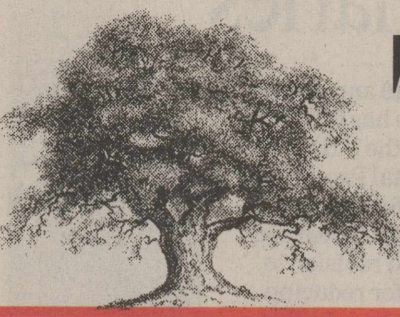


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Sonora 2nd grade students show off their creativity using sidewalk chalk during Friday's Big Art Day. Students from every campus learned about different art techniques and art media during the day long event.
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Inquiring Minds Want to Know, Is it Spring Yet?

BY PASCUAL HERNANDEZ
 TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION

It's warm enough and the buzzards are back. So, is it spring yet? It depends on who you ask. If you thought the first full day of spring was March 21, you might be surprised to know that there are at least three different classifications of the spring season. There is an astronomical, meteorological, and solar start to spring.



Pascual Hernandez
 Agrilife Extension Agent

The vernal equinox occurs when the Earth's tilt on its axis is neither toward nor away from the sun. This year it happens on March 20th. This marks the start of astronomical spring (what most of us use). Incidentally, this event repeats in September for the autumnal equinox.

Unlike astronomical seasons, which are determined by the Earth's position in relation to the sun, meteorological seasons are categorized by temperature. Meteorological winter is the coldest quarter of the year (December-February), while meteorological summer is the warmest (June-August). The quarter between these periods is meteorological spring, which occurs from March through May. March 1 marks the first day of meteorological spring for the Northern Hemisphere.

Additionally, there are solar seasons, which are categorized by the length of daylight hours. Solar winter is November-January, the months with the shortest daylight hours. Because of this, solar spring began in February.

So what about the buzzards (vultures)? In winter this efficient scavenger migrates from the northern part of its range, where a carcass will freeze, to the southern part of the United States and south into South America. They return in the spring to warm weather and to raise young.

No matter what way you want to think of the seasons, the start of March will inevitably lead to warmer temperatures and the end of the winter weather.

Big Art Day Inspires Students at All Levels

Colorful chalk graffiti covered campus sidewalks, water color designs hung on the gymnasium walls and delicious decorated cookies filled Lorie Powers' art room Friday, March 1st, during the first 'Big Art Day' at Sonora schools.

The all-day event encouraged creative thinking as students Pre-K through twelfth grades explored and experimented with different art media - some for the first time.

Pre-K teacher Destiny Martinez said she thinks the event is beneficial for kids understanding of the creative process.

"This is the first time for some of these kids to experience art at this level," Martinez said.

In between the hands on activities, students observed demonstrations in pottery, weaving and painting by area artist Brooke Wood, George Ann Valchos and Alejandro Castanon.

These renowned folks showed students how to use pioneering and abstract techniques to produce inspiring designs in clay, filament and various color pigments.

"Art is everywhere," Powers said.

Powers said she realized a need for this event in Sonora schools while participating in a Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) workshop.

The focus of the event is to raise awareness of art education and the impact of art in communities by involving educators and students in a specific day long art experience.

Over the course of one day students envision, create and display various completed art projects.

Together with the help of her fellow art teacher, Marilyn Wood, campus instructors and high school students, Powers brought her idea to fruition.

While watching her second grade class doodle a sidewalk with pastel chalks, teacher Chely Jones agreed.

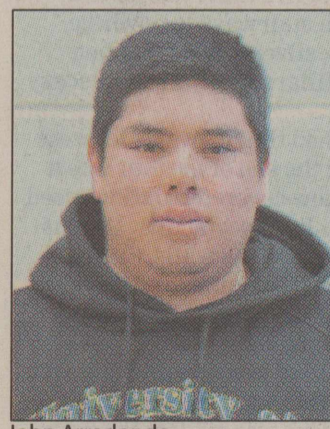
"They are very creative kids," Jones said. "This is good for them because it gives them an opportunity to express themselves in ways they may not otherwise get to."

High schoolers made themselves available throughout the day to help young budding artist as they meandered through a wide-variety of art stations

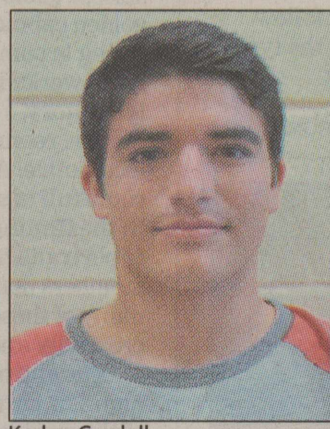
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Ryan Mungia, Kindergarten, learns water color painting techniques during the Big Art Day in Sonora.
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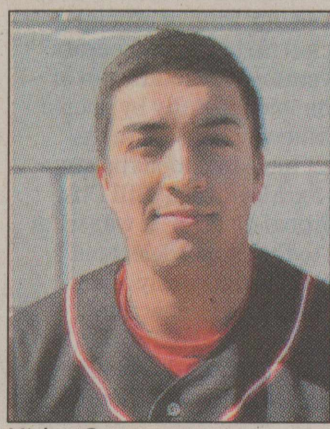
John Arredondo



Kaden Cordell



Kade Creek



Mickey Campos



Michael Solis



Liam Yourgalite

Six Sonora Basketball Players Named to All-District Team

District's coaches recognize the best of the best as the 5-3A All-District team is confirmed.

It should come as no surprise that one of the district's top teams, advanced to the playoffs,

and six of its players earned post-season honors.

The Sonora Broncos placed six players on the All-District squad including two seniors, three juniors and a sophomore.

A complete list of the Broncos named to the team follows below:

- John Arredondo, 12 - 1st Team
- Kaden Cordell, 10 - 1st Team
- Kade Creek, 11 - 2nd Team

- Team • Mickey Campos, 12 - Hon. Men.
- Michael Solis, 11 - Hon. Men.
- Liam Yourgalite, 11 - Hon. Men

All-District honors are determined by a vote of the district's

five head coaches following the regular season but before the playoffs. Coaches may nominate or recommend players from their team but they are not allowed to vote for their own players.

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Cruz, Clinton Emerge as Winners in Texas Primaries

AUSTIN — March 1 Super Tuesday election returns posted by the Texas Secretary of State's Elections Division show 2.8 million (about 20 percent) of the state's 14.2 million registered voters cast a ballot in the Republican Party Presidential Primary.

In the Democratic Party Presidential Primary, the statewide turnout was 1.4 million, or about 10 percent of the state's registered voters.

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas won the GOP contest with 1,239,370 votes, or 43.75 percent. Coming in second was New York businessman Donald Trump with 757,618 votes, or 26.74 percent. In third place was U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida with

502,223 votes, or 17.73 percent. Ohio Gov. John Kasich placed fourth with 120,257 votes, or 4.24 percent.

Former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton of New York won the Democratic contest with 934,999 votes, or 65.21 percent. U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont placed second with 475,561 votes, or 33.16 percent.

In 2012, about 1.45 million people voted in the Texas Republican Party Primary and about 590,000 people voted in the Texas Democratic Party Primary. Those primaries were held on May 29, 2012.

Court hears HB 2 case
Before the U.S. Supreme Court on

March 2, Texas Solicitor General Scott Keller delivered oral arguments in support of House Bill 2, legislation passed by the Texas Legislature in 2013 to toughen existing abortion laws.

Supporters of HB 2 say the legislation improves patient safety and raises the standard of care for women at abortion facilities. Opponents say HB 2 puts an unconstitutional burden on women in need of a variety of health services, including abortion.

A ruling on the case is expected in June.

Paxton files haze suit
Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton

on Feb. 29 announced the state has filed suit against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for rejecting Texas' seven-year-old proposed revision to its plan for reducing regional haze in the state.

The lawsuit was filed in the New Orleans-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. In January, the EPA rejected the state's

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

My Uncle Mort and Presidential Debates

Republican presidential candidates' debates have reached new lows, the office of President of the United States has been tarnished, buffoonery has ruled and few hard facts have emerged.

I join other Americans in bewilderment that some of the statements have been extremely poorly chosen, slipping from classification of absurdity to vulgarity. Propriety is going down faster than a ball of kite string on the Matterhorn. About all I've gained from the verbal slugfests is recollection of a

The Idle American



by Dr. Don Newbury

joke from the dusty corner of my memory bank...

I don't give Donald Trump credit for much beyond his business acumen, and was jolted by a recent jab at Marco Rubio. He declared the people of Florida "wouldn't elect him dogcatcher."

It brought to mind the account of a fiery newspaper editor decades ago who ran an editorial critical of a US senatorial candidate. "The man isn't qualified to be dogcatcher," he wrote. Taking considerable umbrage to the piece, the senatorial aspirant threatened a lawsuit if the editor didn't write an immediate editorial of apology. (This was way back when threats of lawsuits usually made it to the courts.)

Thinking things over and eager to avoid litigation, the editor complied in the following week's edition. It was a much shorter piece. The gist of it was his admission to have erred in the previous editorial. "The candidate is absolutely qualified to be dogcatcher, and for having said last week that he wasn't, I sincerely apologize." Then he added, "But he isn't running for dogcatcher; he's running for the US Senate..."

Uncle Mort, soon to be 104, is afraid lots of his friends in the thicket may sit this election out.

"I guess I'll vote," he said. "But too many Americans want the government to provide cradle-to-grave assistance, starting immediately."

I don't think he'll do it, but he said he's so disenchanted with the warring political climate, out-of-control government debt, and general discord prevailing, he's thinking of moving to Canada. "Maud and I might pack things up and relocate soon," he said, "before they build a wall to keep us out."

He's never spent a day in the hospital yet, but says if the lines for surgical procedures are as long as he hears they are north of the border, he'll return to the States if he needs surgery...

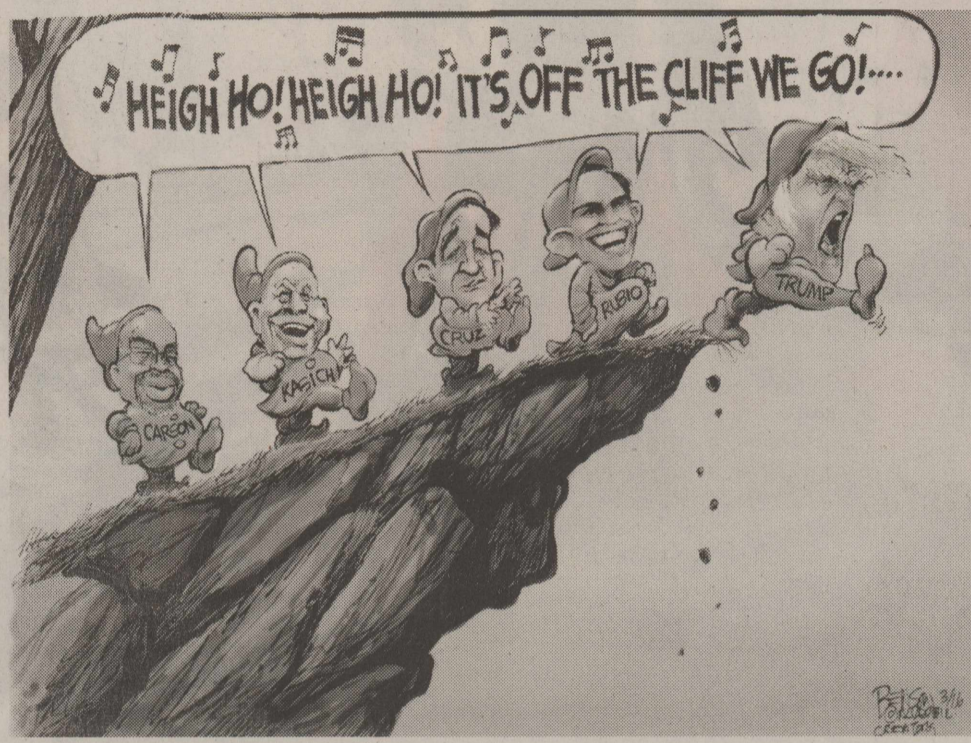
My uncle has a favorite story of an old boy running for sheriff in the thicket during the Depression. "He was beyond lazy, couldn't hold a job and didn't even take care of his family," Mort remembers. "However, he may have been the most optimistic man I've ever known."

Mort told about how the ne'er-do-well visited every home in the community. He had a Big Chief tablet, carefully entering notes about the mood of voters visited.

At one house, the woman ordered him to leave. "Don't even think of coming in my house," she fumed. "You are as sorry a man as I've ever seen. They ought to hang you on the courthouse lawn. I wouldn't vote for you under any circumstances for any political office. Now, get off my porch before I set my dogs on you." He thanked her for her time, paused to open his Big Chief tablet at her front gate and wrote down: "Doubtful..."

The fellow they elected sheriff wasn't much good, either. One day a man from the country came into town looking for him. A deputy told him the sheriff was nearly

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How Trump Helps Hillary

Could Donald Trump win the nomination? Yes. You have to say that. To say no is to ignore what is happening, and what can happen in a process that is largely not controlled by the Republican establishment. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is no fool. He could be vice president. So what if neither of them has any foreign policy experience?

President Donald Trump. Try saying it three times. Doesn't sound right.

Is there anyone Trump could beat? Yes. As unlikely as it is that America would elect a reality show billionaire to lead us in these treacherous times, it seems even more unlikely that they would elect a 74-year-old socialist from New York.

I'm really sorry. I like Bernie Sanders, too. I feel badly putting him in the same paragraph with Donald Trump. But in a way, they are in the same boat. And it is not the small boat that Lee Atwater, the George H.W. Bush's legendary campaign manager, used to talk about, with the very few folks that most Americans could imagine as president. Clinton is the only one in that boat at the moment. If a long slog is what it takes to win the election, no one in politics knows how to slog it like the Clinton family.

Practically before I was born, George McGovern accepted the Democratic nomination long after America's bedtime, in front of a convention devoid of almost everyone who had any kind of official (or even unofficial) tie to the Democratic Party. The convention was totally out of control, I've been told gleefully by people older than me (whew) who were there. That crowd must have included the guy running Texas for McGovern: Bill Clinton. It was a political disaster. It was what led, eventually, to the "superdelegates." I once complained so vigorously about superdelegates, because I knew they would undermine the "equal division" of the convention. But they also bring stability to the process. I never thought

I'd live to say it, but thank goodness for all those superdelegates. That's why every delegate comparison shows Hillary ahead. She is. She will be.

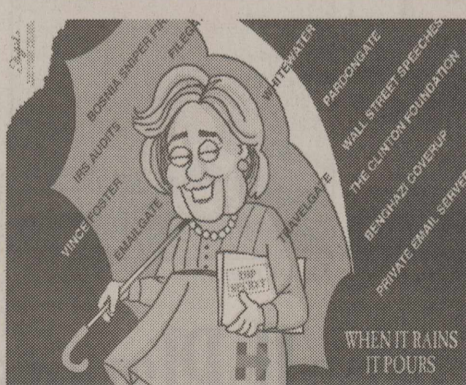
Bernie is doing well in these Democratic contests for the same reason -- sorry again, Bernie -- that Ted Cruz is. But their appeal, in both cases, is to the ideological activists in their respective parties, who are most likely to go to the caucuses.

Democrats, however, are so much more conditioned by losing than Republicans are that their instinct for suicide has been dulled since the McGovern campaign in 1972. If voting for Bernie were still a freebie, if the stakes were still low -- if the Republicans did not appear to be on the brink of nominating the single most unsuitable candidate of modern times -- I could see him forcing Hillary into a long, if not losing, campaign.

But the stakes aren't low anymore. Trump strikes fear into the heart of any American who believes our leader should not be the one to say out loud what we would rightly scold our children for saying (e.g., "I don't want any Muslims in my class" or "Mexicans are rapists"). Donald Trump is nothing so unusual: he is a demagogue, in the oldest tradition of divisive politics. He is preying on a system of minority rules that won't change until the general.

If one party is going to commit suicide, it is best that the other not follow suit. That is how you fall under the tyranny of an ideological minority.

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Why does the early bird always get the worm? Because he reads about it in THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS CLASSIFIED ADS

Harry Potter is Alive and Well in London

I almost hate to admit this, but I've never read a Harry Potter book and I've seen only one Harry Potter movie. I recently learned that I have really missed something. While we were visiting Scotland and England over the Christmas and New Year's holidays we toured the Warner Brothers Studio where the movies were made.



Rolling Along

by Tumbleweed Smith

The large studio complex is about an hour away from London. Visitors pass a lot of countryside to get there. When the bus delivered us to the entrance around ten o'clock in the morning, the parking lot was filled and thousands of people were already there.

I thought Harry Potter was for kids. But there were many more adults, even though it was a holiday and schools were closed. Some hard core fans wore costumes from the Harry Potter movies. In the gift shop, we saw one man with a shopping basket. He filled it with several items of Harry Potter merchandise. His total bill came to more than \$500. He and the woman with him were both dressed as wizards.

The tour took us through a series of rooms, each one big enough to hold a blimp. We saw the great hall, patterned after the great hall at the Edinburgh castle in Scotland, which we had visited before going to England. While in Scotland, by the way, we took pictures of the Elephant House Cafe, where JK Rowling supposedly wrote some of the Harry Potter books. In the hall, the actual long dinner table used in the movie was set with silverware, food, plates and serving dishes.

Perhaps the main reason we were there was so our twelve year-old grandson Caleb could see it. He is a big Harry Potter fan and has read all the books and seen all the movies. He came home with some great memories and a wand purchased at the gift shop.

There are so many things to see in every nook and corner of each gigantic room. Everything is authentic including manikins dressed and made up to look like real characters from the movie. In one area there was a new coat. Next to it was another identical coat that had been made to show wear. The latter had rips and dirt spots. Racks held hundreds of costumes. There were cauldrons of all sizes, a goblet of fire that rose out of a golden cabinet, stairways to nowhere, flying brooms, silver knives that had hand worked filigree, and an apothecary laboratory.

One room had the Hogwarts Express locomotive. At the end of the tour was a room full of snow-covered buildings used in the filming. Just spectacular. Dozens of portraits hung on the walls. Crewmembers donned costumes and posed for many of these. The place is a tribute to creativity and ingenuity.

The entire visit was a tour of fantasyland. The care that went into every phase of the productions was evident in every prop and set piece. The visit showed how the people who worked on the movies became like a family. They were together ten years.

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Noel Fierro lifted a total of 865 lbs at the Regional Powerlifting Meet last Friday at Irion County High School in Mertzon. The effort qualified her to advance to the State meet in Corpus Christi along with teammate Julia Pope. **KATHY MANKIN | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**

Powerlifters Pope and Fierro Are State Bound

Lady Bronco Powerlifters Julia Pope and Noel Fierro will be advancing to the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association Meet in Corpus Christi, Friday, March 18th.

Schools from 1A-3A competed in Region 1 - Division 3 Regional Meet in Mertzon Friday, March 4th to see who qualified for state.

Julia Pope was ranked first in the region headed into the meet at 815 lbs. She bettered that by 10 pounds and claimed the gold medal in the 148-lb weight class with a total

weight of 825 lbs.

Noel Fierro took the bronze medal at the Regional Meet in the 198 lb weight class with a total of 865 lbs.

She was ranked third in the region prior to the meet with a total of 895 lbs.

Powerlifting Coach Blake Weston stated, "Pope is number one in our region. She is ranked 4th in the state in her weight class. Pope and Fierro will be making their return trip to the state meet. Both girls are looking to bring home a state medal this year!"

Sonora Takes Gold in Braves Relays

It was a good day for the Broncos as they celebrated their win with 176 points during Saturday's Iraan Cactus Relays on March 5th.

The ladies placed first with 175 points while the JV Boys fell behind Garden City's 183 with a total 29 points and sixth place in Division II of the Iraan Braves Relays.

Kaden Cordell, Drew Buitron, Michael Solis and Carter Zook set the bar with their first place win for Sonora in the 1600 Meter Relay with a total time of 3:34.28.

Additional results are listed below:

Long Jump: Michael Solis, 3rd, 18'7 3/4", Drew Buitron, 5th 18'4 1/2"

Triple Jump: Kaden Cordell, 4th, 39'10 3/4", Willie B. Munoz, 5th, 37'11"

High Jump: Kaden Cordell, 2nd, 5'10", Kade Creek, 4th, 5'6"

Pole Vault: Dusty Holmes, 2nd, 11'6", Carter Zook, 3rd, 11'

Shot Put: Liam Yourgalite, 1st, 47'3 1/2"

Discus: Michael Solis, 2nd, 143' 5 1/2", Ryan Martinez, 3rd, 127' 1 1/2"

3200 M Run: Evan Shannon, 3rd, 11:05.94, Oscar Herrada, 4th, 11:25.45

400 M Relay: Sonora, 46.06, Kade Creek, Willie Munoz, Kevin Martinez and Michael Solis

800 M Run: Raully Ojeda, 3rd, 2:11.33, Walker Sine, 4th, 2:16.22

110 M High Hurdles: Carter Zook, 1st, 14.69, Dustin Holmes, 6th, 18.67

800 M Relay: Sonora, 2nd, 1:35.16, Kade Creek, Kevin Martinez, Michael Solis and Drew Buitron

400 M: Kaden Cordell, 5th, 55.95

300 M Hurdles: Carter Zook, 1st, 41.45, Willie Munoz, 3rd, 46.21

200 M: Drew Buitron, 3rd, 23.80

1600 M: Raully Ojeda, 4th, 5:08.04, Eval Shannon, 5th, 5:19.10, Oscar Herrera, 6th, 5:22.63

1600 M Relay: Sonora, 3:34.28, 1st, Kaden Cordell, Drew Buitron, Michael Solis and Carter Zook

Shot Put: 2. Sky Hernandez, 25"; 4. Aislyn Nixon, 23'9"

Discus: 3. Sky Hernandez, 55"; 4. Aislyn Nixon, 54'

Pole Vault: 1. Clarissa Rodriguez, 6'6"; 2. Alyssa Martinez, 6'

2400 M Run: 3. Paige Velasquez, 11:11

400 M Relay: 1. Nixon, Martinez, Rodriguez and Gonzalez 56.27

800 M Run: 5. Carla Mata, 3:10.73; 6. Sianne Alviso, 3:16.62

100 M Dash: 2. Aislyn Nixon, 15.57; 3. Yesenia Garza, 15.67

800 M Relay: 4. Nixon, Salazar, Ramirez and Dutton, 2:14.96

100 M Hurdles: 1. Clarissa Rodriguez, 20.10

400 M Run: 6. Harmony Ramirez, 78.67

300 M Int. Hurdles: 1. Alyssa Martinez, 52.67

200 M Run: 1. Fernanda Gonzales, 29.95

1600 M Relay: 2. Salazar, Rodriguez, Gonzales and Martinez, 4:45.99

High Jump: Keyan McCollum, 1st, 5'2"

Shot Put: Alex Lozano, 6th, 33'9 1/2"

Discus: Ray Kimbrell, 4th, 93'10"

100 M Dash: JR Velasquez, 1st, 11.46

800 M Relay: Sonora, 6th, 1:48.56, Jr. Velasquez, Keegan McCollum, Juan Delgado and Xavier Rodriguez

1600 M Relay: Sonora, 6th, 4:10.65, Jr. Velasquez, Keegan McCollum, Juan Delgado and Xavier Rodriguez

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Noah Sanmiguel focuses on the ball and a strike out while pitching for the Broncos. **KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**

Martinez and Zapata advance to Regional

Broncos powerlifters Kevin Martinez and Robert Zapata will be making a trip to Sundown this Saturday to compete in the Region 1, Division 3 Powerlifting Meet. Martinez is ranked second in the region in the 148 lb weight class

with a total lift weight of 1,125 lbs.

Zapata is ranked sixth in the 114 lb weight class with a total weight of 720 lbs.

The Texas High School Powerlifting Association State Meet will be held in Abilene, April 2nd.

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Broncos Fall to Forsan 4-2

Taking an early lead with two runs at the top of the first, Forsan buffaloed their way to a 4-2 win over the Broncos on Tuesday, March 1st in their non-conference game at Broncos Field.

Michael Campos pitched five strikeouts for the Broncos but allowed two hits contributing to the team's loss.

The Broncos left five runners on base and equaled Forsan's hits with six balls each.

None the less, the errors were costly.

Louie Castro pitched only two strike outs in three and one half innings allowing three runs and

three walks.

Noah Sanmiguel and Michael Mungia went two for three for the night and Caleb Galvan came in for the seventh inning to keep the game close, striking out two Buffs.

Coach A.J. Valdez said despite the loss he is proud of his team and their effort. "An improvement from the last 2 games but, we need to make adjustments with our clutch hitting and our pitching efficiency," Valdez said.

Dusting themselves off, the Broncos for their upcoming 2016 Dry Devils River All Wood Classic, beginning Thursday, March 3rd.

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It Happened Out West

by Joe N. Brown

This is the tale of a legend that I witnessed many years ago.

No need mention any names to save embarrassment.

These two ranch women, a mother and daughter, delivered the paper every day in Sanderson, Texas.

On the day of this story, the daughter was ill and I was asked to assist in the delivery.

Now that we have the background, let's describe the leading character of this happening.

The elderly lady was of German decent and very set in her ways.

She was about eighty years at the time.

Always wearing a ball cap, thick glasses, smoked with a long black holder, she wore a gingham dress with an apron and tennis shoes.

Now we can picture the leading character, so let's go to the location.

Sanderson was a small country town of about 3,000 people.

It was the county seat of ranching and railroad population. Main Street was about a half a mile long and was state highway 90.

Most all of the businesses were on Main Street with residences back toward the hills.

Now you can imagine

the location, let's get to the gist of this legend.

We had delivered papers to all the residential customers and had started on the business customers.

Now our German lady had told me that she would drive as she knew the route and I didn't.

My job was to throw a wrapped paper where I was instructed.

Fine - everything was under control and going well - Wrong!

As we pulled out of the Red Bluff Station, she cut directly across Highway 90 at a 90 degree angle. Had me throw the paper out and then cut back into traffic - head on!

We were meeting an eighteen wheeler headed west.

She hit the brakes and killed the motor.

The truck driver did the same and we came to a stop, nose to nose, on U.S. 90, in downtown Sanderson.

Now, to the actual happenings.

The German lady bailed out of her car and stalked around to where this huge truck driver had gotten out of his truck.

Now it was obvious that she was mad as the black cigarette holder was going in circles with many smoke signals.

They met between the vehicles.

The first words I heard were, "You dumb S.O.B. you know I cross this street right here every morning at this time and have for 10 years."

The driver backed up from this grey headed cyclone and answered, "Ma'am I'm new on this route and did not know this was your street."

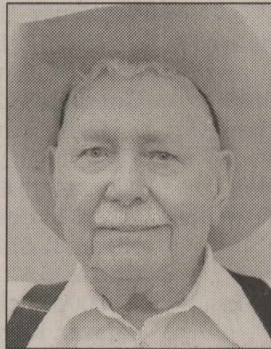
"If you'll let me ill back up and go around your car, then you can have this street."

Which he did!

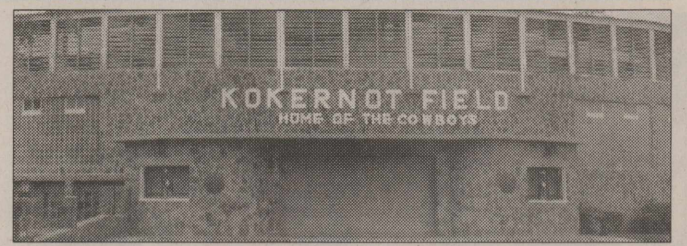
There were several witnesses to this conversation so the word was spread all over town.

This became known as, 'The paper lady directed traffic' and another country legend was born.

It happened out west!



Joe N. Brown



Kokernot Field in Alpine, a classic baseball stadium built in 1947, continues to ring with collegiate and professional bats. Photo courtesy of Alpine Cowboys. COURTESY PHOTO

He Built It. They Came: West Texas' Iconic Most Baseball Diamond

BY JOE COOK
REPORTING TEXAS

Near the middle of the West Texas town of Alpine, light towers loom behind a stone façade bearing the words "Kokernot Field, Home of the Cowboys," in white capitals. The national pastime has lived at this park for decades. Future Hall of Fame pitchers Satchel Paige and Gaylord Perry took the mound here. It's all because of Herbert Lee Kokernot Jr.

Kokernot was a wealthy rancher in Alpine who managed the Kokernot 0-6 Ranch that his father had managed before him. He owned about 500,000 acres just over an hour away from Big Bend National Park.

When baseball caught his eye in the mid-1940s, he was hooked. Kokernot took over the Alpine Cats, a local independent team, and renamed the franchise the Alpine Cowboys, putting his ranch's brand on his team.

The original field was not much to look at. "They put up a makeshift field, and he had the ranch brand and everything on it," said Kristin Lacy Cavness, general manager of the current Cowboys franchise and Kokernot's great-granddaughter.

That park is no longer standing. When Kokernot's father saw the condition of the old facility, he told his son they needed to make a change.

"His father drove by one day and said, 'If you're going to put our brand on that field, you need to make it look great,'" Cavness said. "He did, and he built an amazing field."

The field's dimensions were 330 feet down the lines in left and right and 415 feet to straightaway center. The backstop was covered with huge pads, and the covered stands had green seats. The Twin Peaks of the Davis Mountains - then and now - are visible in the distance past right field, and the park stands across the street from Alpine High School.

Kokernot Field, built at a cost of more than \$1 million, opened in 1947. Kokernot sought players at high schools throughout the state, offering to pay their tuition at Sul Ross State University in Alpine if they played for him.

Jim Shamblin, who played baseball for the University of Texas in 1949 and for the Cowboys in the early 1950s, remembers how well Kokernot treated his players.

"We lived in a hotel and signed tabs for everything that we wanted," Shamblin said. "He picked up the tab. I went out to Alpine, and they gave me \$100 a game. We had a hell of a time out there."

Shamblin was awestruck by how much Kokernot owned.

"We were kids from Houston and Dallas, and we asked someone, 'How many acres does Mr. Herbert own out there?'" Shamblin said. "He said, 'Acres? I don't think anyone knows. See that mountain? He owns everything up there and 18

miles to the other side of that mountain."

"He owned something like 1,300 sections of land," Shamblin said.

The team was popular in Alpine and surrounding cities. The Cowboys filled their park to its capacity of approximately 1,400 for almost every game.

"People from all those little towns came in," Shamblin said. "They'd send a guy out with a loudspeaker to all the little towns around to remind people to come out."

The Cowboys turned from semi-professional to professional in 1959, when they became a farm team for the Boston Red Sox. According to D.J. Stout, who wrote "The Amazing Tale of Mr. Herbert and His Fabulous Alpine Cowboys Baseball Club," that led to the end of Kokernot's team.

"The Cowboys quit playing in 1961," said Stout, whose father pitched for the team. "Mr. Kokernot pulled the plug because he didn't like the management. He didn't like those Yankees telling him what to do - the Red Sox."

Kokernot turned over control of his park to the Alpine Independent School District in 1968. In 1983, Sul Ross revived baseball, and its team now plays at Kokernot Field.

Professional baseball returned to Kokernot Field in 2009, when the Big Bend Cowboys of the Continental Baseball League played there briefly. After the 2010 season, the league folded.

The Big Bend Cowboys were reorganized for the 2011 season as the Alpine Cowboys when Cavness formed a nonprofit organization. They play in the Pecos League against teams from Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The Pecos League is an independent league and not affiliated with Major League Baseball.

"We're fixing up wood that has never been replaced," Cavness said. "That's one of the reasons why our nonprofit is helping, because people can donate money to go back into the field."

Nolan Hoskins, an outfielder whose career with Sul Ross ended in 2014, cherishes his experiences at Kokernot Field.

"Kokernot Field was amazing to play at," said Hoskins, now a baseball equipment manager at the University of Houston. "We had one of the best settings in the conference, if not the region or the nation. Looking over the center field wall you could see the Twin Peaks off in the distance, which created a majestic view."

Hoskins said the history of the park helped lead him to Alpine.

"The chance to play on the same field as Satchel Paige was a great opportunity to be a part of history," Hoskins said. "I am still asked about Kokernot Field. You either liked it or you loved it."

Stout, a partner for Pentagram Design in Austin, experienced Kokernot Field only as a spectator. But he shares Hoskins' love for the park.

"It's a low-tech thing," Stout said. "It's like old-fashioned baseball. The whole town shows up. Every time I go, it makes me feel like the Cowboys from the '40s and '50s are playing again."

Big Art Day

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ranging from splatter painting to embroidery.

By far, the most popular art center involved making edible art - cookies decorated with frosting and other tasty embellishments.

"It's the best," Angela Acevedo said, smiling from ear to ear and licking rainbow colored frosting from around her mouth.

Her sister, Melanie Acevedo, a sophomore, said she is glad that she is able to help the younger students understand art principals and be creative.

Convinced it was a success, Powers said she is already looking forward to Art Day next year on March 3rd.

Sonora Birthdays



MARCH

- 11th Word Hudson, John Wilson, Nelda Tobias
- 12th Craten Phillips, Dora Gonzales, Tavia Valliant, Jennifer Surber, Mario Avila
- 13th Mary Adele Balch, Charlie Brown, Robert Mata, Chris Badgett
- 15th Abby Creek, Le Ann Holt, Kay Bosch, Lane Cahill, Warren Wallace, Geneva Parks
- 16th Karen Fincher, Katy Wardlaw
- 17th Tiffany Weston, Belia Fay

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 13. Dodger Hershiser
 14. Winery in Modesto, Calif.
 15. Battle of Endor soldier
 16. Missouri River tribe
 17. Novelist Calvino
 18. Color quality
 19. Good doctor's attribute
 22. Bronze ____
 23. Nancy Drew's beau
 24. Netherlands dollar, once
 27. Playskool's parent company
 29. Popular shirt label
 31. C.E.O.'s deg.
 32. Highest-priced boxing ticket
 35. Writer's undergrad deg.
 37. Night spot
 38. Dancer Miller
 39. 1930s '40s White House address
 44. Stinger
 45. D.O.E. part: Abbr.

46. Tied up
50. A Gandhi
52. ____ Baba
53. Secretive org.
54. Place to pull in for a meal
58. Declare openly
60. Illinois city
61. Vanquish
62. Passport addition
63. Pigskin eyer
64. Woman's name suffix

65. Emphatic agreement
 66. Garden with a snake
 67. It may be grand
- DOWN**
1. High-muck-a-muck: Var.
 2. Sandinista leader
 3. Hollow rocks
 4. Hearty cheers
 5. Stale
 6. Jack of "Rio Lobo"

7. Jazzy Fitzgerald
8. Thoth, in ancient Egypt
9. Tropical nut
10. Ninjas, e.g.
11. Tiny particle
12. Classic Jag
14. Hotel Bible
20. Cross letters
21. Stocking shade
25. Meir contemporary
26. ____ King Cole
28. Scottish hillside
29. Tennis player John
30. Brass component
33. Author Andre
34. Fill
35. "Très ____!"
36. "Crazy Heart" songwriter
39. Raiding grp.
40. Some transfusions
41. Stunned
42. Montana capital
43. All fired up
47. 51 past
48. 1974 hit from Spain
49. Quick mover
51. Hawkeye
52. Beautify
55. Musher's transport
56. "How can ____?"
57. Skeptical rejoinder
58. Gardner of "Mogambo"
59. Spirit

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Four Cases of Rabies Confirmed in Sonora

Although the 2016 year has just begun, the Texas Department of State Health Services has already confirmed four positive cases of rabies in Sonora.

All four incidents involved skunks testing positive for rabies, a viral infection affecting the nervous system of warm blooded animals.

Rabies is present in a variety of wild animals inhabiting Texas, especially bats, raccoons, foxes, coyotes and skunks.

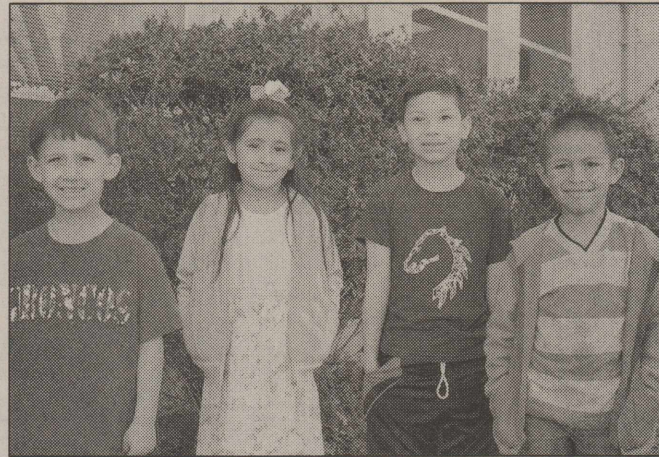
Signs indicating a possible rabies infection include a sudden change in an animal's behavior, docile behavior in wild animals, overly aggressive behavior, nocturnal animals active during the day and difficulty eating, drinking or walking.

Owners of domestic animals including dogs and cats are required to have pets, over four months of age, vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian as regulated by the City of Sonora Ordinances.

In addition to keeping pets up to date on their vaccinations, it is important to spay and neuter your pets to ensure their well-being and prevent unwanted strays.

As well, keep pet food secure to avoid attracting unvaccinated stray or wild animals

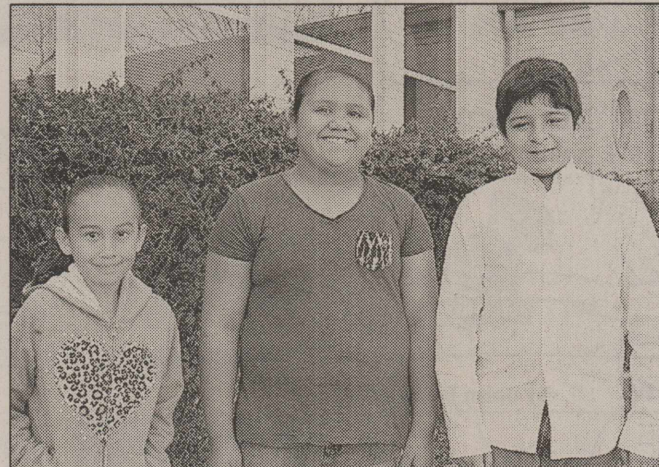
If you suspect that an animal is infected with rabies, avoid contact with the animal and immediately contact the City of Sonora Animal Control at 325-387-3888, Sonora Police Department at 325-387-3888 or Sheriff's Department at 325-387-2288.



Sonora Elementary Students of the Week- Isaac Arredondo, Pre-K, Eduardo Salazar, K, Jaylen Lozano, 1st, Angel Diaz, 2nd.

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Elementary and Intermediate Students of the Week



Sonora Intermediate School Students of the Week - Lauryn Robles, 3rd, Emma Martinez, 4th, Emilio Garcia, 5th.

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Discover ASU

Angelo State University will welcome high school freshmen, sophomores and juniors and their families to campus on Saturday, April 16, for "Discover ASU," a half-day program that provides a firsthand introduction to campus life and educational opportunities at the university.

Check in will begin at 8:15 a.m. in the Houston Harte University Center, 1910 Rosemont Drive. Activities will include

information sessions about academic programs, general information for students getting ready to transition to ASU, a campus tour and opportunities to visit ASU residence halls.

There is no cost to attend, but advance registration is required.

To learn more about Discover ASU or to register, call the ASU Admissions Office at 325-942-2041 or 800-946-8627, or go online to angelo.edu/discover.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Haze

plan in favor of a federal plan. Paxton said that under the EPA's plan, power generators "would have to install costly, unnecessary upgrades to become compliant. This could both make electricity more expensive, and could result in fewer plants at a time when Texas needs more capacity, not less."

More are taking tests

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath on March 1 announced the number of Texas graduates taking at least one "Advanced Placement Program" exam during high school has more than doubled over the past decade, according to College Board's AP Cohort Data Report for the Class of 2015.

Also, according to the announcement, the percentage of Texas students taking at least one AP exam in high school continues to outpace the national average.

DPS upholds decision

Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steven McCraw on March 1 issued a letter of final termination, upholding his Jan. 28 preliminary decision to terminate Trooper Brian Encinia from the department for reasons related to the trooper's traffic stop of Sandra Bland on July 10, 2015, in Prairie View.

Encinia has the right to appeal his termination to the Texas Public Safety Commission, the five-member oversight board for

the DPS, McCraw stated in the text of the letter.

Bland was booked into Waller County Jail following her arrest by Encinia. She was found hanged in her cell three days later, on July 13. The assistant county medical examiner issued an autopsy report on July 24, ruling the death a suicide.

Zika cases increase

The Texas Department of State Health Services on March 4 reported Texas so far has had 18 confirmed cases of the Zika virus disease.

Of those cases, 17 were found in travelers who were infected abroad and diagnosed after they returned home. One case involved a Dallas County resident who had sexual contact with someone who acquired the Zika infection while traveling abroad.

Case numbers by county were listed as follows: Bexar, 3; Dallas, 2; Fort Bend, 1; Harris, 9; Tarrant, 1; and Travis, 2.

Economy adds jobs

Texas employers expanded their payrolls in January with the addition of 31,400 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs, marking the tenth consecutive month of job growth for Texas, the Texas Workforce Commission reported March 4.

Also, Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.5 percent in January, down from a revised 4.6 percent in December, and remained below the national average of 4.9 percent.

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Sonora ISD Menu

PK-5th : Free Breakfast & \$2.45 lunch
Middle & High School: \$1.95 Breakfast & \$2.85 lunch

Choice of 1 of 2 entrees or salad
Menu Subject to Change

Monday - March 14th

Breakfast

French Toast, Sausage or Cereal w/ Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety

Lunch

Ravioli w/Meat Sauce and a Roll or Pig in a Blanket

Garden Salad, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh Fruit, Milk

After School Meal: Chocolate Chip Muffin, Milk

Tuesday - March 15th

Breakfast

Chicken/Biscuit or Cereal w/ Crackers, Orange Smiles, Juice, Milk Variety

Lunch

Asian Bowl w/Egg Roll and Brown Rice or Pesto Chicken Flatbread

Baby Carrots/Ranch, Steamed Broccoli, Chilled Pineapple, Sugar Cookie, Milk

After School Meal: Fruit, Raisins, Milk

Wednesday - March 16th

Breakfast

Breakfast Burrito, Salsa or Cereal w/ Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety

Lunch

Tex-Mex Stack or Chicken Fajitas w/Tortilla

Spanish Rice, Mexicali Corn, Charro Beans, Salsa, Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk

After School Meal: Baked Chips, Juice

Thursday - March 17th

Breakfast

Pancake Wrap, Yogurt or Cereal w/ Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety

Lunch

Chicken Parmesan or Italian Pasta Bake

Breadstick, Savory Green Beans, Garden Salad, Fresh Apple Slices, Milk

After School Meal: String Cheese, Fruited Jello

Friday - March 18th

Breakfast

Dutch Waffle, Bacon or Cereal w/ Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety

Lunch

Fish w/Toast or Pulled Pork Slider

Coleslaw, Oven Fries, Western Beans, Diced Pears, Milk

After School Meal: PBJ Sandwich, Juice

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This program is under the Walk Across Texas program and provided by the Better Living for Texans program.

It is an eight week program, where you keep track of your physical activity and have a weekly meeting where you will learn nutrition knowledge pertaining to fruits and vegetables.

There will be three different areas to host as a team and team captains. These places will be where you turn in your miles or physical activity for the program. They are at the Department of State Health Services with Anna Fitzgerald, Food & Resource Center with Theresa Ward, and the Senior Citizen Center with Lesa Galindo.

To sign up, please go to one of these three places to get registered. The first 25 people to register will receive a free pedometer & water bottle!

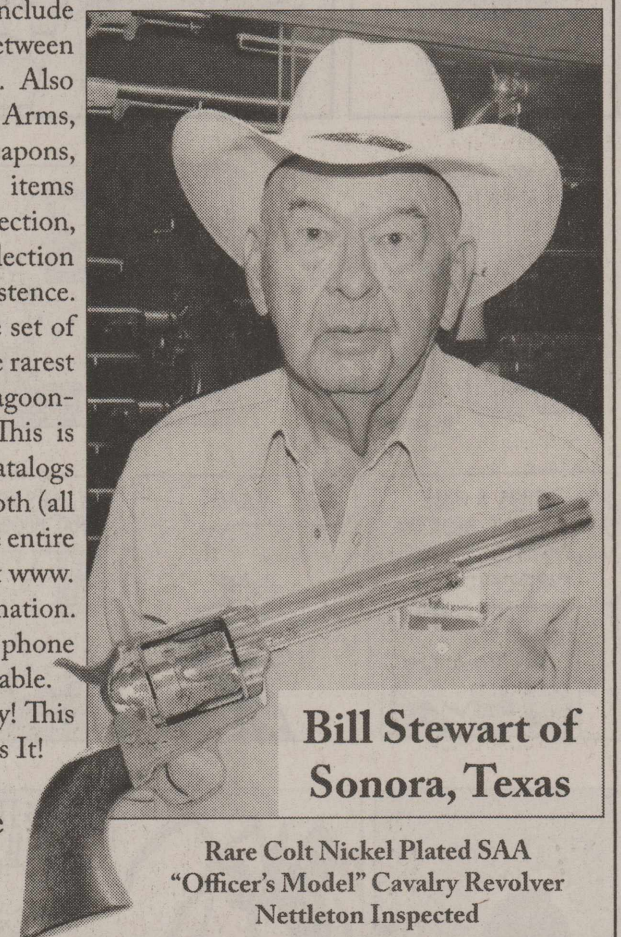
First meeting dates for each team: March 21st at the Food & Resource Center at 4:00 p.m., March 23rd at the Senior Citizen Center at 11:30 a.m., and March 24th at the Department of State Health Services (time pending on what is best for participants, when registering please let Anna know your best time and we will take the average time).

If you need help registering or have any questions please contact Jessica Stapper CEA-FCS at 387-3604, by email jestapper@ag.tamu.edu, or come by the Sutton County Extension Office.

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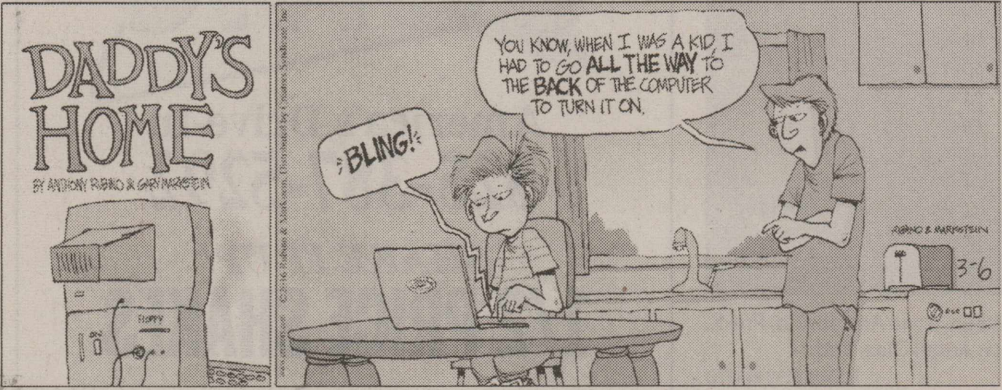
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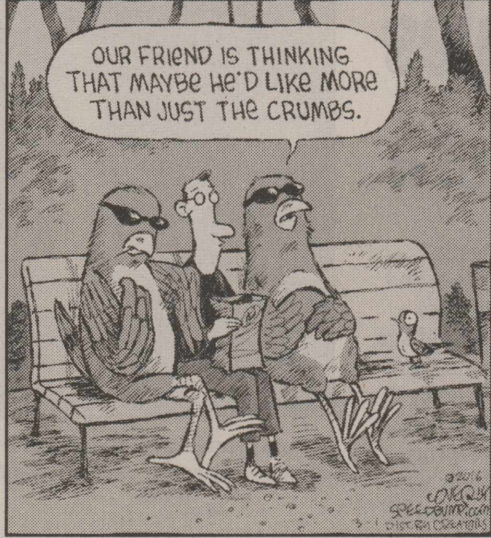
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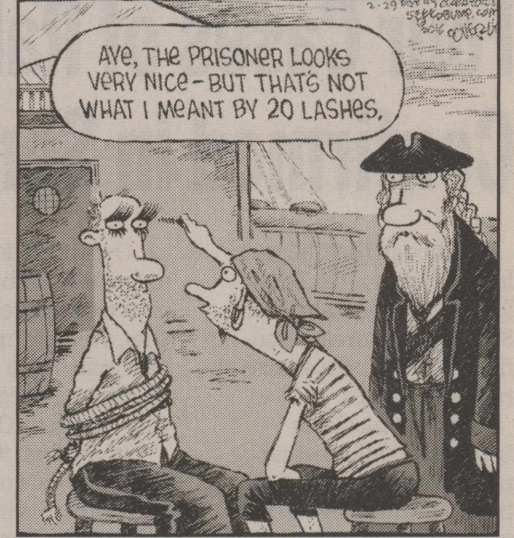
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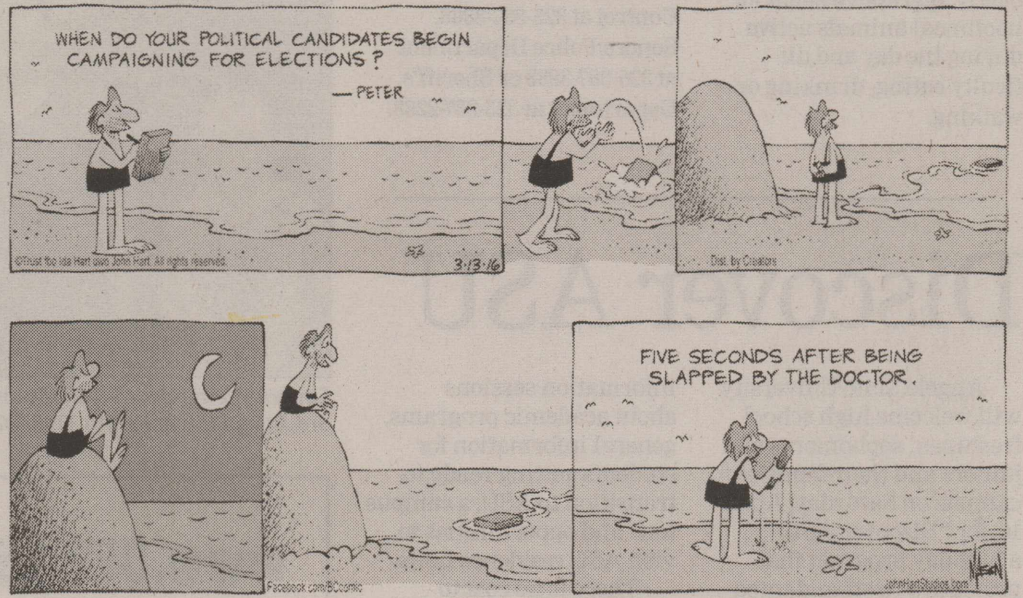


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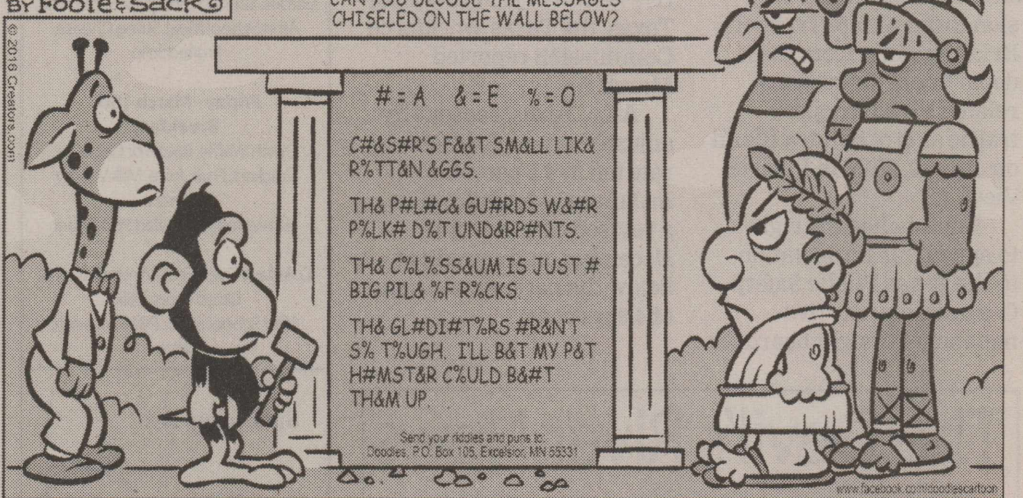
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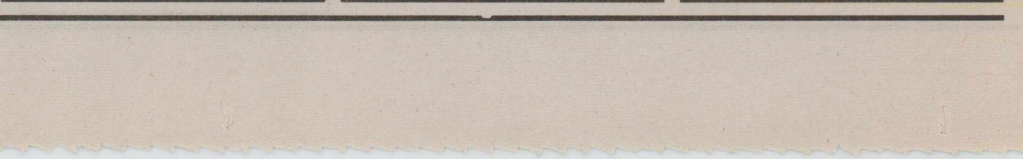
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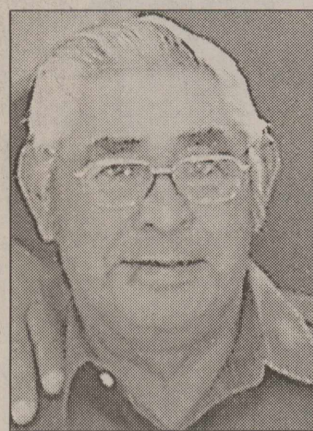
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OBITUARIES

Osbaldo R. Castañeda, Sr.
June 25, 1946 - March 3, 2016



Osbaldo R. Castañeda, Sr., 69, of Sonora, TX passed away on March 3, 2016.

He served 2 years in the Army and was a Vietnam Veteran.

He served as a Sutton County Commissioner and retired from Burlington Resources after 32 years of employment.

Prior to his death he was employed as the ranch foreman of the Buffalo Well Ranch.

Baldo was a loving father, husband, grandfather, and doting great-grandfather.

He was hardworking and always willing to lend a helping hand and he will be dearly missed by family and friends.

Baldo is survived by his wife of 47 years, Belia Barron Castañeda, son Osbaldo Castañeda, Jr. and wife Melinda and daughters, Nelda Tobias and husband Manuel, Sonia Castañeda, and Romelia Castañeda all of Sonora, TX.

He is also survived by grandchildren, Magdalena and Enrique, Felisha and Mike, Austin and Krysti, Osbaldo III, Marcos,

LeAndra and Dillion, Cande, Keanu, Juan, and Cipriana and great-grandchildren: Cecilio, Kade, Korbin, Sophia, Derek, Avery, Aliana, Mikey, and Kason.

Baldo is also survived by his sisters, Leonor & Elizeo Medina, Lucy & Bill Hargis, Brother, Alfredo Castañeda, brothers-in-law Juan Barron, Jr. & Lisa, Robert & Mary Barron and sisters-in-law Ervenia & Rudy Perez, Mary Treviño & Trini, Tonia Castañeda, and Teresa Solis; along with many loving nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents Augustine and Petra Castañeda and in-laws Juan and Beatrice Barron, Sr.

He is also preceded by brothers: Adrian, Gabriel, & Alejandro Castañeda and sister Consuelo Castro.

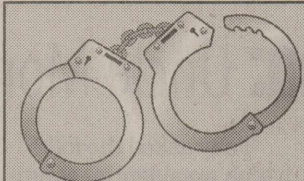
Services were held on Tuesday, March 8 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Sonora, TX.

A burial followed at Sonora Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Austin Castañeda, Osbaldo Castañeda, III, Dillion Reed, Cande Tobias, Keanu and Juan Gamez.

A fellowship meal was served at St. Ann's Catholic Church Hall.

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The Blotter

The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Sonora Police Department. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the police department, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Accidents of major impact may be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

FEBRUARY 29 • Shaun Manuel Ramos, 29 year old male. Offense- Assault family violence.

INCIDENTS

FEBRUARY 29 - 8:10 AM • Motorist requested assistance at a local business. Officer responded.

8:54 AM • Caller reported an assault on the 100 block of Deerwood. Officers responded.

9:16 PM • Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on the 200 block of E.1st. Officer responded.

MARCH 1 - 12:31 PM • Motorist requested assistance at a local business. Officer responded.

10:53 PM • An agency requested assistance 3 miles North on Hwy 277. Officer responded.

MARCH 2 - 10:52 PM • Caller requested ministerial alliance on the 600 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

MARCH 3 - 7:50 AM • Caller reported a reckless driver on the 400-500 block of E. College. Officer responded.

NOTICE

A Special Meeting for Members of Sonora City League (parents of Little League or Little Dribblers) is scheduled for March 15th at 6:00 p m in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

2:00 PM • A warrant arrest was issued at Probation Office. Officer responded.

3:26 PM • Caller reported a suspicious person on the 600 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

6:35 PM • Caller reported concern for kids playing in the sand at concrete plant on 100 block of West 1st. Officer responded.

10:25 PM • Caller requested officer on 100 block of Deerwood. Officer responded.

MARCH 4 - 5:53 PM • Alarm call at a local business on 100 block of North Concho. Officer responded.

MARCH 5 - 1:18 PM • Caller reported soliciting without permit in the former ALCO parking lot. Officer responded.

1:39 PM • Caller reported suspicious vehicle at the City swimming pool. Officer responded.

2:36 PM • Caller requested officer on the 200 block of Paso del Norte. Officer responded.

7:51 PM • Caller reported a trespasser on the 700 block of St. Ann's. Officer responded.

9:58 PM • Alarm call on the 700 block of North Crockett. Officer responded.

11:13 PM • Caller reported theft at a local business. Officer responded.

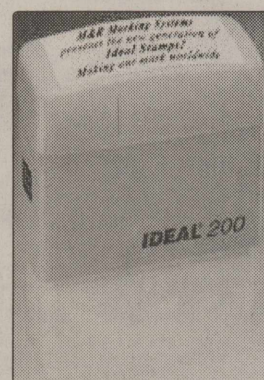
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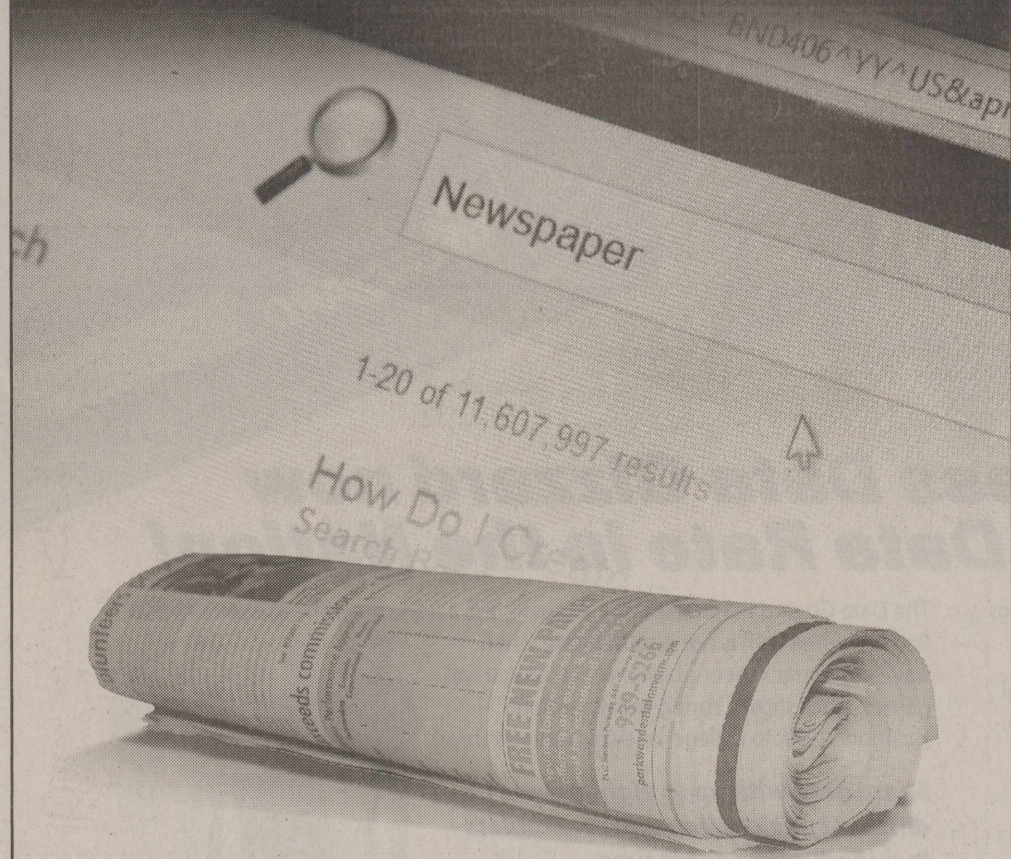
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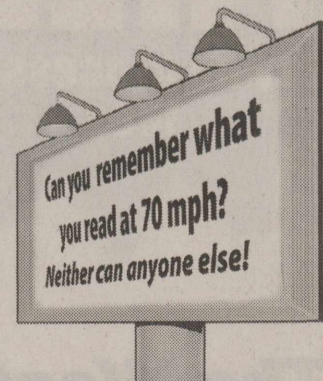
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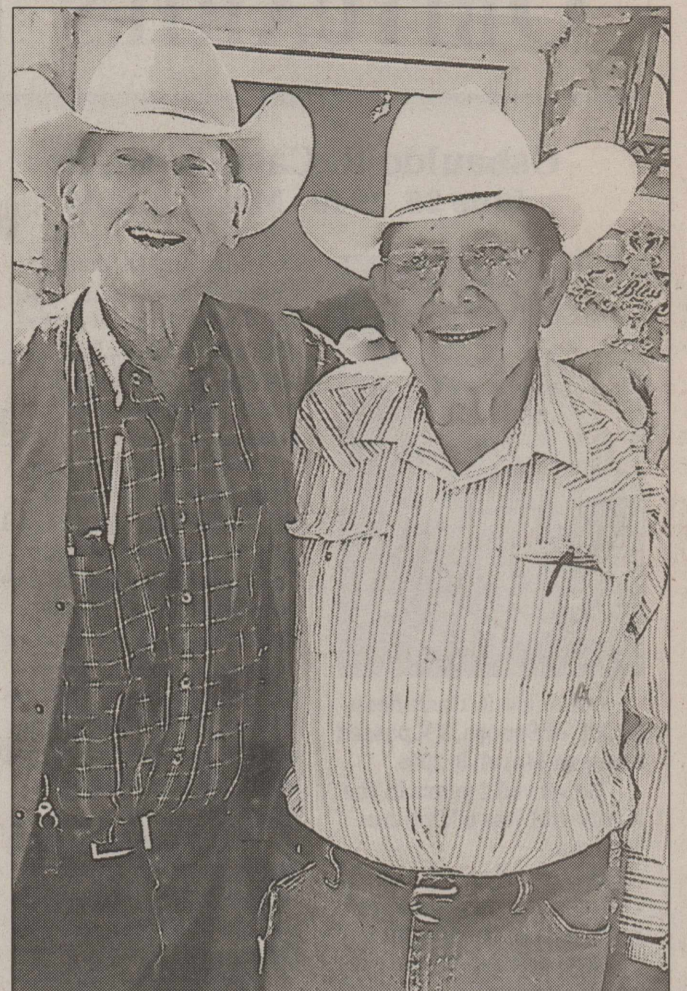
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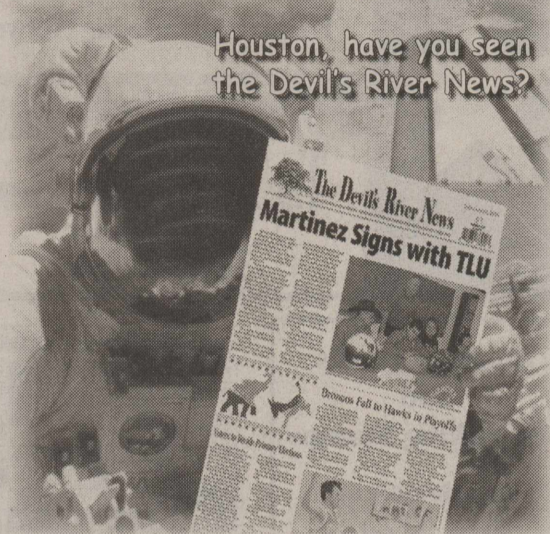
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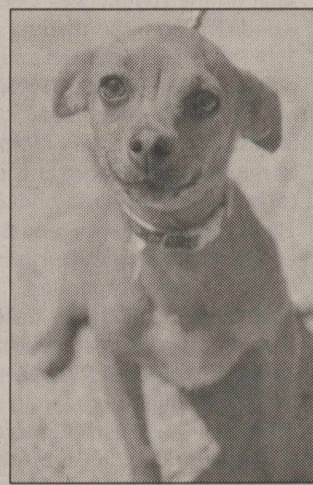
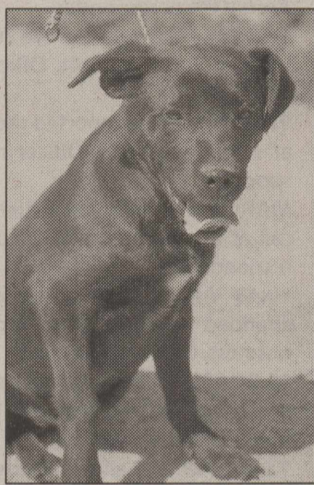
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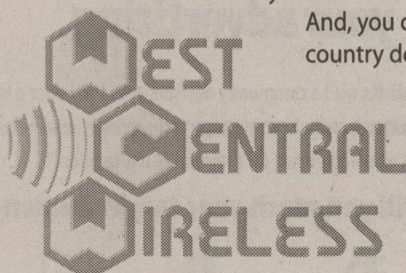
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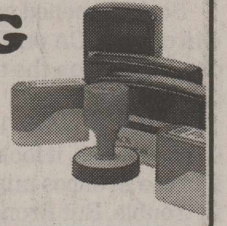
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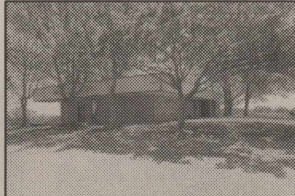
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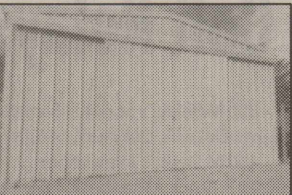
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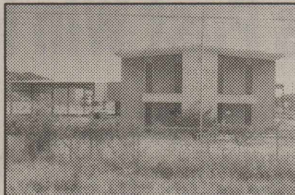
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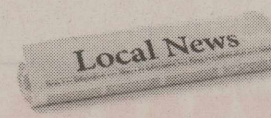
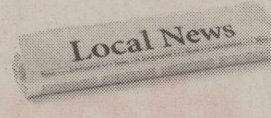
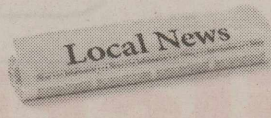
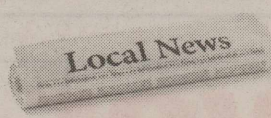
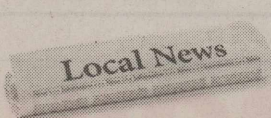
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Caleb Galvan is quick to get to the ball during Saturday's Dry Devil's River All Wood Classic Championship match-up against Kerrville JV on March 5th at the Broncos Field in Sonora. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Broncos Burn Out in Dry Devil's River Tourney

If all it took was a great play to win a game then the Broncos would be the champions. However their 2-1 loss to Kerrville placed Sonora second in the Dry Devil's River All-Wood Classic on Saturday, March 5th.

Sonora opened with a 6-3 win over TLCA on Thursday, day one on the three day classic.

With a 2-0 early lead by the Eagles, it looked like the Broncos might be in trouble. But Broncos pitcher Isaiah Lira pushed back the Eagles with four strike-outs during his six innings. TLCA managed just two hits off of Lira and he allowed them one earned run.

Eagle's pitcher B. Hemmeter allowed six runs and one walk in six innings ensuring the Broncos win.

The Broncos followed their three-run first inning single by Lira bring home Louie Castro. Caleb Galvan followed up with a double, scoring Sanmiguel and Adrian Garcia.

A final run across the plate by TLCA in the top of the fifth marked the final score 6-3.

The Broncos got lucky

with a time breaker win in their second game of the day against the Harper Longhorns.

Harper grabbed an early lead 1-0 in the top of the first with a double to ignite their offense.

Harper pushed one run across in each of the third, fifth and seventh innings scoring on an error in the third.

Broncos Caleb Galvan had an impressive outing against Harper's lineup. Galvan gave up just two hits, allowed two earned runs, walked two and struck out six during his six innings of pitching.

Galvan doubled in the second and sixth innings after placing himself in scoring position with two extra base hits.

Sonora and Harper played to a 4-4 tie. After eight innings and expired time, the Broncos won the game on the tie breaker rules.

Sonora came to bat once again on Saturday, March 5th for the Championship game against the Kerrville Tivy Antlers.

Noah Sanmiguel offered two extra base hits for the

Broncos and doubled in the third and fifth innings. Yet, the Broncos lost steam falling to Kerrville 1-2.

Sanmiguel allowed two earned runs; seven hits and three walks while striking out four over seven pitched innings.

The Broncos managed to score one run in the third inning on an RBI single by Michael Mungia but the games last lead went to Kerrville JV due to a seventh inning rally that saw one run cross the plate on an RBI double.

The Broncos placed second in the Dry Devil's River All Wood Classic.

Caleb Galvan and Noah Sanmiguel were awarded All Tournament awards for their performances in all three games.

"The boys have managed to put together 3 consistent games, cut down on errors and play as one team," Coach A.J. Valdez said. "We have been working hard to teach our boys about a few team goals that we need to accomplish regularly in order to win games and our boys have working hard to accomplish those goals."

Lady Broncos Rally Falls Short Against Eldorado

Despite all efforts, the Sonora Lady Broncos slipped 10-17 to the Eldorado Lady Eagles in their home game on Monday, March 7th.

In the top of the first, the Lady Eagles sent the ball over the outfield with a home run by Gonzalez.

Leading the charge for the Lady Broncos, Cip Tobias managed the mound shutting down the next two batters to finish the inning.

The Lady Broncos were unable to get a run across the base following a bunted single down third base by the lead off hitter, Janelle Vasquez.

The Lady Eagles slammed another homerun into left field at the top of the second inning; however, Tobias came in clutch and was able to sit down the next three consecutive hitters.

Rallying her team mates,, Jill Buitron, led the second inning followed by an Audrey Nolen and Nydia Rodriuez hit.

Riley Walker made her debut with a double up the

middle to score both Nolen and Rodriguez. Riley Walker eventually scored off of a passed ball to bring the score 3-2.

The Lady Eagles put another four runs on the board and the Lady Broncos continued to answer back.

Tobias led the third inning with a stand up double, and Buitron brought her around with a shot to the right-center gap.

Nolen and Rodriguez got on base with a fielder's choice and walk. Walker was able to put the ball in play causing the shortstop to make an error, which allowed Nolen to score from third base.

The Lady Eagles continued to chip away putting the ball in just the right place and additional runs on the board.

With a score of 5-17 in the bottom of the seventh, Tobias, Buitron, and Nolen ramped up the game with their leadoff walks bringing up Rodriguez with the bases loaded.

Rodriguez hit a hard

shot to the third baseman who made the out at home plate.

Walker put the ball in play, but the pitcher sent it home for the second out.

Sheridan Walther hammered a ball through the second baseman, allowing Nolen and Rodriguez to score.

With Walther standing on second base, Avery Leamon got a 2-out walk to giving the Lady Broncos runners at first and second.

Walther's third base steal put the runners in scoring position.

Vasquez hit a hard ground ball to the short stop allowing Walther and Leamon to score, while Vasquez advanced to third.

The Lady Eagles returned with the final out bringing the Lady Broncos rally to a close and a final score of 10-17.

Dusting off their loss, the Lady Broncos are prepare for their next match-up against Coahoma on Thursday, March 17th, at 5:00 pm, in Coahoma.



Riley Walker slid in safe at third as the Lady Broncos took on the Lady Eagles Monday night. The Lady Broncos came out on the short end of a 17-10 score despite a late-inning rally that saw the Lady Broncos post 5 runs in the 7th inning. KATHY MANKIN | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

8th Grade Boys Post Win in Colt Relays

8th Grade Sonora Colts track team won the Colt Relays on February 18th with a score of 277.

Results are as follows:
Discus: 2. Jansen Morris, 102-0; 5. Levi Garrett, 85-8; 6. Ty Perez, 81-0
Triple Jump: 1. David Delgado, 35-7.5; 2. Jalen Lopez, 34-2.5; 3. Braden Adams, 31-3; 6. Manuel Fuentes, 28-1
High Jump: 1. Wilson Johnson, 5-6; 3. Blayze Sykes, 4-0
Long Jump: 1. Slade Dermody, 18-9; 3. Jalen Lopez, 18-2; 5. Ethan Hamm, 15-1.75

Pole Vault: 1. Slade Dermody, 9-0; 2. Jacob O'Bannon, 7-6; 3. Tully Flannagan 6-0

Shot Put: 3. Thomas Talamantes, 34-1.5; 5. Ty Perez, 33-9

2400 M Run: 3. David Delgado, 9:54; 5. Kole Gann, 10:45
400 M Relay: 2. Sonora (Garrett, Johnson, DeLuna, Lopez) 49.22

800 M Dash: 1. Slade Dermody, 2:14.56; 4. Davien Vasquez, 2:45.15
110 M Hurdles: 5. Joshua Barrera, 21:59; 6. Tully Flannagan, 21.72
100 M Dash: 1. Levi Garrett, 12.24; 5. Thomas Talamantes, 13.49; 6. Ty Perez 13.50

800 M Relay: 1. Sonora (Garrett, Adams, DeLuna, Delgado), 1:46.49

400 M Dash: 1. Jalen Lopez, 1:00.03; 3. Brock Ashenbeck, 1:04:40; 4. Manuel Fuentes, 1:05.09

300 M Hurdles: 1. Jansen Morris, 48.74; 3. Joshua Barrera, 53.47; 4. Braden Adams, 54.61

200 M Dash: 1. Wilson Johnson, 25.37; 2. Blayze Sykes, 26.72; 3. Ethan Hamm, 27.38; 6. Ediee Infante, 28.37
1600 M Run: 4. Jacob O'Bannon, 7:08.84; 5. Braden Adams, 7:15.03
1600 M Relay: 1. Sonora (Lopez, Dermody, Delgado, Johnson), 3:56.56



Wilson Johnson cleared 5-6 to win 1st place in 8th Grade High Jump at the Colts Relays, February 18, 2016. KATHY MANKIN | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Card of Thanks

The Sonora Broncos pulled off 2nd place for this year's Dry Devil's River All Wood Classic Tournament.

We would like to send a special thanks to all these people that made this possible - the boys truly thank you!!

Thank you parents for desserts and concession stand help, Marie Valdez for helping and being a part of these kids' lives, Brenda Mungia for organizing parents and concession, Mungia Southwest Heating and Cooling and staff.

We also want to thank Felix Galvan and family, Edward Sanmiguel and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jock Dutton, David T Sine, Blake Weston, Ross Aschenbeck, Ken Wimberley, Mike "Doc" Hailey and Sonora Bank.

We appreciate all you have done thus far this season and thank you for making this tournament a success.

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