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CAN'T STOP, WON'T STOP



Sonora's Wesley Dutton eyes a Junction defender on his way to the end zone Friday during the Broncos' pre-district game against the Eagles. Sonora made easy work of Junction in their 61-20 win at Bronco Stadium. Next, Sonora travels to Tuscola this Friday with hopes of another victory over the Jim Ned Indians. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Sonora Clips Eagles 61-20 in Third game of Season, Going for 4-0 Against Jim Ned Indians

Now, 3-0 for the season, the Sonora Broncos are quickly proving that they are committed to being a top 3A Division II West Texas ball club and they intend to gain another victory this week when they travel to play the Jim Ned Indians at Indian stadium.

The Broncos achieved their third victory this season against the Junction Eagles last Friday at Bronco Stadium with a final score of 61-20.

Jim Ned will also be looking for another win to add to their season tally of 3-0. The Indians continued their winning streak with a 55-15 win over the Anson Tigers last week.

Broncos Head Coach Jeff Cordell said he is pleased with the improvements that his team continues to make each week but he thinks this week will be a true gridiron showdown.

"This week will be a battle of 2 undefeated teams, with both teams at 3-0, Cordell said. "Jim Ned has beaten 3 teams that are usual perennial powerhouses year end and year out. They opened the season with a 32-0 shut out over Coleman, week 2 beat Goldwaite 33-18 and last Friday Night beat Anson 55-16 (Anson was 2-0 coming into the ballgame). Coach Womack has the Indians playing well and with a lot of confidence. The Indians are averaging 40 points per game and their defense is only giving up 11 points per game. The Broncos are averaging 52 points per game and defensively giving up about 18 points a game."

There are a few key players to watch this week, according to Cordell. For the Indians, Quarterback Coalby Rives, #14,

is known for having a good arm and good feet. A dual threat, it will make it a challenge to keep him contained Cordell said. Additionally, Casey Hall, #2, Riley Perry, #6 and Cooper Castro, #16, all have the ability to break a game wide open. Offensively they will be very similar to the Sonora Broncos. They will attack defenses from the spread formation with the ability to hurt with either their run game or passing game. The Indians have proven to be solid in their offensive and defensive line. Therefore, the Broncos defensive and offensive line will have their hands full.

That being said, all of the Sonora Broncos players are key to the success on Friday Nights Cordell added.

"The young players are continually getting better and

must improve this week as well, Cordell said. "Communication and recognition of offensive and defensive fronts will also be important for the Broncos if we plan on coming away with a victory."

Although travel is always a factor in any game because it takes players out of their routine somewhat, Cordell said he thinks his players did a great job of adjusting to the itinerary for their first road game against Llano. Despite the time on the road and different playing field the Broncos won 42-28 over the Yellowjackets.

"We have great senior leadership and they help our team stay focused despite driving over 2 hours to play an opponent," Cordell said.

The Broncos will be making a road trip to Tuscola Friday for

their fourth non-district game this season. Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m. and Bronco Nation fans are encouraged to make the trip as well to fill the stands and cheer for their team.

Of course, the game will be carried live on KHOS 92.1 FM with Virgil Burge and Craig Leonard bringing all of the action from the press box.

Sonora 61 - Junction 20

The Sonora Broncos left no doubt after Friday night's game against the Junction Eagles that they are improving as a ball club and well on their way to fulfilling this year's goal of taking a sixth state championship.

With a 61-20 victory, the Broncos clipped the Eagles to win their third non-district game of the season while playing on

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Lady Broncos Challenged by Tough Area Competitors

The Lady Broncos have been on the road for their past three non-conference games and faced some tough competition along the way.

Last week, Sonora played Fredericksburg and Crane coming away with a loss and a win.

Although the Lady Broncos demonstrated good effort on the court against Fredericksburg, Tuesday, September 12th, it wasn't enough to serve a win against the Lady Billies, on their home court in Fredericksburg.

Unfortunately, the Sonora varsity team lost all three sets against Fredericksburg with scores of 13-25, 21-25, and 16-25.

Leading their team, Mary Kyle Johnson contributed 10 kills and 6 digs and Carly Brown had 5 kills, 3 digs, and 1 assist. Also contributing to the scores, Lane

Cahill had 2 kills and 2 digs, Delaney Ramsdell had 3 kills and 6 digs, Karah Martinez had 5 digs and Jackilyn Sykes had 4 digs and 17 assists.

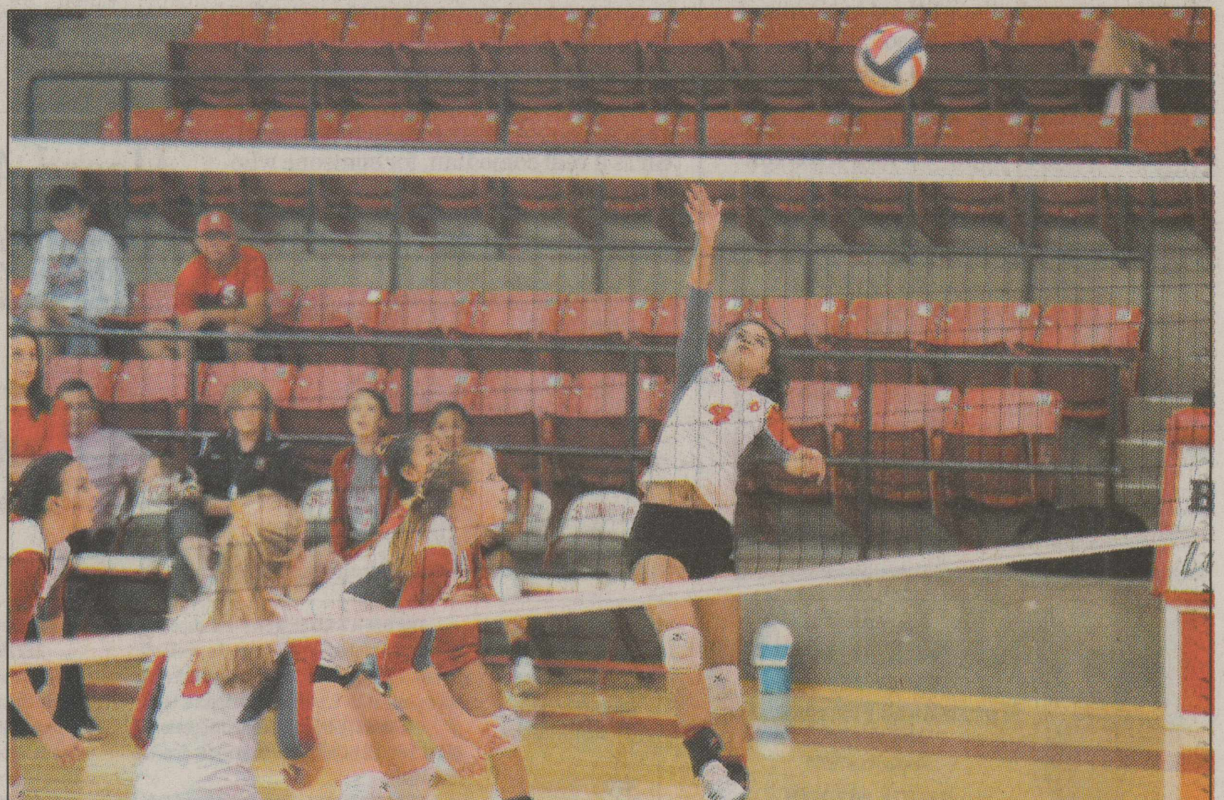
The Lady Broncos junior varsity and freshman teams also suffered a loss to the Lady Billies.

The ladies were back on the road again Saturday, September 16th, for a 3-set game against the Lady Cranes, in Crane.

Determined to recover from their loss against Fredericksburg, the Lady Broncos dominated all three sets and claimed the win with scores of 25-13, 25-23, and 25-15.

Combining their individual skills on the court, the Lady Broncos worked well together, as a team, to outscore their

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Lady Broncos varsity player Noelia Tovar goes for a kill during a 3-set match between Sonora and Junction Saturday, September 9, 2017. The Lady Broncos traveled to Fredericksburg, Crane and Water Valley for their past three games and will return to their home court this Saturday, September 23rd, to play Utopia. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Citizens, Government Agencies Continue Hurricane Recovery Work

AUSTIN — Help-is-on-the-way announcements from the governor's office came last week as residents of hard-hit counties of the state labored to pull themselves out the watery mire and windblown nightmare of Hurricane Harvey.

On Sept. 14, Gov. Greg Abbott spotlighted Texas Department of Transportation contractors' efforts to remove debris along state roadways in the Coastal Bend, the area that took a full frontal assault from the deadly storm that plowed ashore and battered Texas in late August and early September.

"The cleanup in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey is a job that will take months for Texans to complete," Abbott said, "but

our state agencies have been poised and ready to begin the work of clearing our roads and public spaces of the oftentimes dangerous debris left by this storm."

TxDOT, with its initial focus on Aransas, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio counties, worked to ensure roads and bridges were safe for travel. In addition to debris removal, the work included damage assessments, reopening roads, replacing and reactivating traffic signals, reinstalling stop, yield and one-way signs and resuming ferry service in Port Aransas.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality continue to coordinate recovery efforts. As of Sept. 14, the

TCEQ reported that of 2,238 drinking water systems affected by Harvey, some 2,014 systems are fully operational, 77 have boil-water notices and 19 were shut down. Also, the TCEQ said its personnel had made contact with 1,219 wastewater treatment plants in the 58 counties within the governor's disaster declaration, and 31 of those were inoperable.

Special day is proclaimed

Gov. Abbott proclaimed Sept. 12 as "Hand-In-Hand Day" and encouraged Texans to keep "the true nature of Texans on full display" by continuing to help hurricane victims. He noted that Texans had responded generously. "But there is even

more we can do," he added. "Now that the rescues are over, the response must continue. Thousands of Texans still need our help. ... At this time, I encourage my fellow Texans to consider the many ways they can extend their hand of support to those impacted by Hurricane Harvey and show their generosity to those affected by Hurricane Irma." Irma ravaged the Caribbean islands before

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

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A 5,000 Dollar Bull

While I was ranching in southern Pecos County, actually on the Block 156, the old Diamond Bar, I had some hereford cows. They were very beautiful red and white but did not do well in the Chihu-

It Happened Out West



By Joe N. Brown

huan desert. Due to this factor I was looking for a another breed bull to put some crossbred blood in my herd. This is the basis for this story.

While discussing this problem with a friend one day in the local coffee shop, a man at the next table overheard our conversation. He spoke up and said, "I apologize for breaking into your visit but I raise cattle in the desert at Elm Maso. I'm here as the contractor on the government flood control program and will be here for quite a while. May I move over and join you?"

I answered "If you know about raising cattle in the desert you are very welcome."

The man introduced himself as Rulon and said his company was building on the flood control cattle range. We talked about prices, breeds, and feeds. During this period of time we became coffee shop friends and visited regularly at the Kountry Kitchen on Main Street in Sanderson.

Sometime during these visits, Rulon stated that he had a two-year-old crossbred bull that he needed to sell. This caught my interest so we began to trace this bull's bloodlines back to see if he would work on my herd and the rough desert land I had leases on. It seemed this bull was a four-way crossblood and the crosses on this bull were Brahma, Angus, Simmental and Longhorn. Now if anything would work satisfactory in the desert this crossbred bull would.

Over a short period of time, and over many cups of coffee, we discussed a price on this bull that I wanted very badly. After much haggling we reached an agreeable price of 5,000 dollars delivered to Sanderson on my approval. If the bull did not meet my approval he went back home to El Paso.

This is where our story gets interesting by a lot.

One week my wife and I decided to get San Angelo for a few days to tend to business and buy supplies and groceries. This happened to be a when Rulon decided to deliver this bull. Still no problem but when he got to Sanderson he couldn't find a pen to unload the fine bull. After asking around, the county sheriff told Rulon he could put the bull in his pen for a couple of days. Now this pen was what the sheriff used for his sideline which he owned, a local packing house.

Here the interesting part picks up. The sheriff had to leave town and forgot to tell his workers about this bull. When they came to work with no instructions they ran the bull in the plant and slaughtered him. I came home and Rulon informed me the bull was in the sheriff's pen. I went to hook and found the pens empty. I questioned sheriff Hogg and his answer was that his crew only slaughtered one animal and it had come from El Paso.

I told the sheriff he has better notify Rulon as he owned that animal because I did not and to hope that Rulon did not sue him for 5,000 dollars for the loss of his fine bull.



The Multitudinous Multi-tasker

A phone used to be a phone and nothing more — except for maybe a paperweight. Now our "phones" are multi-taskers of the unlimited kind. Well, unless you go over your allotted gigabytes or data plan, but you know what I mean.

That's why I'm petitioning to change the name of cell phones. They shouldn't be called phones at all. I barely use mine as a phone. Talking on the phone is so blasé. So last century.

Plus it takes time. Instead of going through the excruciatingly laborious process of carrying on a conversation, we can now type the conversation with our thumbs on a tiny onscreen keyboard. Why talk with you can type? Typing is so much faster.

Communicating via text message or email is only the tip of the usefulness iceberg. I have a compass at my beck and call. Compasses are valuable tools for people who get lost easily. This describes me to a tee. I may not have an internal compass, but my phone does. I can hardly remember how I survived, life before compass.

Then there's the built-in locator that can help you find yourself, or your phone should you lose either. You can even track the location of your kids or spouse, not that anyone would find that useful.

Lets get serious. About Siri. She is everyone's best friend. In fact, she's better than a real live best friend because you can turn her off anytime you desire. Tired of Siri? Sick of her advice? Turn her off. And when you decide you need her to dial your phone or locate the nearest Starbucks, she's as friendly and chipper as always. She never holds your turning her off against you. Everyone needs a sidekick like Siri.

And, she (or he if you've got a male Siri) even has a sense of humor. If you want to see for yourself tell her, "I've got a little silhouette of a man." Just do it. I promise you genuine rhapsody. For an encore, say, "knock, knock." I got a chuckle out of her response to that one. Siri's a real comedian, for someone who refuses to tell jokes.

Back to the multitudinous multi-tasking of the smartness we carry in our pockets. I used to use a digital camera, have my pictures printed on real paper and then put them in a photo album. I wore a watch to tell the time, but kept a separate stopwatch for races and breath-holding contests. I kept my calendar planner (book style) close at hand. When it was time to balance the checkbook I hauled out the calculator. Banking business involved a visit to the bank. Shopping involved a credit card or cash.

When I needed to check the weather, I watched the news or looked outside. If I wanted to make a grocery list or jot down an idea for a column, I wrote it on paper, in a notebook. Monopoly and Scrabble were kept in cardboard boxes in the cupboard. When I played solitaire I used 52 cards. My flashlight was forever running out of batteries. Now it's always charged and ready to go.

Music playlists (which we called records) were kept on cassette tapes, and later, CDs. We used to own a video camera that must have weighed at least 20 pounds. It cost as much (if not more) than an average state-of-the-art smartphone. Our phones have become lifelines to, well, life. They connect us to the world, providing tools for communication, information, illumination, dictation, location, planning vacation and so much more. They've become more than phones and deserve a name befitting their status. I propose iEverything, because that's what they do.

I've even used mine as a paperweight in a pinch.

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By Jill Pertler

A Sixth Grader with a Mission

Just after midnight on July 30, 1945 a Japanese torpedo struck the battleship USS Indianapolis in the Philippine Sea.

The ship sank in twelve minutes. Nearly twelve hundred men were onboard. Three Hundred went down with it.

The remaining nine hundred men were left in shark-infested waters with no food or water. They were in the water five days and four nights. Three hundred sixteen men survived. The ship's captain Charles McVay, survived and was court martialled for not zig-zagging the ship.

David Stallings of Nacogdoches, a Navy veteran who served in the 1960s did a television documentary series called AMERICA'S WAR HEROES and went to several veteran reunions.

"I've always had an affinity for veterans. My father was a World War Two Navy veteran and I had several uncles in the Army and Marines who were a part of the greatest generation and told me some of their experiences. I got interested in that war."

David has researched the story of the USS Indianapolis, the US Navy's greatest loss at sea. He went to the reunion of about 30 survivors on the 65th anniversary of the sinking and let some of them tell their stories. Some brought photographs. He says it was a tearful experience for him because he could not imagine the horror the men experienced.

"We actually have footage of them pulling those boys out of the water when they found them. It was terrible. And our government brought the Japanese submarine commander over here to testify against Captain McVay at his court martial. He said he could have hit the ship whether it was zig-zagging or not. But they convicted Captain McVay anyway. They didn't put him in jail or anything but it ruined his military career."

Members of the crew tried for years to get the conviction reversed but were unsuccessful.

"A twelve year old boy from Pensacola, Florida, Hunter Scott, was watching the movie JAWS with his father in 1996. One of the movie stars, Robert Shaw, in a scene in the movie when sharks were about to attack the boat, tells one of the other guys that he had been a crew member on the USS Indianapolis and mentioned the sharks after the ship sank. The little boy asked his dad if that was a true story and his dad said it was. The youngster was about to do a history project for school and at that time a lot of the survivors were still living. He got a list of them and started calling them on the phone. He had a great project and got so interested in it and saw what a disservice the government had done to Captain McVay. Families of the survivors as well as members of Captain McVay's family had tried for years to get the conviction reversed but nothing ever happened."

"This little kid went to Washington and cornered congressmen and senators in the hallways up there and in 2001 single-handedly got McVay's conviction reversed and his record cleared of all wrongdoing. Captain McVay took his own life in 1968. He was 70. He was found in his front yard clutching a toy sailor"

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Sonora Competes in 1st Annual Bob Fuller XC Meet

Improving their times from the previous three meets this season, the Sonora Broncos were awarded 3rd place and the Lady Broncos earned 4th place in the 1st Annual Bob Fuller Cross Country Meet this past Thursday, September 14, 2017 in Miles.

The varsity boys' runners competed against runners from 8 area schools and the ladies ran against competitors from 11 areas schools.

Leaving all of the competition behind on the course, Sonora's Evan Shannon was awarded 1st place once again and Jalen Lopez again came in 9th among the runners. Lopez also earned a medal as one of the top 10 runners, as he did last time around. Also recognized for his endurance, Josh Barrera finished in the top 20 out of 67 runners.

Placing in the top 20 of the 94 girls competing in

the meet, Fernanda Gonzalez improved her time by almost a minute over the previous week.

Also taking their place in the meet, Sonora's junior varsity cross country runners Calvin Hernandez placed 6th and Ariel Salazar placed 7th among the competition. Both runners earned a medal for being one of the 10 runners in their division.

Individual results are listed below:

Varsity Boys:
Evan Shannon, 1st, 17:32:58.
Jalen Lopez, 9th, 19:52:40.
Joshua Barrera, 20th, 20:41:14.
David Delgado, 30th, 21:26:01.
Leo Alviso, 45th, 22:38:49.
Elias Perez, 48th, 22:50:48.
Manuel Fuentes, 52nd, 23:40:75.
Varsity Girls:
Fernanda Gonzales, 17th, 13:54:89.
Traci Vickers, 21st, 14:00:63.
Angela Gonzales, 27th,

14:16:29.
Esmerelda Salazar, 29th, 14:32:84.
Carla Mota, 51st, 15:22:23.
Analy Palacios, 74th, 16:38:82.

JV Boys:
Calvin Hernandez, 6th, 13:12:07.
Ariel Salazar, 7th, 14:11:45.
Kole Gann, 12th, 16:11:69.

The Broncos and Lady Broncos as well as the Colts traveled to Mertzton Wednesday, September 20, to compete in the Irion

County Cross Country Meet before taking a short break to catch their breath.

Next, Sonora is set to run in Ozona Wednesday, October 4th before heading into their district course challenge the following week.

Congratulations to all of the runners.

All Bronco Nation supporters are encouraged to come out and cheer the runners along the course and across the finish line.

LADY BRONCOS:

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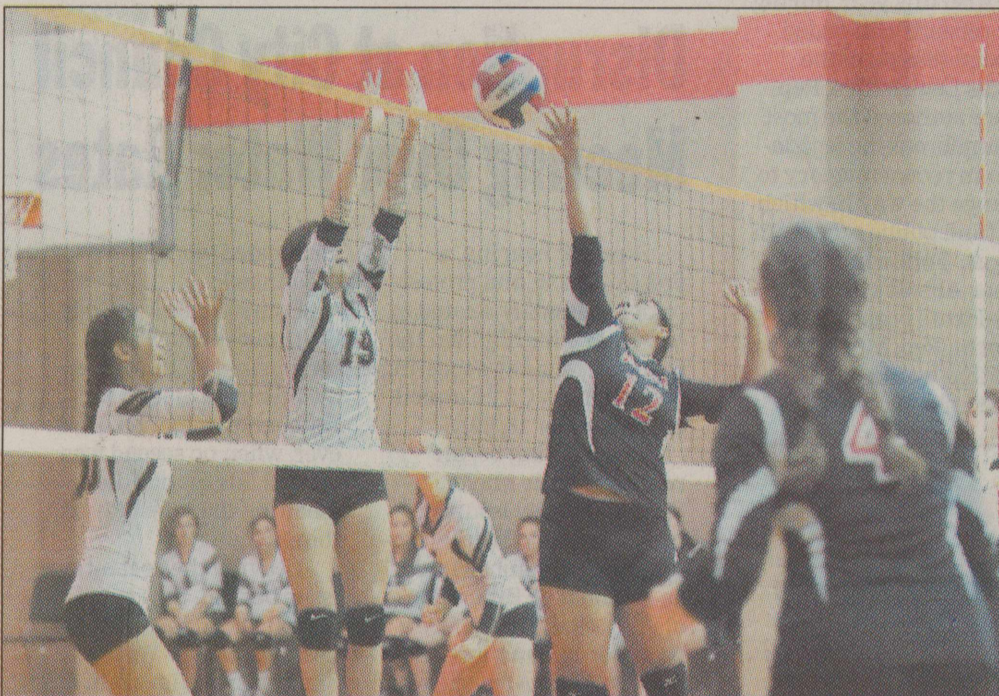
Mary Kyle Johnson contributed 11 kills, 1 block, and 5 digs and Carly Brown had 7 kills and 8 digs.

Avery Leamon had 1 kill, Delaney Ramsdell had 2 kills, 3 aces, and 6 digs,

Lane Cahill had 4 kills, 1 assist, and 2 digs and Jackilyn Sykes had 3 aces, 17 assists, and 3 digs. Also helping their team with the win, Noelia Tovar had 4 digs and Karah Martinez had 2 digs.

The junior varsity and freshman teams also came away with a win, wrapping up a good day of play for the Lady Broncos.

Head Coach Kayla Perez said both matches were good challenges for her



Yesenia Garza pushes the ball over the net during the game between the freshman volleyball match between Sonora and Junction Saturday, September 9th, in Sonora. The Lady Broncos play the Utopia Lady Buffaloes this Saturday, September 23rd, at home. Game time is set for 10:00 a.m.

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Sonora junior varsity volleyball player Danica Jimenez keeps the ball in play as Haley Smith keeps her eyes on the ball during the match between the Lady Broncos and Water Valley Saturday, September 9th, in Sonora. The JV team will play Utopia this Saturday, September 23rd in Sonora.

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players.

Good competition, especially like Fredericksburg, is always beneficial in helping prepare players for future, Perez said.

Sonora played another non-conference away game

Tuesday, September 19th against the Lady Wildcats, in Water Valley. Results will be reported in the next issue of the Devil's River News.

Next, the Lady Broncos play Utopia this Saturday,

September 23rd, in Sonora.

Game times are set for 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the main gymnasium.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and cheer to show their support for the Lady Broncos.

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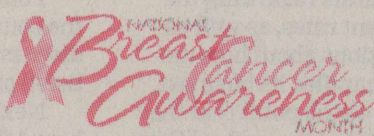
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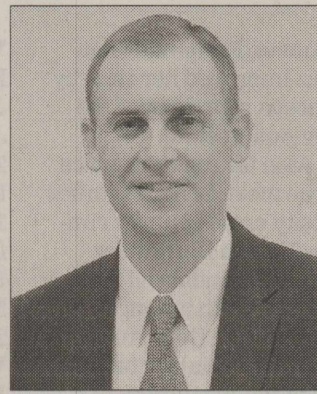
Republican Andrew Murr Seeks Re-Election to Texas House

JUNCTION – State Representative Andrew Murr announced this week that he will seek a third term in the Texas House. First elected in 2014, Rep. Murr has helped craft two of the most conservative budgets in Texas history, and he said he is looking forward to continuing the fight for true property tax reform, and for a smaller, more accountable state government.

“I’ve said since Day 1 that I don’t work for the state, but rather that I am an extension of local government and of the people who elected me,” said Rep. Murr. “I go to work every day with one goal in mind, and that is to do everything in my power to create a state government that serves the people – not the other way around. While we have made great strides in that direction in the last three years, there is always more work to be done.”

During the 84th legislative session, Rep. Murr was recognized as one of the state’s rising conservative leaders when he helped add \$1.5 billion in funding for our local schools, \$2.5 billion in funding for roadways, and \$840 million for additional border security, all the while provided \$3.8 billion in tax relief to hard-working families. For his efforts he was named a “Courageous Conservative” by the Texas Conservative Coalition, and was rated among the Top 25 most conservative House members by Texans for Fiscal Responsibility.

This year, during the 85th legislative session, Rep. Murr again helped add over \$2.5 billion in funding to Texas’ public education system, shored up the health care system for retired teachers, and overhauled the Child Protective Services and Texas’ foster care



Representative Andrew Murr
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program. The CPS reforms include hiring almost 600 new CPS caseworkers, enhancing foster care provider rates, and providing additional support for families who take in abused children (also known as kinship care). In 2017, Texans for Fiscal Responsibility once again rated Rep. Murr in the top 20% most conservative members of the House.

Also this year, during the recently concluded special session of the Texas Legislature, Rep. Murr authored the most groundbreaking legislation in recent memory to change the way in which we fund public schools in Texas. Following Governor Abbott’s directive to address property tax reform, Rep. Murr filed a bill that would have finally ended the “Robin Hood”

school finance system, and it would have cut the average property owner’s tax bill by almost 50%. Although the legislation was not passed into law, Rep. Murr said he will continue to take the lead on this issue until true property tax reform is realized.

“I hear from constituents every day about their property tax concerns,” Rep. Murr said. “They want real relief, and the only way that will ever happen is by changing the way the state funds its constitutional obligations to provide public education for our children. Slashing property taxes will give families greater opportunities for home ownership, it will protect existing homeowners from skyrocketing appraisals, and it’ll make sure that we stop punishing people for owning their little piece

of Texas. Coming from a family of ranchers, this is a moral issue to me as much as it is a financial issue.”

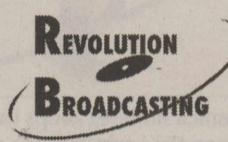
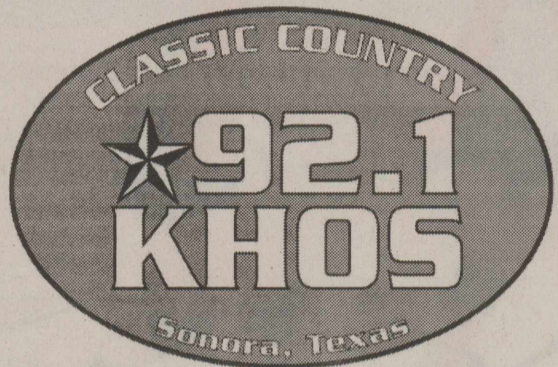
Rep. Murr concluded, “It’s been an honor to serve the people of District 53. I am humbled by the support I have received across our 12 counties, and I look forward to continuing our work together to benefit our district and the entire state.”

House District 53 includes Bandera, Crockett, Edwards, Kimble, Kerr, Llano, Mason, Medina, Menard, Real, Schleicher and Sutton Counties and covers approximately 15,000 square miles of rural Texas. Find out more about Rep. Murr at www.andrewmurr.org.

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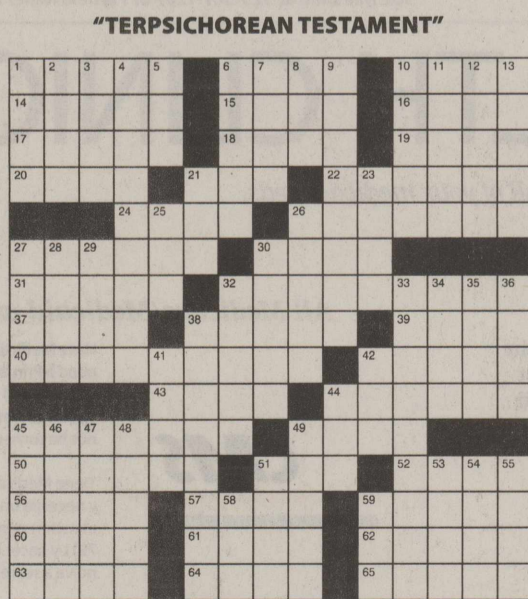
Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Choreographer Cunningham
- Accompaniment for native dances
- Ballet bend
- City in Dick Cavett's state
- Emanation
- Ages
- Former Muslim coin
- Ice dancing locale
- Order to a cat
- I was la Julius Caesar
- Lair
- Harmonize
- One of several popes
- Contradicts
- Place for ballroom dancing
- Slightly rough sea
- The Hunter
- Tourists
- Author Thomas
- Now, in Guadalajara
- Parisian girlfriend
- C in C
- Shunted
- La Spectre de la

DOWN

- Style
- Eastern prince
- Frog genus
- Marge and Gower
- Lend an
- I have you on my
- Make the ___: be
- Claims or rights
- The incomparable
- Fred
- Dancing or marching
- Actress Jackson
- Poetic contraction
- Film dog
- Self: prefix
- Deb's dream
- Enroll
- Old-time reward
- I have you on my
- Make the ___: be
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- Greek letters
- Clans



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Disruption at City Council Meeting Over Water Rates

A public hearing, a proclamation, and protest – not necessarily related to one other – highlighted the events at Monday’s meeting of the Sonora City Council on September 18, 2017.

The meeting began routinely with Mayor Wanda Shurley issuing a proclamation officially designating September 19, 2017 as National IT Professionals Day. Standing before a crowd of citizens, local IT Expert Eddie Arteaga, was commended for his hard work and dedication to the city administration as well as the community.

Two public hearings followed, drawing little if any input from the public. Then, City Water Supervisor Charlotte McElwain addressed a proposal designed to help offset the current and future cost of municipal water services. Her proposal included a reduction in the water rate charged to residents using less than the current 10,000 gallons per month base.

Essentially, McElwain’s proposal would mean reduced water bills for some customers, especially those using smaller amounts. She suggested a rate of \$2.85 per 1,000 gallons for those using 2,500 gallons or less per month. A \$3 per thousand rate would be charged for 2,501 to 5,000 gallons. That compares to the \$4.25 per thousand gallon rate currently in place.

It was stated that savings to customers could also cost the city about \$50,000 per year in lost revenue.

Although, the council was prepared to discuss and vote on the proposal, citizen comments and subsequent outbursts regarding the current rates, as well as questions about how the city handles its business, grew to the point that they disrupted the normal flow of business.

Challenging the council, Tammy Fisher and Theresa Ward, both of whom reside outside of the city limits, stood in opposition to any suggestions offered on water rates.

Council members Juanita Barrera and Manuel Martinez questioned McElwain’s knowledge about past actions of city administrators and/or council members and the effect those actions had on the water and sewer system as well as water and sewer rates. Martinez further demanded that the council find a cut for customer rates with the city budget absorbing the lost revenue.

McElwain, caught in the middle of the verbal back-and-forth, became frustrated and left the meeting. As tempers flared both between members of the public and the council, as well as between various members, all semblance of decorum vanished

and heated words were exchanged.

Council member Cody Gann cut through the increasingly loud logjam by offering a motion for a water rate reduction. However, when no second was offered, his motion died, meaning the rates stay as they are.

Leaving the contentious issue behind, the council moved ahead to other business, but Mayor Wanda Shurley spoke up again a few minutes later to warn Fisher and Ward to refrain from talking during the meeting or leave the council room. The meeting then returned to its regular order of business.

Among the business conducted at the meeting, the council approved the consent agenda as presented and heard updates from City Manager Ed Carrasco.

A public hearing on a proposed tax rate of 69 cents per \$100 valuation was held with no action taken on the matter.

Upon closing the hearing, the council opened another public hearing for expending Type B Funds for Whitt Peaslee, dba Pit Stop Barbecue, in the amount of \$34,000 to assist with initial operating cost, signage equipment and the purchase of a grease trap. The topic elicited a few questions and conversation before closing. It was noted that Peaslee is relocating to Sonora where he will reside and work as a business owner providing a new restaurant venue to the community. His business is also expected to employ about a dozen people.

Following the hearings, the council moved on to discussion and action items listed on the agenda.

Next, the council heard the second reading to expend 4B Sales Tax Funds for a proposed community development project to provide assistance to Eaton Hill Nature Center & Preserve in the amount of \$47,000 for a portion of their expenses for fiscal year 2017-2018.

Following their review of information regarding Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax Funds, as provided by Max Howarth, the council approved the HOTS budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Subsequently, council members approved agenda items including SEDC Fiscal year 2018 Budget, SEDC Audit ending September 30, 2014 and the appointment and re-appointments to the SEDC Board of Directors for two-year terms, as presented by David Smith.

The council then approved a \$500 donation to the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department, the

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What's for Lunch?
Sonora ISD Menu
PK-5th : Free Breakfast & 2.60 lunch
Middle & High School: \$2.10 Breakfast & \$3.00 lunch
*Menu Subject to Change

Monday September 25
Breakfast
Sausage, Biscuit, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Texas Basket, Fresh Veggie Cup, Mixed Fruit, Milk
After School Program
Cereal, Milk

Tuesday September 26
Breakfast
Breakfast Combo, or Cereal, Crackers, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Tex-Mex Charro Beans, Salsa, Tiny Tomato Cup, Lettuce, Tomato Garnish, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Milk
After School Program
Fruit Yogurt

Wednesday September 27
Breakfast
Chicken, Waffles, or Cereal, Crackers, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Calzone Mirinada Sauce, Tuscan Vegetables, Garden Salad, Peaches, Cookie, Milk
After School Program
Baked Chips, Juice

Thursday September 28
Breakfast
Pancakes, Sausage, or Cereal, Crackers, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Rowdy Chicken Bowl, Roll, Savory Green, Beans, Snowball Salad, Milk
After School Program
Nutrigrain Bar, Milk

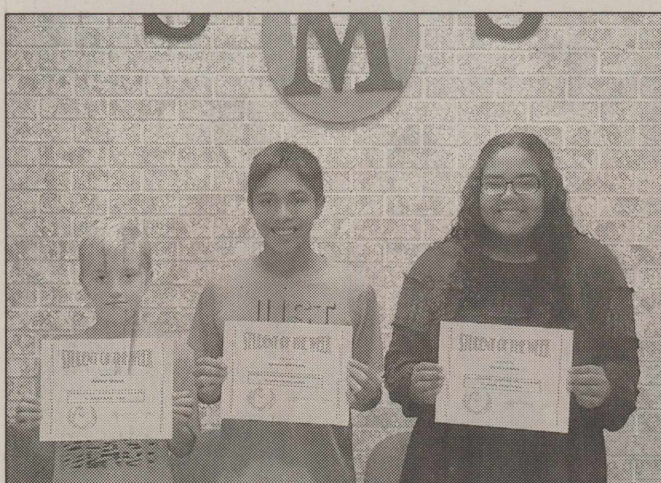
Friday September 29
Breakfast
French Toast, Bacon, or Cereal, Crackers, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Multigrain Chips, Broccoli Bites, Fresh Veggie Cup, Apple Slices, Milk
After School Program
1/2 Sandwich, Milk

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Sonora ISD Students of the Week



Sonora Middle School Students for the week of September 18th through September 22nd. Ashton Bryant, 6th, Ignacio Coronado and Susie Levario, 8th.

SCHD Approves Tax Increase

Following the close of a second public hearing, the Sutton County Hospital Board of Directors voted 4-2 to approve a tax increase for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year, as proposed, during a special meeting Monday, September 18, 2018.

One citizen, Tommy Whitehead was heard and provided a handout for trustees to consider. The handout was read aloud by Board President Sharon Holman who also thanked Whitehead for her input. Without further comments, the hearing was closed.

Next, the Board opened a special meeting and voted 4-2 to approve the tax increase. Holman abstained from voting as there was no need for a tie breaker.

Edward Earwood made the motion to approve and Lenora Pool seconded the motion. A roll call vote showed Edward Earwood, Mary Humphrey, Adelita Alavarez, and Lenora Pool in favor and Don Longoria and John-Henry Strauch against.

Without further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Sharon Holman presided over the meeting. Trustees, Edward Earwood, Mary Humphrey, Adelita Alavarez, Lenora Pool, Don Longoria and John-Henry Strauch were present.

The next regular meeting of the SCHD Board of Directors is set for Monday, October 9, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Wellness Center.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Hand In Hand

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2 striking Florida with catastrophic force as Texas and Louisiana reeled from Hurricane Harvey.

Executive order is issued

Many Texans found themselves unable to work and earn their usual paychecks because of Hurricane Harvey.

Gov. Abbott responded on Sept. 13 by issuing an executive order suspending the seven-day waiting period requirement imposed under the state's labor law and immediately authorizing benefits to residents who became unemployed as a direct result of the natural disaster.

AG alleges price gouging

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Sept. 12 filed lawsuits against two gas stations and a motel, alleging unlawful price gouging while consumers were in need of fuel, shelter and other essentials as a result of Hurricane Harvey.

"It's unconscionable that any business would take advantage of Texans at their most vulnerable: those who are displaced from their homes, have limited resources and are in desperate need of fuel, shelter and the basic necessities of life," Paxton said.

"Texas has tough price-gouging laws, and my office will continue to aggressively investigate and prosecute cases arising from Hurricane Harvey."

Texans in affected

counties who believe they've been scammed or price-gouged may call the Consumer Protection Hotline, (800) 621-0508, or send a message to consumeremergency@oag.texas.gov.

Straus issues list of charges

Texas House Speaker Joe Straus on Sept. 14 directed the House committees on Appropriations, Public Education and Natural Resources to begin studying issues related to Hurricane Harvey and state preparations for future natural disasters.

Findings from the committees' studies will figure into deliberations in the next regular legislative session, which will begin in January 2019.

"The importance of getting these issues right when we meet again demands that we start working on them now," Straus wrote in a letter to the committees. "I also hope you'll point us in a direction that will lead to new and innovative solutions, even as we confront familiar challenges."

AG cheers election ruling

Attorney General Paxton released a statement on Sept. 12 after the U.S. Supreme Court blocked two lower-court rulings that recently invalidated parts of Texas' House and congressional maps.

The high court rulings should enable Texas to continue to use maps that the state used in the last three election cycles, Paxton said.

Pecan Trees Require Maintenance

Many of us desire a tall pecan tree which will add beauty to the landscape, provide shade, and supply us with pecans. Unfortunately, if it is expected to look good as a landscape tree and expected to produce high quality pecans every year, your pecan tree will require maintenance.

When pecan problems occur the cause is often not easy to identify. Diseases affecting pecans are caused by bacteria, fungi, nematodes, and physiological problems. It is much easier to try to prevent some of those problems. Diseases can be controlled with a variety of practices. Here are a few examples of what we can do to help our pecan trees.

Use of resistant varieties is one of the most significant methods of reducing insect and disease problems. Resistant varieties can reduce the amount of pesticides required to produce a crop. For example, 'Pawnee' is less susceptible to aphids than most others, while 'Cheyenne' is quite susceptible.

Pruning to remove low hanging limbs can help to reduce disease build-up. By removing the lower hanging limbs, air movement

is encouraged beneath the trees, which not only promotes drying but also provides better movement of fungal spores away from the tree.



Pascual Hernandez

Sanitation is very important because many diseases and insects overwinter in old shucks, leaves, stems, and twigs. Removing old plant debris will help to reduce the amount of fungal pathogens and insects present.

The use of pesticides is the last line of defense. For example, fungicides, if used properly, can prevent significant losses to disease. However, total coverage is important to achieving effective control. When spraying, always check foliage to see if you are leaving a moist film on all of the foliage. For mature trees, it would be better to seek a commercial applicator.

One final thought is to fertilize in the fall so that the following spring the trees can come out of dormancy with vigor.

Hopefully your pecan trees are doing well and have a good crop. With a good spring and summer behind us, this year's production has looked promising.

For more information, contact the Sutton County Extension Office.

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Thu 09/21	Fri 09/22	Sat 09/23	Sun 09/24	Mon 09/25
92/72	89/70	89/71	87/68	87/65
Mostly Sunny Sunrise 7:30 a.m. Sunset 7:41 p.m.	Mostly Sunny Sunrise 7:31 a.m. Sunset 7:40 p.m.	Partly Cloudy Sunrise 7:31 a.m. Sunset 7:39 p.m.	Possible T-Storm Sunrise 7:32 a.m. Sunset 7:37 p.m.	Partly Cloudy Sunrise 7:32 a.m. Sunset 7:36 p.m.
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their own turf at Bronco Stadium.

As predicted earlier in the day by their own player Mark Chavez, OL/DL, the Broncos came out fast, hit hard and lit up the score board early in the game.

The Broncos kept their fast paced momentum going and demonstrated a crowd pleaser performance throughout the game.

The Eagles managed to put a few points in the scoreboard as well but it wasn't enough to stop the Broncos race to the victory.

"We left no doubt what so ever that we are a better ball club than the Junction Eagles," Cordell told his team during a post-game debriefing.

In an exciting first half between Sonora and Junction, the Broncos scored a total of 47 points leaving behind the Eagles with only 7 points.

Receiving the ball at kickoff, the Broncos quickly set the tone of the game. With only 1 minute and 1

second on the clock, the Broncos Kaden Cordell connected with Jarrett Jackson who hustled 38 yards for Sonora's first touchdown in the first quarter. Junction blocked the kick and with the early score of 6-0 the race was on for the Broncos.

Minutes later, Cordell connected with Brock Aschenbeck who found paydirt with a 30-yard run at the 5:10 mark, notching up the score to 12-0.

Junction's Trevor Humiston broke through the Broncos defense and sprinted 45 yards to score a touchdown for the Eagles and the first quarter ended with a score of 12-7.

Like Deja Vu, the Broncos lit up the score board just over a minute into the second quarter when Jackson carried the ball 2 yards over the goal line at the 10:44 mark on the clock, scoring another touchdown for the Broncos. Again, the kick failed and the score was 18-7.

Minutes later, Cordell found Jackson again and

reflected a hefty lead of 61-7 over Junction as the clock ran down in the third quarter.

Attempting to make a comeback in the fourth quarter, Junction's Brian Black connected with Issac Rosas for a 53-yard run to score and Dustyn Lancaster completed the kick for the Eagles notching their total game points to 20. But, it wasn't enough.

The Sonora Broncos celebrated their victory with a final score of 61-20 over the Junction Eagles.

Pleased with the win, Cordell attributed the Broncos victory to a couple of factors. He said aside from his team's improvement each week, they also had a little additional incentive going into Friday's match against the Eagles thanks to a pre-game story that appeared in the Junction news.

The story suggested that the game would be a brutal battle between the two teams ultimately ending with Junction taking the win.

"A little bulletin board material for us," Cordell said. "The predicted score was 42-35 Junction, so that right there in itself gave a little extra motivation for our kids to come out and prove that we are a good ball club."

As for the true outcome, Cordell said his team played well against the Eagles.

"When you get up on a team like we did in the first half, it truly is hard to keep that intensity in the second half especially with a very young ball club, but we continued to stay ahead of them," Cordell said. "All of our backups got a lot of playing time which is an invaluable experience as a ball club. Experience on Friday night and getting to play under these lights in a game situation is something that can't be simulated in practice. This is really good for our younger ball club as we continue to build our program. We have to continue to fix our mistakes too. We had some penalties tonight. When you face teams with a little bit higher caliber, penalties put teams in a position that is hard to recover from. We will evaluate film and then get on the Jim Ned Indians. Most definitely we are building as a team and that's the goal talked about week in and week out."

SCORE BY QUARTER

SONORA 12 - 35 - 14 - 00 = 61
JUNCTION 07 - 00 - 00 - 13 = 20

FIRST QUARTER

SONORA — 10:59 JARRETT JACKSON 38 yd run (Kick failed)
SONORA — 5:10 BROCK ASCHENBECK 30 yd run on pass from Kaden Cordell (Conversion failed)
JUNCTION — 3:16 TREVOR HUMISTON 45 yd run on pass from Brian Black (Kick good)

SECOND QUARTER

SONORA — 10:44 JARRETT JACKSON 2 yd run (Kick Good)
SONORA — 5:33 JARRETT JACKSON 18 yd run on a pass from Kaden Cordell (Conversion Good)
SONORA — 3:00 ABEL CRUZ 28 yd run on pass from Kaden Cordell (Kick Good)
SONORA — 2:08 JARRETT JACKSON 41 yd run on pass from Kaden Cordell (Kick Good)
SONORA — 0:28 BROCK ASCHENBECK 3 yd run (Kick good)

THIRD QUARTER

SONORA — 5:30 WESLEY DUTTON 40 yd run on pass from Kaden Cordell (Kick Good)
SONORA — 1:34 MARCOS TALAMANTES 37 yd run on pass from Brian VanWinkle (Kick good)

FOURTH QUARTER

JUNCTION — 10:30 HUDSON HEARN 6 yd run (Kick failed)
JUNCTION — 6:22 ISSAC ROSAS 53 yd run on pass from Brian Black (Kick good)

INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING
SONORA — Jarrett Jackson 114-119, J.R. Velasquez 5-43; Kaden Cordell 8-50; Brian VanWinkle 2-16
JUNCTION — Hudson Hearn 1067; Julian Saucedo 8-33; Will Rose 5-29; Trevor Humiston 2-5; Orion Warden 1-4; Drake Martinez 1-2; Brian Black 1-18

PASSING
SONORA — Kaden Cordell 20-27-304 yds; Brian VanWinkle 2-4-40 yds
JUNCTION — Brian Black 9-17-215; Julian Saucedo 1-5-6

RECEIVING
SONORA — Jarrett Jackson 8-117; Wesley Dutton 4-78; Brock Aschenbeck 4-58; Marcos Talamantes 2-40; Abel Cruz 1-28; Evan Shannon 2-18; Brandon Martinez 1-5
JUNCTION — Trevor Humiston 5-74; Issac Rosas 2-57; Kyle Lumpkins 2-54; Hudson Hearn 1-36




Sonora High School Cheerleaders pose for a photo before the start of Friday's game against Junction, September 15, 2017, at Bronco Stadium. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Honorary Ball persons (L-R) Guillermo Garcia, Jessica Campa, Lane Cearley, Jesiah Martinez, Steven Robles and Angel Castilleja pose for a photo with Broncos Head Coach Jeff Cordell (center) before leading the football team onto the field at the start of Friday game between Sonora and Junction, September 15th, at Broncos Stadium. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Members of the Sonora High School Mighty Broncos Band deliver a half-time winning performance during Friday's football game between the Broncos and Eagles, September 15th, under the lights at Bronco Stadium. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS




Sonora Broncos vs. Jim Ned Indians

Friday, Sept. 22

7:30 p.m. Kickoff

Indian Stadium, Tuscola, TX



Broncos Junior Varsity Action



Efrain Manriquez fights off a swarm of Yellowjackets and carries the ball up the field during the game between Sonora and Llano Thursday, September 14th at Bronco Stadium. The Broncos junior varsity team beat the Junction Eagles 33-0 this past Thursday, September 14th in Junction. The JV Broncos play the Jim Ned Indians this Thursday at home. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m. at Bronco Stadium. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Sonora student fans gear up in patriotic colors and cheer for the Broncos during Friday's game against Junction, September 15th, at Bronco Stadium. Students also released puffs of baby powder in celebration for success in scoring throughout the game. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Jackson found paydirt for a third time. This time the two-point conversion pass by Cordell to Wesley Dutton was good and the Broncos were up 26-7 over the Eagles.

The Broncos scoring continued with Abel Cruz who took the pass from Cordell and ran 28 yards for a touchdown. Another two-point conversion this time by Jackson was good but the Broncos didn't stop there as the dynamic duo of Cordell and Jackson took over again and Jackson hauled 41 yards down field to score another six points for the Broncos.

Before the clock expired, Aschenbeck took advantage of the 28 seconds remaining and added another 6 points to the score in the second quarter. This time the kick by Brandon Martinez was good and the fans stood up while cheering over the sound of the buzzer ending

the first half of the game with the Broncos 47-7 over Junction.

Following the half-time break, Sonora was again the first to put points on the scoreboard in the third quarter. Cordell passed to Dutton who ran 40 yards for a touchdown at the 5:30 mark. The point by Martinez was good and the Broncos continued to up their lead over the Eagles.

Despite the loss of yards because of errors on the field, the Broncos kept their heads in the game and charged ahead.

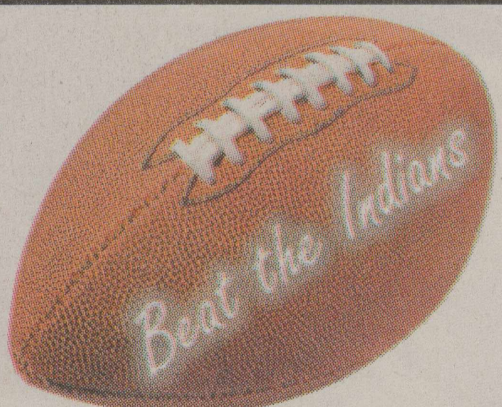
Second, third and fourth string players got to see ample playing time on the field during Friday's game also. Quarterback Brian VanWinkle pleased Bronco fans when he passed to Marcos Talamantes who took off with the ball and sprinted 37 yards to the end zone. Martinez completed the kick and the score

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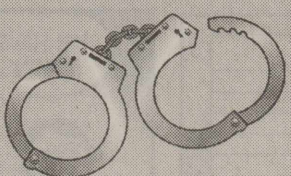
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The Blotter



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SONORA PD ARRESTS

SEPTEMBER 11 • Heladio Guerrero Jr, 43-year-old male of Sonora. Arrested for City Warrant.

SEPTEMBER 15 • Harold Arthur, 52-year-old male of Dallas. Arrested for Public Intoxication

INCIDENTS

SEPTEMBER 11 - 1:27 PM • Caller requested to speak to an officer at 700 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

8:33 PM • Officer served Municipal Warrant at Plum and S. Crockett.

SEPTEMBER 12 - 11:16 AM • Caller reported a young person in area of Railroad and Crockett Ave. Officer responded.

3:03 PM • Caller reported a welfare concern at 1000 block of Glasscock. Officer responded.

8:59 PM • Caller reported a back door open at 1100 block of Glasscock. Officer responded.

SEPTEMBER 13 - 10:34 AM • Alarm call at Golf Course. Officer responded.

7:24 PM • Caller reported a missing child. Officer responded. Child located.

SEPTEMBER 14 - 2:16 PM • Caller requested Animal Control assistance with dead deer at 100 block of Edgemont. Officer responded.

9:57 PM • Caller reported criminal trespass at 1200 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

10:23 PM • Caller reported an injured deer at E. 2nd and Scenic. Officer responded.

SEPTEMBER 15 - 8:28 AM • Caller requested Animal Control assistance with dead deer at Castlehill. Officer responded.

10:18 AM • Caller requested to meet an officer at the PD. Officer responded.

2:47 PM • Caller reported an accident/wreck at 600 block of S. Crockett. Officers responded.

3:43 PM • Caller reported possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 277 N near Sonora. Officer responded.

3:49 PM • Caller reported criminal trespass at Road Ranger. Officer responded.

11:22 PM • Caller requested assistance with individual at Bronco Stadium. Officer responded.

SEPTEMBER 16 - 12:42 PM • Caller requested to speak with an officer by telephone. Officer responded.

12:42 PM • Caller requested to meet with officer at PD office. Officer responded.

4:25 PM • Caller reported road debris on I-10 at 400 mm exit E. Officer responded.

5:22 PM • Caller reported a downed line in roadway at 200 block of Lorene. Officer responded.

8:06 PM • 9-1-1 call at 100 block of Tres. Officer responded.

8:14 AM • Caller requested to meet with an officer regarding Criminal Trespass at Road Ranger. Officer responded.

8:36 PM • Caller requested assistance in I-10 at 400 mm exit E. Officer responded.

9:17 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver near Iva and Scenic. Officer responded.

9:26 PM • Caller reported a suspicious vehicle at 400 block of Rock Ave. Officer responded.

SEPTEMBER 17 - 4:31 PM • Caller reported a downed line Glasscock and Chestnut. Officer responded.

6:53 PM • Caller requested assistance with tractor trailer on I-10 near the 404 mm. Officer responded.

Reader Recipes

"Mrs. Field's Pot Roast"

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- 4 lb. lean roast beef
- flour
- salt
- black pepper
- fat (oil or shortening)
- water

Dredge roast on enough flour, salt & pepper to coat on all sides. Place in pot containing some fat, browning beef on both sides. Pour hot water to cover half way. Cover loosely and simmer until tender.

COUNCIL:

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nomination of a representative to serve on the Sutton County Appraisal District Board of Directors, Resolution No. 2017-R-09A and Ordinance No. 2017-0-09 adopting the 1017-2018 Fiscal year budget of the City of Sonora.

The council also voted to approve a contract with Sonora Chamber of Commerce regarding hotel/motel tax, as well as a contract with the Sutton County Historical Society regarding hotel/motel tax and interlocal agreements with Sutton County. The contracts are the same as in previous years.

The council also decided to continue for 90 days a contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L.P., Collection Agency for the municipal court. The decision came over the objection of Municipal Judge Jerry Kemp, who said the company is not performing. The council agreed to revisit the matter after the 90 days.

Following some discussion, the council approved a request to close part of Poplar, St. Ann's, Tres, San Jose and Plum Streets for the annual St. Ann's

Fall Festival set for October 15th.

Lastly, the council approved to move to a different plan to continue providing health coverage for City of Sonora employees. The plan includes a higher deductible and an increased cost of \$63 per employee.

Comments from visitors directed at council members escalated again before the meeting adjourned.

Drawing the attention of both City Attorney James Kosub and Chief of Police Art Fuentes, Fisher stood and pointed at the council while demanding to be heard. "You are out of line!" Fisher shouted.

In an effort to defuse the situation, Mayor Shurley called for and received a motion to adjourn and the council ended the meeting.

Mayor Shurley presided over Monday night's meeting with council members Cody Gann, Juanita Barrera, Manuel Martinez and Norm Rousselot in attendance.

The next regular meeting of the Sonora City council is set for Monday, October 16, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall.

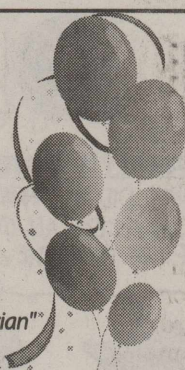
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August	1.82 in.	August	3.66 in.
July	4.21 in.	July	3.79 in.
June	3.07 in.	June	0.41 in.
May	3.68 in.	May	2.92 in.
April	1.23 in.	April	2.48 in.
March	0.79 in.	March	1.00 in.
February	1.36 in.	February	1.48 in.
January	2.40 in.	January	1.68 in.
2017 Year-to-Date Total	18.56 in.	2017 Year-to-Date Total	17.42 in.
2016	25.10 in.	2016	29.22 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.
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Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments Special Election, November 7, 2017

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 21)

HJR 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would permit the Texas legislature to expand the circumstances under which a partially disabled veteran or their spouse may qualify for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the veteran's residence homestead. Currently, the Texas legislature may provide that a partially disabled veteran or their spouse is entitled to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a percentage of the market value of the disabled veteran's residence homestead only if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization at no cost to the veteran. The amendment would allow the Texas legislature to provide that the exemption also may be taken when the residence homestead was donated, sold, or transferred to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead. The amendment also harmonizes certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution."

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 60)

SJR 60 proposes a constitutional amendment to require that certain conditions be met for the refinancing of a home equity loan to be secured by a voluntary lien on a homestead. The amendment also would: redefine what is excluded in the calculation of the cap on fees associated with a home equity

loan, lower the cap from 3% to 2% of the original principal amount of the extension of credit, and specify that such fees are in addition to any bona fide discount points used to buy down the interest rate. The amendment would further specify the list of authorized lenders to make home equity loans, change the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, allow agricultural property owners to acquire home equity loans, and update technical terminology in the Texas Constitution. The amendment would be effective on January 1, 2018, and applicable only to a home equity loan made or refinanced on or after that date.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity loan, establishing certain authorized lenders to make a home equity loan, changing certain options for the refinancing of home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricultural homesteads."

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 34)

SJR 34 proposes a constitutional amendment that would prevent certain office holders from serving indefinitely beyond the expiration of their term. Office holders who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate and receive no salary would only be able to serve until the last day of the first regular session of the Texas legislature that begins after their term expires.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain officeholders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person's term of office."

Proposition Number 4 (SJR 6)

SJR 6 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature to require any court that is hearing a challenge to the constitutionality of a state

statute to notify the attorney general of that challenge, if the party raising the challenge notifies the court that the party is challenging the constitutionality of such statute. Additionally, the amendment would allow the Texas legislature to set a period of not more than 45 days following the notification to the attorney general that the court must wait before rendering a judgment that a state statute is unconstitutional.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional."

Proposition Number 5 (HJR 100)

HJR 100 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide a more detailed definition of "professional sports team" for purposes of their charitable foundations, which the Texas legislature may permit to hold charitable raffles. The amendment also deletes a requirement that an eligible professional sports team charitable foundation permitted by the Texas legislature to hold charitable raffles had to be in existence on January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment on professional sports team charitable foundations conducting charitable raffles."

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 1)

SJR 1 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature by general law to provide that a surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty is entitled to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation from all or part of the market value on the surviving spouse's residence homestead, as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder. It would also allow the Texas legislature to provide that the surviving spouse, who qualifies and receives the exemption and then qualifies a

different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead, receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the different homestead in an amount equal to the dollar amount of the exemption of the first homestead for which the exemption was received in the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption for that first homestead. Like the initial exemption, this benefit will only remain available if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder. The proposed amendment would apply only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 37)

HJR 37 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature to make an exception to the law regarding the award of certain prizes. Currently, the Texas Constitution requires the Texas legislature to pass laws prohibiting lotteries, raffles, and other programs where the award of gifts is based on luck or chance. The proposed amendment would make an exception to this general rule to allow the Texas legislature to authorize credit unions and other financial institutions to institute programs which, in order to encourage savings, would award prizes based on luck or chance to the credit union's or financial institution's customers.

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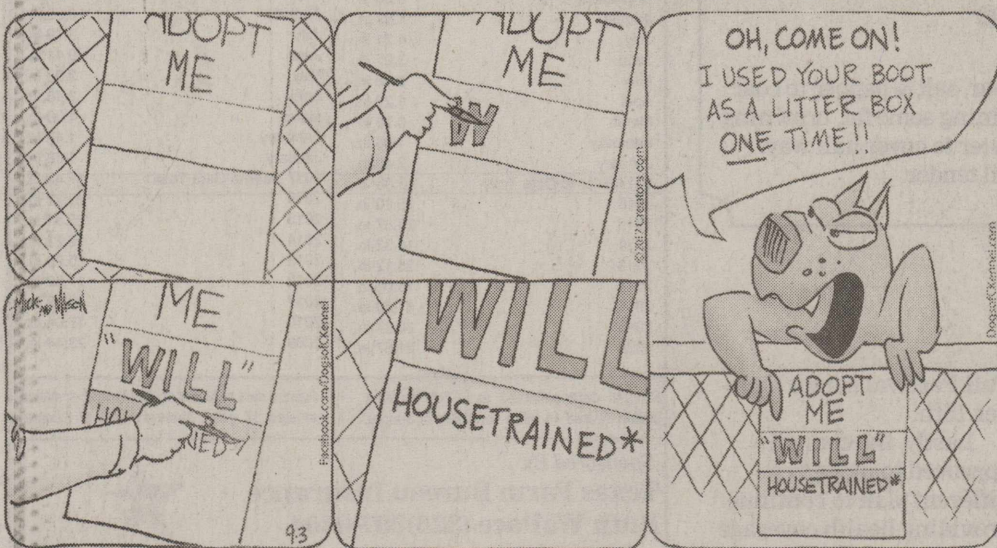
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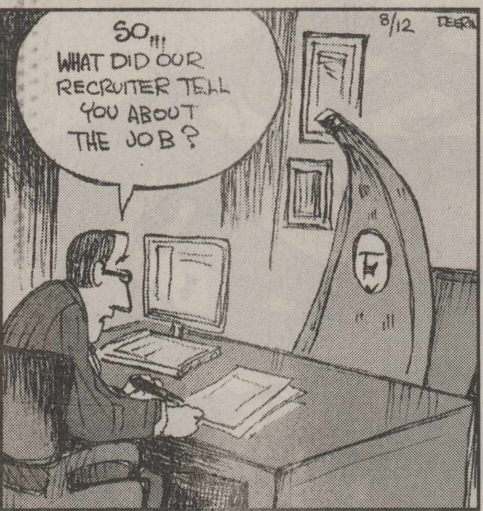
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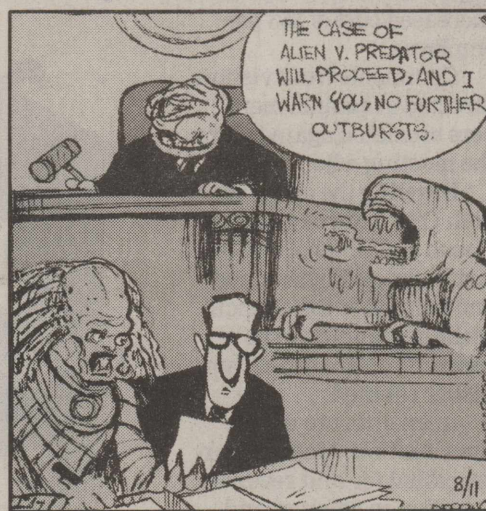
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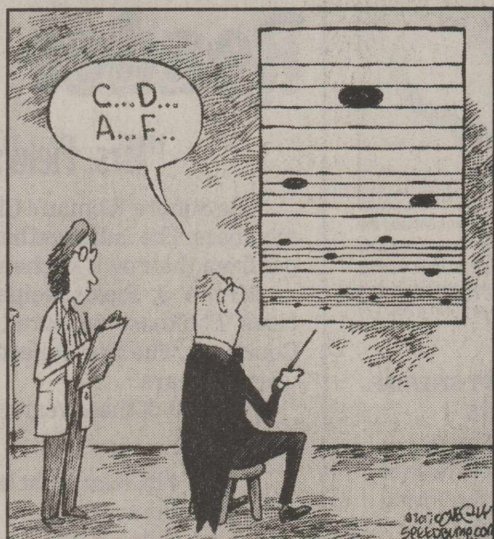
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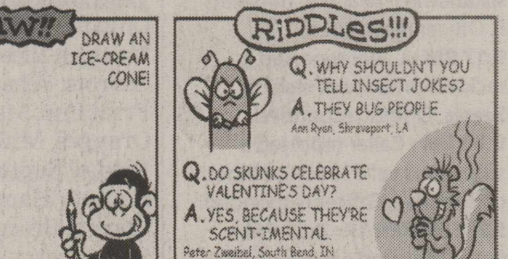
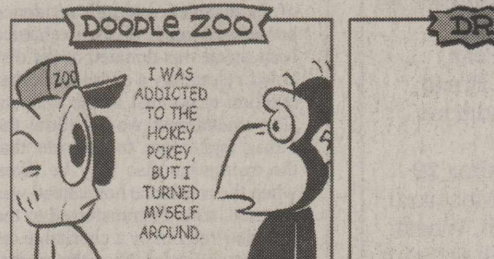
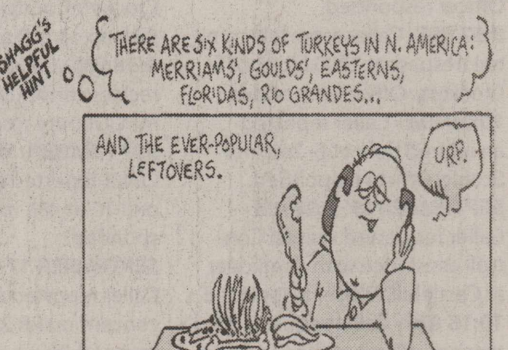
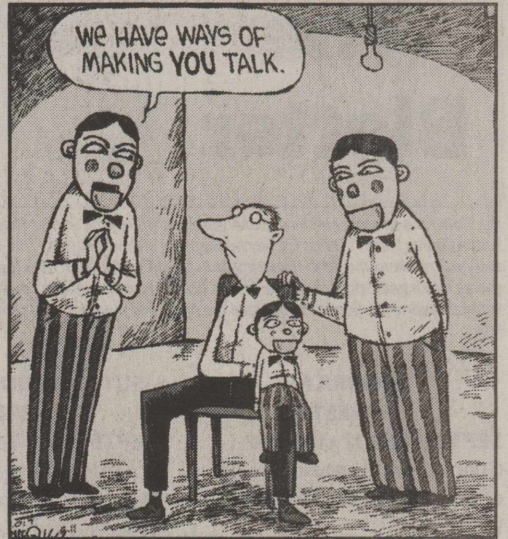
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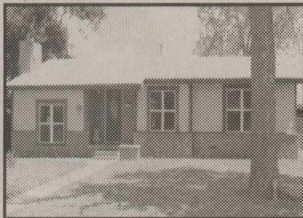
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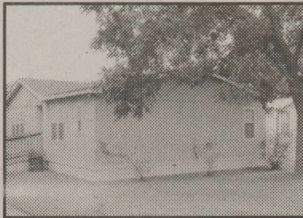
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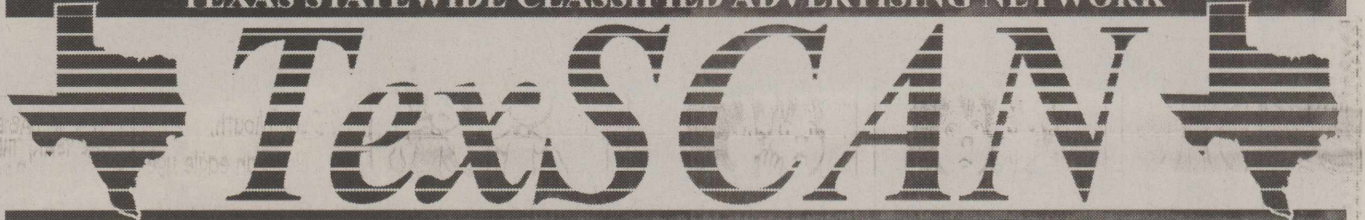


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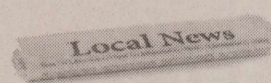
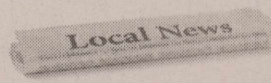
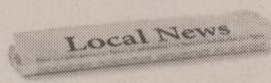
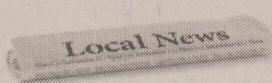
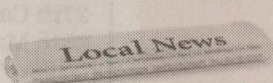
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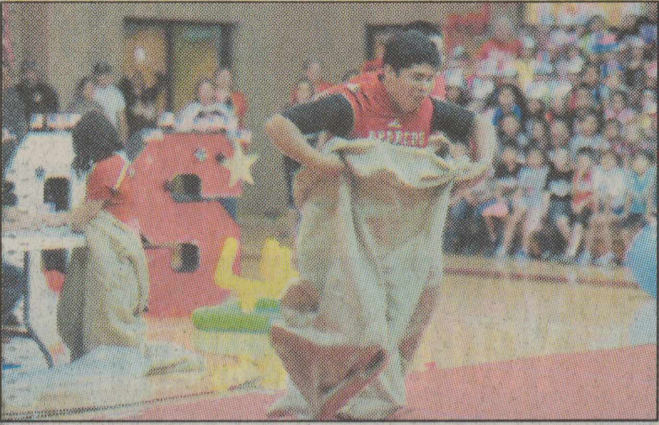
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Members of the Mighty Bronco Band show off their talents while draped in flags and patriotic gear during the pep rally Friday at Sonora High School.
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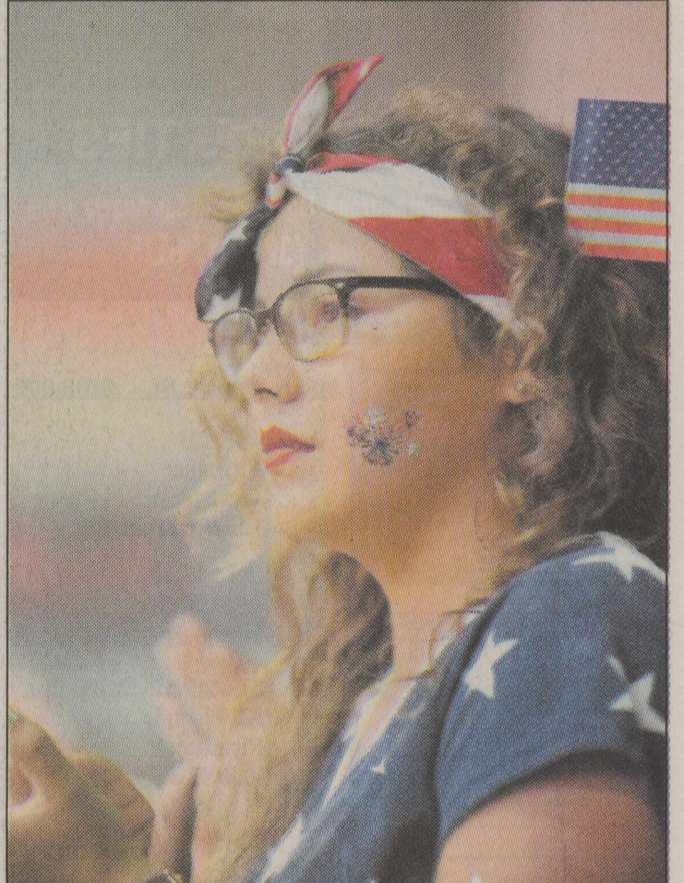
Sonora Cheerleader Avery Leamon hands out flags to go along with the theme of celebrating veterans during Friday's pep rally, September 15, 2017.
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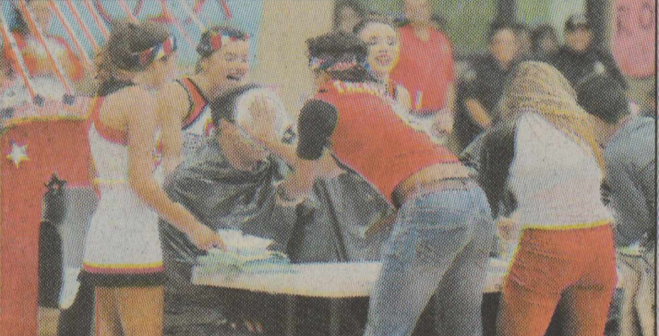
Sonora Elementary School students show their excitement by waving flags and clapping during the pep rally Friday, September 15, 2017.
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Sonora varsity football player Mark Chavez shares his thoughts on Friday's game between the Broncos and Junction during the student pep rally, September 15, 2017, at Sonora High School.
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Lesli Ramirez shows off her spirit wearing patriotic gear and face paint as part of the pep rally celebrating veterans Friday at Sonora High School.
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MERCE	DRUM	PLIE
OMAHA	AURA	EONS
DINAR	RINK	SCAT
ERAM	DEN	ATTUNE
	PIUS	CROSSES
CASINO	CHOP	
ORION	TRAVELERS	
MANN	AHORA	AMIE
PRESIDENT	ASIDE	
	ROSE	TITLES
ASTAIRE	BAND	
GLENDA	EER	ASTA
AUTO	BALL	ENTER
MEED	LIST	SCENE
AISSIE	ETAS	SEPTS

SEMI-LIQUIDS

- PASTE
- SIRUP
- DOUGH
- JELLY

5	8	7	1	6	3	9	4	2
6	2	3	9	7	4	1	5	8
4	1	9	2	5	8	7	3	6
7	9	2	3	1	6	4	8	5
3	6	1	4	8	5	2	7	9
8	5	4	7	2	9	6	1	3
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9	3	6	8	4	7	5	2	1

BIRTHDAYS
Look Who's Celebrating!

SEPTEMBER

- 21st Alex Mendez
- 22nd Steely Ingham, Stella Ingham, Frisby Bible, Kody Word, Jordan Hilliard, Amanda Garza
- 23rd Pete Lopez, Mike Lopez, Hunter Jennings, George Keese
- 24th Jesse Velez, Mark McKenzie, William Anthony Rocha
- 25th Carol Love, Loma Surber, Ethan Deel
- 26th Laurie Gibbens, Debbie Hard, Dustin Creek, Jennifer Gonzales, Tammy Modgling, Francisco R Gonzales
- 27th Cathy Ball
- 28th Mack McAngus

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