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Sonora Defeats Tolar in First-Round Playoff Game

Sonora shut down the Tolar Rattlers 53-35 in a Bi-District championship showdown last Friday night, November 11, at Mustang stadium in Marble Falls.

With only one loss this season, the Broncos are well on their way to reaching their goal of a sixth state championship in 2016.

"I'm extremely proud of our players and our staff," Head Coach David T. Sine said. "We found ourselves down 14-0 and

nobody hit the panic button. We just kept playing. We had a big play from Cordell to Jackson to get us on the scoreboard and it kind of ignited us a little bit. The defense made an adjustment and then we kind of shut them down."

The Broncos starting lineup put on another outstanding performance before a sizeable home crowd who showed up in support of their team.

Although, the Rattlers got an early start in Friday's showdown

reaching the goal line twice in the first quarter, the Broncos soon made it clear who was in charge.

One minute into the second stanza, Jarrett Jackson found pay dirt on a 67-yard pass from Kaden Cordell.

Three minutes later, Jackson and Cordell connected for a 10-yard passing touchdown. After that, it was game on for the Broncos and Rattlers.

Within a span of two minutes, Cordell found the end zone on a

48-yard pass from Michael Solis and Jackson dashed 15 yards for another Sonora TD.

An interception by the Broncos set up a 60-yard touchdown pass from Cordell to Jackson to end the second quarter.

"With all of the high expectations we came out a little tight and it just took us a quarter to get our first punch on the board," Kaden Cordell said. "And, we just went from there."

"The touchdown right before the half was huge," Sine added.

The Broncos built a 32-14 lead over the Rattlers by the half and rolled to a 53-35 first round playoff win by the end of the night.

The Rattlers struck early in the third quarter, but that didn't

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Michael Solis hurdles a Rattler while sprinting to the goal line during Friday's Bi-District championship showdown between Sonora and Tolar on, November 11th at Mustang Stadium in Marble Falls. The Broncos defeated the Rattlers 53-35 in the first-round playoff game. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

SCORE BY QUARTER	
SONORA	00-32-07-14 = 53
TOLAR	14-00-07-14 = 35

FIRST QUARTER
TOLAR — Will Bonnell 1-yd Rushing TD (PAT Good)
TOLAR — Passing TD (PAT Good)

SECOND QUARTER
SONORA — Jarrett Jackson 67-yds on pass from Kaden Cordell (PAT Good)
SONORA — Jackson 10-yds on pass from Cordell (PAT Failed)
SONORA — Kaden Cordell 48-yds on pass from Michael Solis (Conversion failed)
SONORA — Jackson 15-yds (PAT Good)
SONORA — Jackson 60-yds on pass from Cordell (PAT Failed)

THIRD QUARTER
TOLAR — Will Bonnell 10-yd rushing TD (PAT Good)
SONORA — Jackson 25-yds on pass from Cordell (PAT Good)

FOURTH QUARTER
SONORA — Jackson 7 yds on pass from Cordell (PAT Good)
TOLAR — Will Bonnell 11-yd Rushing TD (Conversion failed)
SONORA — Michael Solis 48-yds on pass from Cordell (PAT Good)
TOLAR — Mason King 44-yds (Conversion Good)

INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING
SONORA — Noah SanMiguel 20-162; Carter Zook 6-26; Jose Hernandez 6-30; Jarrett Jackson 108-1150; Raully Ojeda 3-8; Carlos Mendoza 1-(-3) Michael Solis 20-90; Drew Bultro 12-100; Wesley Dutton 4-34; Kaden Cordell 55-277; Brandon Martinez 6-21; Ariel Lugo 1-(-1); Liam Yourgalite 16-142; Wilson Johnson 15-71

PASSING
SONORA — Kaden Cordell 165-240-2910; Michael Solis 26-43-400; Wesley Dutton 2-6-25; Walker Sine 4-5-88; Noah San Miguel 1-1-17

RECEIVING
SONORA — Noah San Miguel 28-543; Walker Sine 19-286; Carter Zook 4-73; Kade Creek 20-297; Raully ojeda 5-71; Michael Solis 36-709; Hector Mendez 1(-4); Kaden Cordell 2-32; Brandon Martinez 1-31; Wesley Dutton 11-109; Liam Yourgalite 125-465; Wilson Johnson 4-73

12 Lady Broncos Awarded District Honors

Twelve of Sonora's Lady Broncos received 2016-2017 UIL All-District 4-3A honors for their performance during the 2016 volleyball season.


They are as follows:
Superlatives All District: Sky Jennings, Setter MVP.
1st Team All-District: Mary Kyle Johnson & Delaney Ramsdell.

2nd Team All-District: Carly Brown, Riley Walker and Savannah Castro.

Honorable Mention: Claire Thiebaud, Bianca Fay and Lane Cahill.

Academic All-District: Carly Brown, Lane Cahill, Savannah Castro, Bianca Fay, Sky Jennings, Mary Kyle Johnson, Kami Lux, Delaney Ramsdell, Claire Thiebaud, Riley Walker and Katy Jo Wardlaw.

Congratulations to the Sonora Lady Broncos Varsity Volleyball players for an outstanding season.



NOTICE: EARLY DEADLINE

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the deadline for next week's edition will be at 12:00 noon on Monday

County Commissioners Approve Advertising to Fill Deputy and Jailer Employee Positions

Sutton County Commissioners approved advertising for deputies and jailers to fill open positions during their regular meeting Monday, November 14.

Additionally, the court approved a ratification for the emergency hiring of a jailer at the direction of the Jail Standards Commission. A pay rate for the new jailer was approved at an hourly rate of \$20 per hour.

In addition to employment advertising, commissioners approved expenditures related to Tax Assessor school for Tax Assessor-Collector elect Kathy Marshall. Marshall is attending school on two separate dates

including November 14 and December 15.

In other business, commissioners approved newly elected Sheriff Chavez and Chief Deputy Designee Dwayne Castro to attend the Sheriff's Association December 5-9.

In regular business, the court approved reports as presented.

Justice of Peace John Wilson reported a total \$122,468.23 was collected during the month of October 2016. A portion of the revenue, in the amount of, \$78,626.06 is retained by the county.

A part-time employee to help with clerical work in Wilson's

office has been hired.

Standley Clay Anderson, Sutton County Road and Bridge, reported that general maintenance and upkeep of roads throughout the county is ongoing. Crews are preparing for usual cold weather issues associated with this time of the year.

Sheriff Joe Fincher reported a total of 32 inmates in the Sutton County Jail during the month of October and 590 calls for service. Fees in the amount of \$3,726.00 were also collected during the month of October.

The County Clerk's report included \$6,183.00 in revenue collected for District Court fees

and \$8,050.10 was collected from County Court fees during the month of October.

Additionally, \$5,703.75 was collected for Open Records Request charges during October.

Commissioners did not approve the minutes from previous meetings as they were not available. Reports for the County Auditor and County Library were also not available.

The court considered two separate requests to waive the rental fee for the Sutton County Civic Center.

The Knights of Columbus asked to waive the rental fee for the Civic Center for the purpose

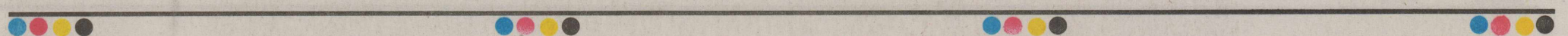
of hosting their annual KOC Thanksgiving luncheon, Sunday, November 20. This event is open to the public and there is no cost for the meal.

Additionally, Donna Garrett requested that the court waive the rental fee for the Civic Center so that the Sonora Chamber of Commerce may host the annual "More the Merrier" event. The event, scheduled for Friday, December 2, welcomes the public to enjoy a variety of booths including crafts and baked goods.

Lastly on the agenda, Commissioners set the date of
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Trump Victory Turns Eyes to Possible Cabinet Nominees

AUSTIN — Republican Donald J. Trump, on his way to winning the presidential election on Nov. 8, won the vote in Texas with 4,651,955 votes, or 52.39 percent of the 8,878,152 votes cast.

Some 2,842,553 votes, or 43 percent, were cast by Texans for former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, a Democrat, in the race for the White House.

From now until his inauguration, president-elect Trump must choose people to flesh out his administration. A few names floated as possible nominees for cabinet-level appointments turned up in various journals last week. Texans among those were:

- U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul of Austin,

chair of the House Committee on Homeland Security;

- U.S. Rep. Jeb Hensarling of Dallas, chair of the House Financial Services Committee;
- U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, Senate majority whip and former member of the Texas Supreme Court;
- Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller and former state representative; and
- Rick Perry, former governor, agriculture commissioner and state representative.

Spotlight on Nov. 8 results

All incumbent members of the Texas congressional delegation won re-election

on Nov. 8.

In the two contests for open seats:

- Democrat Vicente Gonzalez won the race for U.S. House District 15. Gonzalez will succeed U.S. Rep. Ruben Hinojosa Sr., who is retiring. The district, which stretches from east of San Antonio down to McAllen, includes the counties of Guadalupe, Wilson, Karnes, Live Oak, Jim Hogg, Duval, Brooks and Hidalgo.
- Republican Jodey Arrington won the race for U.S. House District 19. Arrington will succeed U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, who is retiring. The district includes the West Texas counties of Bailey, Borden, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Fisher, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Haskell, Hockley, Howard,

Jones, Kent, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Nolan, Parmer, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall, Taylor, Terry, Throckmorton, Yoakum and Young and parts of Floyd and Stephens.

Challengers bested four incumbent state representatives and one state appellate justice:

- Three-term Republican State Rep. Kenneth Sheets, whose House District 107 includes most of

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
★ By Ed Sterling

Mad as a Cat

She was mad — one might even describe it as cataclysmically livid. She focused her ire at the entire family and made us aware of her displeasure with a decidedly cold shoulder and stiff whiskers. We all knew the cause of her chagrin and weren't about to give in to her demands. She gave us a silent, loathing stare with piercing green eyes while standing expectantly by the back door. Her intense gaze was unrelenting. As were we.

Slices of Life



By Jill Pertler

None of us was about to back down, despite the death wishes she was throwing our way via her highly-evolved extrasensory

perceptive skills.

As I alluded earlier, the reason for her fury was no mystery. Her backyard privileges had been nixed due to a persistent and unwavering habitual pattern of behavior we found unacceptable and downright murderous. Simply put, we refused to let her chase birds in hopes of killing them via a game she calls "play."

That got her goat. Boy, did it ever. She loves chasing birds — is practically passionate about the practice. That's only the start. She displays the same morbid behavior with mice, snakes and even the occasional common housefly. She acts like it's in her DNA or something.

I suppose it's to be expected. She is a cat. Birds and cats are mortal enemies, with cats typically being at the higher end of the food chain, giving her the definite upper hand — or outstretched claw as the case may be.

Still, when not hunting, she's so refined. So postured and polished. So proper in the way she holds her tail. So dainty in the manner she nibbles her cat treats. So sophisticated in the way she jumps up on the TV table to block our view. Even when sleeping, she exhibits a certain amount of elegance. Like that of royalty.

When her fixed gaze failed to bore a hole through any of our skulls, she relented to naughtiness, clawing at the wooden door, the carpet, couch and anything else she could reach. She can be a sassifrax that way.

We told her she was being naughty. She disagreed, telepathically, of course.

Then, still furious and fuming, she picked herself up on her delicate cat paws and sashayed out of the room. I figured she had in mind to go upstairs and poop on our bed. It's what I would have done, had I been an angry cat. But cats are too neat for public pooping. She had something much more powerful in mind.

She was going to ignore us. Oh, the pain. Cats are so smart.

I noticed her un-presence with the familial group the rest of the evening. She came down for her nightly treat but otherwise remained in an undeterred reject-human mode. Then the sun set and it was time for bed and she was still AWOL. We aren't sure where she spent the night, but it wasn't with us. Maybe she was hunting inside — for spider webs and dust bunnies.

We'll never know. The next morning she was back to her loving and royal self. Rubbing up against our legs, flipping her tail in a cat dance and standing by the back door, expectantly. We pretended not to notice her lust for the hunt.

She's full of surprises, this tiny, sometimes angry, cat of ours. It seems like she'd be more comfortable wearing a tiara, not using a pair of razor-sharp claws. Then again, I suppose princesses have been known to hunt. And get mad — mad as a cat. And now I know what that looks like. Categorically.

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Enjoying Hollywood's Doomsaying

The election has passed, and the American people gave the spoiled celebrities of Hollywood the heave-ho. Despite all of their earnest YouTube lectures and pro-Hillary Clinton concerts and campaign appearances, the next president is Donald Trump.

Little did they realize that John Q. Public is done with these multimillionaires positioning themselves as champions of the working class, or even more remarkable, the downtrodden.

Get out the popcorn for their wailing and gnashing of teeth on the internet. On election night they went certifiably bonkers. Their horror is unfashionable.

"Nashville" actress Connie Britton spoke for many liberals, seeing imminent persecution of all minorities: "Dear Muslim, Mexican, immigrant, refugee, handicapped, black, gay, female human beings, & also dear Earth...you are not forgotten. Promise."

Former child star Alyssa Milano asked: "Is it possible that this country is more sexist than racist? May God help us all."

For disgusting reactions, there is comedian Jena Friedman, who wailed on Stephen Colbert's Showtime special, "It feels like an asteroid has just smacked into our democracy. ... It is so scary and sad and heartbreaking. And I just wish I could be funny. Get your abortions now."

Why is democracy damaged when Democrats don't win? Did Trump cheat? No, it's that the wrong voters won.

Or consider the scabrous sex columnist/MTV personality Dan Savage. "Colorado approves assisted suicide," he tweeted. "That's going to come in handy."

Actor John Cusack is a reliable source of spittle: "The fascism is real — what U see is what U get — will be no comforting illusions left to hide in ... look at it with clear steely eyes."

So is Alec Baldwin, whose acidulous "Saturday Night Live" Trump impression apparently failed to persuade people: "The billionaire Republican businessman is close to winning the race and world markets are crashing. He's all yours, America. He's all yours."

You can taste the smugness in that one.

Former "Saturday Night Live" cast-member Taran Killam exemplified the entertainment elites on Twitter: "Rural = so stupid."

Chris Evans, who plays Captain

America in the movies, might want to consider moving to another country. "This is an embarrassing night for America. We've let a hatemonger lead our great nation. We've let a bully set our course. I'm devastated."

Director Judd Apatow yelled at no Trump voter in particular: "You just elected the swamp! You gave the swamp total control. You are a fool. You didn't do the math. Putin celebrates your ignorance."

"West Wing" creator Aaron Sorkin was inconsolable: "Angry young white men who think rap music and Cinco de Mayo are a threat to their way of life (or are the reason for their way of life) have been given cause to celebrate. ... Hate was given hope."

"Scandal" actor Joshua Malina complained: "Somewhere tonight there's a little, racist, narcissistic, woman-hating, Jew-baiting kid who now knows that he can grow up to be President."

Actor/polemicist Dax Shepard: "Dear all my friends, I was wrong. It wasn't a landslide for Hillary." He really had his finger on America's pulse, or so he thought. Or there's Lindsay Lohan, who tweeted "Retweet if you want a recount."

Retweet if you think Lohan makes sense -- ever.

Comedian Patton Oswalt was trying to improve morale with this confusing lesson: "We survived 8 years of Bush. We can survive 2 1/2 years of Trump." Hmm. The Parliament's having a no-confidence vote in 2019?

The Hollywood left demand everyone watch them, adore them and, when necessary, obey them. It's great fun to see the results of our civil disobedience.

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Sonora celebrated the Bi-District Championship win over the Tolar Rattlers on Friday, November 11th at Mustang Stadium in Marble Falls. The Broncos advance to the Area round for their next step in reaching their goal of a sixth state championship.

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Broncos:

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stop the Broncos. Jackson immediately answered with a 25-yard TD reception from Cordell.

At the start of the final quarter, the Broncos charged forward with another Cordell-to-Jackson touchdown pass ensuring the Broncos lead over the Rattlers.

In keeping with their mascot's reputation, the Rattler's tried to slither back into the game and managed to post 14 points late in the game. But, it wasn't enough to save Tolar as the Broncos were determined to take the win.

Sonora fans began celebrating when Michael Solis crossed the goal line with two minutes left to play, scoring on a 48-yard pass from Cordell.

The score iced the game and secured the Bi-District Championship trophy.

Speaking for himself and his team, Cordell said they didn't have any set backs or surprises during the game. Overall, he said the challenge was what the Broncos expected and he feels really good about going into their next game.

"We are really excited about being a Bi-District champion but we talked about it being a state championship tonight," she said. "We get to play another one next week so we'll keep taking them one at a time. A special thanks to Bronco Nation because we had a packed house tonight."

The Broncos now 10-1 on the season will be on the road Thursday, November 17, to play Spearman (7-4) in

the Class 3A Area Championship game at Plains Capital Park Stadium (Lowery Field) in Lubbock.

Game time is set for 7:00 p.m.

No pre-sale tickets are available. Admission at Gate is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and children.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the Broncos. But, for those who cannot make it to the game, the contest will be carried live on KHOS 92.1 FM with Virgil Burge and Craig Leonard calling the game from the press box.

Players of the Week vs Tolar include:

Special Teams Player of the Week: Carlos Mendoza Sponsored by Eddy Smith KHOS FM 92.1

Offensive Lineman of the Week: Julian Guerra (91) Sponsored by Kirk Joy

Hit of the Week: Christian Ramon Sponsored by Leonard Livestock

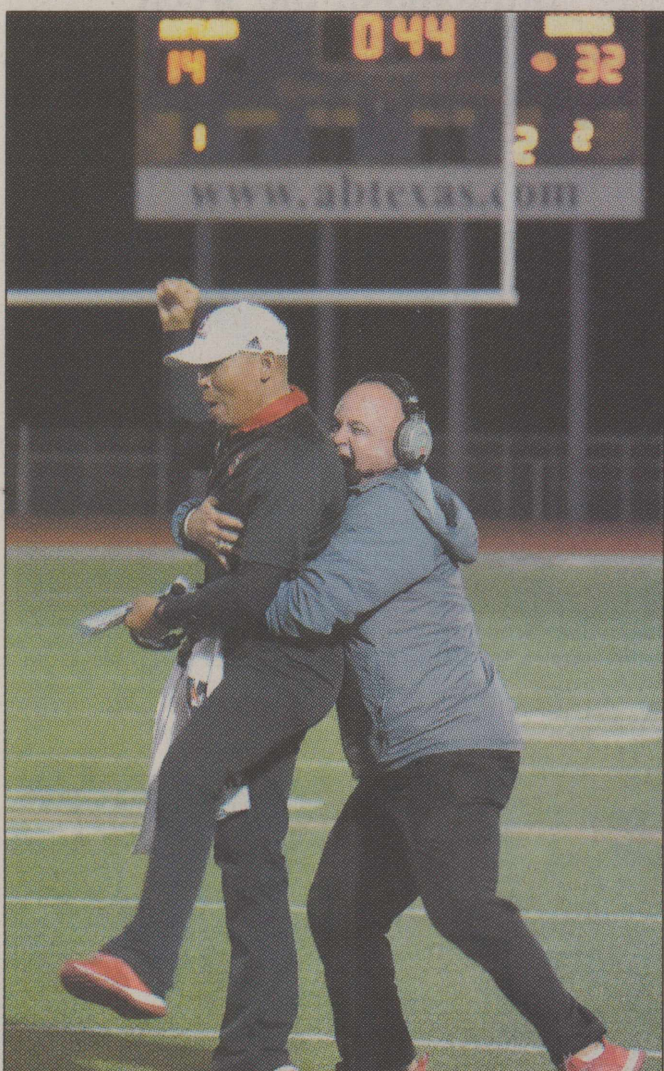
Defensive Player of the Week: Rafael Mendoza and Juan Villanueva Sponsored by Virgil Burge

Offensive Player of the Week: Michael Solis and Noah San Miguel Sponsored by Sonora Knights of Columbus

Scout Team Player of the Week: Joe Mikael Hidalgo Sponsored by Just Bling It Rita Gonzales

Trainer of the Week: Jasmine Talamantez sponsored by Mungia Southwest Heating and AC

Coach of the Week: Coach Jay Valdez and Bucky Nance Sponsored by Buck N Bass-Terry Johnson



Coaches Jeff Cordell and David T. Sine celebrate a 32-14 lead over the Rattlers at the end of the first half of Friday's Bi-District game between Sonora and Tolar. The Broncos rolled on to a 53-35 win over the Rattlers, advancing to the Class 3A Region I Area Championship playoff.

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COMING UP NEXT
Sonora Broncos vs Spearman Lynx

When: 7:00 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 17
Where: Lubbock, TX
LISTEN: KHOS 92.1 FM - Broadcasters Virgil Burge and Craig Leonard



Back Row (L-R) Amber Vasquez, Elyssa Prieto. Front Row (L-R) Marisol Capuchin, Lesli Jane Ramirez, Natalia Vollarobos.

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St. Ann's 2016 Queen Named During Annual Fall Festival

Submitted by Kathy Hardgrave

About 35 people participated in the St. Ann's annual Fall Festival, Sunday, October 23rd.

Patrons enjoyed a variety of activities including games, facepainting, silent auction and raffle.

Music by DJ Sonidero Estrella and Grupo Accion del Norte entertained the crowd as well as Charro singing by Joseph Ivan Abrego and Monseratt DeLaFuente Monseratt and Mariana DeLaFuente, and Nayelli Agüero danced traditional Mexican dances dressed in colorful dresses adding to the occasion.

Festival goers also celebrated the crowning of the 2016 St. Ann's Queen Elyssa Prieto as well as Little Prince Riley Sucedo and Little Princess Jocelyn

Campa.

Lesli Ramirez was awarded 1st runner up, Marisol Capuchin earned 2nd runner up and Natalia Villalobos was named 3rd runner up. Also, Yarixa Ozuna was named 1st runner up for Little Princess.

As a special treat this year, several ladies including Blanca Virgen, 1st place, Blanca Virgen, 2nd place and Brenda Mungia, 3rd place, showed off their creative talent decorating wreaths.

Prizes were awarded for the raffle drawing. Raffle winners included Ayden Sims, Rebecca Martinez, Justin Sims, Frank Avila and Rodolfo Charo.

In keeping with tradition, St. Ann's is looking forward to another enjoyable and successful Fall Festival next year.

BIRTHDAYS
Look Who's Celebrating!

- NOVEMBER**
- 17th Jennie Sue Trainer, Diane Reiner
 - 18th Cadesman Pope, Micky Jackson
 - 19th Melissa Teaff, Jessie Kerbow, Diane Benson
 - 20th Chelsea Martinez, Blanca Fay
 - 21st Brian Payton
 - 22nd Jim Brisbin
 - 23rd Jim Modgling, Tonya Bounds
 - 24th Tommy Love, Paige Love-Sykes, Maray Cearley, Brandon Duncan, Johnell Casparis

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Due to the football playoff game, Sonora schools will dismiss at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 17.

No school Friday, November 18.

No School Monday, November 21 through Friday, November 25 due to Thanksgiving holiday.



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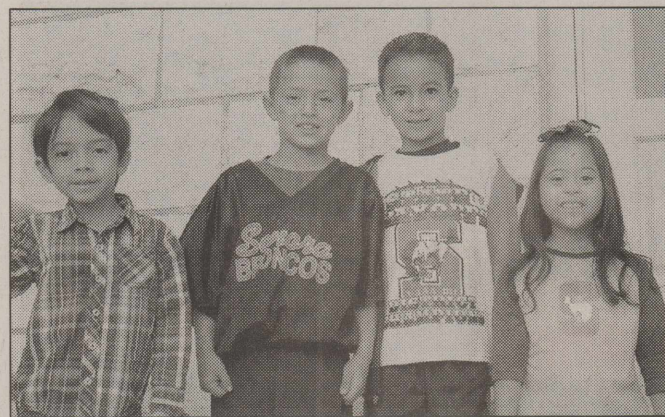
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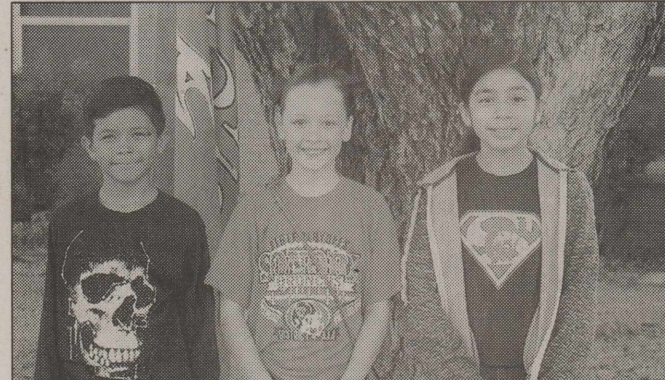
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Elementary School Students for the week of November 14-18, Josh Valley, Pre-K, Andrea Huichapa, K, Donato Gonzalez, 1st, Cason Day, 2nd.

Sonora ISD Students of the Week

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Intermediate School Students for the week of November 14-18, Justin Gonzales, 3rd, Jaedyn Bailey, 4th, Jolenne Pasillas Galaviz, 5th.



Middle School Students For The Week of November 14-18, Shakira Villanueva, 6th, Jessica Campa, 7th, Reagan Owen, 8th.

HONOR ROLL

Sonora Elementary Honor Roll 2nd Six Weeks

1st Grade
(S) Delilah Alonso, Daniel Alviso, Carla Banuelos, Kenzee Bryant, Evelyn Campa, Caidn Cardenas, Armani Coronado, Brailyn Galindo, Sofia Garcia, Jesus Garza III, Alfredo Gaspar, Donato Gonzalez, Yarixa Gonzalez-Ozuna, Landen Guerra, Kaasi Gutierrez, Brook Kaiser, Richard Leal, Luis Lopez Rodriguez, Karysah Lopez, Miranda Mata, Presley Mayfield, Melissa Mota, Ryan Mungia, Samantha Nichols, Gregorio Olmedo, Mariselda Parra Martinez, Ryder Phillips,

Nathan Rivas, Jack Rogers, Eduardo Salazar, Allen Smith, Luke Snyder, Emma Solis
2nd Grade
(A) Lynden Cearley, Woody Crow, Mia Escamilla, Madelyn Hernandez, Madison Noriega, Aaron Segura, Elrey Silva, Jayden Welborn
(A/B) Gael Duenes Sosa, Eian Duncan, Leyla Gamez, Wyatt Killough, Grace Moore, Emily Nichols, Nayeli Rodriguez, Gunner Routh, Sydney Routh, Bronson Schenkel, Kendall Thorp

HONOR ROLL

Sonora Intermediate Honor Roll 2nd Six Weeks

3rd Grade
(A) Brody Bryan
(A/B) Fernanda Arredondo, Kody Prather
4th Grade
(A) Johnathan Cardenas, Sabrinah Castro, Naylana Estrada, Sicily Gutierrez, Larissa Hodnett, Owen Jones, Aaron Martinez, Ollie Murr, Luke Nichols, Ava Rodriguez, Reese Thibodeau, Braylin Welborn, Jayla Williams
(A/B) Jaedyn Bailey, Shay Boggs, Corbin Crenwelge, Kalena Foster, Liliana Gallegos, Jorge Leija,

Justin Lozano, Michaelangelo Lujan, Christian Martinez, Elizabeth Pasillas Galaviz, Slade Phillips, Rylie Thorp
5th Grade
(A) Cassia Hernandez, Jolenne Pasillas Galaviz, Agassi Rodriguez, Atalia Ruiz Acosta
(A/B) Aguero, Nayelli, Ileana Baker, Jared Contreras, Johanna Dooley, Sam Luke Lira, Kasey Lix, Jacob Martinez, Marcos Perez-Garcia, Caitlynn Ramirez, Luis Rivas Jr, Roberto Rodriguez III, Selena Andrea Rodriguez, Elija Samaniego

HONOR ROLL

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6th Grade
(A) Koda Davis, Molly Friess, Gage Owen, Juan Torres-Alvarez, Shakira Villanueva
(A/B) Joseph Abrego, Sophia Acevedo, Ashley Castilleja, Ignacio Coronado, Austin Figueroa, Tanner Flanagan, Jonathan Galvan, Emilio Garcia, Sebastian Garza, Alexis Hernandez, Alma Hernandez, Makinna Holmes, Aidan Leamon, Daniela Lozano, Madison Mayfield, Mia Mcgee, Jacob Perez, Makinna Price, Lorena Reyes, Brandon Rocha, Gabriel Valdez
7th Grade
(A) Isabella Arispe, Carson Cahill, Koda Davis, Yailin Dominguez, Abigail Duncan, Sophia Gutierrez, Abigail Mendoza
(A/B) Ariana Arispe, Abby Bennie, Jessica Campa, Jina Dooley, Briana Espinosa, Abigail Fuentes, Ivan Fuentes, Jacqueline Galindo,

Guillermo Garcia, Brijida Garza, Zachary Bailey, Taryn Hamm, Abigail Hernandez, Amaris Jimenez, Susie Levano, Fernanda Lozano, Sklar Mogford, Mariana Montoya, San Mungia, Alisa Paredes, Alexis Ramirez, Laci Ramirez, Joelyn Rodriguez, Dalissa Sanchez, Jessica Smith, Mariah Talarantes, Lane Taylor, Carlynn Teaf Jacqueline Torres, Tyler Walther
8th Grade
(A) Jaci Dutto, Juan Garza, Ricardo Ramirez
(A/B) Kaylenn Alvarez, Madison Bristow, Ilze Catteras, Rashel De Luna, Felipe Esada, Madalyn Fisher, Martha Gonzalez, Preston Gonzalez, Alan Hernandez, Christopher Hernandez, Zachary Joffrion, Aaron Priega, Reagan Owen, Elias Pere, Harmony Ramirez, Mirand Renteria, Esmeralda Salazr, Victoria Salazar, Brady Vylecka

SONORA WEATHER FORECAST

Thu 11/17	Fri 11/18	Sat 11/19	Sun 11/20	Mon 11/21
75/56	69/44	64/42	63/44	66/51
Mainly sunny and windy. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 5:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 5:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 5:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 5:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 5:43 PM

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ACROSS
1. Yankee slugger Roger
6. Sporty Chevy
11. Hard throw, in baseball
14. One of Donald's exes
15. Special Forces unit
16. Director DuVernay
17. Golf locale
19. Sink
20. Its point is to make holes
21. "Sure"
22. Texas leaguer?
24. Money for old age: Abbr.
25. Lower Saxony city
27. Cap'n's mate
30. Braces wearer, jokingly
35. CPR pros
36. Red ink amount
37. Town north of Anaheim
38. Fabled racer
39. Actor Foxx
40. Civil rights concern
41. Soprano's song, maybe
42. Sports event
43. Pound of verse
44. Informal chat

47. Musical interval
48. Israel's Dayan
49. Gives the go-ahead
51. Like some vin
53. Exclusive
55. Grimm character
58. Hurt
59. Crayfish
63. Brooks of "The Producers"
64. Confessed, with "up"
65. Square things

DOWN
1. Isinglass
2. Declare
3. Brother of Fidel
4. Place to stay
5. Nymph chaser
6. "___ con Dios!"
7. Make an impression
8. Rolodex abbr.

9. ___ lepton (physics particle)
10. Preserve for burial
11. Remove bacteria from, as milk
12. At any time
13. Madrid mouser
18. Cheat
23. Drools
24. Available
25. Vegas attraction
26. Besides
27. Joy on "The View"
28. TV actor Jason
29. Chains of chains, often
31. Run out
32. Actress Marisa
33. Eye drops
34. Deals with
39. Kid
45. Conditional deposit
46. ___ contendere
50. Food on a stick
51. The Crimson Tide, familiarly
52. Told a whopper
53. TV Guide info
54. Cutlass or Delta 88
55. Old school
56. Give for a while
57. Guitar part
60. Need to pay
61. "This is ___"
62. Erwin of early TV

"GENRE EXERCISE"

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COMMISSIONERS:

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Thursday, December 15, for the annual Sutton County Employee appreciation dinner.

Without further discussion or visitor comments the meeting adjourned.

Judge Steve Smith presided over the meeting. Commissioners Bob Brockman, Fred Perez and Mike Villanueva were present.

Carl Teaff was absent. The next Special Meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners is slated for Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sutton County Annex Building.

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners is slated for Monday, November 28, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sutton County Annex Building.

KoC Hosts Annual Community Thanksgiving Luncheon

The Sonora Knights of Columbus is hosting its annual community Thanksgiving luncheon, Sunday, November 20th.

The seasonal dinner is open to the public at no cost. A meal including turkey with all of the trimmings will be served to all who participate.

Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center and patrons may feast until everyone is stuffed and the food is gone. Donations are welcome.

For more information, call Joelian Miguel at 325-226-105.



Sonora High School students pose for a photo following their Ladies Luncheon, Monday, November 14. Back row (L-R) Carly Brown, Noelia Tovar, Rivers Martinez, Olivia Martinez, Amber Flinn, Molly Taylor, Abby Lopez. Middle row (L-R) Sherclan Walther, Viviana Arellano, Ana Salas, Alyssa Moreno, Traci Vickers, Adriana Gonzalez, Adriana Campa, Sydney Robles. Front row (L-R) Jessica Predes, Chantal Ramirez, Zayda Gutierrez, Shyanne Gamez, Avery Leamon.

COURTESY PHOTO

Perry Files Legislation to Eliminate Sanctuary Cities in State of Texas

AUSTIN – State Senator Charles Perry on Tuesday filed SB 4 to eliminate Sanctuary Cities in the State of Texas by requiring local governments and law enforcement to uphold the rule of law and enforce the immigration laws currently on the books.

On Monday, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick listed ending sanctuary city policies as one of his top 10 priorities for the session stating: "No city in Texas should be allowed to ignore the law. We will end this practice once and for all this session."

"By electing a

Republican president and Republican majorities in Congress, the American people made it clear that solving our illegal immigration crisis must be a priority," Senator Perry said. "That starts by eliminating sanctuary cities, securing our border, and enforcing the immigration laws we currently have on the books. We cannot sit idly by and allow local policies to undercut efforts made at the federal and state level."

In 2015, Perry authored SB 185 which would have eliminated Sanctuary Cities within the State of Texas. Later that year, the murder of Kate Steinle led to a

national uproar and movement to eliminate Sanctuary City policies that allow for violent criminal aliens to walk our streets freely.

In July of this year, the U.S. Department of Justice released updated rules disqualifying sanctuary cities from receiving U.S. Department of Justice grant money.

"Banning sanctuary city policies will help prevent criminal aliens from being put back on our streets," continued Perry. "I have no doubt that with the help of my colleagues in the Texas Legislature, we will pass this bill."

Ladies Luncheon Cultivates Self-love and Girl Power Among Sonora High School Students

By Alyssa Moreno, Intern, The Devil's River News

Some may hear "Ladies Luncheon", and think that it is a group of women gossiping and eating finger sandwiches.

They could not be more wrong.

This group of young women, ranging in age from 14 years to 18 years, are not gossiping about their peers. Actually, the whole idea behind this special lunch event is the opposite of girls pitted against girls.

Ladies Luncheon is a place where girls lift each other up and support one another.

Sonora High School Social Studies teacher, Laurie Norrell, is the mastermind behind the extraordinary idea.

"I wanted a place where girls can learn that they don't have to be what society wants them to be, it has become more of a mentoring program," Norrell said.

Some of the things that this event does is educate girls in self-defense, breast cancer awareness, healthy relationships, conflict resolution, and even how to change a tire and check oil, Norrell added.

Occasionally, speakers from the community come and give a different perspective on topics in which the girls have expressed interest. On average 20-30 girls eat lunch together, share and discuss openly issues that are relevant to their lives. There are always lots of questions and answers and Norrell loves answering questions honestly in order for the girls to learn and have real information instead of misinformation.

Ladies lunch has become a home for some and educational experience for others.

"We are a small group of girls that cultivate self-love and girl power. Not only do we learn life tips but we also grow together," Jessica

Paredes, SHS Sr., said.

One of the main goals is to give the ladies of the school a positive influence, mentors they can trust, and make friends they didn't know they could have.

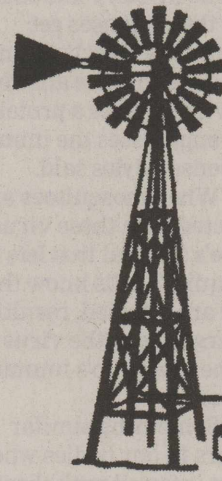
The Ladies Luncheon was originally funded completely by Norrell and Pam Crenwelle, SHS Journalism teacher.

Without them, Ladies Luncheon would not have been able to continue.

Local businesses, organizations, and individuals now contribute to help with the cost.

Some of the previous donors are Hudspeth Hospital, Johnna Gibson, the Ministerial Alliance, First Baptist Church, Mr. Kinsire, The Lions Club, and Delta Kappa Gamma.

"My goal is to help prepare them to be strong independent women in today's world," Crenwelle said. "Mrs. Norrell is my partner in crime in helping everything go off without a hitch."



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- Meal preparation
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- Conversation and Companionship

Hospice services are covered by Medicare.

SCHD Trustees Approve Re-Appointments for Home Health and Hospice Administrators

The Sutton County Hospital District Board members approved Home Health and Hospice re-appointments during their regular meeting Monday, November 14. The selections were necessary due to recent administrative staff changes. Personnel and their duties include:

Lynn Burchell, Administrator of Home Health, Lynn Burchell Administrator of Hospice, Joe Marshall, Alternate Administrator of Home Health, Joe Marshall, Alternate Administrator of Hospice, Lynn Burchell, Director of Clinical Services Home Health, Lynn Burchell, Director of

Clinical Services Hospice, Pat Gomez, Alternate Director of Clinical Services Home Health and Pat Gomez, Alternate Director of Clinical Services Hospice.

In regular business, the board approved the minutes of the October 10th regular

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The Bank & Trust is proud to announce the addition of Darcy Weishuhn as Assistant Vice President of Commercial Lending in San Angelo.

Darcy's roots are in West Texas. She was raised on a ranch outside of Sterling City, and earned a degree

in Agribusiness and Finance from Angelo State University. "I've always enjoyed working with people, so I decided to go into banking after seeing the important role financing and a good bank relationship had on my parents and other ranchers trying to manage their business." Weishuhn says of her over seven years of banking experience.

"We are very fortunate to be able to add an officer of Darcy's caliber and experience to our San Angelo banking family," noted Brady Johnson, President of The Bank & Trust. "Darcy brings a strong commitment of customer service and a solid business banking background to our team. This, along with her West Texas work ethic, creates a seamless fit with our bank's philosophy to go above and beyond to serve our Concho Valley customers."

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AgriLife Research Team Makes Strides in Fight Against Zika

By Steve Byrns

There's a war raging on a tiny battlefield and the outcome could well touch millions of people worldwide threatened by Zika and related viruses.

The key ally unlocking the mystery surrounding this conflict is the long-dreaded yellow fever virus.

Dr. Kevin Myles, Gladys "Hazitha" Samuel and Dr. Zach Adelman are Texas A&M AgriLife Research scientists at Texas A&M University, College Station, who published "Yellow fever virus capsid protein is a potent suppressor of RNA silencing that binds double-stranded RNA."

The paper appears in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Go to <http://bit.ly/2eYsyIQ>.

The mystery has been how these viruses get around the insect's immune response, and the answer is the virus makes a protein that suppresses the immune response, Myles said.

"When mosquitoes are infected with these viruses, there's a signal that lets the mosquito's cells know that they are infected, resulting in targeting of the virus by the mosquito's immune response.

"Something similar occurs in our bodies when we're infected with these viruses; there are signals our cells detect that let our immune system know all is not well," he said. The AgriLife Research team found a protein that is produced by yellow fever virus, as well as Zika virus, West Nile virus and dengue virus, that suppresses the immune response of the mosquito.



Aedes aegypti mosquito.

(Texas A&M AgriLife Research photo by Gabriel Hamer)

"While the mosquito doesn't want the virus in its body any more than we want it in ours, and is trying to get rid of it, the virus isn't defenseless," Myles said. "It's fighting back and deploying its own countermeasures. Basically this is what's known as an evolutionary arms race. The survival of this group of viruses depends on their ability to stay one step ahead of the mosquito's immune response."

Now that the scientists know this, there are a couple of options.

By using gene drive, a method targeting specific genes, they could go in and tip the scale in the mosquito's favor.

Alternatively, they could give the nod to the virus. In the latter, the virus would actually make the mosquito sick preventing

transmission to humans.

"It will also be interesting to see if this protein interferes with the human immune response," Myles said. "Certainly similar types of proteins have been found in other viruses that are not transmitted by mosquitoes but do infect people, influenza viruses for example.

"If it does interfere with our immune response, it could become a target for vaccine development, not only for Zika virus, but possibly other viruses as well. "More research is needed before we reach that point though, but as ironic as it may seem, we are using the yellow fever virus, once arguably the most feared pestilence in the Western Hemisphere, to help us defeat the Zika virus and quite possibly others as well."

Myles and Adelman joined the department of entomology at Texas A&M on Aug. 1. The scientists were previously at Virginia Tech and now lead AgriLife Research's efforts to stop Zika.

Myles is working to understand the basic biology of how viruses such as Zika replicate in mosquitoes, and Adelman's projects involve creating mosquitoes resistant to viruses such as Zika.

For more information, contact Myles at 979-458-3110, mylesk@tamu.edu.

SHCD TRUSTEES:

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meeting and the October 12th special meeting - with a correction.

The board also approved the financial report for the period ending September 30.

Trustees went behind closed doors two separate times to discuss personnel matters and deliberations involving medical staff and PI committee.

Following executive session, a motion was made and the board approved to extend the housing agreement for John Graves for an additional year following the expiration of the existing agreement.

In other business trustees approved medical staff recommendations including Elroy Cantrell, MD, Michael Young, M.D. and Philip Czekaj, M.D. to two-year Associate staff as well as extending temporary privileges of Michael Peterson, M.D. to December 15, 2016.

Board members approved a services agreement with Loree Tamayo Consulting (LTC), Home Health and Hospice.

They also approved policy updates based upon recommendations made by Richard Hoeth, Consultant, Texas Health Insurance Exchange, following a recent audit.

Revised policies include Tuition Assistance, Evaluation of Employee, Injury/Exposure Occurrence, Dress Code, Modified Light Duty/Return to Work Policy and Return to Work Process, Equal Employment Opportunity and Harassment, Family and Medical Leave Act, Code of Conduct and Pharmacy.

About four visitors sat quietly as the meeting adjourned.

President Sharon Holman presided over the meeting. Edward Earwood, Don Longoria, John Henry Strauch, Lenora Pool and Mary Humphrey were present. Adaleta Alvarez was absent.

The next regular meeting of the SHCD Board of Directors is slated for December 12, 6:00 p.m. at the LMH Wellness Center.

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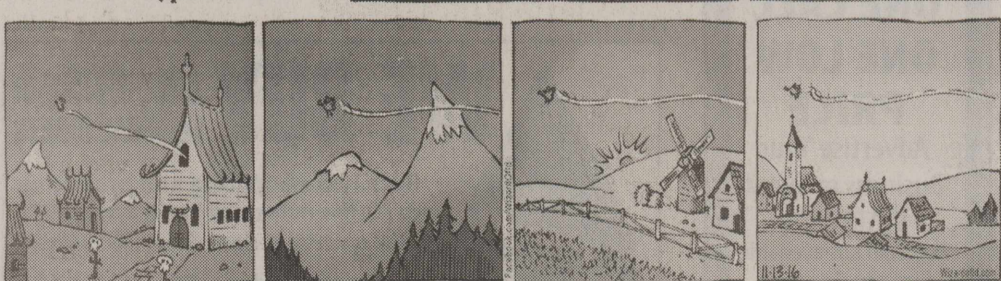
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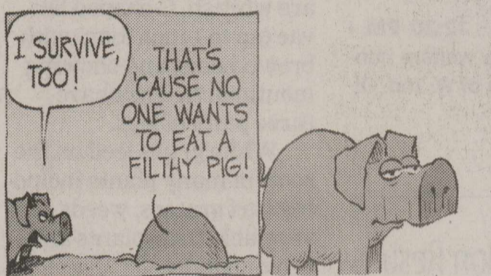
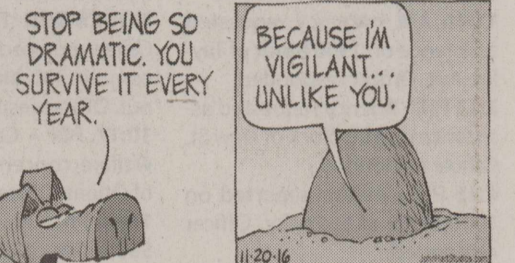
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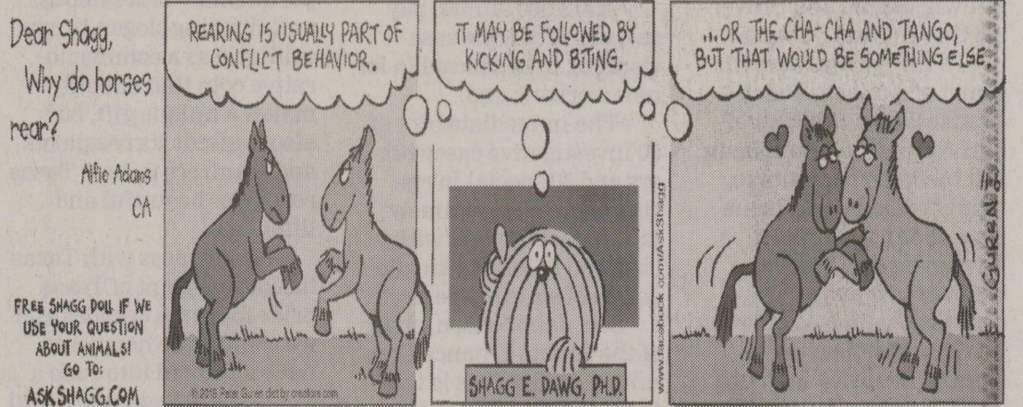
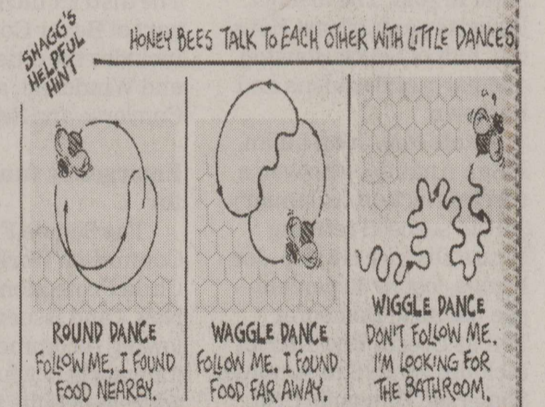
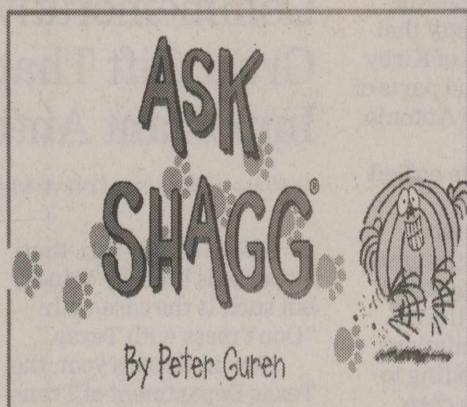
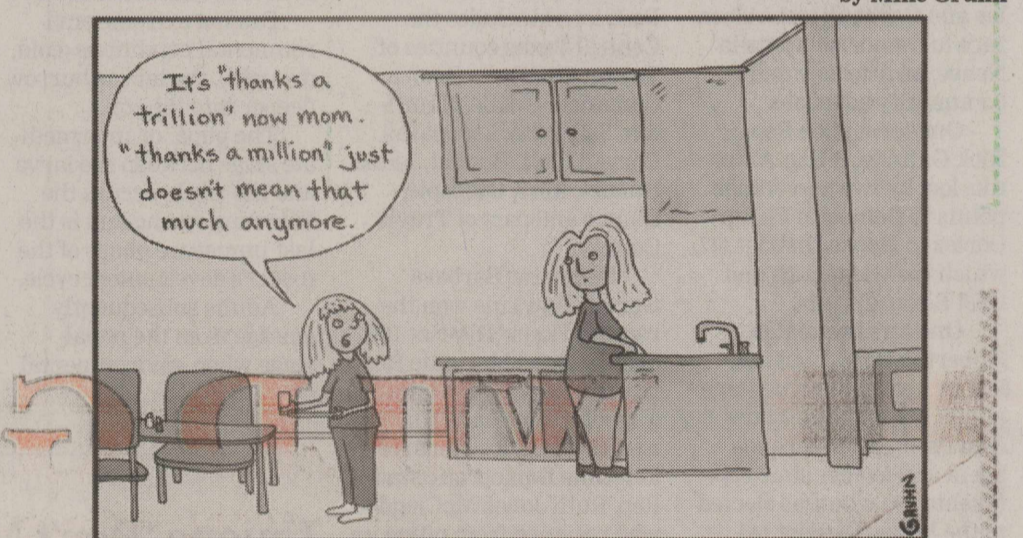
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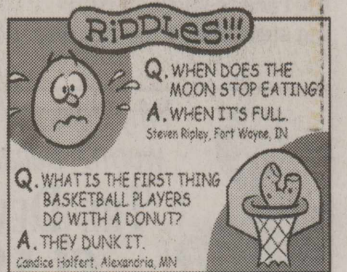
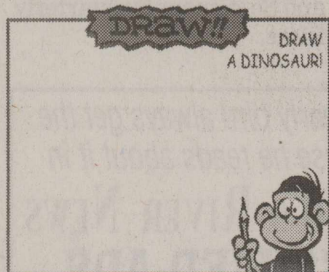


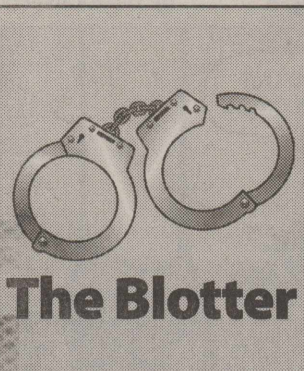
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by Mike Gruhn



DOODLES





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

NOVEMBER 13 • John David Lozano, 34 year-old male, arrested for Failure to Report Striking a Fixed Object.

INCIDENTS

NOVEMBER 7 - 10:28 AM • Alarm reported at Subway Stripes. Officer responded. 11:40 AM • Agency requested assistance on 1900 block of Taylor Ave. Officer responded. 3:13 PM • Agency requested assistance on 400 block of New St. Officer responded. 4:15 PM • Animal reported on 1000 block of E. Poplar. Officer responded. 9:25 PM • Alarm reported at Mr. D's. Officer responded. 10:47 PM • Animal reported on 500 block of Hwy 277. Officer responded.

NOVEMBER 8 - 3:45 PM • Suspicious activity/person reported at Sonora Elementary. Officer responded.

4:29 PM • Accident/Wreck reported at E. Chestnut and S. Crockett. Officer responded.

6:45 PM • Officer requested on 200 block of Ben Juarez. Officer responded.

NOVEMBER 9 - 10:15 AM • Caller reported a fire near the airport. Officer responded.

NOVEMBER 10 - 6:09 PM • Civil standby on 600 block of Fay. Officer responded.

NOVEMBER 11 - 8:15 AM • Animal reported near Multichem. Officer responded.

10:31 AM • Funeral escort requested. Officer responded.

3:35 PM • Suspicious person reported on 600 block of 277 N. Officer responded.

4:21 PM • Caller reported a welfare concern on 100 block of Dos. Officer responded.

11:24 PM • Possible accident/wreck reported near Mile Marker 407-408 I-10 West Bound. Officer responded.

NOVEMBER 12 - 4:30 PM • Caller reported a welfare concern on 300 block of W. Chestnut. Officer responded.

10:17 PM • Caller reported a welfare concern on 1100 block of Orient. Officer responded.

11:46 PM • Animal reported on 500 block of W. Chestnut. Officer responded.

NOVEMBER 13 - 12:20 PM • Caller reported a welfare concern on 300 block of W. 2nd. Officer responded.

Grubs are the Cause for Digging in Lawns

Skunks, armadillos and other critters have been busy digging up landscapes this fall.

They're not just randomly digging, they've been after the white grubs that

are common this time of year.

White grubs are the immature stages of June beetles, commonly called "June bugs."

There are more than 90 species in Texas.

Once a year, in late spring or summer, adult beetles emerge from the soil to mate.

Mated females then return to the soil to lay eggs.

Within about two weeks the eggs hatch into small white grubs that feed on grass roots. White grubs are whitish, C-shaped larvae (up to 1-inch long) with brown heads and chewing mouthparts. They have three pairs of legs.

White grubs feed on the roots of many plants including turf grasses, weeds, vegetable transplants and ornamentals.

Severely damaged turf grass dies because of the lack of roots.

During extreme environmental conditions (cold, drought), the larvae burrow deeper into the soil.

The pupa, or intermediate stage between the larva and the adult, occurs the following spring and is the last immature phase of the insect's development cycle.

Adults subsequently emerge from the pupal stage when environmental

conditions are favorable in early- to late-summer.

Most damage from white grubs occurs during midsummer to early fall when the larger larvae are actively feeding.

Peak adult emergence is important because approximately 5 weeks later eggs laid by mated females will hatch.

This is the best time for insecticide treatment to prevent white grub damage where there is a history of white grub problems.

Insecticides are most effective when the turf is watered thoroughly just before and after treatment.

Turf grasses that are highly fertilized and frequently watered have a thick thatch layer and/or are grown in highly organic soils are most vulnerable to attack.

The need for insecticide treatments also can be determined by sampling for white grubs.

The treatment threshold is considered as five grubs per square foot.

Applying insecticide while white grubs are small prevents unnecessary damage to turf and increases the chances that the chemical will provide control.

Insecticides containing imidacloprid have been an effective treatment option. Skunks and armadillos also provide control, but do tear up the landscape.

For additional information, contact the County Extension Office.



Pascual Hernandez

Devil's River News Weekly Rainfall Report. Table showing monthly rainfall for 2015 and 2016, with year-to-date totals. Includes rainfall data collection locations and sponsor information: Texas Farm Bureau Insurance, Ruth Wallace (325)387-6504.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Election Results

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Mesquite and parts of Dallas and Garland, lost a close race to Democrat Victoria Neave, an attorney and community advocate.

- One-term state Rep. Rick Galindo, R-San Antonio, lost by two percentage points to Democrat Philip Cortez in House District 117, which includes south and west Bexar County.

- One-term state Rep. Gilbert Pena, R-Houston, lost by nearly 21 percentage points to Democrat Mary Ann Perez, an insurance agent and former state representative who was elected to the House District 144 seat in 2012 and lost to Pena in 2014. The district includes parts of east Houston, half of South Houston, and parts of Pasadena and Baytown.

- State Rep. John Lujan, R-San Antonio, who won a special election in January 2016 to succeed retiring House District 118 Rep. Joe Farias, lost by 10 percentage points to Democrat Tomas Uresti. The district includes south San Antonio, Somerset, Elmendorf, St. Hedwig, Selma and Universal City in Bexar County.

- In the race for the 4th Court of Appeals, Place 6, Justice Jason Pulliam of San Antonio, a Republican, lost by three percentage points to Democrat Irene Rios of San Antonio, a former Bexar County court-at-law judge. The court is comprised of seven justices who hear cases from 32 counties in South Texas and the Texas Hill Country.

In a few other races:

- Former state Rep. Wayne Christian, a Republican, won a seat on the three-member Texas Railroad Commission with 53 percent of the vote.

- Current state Rep. Boris Miles, D-Houston, won the race to succeed retiring longtime state Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, with 92.5 percent of the vote. Senate District 13 includes parts of Harris County and Fort Bend County.

- Republican Dawn Buckingham, a medical doctor, surgeon and former school board member, won the race to succeed retiring state Sen. Troy Fraser,

R-Horseshoe Bay, with 72.4 percent of the vote. Senate District 24 includes the Central Texas counties of Taylor, Callahan, Brown, Comanche, Mills, Hamilton, San Saba, Lampasas, Coryell, Bell, Burnet, Llano, Burnet, Kerr, Gillespie, Blanco and part of Travis County.

- Democrat Barbara Gervin-Hawkins won the race for House District 120 over independent state Rep. Laura Thompson, who won a special election to finish the unexpired term of longtime Democratic state Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, who resigned from office in January 2016, due to illness. The district includes the part of Bexar County that includes the cities of Kirby and Windcrest, and parts of Converse and San Antonio.

Emergency funds called for

The Senate Finance Committee Workgroup on Child Protection met on Nov. 7 and issued the following recommendations for emergency funding to address deficits in care:

- A \$12,000 annual pay raise for frontline caseworkers, to be phased in for new workers; and

- The immediate hire of 50 investigative caseworkers and 50 special investigators to ensure timely face-to-face contact with children following an allegation of abuse or neglect.

Sen. Jane Nelson, chair of the Senate Finance Committee, said, "This is the first step of a continuing effort, but rest assured we will do everything we can to protect children. There is no issue of greater importance."

Hegar sends tax rebates

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Nov. 9 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$737.9 million in local sales tax allocations for November, 0.8 percent more than in November 2015.

These allocations are based on sales made in September by businesses that report tax monthly, and sales made in July, August and September by quarterly filers.

Unique 'Don't Mess with Texas' Commemorative Coin Makes Great Gift That Continues Important Anti-Litter Message

As Texas population booms, collectible coins help offset costs of statewide litter pickup

AUSTIN – It's rare that a phrase is literally coined, but such is the case with "Don't mess with Texas."

Now in its 30th year, the Texas Department of Transportation's world-famous, anti-littering slogan is now available as a commemorative coin that not only makes a unique gift, but also reminds its recipients and admirers to keep Texas roadsides beautiful and litter-free.

"Don't mess with Texas" has been a point of Texas pride for three decades and we couldn't be happier to have it minted into such a meaningful keepsake," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "What better way to show or share your Texas spirit than by owning or giving one of these truly unique collector's items?"

Produced by Charitable Mint, the coins are available in silver and gold, and bear the world-famous "Don't mess with Texas" slogan on one side and the Texas State Seal on the other.

"We are extremely pleased to be partnering with TxDOT to produce these beautiful coins that also carry such an

important and iconic message," said Joel Duncan, owner and founder of Charitable Mint. "Being a part of the 'Don't mess with Texas' campaign is truly an honor."

Sure to enhance any collection, the "Don't mess with Texas" Commemorative Coin also helps offset the costs of litter pick-up services.

On average, Texas spends more than \$30 million annually on litter pickup. With Texas growing by 650 people each day, the message of litter prevention via the "Don't mess with Texas" campaign is as critical as ever to help save taxpayer dollars.

To purchase the "Don't mess with Texas" Commemorative Coin, visit www.dontmesswithtexas-coin.com

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TWC Announces Operation Welcome Home and Military Family Support Programs

AUSTIN - The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) announced on Tuesday two new initiatives to serve Texas veterans and their families.

The Operation Welcome Home and the Military Family Support programs were developed to assist recently separated service members and their spouses who are experiencing challenges in finding employment, completing two to four-year college programs or obtaining an appropriate certification to compete in the Texas job market.

These new programs are initiatives under the recommendations to enhance education and employment

opportunities for veterans published in the Tri-Agency Report to the Office of the Governor from the Texas Education Agency, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Workforce Commission.

The report entitled: Prosperity Requires Being Bold: Integrating Education and the Workforce for a Bright Texas Future was issued today.

"Our veterans are highly-trained and have sacrificed much for our country, which is why I have asked our state agencies to identify ways to enhance education and employment opportunities for veterans, in addition to

accelerating the transition of our military heroes into the Texas workforce," said Governor Greg Abbott.

"Operation Welcome Home and the Military Family Support programs help meet the needs of our transitioning military members in Texas by providing improved employment services to ensure that veterans may prosper in the next chapter of their lives."

"We are pleased that Texas veterans will have access to Operation Welcome Home and the Military Family Support programs that connect our veterans and their families with the advantages

that Texas offers," said Texas Workforce Commission Chairman Andres Alcantar.

"Texas' robust job market, quality of life and the services we offer veterans make us second to none as a post-service destination."

Operation Welcome Home provides \$4 million in grant funding to be used to train approximately 2,000 transitioning service members over the next two years.

Skills to Transition training funding will complement the efforts of the other transition programs and provide training opportunities to service members preparing for employment

in high-growth, high-demand occupations.

"The introduction of Operation Welcome Home and the Military Family Support programs will provide Texas employers more opportunities to connect with Texas veterans and their spouses who possess the skills and experience they need," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs.

"These programs give employers access to a more qualified workforce and recognizes the veteran's training and experience gained during their service to our country."

The Military Family Support program provides

\$1 million in grants to fund employment assistance for military spouses including enhanced job search assistance, assessment of skills, labor market information, and résumé writing and interview skills assistance.

"The transition to civilian life can be unnerving for many veterans," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. "These programs will guide disconnected and former service members and their spouses to job training resources that are available to them throughout the Lone Star State and provide them with the skills to succeed in our talented labor force."

Texas Roads Without a Fatality Free Day Since 11/7/2000

It has been 16 years since Texas could claim a day where there were no fatalities on our roads.

The fatalities add up to more than 55,578 people killed on Texas roadways over the past 16 years.

According to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) the leading causes of these deadly crashes continue to be failure to stay in one lane, alcohol and speed. TxDOT is promoting the "End the Streak" campaign to help end motor vehicle fatalities in Texas.

What if for one day everyone took

responsibility for themselves and their friends and there were no drunk drivers on our roads.

And there was not one person driving somewhere to drink without a plan for a sober ride home — and no underage drunk drivers were to be found anywhere.

What if there were no distracted drivers on the road. No teens were riding with other teens, which is the main source of their distractions and against the law according to the Graduated Driver License Law.

What if no youth or adult was driving while

using a cell phone and totally concentrating on their driving.

What if there was no driver speeding down the road and all were driving within the speed limit, including slowing down for construction and emergency vehicles, and driving more slowly and cautiously when weather conditions are bad.

What if we all took time to put on our seatbelts and make sure that all of our passengers were also buckled up.

And, that all children were riding in the correct car seat for their age,

weight and developmental stage.

What if the car seat had been inspected by a certified child passenger safety technician to make sure it was being used correctly and installed correctly.

What if there were no drowsy drivers on the road and every driver, including commercial drivers, made sure they were well rested and prepared for the trip.

What if every driver

made sure their vehicle and tires were in good condition and everyone drove defensively and civilly so that every car was treated as if the lives of the people inside were important. What if all drivers were looking out for each other.

What if all of these things could be done on the same day and Texas could once again enjoy a day where there was not one fatality on our roads?

Then, we could put an end to this terrible streak of roadway deaths in Texas — and it would bear repeating!

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service reminds us that these do not have to be just rhetorical questions. For information on the End the Streak campaign visit: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/media-center/psas/end-streak.html>.

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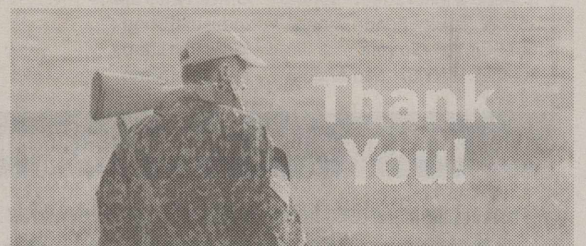
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