | |
| 14 | | San Saba | |
| 20 | | Iraan | |
| 29 | | Ozona* | |
| BOYS FEBRUARY | | | |
| 22 | | Sonora | |
| MARCH | | | |
| 1 | | Reagan Co. | |
| 10-11 | | San Angelo | |
| 22 | | Iraan | |
| 29 | | Ozona* | |

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SAN ANGELO — Texas Cooperative Extension will host West Texas Beef 706, a four-part workshop for cattle producers, beginning March 1.

Dates, times and locations are:

- March 1, 5:30 p.m., Producers Livestock Auction for dinner and program kickoff, calf management and feeder calf evaluation.

- June 15, 5:30 p.m., Angelo State University's Management, Instruction and Research Center for dinner and review of calves at feeding midpoint, and observe best beef quality management and selection practices.

- Aug. 3, 5:30 p.m., Angelo State University's Management, Instruction and Research Center for dinner and review of calves as finished market steers. Review performance data and discuss grading and grid marketing.

- Aug. 22-23, 8:30 a.m., Angelo State University's Management, Instruction and Research Center, for hands-on grading, virtual feedyard/packing plant tour, beef carcass cutting, tasting session, and program wrap-up.

Dr. Dan Hale, Extension meats specialist at College Station, said the program offers cattle producers a special opportunity to learn the best management practices to improve their cattle and profit margin.

"Participants leaving this program will have a much greater insight as to what's making money in today's cattle industry," said Hale. "The program centers around tracking a group of feeder calves from purchase to slaughter. The results may surprise even the most seasoned producer."

Every beef producer should attend Beef 706, said Joe Pat Hemphill, a cow/calf producer from Coleman.

"Whether you've been producing beef more than 50 years as I have, or you're a newcomer to the business, the information presented in Beef 706 is important and pertinent to our ever-changing industry."

Van Horn rancher Jon Means said the program is one of the most beneficial courses he's ever attended.

"To be involved, hands-on, in the evaluation of a live animal and follow that particular animal to its value in the meat case is an insight to anyone in our business," said Means. "I would encourage every producer to attend."

The program is limited to 40 people. RSVP by Feb. 20 to Lori Sleeper, Texas Beef Council at (800) 846-4113, loris@txbeef.org.

Individual registration is \$45 payable to Angelo State University at the first meeting. Hale said the Texas Beef Council is contributing more than \$400 per person to cover most of the program's cost.

Factors to Consider When Using Herbicides



submitted by Pascual Hernandez
Sutton County Extension Agent-Agriculture

Each new growing season hopefully brings grass, but it also brings weeds and other undesirable plants. Whether you apply herbicide to individual plants with a backpack sprayer or to large areas with an aerial application, there are some things to consider.

One question is broadcast rate vs. individual plant treatment rate. Broadcast rates and individual plant treatment rates are different. Broadcast treatments are applied by the use of a boom or boomless nozzle and the entire ground surface beneath the sprayer is sprayed. Broadcast application rates are expressed in pints, quarts or pounds of herbicide per acre. Individual plant treatment involves directing the spray mix at a specific plant by using a hand held spray wand. Individual plant treatment rates are expressed in terms of the concentration of the herbicide in the spray mix.

Keep in mind that different herbicides are applied in different ways. Some you spray on the leaves. Some you apply to the stems or cut stumps of plants. And some you apply to the soil under the target plant. These are called soil-applied herbicides and are usually formulated as small pellets or tablets. Rainfall is required to dissolve the herbicide and move it down into the soil profile, where it enters the plant through the roots with soil water.

Many people understand how the wind can blow liquid leaf-applied herbicides on to non-target plants. But what gets people in trouble with soil-applied herbicides is underestimating how far plant roots extend from a desirable tree or shrub. As a general rule, assume the root zone to be three times the diameter of the maximum canopy of the plant. If an oak tree is 20 feet across, stay at least 60 feet away if you are using soil-applied herbicides. When using this type of herbicide on a slope, remember they are water soluble and will move downhill with runoff and possibly kill desirable plants. Also remember that timing is everything. There are certain times when herbicides are most effective on a particular plant.

Other factors include: use of surfactants, calibration, and whether to use diesel. Farming, ranching, pasture or yard maintenance, it doesn't matter—you can benefit from avoiding the pitfalls on this list of common, costly and potentially illegal mistakes.

To answer many of these questions, Texas Cooperative Extension will offer a "Weed Busters" program on February 28th at the Crockett County Extension Office. Topics include Weed Identification & Control, Do-It-Yourself Brush Control Equipment, Pesticide Laws and Regulations, and Properly Mixing Chemicals. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. and offers 3 C.E.U.s for those with a pesticide applicator license. Contact the Crockett County Extension Office at 392-2721 if you'd like to attend this program offered by Crockett, Schleicher and Sutton Counties.

Hay hauling permit requirements temporarily suspended

Gov. Rick Perry has made it easier for ranchers to bring in hay from out-of-state for their drought-stricken herds by acting on a request from Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) and Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs.

In response to a letter from TFB President Kenneth Dierschke, Gov. Perry issued an executive order Feb. 14 that suspended the permitting requirements and legal height restriction for round hay bales—along with associated permit fees—for carriers transporting round bales of hay to areas affected by drought and wildfire.

Hay supplies are short due to drought and wildfire, and ranchers statewide have been scrambling to find enough forage to feed their cattle. There have been instances where trucks loaded with large round hay bales destined for disaster areas were detained by law enforcement agencies for over-height loads. Some of those trucks have been forced to unload a portion of their cargo on the road side before being allowed to continue the delivery.

"The governor's action gives hay haulers a chance to bring in much-needed forage to our cowherds without interference," Dierschke said. "Ranchers appreciate Gov. Perry's quick correction of this problem."

"To ensure the safety of the traveling public," Gov. Perry directed carriers with loads exceeding 14 feet in height to contact the Texas Department of Transportation's Motor Carrier Division to receive expedited routing. All other legal requirements, including licensing, registration, insurance and safety, remain in place.

Unless otherwise extended by Gov. Perry, the waiver expires April 30.

Nominate a hero for TDA's Rural Heroism Award

AUSTIN—Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that March 1, 2006, is the deadline for nominations for the Texas Department of Agriculture's 2005 Rural Heroism Award.

Candidates must have performed a heroic, lifesaving act within Texas during 2005. The heroic deed should be related to farming or ranching and occur in a rural area. Automobile accidents or accidents caused by negligence will not be considered.

Nominations should include a written account of the incident and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of everyone involved. If available, newspaper clippings and photographs should accompany all nominations.

Nominations must be post-marked by March 1, 2006, and mailed to Pal Scully, TDA safety coordinator, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. For additional information on qualifications, you can contact Scully (512)475-1611.

The 2005 recipient will be announced March 27 at the Texas Safety Association's Conference and Exposition in Houston.



March 7th, Democratic Primary
Early Voting Feb. 21 - March 3

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I would like to remind all citizens of Sutton County and all readers of the Devil's River News that this election to determine who will succeed Judge Brock Jones is a very important one.

Thus, I want to remind everyone that Judge Jones' successor will be determined in the Democratic primary. There is no Republican candidate for this position on the ballot. Whoever wins in the Democratic primary will be the next District Court Judge. Therefore, I call on all citizens in this district who want to have a voice in this important race to vote in the Democratic primary and Vote for Pete Gomez to be your next District Judge.

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Dominion; 8710' Mayfield - 33 - #11, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 8650' Mayfield - 46 - #24, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 8650' Duke Wilson #176-8, Patterson Drilling.
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New Dominion; 7125' Shurley - 36 - #14, Patterson Drilling.
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Dominion; 6700' Shurley - 123 - #22, Patterson Drilling.
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New Harrison Interests; 9800' Joe Tom Davidson Jr - A - #48, Patterson Drilling.
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Dominion; 8250' Clayton - 2 - #2, Patterson Drilling.
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plained that as part of a large arena improvement plan, the committee he represents approached land owner Joe David Ross on the possibility of using land owned by the Ross Family to build an additional parking area and a warm-up area for horses. An additional softball field is also included in the plans, increasing the usage possibilities and providing more space for tournaments to be held. This would allow for continued growth of future projects that draw out-of-town guests. Campbell provided a blueprint of the proposed area, including the land the Ross Family would like to incur in the trade, located at the west end of the arena park complex (behind the civic center). The commissioners turned to David Wallace, Sutton County Lawyer, regarding restrictions, liabilities and binding future courts. After further discussion from Garner regarding these possible problems, it was decided to table the request until Wallace could obtain more concrete facts and stipulations regarding such transactions.

In other business, the Commissioners approved January's bills.

Justice of the Peace, Adaleta Alvarez, reported 671 criminal traffic tickets and 44 non-traffic, with a total collection of \$149,829.31. County fines in the amount of \$55,313.75 were assessed last month, with \$59,463.73 remitted to the state, \$84,495.51 to county and \$5,625.07 to the collection company.

Sheriff Fincher reported that there were 46 inmates held in Sutton County in January, for an average of 14.50 per day at .87 cents per meal. There was \$4,500 in fees generated. The sheriff's office logged 8,300 miles at a cost of \$943.00, averaging 17.7 miles per

gallon. The EMS department reported 28 runs in January, with 12 within the City, nine in County and seven hospital transfers. There were 1500 volunteer hours logged and \$5,452.59 was collected in December.

Oscar Jimenez reported that the Road & Bridge report that the water well at the County Yard had been repaired for \$3650 and was much less than expected. The park received a new truck and five oak trees were recently planted at the cemetery.

Mike Villanueva questioned whether the Drug Task Force will continue to be funded due to State funding cuts. A decision on State cuts won't be made until March and at that time it will be up to the court to review the department and decide if and where the funds will be obtained to continue.

Wallace reported \$795.58 recovered for hot checks.

The District Clerk's office generated \$5,506.65 and the County Clerk, \$13,484.75 for the month of January.

County Judge Carla Garner reported that the construction superintendent for the courthouse project had been terminated, but there were new painters on the site and they should be finished soon. Garner recommended that the commissioners hire the electric company contractors that began the project to oversee the installation of computer and phone cables that still need to be completed.

Sheriff Fincher requested that the new jailer that was hired be started at a higher salary than average, due to his deputy certification and six years experience. Fincher also stated that the young man had

just returned from Iraq, where he specialized in bomb training and had assisted greatly in the recent bomb threat at Sonora ISD. The commissioners agreed, that since the money was in the budget, that the new jailer be started at the higher salary based on his experience.

Bids for Bank depository were tabled until the county treasurer and auditor could review both bids and determine the best offered.

The commissioners approved a request from Ann Kay and the Friends of Historic Sonora, to support a Preserve America Award application. If so awarded, grant money could be awarded for preservation projects in the community. Kay also presented the court with calendars obtained at a recent Texas Preservation convention, in which the Sutton County Courthouse is spotlighted in the month of November.

The commissioners approved a suggested lease rate of 3% of the cost, to be extended to the City of Sonora and Sonora ISD, for the use of the new DRE voting machines. This is an average implemented by most surrounding counties.

In closing, the commissioners heard a presentation from John Paul Friess, representing the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation. Friess explained the intention to form a transportation committee, consisting of 12 members and 3 officio-members, to help make decisions on the future of transportation in Sonora and Sutton County. A commissioner will be asked to be on the committee to represent the county voters. The court agreed to support the transportation committee and will appoint someone at a later date.

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AutoMARK, he or she will insert a blank ballot into the machine. Directions will pop up on the screen for the voter, or the voter can put on the provided headset and hear the directions being read. The ballot will be in both Spanish and English, and the voter can choose which language he or she would like to use.

A zoom feature enables the voter to increase the print size of each race listed on the ballot. This may be especially helpful for voters who are sighted but have limited vision.

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After the voters have marked their ballots, they will take them to the Precinct Ballot Counter atop the ballot box. They will insert their ballot, where the votes for each race will be automatically tabulated and stored on a computer card. The Precinct Counter will notify voters once again if they have under voted or over voted and give them the option of accepting the ballot as it is or casting a new ballot. The ballot will drop into the ballot box, and the voter will have officially voted.

At the end of the night when polls close, the election judges will be responsible for delivering the computer card to the County Clerk where the official results will be tabulated.

A paper ballot is still available to fall back on for verification purposes if necessary.

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Voters will have to determine prior to the primary, for which party

they want to cast a ballot. For voters who signed a petition for a certain candidate, they are required to vote in that party's primary. Candidates should also remember they have to vote in the party primary for which they are seeking election.

Some rights as a voter include:

*The right to cast your vote in secrecy and free from intimidation.

*The right to receive up to two more ballots if a mistake is made while marking the ballot.

*The right to ask the polling place official for instructions on how to cast the ballot, but not for suggestions on how to vote.

*The right to bring an interpreter to assist you as you qualify to vote if you do not understand the English language.

*The right to cast a provisional ballot if your name does not appear on the list of registered voters or you do not have proper identification.

Some things voters cannot do:

*Vote in an election in which you know that you are not eligible

to vote.

*Vote twice in an election.

*Suggest how another person should vote by word, sign or gesture while in the polling place.

*Intimidate, threaten or coerce any person from voting or attempting to vote.

*Electioneer or loiter within 100 feet of the entrance to the polling place or inside the polling place.

Voters should come to the polls with their voter registration certificate. Voters will be required to show identification at the polling place if they do not have their voter registration certificate. An appropriate form of identification includes:

*A driver's license or personal identification card issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety

*A form of identification containing the voter's photograph

*A birth certificate

*United States citizenship paper or passport

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This is the tenant's final notice of "intent to sale" concerning their property. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale at any time.

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Public Notice

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION
DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 15, 2005
Rule 37/38 Case No. 0245452
CORRECTED NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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FIELD: SAWYER (CANYON)
Lease/Unit Name: SHURLEY 141
Lease/Unit Well No.: 19
Lease/Unit Acres: 581.64
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 820.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 779.0
Lease Lines: 820.0 FNL, 1810.0 FEL
Survey Lines: 820.0 FNL, 1810.0 FEL

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) FAWCETT (WOLFCAMP). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
SAWYER (CANYON):
GAS Special Rules 500/1000, 320.0 acres.
GAS Optional Rules 500/1000, 40.0 acres
FAWCETT (WOLFCAMP):
GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 7250 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant at (713) 7566000.

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Public Notice

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION
DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 15, 2005
Rule 37/38 Case No. 0245467
NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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FIELD: SAWYER (CANYON)
Lease/Unit Name: SHURLEY 141
Lease/Unit Well No.: 21
Lease/Unit Acres: 581.64
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 900.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 845.0
Lease Lines: 1400.0 FEL, 1540.0 FSL
Survey Lines: 1400.0 FEL, 1540.0 FSL

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This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 7800 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant at (713) 7566000.

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DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 15, 2005
Rule 37/38 Case No. 0245456
CORRECTED NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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FIELD: FAWCETT (WOLFCAMP)
Lease/Unit Name: SHURLEY 141
Lease/Unit Well No.: 22
Lease/Unit Acres: 581.64
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1250.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 792.0
Lease Lines: 1250.0 FWL, 2010.0 FNL
Survey Lines: 1250.0 FWL, 2010.0 FNL
FIELD: SAWYER (CANYON)
Lease/Unit Name: SURLEY 141
Lease/Unit Well No.: 22
Lease/Unit Acres: 581.64
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1250.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 787.0
Lease Lines: 1250.0 FWL, 2010.0 FNL
Survey Lines: 1250.0 FWL, 2010.0 FNL

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ATTENTION ART LOVERS! Please join us for a gathering of local artists & art enthusiasts to discuss forming an Art Club in Sonora. We will meet Tuesday evening, February 28th, 6:00 pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Everyone welcome, no experience necessary, just a desire to develop and encourage artistic participation and appreciation in our community. Bring your inspiration, a sack dinner, and if you are already an artist, bring a recent piece of your work to share. For more information, contact Nadine Eby at 387-2189 or Delyse Jaeger at 387-2061.

PINEWOOD DERBY: Pack 19 Cub Scouts will hold the Annual Pinewood Derby this Saturday, February 25th, beginning at 9:00 am at the Sonora Middle School Snack Bar. Come join us for an exciting competition!

Piano Lessons - Leroy Moore, bringing 35 years of teaching experience for ages 8 - adult, now has two spots available for new lessons. Please call Tammy Favila @ 387-3661 FMI

Days Inn/Steakhouse/Comfort Inn Relay for Life Team is selling purple ribbon car magnets to raise money for Cancer Awareness/Relay. Large = \$5 and Small \$3. Come by any of the locations to pick one up and show your support!

2006 Yearbooks are on sale for \$35.00 (plus an additional \$5.00 per book if you want it mailed) March 1 is the deadline to order the books and no additional books will be ordered after that time. Checks should be delivered to the Superintendent's Office at 807 S. Concho or mailed to: Sonora ISD, Attn: Erik Craig, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, Texas. Please include your name and address with the check.

Read Across America Day - March 2, 2006.

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Spring Break for Sonora ISD - March 13-17, 2006

J.W. & Durwood Neville Memorial 2-man Select Shot - April 1st & 2nd - Sonora Golf Course - \$200.00 per team - pre-flighted - 64 team limit - 2 day payout- Tee times 7:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Friday, March 31- Shootout 5:00 p.m.

Sonora Golf Club 3-person 27 hole Select Shot - April 8th - Must have at least one woman - Tee time: 10:00 a.m. First 22 paid teams - \$135.00 per team/mulligans included

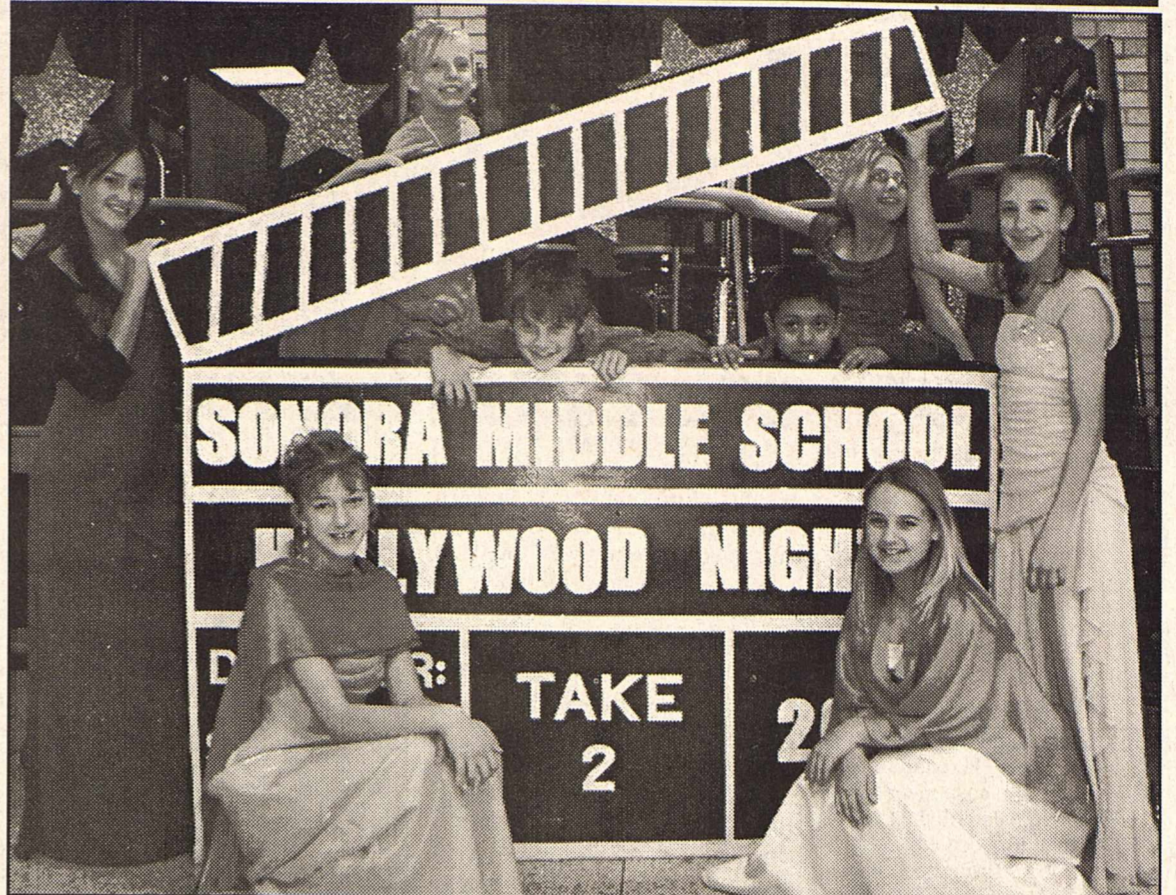
Consuelo Ranch 3rd Annual Relay for Life Benefit Team Roping, Saturday, April 22, 2006 (9 miles south of Sonora on Hwy 277, gate combo = 1234). 1st roping books open 8:00 a.m.; close 8:30 a.m. Rope 9:00 a.m. Enter 1, Draw 3 for \$50 - enter twice; OTRA#2 roping with #1 cap per roper - 2nd roping books open 1:00 p.m.; close 1:30 p.m. Rope 2:00 p.m. (or after first roping); Enter 1, draw 3 for \$75 OTRA #3 Roping. Saddles awarded to high point roper in each roping; donated by E.M Hobbs and Niblett's Oilfield Services. Other prizes include buckles, breast collars, rope bags, and spurs. BBQ meal catered by Stagecoach BBQ; no glass bottles; cash only. FMI call 387-3244 or 387-2272.

9th Annual College Scholarship Tournament - April 29th - Sonora Golf Course - 3 person team-\$100.00; 4 person team - \$150.00; 5 person team - \$200.00 - Tee time: 1:00 p.m.

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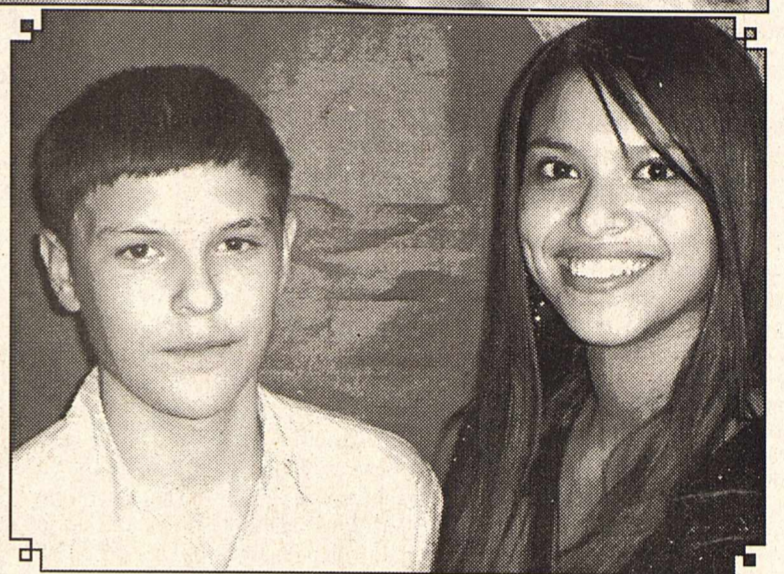
Friday, February 17th was the "2nd take" for the annual Sonora Middle School Student Council Valentine Dance and the Sweetest Hearts were finally announced.

The dance has been held on a Thursday night prior to the Sonora High School Speech Meet for as long as anyone at the school can remember. This year, due to a bomb threat, school was let out early and there was a collective groan from the Sonora Middle School as most students were fired up and ready for the Valentine Dance. Hair and nail appointments had to be cancelled; food and drinks were put on hold; and disappointed students went home as the school was checked out for safety.

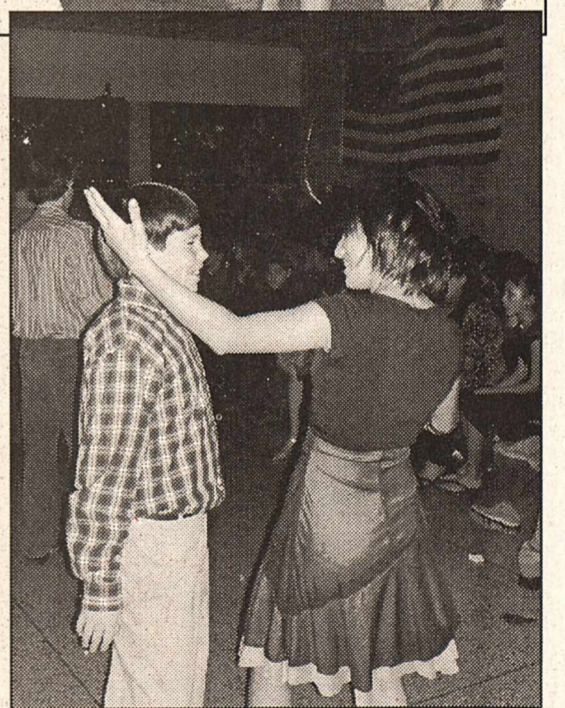
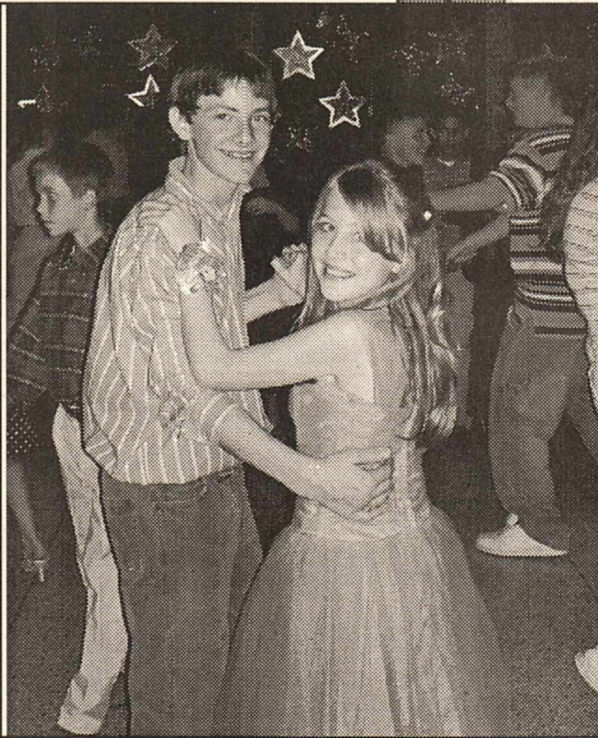
The students, sponsors, and parents were finally able to have the dance the following Friday. The Hollywood theme decorations were spectacular as the students entered the dance on the red carpet.

The Sweetest Hearts were announced during the evening and the "Academy Award" for best female sweetheart went to Amy Hernandez, daughter of Patricia & Alonzo Hernandez and the best male sweetheart went to Kris Agüero, son of Kelly & Leandro Agüero.

The Middle School Student Council wants to extend a special thanks to all the parents who helped make this a special night for all the students. Sharon Creek and the 1st grade team did an incredible job on the clap board backdrop. We also want to thank Missy Anderson, Rhesa Lang, Cathy Parks, Michelle Krieg, Carolyn Earwood, Carol Leonard, Tamie Love, and Tammy Favila for all their help with the event. Thank you to the student council parents that provided food and drink for refreshments.



2006 Sweetest Hearts: Kris Agüero and Amy Hernandez



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