

Head-on Crash Sends Seven to Hospital

Seven people were severely injured following a head-on collision in the 200 block of Crockett Street Monday afternoon.

Sonora first responders and volunteers assisted injured victims, two adults and five children, following the crash.

Three children and two adults were transported by ambulance to Hudspeth Hospital with incapacitating injuries and two children were transported by private vehicle.

A woman driving a gold 2011 Ford Explorer was traveling southbound on Crockett when she crossed over the center stripe into oncoming traffic.

Her Explorer struck the front of a white 2013 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD pickup, inside the northbound lane according to Sonora police chief William Dudley.

The pickup was traveling northbound.

The truck, belonging to Weatherford International, was occupied by two adult males, one driver and one passenger.

The Explorer, driven by an adult female was also occupied by five children passengers, ranging in ages one to eight years.

All five minors were not restrained and suffered injuries as a result of the crash.



An adult male is evaluated after being extracted from his truck on Monday following a head-on collision on Crockett Street. The man and his passenger were transported by ambulance to Hudspeth Hospital with incapacitating injuries. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Three children were transported by ambulance and two children were transported by private vehicle to Hudspeth Hospital. One child was later transported by Air-Med helicopter to a hospital in Austin.

Both the driver and passenger of the pickup also suffered incapacitating injuries and were transported by ambulance to Hudspeth Hospital.

Seven citations were issued to the driver of the Explorer including one citation for unlicensed driver, five citations

for no restraints on five minor children and one citation for failure to stay in marked single lane according to Chief Dudley.

Two Sutton County ambulances and EMTs, Sonora Police officers, Sutton County Sheriff deputies and Sonora Fire Department rescue personnel responded.

Nearby office employees, residents and medical personnel also assisted.

No names are being released pending an investigation.



First Responders stabilize a child following Monday's head-on collision on Crockett Street. Five children and two adults were injured in the crash. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Eldorado's Way Off-Broadway Players presents 'Assisted Living'

Welcome to Assisted Liv- latter years in a vaudevilleing, a full service retirement village for those embracing their twilight years - and the wackiness that comes along with them. That's the premise for the latest production of Eldorado's Way Off-Broadway Players. The home serves the needs of some very colorful characters who definitely aren't your average Boggle and Dominoes playing bunch. Pelican Roost is a place where buffoonery lives next door to screwball, just across the way from cockamamie! The show's host couple enters heaven, suspecting their son pulled the plug to get his hands on Dad's vintage Corvette. They don't seem to mind-instead they take the audience on an uproarious journey that celebrates the

Schwiening, Rebecca Sul-



Terry Weaver of Sonora is one of the many colorful characters in the Way Off-Broadway Theater KATHY MANKIN | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS presentation "Assisted Living"

esque revue that promises to knock the audience off its rocker.

The play will be presented at the Tom Ratliff Theater in Eldorado on April 1-3 and April 8-10.

Showtimes are 7 p.m. on Fridays and 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

The theater is located on first block of historic Main Street in Eldorado.

Tickets can be reserved online at www.wobp.us or by calling 325-387-2098, 325-206-0341 or 325-656-1196.

Cast members include: Barbara Arendt, Jon Cartwright, Danny Crowder, Tammy Doan, Brittany Jennings, Bob Lester, Mark McBride, Wayne McGinnes, Susie Richters, **Burrel Rutherford**, Vickie

livan, Carl Weaver, and Terry Weaver with Leanne Higgins directing.



Brittany Jennings portrays the computer literate resident of the Pelican Roost retirement village in the Way Off-Broadway Players comedy "Assisted Living."

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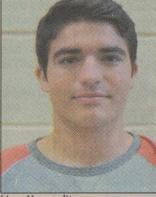
Six Sonora Basketball Players Named to All District Team

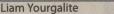


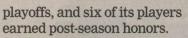
John Arredondo

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







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:

Mickey Campos

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



Michael Solis

All-District honors are

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determined by a vote of

the district's five head

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galite, 11 - Hon. Men

Kade Creek

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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Full 5th Circuit Court to Hear Texas Voter ID Case

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AUSTIN - The entire U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals will review Texas' controversial voter identification law.

A majority of the judges of the Fifth Circuit on March 9 voted in support of an "en banc" rehearing of oral arguments in Veasey v. Abbott, a case challenging the law. No date for the rehearing has been set.

The case stems from Senate Bill 14, a law passed by the Texas Legislature in 2011, which requires prospective voters to present an acceptable form of photo identification along with their voter registration card in order to cast a ballot.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton praised the development, saying: "Today's

Daylight Saving, **Nighttime Snoozing**

Spring forward; fall back. Twice each year we reset the clocks. In the fall, I relish the extra hour of sleep I think I get because 6:00 a.m. is really 7:00 a.m. – or it feels that way for a couple days at least.

But you know what they say. There's no such thing as a free lunch or free extra hour of sleep. Come

Slices of Life



spring, it's time to pay the piper and relinquish an hour. Suddenly 7:00 a.m. feels like 6:00 a.m. for at least a couple days.

Why do we do this to ourselves? (Good folks in Arizona and Hawaii,

please ignore the question, since you are smart enough to set your clocks and leave them be.) Daylight saving time. Just what are we saving and when do we save it when we fall back or spring ahead?

I've always been told the practice has to do with farmers. Make hay while the sun shines, and all that jazz. I was misinformed. According to Wiki: "Historically, retailing, sports and tourism interests have favored daylight saving, while agricultural and evening entertainment interests have opposed it." If farmers didn't invent daylight saving time, who did?

Some credit the creation of the phenomenon to Benjamin Franklin, who suggested getting up at sunrise and going to bed at sunset would help save candles. 'Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise." Although Mr. Franklin was a practical man and in favor of saving candles, he is not the father of daylight saving time.

decision is a strong step forward in our efforts to defend the state's voter ID laws. Safeguarding the integrity of our elections is a primary function of state government and is essential to preserving our democratic process. We look forward to presenting our case before the full Fifth Circuit."

The plaintiffs, however, have argued that SB 14, passed by a Republicandominated legislature, is a partisan move to suppress minority voter turnout. They contend that the practical effects of the law violate certain parts of the U.S. Voting **Rights Act.**

En banc hearings are conducted with all judges of a court present and participating. The Fifth Circuit currently has 17 sitting judges. Previous hearings in Veasey v. Abbott were conducted before smaller judicial panels, and as recently as six months ago, parts of the case had been adjudged sufficient to merit consideration by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Governor files appeal

Gov. Greg Abbott on March 9 announced his filing of an appeal with President Obama for "individual assistance" on behalf of Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Franklin, Rockwall and Van Zandt counties.

On Jan. 26, Abbott requested a

presidential disaster declaration to address damages sustained from severe weather in December 2015. Texas was granted public assistance on Feb. 9, but was denied individual assistance.



By Ed Sterling

The Federal Emer-HIGHLIGHTS gency Management Agency's Individuals and Households Pro-

gram has two provisions: housing needs and needs other than housing. According

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Coal and Bricks in Thurber

As you approach Thurber from the west and look south from Interstate 20, you see some pioneer buildings on a hillside. The tendency is to think those buildings represent Thurber's museum. But that's not right. They belong to the historical society. The museum is in the big red brick building on the east side of the driveway leading to the restaurant on top of New York Hill. The assistant curator



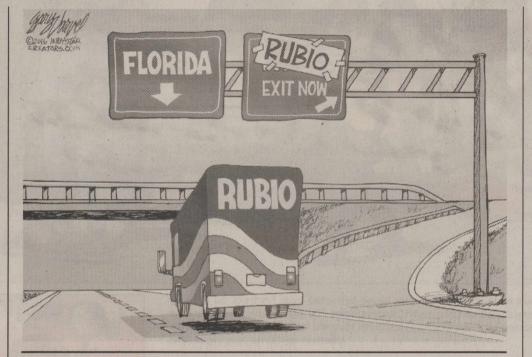
is Shae Adams and she showed me around. I couldn't have asked for a better guide. "This is the W. K. Gordon

by Tumbleweed Smith

Center for the Industrial History of Texas," she says, "and tells the story of Thurber. It was established as a coal mining town in 1886 and was a one hundred percent company town, owned by the Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Company. It was here for about fifty years. Bricks were also made here, in fact we're on the brick plant property here at the museum."

Thurber bricks have been found as far way as Arizona and Cuba. The best known landmark in Thurber is the big smokestack on the north side of Interstate 20. It was built with Thurber bricks in 1908 and served the ice and electric plants. But coal came first.

"The coal mines were just west of town. They're on private property now. The workers took a train out to the coalfields. Another landmark in Thurber is New York Hill. When executives from the northeast started moving to Thurber,



Texas' Longest-Running Theater: A Throwback to Simpler Times

Texas Times

Last week, movie-goers in Clifton, Texas might have felt like they'd gone Back to the Future, jumping from the 21st century to a cotton farm in the 1930s, a lion hunt in the 1960s, or an East Texas funeral home in the early 1990s.

To be sure, no one actually traveled through time. But the historic Cliftex Theater took movie-goers on a trip nonetheless, showing movies that provided a glimpse of life in Texas

through different eras as part of the theater's centennial celebration. Places in the Heart (set in the 1930s), Secondhand Lions (set in the 1960s), and Bernie By Senator John Cornyn (set in the 1990s) were each filmed in our state and tell a story unique to Texas, and all played on the big screen last week.

The seats may be a little less comfortable than modern theaters' plush recliners, but patrons aren't stuck in them for long. With another nod to the past, the Cliftex Theater still holds an intermission during each movie. And while the intermission is no longer needed to swap

in the next 35mm reel of film, the sound system up until recently still played the classic "Let's All Go to the Lobby" jingle to notify guests it was time to stretch and grab a snack.

Throughout its history, the Cliftex Theater has survived the ups and downs of a cyclical economy and waves of technological change. What keeps this local jewel going is its small town business model:

That honor goes to a guy in New Zealand named George Hudson. He proposed modern daylight saving time in the 1800s because he was interested in having more daylight after work to pursue his hobby of collecting bugs. Creepy, but true. An Englishman, William Willett, came up with the same idea a few years later because the setting sun was cutting into his evening round of golf. Bogey to that.

Golf and insect-collecting may have been fine and good reasons to spring ahead, but the idea didn't catch on here until there was an even bigger rationale for widespread implementation: war. During World War I, The U.S., Russia and many European countries implemented daylight saving time as a way to conserve coal. (Similar to Ben Franklin's idea, but without the candles.)

The war ended and so did daylight saving time in most places. There was no federal law regulating the practice, which caused confusion between times zones and especially with the transportation industry. Apparently people kept missing their trains. So, in 1967 a federal law resurrected widespread daylight saving time. Individual states could follow certain rules to opt out, but most were all in - where they remain today.

In addition to keeping people from missing their plane or train, daylight saving time saves energy because people naturally sleep later the morning and stay up to all hours of the night (burning more proverbial candles as they do). If the sun is shining later in the day, less energy is needed to light the streets and heat our homes. A 2008 report that undoubtedly required the time and energy of a number of U.S. Department of Energy employees reported a nationwide electricity savings of about 0.03 percent during daylight saving time. Electrifying results for sure.

There you have it: palpable evidence that daylight saving time benefits us. I only wonder why we switch back and forth. If setting our clocks ahead is a good thing, maybe we should just stick with it and save on energy ourselves. You know, the energy it takes to reset the clocks twice a year. I'll light a candle to that.

And there is no venue better to feature Texas-made films than the Cliftex Theater, which has just about seen it all since opening in 1916 playing black-and-white silent films. Once synchronized sound debuted in the late 1920s, the owners changed the theater's name to 'Cliftex Talkies' to promote the new technology.

One hundred years later, the Cliftex Theater still operates in Clifton, Texas - population 3400 - four nights a week and claims the distinction of being the longest-running theater in the state.

Walking into the Cliftex Theater is a throwback to simpler times. The popcorn costs just \$1.00 a bag, a relic that hungry, budget-conscious movie-goers can be thankful for. Many of the decorations still remain from the 1930s art deco period, including the individual wooden seats.

the owners and employees know repeatcustomers by name and movie preference, and they even announce customers' biggest milestones - birthdays, anniversaries - to the audience so all can join in the celebration. The current co-owners, Phyllis Gamble and Mechelle Slaughter, even greets customers with a hug before they pass into the theater.

The Cliftex Theater's centennial celebration began last week with the Texas throwback films, and also included a reunion of past Cliftex employees - many of whom got behind the counter to sell tickets once again. Cliftex has also designed souvenirs with a special centennial logo and commissioned a "100 Years" film chronicling the history of the storied theater.

Lucky for the Cliftex Theater, Texas has a long film history to celebrate. Happy birthday, Cliftex. Here's to 100 more.



most of them moved to that hill. We had several ethnic groups here and they had their sections of town. We had Polander Hill and Italian Hill as well.'

Miners had to lie down to get the coal. They were paid a dollar and fifteen cents a ton. Shae showed me a piece of coal the size of two footballs and it didn't weigh much. Thurber thrived until McKlesky Number One started the Ranger Oil Boom.

"They discovered oil in 1917 and it was pretty much the end of Thurber, although the town hung on until the mid 1930s; but as people started switching to oil, the coal mines were shut down. The brick plant also closed in the mid 1930s since asphalt was being used for paving streets."

The museum is bright and clean and well maintained. It has a replica of the town of Thurber, complete with an Opera House where museum events take place. It's also where visitors can see a film about the history of Thurber. When I was there one room had an exhibit of immigration through Galveston. An old truck used during the coal mining days is a popular attraction. Others include a bandstand, a fully restored stagecoach and a brick oven.

One display shows a coal miner in full miner's clothing and paraphernalia lying down working on a thin seam of coal. He looks uncomfortable and dirty. The tour ends with a replica of McKlesky Number One, complete with oil flowing through a glass chamber and the sound of a gusher. The gift shop has books about the town.

Tumbleweed Smith is never desperate for an interview, but he's always looking for a good story. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com.

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Going to State





Julia Pope (top) and Noelle Fiero (above) prepare for the girls state powerlifting meet on March 18th and 19th in Corpus Christi. KIMBERLEY MEYER THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Carter Zook soars over a hurdle during the Ozona Track Meet recently. The Broncos will compete for Gold in the Sonora Track Aeet on Saturday, March 19th. LI MANKIN THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEW

Tennis Schedule 2016

Date	Tournament	Location
April 2	TBA	
April 8,9	Mason Team Tournament	Mason
April 16	Sonora	Sonora
April 23	Ozona	Ozona
April 30	Reagan County	Reagan County
May 7	District	Sonora

Assistant Coach: Cash Jenning Athletic Director: David T. Sine rincipal: Brandon Duncar

5-3A Golf Tournament Dates

Monday March 21st 9:00 a.m. Bentwood CC, San Angelo

Monday April 4th 9:00 a.m. Comanche Trail GC, Big Spring

Tennis Team Wins 3rd at Regional

The Sonora tennis team earned third place at the Regional Team Tennis Tournament in San Angelo on March 12th and 13th.

The team finished behind Mason (State Champ) and Wall (4th place in State) and defeated Irion County 13-2.

Sonora lost 10-4 to Wall in the semifinals after losing several three set matches in tie breakers. The team rebounded to

defeat Eldorado for third by a score of 12-7. Sky Jennings, Shelby

Aschenbeck and Carly Brown led the team earning

Sonora Birthdays

5-1 records. Tyler Hampton was 3-1

playing fewer matches. Mary Kyle Johnson, Audry Nolen, and Esteban Marin all finished with 4-2 records.

Brian Van Winkle finished with a 3-3 record with all of his losses being very close three setters.

Contributing team members included Bianca Fay, Noelia Tovar, Sergio Solis, Carlos Mendoza, Adrian Garcia, Dylan Taylor, JD Garza, Mauro Santana, and Marcos Talamantes.



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Bronco Boys Compete Well in Mason Lee Graham Relays

The Sonora Broncos participated in the recent Lee Graham Relays competing for a top spot and earned 161 points in the Puncher Relays.

Results are below: 400 Meter Relay: 2nd, 46.40 (Wesley Dutton, Kaden Cordell, Abel Cruz, Michael Solis).

3200 Meter Run: Evan Shannon, 1st, 11:00.91 and Oscar Herrada, 3rd, 11:51.86.

800 Meter Run: Raully Ojeda, 2nd ,2:09.47 and Walker Sine, 6th ,2:20.14.

110 Hurdles: Carter Zook, 1st, 15;64, Creek, Abel Cuz, Michael Solis, Drew Buitron.

100 Meter Dash Noah San Miguel, 2nd ,11.97. 800 Meter Relay: 2nd, 1:34.01 (Kade Creek, Abel

Cuz, Michael Solis, Drew Buitron).

400 Meter Dash: Wesley Dutton, 1st, 53.95, Carter Zook, 1st, 41.24, Kaden Cordell, 4th, 55.96, Willie Munoz, 4th, 45.47.

300 Meter Hurdles: Carter Zook ,1st, 41.24 Willie Munoz, 4th, 45, 47.

200 Meter Dash: Drew Buitron, 1st, 23.48, Kade Creek, 5th, 24.94.

1600 Meter Run: Raully Ojeda, 1st, 4:56.82, Evan Shannon, 3rd, 5:05.80, Oscar Herrada, 4th, 5:24.93.

1600 Meter Relay: 2nd, 3:30.23 (Drew Buitron, Abel Cruz, Michael Solis, Carter Zook)

Point Totals: Sonora 161, Mason 91, Grape Creek 80, Harper 29, Junction 29, Center Point 24.

Julia Pope takes the baton from Noelia Tobar during the 400 Meter

Relay at the Ozona Relays recently. The Lady Broncos will compete

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for Gold in the Sonora Track Meet on Saturday, March 19th.



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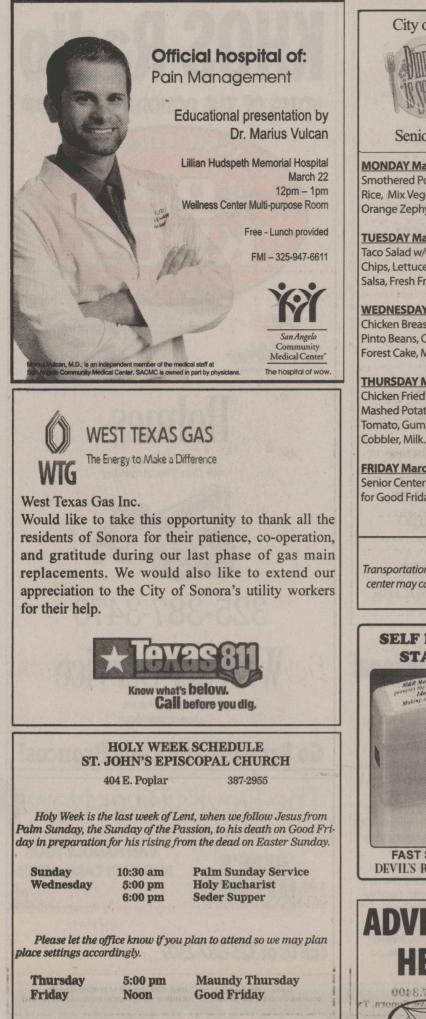
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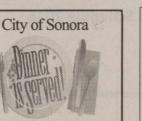
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Senior Center

MONDAY March 21st Smothered Pork Chop, Fluff Rice, Mix Veggies, Wheat Roll, Orange Zephyr Whip, Milk.

TUESDAY March 22nd Taco Salad w/Cheese, Tortilla Chips, Lettuce and Tomato, Salsa, Fresh Fruit, Milk.

WEDNESDAY March 23rd Chicken Breast, Potato Salad, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Black Forest Cake, Milk.

THURSDAY March 24th Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy Mashed Potato, Okra and Tomato, Gumbo, Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk.

FRIDAY March 25th Senior Center Will Be Closed for Good Friday.

Transportation to and from the center may call 325-387-3941.



Fort Lancaster Vistor Center Reopens

Fort Lancaster State Historic Site, a Texas Historical Commission property recently reopened its visitors center after being closed for more than a year. A grand reopening of the visitor center is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, at 1 p.m. during the Annual Western Frontier Days event.

Fort Lancaster State Historic Site spans 82 acres and commemorates the vestiges of an 1855 military post that played an important role in westward expansion by protecting mail carriers, wagon trains, and settlers traveling the San Antonio-El Paso Road. The site contains ruins of the once sizable military installation with an interpretive trail for visitors to explore the grounds. The remodeled visitors center includes a new exhibition featuring artifacts, historical images, map, scale models, firearms, soldier dress-up station, and a life-sized camel replica. The building also has a conference room, gift shop, shade canopy, and restrooms.

The site is open to the public seven days a week, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-18, and free for children ages 5 and younger. For school groups, admission is \$1 per student and advance reservations are required. There is no admission fee for outreach programs. Golf carts are available for use on a first-come. first-served basis. More information is available at www.visitfortlancaster. com and 432-836-4391.

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It Happened Out West Rattlesnakes and Hen Eggs

By Joe N. Brown

I love to write stories of remembrance about our kids when they were growing up at the ranch.

This could be called "a tale about a bored little boy." It's a true story, even

though I wasn't there to witness it.

We were ranching in the Chihuahua Desert, west of Sanderson, and

we operated the normal way. Meaning we had a milk cow and chickens and tried to live off of the produce thereof.

When we got ahead on both milk and eggs, my wife would take these to town to sell.

This was also the case when our garden over produced.

It was also taken to town and sold.

Now you have the background and the location, so let's get on with this tale.

At this time, we had only one son who was going through the "terrible twos."

My wife dressed him in his little striped coveralls for a trip to town.

She gathered all the extra milk and eggs and loaded them in the ranch pickup, of which we only had one, and down the dirt road they went to Sanderson-a distance of 16-miles. About 3-miles down the road, she came upon a huge rattlesnake laying across the road.

Being a good rancher's wife, she got a gun and got out of the pickup.

After the battle, she managed to kill this monster snake.

Satisfied with her work, she went to sit in the truck. At this

At this time, she discovered a very bored 2-year old boy who managed to stay busy while momma was killing the snake. He dis-

snake. He discovered the basket full of white eggs and that they would break

-on the metal dash board. Then the yellow would

run down the front of his coveralls.

What a great fun with new toys to play with today. After some very un-lady

like language, she drove back to the ranch and cleaned up a very messy little boy.

After a bath and new clothes, she proceeded to wash out the pickup.

This took quite a while as eggs have a tendency to be very messy.

Now when the family gets together and this tale is repeated we have a very embarrassed 50-year old son.



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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

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The Sutton County Health Foundation agreed to continue co-supporting the Air Med program contingent upon the continued support of the Cauthorn Trust during their regular meeting held on Thursday, March 3rd.

In other business board members approved the financial report recognizing donations received from the Alvis Johnson memorial, as well as, SAAF, Sutton County Walk and popcorn money from the Sonora Bank.

Members approved money for advertising and grant support for Dr. Griffin, maintenance, AED's food pantry and the Air Med program.

Hospital Administrator, John Graves asked the board to consider financial support for the purpose of renovating the Alvis Johnson Building. The building is needed to house the Home Health Care and Hospice Programs.

Board members cast their votes with the exception of Carl Teaff and Ben Pool who abstained stating conflict of interest.

Members acknowledged ongoing efforts to improve health care for Sutton County residents and the increased number of visiting health care specialist including Dr. LeBlanc, Cardiologist, Dr. Kingman, Urologist and Dr. Henke, OB-GYN.

Board members present included Carl Teaff, Ben Pool, Eddie Sawyer, Royn Bennie, Susan Bloodworth, Claire Powers, John Paul Friess and Carla Garner. Lola Beth Jones was absent.

The next regular meeting is slated for June 14th at 6 p.m. at the Hudspeth Wellness Center. Bill Stewart stands along with his displayed gun collection. Stewart, from Sonora, collected guns for more than 70-years before his passing last November. | COURTESY PHOTO

Renowned Colt and Winchester Collection of Sonora Icon," Bill" Stewart sold at Auction

The entire estate collection of guns, once owned by G. W. "Bill" Stewart was auctioned on Monday March 14th and Tuesday March 15th attracting collectors from around the world.

Stewart, a former Sonora resident was a revered and lifelong collector of Colt and Winchester rifles.

Most of his guns were discovered in Texas and many were scarred with the colorful history of the big state.

A young Stewart realized his passion for guns during the 1930s. He bought his first antique Derringer pistol from a pawn shop in San Antonio.

He later traded it for a Colt Army Revolver beginning lifetime fervor for Colt pistols and Winchester rifles.

During his over seventy years of collecting, many of Stewart's firearms were featured in antique shows throughout Texas and across the United States.

Among the most treasured historic relics treasured by Stewart is a Model 1886 rifle, known as the Murder Steer", once belonging to Private Jim Putman serving him in Company D Frontier Battalion Texas Rangers 1890-1893.

Supposedly, Putnam used this gun during his confrontation with Fine Gilland in the Glass Mountains in 1891 – documented in Steer Branded Murder by Barry Scobee.

Another included a rare 1800's special order nickel

plated Second Model 1873 Winchester Saddle ring Carbine, complete with its leather saddle scabbard, made by Marfa Saddle Company, Marfa, Texas.

Expert and author, Bob Jordan, features several of Stewart's rare Colts in his book highlighting Colt Navys.

Born in 1925, Stewart grew up in Sonora.

He served as a U.S. Marine serving in WWII in the Central Pacific Theater.

He attended Sul Ross University after returning from the war and married Betty Meador in the 1950s. They settled on the family ranch southeast of Sonora in Sutton County, Texas.

Aside from his family and ranch, the most important thing in his life was his love for antique Colts and Winchesters.

Researching, collecting and displaying in his spare time, Stewart also enjoyed sharing his knowledge of shooters with everyone he met.

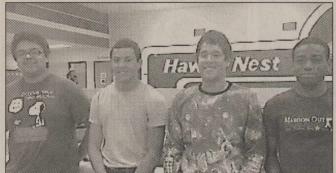
Sometimes, he took portions of his collection to local schools to 'show and tell' with young scholars.

Passing just before his 90th birthday, Stewart's legacy has earned him respect among fellow collectors.

Now, collectors have the opportunity to keep a part of Stewart and his collection with them for years to come.

Stewart's public estate auction was sponsored by James Julia Auctions in Fairfield, Maine.

Crunching Numbers



Juan Miguel Jimenez, Kaden Cordell, JD Garza and Henry Ramos participated in the recent UIL Math competition in Wall. COURTESY PHOTO

Math Team Competes at Wall

grade number sense,

Calculator,

Mathematics

March 22.

3rd place, 12th grade

4th place, 12th grade

11th grade Number Sense

Competitors deserve

All Sonora High School

UIL participants will com-

pete at district on Tuesday,

commendation for their

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participation efforts.

Henry Ramos, 5th place,

3rd place ,11th grade Cal-

Four Sonora High School students were able to take time out of Spring Break to compete in math contests at Wall High School on Monday, March 7th.

Results are below: Juan Miguel Jimenez, 6th place, 11th grade Calculator Applications.

Kaden Cordell, 2nd place, 10th grade Number Sense.

2nd place, 10th grade **Mathematics**

JD Garza, 1st place, 12th

Homicide On Friday, March 11th at approximately 11

a.m., Texas Rangers were called to respond to a shooting of an adult male that occurred near 1744 SE 5001 in Andrews, Texas. Preliminary reports show that Edwin Rascon, 18, of Odessa, has been identified as a suspect in the homicide investigation in Andrews County. Rascon then took his infant son without permission and an Amber Alert has been issued. No additional information is available at this time.

DPS Issues

Amber Alert

in Andrews

Fort Hood Victims Get TX Purple Hearts

Commisioners Consolidate Precincts for Run-off Election

County Commissioners approved the consolidation of precincts for the upcoming run-off election to be held on May 16th during their regular meeting Monday, March 14th.

Precinct 1 and Precinct 4 will consolidate for voting at the Sutton County fire station.

Precinct 2 and Precinct 3 will consolidate for voting at the County Courthouse Annex.

Regular voting on May 24th will take place in the individual precincts as usual.

In regular business, commissioners approved the financials, audited financial statement for the Sutton County Tax Appraisal district and

usual including the Tax-Assessor, JP, Sheriff and treasurer were approved as submitted. Sheriff Joe Fincher

informed commissioners about a new local towing service that he will be using to help with towing needs.

Approval was granted for the Sutton County Sheriff's office equipment project for 2016-2017.

A summer reading program is underway for the Sutton County Library and county attorney David Wallace is looking into a solution for deterring people from loitering in the library parking lot to use Wi-Fi service.

Sutton County road superintendent, Stanley Clay, reported that he has identified a full-time employee for the Cemetery job and is waiting for the hire date. Commissioners authorized him to receive bids for fifty thousand gallons of asphalt to be used on roadways and parking lots. Finally, commissioners approved revised retirement and insurance benefits for county employees including a one-year cap on benefits and allowing current employees to keep the existing plan under the grandfather clause. **Judge Steve Smith** presided over the meeting. Commissioners Carl Teaff, Mike Villanueva, John Wade and Fred Perez were in attendance.

AUSTIN - The victims of the November 2009 terrorist attack on Fort Hood today received honors at a ceremony in Killeen, Texas. **Governor Greg Abbott** attended the ceremony to present Texas Purple Heart

Medals posthumously to the fallen, as well as to the surviving military members. The ceremony also included the unveiling of a memorial to honor all those affected on that tragic day.

"America is the brightest beacon of freedom in the world because of the men and women who put sacrifice above self," said Governor Abbott. "Today is a day to honor that sacrifice, mourn their loss, and celebrate their dedication and commitment to the defense of our nation. I am proud to join in the remembrance of the brave individuals we recognize today and readily renew my commitment to the Lone Star State to work tirelessly to ensure our

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 21st Breakfast Chicken-N-Waffles or Cereal w/ Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety

Lunch Steak Fingers or Breaded Pork Chop

Gravy, Roll, Baked Potato, Glazed Carrots, Strawberries and Bananas, Milk

After School Meal: Cereal, Milk

Tuesday - March 22nd Breakfast Breakfast Club or Cereal w/Crackers, Orange Smiles, Juice, Milk Variety Lunch Spaghetti Bowl w/Breadstick or Teriyaki Beef Sand w/Baked Potato Chips

Garden Salad, Tuscan Vegetables, Peaches, Pudding, Milk After School Meal: Fruit, Raisins, Milk

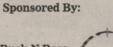
Wednesday - March 23rd Breakfast Toast/Egg/Sausage or Cereal w/ Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety Lunch Mexican Combo Plate or Chicken Quesadillas

Spanish Rice, Mexicali Corn, Charro Beans, Salsa, Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk After School Meal: Baked Chips, Juice

Thursday - March 24th Breakfast Breakfast Pizza or Cereal w/

Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety Sack Lunch-Early Release PBJ Sandwich, Baked Chips, Baby Carrots, Orange Smiles, Milk

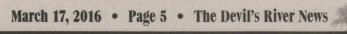
> Friday - March 25th Student Holiday



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Amendment to Intergovernmental contract between Sutton County and the Sutton County Appraisal District.

Approval of the auditor's report was deferred until the next regular meeting.

Outside auditor's were in-house on Monday and Tuesday to examine county financial records.

Commissioners heard concerns from Glen Fisher regarding the fire lane and parking at the Civic Center.

Commissioners deferred the issue pending further consideration. It has been added to the agenda for the regular meeting on March 28th.

Commissioners approved preliminary plats for the Rancho De Los Vistas Subdivision and the Oak Hollow Subdivision.

All other reports as

The next regular meeting is slated for March 28th at 9:00 a.m. in the County Courthouse Annex.

SONORA WEATHER FORECAST

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T-Ball, Minors & Majors cost is \$45 per player. Enrollment form & money must be turned in before your child may participate. The following deadlines will be final for enrollment! LATE SIGN UP is \$25 fee plus player fee of \$45.

Base/Soft/T-Ball Sign Up!

SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH, 2016 TRY OUTS

 Minor Baseball at 2 p.m at Sutton Co. Park Center Field Major Baseball at 3:30 pm at Sutton Co. Park Center Field Minor Softball at 2 p.m. at Sutton Co. Park Softball Field Major Softball at 3:30 p.m. at Sutton Co. Park Softball Field • T-Ball Registration at Sutton Co. Park Concession Stand at 3 p.m. (no tryouts)

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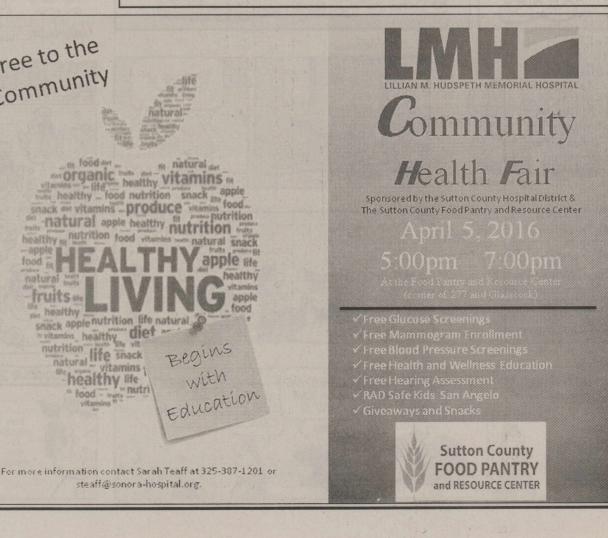
T-Ball - Javier Gaytan at 325-206-3771 S-Ball - Stephanie Haischer at 325-387-4426 B-Ball - Manuel Tobias at 325-206-0417

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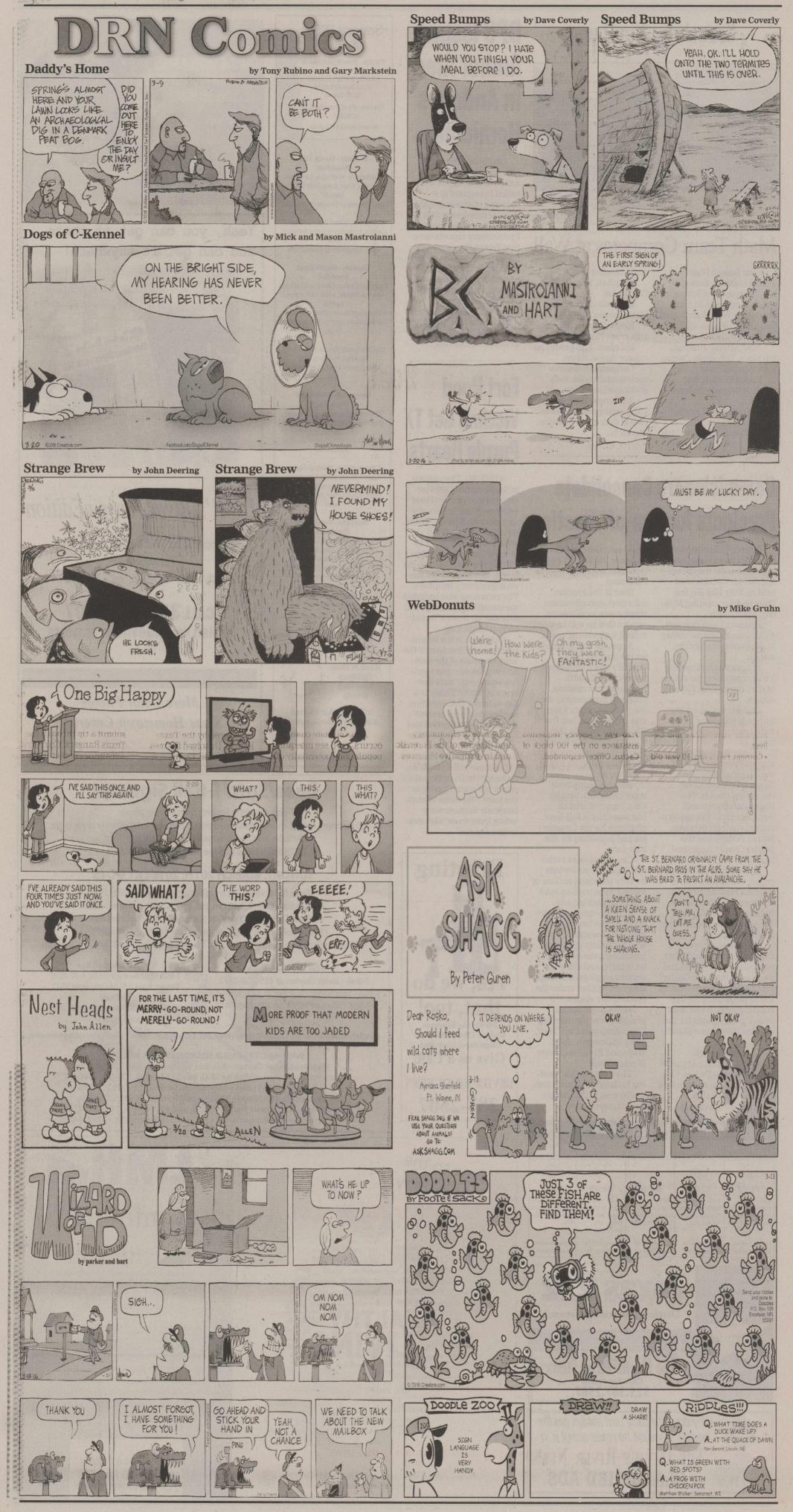
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OBITUARIES

Donna Deshae West October 2, 1968 - March 7, 2016

Donna Deshae West passed away on March 7, 2016 in San Angelo, TX.

West was born on October 2, 1968 in San Angelo and graduated from Ozona High School in 1986.

She married her husband of 28 years, Gefferson Kevin West, on October 2, 1987, on her 19th birthday.

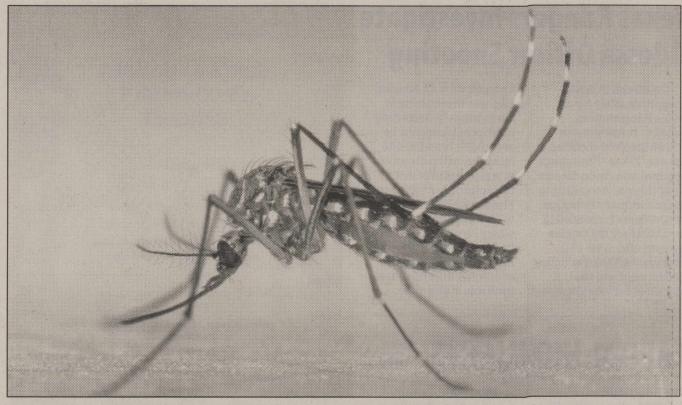
West is survived by her husband, Kevin, daughter, Kayla West, son-in-law, Bucky McDonald, daughter Jessica West and two grandchildren, Kevin Wayne and Savanna Gene McDonald of Sonora.

She is also survived by her mother- in- law and father-in-law, Frances and Steve Tackel, sister –in-law, Maray Cearley and her husband, Rick, sister-in-law, Darla Lipham and her husband, Marty.

She is also survived by her nephews Cole and Heather, their children Lynden, Lane, and Luke.

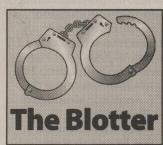
She is also survived by Clint and Heather Cearley and their son Canon, as well as, Westley, Walker, and a niece Wheeless Lipham.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, March 13th in Sonora at the Lighthouse Community Church and Pastor Don Longoria officiated.



The mosquito that carries the Zika virus, Aedes aegypti, is commonly found throughout southern United States. COURTESY PHOTO | MARCOS TEIXEIRA DE FREITAS | CREATIVE COMMONS

The Zika Beat: Observations of a Mosquito Man



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

MARCH 7 • Sanchez, Oscar Armando, 29 year old male, of Midland arrested for Warrant out of Midland.

MARCH 11 • Mendoza, Joshua, 36 year old male, of Lubbock, arrested for Contempt of Court. • Seideman, Tamara Nicole, 35 year old female, of San Angelo, arrested for Warrant out of Tom Green County and Possession of a Controlled Substance with intent to Manufacture and Deliver.

• Cornejo, Fernando, 30 year old male, of San Angelo, arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance with intent to Manufacture and Deliver. 100 block of Deerwood. Officer responded.

9:28 AM • Caller requested officer to call respondent via telephone. Officer responded. **10:10 AM** • Ministerial Alliance requested at St. Ann's Church. Officer responded.

10:25 AM · Caller requested officer to call respondent via telephone. Officer responded. 1:16 PM • Caller reported a welfare concern in the ALCO parking lot. Officer responded. 1:35 PM • Caller reported a welfare concern on the 400 Block of W. 3rd Street. Officer responded. 4:02 PM • Caller reported animal on the 2nd Street and Central Avenue. Officer responded. MARCH 10 - 5:50 AM • Caller reported stranded motorist on I-10 at the 400 Mile Marker On-Ramp. Officer responded.

11:32 AM • Caller requested officer at a local business. Officer responded.

1:29 PM • Caller reported theft at a local business on the 500 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

7:26 PM • Agency requested assistance on the 100 block of Cactus. Officer responded. 7:32 PM • Caller requested officer on the 600 block of Allen. Officer responded.

MARCH 11 - 2:22 AM • Caller

BY ARELISA DANIELS REPORTING TEXAS

Since reports emerged from Brazil earlier this year suggesting a link between the Zika virus and serious birth defects, epidemiologists have tracked the spread of the disease northward to the United States. A small but growing number of cases in the U.S. has prompted the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta to advise pregnant women not to travel to heavily infected areas in Latin America and thereby complicated Brazil's plans to host the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio De Janeiro. In Texas, attention has turned to concerns about the mosquito's role in spreading the disease, especially with a second Zika case confirmed in Austin.

Reporting Texas' Arelisa Daniels spoke with Jeff Tomberlin, associate professor of entomology and director of the Forensic and Investigative Sciences Program at Texas A&M University. Tomberlin's research into novel ways to prevent mosquito bites is to create a scare or overexaggerate the concern, or under-exaggerate, so we have to be careful about what is said. But yes, I think media should be involved. I think that is the easiest way to get information out to the general public.

Q. Is Texas is more susceptible than other places when it comes to mosquito-borne illnesses?

A. Given the environment we live in—the Southern U.S [with its] warm weather— it would not surprise me that we see a higher prevalence of the pathogen here than, say in a colder environment. For example, in Ohio or Michigan, it's cold so we don't have mosquito populations up there right now.

Q. Is climate important in other ways?

A. As climate change occurs, we'll see mosquito populations potentially disperse to other areas where it normally wouldn't occur. Their persistence in the environment could be for a A. They only represent part of the solution. Primary efforts need to utilize an integrated pest management approach. We could develop technologies that reduce mosquito attraction without being harmful to the beneficial bacteria on our skin. Q. How else might your research results be used?

A. We might be able to develop traps for adult mosquitoes looking for a meal or place to lay eggs. This work could apply to any other blood-feeding arthropod (black flies, sand flies etc).

DPS Seeks Leads in 2007 Murder of Bexar County Man

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is asking for the public's help in solving the 2007 murder of Blase Wright Jr., 21, in Bexar County. As part of a DPS public awareness program, one unsolved case is featured by the Texas Ranger Unsolved Crimes Investigation Team each month in an effort to generate new investigative leads and bring added attention to unresolved or "cold Investigators believe there are individuals who know who went to the apartment that day and why; and DPS is asking for anyone with information to come forward to help solve this crime. Individuals can submit a tip through the Texas Rangers' Cold Case website or contact the Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243.

The Texas Ranger Unsolved Crimes Investiga-

MARCH 12 • Gray, Stephen, 54 year old male, from Sonora, arrested for Assault Family Violence.

MARCH 13 • Hernandez, Adan, 21 year old male, from Austin, arrested for Possession of Controlled Substance.

INCIDENTS

MARCH 7 - 1:04 PM • Caller reported city ordinance violation on the 100 block of Uno. Resident notified.

5:57 PM • Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on the 1100 block of S. Concho. Officer responded.

7:21 PM • Caller reported suspicious activity on the 500 block of Mata Street. Officer responded.

8:28 PM • Agency requested assistance on the 100 block of Tres Street. Officer responded. MARCH 8 - 1:41 AM • Agency requested assistance on the 300

block of Ben Juarez. Officer responded. **10:41 AM •** Caller requested a

funeral escort. Officer responded. **3:26 PM •** Caller reported a sus-

picious vehicle at a local business. Officer responded.

6:24 PM • Caller reported animal on the 900 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

8:02 PM • Caller requested officer on the 100 block of Deerwood. Officer responded.

8:33 PM • Agency requested assistance with one vehicle rollover call I-10 exit ramp 399 mile marker. Officers responded. MARCH 9 - 12:53 AM • Caller reported a disturbance on the



reported a welfare concern on the 700 block of St. Ann's. Officer responded.

12:16 PM • Caller requested officer to meet with complainant. Officer responded.

3:24 PM • Agency requested assistance on the 200 block of E. Chestnut. Officer responded. **8:37 PM** • Caller requested officer assistance. Officer responded. ed.

MARCH 12 - 8:57 AM • Caller reported a child locked in a vehicle call at the Comfort Inn parking lot. Officer responded. 1:39 PM • Caller reported vehicle accident on the 800 block of N. Crockett. Officer responded. 2:18 PM • Caller reported a theft on the 200 block of Paseo Del Norte. Officer responded. 8:45 PM • Caller reported a disturbance on the 1900 block of

Tayloe. Officer responded. **10:51 PM •** 9-1-1 caller reported a possible break in on the 300 block of Hightower. Officers responded.

MARCH 13 - 1:34 AM • 9-1-1 Caller reporting on someone banging on window and door. Officer responded.

9:56 AM • Caller reported a disturbance at a local business. Officer responded.

2:47 PM • Caller reported vehicle accident at a local business. Officer responded.

3:04 PM • Caller reported a credit card abuse on the 800 block of S. Water Avenue. Officer responded.

3:50 PM • Caller reported disorderly conduct at a local business. Officer responded. **7:36 PM** • Caller reported disorderly conduct at a local business. Officer responded.



particularly timely in the wake of the Zika outbreak. Excerpts:

Q. Were you surprised by the recent Zika outbreak?

A. I was not surprised in terms of a pathogen being distributed by mosquitoes, considering the global economy and how easily things are moved around. It's very difficult to keep everything out [of the U.S.]... in such a global society.

Q. Why should people want to know about the mosquito's role in spreading the virus?

A. If we understand the biology of the vector, then we can control the vector better and therefore decrease the likelihood of infection.

Q. The Aedes aegypti mosquito is considered a prime vector for Zika. Why?

A. It is common throughout the southern U.S. It's what you would call a tree-hole mosquito. It likes to lay its eggs in areas where water will accumulate. [When the weather is] dry, the eggs can persist in the environment until rainfall. [At that point] development is relatively quick and the females [become] the vector for a number of pathogens, including those that cause yellow fever and dengue [fever].

Q. Reports suggest the Asian tiger mosquito is a second vector for Zika in Texas. Would your research results apply to the tiger mosquito as well?

A. Yes – in fact, that mosquito is our model for developing the technology.

Q. How good a job has the news media done in reporting on the spread of the Zika virus?

A. There's no reason

greater period of time.

Q. Talk about your research. What's your basic approach?

A. If we take a step back and look at ourselves as more of an ecosystem, then new opportunities will develop for how to regulate [whether mosquitoes are attracted] to us, because there is more involved than just our physiology. There's the physiology of the microbes that are associated with our bodies, as well. So, there's potential for us to develop novel methods for manipulating the microbes on our body, which could alter [mosquitos'] perception of us as food resources. It's realistic to think we can find novel methods for mosquito control.

Q. What might a realistic timeline be?

A. While we have discovered this [kind of prevention] can be done, we're still in the first phase. We need to move over to the second phase, actually applying the technique. I would say we're still potentially a year or two down the road from actual application, but that also takes getting the industry interested and willing to pursue these opportunities.

Q. How might your bite-prevention technique be implemented? A. We were thinking as

a wipe or sunscreen.

Q. How has the Zika outbreak affected your research?

A. We are now examining the response of mosquitoes to different concentrations of bacteria that can communicate or not. This work is not in response to Zika virus, but definitely related.

Q. Are conventional methods of mosquito prevention sufficient? cases" across the state.

On Feb. 2, 2007, Wright was in his Universal City apartment when he was fatally shot by an unknown person during an apparent burglary. A witness reported seeing a black male leave the apartment and enter a small gold car that was occupied by another black male and a Hispanic female, who was driving.

The Texas Rangers and investigators on the case would like to identify the Hispanic female driving the car. The forensic sketch (above) represents the woman's appearance at the time of the murder, and witnesses reported that she had reddish hair. tion Team was created to assist

Texas law enforcement agencies investigating unsolved murders or what appear to be serial or linked criminal transactions. Since there is no statute of limitations for the offense of murder, investigators pursue these cases to a successful resolution; or until no other lead is viable.

In addition, DPS created the Texas Rangers' Unsolved Homicides webpage aimed at renewing public interest in unsolved cases. The site features the division's Top 12 Unsolved Cold Case Investigations, which includes two cases from each of the state's six DPS regions.

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Texas Rangers Investigate Odessa Officer Shooting

On March 10, 2016, at approximately 5 p.m., Texas Rangers were called to investigate an officer involved shooting in Odessa, Texas. The subject involved was Jason Meador, 50, of Odessa. According to the preliminary investigation, officers responded to the 1200 block of Douglas Avenue after a 911 call. Officers with Odessa Police Department and the U.S. Marshals Service attempted to negotiate with Meador, who was threatening to harm himself. According to officer statements, he eventually brandished a handgun in the direction of police and was shot by law enforcement officers. Meador was transported to Medical Center Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. This is an ongoing investigation and no additional information is available at this time.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Appeal

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2 to FEMA, these provisions may be available to citizens if their property has been damaged or destroyed in a disaster declared for individual assistance and their losses are not covered by insurance.

"Since May of 2015, the State of Texas has experienced a continuing pattern of destructive storms, severe flooding and tornadoes, resulting in multiple fatalities and severe damage to hundreds of homes and businesses," Abbott wrote. "In eight months, Texas has endured a major wildfire eligible for a fire **Management Assistance** Grant and three federally declared disasters. The assistance received as a result of these earlier federal disasters has been vital, but many of the same communities are still in the recovery process from these earlier disasters, and assistance is still needed.'

Hegar to send revenue State Comptroller

Glenn Hegar on March 9 announced his office would distribute \$586.6 million in monthly sales tax revenue to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts.

The total of local sales tax allocations for March is 0.7 percent less than in areas of the state helped to somewhat offset those losses, as cities such as Austin and Dallas saw moderate increases in allocations."

Problem gambling is focus

March is National Problem Gambling Awareness Month, and the week of March 4-10 was recognized as National Problem Gambling Awareness Week.

The Texas Lottery Commission announced its participation in the effort to educate the general public and medical professionals about the warning signs of problem gambling and to raise awareness about help that is available locally and nationally.

In a March 8 news release, Anthony J. Sadberry, acting director of the Texas Lottery Commission, said, "If you believe that you or someone you know may have a problem with gambling, we strongly urge you to seek assistance."

System targets tobacco use

Representatives from each of The University of Texas System's 14 institutions met last week in Houston for the "Eliminate Tobacco Use Summit" to discuss creating a "systemwide tobacco-free culture."

According to a March 4 news release by the UT System, each institution developed its own comprehensive plan to improve tobacco control policies and strategies. Participants were tasked with bringing back to their institutions information "to facilitate discussion and seek adoption from campus leadership."



"Take Me Out To the Ballgame"

By Donna Garrett

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the annual Sonora Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. We are very excited about our baseball and softball theme this year. The meal will consist of hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings. La Mexicana Restaurant and Cantina will be on hand with a cash bar for an adult beverage. So wear your favorite baseball or softball jersey and come out and enjoy a fun evening.

The awards committee consisted of 3 chamber board of directors and 2 chamber members. They were responsible for coming up the nominees for Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year. We want to thank them for their time serving on this committee, names are left out to protect the innocent. We did things a little different this year as far as the Educator of the year. We went to each school and had them do a survey amongst the staff and submit one name from each campus. I would like to thank the 4 principals, Mr. Kissire, Mr. Leamon, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Wimberley for helping to make this happen. The ballots have been mailed out to all chamber members so come support all the wonderful nominees who have hit a home run in the community. We are very excited to have our very own Coach Caleb Gonzales as our guest speaker for the evening, he is a 2010 graduate from Sonora High School and attended McMurry University in Abilene where he played baseball and

graduated in May 2015. The emcee for the evening will be Matt Killough. If you haven't heard Matt speak you don't want to miss it. It will be a wonderful time to be had by all. Tickets are \$15 per person or you can reserve a table of 8 for \$120. So what are you waiting for, call the chamber at 325-387-2880 or stop by the office at 205 Hwy 277 N. to get your tickets. Here is a sample ballot:

Citizen of the Year: _____Mike & Sandy Glover – The Glover

Company _____Father Chris Rogue- Pastor, Police

Officer _____ Wanda Shurley – Rancher, Mayor _____ David Walsh-

Walsh Welding Business of the Year:

_____ Caverns of Sonora _____ Jacam Southwest

Parker Lumber Serendipity Beauty Boutique

Educator of the Year: _____Sharon Creek -1st Grade Teacher

____Julie Martin-Precalculus, Pre-College Algebra, Advanced Quantitative Reasoning and Art

School Board Members Approve Homestead Exemption Increase

Six Speak in Support of Ken Wimberley

Sonora residents, parents and teachers assembled in the Vocational building Monday night, March 14th, asking to be heard by school board members on behalf of Ken Wimberly, High School Principal.

Six people from the community including Ruth Wallace, Craig Nolen, Michael Ramirez, Carla Smith, Kenzie Anderson and Frank Wamble shared their thoughts on the recent decision by board members regarding the High School Principal, Ken Wimberley.

During the February 17th regular meeting the board unanimously voted to renew only the contracts of six faculty employees.

Wimberley's contract for acting high school principal was not renewed.

In regular business Superintendent Ross Aschenbeck reported on the approved Homestead Exemption increase from fifteen thousand dollars to twenty-five thousand dollars per household.

Board members approved financials including the Business Manager report, and quarterly investment report, as well as the minutes of the February 17th regular meeting.

The board discussed the annual review and approved the Sonora ISD Investment Policy.

Approval of election judged was tabled pending appointments of election workers by city administrators.

Members approved the budget amendment as presented identifying donated monies to cover travel expenses for three coaches to attend an upcoming coaching clinic at the University of Tennessee.

The board made a motion to add revise or delete local policies as recommended by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB)

policy service. The live

FD(Local): Admissions, FEB(Local): Attendance - Attendance Accounting, FCC (Local: Student Welfare-Student Support Services, FFH(Local): Student Welfare-Freedom From Harassment and Retaliating

Ross Aschenbeck acknowledged school counselor Jennifer Nichols and thanked her for her efforts toward developing and implementing nutrition guidelines for students.

Members approved instructional materials or technological equipment sale or disposal notification form.

Aschenbeck recognized students for their outstanding performance both in athletics and academics. He also outlined upcoming student events including the State Powerlifting competition on Friday, March 18th, One Act Play performance on March 24th in Reagan County and the UIL Academic Meet slated for March 22nd.

Upon his recommendation board members approved two dates including May 9th for regular meeting business and May 16th for election canvasing.

There were no further comments from board members before they broke into closed door session to discuss the board selfevaluation and the board and superintendent informal evaluation on goals and domains.

No action was taken following closed session and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Board president Dawn Cahill presided over the meeting with trustees Jesse Bustamante, Jerry Jimenez Brady Johnson, Cynthia Perez, Shanna Petty-Castro and Delyse Jaeger in attendance.

School officials present included Superintendent Ross Aschenbeck, Brandon Duncan, Michael Kissire, Sean Leamon, Greta Ramsdell and Ken Wimberley. The next meeting of the board of trustees is slated for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2016, in the SISD Vocational Building.

March 2015, he said. The allocations are based on sales made in January by businesses that report tax monthly.

"Energy-centric cities, such as Odessa, Midland, Corpus Christi and Houston, continued to see decreases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "Other

Carrier

Latisha Sheets-6th Grade Math Teacher _____Rachel Yourgalite-

5th Grade Math Teacher

In order to vote you must be a chamber member in good standing. If you are not a member of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and would like to become a member, please let us know.

A business membership is \$120 a year and a personal membership is \$60 a year. We would love to have you.

Come out and support all the wonderful nominees and enjoy an evening of fun. For More information contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325-387-2880 or by email at chamber@ sonoratexas.org. policies looked at included EEH(Local): Instructional Arrangements – Homebound Instruction, FB(local): Equal Educational Opportunity,

Devil's River News Weekly Rainfall Report						
March 1-15	3.39 in.	March 1-15	2.62 in.			
February	0.77 in.	February	1.04 in.			
January	0.36 in.	January	0.38 in.			
2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	4.52 in.	2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	4.04 in.			
2015	23.87 in.	2015	25.31 in.			
2014	14.32 in.	2014	12.72 in.			
2013	25.12 in.	2013	25.00 in.			
2012 .	16.06 in.	2012	17.82 in.			
2011	11.50 in.	2011	10.49 in.			
2010	20.37 in.	2010	17.94 in.			
2009	21.67 in.	2009	28.44 in.			
Rainfall data collected at LC station located 14 miles southea		Rainfall data collected at LCRA weather station located 17 miles east-northeast of Sonora.				



Dry Devil's River wasn't so dry after heavy rains caused it to flow over Tom Green Avenue. No official damages were reported from rains or winds; however, more than three inches of rain was reported for Sonora between March 7th and 11th.

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Sonora holds two full time shuttles to help meet the transportation needs of its townspeople.

The Concho Valley Transit District makes it affordable for individuals in rural areas such as Sutton County, to participate in the Thunderbird Transit system.

To some, Thunderbird appears to be just another transportation service.

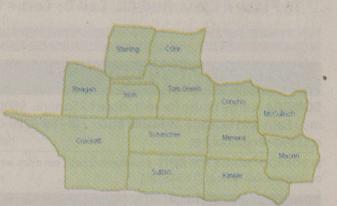
But at closer glance, this non-profit transporter offers 'you call and we'll be there' nonemergency affordable transportation services to people of all ages and abilities. Thunderbird shuttles people to and from their homes, medical facilities, stores, schools and jobs, as well as, out of town to neighboring counties.

Juanita Gomez, shuttle driver and Sonora Chamber Board member, said she appreciates Thunderbird's variable commuter fees.

"It's really a nice service," Gomez said.

While the nonprofit transit system is available every day, advanced reservations are required. Therefore, riders must call at least twenty-four hours ahead to schedule their transportation needs whether they are commuting in town, in county or out-of-town.

To schedule a ride or inquire about Thunderbird's service call 325-387-2509.



Map illustration showing area counties serviced by Thunderbird Transit System.

Is Texas Grama Worthy of Name?

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Is Texas Grama Worthy of Name?

Texas is known for its size and for doing things "big time". So if we hear about Texas grama, one of our native grasses, we might envision a majestic, nutritious grass. Heck, with a name like that, it should be our state grass...right?

But that's not the case.

Texas grama is a small grass with short leaves that taper to a sharp point. The perennial, warm-season grass is only 5 to 12 inches tall. The seeds are open bellshaped clusters along the seedhead. As a matter of fact, the old name for this plant

was bell grama. Texas grama tufts have just a few stems. The leaves are short, crowded at the base, and often wavy or curling. There 40 inches tall. The common name of this type of grass refers to the arrangement of the seeds hanging off one side of the seed stalk. It has good forage value for all classes of livestock and wildlife throughout the spring, summer and fall. It also has fair to good forage value during the winter

months, and is well adapted to calcareous and moderately alkaline soils, as well as rocky shallow sites of prairies. Since it's a deep rooted grass type,

sideoats grama is often used for soil conservation. In fact, it played a significant part in the recovery of grasslands following the drought of the 1930s. It is also recommended for range and pasture seeding, and bank

'In God We Trust'



Peggy McElrath from Adobe Signs and T-shirts in San Angelo donated up to one thousand "In God We Trust" stickers to four surrounding counties, including Sutton County. McElrath said this project began when the Tom Green County Sheriff's Department inquired about pricing for the specialty stickers. She said she offered them at no cost because she thought it was for the good of the community. In collaboration with Donna Garrett and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, McElrath offered stickers to folks in Sonora. Sonora Police Chief William Dudley was the first to place the "In God We Trust" sticker on his patrol car. Sutton County Sheriff Joe Fincher's vehicle along with Sutton County EMS, and Sonora Volunteer Fire Department vehicles were also available for sticker placement. Stickers are also available for a voluntary donation to benefit the Ministerial Alliance. "This is a great idea and I think that everyone should put one on their vehicles," Sheriff Joe Fincher said.

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are six to eight spikes attached to each seed stem. Each spike holds three to five seeds.

Texas grama is a low quality forage plant, of little value to livestock and wildlife. Adapted to open prairies and savannahs, it prefers disturbed sites. Despite the name, this grass is not worthy of being our state grass.

No, our state grass is Sideoats grama.

Sideoats grama grass is a deep-rooted, warmseason, perennial prairie grass that can grow 12 to stabilization.

With so many positive attributes, sideoats grama was designated as the official state grass of Texas in 1971.

By the way, any youth interested in learning to identify plants, value to wildlife or livestock, or toxicities might consider the 4-H Range Science project.

The first session will be at the Sutton County Extension Office on March 17 at 4 p.m.

For more information, contact the Extension Office at 387-3101.



Help collect missing photos of Texas soldiers killed in Vietnam

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation (VVMF) project "Faces Never Forgotten" is in need of help obtaining missing photos of fallen Vietnam veterans across Texas and the nation.

To see a list of Texan soldiers whose photos are still missing, go to http://texaspress.com/images/stories/ebulletin/VeteransWallMissingTexasPhotos.xls. If you can provide a photo, please contact this newspaper as soon as possible. The goal is to locate all missing pictures by Nov. 11, 2014.



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