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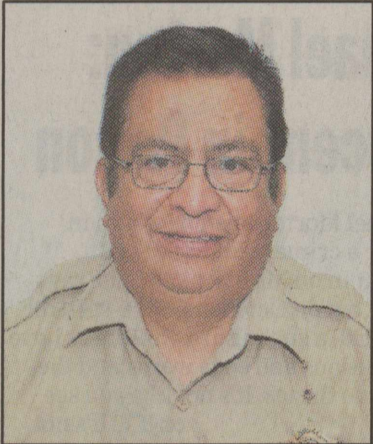
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Chavez Unseats Fincher in Sheriff Race, Marshall Prevails in Tax Assessor Runoff



Oscar Chavez

Sutton County voters chose Oscar Chavez and Kathy Marshall over their opponents in a pair of Republican Primary runoff elections.

Oscar Chavez outpolled incumbent Sheriff Joe Fincher by a margin of 521 to 487.

Chavez won the Early Voting and absentee by a 403 to 366 margin.

Marshall defeated incumbent Tax Assessor-Collector Erica Berry by a margin of 599 to 398.

Marshall also won the Early and Absentee Voting in the Tax Assessor-Collector race 468 to 295.

A total of 1,030 voters went to the polls in the Republican runoff.

Twenty-one voters cast a Democratic Primary runoff ballot. Of that number, only nine cast votes in race for the Democratic nomination for Railroad Commissioner. Five of those nine votes went to Grady Yarbrough while four voted for Cody Garrett.

Meanwhile, Republicans voters were also asked to decide a runoff for Railroad Commissioner. In that race, Gary Gates out polled Wayne Christian 396 to 242.

Republicans also preferred Mary Lou Keel over Ray Wheless by a 251 to 236 margin in the race for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2.

They also supported Scott Walker over Brent Webster by a 300 to 194 margin in the race for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5.

Tuesday's result overturned the results of the March 1st Republican Primary when Fincher polled 455 to Chavez's 308. Two other candidates, Cody Gann and Rick Bounds polled a total of 248.

Tuesday's runoff was triggered by the fact that Fincher failed to receive a majority of votes on Primary election day.

A similar result was seen in the March 1st Primary election for Tax Assessor-Collector where Erica Berry received 486 votes to Marshall's 435. A third candidate Desiree Hall, received 79 votes. That was enough to prevent Berry from receiving a majority and sent that race to a runoff, as well.

There are no Democrats on the ballot for either the Sheriff or Tax Assessor-Collector race, so Tuesday's results effectively decided the issue.



Darby Ramsdell
 Valedictorian



Kaitlyn Lopez
 Salutatorian

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SHS Graduation Ceremony Scheduled for Friday Night

Darby Ramsdell will deliver the valedictory address and Kaitlyn Lopez will give the salutatory address Friday night as friends and family gather in the main Gymnasium to watch 60 members of the SHS class of 2016 graduate from high school.

Ramsdell and Lopez are summa cum laude graduates.

Other honor graduates include Shelby Aschenbeck and Edgar Hernandez, graduating Magna Cum Laude and Alexis Garza, Adrian Garcia, James Freeman, Garrett Jaeger and Maribel Tobias, graduating Cum Laude.

The criteria for honor graduate status is as follows: summa cum laude - 99.0 grade point average and above; magna cum laude 95 grade point average; and cum laude - 93 grade point average.

The graduation ceremony is slated to begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 27th.

The graduates, as their individual names are called, will receive their diplomas and the tassel on each graduate's cap will be ceremonially transferred from the right to the left side to signify their accomplishment.

The graduates of 2016 include: Joseph Taylor Absher, Victoria Nicole Acosta, McKinsey Nikole Anderson, Rosa Eva Rebecca Araujo, John Andrew Arredondo, Shelby M'Lynn Aschenbeck, Bryan Patrick Brown, Jillian Catrina Buitron,

Joe Michael Campos II, Daniel Edward Castro, Louis Castro Jr., Daniel Ozuna Coronado, Kristen Noel Fierro;

Also, James Grady Freeman, Julian Dominic Gallardo, Juan Miguel Gamez, Adrian Garcia, Alexis Selena Garza, Damian Alexander Garza, Juan David Garza, Lisa Renee Garza, Kevin Alejandro Castaneda-Genera, Felix Ray Guerra, Quealy Don Guerra-Shain, Tyler Lee Hampton, Trenton Heath Harris;

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Also, Kevin Mathew Martinez, Ryan Matthew Martinez, Octavio Alejandro Mendez, Briana Nelly Palacios, Daniel Crane Pechacek, Julia Cloudt Pope, Darby Elizabeth Ramsdell, Paulo Rivas, Susana Robles, Straton George Rushing;

Also, Mauro Santana Jr., Misae Keeley Smith, Sergio Eric Solis, Maribel Cipriana Tobias, David Anthony Torres, Sylvia Janelle Vasquez, Zelenia Danielle Vasquez, Maritza Villanueva, Jerrad Mikael Willey and Skyler Sage Wood.

State Champions



Tyler Hampton (L) and Sky Jennings (R) won the Texas UIL 3A State Doubles Championship on Tuesday, May 17th in College Station Texas.
 J.L. MANKIN | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Hampton-Jennings State Doubles Champions

Wrapping up a successful tennis season, the Sonora girls' doubles team of Tyler Hampton and Sky Jennings celebrated their State win in College Station following the UIL State Tournament on Tuesday, May 17th.

"The girls carried a very impressive 27-3 record going into the tournament, Coach Larry Jennings said.

The duo only had two losses. Both, to state finalists, one to 4A Fredericksburg and the other to defending champions from Mason.

After a four hour rain delay on Monday, the girls took the court to battle the Doubles team of Kelley and Kelley from Whitewright.

Overcoming a jittery start, the girls took control of the match, cruising to a 6-2, 6-1 victory.

Advancing to the State semi-finals the fearless team faced Lago Vista's team of Lash and Hassin.

They aggressively took the first set 6-0.

Lago Vista battled in the second, but the lady Broncos held on to win the second set 7-5, advancing to the finals on Tuesday.

Another rain delay gave the girls time to finalize their winning strategy.

Facing White Oak's Sutton and Barham the Lady Broncos dominated the match to the end.

The girls came away with an impressive 6-4, 6-4 victory and the State Championship.

This marks the third tennis State champions from Sonora.

In 1954 and 1955, Betsy Ross won back-to-back state singles' titles, and in 1974 the girls' double's team of Cora Pope and Carol

MacAllistar won the title.

I would like to thank the players Shelby Aschenbeck, Esteban Marin, Brian VanWinkle, Dylan Taylor, and Carlos Mendoza, who stayed out and worked with the girls for the month after regionals, Jennings said. "There was a long waiting period between Regional and State, and without these students extra effort and support, this championship might not have been possible."

Jennings also extended appreciation to everyone who came out to support the team including the Bronco Booster Club, Sonora residents, Sonora Volunteer Fire Department, Sonora Police Department, Sutton County Sheriff's Department, and the Sutton County Ambulance who came out for such a wonderful send-in for the girls.

2016 Project Graduation Ensures Safe and Fun Celebration for Students

High school graduation traditionally is a time for students to party all night in joyous celebration of their accomplishments, their freedom and their new status as young adults.

Sadly, for some students the rite-of-passage celebrating, gets out of hand and turns into an excuse for getting drunk or high on drugs.

That's when a happy occasion can turn so quickly into a tragic event.

Drug- or alcohol-abusing students have committed violent assaults. Drinking contests have led to deaths from alcohol poisoning.

Drunk or drugged drivers have been killed and have killed others.

In a praiseworthy effort to avoid such harm, Sonora High School junior class parents sponsor Project Graduation for juniors and seniors.

The parents through fundraising and donations from

the community and businesses will host an all-night party with games, prizes, music, feasting and fun.

This will be held on Friday, May 27th in the HS Commons. Listed below is the schedule of events:

- 10:30 p.m. - Doors will open and Registration begins.
 - 11:00 p.m. - Games Start
 - 11:30 p.m. - Doors will lock: Students cannot leave until parents are called
 - 2:30 a.m. - Games close and Auction begins
 - 4:00 a.m. - Breakfast
- Project Graduation offers teens a safe way to let off steam. It offers parents some peace of mind that their sons or daughters are not going to wind up as victims of their own youthful excesses at what should be a time of joy.
- If you would like to contribute to this year's Project Graduation you may contact Brenda Mungia at Sonora Bank.

Project Graduation - Friday, May 27
 10:30 PM - 4:00 AM @ High School Commons

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3 States Seek Clarity on Federal Transgender Guidelines

AUSTIN — Attorneys General Ken Paxton of Texas, Patrick Morrissey of West Virginia and Scott Pruitt of Oklahoma are seeking clarification of the federal government's guidelines regarding bathroom access and other issues involving transgender students.

On May 13, the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and the Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education sent a nine-page letter to schools nationwide establishing guidelines for bathroom accessibility and other issues related to the treatment of transgender students, including:

- A safe and nondiscriminatory

environment;

- Identification documents, names and pronouns;
- Sex-segregated activities and facilities; and
- Privacy and education records.

A condition for receiving federal funds, according to the letter, is that a school agrees that it will not exclude, separate, deny benefits to or otherwise treat differently on the basis of sex any person in its educational programs or activities unless expressly authorized to do so under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 or its implementing regulations.

The three state attorneys general

responded by saying the federal agencies' "Dear Colleague" letter raises more questions than it answers. Their joint letter also requests that the Obama Administration "be extremely clear about what is and isn't allowed" and respond by May 24.

Sales tax holiday is set

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on May 16 announced certain water-conserving, energy-efficient products that carry the "Energy Star" label may be purchased tax-free Saturday, May 28, through Monday, May 30.

According to Hegar, shoppers will save an estimated \$8.7 million in state and local

sales tax during the Memorial Day Weekend sales tax holidays.

"Anyone who has lived through a Texas summer knows that this is the time of year when our state is hit by peak demands for both water and electricity," Hegar said.

A complete list of items that qualify for the state sales tax break is available online at cpa.state.tx.us.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

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Old, Young or None of the Above

For most of my life I viewed myself as old. Even when I clearly wasn't. It's about perspective.

The memories are vague, or even nonexistent, but when I was two I got a baby sister. By age three, I'm pretty sure I thought I was old. For sure much older than my sister, which I held over her head — until I hit 30.

When I was five and someone asked my age I no longer had to fold any of my fingers in toward my palm. I got to hold up my entire outstretched hand. I remember feeling like this was a big deal (because it was!). Plus I went to kindergarten. That most certainly qualified me as old.

When I was eight I was finally allowed to ride my pink banana seat bike by myself to the corner store to buy Laffy Taffy. That sort of responsibility and independence is reserved for those who have attained a certain level of experience and sophistication in life. Hence, in my eyes, I was old.

When I was 10 I reached a new level of oldity: double digits and double hands. Having two numbers in my age was exciting and practically screamed maturity, as well as the privilege of having my mom drive me to the mall so I could get my ears pierced.

The age of 16 is a milestone in nearly everyone's oldometer. The importance of 16 candles on the cake can be summed up in two words: driver's license. I no longer needed a parent to drive me to the mall; I could get there on my own. Anyone old enough to drive a car is old — at least old enough to drive a car.

Everyone believes they are old at 18. And why not? You can do lots of grown-up things, not the least of which is refer to yourself as an adult. It's a privilege you've been waiting for your entire life.

At 20 you are no longer a teenager and that has old written all over it. Looking back, of course, I was probably more kid than grown up, but I didn't know it at the time because I considered 20 old. The same goes for 25. And (eek) 30, which was a biggie for many of us.

Most of it is a blur after that. The older you get, the faster time flies. I remember my parents telling me this; I didn't believe them. Now that I've become them I understand the truth of their words.

Somewhere around mid-30-something I found designating myself as old wasn't as alluring as it had been when I was eight. Instead of the sweetness and privilege of Laffy Taffy, extra years meant responsibility. The prestige of a mini van. Replacing acne wash with wrinkle cream. Fighting the dreaded muffin top. Wearing comfortable shoes. Fine print that seemed finer and fuzzier.

I've been old most of my life, or so I thought. And now that I'm older than I ever was before, I've decided I'm as young as I'm ever going to be. It's a change in perspective and it works for me.

Besides, old or young, it's what you make of it. Age may be an unyielding (and ever-increasing) number, but it doesn't have to be. Oh sure, the calendar will change and technically so will the digits that designate how old (or young) you are. But you get to decide — whether you choose to be 8 years old or 88 years young.

As for me, right now I'm somewhere in between. But young at heart. Hopefully always that.

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By Jill Pertler



Hometown Boy Made Good

O'Donnell, Texas, where the late Dan Blocker spent most of his "growing up years," proudly claims him as the "crown jewel" in the local museum.

Folks who want to see memorabilia of the television immortal—"Hoss" Cartwright on the long-running American TV show, *Bonanza*—can pretty well visit on their terms. Manned (and "womaned") by gritty volunteers, the museum's regular hours now are limited to Saturdays and Sundays. However, names and phone numbers of folks with access to the museum are listed on the front door. Chances are, visitors can be accommodated most any time.

Many hats are worn by most of the some 800 residents of the little town on US Highway 87, 40 miles south of Lubbock. Stop in there for awhile, and you'll learn much about volunteerism....

For starters, the O'Donnell Index-Press, a small weekly publication, has a collection point at in Moore-Rains Insurance, where Frances and Jim Stephens welcome news items. "Just put it in the basket" is frequently heard as residents drop by with items.

Publishers are John and Sharon Wells. He doubles as a full-time Lubbock nurse, and both he and wife Sharon are volunteers for numerous community projects.

The insurance office also is a meeting place for 6:30 a.m. Tuesday prayer meetings. There's coffee "for the crowd." Some days, a half-dozen or so show up; other days, it's just Jim and Frances....

Mention the name of Dan or "Hoss" in town, and several people offer "up close" memories. Many stories center on his size. Weighing 14 pounds at birth in 1928, he grew to be 6-4 and 300.

Many are "car stories" when he wasn't even behind the wheel. During high school, he was a leading prankster. One day when a gentleman attempted to drive his Model-T Ford, Dan lifted the back end off the ground, wheels spinning. The driver, maybe a 100-pounder soaking wet, decided to teach the youngster a lesson. He shifted to reverse, then took a walk around the block.

Upon returning to his car, Dan wasn't yet at a full sweat, so the driver walked the block again. This time, Dan was contrite. The car owner shifted the gear from reverse and Dan breathed easily. Later, they were fast friends. (Another

time, Dan rescued a man pinned under a car)....

The star was used to "standing out." He's in a photo with his 1939 Boy Scout Troop. All members wore scout uniforms—except for Dan. None fit, so he wore extra-large khakis—waist size 42—at age 11.

Both physically and in spirit, he was bigger than life.

Many folks don't know he served heroically during the Korean War. They say he didn't speak of it often, but those he saved in combat do....

I met Blocker just once—during the height of his popularity. In the mid-1960s, he returned to Sul Ross State University, his alma mater.

He was honored at homecoming, and I was privileged to drive the convertible he perched on. The back wheels groaned as the weight increased. (I think I drew the lucky number to be his driver. I was a "very junior" member of the faculty.)

I recall asking him a question what he'd do if he had life to live over. I fully expected, of course, that he'd answer, "I wouldn't change a thing."....

In a flash, tears flooded his eyes. Then, he provided a surprising answer: "If I had it to do over, I'd probably still be teaching school in Sonora."

In the little southwest Texas school, he felt he could see the difference he made in the lives of students.

Dan was the "gentle giant" he portrayed on TV. Too bad, though, that he couldn't have enjoyed some "non-Hoss" time. Because of his size, Dan was "forever Hoss"....

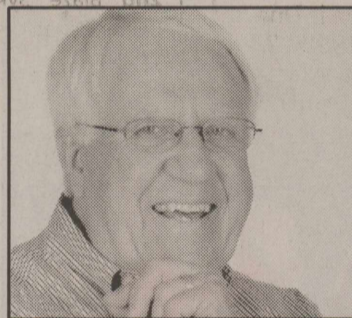
Thankfully, O'Donnell Rotarians spearheaded the effort that led to establishing the museum in 1976.

Wendell Edwards was museum president for two decades. Harold Hohn serves currently. The late John Saleh, Dan's boyhood friend, helped financially.

It's well worth a stop in O'Donnell, where the community of volunteers will provide a genuine welcome. And for those of a certain age, Blocker memorabilia is certain to "warm cockles" about the golden days of TV....

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The Idle American



by Dr. Don Newbury

Michael Morton: Innocent in Prison

Michael Morton spent 25 years in prison for a crime he didn't commit.

"I went in on March 4, 1987," he says, "and I got out on October 4, 2011. It's a different world, a subculture. Prisoners have their traditions and code words and the way they do things. It's not like you see

on TV. It's not law and order. Almost all of my friends fell away, turned their backs on me, some of my family did the same thing."

He was found guilty of murdering his wife and sentenced to life in prison. What set him free was a bandana found near the crime scene.

"There was my late wife's DNA on this bandana along with the DNA of a man. They eventually found he was in the database and was a convicted felon with a long history of criminal stuff."

He was convicted in Williamson County. The prosecutor withheld evidence about the bandana that would have set Michael Morton free.

"While I was inside the prosecutor became a district judge. After an investigation he was removed from the bench, lost his law license forever, was fined and did some jail time. What happened to me resulted in the state legislature passing bills to require prosecutors to turn over evidence."

Before he went to prison, Michael Morton had just started his own business and it was beginning to do well. Then he was arrested.

"No state in the union has a better compensation package for the exonerees. I was paid 1.9 million dollars when I was set free. I don't have to work any more, but I've written a book, do a lot of speaking engagements and do some writing. Life is good."

When he went to prison he was considered a monster. Even his son thought so.

"Everybody hated me. I was on TV, the radio, newspapers as this murderous pervert. I was the bogeyman, the bad guy. Nobody liked me. When I came out, it was like I was a golden child. Some of the journalists who had written or spoken bad words about me had tears in their eyes."

When he was released, he had no idea what experiences were ahead for him.

"It was one of those things that you hope for, you pray for and look forward to, and yet you have no idea what it's going to be like."

He noticed some changes when he got out, like the way men dress in public.

"I went to a nice restaurant and while the women were dressed in heels and hose and wore nice dresses, a lot of the men were in flip flops and shorts."

Michael Morton has since re-married and lives with his wife at Hideaway, a community near Tyler. He and his son are now close. The title of his book is *Getting Life*. He gives away copies of it at his speeches.

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Lillian Kent, stands with her winning saddle following her championship at the Novice Division of the American Stock Horse Association National Show on April 22nd and 23rd, in Sweetwater. | COURTESY PHOTO

Sonora Woolhouse Counting Hog Tails

Sonora Woolhouse Counting Hog Tails There is still time to turn in tails from feral swine killed in Sutton County to the Sonora Woolhouse. Why? Sutton County is trying for a Coordinated Hog Out Management Program (CHOMP) grant available through the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for expenses associated with controlling feral swine. Our county is competing for a slice of the \$200,000 available.



Pascual Hernandez

Applications will be reviewed through a competitive evaluation process. To apply for a CHOMP grant, Sutton County must include the number of hogs taken during May. Thus, tails from feral swine are counted at the Sonora Woolhouse. Additional application points will be awarded based on the educational initiatives carried out to teach residents about the feral hog damage and population management.

Through CHOMP, winning counties will receive assistance to continue local abatement activities after the challenge ends. This includes educating landowners on removal methods, coordinating trapping and hunting programs, conducting aerial gunning and addressing public safety hazards related to feral hogs. Selected applicants will receive project funding on a cost reimbursement basis.

Local officials will have the flexibility to determine which method works best for our county.

The 2016 CHOMP runs from May 1-31, 2016. This effort across Texas is meant to decrease the feral hog population and the millions of dollars in damage caused by these animals. If you didn't know, Texas is home to the largest feral hog population in the U.S. with nearly 2.6 million feral hogs in the state. Feral hogs cause an estimated \$52 million in agricultural damage each year to farms, ranches and property. They are both an urban and rural problem.

For more information, contact Cathy Ball with the Sutton County Predator Management Association, at 226-3692.

Devil's River News Weekly Rainfall Report			
May 1-24	1.93 in.	May 1-24	3.77 in.
April	2.58 in.	April	2.95 in.
March	3.39 in.	March	2.62 in.
February	0.77 in.	February	1.04 in.
January	0.36 in.	January	0.38 in.
2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	9.03 in.	2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	10.76 in.
2015	23.87 in.	2015	25.31 in.
2014	14.32 in.	2014	12.72 in.
2013	25.12 in.	2013	25.00 in.
2012	16.06 in.	2012	17.82 in.
2011	11.50 in.	2011	10.49 in.
2010	20.37 in.	2010	17.94 in.
2009	21.67 in.	2009	28.44 in.

Rainfall data collected at LCRA weather station located 14 miles southeast of Sonora. Rainfall data collected at LCRA weather station located 17 miles east-northeast of Sonora.

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Sonora Native Wins National Award

Lillian Kent, a freshman at Texas A&M University, won the Novice Division of the American Stock Horse Association National Show on April 22nd and 23rd, in Sweetwater.

by executing a series of predetermined gaits around the edge of the arena.

Judges considered the quality of her movements and transitions between gaits.

Kent, 2015 graduate of Sonora High School is the daughter of Susan McAlpine and Sam Kent.

In trail, she successfully made her way through an obstacle course of poles, barrels, and cones.

She joined the Texas A&M Stock Horse Team in January of this year and has competed in several shows this Spring.

Performing circles, sliding stops, rollbacks, and lead changes in a predetermined pattern, Kent achieved in the reining events.

Placing in the top ten in three of four events, Kent earned the highest total score and the championship saddle.

Wrapping up her winnings, Kent earned a top score in cow work, completing the series of competition challenges.

Kent participated in all four stock horse events including pleasure, trail, reining, and cow work.

Another Sonora graduate, Chance Campbell, placed third in the Novice Division competition.

In pleasure, she demonstrated her talent and skills

Campbell is a sophomore at Texas Tech University.

Bronco Track Camp

June 2nd & 3rd

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29th Jimmy Cahill, Melinda Valkonen, Jesse Solis
30th Susan Burnham, Chris Roque, Taylor Hampton
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Congratulations

Ms. Maribel Perez is pleased to announce the graduation of her son Preston Lopez, from Louisiana State University. Preston received his Bachelors degree in Petroleum Engineering and has accepted a position with Exxon Mobile and plans to leave to Russia next month.

Track MVP

Julia Pope named MVP Sonora Track. | COURTESY PHOTO

SONORA BANK / SONORA MORTGAGE WELCOMES ELIZABETH 'BESA' MARTIN TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Sonora Bank / Sonora Mortgage is pleased to announce the addition of Elizabeth 'Besa' Martin to our Board of Directors. Ms. Martin was born and raised in a ranching family in Fort Davis and Marfa, Texas. Following graduation from Marfa High School, she attended Texas A&M University where she received a Bachelor's of Science in Agricultural Economics and a Master's in Land Economics and Real Estate. She is also a graduate of St. Mary's University where she received her Juris Doctorate. Besa is the owner and practicing attorney at her firm, E.R. Martin, LLC located in Boerne, TX. At E.R. Martin, LLC, she represents clients on real estate, business enterprise, oil and gas, water, private property rights and tax matters.

Ms. Martin has been very involved and active with a number of organizations and civic endeavors including First United Methodist Church of Boerne, Patrick Heath Public Library, San Antonio Bar Foundation, Kendall County Appraisal Board and is an author of materials for the Women's Democracy Network. In 2015, she was inducted into the Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry at Texas A&M University.

Besa and her husband, Roy, have been married for 21 years and, between them, have 5 daughters, 2 son in laws, one grandson and another grandson on the way.

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Beef cattle topics subject of AgriLife Extension program in Brownwood

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a regional beef cattle program June 16 at the Brown County Fairgrounds located at 4206 U.S. Highway 377 S. in Brownwood. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. and the program will follow at 9 a.m.

"Cattle prices don't look too predictable as we head toward summer," said Scott Anderson, AgriLife Extension agent in Brown County. "So to optimize profits, controlling production costs and raising cattle that are efficient will be on everyone's mind. Those will be the key topics of the program."

Topics and speakers will include:
- Heifer Development-Keep or Sell, Dr. Bruce

Carpenter, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Fort Stockton.

- Veterinary Feed Directive Outline-Consumer Perspective of Beef, Dr. Ron Gill, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, College Station.

- Cattle Insect Pest Management, Dr. Sonja Swiger, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Stephenville.

- Cattle Prices This Year and Next, Dr. Jason Johnson, AgriLife Extension economist, Stephenville.

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available for licensed private applicators.

Anderson said the program is open to anyone interested in beef cattle production.

Individual registration is \$20 due upon arrival. The fee includes lunch. Preregistration is requested by June 13, for an accurate meal count.

For more information and to preregister, call the AgriLife Extension office in Brown County at 325-646-0386.

City of Sonora



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MONDAY May 30th
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TUESDAY May 31st
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WEDNESDAY June 1st
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THURSDAY June 2nd
Chicken Fajitas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Flour Tortilla, Bread Pudding, Milk.

FRIDAY June 3rd
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Transportation to and from the center may call 325-387-3941.

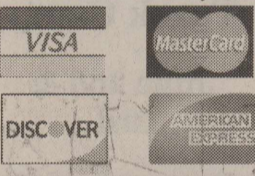
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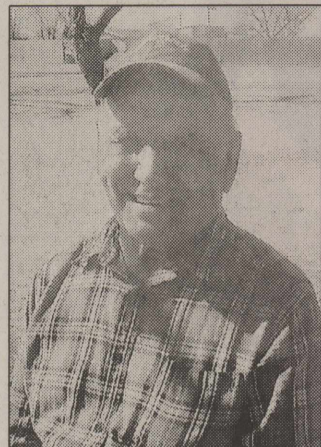
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OBITUARIES

Agapito E. Sentena September 20, 1928 - May 12, 2016



Agapito Espinoza Sentena, 87, passed away Thursday, May 12, 2016 after a short illness at his home in Abilene, with his devoted and loving wife by his side.

Agapito was born September 20, 1928 in Austin, Texas to the late Guadalupe Espinoza and Jose Sentena.

A native of Sonora and long-time resident of Abilene, Agapito married the love of his life Oralia Ibarra, of Sonora, on November 23, 1952.

Agapito worked 20 years for Gooch Packing Company of Abilene, and another 20 years for the Abilene Independent School District.

He was an active member of St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic Church since 1963. Also, he was a faithful Christian family man who will be missed by all that were blessed to know him.

Agapito is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Oralia I. Sentena of Abilene; a granddaughter Nicole Sentena; his great grandchildren Ivan Miguel Maysonet, Harley Morgan and Bianca N. Barrow; a nephew who he raised Jose S. Salcedo; one sister, Dominga Villarreal of Mineral Wells; many nieces and nephews, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son Agapito I. Sentena; his sister Narcissa Salcedo and two brothers Jose Vicente Sentena and Jose Pantaleon; and his granddaughter Bianca Sentena.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday May 16th at St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic Church, with Father Terry Brenon officiating and directed by Abilene Funeral Home.

A burial followed at Sonora Cemetery.

Amy Elizabeth Blair June 24, 1964 - May 10, 2016



Amy Elizabeth Blair, of Medina, TX, passed away on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at the age of 51.

Amy was born to Robert Studebaker Smith and Ramona Dykstra Smith on June 24, 1964 in Hampton, VA.

Amy grew up as the youngest of four girls. She graduated from The University of California San Diego with a Bachelor of Animal Behavior and Ecology.

She received a Master of Science in Wildlife from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX where she met

and married Keith Blair on June 23, 1990. They had one child, Hannah Blair, born on October 7, 1996.

Amy is survived by her husband, Keith Blair; her daughter, Hannah Blair; her mother, Ramona Dykstra Smith of Norfolk, VA; her sisters, Susan Ziller of Norfolk, VA, Nancy Malm of Bethesda, MD and Mary Ellen Huetinck of Lake Arrowhead, CA.

Amy was preceded in death by her father, Robert Studebaker Smith and a brother, Robert Bruce Smith.

Amy's life will be celebrated on June 6, 2016 at 11:00 am at the Hill County Youth Events Center (River Star), 4000 Riverside Drive, Kerrville, TX.

Attendees should wear bright colors.

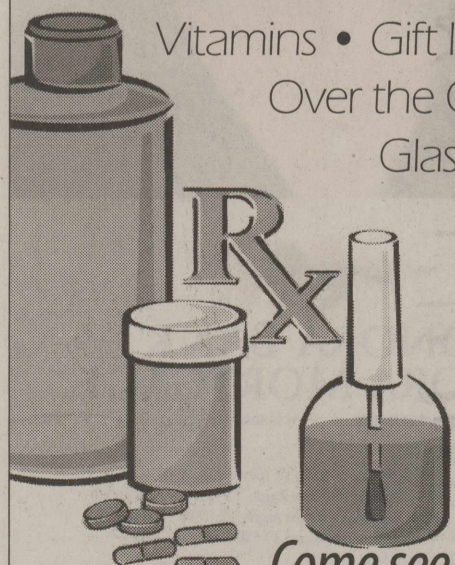
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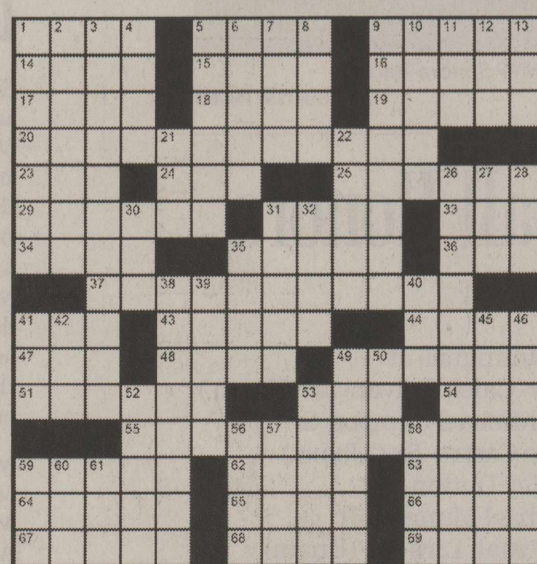
ACROSS

- Cold War threat
- Cracked open
- Swelter
- Cubs President Epstein
- Dog and ___ show
- Roast host
- Email folder
- Cracker spread
- Starbucks serving
- "Finally" singer
- Bruin Bobby
- Actor McKellen
- Bob, for one
- "Ach du ___!"
- Went down
- Mighty long time
- Exhausted, with "in"
- New moon, e.g.
- Back then
- Blues standard by Ma Rainey
- "What nonsense!"
- "Omigoshi!"
- It's hard to believe
- Boise's county
- Genesis garden
- Crown
- Not in any way

DOWN

- "Turn on the heat!"
- "Ta-ta"
- 1995 Masters winner
- Speck
- Loom up
- Big name in craft shops
- Opposed to
- Deli wares
- Added ammo
- Muscat resident

DOUBLE HEADERS



See solution on Page 6

- Behave
- Sink
- Course requirement?
- Pizza order
- "Jesus loves me, ___ know"
- Flag officer
- Track
- Bed-In participant
- Spelling contest
- Radiance
- Metallica drummer Ulrich
- Lap dog, for short
- Vision
- Teams
- Capt.'s guess
- Shut out
- Flutter
- Trapeze garb
- Mission
- Wireless computer attachment
- Altar vow
- Author Asimov
- Nephritic
- Apple product
- Soccer announcer's cry
- San ___, Italy
- Bewail
- Slip
- Make fast

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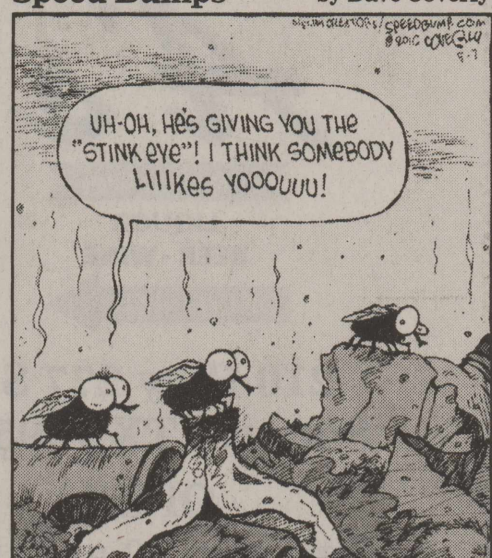
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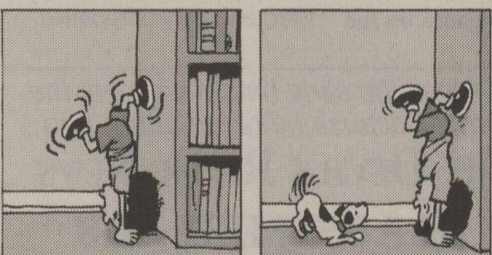
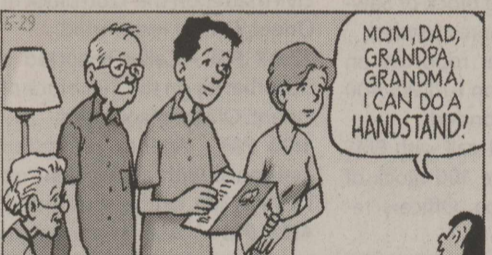
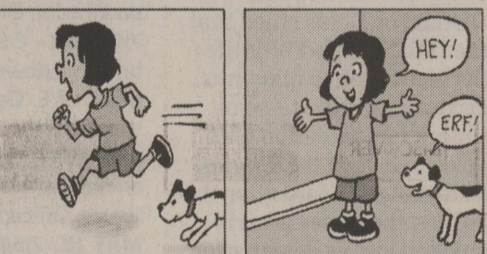
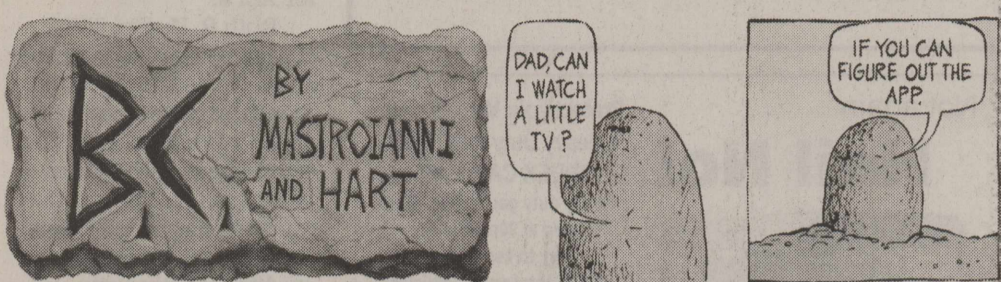
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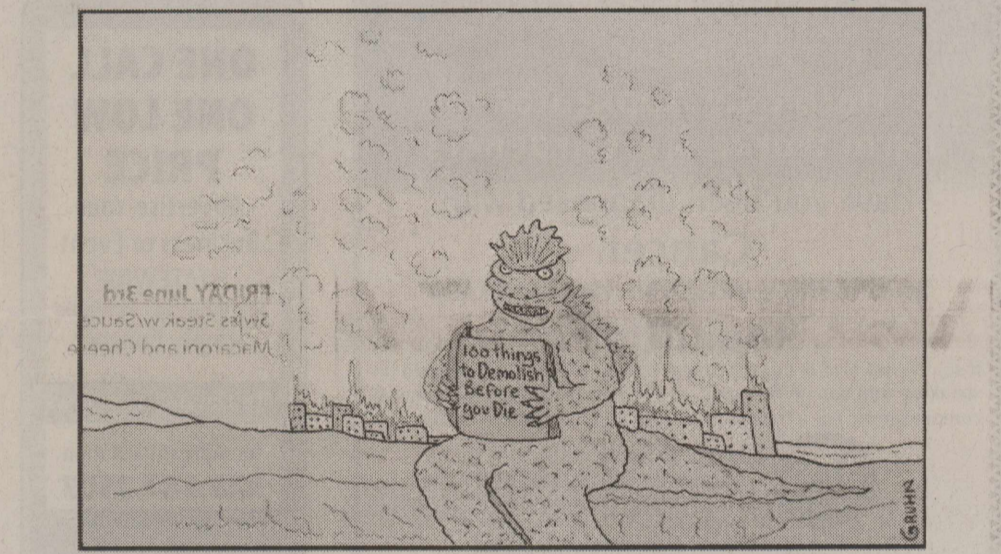
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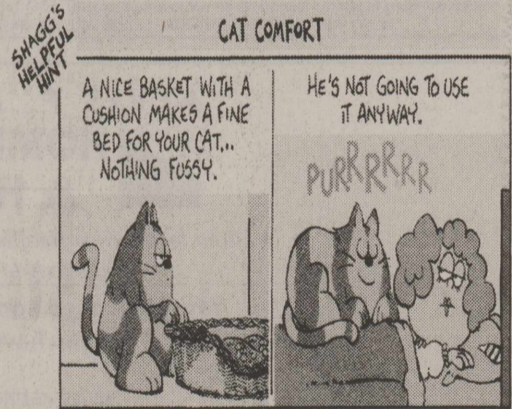
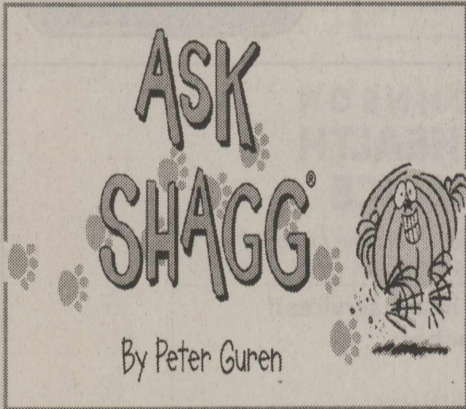
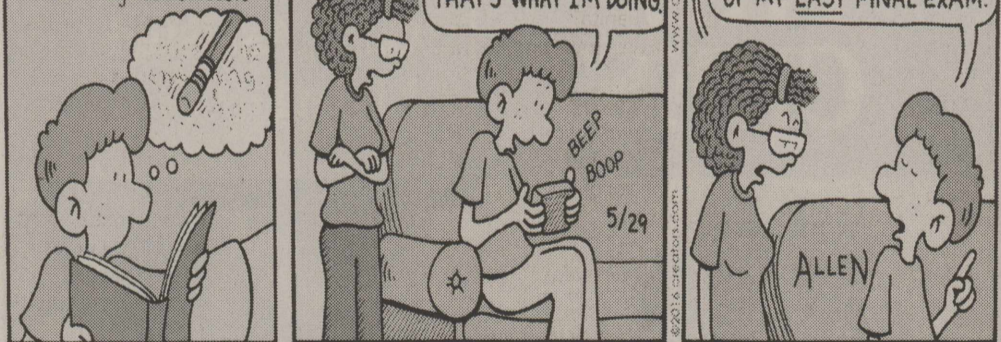
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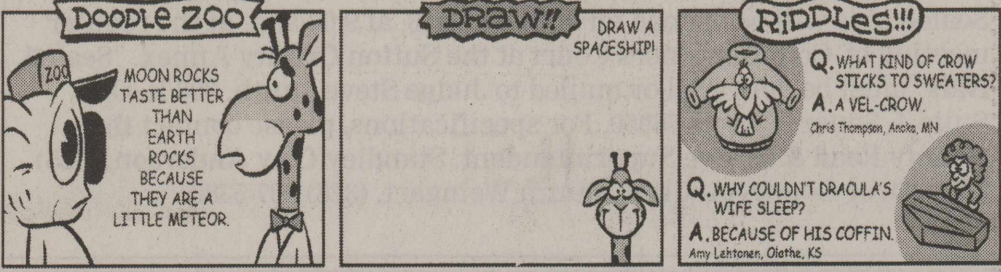
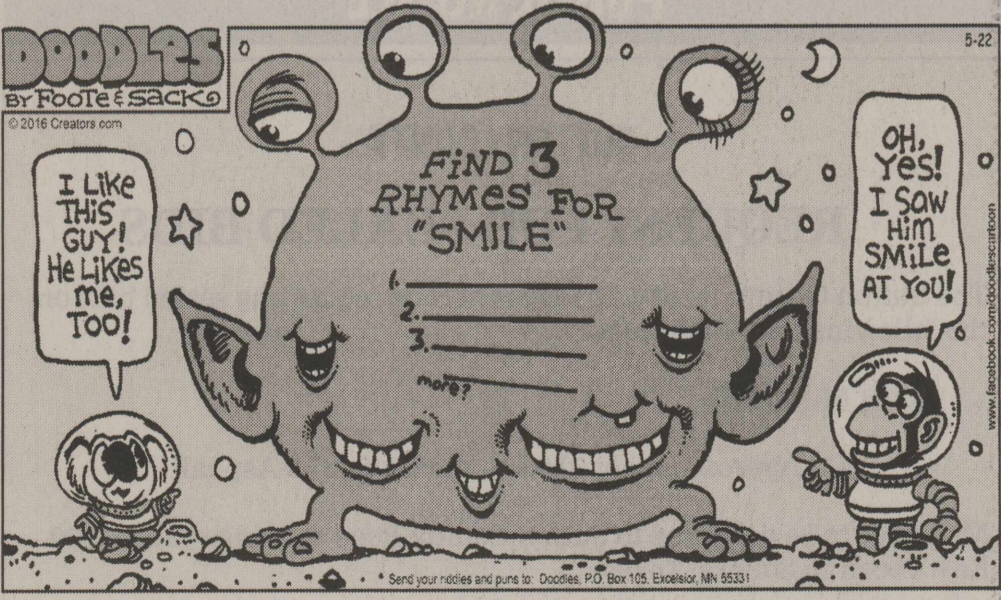
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CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Payrolls Rise

Employers expand payrolls

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The Texas Workforce Commission on May 20 reported that Texas employers expanded their payrolls in April with the addition of 8,300 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs. However, Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.4 percent in April, up one-tenth of a point from 4.3 percent in March. The national average unemployment rate was 5.0 percent for April. Ruth R. Hughs, TWC commissioner representing employers, said, "Over the month, private employers added more than 8,000 jobs, strengthening the Texas labor market. The fact that our state has added jobs for 12 of the last 13 months is a credit to the diversity and resilience of employers in Texas."

Business startups increase

Texas Secretary Carlos H. Cascos on May 10 announced his agency saw a 7 percent increase in new business filings in April compared to the previous year. A total of 14,871 certificates of formation were filed with the Texas Secretary of State in April, creating new for-profit corporations, professional corporations, professional associations, limited liability companies and limited partnerships. This

represents a 7.1 percent increase over April 2015, which saw the formation of 13,874 new for-profit formations. These numbers exclude non-profit entities. "The growth of new businesses reflects a willingness for Texans to work hard and continue growing the Texas economy," Cascos said.

Publications promote travel

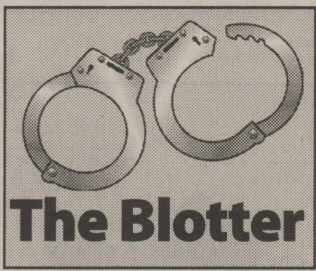
The Texas Department of Transportation on May 19 posted information steering vacationers to its annually published Texas State Travel Guide, the quarterly Texas Highways Events Calendar and Texas Official Travel Map. "Whether you have a particular destination in mind or are just planning to explore Texas, these publications will help you every mile of your trip," said Joan Henderson, TxDOT's Travel Information Division director. "Texas is big and so is the list of things to do and places to see offered in these publications. Plus, the travel information is free." These publications may be picked up at any of the 12 Texas Travel Information Centers across the state. They also may be ordered online or by calling (800) 452-9292.

Prairie chicken appeal dropped

The U.S. Justice Department on May 11 dropped its appeal to have the lesser prairie chicken listed as a threatened species under federal protection via the Endangered Species Act, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller announced May 13. Miller said that previously, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas ruled that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service failed to take into account a multi-state voluntary conservation plan prior to listing the species as threatened, and after the ruling, the lesser prairie chicken lost its designation as a threatened species. "I'm pleased to see the U.S. Justice Department has dropped its latest attempt to impede our rights," Miller said.

Tami Russell to Speak at HC Sheep & Goat Meeting

Tami Russell will address the members of the Hill Country Sheep and Goat Organization during their second annual general meeting of year. The meeting is slated for Monday, June 6th at 9:30 a.m. at the Menard Library will feature a presentation by Russell regarding the Memorial Gardens and native plantings in raised garden beds. Additionally, the meeting will feature Scholarship winners
FMI: Contact Suzy Stewart 830-669-2204 by May 26th.



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

ARRESTS

MAY 17 • Solis-Garcia, Juan E., 53 year old male from Dallas, arrested for public intoxication.

INCIDENTS

- MAY 16 - 8:13 PM •** Caller reported an intoxicated pedestrian on the 900 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.
- 8:36 PM •** Caller reported a suspicious person at the Cemetery. Officer responded.
- 9:02 PM •** Caller reported a disturbance on the 200 block of E. 3rd. Officer responded.
- 9:08 PM •** Caller reported a theft on the 500 block of W. 2nd. Officer responded.
- MAY 17 - 3:20 PM •** Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on the 400 block of W. 4th. Officer responded.
- 5:16 PM •** Caller reported an intoxicated person in the 7-11 parking lot. Officer responded.
- 7:08 PM •** Caller reported debris on a power line on the 400 block of E. College. Officer responded.
- 8:58 PM •** Caller reported an animal on the 200 block of Ben Juarez. Officer responded.
- MAY 18 - 7:50 AM •** Residential alarm on the 200 block of Sawyers Drive. Officer responded.
- 3:55 PM •** Caller reported an accident/wreck on I-10 WB 400 exit. Officer responded.
- 10:59 PM •** 9-1-1 call with EMS assistance on the 100 block of 4th street Sinaloa. Officers responded.
- MAY 19 - 12:32 AM •** Caller reported a disturbance on the

- 1000 block of Tayloe. Officer responded.
- 2:54 PM •** Caller reported criminal trespassing at the Dollar General. Officer responded.
- 5:54 PM •** Caller reported an accident/wreck on the 600 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.
- 8:27 PM •** Caller reported a man with a gun on the 500 block of Virgin Street. Officer responded.
- 8:47 PM •** 9-1-1 EMS call. Officer responded.
- 10:21 PM •** Caller reported a disturbance on the 100 block of Deerwood. Officer responded.
- 10:32 PM •** Caller reported loud music on the 500 block of W. Oak. Officer responded.
- MAY 20 - 11:43 AM •** Caller reported a harassment on the 1000 block of Tayloe. Officer responded.
- 1:38 PM •** Alarm call at the Bank and Trust. Officers responded.
- 8:18 PM •** Caller reported a harassment on the 1200 block of St. Ann's. Officer responded.
- 10:31 PM •** Caller reported a possible runaway at the Economy Inn. Officer responded.
- MAY 21 - 12:30 AM •** Caller reported a possible runaway at the Economy Inn. Officer responded.
- 2:59 PM •** Caller reported a vehicle blocking the alley way on the 800 block of E. Poplar. Officer responded.
- 6:43 PM •** Caller reported reckless driving on S. Glasscock. Officer responded.
- 11:17 PM •** Caller reported loud music at the Stadium Trailer Park. Officer responded.
- MAY 22 - 11:06 AM •** Caller reported a hit and run on the 800 block of S. Water. Officer responded.
- 11:49 AM •** Caller reported a civil matter on the 1200 block of Orient. Officer responded.
- 12:07 PM •** Caller reported a disturbance on the 100 block of Orient. Officer responded.
- 1:00 PM •** Agency requested assistance with an accident on I-10 MM 388. Officer responded.
- 4:38 PM •** Caller reported an animal on the 200 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

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Applicants must be 16 years of age or older. Applications can be picked up at City Hall and the deadline for returning the applications is 12:00 p.m. on May 27, 2016. Interviews will be scheduled after deadline. Questions should be directed to Tammy Favila 325-206-0315. The City of Sonora is an equal opportunity employer.

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Notice is hereby given that Sutton County is now accepting applications for part-time **student** positions for the following: maintenance for the Cemetery, Park, and Road & Bridge Departments.

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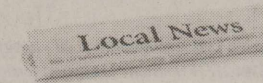
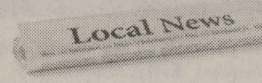
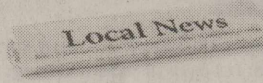
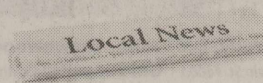
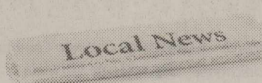
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National Peace Officer Memorial Day



Sonora honored their law enforcement personnel during a special National Peace Officer Memorial Day celebration on Thursday, May 19th. (L-R) Betsy Rodriguez, Sonora Police Officer, Duwayne Castro, Sutton County Deputy, William Dudley, Sonora Chief of Police, Steve Smith, Sutton County Judge, Joe Fincher, Sutton County Sheriff, Chris Roque, Sonora Police Officer, Wanda Shurley, Sonora Mayor, Oscar Chavez, Sutton County Deputy, Juan Miguel Jimenez and Dakota Castro, Boy Scouts.

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CORRECTION

Water and Sewer rates will increase by \$1.50 per thousand gallons.

Garbage disposal rate will increase \$5.00 (flat rate fee).

Outside City of Sonora limits ONLY.

Rates changes will appear on May 2016 billing.

County Commissioners Approve Designation of Colonias

Following a recommendation by Sutton County Judge Steve Smith, county commissioners approved a Designation of Colonias for Sutton County during a special meeting held on Monday, May 23rd.

The Colonias is a USDA program offering residents, especially low income residents, an opportunity to apply for grants and low interest loans for the purpose of necessary home repairs.

Additionally, commissioners approved a Resolution Opposing Rules proposed by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles that decreases the county revenues while

increasing county costs, as well as, reducing local control of monies collected from internet renewals.

Currently, internet renewals are minimal in Sutton County but the number is expected to increase in the future.

Also, Commissioners approved Road and Bridge advertising for summer help. Available positions include two Road and Bridge, one, cemetery and one park. Positions are open to students currently enrolled in school.

Further, county commissioners discussed the need to implement an Abatement for Public Nuisance. Due to the de-annexation of the

Sinaloa and Loma Alta subdivisions, the county holds responsibility for clean-up in these areas. These de-annexed developments no longer receive usual city of Sonora services. Instead, services are overseen by the county. Commissioners will discuss the abatement in further detail during the upcoming June 27th meeting.

Finally, in regular business, commissioners approved accounts payable as presented, including one additional expense due for payment.

The Auditor's report and Tax-Assessor Collector report were approved as presented.

In closing, Judge Smith asked everyone to please make a donation to the Sutton County Food Pantry in recognition of Red Nose Day on Thursday, May 26th. A donation will help Sutton County children in need receive food throughout the year.

Judge Steve Smith presided over the meeting. Commissioners Carl Teaff, Mike Villanueva and Fred Perez were in attendance. Commissioner John Wade was absent.

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners is slated for Monday, June 13th, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Annex Building.

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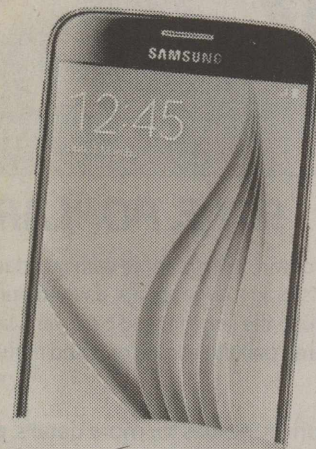
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