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Rita Sutton, PT, and Dorothy Cramer, PT Technician

Hudspeth Hospital welcomes new Physical Therapist

submitted by Keith Butler

Physical Therapist Rita Sutton has joined the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital health care team. Rita was raised in Mason and received her undergraduate education at Texas A & M University. Rita completed her Physical Therapy training at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas.

Rita comes to Sonora from Brady where she was employed by The Heart of Texas Medical Center. Rita is married to Scott Sutton who is the Chief Appraiser for Schleicher County Appraisal District. Rita is excited about the opportunities available in Sonora. "I am very excited about living in the West Texas area. I was almost speechless by the new Wellness Center and Physical Therapy Department. In all the years I have been a therapist, I have never had the opportunity to work at a facility of such quality. I know it will be a pleasure to work here."

Rita brings to our community a wealth of experience and knowledge in preventing injuries and in restoring function following illness or injury in all age groups. Rita also has a great deal of experience with wound care management and the SWING bed program now available at the hospital.

The Physical Therapy Department located in The Health and Wellness Center, is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Don't travel for your physical therapy needs. The Health and Wellness Center at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital has the most modern rehabilitation services available in the region. Allow Rita to assist you here at home. Insurance counseling and pre-approval services are available. Please consult with your physician regarding physical therapy and its benefits to your health. For more information, please call (325) 387-2521 x230. Se Habla Español.

The Eastern Star and Dee Ora Masonic Lodge will host a scholarship spaghetti dinner before the Homecoming game on Friday, September 9, 2005 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the High School Commons Area. Meal will be \$6 per plate. All proceeds go to benefit the youth at Sonora High School.

Hurricane Katrina wreaks havoc, aftermath reaches West Texas



Gas prices rise in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

compiled from information provided by the Associated Press

Gas prices in most of the United States had skyrocketed by as much as 20 cents Monday night, August 29, 2005, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina -- inching local prices near the \$3 mark.

Hurricane Katrina disrupted Gulf Coast petroleum output and rattled energy markets on Monday, sending oil and natural gas prices soaring and setting the stage for a spike in the retail cost of gasoline.

By the end of the day, more than 700 offshore platforms and rigs had been evacuated, two rigs had drifted away and authorities in Alabama were forced to close a bridge over the Mobile River after it was struck by a runaway platform. Oil

futures briefly climbed above \$70 a barrel for the first time.

More than one-third of the Gulf of Mexico's oil production was shut down by the hurricane, which was downgraded to a tropical storm by Monday night.

But rising gas prices is a minimal problem compared to what so many people along the coast are going through.

Rescuers in boats and helicopters struggled to reach hundreds of wet and bedraggled victims of Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast on Tuesday, while New Orleans slipped deeper into crisis as water began rising in the streets because of a levee break.

Across Louisiana,

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Broncos dominate at season opener against Alpine

by Ray Glasscock

The Broncos made the long trip to Alpine to open the season against the 1-2A Alpine Bucks. The coaches and players were nervous. The fans were excited and hopeful for an opening day win. After a slow start, the Broncos overpowered the Bucks with 422 offensive yards while holding the Bucks to only 179 total yards. Caleb Ramos and Brett McDaniel each rushed for more than 100 yards.

The Bucks opened on offense. They had success early running the ball and passing. Evan Gulley tackled a Buck receiver, and the Bucks faced a fourth and nine situation. The Buck quarterback threw deep and Cullen Parker knocked the pass to the ground.

Ramos started the series with a long pass to Anthony Longoria that fell incomplete. McDaniel started his game leading rushing with a six yard game. On third down, Ramos tried to hit Lito Trevino who couldn't make the catch. Parker came in and boomed a nice spiral punt.

The Bucks returned the punt for a 19 yard pickup. They proceeded to mount their best drive of the game. Craig Leonard and several other Broncos came up with a good stop. Mixing runs and passing, Alpine marched into the end zone to take a 7 - 0 lead with 5:30 left in the first quarter.

Justin Northcott returned the kickoff to the Buck 37 yard line. Ramos rushed for seven yards. McDaniel gained 12 yards for a first down. A keeper by Ramos moved the ball to the Buck 20 yard line. The drive ended when the Bucks stripped the ball from Longoria who was gaining good yardage on a reverse in the red zone.

The Bucks had the ball at their five facing a fired up Bronco defense: On first down, Steven Duhon hammered their runner at the six yard line. Aaron Gaytan and EMBRE SMITH stopped the quarterback keeper for no gain. On third down, Gulley just missed an interception. The Buck punter lined up on the back line of his own end



Great blocking from the offensive line allows Brett McDaniel to gain 141 yards against Alpine. Photo by Ray Glasscock

zone. McDaniel blew through the Buck's line, blocked the punt, and recovered the ball for the first Bronco score of the season. Gaytan's PAT kick was good.

Gulley boomed the kickoff to the Buck 11 yard line. The return man made it to 25 where Northcott tackled him. On first down, the Buck QB threw incomplete. On second down, EMBRE SMITH tackled the runner for a loss of one. McDaniel tipped the third down pass, and the Bucks punted on fourth down.

The Bronco ground game started in earnest. Ramos ran for 20 yards on third and long. Facing third and 6 at the Buck 30 yard line, Northcott fought his way to the eight yard line behind great down field blocking by Pedro Gloria. Northcott slammed to the three yard line where Ramos scored the touchdown on a keeper. Gaytan split the uprights for the PAT and the Broncos led 14 to 7.

The Bucks quickly answered. On third down, a Buck receiver got behind the Bronco defense and scored on a long pass reception. Their PAT tied the score at 14 all.

Cameron Cox took the ensuring kickoff back for 40 yards. Ramos pitched the ball to McDaniel who rambled for a 32 yard gain. After a nice run

by Ramos, McDaniel once again got it close. On fourth down, McDaniel ran behind great blocking by the left side of the Bronco line and scored. However, the touchdown was nullified by a Bronco penalty. On fourth and eleven, the Bucks picked off a Ramos pass killing the drive. The half ended with the score tied at 14.

The Broncos owned the rest of the game - rushing for 200 yards and stuffing the Alpine backs. Dustin Duhon returned the second half kickoff from the 20 to the 33 yard line. McDaniel gained 11 yards to the 46 yard line. Longoria gained nine yards on a reverse. After a couple of short gains, Ramos rushed for 42 yards to the 12 yard line. From there, McDaniel followed great blocking for a 12 yard touchdown run. Gaytan kicked the PAT and the Broncos led 21 to 14.

The Bucks tried to answer. Their efforts were thwarted by Roland Solis, Northcott, and Gulley. Gulley logged a pass broken up. The Broncos took over at the 27 yard line. Ramos completed his first pass with a slant pattern to Steven Duhon for a nice gain. Pedro Gloria caught the next pass and followed blocks by Cox to the six yard line. Cox then took the handoff wide, but he couldn't

make the corner. Ramos got the touchdown from the two. A high snap from center caused the PAT to fail. The Broncos led 27 to 14.

The Bucks went three and out. Uriel Santana gained good yardage on two carries. Then McDaniel went wide and appeared to score from 38 yards out. Once again, a penalty negated his efforts. Ramos got the touchdown on the keeper and the Broncos had their first win of the season by a score of 33 to 14.

The Broncos had their most impressive offensive showing since the 2001 season. McDaniel gained 141 yards on 15 carries and Ramos gained 136 yards on 16 carries. The backs benefited from the outstanding line play of the offensive line. The success of the spread offense depends on a good snap, and Mason Martinez snapped the ball right into Ramos' hands. The Broncos had 20 first downs and gained 383 yards on the ground. Sonora held the Bucks to only ten first downs for 179 total yards. The Bronco defense excelled as the Bucks tried 32 rushing plays and gained only 17 yards.

Next week the Broncos have their home opener against Brackettville.

City council corrections

by Storie Sharp

In the August 25, 2005 issue of The Devil's River News, we reported that, after a lengthy discussion addressing concerns on the water meter change-out policy, the City Council had agreed that a letter was to be written to customers who have changed their minds about changing out their water meters.

This was incorrectly stated, as the City Council did not vote on the matter, but instead tabled the discussion until the next regular meeting.

The minutes from the meeting (unofficial at press time)

See City Council page 7

New laws take effect Sept. 1

As you may or may not be aware, effective September 1, all children under the age of 5 and 3 feet tall, must be secured in a child safety seat in the state of Texas. Current law only mandates children under the age of 4 to ride in a car seat. This means that many children who have been out of safety seats will now have to ride restrained in a booster seat.

This is only one of many new traffic and criminal laws that go into effect September 1! Many of these laws will affect you or someone in your family. Please read through the list and be aware.

See New Laws page 7

Military memorial quilt donated to museum

Many have asked what has happened to the beautiful memorial quilt that was handmade by Sgt. Nicole Smith while serving in Iraq with the 1st Infantry Division. The quilt was sewn from pieces signed by senior ranking officers, NCOs, top generals, Command Sgts. the Governor of Tikrit Dyala and many more. Soldiers from all over the world also signed the pieces.

Readers will remember that a group of citizens from Sonora bonded together to purchase the quilt on ebay, with all proceeds to assist the families of fallen soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division. Sgt. Smith, overwhelmed by the \$9,500 raised for the quilt, personally delivered the quilt to Sonora, where she was greeted with a special welcome ceremony. The quilt hung on display at the two local banks for months before it was decided that something special needed to be done with the piece of historic art.

John K. Wilson, the representative for the local group, said that the original idea was to challenge other communities to match or beat the money that Sonora raised and make the quilt a "traveling" piece to raise more money for the families. After months of research and phone calls a decision was made.

The quilt has found its home at the 1st Infantry Division Museum at Cantigny (pronounced "Can TEEN yee") in Wheaton, Illinois, just outside of Chicago.

The Society of the First Infantry Division had its annual reunion last week in Arlington, Virginia, and it was the decision of the Foundation to present the quilt to the museum at the reunion.

Rosemary Wirs,



Paul Herbert accepting the quilt from the Chairman of the 1st Infantry Division Foundation, Steve Row, at the presentation at a banquet on Saturday, July 23, 2005.

Secretary-Treasurer 1st Infantry Division Foundation, reported that her husband built a frame for it and they took it to Arlington.

"Our membership was really impressed with the quilt and we had many wonderful comments about it. In fact, one of the signers was at the reunion ... Command Sergeant Major John Fourham," said Wirs.

Most of the Division has returned to Germany, but they still have one detachment over there and have lost two soldiers recently. It looks like the Division will be going back to Iraq, probably early next year.

The curator of the museum, Paul Herbert, was absolutely thrilled when he was told that the Division was going to donate the quilt to them. He's going to try to get Nicole back to the States for a visit to the museum so that she can see her quilt on display.

"I want to thank the won-

derful citizens of Sonora for your generosity in returning the quilt to us. It really does belong in the museum because it's such a part of history. And I know Nicole will be so proud!" stated Wirs.

If anyone is ever in the Chicago area, they are encouraged to visit the museum ... it's really a fantastic place and contains the history of the 1st Infantry Division.

For a happy ending, as Sonora hoped along, more money has been raised for the 1st Infantry Division.

The McCormick Tribune Foundation, which funds the museum and is a great friend of the 1st Infantry Division, recently presented the 1st Infantry Division Foundation with a check for \$200,000 for their scholarship fund.

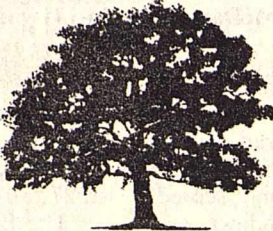
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King and Flint unite in marriage



Mrs. Aaron Flint

Amy Sue King and Aaron Nicole Flint, both of San Angelo, were united in marriage on August 6, 2005 at Grape Creek Baptist Church in Grape Creek, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of David and LaDonna Alaman of Sonora. She is the granddaughter of Bob and Agnes Mooney of San Angelo.

The groom is the son of Randy Flint and Karen Flint of San Angelo. He is the grandson of Bill and Pat Flint of San Angelo and Wayne and Margaret Smith of Mertzon.

Officiating the double ring ceremony was Don Longoria, pastor of Lighthouse Community Church in Sonora.

Given in marriage by her step-father, David, the bride wore a white Emme wedding gown. The spaghetti strapped bodice was beaded. The basque waistline allowed the soft A-line skirt to fall gracefully to the floor and sweep into a mid-cathedral train. A beaded tiara and elbow-length veil completed the bridal attire.

She carried a bouquet of pink Gerber daisies and roses.

Lauran Schaefer, cousin of the bride, from Sonora, served as maid of honor. Dena Johnston, a friend from San Angelo, was the bridesmaid.

Jady Johnson of San Angelo served as flower girl. Serving as the ring bearer was Brett King, nephew of the bride, from Ozona.

Randy Flint, father of the groom, stood as best man. The groom's cousin, Todd Johnston of San Angelo, was a groomsman. Ushers were brother of the bride, Michael King of Ozona, and Steve Smith, an uncle to the groom, from Mertzon.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Ozona High School and a 2004 graduate of Howard College. She is currently an Assistant Manager at the Town & Country Food Store.

The groom is a 2002 graduate of Grape Creek High School and is currently attending the Fire Academy and will be a fire fighter in San Angelo.

Following the ceremony, the guests joined the couple at a reception held at the Grape Creek Fire Department.

Following a trip to Abilene, the couple will reside in Grape Creek, Texas.

Notes of Appreciation

First and foremost I'd like to thank three of my very best friends, Dana, Kim and Staci for all their help organizing the benefit volleyball tournament for my uncle Jesse Garcia who has a kidney disease.

I would also like to thank Jane Rushing for the use of her net and Ponciano Castillo for the last minute welding job. You did great!

Thanks to all of our sponsors for making the tournament available: PCS, Sonora Tire Service, B&H Caterers, The Video Store, Taco Grill and The Smith Brothers. A very special thanks to Duray Smith, you're FANTASTIC! And to everyone who took time to get out there and play, you're never too old!

Thanks again, you're all greatly appreciated!
Shawna Lopez

The family of Freddie V. Gandar would like to thank Kerbow Funeral Home, Father Dino, Sandra Gonzales, Juanita Mesa, Taco Grill, La Mexicana and all the people who donated and cooked the food for the funeral meal; it was greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank all our family and friends for all the flowers, food, cards and prayers during our time of need. To the "Musicos" who played and sang at Dad's funeral, thanks; he would have loved it since music was always part of his life. May God bless each and every one of you!

Sincerely,
The Gandar, Perez and Aguirre Families

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month



**Congressman
Henry Bonilla**

Every year the month of September is dedicated to remembering the sacrifices and saluting the achievements Hispanic Americans have made for our country. It is a time for us to reflect on the sense of pride we share as Hispanics in our contributions, culture and accomplishments throughout history.

Hispanic Heritage Month, which Congress passed into law in 1988, provides a backdrop to recognize the many achievements Hispanics have made to our nation. In a country whose history is intertwined with Spain, Mexico and Latin America, and where diversity is what makes our nation great, Hispanics are an important group whose story tells of struggle, perseverance and triumph.

Many Americans, regardless of their ethnicity, have relatives who came to this country with little more than the clothes on their back. Like their fellow immigrants, Hispanics' pride and ambition has been woven into the fabric of America, from the days when cowboys drove herds across the vast Southwest frontier, to today's world in which bilingual business leaders participate in the global marketplace.

Hispanics have figured prominently in every aspect of our country's history, including business, science, the armed forces, medicine, the performing arts, government, sports and entertainment. The Hispanic business community is the

fastest growing sector of the small-business economy. There are nearly one million Hispanic veterans in the United States. There is no greater example of the love Hispanics have for America than the 38 Congressional Medals of Honor that have been awarded to Hispanic Americans. These achievements and sacrifices are an integral part of the rich mosaic that makes up America.

Today, Hispanics are the fastest growing population group in America, totaling almost 30 million across the nation. By the year 2010, Hispanics will be the largest and youngest minority group in the United States. We should be optimistic about the tremendous potential the future holds for us.

Hispanics historically have placed emphasis on the value and importance of solid education. It is part of our culture. In order to remain competitive, Hispanic parents realize that education is the key to success. That's why many parents make tremendous sacrifices to provide their children with the best education possible. We must continue to strive to teach our children so they will be prepared to lead our great nation in the next century.

As Americans, in order to move forward on the right path, we should look back and take stock of our rich and varied past. By knowing where we have come from, we will be better prepared for our common destiny. That is why I am proud to celebrate the influential role Hispanics have played and will continue to play in the growth of the United States of America. Adelante!

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Senior Center News

September 2 - run errands
September 5 - Labor Day Holiday - Center Closed.
September 6 - exercise after lunch
September 7 - TRAX van to Angelo - 387-3941
September 8 - Work on holiday crafts

Senior Center Menu

September 2 - Chicken strips w/gravy, baked potato, broccoli w/cheese, roll, apple cobbler, milk
September 5 - Center closed for Labor Day! Sign up for Holiday meals w/ one of the staff.
September 6 - Chicken fried stea w/gravy, butter pesas, spinach, cornbread, sunshine fruit cup, milk
September 7 - King Ranch chicken, broccoli, carrot salad, oatmeal cookie, milk
September 8 - Hamburger on bun, baby carrots, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, grapes, seafoam salad, milk

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Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
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Menu is subject to change.

Community Calendar

September 6 Public Hearing on Tax increase rates Sutton County Courthouse Annex • 9:00 a.m.	September 11 Flag Retirement Ceremony 7:00 p.m. Arena park complex
September 9 Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally • 3:00 p.m. Parade will line up in front of the car wash on Concho	September 14 Keep Sonora Beautiful meeting • 12:00 at Chamber of Commerce office

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Ask the Historical Society

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

Memorials: Mary L. Curtis in Memory of Ralph Finklea
Honorarium: Mary L. Curtis in honor of anniversary of Lawrence & Jodie Finklea

Rosa Morales Galindo is a fascinating lady. She tells such wonderful stories that when you glance at your watch you are amazed to find several hours have passed. We appreciate her sharing the following story with us.

Francisco and Felis Ayala Morales lived in Jiminez, Coahuila, Mexico. They were not rich people, lived a fairly simple life. They never argued and were always happy and contented with their lot in life. They were rich in the things that counted, good health and a large loving family. They had five daughters and three sons: Irene, Rosa, Francisca, Julia, Martha, Francisco, Jr., Gregorio and Antonio.

This story will deal with Rosa, who was born on September 4, 1910, at Jiminez. She had a happy childhood, was a tomboy and liked to stay and work with her father after school. He was a good man and patient with her; didn't drink and was so proud and happy to show off his daughter who got straight A's in school. These happy days came to an end with the coming of bad times to Mexico. Rosa's parents could not get a visa to America but wanted their daughter to have a chance in life. Children didn't need a visa back then so she traveled to Del Rio with her aunt, Mrs. Chista Morales Henderson, the wife of Dr. Henderson. The family had to move to Sinaloa in 1920 and she attended the old wooden Mexican school there for the next two years. She was so sad the day she had to quit school, which she loved, and go to work to earn money to help her family survive hard times.

It was a sweltering hot day on July 14, 1929. Rosa wore a beautiful, but, cool sleeveless dress and veil and Pedro Galindo wore a dark American made suit when they were joined in marriage. He looked so handsome and she so beautiful. Mr. and Mrs. Abelino Sanchez stood up for them on their wedding day and would help them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in 1979.

Pedro only had part time work at the time of their marriage. He would make deliveries for local grocery stores and work as a soda jerk and delivery boy for the drug store. He was a good worker, a hard and loyal worker and never missed work. These good work habits would bring him to the attention of Bryan Hunt who was looking for a hand to work for him full time at his Rocksprings ranch.

Through the years there were good times and bad for Pedro and Rosa. The stock market crash of 1929 and the drought had the ranchers strapped for cash. Bryan Hunt set up a charge account at the Red & White Grocery Store for Pedro and Rosa to buy what they needed through the worst of times. He couldn't pay any wages but Pedro continued to loyally work for him. Mr. Hunt saw that the family didn't go hungry and would get Pedro a 50 cent hair cut each month. When times got better he paid off all the family's debts in appreciation for Pedro staying on at the ranch, and they called it even.

Pedro, because of his loyalty in the hard times, became Mr. Hunt's head man and received a salary of \$50 a month. This was much more than most Mexican workers received but Mr. Hunt said that because of his loyalty and hard work he deserved it. Pedro would remain a loyal employee of Mr. Hunt for the rest of his life.

Over the years Rosa and Pedro had four children; Braulio, Pedro, Jr., Nilda (Hernandez) and Sam Galindo. They were living at the old Clarkson ranch and taking care of it for Mr. Hunt but Rosa insisted they get a place in town when her oldest became old enough to attend school. She had always regretted not finishing school herself and wanted her children educated.

The children attended the Elliott School until the 8th grade then transferred to Sonora High School. Some of the Anglo residents didn't want the Mexican children in school with their children and they tried to beat up Braulio. They didn't know he was pretty good with his fists and soon left him alone after they found he was the better fighter. He would stay in the school until the 12th grade when he quit to go off to the Korean War, but completed his schooling in the military and still got his diploma. Rosa and Pedro got to see all the other children handed their diplomas at graduation. They even saw their son Sam graduate from Texas A & M with a degree in design engineering. Pedro, Jr. worked for the Texas Highway Department and was involved in many projects around Sutton County and surrounding counties. Nilda married a good man and Rosa and Pedro were happy to see all their children doing so well.

Rosa and Pedro loved to travel. They would borrow the money and then pay it back all the next year just to go on a trip. They became citizens in 1980 and traveled back to Mexico. They toured Mexico City and took trips later to Monterrey, Guadalajara, Acapulco, Durango and Hidalgo. Rosa fondly remembers all these trips and has pictures and post cards from them. She also went to Las Vegas, San Francisco and Hawaii on trips. She has neat pictures of her and Pedro with the Hula dancers.

When asked if she had ever ridden the old train that came to Sonora, Rosa said, "It was some of the happiest and saddest memories she has." She stated, "It was such a joy to watch the first train come to Sonora. Huge crowds of Anglo and Mexican people cheered when the train came in blowing it's whistle. They attended large joyous celebrations." But many years later when her son left for Korea and she and the family went to see him off at the station in San Antonio, "It was such a sad time, the mournful wail of the whistle pierced your heart and brought tears of sorrow because the train was taking your son away to war. Strange how the same whistle could bring such happy and sad memories to my life."

Now Rosa worries about her grandson, Javier Galindo, Sam's oldest son, who is working as an engineer for Haliburton in Iraq. It is difficult knowing he is in danger.

In 1989 Pedro, Sr., Pedro, Jr.,s and Rosa's son-in-law, Marciano Hernandez all died within a few months of each other. They will be with her in her heart when the rest of her family comes to help her cele-



Pedro and Rosa Galindo in Acapulco.

brate her 95th birthday on September 4. Rosa has some health problems now but loves to be able to live in her little house with all her memories around her.

Happy 95th Birthday Mrs. Rosa Galindo from all of us at the Sutton County Historical Society and The Devil's River News. We have so enjoyed learning the story of your life.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history or would like to share a story with our readers, give us a call at The Sutton County Historical Society offices at 307 Oak Street, telephone 325-387-5084 on Monday, Friday and

Saturday mornings. I do not speak Spanish so if it is a day that Barbara or JoAnn Hernandez can't help me, you would need to have someone who can translate if you don't speak English. We love to hear stories about everyone in Sutton County and share them with our readers and would like to add them to our files on Sutton County history.

Don't forget, dues are \$10 per person and are due now! Please help support the work of the all volunteer staff by helping us to pay utilities, mow lawns, pay insurance and buy office supplies. Help us preserve the history of Sutton County!

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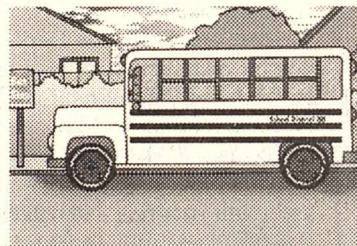
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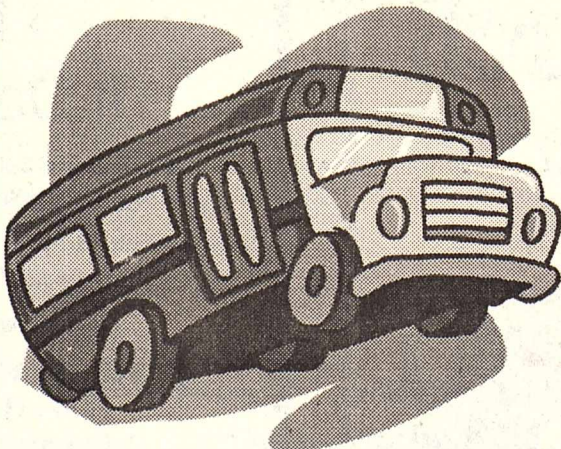
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Wanted Sonora Homecoming Parade Entries!

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program and the Sonora Independent School District would like to invite you to join us in celebrating the 2005 Sonora Bronco Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally on Friday, September 9, 2005 at 3:00 P.M. If you would like to be in the Sonora Homecoming Parade call Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program at 325-387-2248 or come by the Mercantile Building, Suite 101. We will line up in front of the Concho Street Car Wash at 2:15 P.M. Come Join the Fun!!!! Go Broncos!!

Partnering with Texas Pecos Trails

submitted by: Ann Kay
The Heritage Trails - Texas Pecos Trail has been designated as a Preserve America Program which is awarded by President George W. Bush. Sutton County and 21 other counties, which are a part of the Texas Pecos Trail were awarded the endowment of the Texas Heritage Trails-Texas Pecos Trail on August 23, 2004 in Odessa, Texas. The Friends of Historic Sonora Program has made an offer to house the office of the Texas Heritage Trail-Texas Pecos Trail. Our offer was made at the time of application along with 4 other counties, and would offer office space, storage, equipment, internet service, computer and other items which the new Texas Pecos Trail will need to open the doors to a new tourism Texas Pecos Trail Program.

We will be filing an application for the office to be in Sonora very soon. We would also like to say that the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, that wherever they choose to open their office, we will fully support their efforts and continue to promote the Texas Pecos

Trail though our office in Sonora, Texas.

The Texas Pecos Trails has much to offer the participating counties. We will all learn to work together to promote all the counties in the Texas Pecos Trail area. The Texas Heritage Trail-Texas Pecos Trail is a part of one of the most successful Texas Programs which is under the Texas Historical Commission. The director of the Texas Heritage Trails, Janie Headrick, and representative of our area, Teresa Caldwell from Austin, Texas, were in Odessa, Texas to welcome, and share in the enthusiasm of the new Texas Pecos Trail.

We are on the horizon of a new program in which Sutton County can only grow as a whole in the tourism world, and we will be able to share the beauty of the West Texas skies and sunsets.

The next meeting will be in September 22, 2005, Monahans, Texas.

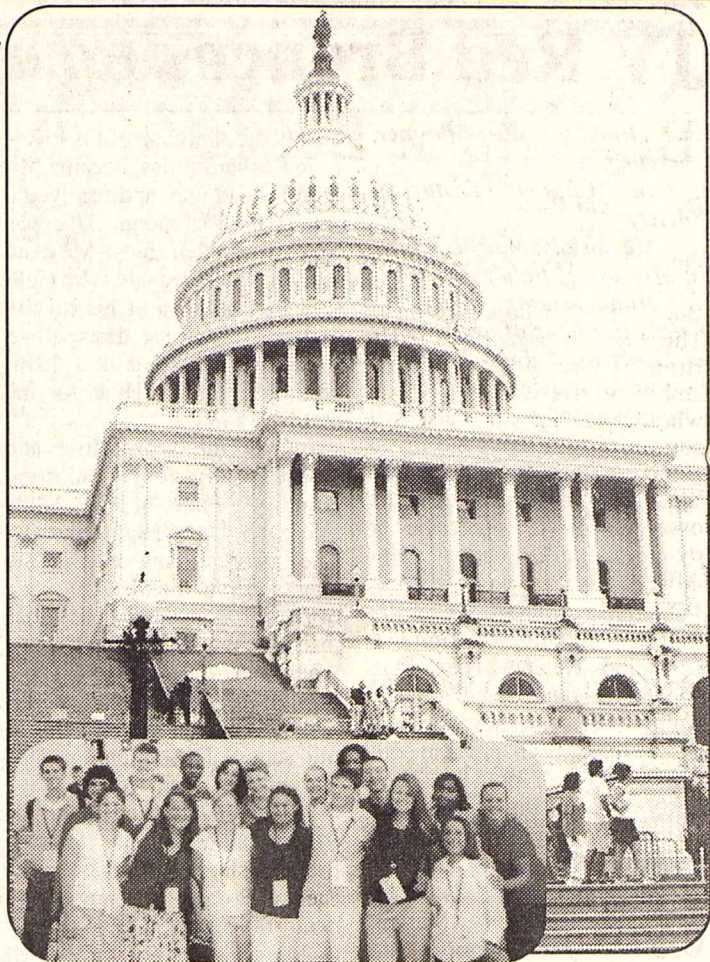


Retire your old flags

by Ann Kay

The Community is invited to an Honorary American Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Sutton County Rodeo Arena, on Sunday, September 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Local Boy Scouts and Veterans will be performing the Retirement Ceremony. We will have music and a time to remember the fallen heroes of 9-11. We will also recognize our community heroes: the Fireman, EMS, Sonora Police Dept., Sutton County Sheriff's Dept., Highway Patrol Dept., Game Warden, and Probation Dept. If you have an American Flag that is ready to be retired, please drop them off at the Main Street Office at 232 Main Street, Suite 101. If you have a story that goes with your flag that makes it special, please drop the story off with the flag.

We would like to invite any Veteran or Boy Scout who is interested in being a part of this ceremony to give us a call at 325-387-2248. We encourage you to take a moment of your busy day to recognize the gift of freedom that the American Flag represents and to thank God for our freedom. If you need more information call Main Street Office at 325-387-2248.



Tyler selected to attend Student Leadership Conference in Washington D.C.

submitted

Kassaundra Lynn Tyler, a sophomore at Eldorado High School, was selected to attend a six-day Congressional Leadership Conference from July 27th to August 1st, held at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

The CSLC is a college-accredited invitational leadership program for our most academically talented and promising young leaders. Exceptional high school students who have a record of academic achievement and extracurricular or community involvement, are invited to participate from across the United States and internationally.

Kassaundra had the unique opportunity of experiencing leadership in action and to learn first-hand about the complexities of decision making in a chosen field or profession. Students learned and had the opportunity to develop leadership skills, including effective communication, conflict resolution, team building and time management.

While attending the conference the students were taken to visit the Grant Memorial, Senate Building, Capitol Hill, Union Station, Arlington Cemetery (Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, The Eternal Flame, Iwo-Jima Marine Memorial), Smithsonian Institutions, National Mall, and Monuments (Lincoln, Roosevelt, WWII, Washington, Jefferson, Vietnam, & Korean War Memorials). She met students from the United States and foreign countries.

Kassaundra is the daughter of Velma Mata of Eldorado and Wayford D. Tyler, Jr. of Sonora.

Senior Center offers informative programs



Patsy Fernandez with the Area Agency on Aging and Pat Gladden with the Social Security Administration visited the Sonora Senior Center on Wednesday, August 24. The guests offered a program on "Medicare's New Coverage for Prescription Drugs," offering very good information for all who attended. Patsy and Pat will be back at the Center in November to sign up more people for the program.

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JV Red Broncos open season with a BANG

Beat Alpine Bucks 48-20

By: **Danni Price**

The JV Red Broncos started the 2005 football season with an impressive win over the Alpine Bucks at Bronco Stadium on Thursday, August 25th. The Broncos took the field looking ambitious and ready to pick up where they left off last season...winning!

The Broncos would receive the kick and start out on their own 33 yard line, after a return by #17 Nick Peña for 23 yards. After gaining only 3 yards on the first two plays, #10 Victor Vaquera would look for #86 Justin Zuniga down field and hit him in the numbers for a first down on the Bucks' 24 yard line. On 1st and 10, Vaquera would keep the ball and sneak it in for the first touchdown. The 2-point conversion would fail. Broncos 6, Bucks 0.

The Broncos' kick would travel to the Buck 16 yard line where the Bucks' return man would be taken down by #18 Jordan Isenhour. The Bucks' offense would then have a difficult time getting things on track. After a false start penalty and good tackling by #55 Morgan Martinez and the Bronco defense, the Bucks' center then snapped the ball over the QB, where #24 Alonzo Pena would fall on the loose ball on the Bucks' 1 yard line.

On first and ten on the one, #10 Vaquera gets behind his offensive line and steps in for the second touchdown. N. Pena #17 would get the handoff and take it in for the 2-point conversion. Broncos 14, Bucks 0.

Manny Aparicio #27 would kick the ball to the 20 yard line; the Bucks would return the ball only 7 yards before being taken down by #21 Jose Casillas and the kicker himself, #27 Aparicio. What happened next would be like de ja vu for the Bucks. After stalling on a handoff, and good tackling by #54 Edward Garcia and #55 Martinez, the Bucks would again lose the ball on the 1 yard line due to a bad snap. Once again, #24 A. Pena would be waiting to pounce on the ball.

On first and ten, again at the one, #10 Vaquera squeezes through the middle of his strong offensive line to "up the ante" with another Bronco score. The 2-point conversion would fail due to a holding call on the Broncos. With 3:47 still remaining in the first quarter the Broncos lead by 20.

The Bucks' offense would return the kick for about 16

yards before meeting #18 Isenhour on the 46 yard line. The Bucks' offense would try to get something positive going with the best field position of the day. That would be short-lived. The timing of the Bucks' QB and the center just could not hold up against the Bronco defense, the Bucks would be forced to punt.

The Broncos would start out on their own 9 yard line. They would gain 3 first downs in the drive, with good running by #21 Casillas, the Pena brothers, a great pass by Vaquera to #12 Fidel Acevedo and a short pass to #86 J. Zuniga. But it wouldn't be enough to score this time...the Broncos would give the ball over on downs at the Buck 25 yard line.

The Alpine Bucks never even had a chance on their next possession, the Bronco defense held them to zero yards. With tackles by Riley Sanchez #11, and #54 Garcia sacking the QB on the next play, the Bucks were forced to punt. The punt took a lucky bounce for the Broncos, landing on the Bucks' 36 yard line.

It would take Vaquera and Co. only two plays to score the next Sonora touchdown. Vaquera would gain 3 yards on the first down, then he would hand off to #17 N. Pena who would take it 33 yards for six more points. Anthony Sanchez #77 would split the uprights for the PAT. Broncos 27, Bucks 0.

Alpine's offense would again take to the field after the Broncos' kick. The Bucks would appear to have a little luck on their side as a flag against the Broncos would give them extra yardage. The Bucks would gain a 1st down on two plays, but would suffer another set back, as the Bronco defense would take advantage of a miscue by the Buck QB and RB. Marc Hernandez #56 would recover the loose ball, as Spencer Hall #68 would assist in the tackling.

The Bronco offense would gain three 1st downs on their way to the end zone. With the superb blocking by the offensive line, runs by Vaquera; Marcus Perez, #40; R. Sanchez, A. Pena and a catch by Acevedo, Vaquera is able to sneak in for the six points. The PAT by A. Sanchez is blocked. With less than a minute in the half, the Broncos lead by 33 points.

The Bucks would start from their own 20 after a boom-



Nick Peña runs for the goal line. Photo by Ray Glasscock

ing kick by A. Sanchez to the 11 yard line. A failed pass attempt, a tackle by #65 Liano Luna, and a hard hit by R. Sanchez would force the Bucks' QB to the air on 3 & 9. Vaquera in the secondary position would read the play perfectly and step up to intercept the football on the 37 yard line and run it all the way in for the score. A. Sanchez' PAT would again be blocked. The scoreboard at halftime would read Broncos 39, Bucks 0.

Alpine would start the second half on offense at their own 21 yard line after gaining 11 yards on the kickoff. Between the Big Red Defense Machine and their own bad timing, Alpine would quickly have to punt. Key tackles by #75 Juan Dominguez, Luna, and #34 Colton Moore.

The Bronco offense led now by R. Sanchez would not be able to convert this time, and would also have to punt away. The punt by A. Pena was a beauty, traveling to the Buck 1 yard line, where the return man was taken down immediately by #10 Vaquera.

The Alpine Buck steps back to throw on 1st and 10 and is taken down in the end zone by #60 Austin Castaneda for a Bronco Safety. The score is now 41-0. The Bucks kick to the Broncos where the ball is fumbled by a Bronco, but is recovered by #74 J.T. Downing. The Bronco offense would go 3 and out on this drive and send A. Pena in for punting duties as the 3rd quarter ends.

The Bucks would need only two plays to finally reach the end zone. A short pass for a gain of 5, and their big man, #32 would run it all the way in for the first Alpine score of the game. The PAT would be good

and the score with 8:25 left in the game is Broncos 41, Bucks 7.

The Broncos would go five plays after Moore returned the punt to midfield, before punting the ball to the Bucks. The Bucks would then go only 4 plays before turning the ball over the Bronco offense. Mark Holman, #72 would sack the Alpine QB on 2nd down. The Bronco offensive would then run 3 plays before N. Pena #17 would come out of nowhere to run from midfield to the end zone for the last Bronco score of the night. A. Sanchez would make the PAT, and give the Broncos their 48th point. Score: Broncos 48, Bucks 7.

The Bucks would take the kick and start out 1 & 10 at the 30 yard line. The Buck QB would hand off to his Big Guy again, #32, who would take it all the way for the second Buck score. The PAT is no good. Score: Broncos 48, Bucks 13 with 31 seconds remaining in the game.

Alpine would kick to the waiting Broncos, the Broncos would try to handle the kickoff, but would fumble the ball on their own 28 yard line. The Bucks would jump on the ball, and set up shop. The Buck QB would hustle the ball off to his #32 to gain a first down at the Bronco 2 yard line. The Bucks would then hand off to #10 who would score the 3rd and final touchdown of the game. The PAT was good. Final Score: Broncos 48, Bucks 20.

The JV Red Broncos put on one heck of a show, good job guys! Come out and support them next Thursday as they play the Junction Eagles. Go Broncos!

Sonora Broncos Football 2005

Aug. 26	Sonora 33	Alpine 14
Sept. 2	Brackettville	Home 7:30
Sept. 9	**Coleman	Home 7:30
Sept. 16	Open	
Sept. 23	*Reagan County	There 7:30
Sept. 30	*Eldorado	Home 7:30
Oct. 7	*Ozona	There 7:30
Oct. 14	*Mason	Home 7:30
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Sonora JV Red Broncos

Aug. 25	Sonora 48	Alpine 20
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Sept. 8	Coleman	There 6:30
Sept. 22	Reagan County	Home 6:30
Sept. 29	Eldorado	There 6:30
Oct. 6	Ozona	Home 5:00
Oct. 13	Mason	There 6:30
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Oct. 27	Grape Creek	There 6:30
Nov. 3	Junction	Home 7:00

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Sonora JV White Broncos

Aug. 25	Sonora 22	Rocksprings 20
Sept. 1	Wall	There 5:00
Sept. 8	Irion County	There 6:30
Sept. 15	Colorado City	There 5:00
Sept. 22	Iraan	Home 5:00
Sept. 29	Wall	There 7:00
Oct. 6	Ozona	Home 7:00
Oct. 13	Ozona	There 5:00
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Nov. 3	Colorado City	Home 5:00

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Sonora Colts

Sept. 8	Coleman	Home 5:00/6:30
Sept. 15	Eldorado (7th)	Home 5:00
	Wall (8th)	Home 6:30
Sept. 22	Reagan Co.	There 5:00/6:30
Sept. 29	Eldorado	Home 5:00/6:30
Oct. 6	Ozona	There 5:00/6:30
Oct. 13	Mason	Home 5:00/6:30
Oct. 20	Wall	There 5:00/6:30
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JV White Team Victorious over Rocksprings

By **Nancy Glasscock**

The Freshman Sonora JV White team played the Rocksprings JV Angoras at home last Thursday night to open their season. The freshmen, led by quarterbacks Derek Van Winkle and Pecos Roberts came from behind in the fourth quarter to win 22-20. The team displayed both good tackling and pursuit to continually put the Angoras on their heels.

JJ Galindo kicked off for Sonora forcing the Angoras' kick returner to take a knee in the end zone. The White team's defense stuffed the run three times and forced the Angoras to punt into the wind. Sonora took over at the Angoras' 45 yard line. Roberts, on a keeper, kept the drive alive and got the ball to the 20. Van Winkle got the White team's first TD by tucking the ball in and running it from the two. He then kept the ball again and scampered around the right side into the end zone to make the early score 8-0.

Galindo kicked off deep, but the Angoras' kickoff return man sliced through Sonora's special team defense to Sonora's 40 yard line. JJ Galindo, Andy Galindo and Mario Lira all made tackles on this series to cause Rocksprings' JV team to attempt a field goal at the start of the second quarter. The attempt was no good.

The white team took over on their 20 yard line, but this series was three and out.

Sonora's punt into the wind only got to their 48 yard line. The white team defense showed their tenacity and caused the Angoras' running back to go wide left. Three Broncos defensive backs tackled the running back to cause a fumble. Ricardo Rodriguez picked the ball up on the 50 and ran the ball in for the second Sonora touchdown to make the score 14-0. The try for two points was no good.

Rocksprings scored their first points late in the first half. In their red zone, it took seven attempts for the visitors to get the ball into the end zone. The attempt for two points was no good. The score at the half was 14-6 in Sonora's favor.

Rocksprings scored both their tying touchdown and go ahead touchdown in the third quarter to make the score 20-14 in their favor. Rocksprings attempted to score again in the fourth quarter but Lira, Roberts, Andy Galindo, Jordan McGuffin, Uvaldo Ramos, Domingo Reynosa, and Alberto Tovar would have none of it. They continually hurried the quarterback, smashed the running back and flattened the Angora offensive line.

Sonora got its last score of the game after Rocksprings was forced to punt midway in the fourth quarter. The White team went to work at their 40. Van Winkle followed the blocking of Lira, Roberts handed off to JJ Galindo for a big gain, Roberts got the ball to the five



#80 David Lane runs in to block as Derek Van Winkle runs through a herd of Angoras to score. Photo by Ray Glasscock

yard line on the keeper, and Roberts handed off to Lira for the tying touchdown. Van Winkle then came into the game to run the ball in at the right corner of the end zone for the go-ahead points. With 4:22 left in the game, the Broncos took the 22-20 lead they would not relin-

quish. The JV Bronco white team plays its next game on Thursday against Wall, there, at 5:00. Come out to support and cheer on this exciting freshman team.

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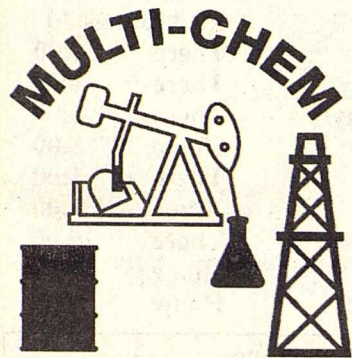
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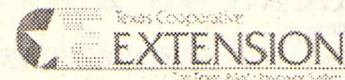
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What are weeds?



by Pascual Hernandez,
Extension Agent - Ag

A weed is any plant growing out of place...or put differently, a plant growing in an unwanted place. Weeds often are the result of poor management. They usually take advantage of thin or weak stands of grass. The most common causes are improper grazing (or mowing) and drought. Other factors include insects, disease, and soil compaction.

Most weeds result from seeds found in the soil. Some seeds may remain inactive for several years, and then emerge under proper temperature, light, and moisture conditions. These weeds generally germinate and mature when bare spots develop or if the soil is cultivated. Weed seeds may be transported by a variety of methods including wind, clothing, equipment, and animals.

Weeds may be grass or broad leaf plants. Both may be annuals, biennials, or perennials. Annuals live for a single year. In other words, they germinate from seed, grow into a mature plant, produce seed, and die in one year. Biennials germinate from seed the first year and stay in a vegetative growth stage for the entire year. During the second year, they flower, produce seed, and eventually

die. Perennials germinate from seed the first year, but can live indefinitely because they can regenerate from underground crowns or stems. They continue to grow and flower year after year, and some can spread by stolons or rhizomes.

Weeds can be divided into four general types for determining the appropriate method of control: 1) annual grasses, 2) annual broadleaves, 3) perennial grasses, and 4) perennial broadleaves. They are further classified as warm-season (summer) or cool-season (winter) to determine when they should be controlled. Winter annuals, for example, germinate in the fall and die the following summer. Summer annuals germinate in the spring and die in the fall. Winter and summer perennial weeds follow a similar pattern; however, they become dormant rather than dying at the end of their respective growing seasons.

Learning to identify weeds requires a certain amount of study and observation. Each growing plant has its own characteristics, peculiarities, and growth habits. A certain amount of basic knowledge can be invaluable when prescribing herbicides to control problem weeds. To learn more about weed identification, visit the Sutton County Extension website at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>.

Annual Sonora Ram Test Starts In September

by Steve Byrns
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SONORA - The annual ram performance test conducted by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station begins Sept. 12-13 with delivery of the rams to the station.

The station is located on State Highway 55 between Sonora and Rocksprings.

The annual field day and sale at the end of the test is set for March 17, 2006.

Dr. Dan Waldron, San Angelo-based Experiment Station researcher and the program's coordinator, said the test is open to all breeds. However, he added, the data collected is more useful for finewool breeds. All the animals in recent years have been Rambouillet rams.

"The rams involved in this program are representatives from some of the best Rambouillet flocks anywhere," Waldron said. "The purpose of the program is to identify rams with superior genetic merit to be used to improve the breed."

"The track record of this test, which started in 1948, shows that this testing program is making a significant contribution to genetic improvement of finewool sheep."

The participating animals

may be registered or non-registered. Only registered rams born between Oct. 1, 2004, and April 30, 2005, will be eligible for the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders' Association Registry of Merit Program.

"Test information will be more useful if more than one ram lamb per sire is tested," Waldron said. Cooperators planning to enter more than 20 animals are asked to give Waldron advance notice.

The test is open to ram lambs regardless of initial weight, but fall-born lambs weighing less than 135 pounds and spring-born lambs weighing less than 100 pounds on the initial weigh day will not be eligible for certification.

All information - including sire, type of birth, age of dam and birth date - is required by the first weigh day. Animals without this information will be classified as commercial rams throughout the test. The animals should also be individually identified by ear tag or tattoo.

Waldron recommends prospective test animals be introduced to feed before delivery. The rams will be treated against internal parasites and vaccinated against enterotoxemia immediately after arrival. Rams should have at least a half-inch of wool at delivery.

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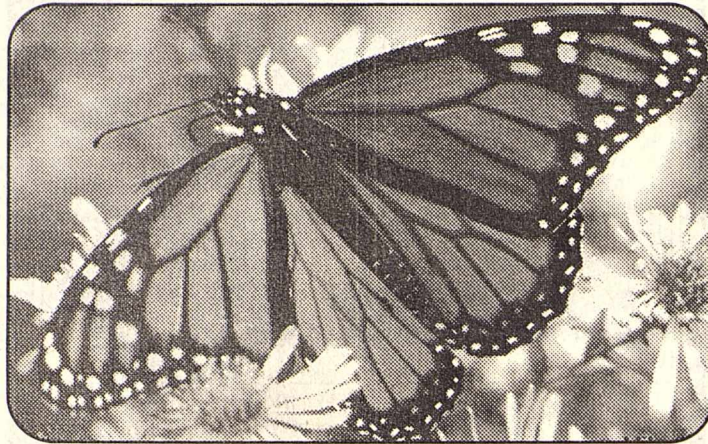
City council from page 1

state that a discussion was initiated after a local resident commended the Council on the new rate, but asked that residents who had changed to smaller meters last year be given their larger meters back and installed at no cost. He explained that his sprinkler system would not work properly with the smaller meter. Sue Moore informed the Council that 14 residential meters and three commercial meters had been changed so far. Council member Smith Neal asked that the 14 residents be surveyed for a total amount of meters that needed to be changed back to the original size. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Neal to table this item until the next regular meeting in order to receive the survey results. The motion was seconded by council member Fred Perez and the motion carried unanimously.

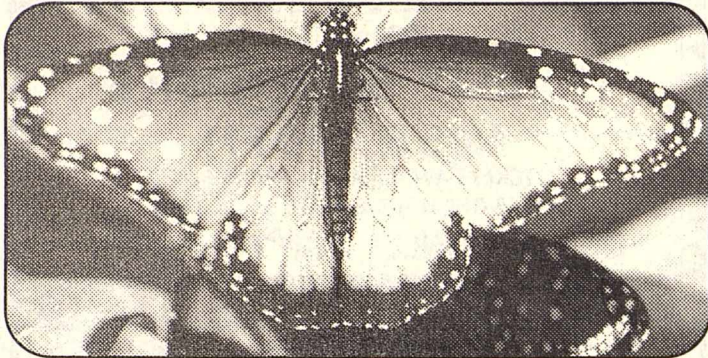
The amount that the Council approved for the spending limit of the City Manager without the council approval, was also misprinted. The amount was set at \$5,000, not \$500. For emergencies, Mr. Polonis can accept a consensus of the board.

We apologize for any inconvenience that these inaccuracies caused, as we at the DRN consistently strive to report accurate, unbiased information for our readers. We never intentionally report incorrect information and do all that we can to avoid such mistakes. We thank you for reading.

Monarch Mimicry Up On Eaton Hill



Monarch



Queen

by Delyse Jaeger

Don't be fooled! There are black and orange butterflies masquerading as monarchs but don't be fooled by the clever mimicry of the Queen butterfly. I fell for the ruse but you don't have to!

Having heard reports of Monarchs in the area, I was excited to see half a dozen Monarch-like butterflies in my yard and a dozen more along the highway. Something wasn't quite right so I looked up the butterfly I thought was most similar to a monarch and confirmed that these were definitely not Painted Ladies. Thinking we were experiencing an unusual, perhaps even unprecedented phenomenon of early monarch migration, I phoned the Butterfly Man - Mike Quinn with Texas Parks & Wildlife and learned the error of my ways.

Actually, the Queen butterfly is not a true mimic, and has every right to its appearance, being of the same genus as the monarch and very closely related to its famous cousin.

Though very similar in color and markings, careful examination will distinguish the real McMonarch from the oft misidentified Queen butterfly. Queens are smaller and not quite as vibrant orange as the Monarch, having a more brick orange color. The underside of the wing is nearly indistinguishable from the monarchs, but the top side tells the tale. Both species have the black outline along the margin of the wings; however Queens lack the black outlined veins that transverse the Monarch's wings. In addition, the wingtips of the monarch are more intricately patterned with black and white while the Queen may display only a sparse dappling of white.

Upon moving to Sonora some thirteen years ago, I

learned two valuable lessons: 1) Goat tails go up, sheep tails go down, and 2) horehound is a plant, not a pet.

With the growing attention Monarch butterflies are receiving, it's good to be able to identify with certainty the species that makes the incredible journey to Mexico each fall.

Experts are forecasting above average numbers this year for the fall migration which is triggered by changes in daylight.

We'd be interested in knowing about your monarch butterfly sightings, so please call Delyse Jaeger at 387-2615 to report on the monarch migration. Generally, Sonora sees the greatest numbers of migrating monarchs between October 6th and 14th.

Butterflies, cooler weather, wildflowers in bloom, and lots of avian activity make for perfect hiking, so hit the trails!

Mason area Range Tour compares various brush control techniques

by Steve Byrns,
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MASON - Producers can weigh the pros and cons of various brush control techniques during Texas Cooperative Extension's Blue Mountain Peak Ranch Range Tour at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 8.

The ranch is located 17 miles southwest of Mason on Ranch Road 1871 or 25 miles northeast of Junction on Ranch Road 1871. Turn south off Ranch Road 1871 on Blue Mountain Lane and follow the signs to the ranch.

"The tour is on the Richard and Sally Taylor ranch on top of Blue Mountain, and I do mean on top," said Brent Drennan, Extension agent in Mason County. "The ranch used to be a typical cedar-infested Hill Country ranch with its most unique feature being that it was atop Blue Mountain, perhaps the highest point in Mason County."

"Today, the ranch is really something to see. The Taylors have carried out an extensive brush control regime using mechanical methods, hand labor and prescribed fire to reach their goals, which are to increase species diversity and water back to the aquifer. Tour participants will be able to view the different practices in side-by-side comparisons that should help them when tackling their own brush issues."

Speakers and topics are:
-Buying into a Brush Control Program, Taylor;
-Brush Busters Chemical Control, Dr. Allan McGinty, Extension range specialist, San Angelo;

-Mechanical Brush Demonstration, Keith Blair, Red Buffalo, Medina;

-Prescribed Burning, Dr. Mort Kothmann, professor of range management at Texas A&M University, and

-Water for Texas Watershed Management, Dr. Barron Rector, Extension range specialist, College Station.

Extension offices from Mason, Kimble, Menard, Gillespie and McCulloch counties will participate in the event. Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered.

For more information call Drennan at (325) 347-6459.

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New laws from page 1

Notable traffic and criminal laws that go into effect on September 1 (unless noted otherwise) include the following:

SB 1257 prohibits use of wireless communications devices (including cell phones) for the first six months after teenagers get their drivers licenses. The bill also prohibits passenger bus drivers transporting minors from using wireless communications devices, except in emergencies or when the bus is stopped.

HB 51 requires an ignition interlock device if a driver's blood alcohol level is determined to be .15 or more (upon conviction).

HB 1357 creates a six-month driver license (DL) suspension for a person convicted of providing alcohol to a minor (one year for second offense), and increases the DL suspension to one year for minors who are convicted of a second alcohol offense.

HB 1481 makes it a Class B misdemeanor if a person drives around a barricade where a warning sign or barricade has been placed because water is over any portion of a road, street or highway. It also specifically creates a traffic violation for driving around a barricade put in the roadway because of dangerous conditions.

HB 183 states that all children younger than 5 years of age (old law was younger than 4) and less than 36 inches tall are required to be in a child safety seat system. It also classifies safety seat infractions as moving violations for the first time.

SB 1005 provides that if a driver younger than 25 years of age commits a traffic offense classified as a moving violation, the judge must require the driver to complete a driving safety course—and, if the driver holds a provisional driver license (under 18 years of age), submit to a DPS road test. Failure by the driver to meet this requirement will result in a final conviction for that traffic offense.

HB 1484 specifies that a person commits a traffic offense if they are involved in a crash on the main lane, ramp, shoulder, median or adjacent area of a freeway and don't move their vehicle to an area that minimizes interference with freeway traffic (assuming the vehicle is drivable).

HB 1596 clarifies the definition of neighborhood electric vehicles and motor assisted scooters and allows municipalities to regulate the use of motor assisted scooters on roadways and sidewalks.

SB 1257 disqualifies a person from operating a commercial motor vehicle if the person's driving is determined to

constitute an imminent hazard.

HB 754 allows fines up to \$500 for violating the laws for transporting loose material in commercial vehicles.

SB 1258 specifies that an original commercial driver license or commercial driver learner's permit expires in five years instead of six years.

HB 87 allows cities to lower residential speed limits from 30 mph to 25 mph in certain instances. This bill took effect immediately.

HB 2257 allows the TxDOT commission to establish a daytime speed limit of 80 miles per hour on I-10 or I-20 in Crockett, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Kerr, Kimble, Pecos, Reeves, Sutton or Ward counties. If established, this speed does not apply to truck tractors, trailers, semi trailers, or trucks, other than light trucks and light trucks pulling a trailer. This bill took effect immediately.

SB 122 requires peace officers to report notification of ID theft to their employing agency. It provides penalties for the unauthorized use of personal information.

HB 699 increases the penalty for using someone else's DL or ID card to a Class A misdemeanor. It also clarifies that use of a false ID by someone under 21 for purchase of alcohol is a Class C misdemeanor.

HB 1239 makes DPS more involved with drug task forces operating in Texas, including any "multi-county" drug task forces. (Effective August 1.)

HB 164 places restrictions on the sale of pseudoephedrine products and allows children exposed to meth production to be removed from the home. (Effective August 1.)

HB 823 describes the conditions under which a person will be presumed to be "traveling" for the first time. It applies to people who have a handgun in their vehicle but do not have a concealed handgun license (CHL). It also places the burden of proof on prosecutors to prove the driver was "not traveling."

HB 225 extends the renewal time for a CHL from four to five years, which will reduce the average annual cost of a license.

HB 322 lowers the age requirement for active duty or retired members of the military applying for a CHL from 21 years of age to 18, and reduces the original license fee and any renewal fees for active duty members of the armed forces by 50 percent.

HB 1038 reduces CHL renewal fees by 50 percent for anyone over 60 years of age.

The texts of these bills can be found at www.capitol.state.tx.us.

Troopers gear up for Labor Day enforcement

Texas drivers will have plenty of company on the roadways over the Labor Day weekend.

All available Texas Department of Public Safety troopers will be on the lookout for speeders, seat belt violators and drunk drivers from Friday, Sept. 2 through Monday, Sept. 5.

"Voluntary compliance is always our goal, but your chance of getting a citation from DPS more than doubles over the holiday weekend," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "Driving drunk is a sure way to get a short vacation in jail, not to mention the hassle, embarrassment and costs that go along with DWI convictions."

Last year, DPS made 985 DWI arrests during the Labor Day holiday—59 percent more than the year before. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration predicts 7 of 10 traffic deaths will be alcohol-related during the Labor Day weekend.

DPS supports the Drink, Drive, Go to Jail campaign, a nationwide anti-DWI effort aimed at reducing alcohol-related deaths and injuries during the Labor Day holiday period.

DPS also is a participant in Operation CARE—Combined Accident Reduction Effort—a nationwide effort by police agencies to reduce fatalities on major interstate highways during holiday weekends.

Hurricane Katrina from page 1

Mississippi and Alabama, more than 1 million residents remained without electricity, some without clean drinking water. An untold number who heeded evacuation orders were displaced and 40,000 were in Red Cross shelters, with officials saying it could be weeks, if not months, before most will be able to return.

Emergency medical teams from across the country were sent into the region and President Bush cut short his Texas vacation Tuesday to return to Washington to focus on the storm damage.

Federal Emergency Management Agency director Mike Brown warned that structural damage to homes, diseases from animal carcasses and chemicals in floodwaters made it unsafe for residents to come home anytime soon. And a mass return also was discouraged to keep from interfering with rescue and recovery efforts.

"What I'm authorized to say now is we expect the death toll to be higher than anything we've ever seen before," said Jim Pollard, civil defense spokesman for Mississippi's Harrison County, which

includes Biloxi and Gulfport.

Asked if the toll could be higher than Hurricane Camille in 1969 when 131 were killed in Mississippi and 40 went missing, Pollard referred back to his statement and said, "That would be higher wouldn't it?"

Said Biloxi Mayor A. J. Holloway: "This is our tsunami."

Insurance experts estimated the storm will result in up to \$25 billion in insured losses. That means Katrina could prove more costly than record-setting Hurricane Andrew in 1992, which caused an inflation-adjusted \$21 billion in losses.

Oil prices jumped by more than \$3 a barrel on Tuesday, climbing above \$70 a barrel, amid uncertainty about the extent of the damage to the Gulf region's refineries and drilling platforms.

By midday Tuesday, Katrina was downgraded to a tropical depression, with winds around 35 mph. It was moving northeast through Tennessee at around 21 mph, with the potential to dump 8 inches of rain and spin off deadly tornadoes.

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September 1

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September 2

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September 3

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September 4

T. Wayne Price, Sidney Anderson, Lindsey Palmer, Oscar Gutierrez, Diana Hidalgo, Mason Surber, Sherry Ingham, Kaitlyn Henderson, McKenzie Watkins, Preston Gonzalez

September 5

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September 6

Anna Samaniego, Joni Ellison, Ashley Settles, Glen Love, Lydia Galindo, Bryn Humphrey, Kelli Crain, Alyssa Vela, Henry Ramos

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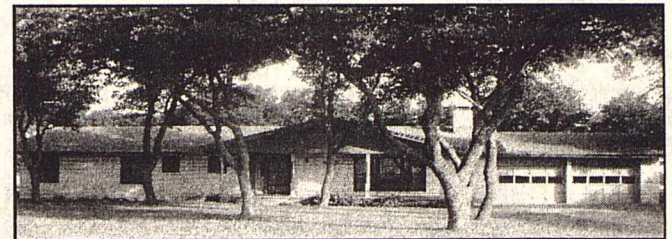
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Chamber Chatter

Chamber welcomes Labor Day goat sales guests

SONORA
Chamber of Commerce
by **Ruthie Bounds, COC**
Executive Director

Rain. Glorious, Rain!!! For many of us the sound of rain-drops awoke us on Sunday morning. I can't think of a more wonderful sound to wake up to. After traveling to Odessa last week for the Texas Pecos Trail press conference and meeting, I noted to my family that the country side looked fabulous everywhere I traveled that day except where I live. Feeling a bit forlorn about how desolate, dusty and dry it was in south-eastern Sutton County, I reminded myself that we are very blessed here. For the most part the land in our area is much more productive for agricultural purposes than most of that land that I had traveled through on Tuesday. It just happens that recently, they have received more rain than we have. Then we received rain over the weekend. I hope that everyone who was in dire need of rain received some and I am very thankful that we did.

This Labor Day weekend will bring many Boer goat breeders to the Sonora area. The Powell-Holman Boer Goat Sale will be held in Eldorado on Saturday, and the XS Sale will be held here in Sonora on Saturday evening. We welcome these folks who are visiting Sonora for these sales and hope that they enjoy their stay in the area. Sonora has emerged as the Boer Goat capital since there are

more registered breeders in the 76950 zip code than any other zip code in the United States. By all accounts there will be many buyers traveling to Sonora this weekend to attend both of these sales. Please join us in welcoming these visitors to our community, and show them what hospitality really is.

September brings dove hunting season to Sonora. We will probably see a few hunters hit Sonora this weekend to do a little dove hunting. We want to remind everyone to be safe while hunting or traveling during this 3-day weekend. Drinking and hunting don't mix, just like drinking and driving don't mix. Be safe and drive carefully.

We have several new members at Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Askew-Fisher Ranch, Randeew Fagan Ranch, Elbow Lake Ranch - Mark Friend Shurley, Chuck Weaver, C-Square Ranch - Cades & Carol Pope, Encino Blanco Ranch - Mark & Patsy White, Haircuts by Janice, Morning Star Woodworks - Annette & Randy Mabry, Hemphill Ranch, Monroe Welding, Dollar General, Lino's Custom Stereos, Rose Trucking, Lacayo's Cajun of New Orleans, Tri-Color Carpet Care and Restoration have all joined Sonora Chamber of Commerce in 2005. We welcome these new members and wish them success in their endeavors. Sonora Chamber of Commerce has a website maintained by Hudson Technologies Consulting, with listings of all of our members, by the appropriate category. The hunting

guide lease listing is mailed, faxed, and e-mailed to over a thousand people each year, and that is not including the hunting packets that are sent to the Hunters Extravaganza in Houston each year. The Sutton County Game Dinner Association attends the Hunter's Extravaganza and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce office staff prepares over a thousand hunters' packets including information on motels, restaurants, hunting supplies and services, and general information about Sonora. Visitors to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center may pick up a Sonora Chamber of Commerce book that lists all members and business services, as well as churches, some history of the area and motel listings. If you or your business is not a member of Sonora Chamber of Commerce, please stop by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center at 205 Hwy 277 North, and visit with Donna Garrett about becoming a member. Donna is very knowledgeable about the Chamber and all its activities and can show you the best way to benefit by becoming a member of Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Visit our website at www.sonoratlx-chamber.com for more information.

We are all praying for the people who are suffering through the ravages of hurricane Katrina. Here we are praying for rain, and those poor people are inundated with it, and praying for the rain to stop.

Governor chooses to exercise budget authority

State Capital
Highlights
Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling
AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry sidestepped a steaming heap of inaction left by the Legislature after two special sessions he called to reform the state's property tax and school finance systems.

On Aug. 25, a week after the second special session ended, Perry announced his intention to use executive budget authority to provide \$295 million for public school textbooks and to pay for a number of other projects and obligations awaiting state funding.

A few of those are:
• \$200 million to nursing homes;
• \$76 million to trauma centers;
• \$38.5 million to the Texas Tech medical school in El Paso; and
• \$10 million to the Irma Rangel School of Pharmacy at Texas A&M - Kingsville.

These and Perry's other proposed expenditures must be approved by the 10-member Legislative Budget Board.

Chief among critics of Perry's maneuver was state Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, who plans to run against Perry in the March 2006 Republican primary.

Meanwhile, the governor ordered the Texas Education Agency to require school districts to spend a minimum of 65

percent of their budget on classroom instruction.

TEA chief Shirley Neeley appointed a task force of educators to decipher what items are included under the heading of "classroom instruction." The task force is scheduled to meet Sept. 7.

Big Bend land deal falls through

Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission last week moved toward the sale of 46,200 acres of 300,000-acre Big Bend Ranch State Park to Houston developer John Pointdexter.

On Aug. 25, the commission rejected Pointdexter's offer, citing the lack of guarantees of improved public access and a suitable conservation plan.

A day earlier, it appeared the sale would go uninhibited by public scrutiny when the commission met without notice and behind closed doors.

But it was noticed. Alarmed at the news, hikers, ranchers, Audubon Society members and the Sierra Club bombarded the agency with phone calls and e-mails in opposition to the sale.

Situated in eastern Presidio County, the land is home to an array of Chihuahuan desert plants and wildlife, natural springs, trails and archeological sites.

Lite Up Texas snuffed out
The Low Income Telephone and Electric Utilities Program, also known as Lite Up Texas, will be defunct on Sept. 1.

The program provided a 10

percent discount on electric rates to low-income customers who qualified.

"The Texas Legislature diverted the money to the general fund," explained Terry Hadley of the Public Utilities Commission.

Language that killed the program was embedded in House Bill 1, the general appropriations bill, which passed in July during the Legislature's first special session.

Perry names new justice
Gov. Perry on Aug. 24 named Don R. Willett to fill a vacancy on the Texas Supreme Court.

The position opened when President George W. Bush appointed Justice Priscilla Owen to the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

Willett, a 39-year-old Kaufman County native, had been serving as chief counsel to Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott. He earlier served as assistant deputy attorney general of the United States.

Democrat joins governors race
Former congressman and broadcaster Chris Bell of Houston has announced his candidacy for governor.

Bell said he looks forward to taking on Perry or Strayhorn, whoever wins the March 2006 GOP primary.

Of course, Hill Country dark horse Kinky Friedman, a free-spirited independent, could surprise the big-party standard-bearers with his growing appeal.

FYI

FINAL Deadline to register and weigh-in for YMCA PEE-WEE & HEAVY WEIGHT Football will be Thursday, Sept. 1, at 6:00 p.m. at the YMCA in San Angelo. FMI call Jerry at 387-2714, John 387-5125 or Jock 853-2962 or 450-2654.

The First National Bank will be honoring the graduating class of 1955 this year on the FNB float for the Homecoming Parade. The bank would like for all of the class of '55 to come join us for the parade. The parade will begin lining up at 2:15 in front of the car wash on Concho Street. The parade will begin at 3:00 p.m. Please call FNB at 387-3861 or Roy Jean at 387-5033 for more information.

ESL & GED classes begin September 6, 2005. Classes will meet on Tuesday and Thursday nights, from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Vocational Building on the corner of Prospect and 2nd Streets. For ESL information, phone Delia Samaniego @ 387-3029. For GED information, call Kathleen Freeman @ 387-3736.

Sonora City League is announcing a meeting to elect new 2005-2006 board members. The SCL Board oversees Little Dribblers, Tee ball, Softball & Baseball for our youth. Anyone interested in volunteering is invited to attend September 6, 2005 @ 6:00 P.M. at The Mercantile Building, 222 Main St. Sonora, TX (Devon Energy, Inc.). Any inquires can be made to President, Patsy Samaniego 387-5332 or Vice-President, Tommy VanWinkle 387-5267.

Women's Bible Study @ Lighthouse Community Church; Studying "The Patriarch" by Beth Moore; starting Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Please call the church at 387-9100 to enroll.

Keep Sonora Beautiful will have their first start-up meeting Wed. Sept. 14, at noon at the Chamber of Commerce Office. Bring your lunch and we will visit about all the possibilities to help Keep Sonora Beautiful; recycling, beautification projects, education to our youth, etc. We would love anyone interested to be a part of the committee. For more info, call the Chamber at 387-2880 or Susan Hall at 387-5553.

Sonora Bronco Football season tickets will be on sale from Monday, August 22, through Friday, September 2, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the SISD Administration Building. Cost is \$25 per book of tickets (5 games).

The Annual Iron County Child Welfare Board SALSA Festival; Hoolihan Acres in Mertzon, TX; Oct. 8 from 3 - 5 p.m.; Texans for Children - Live Entertainment, Free Admission... and all the salsa you can eat. Salsa entry = \$25; \$500 cash prize. Entry deadline Sept. 16; FMI call Deb @ (325)835-7101 or Jose @ 835-8381.

Miles Cotton Festival - Sept. 10; arts & crafts, food booths; parade; brisket, chicken, pork rib cook-off; children's games; horseshoes; washers; entertainment all day; street dance to close, featuring Mark David Manders. FMI call 325-468-3501 or visit www.milestexas.com

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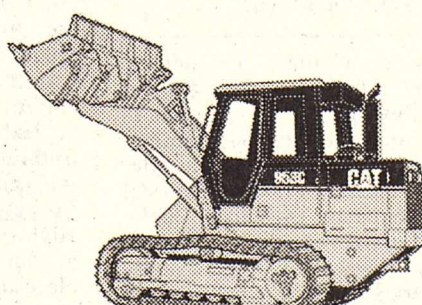
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