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## Sonora Man Arrested in SA on Federal Warrant

Sonora resident Edward Virgen, 46, was arrested in San Angelo, Thursday, January 26, 2017 on an outstanding federal warrant.

San Angelo police responded to a call about a suspicious vehicle in the first block of East 12th Street at about 2:30 p.m.

Virgen, was identified as the driver of the vehicle.

His passenger, Melinda Fernandez, 37, was arrested on three outstanding warrants, according to a San Angelo Police Department press release.

A third occupant of the car was also identified and released

at the scene.

A search of the vehicle uncovered suspected stolen items including hotel/motel key cards, a toy gun and two pellet guns, resembling realistic firearms, and flashlights, according to the release.

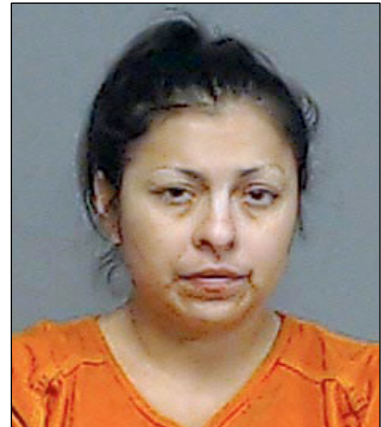
Virgen and Fernandez were booked into the Tom Green County jail without incident.

Virgen is being detained on a U.S. Marshal Hold for a probation violation on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Melinda Fernandez was later released on a \$500 Surety Bond.



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Melinda Fernandez | COURTESY TOM GREEN COUNTY JAIL

## Explosion Near Sonora Sends 4 People to Hospital

Four people were injured during an explosion at an EnerVest pump Station near Sonora Friday, January 27, 2017.

Ron Whitmire, Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer for EnerVest, Ltd confirmed that two EnerVest employees and two contractors were injured as a result of the explosion that occurred at 9:40 a.m. Friday morning.

All four people were transported by ambulance to a local hospital where they were treated and released the same day.

The event was contained with no off-site impact or threat to the community, according to Whitmire.

The compressor station owned by EnerVest is located on County Road 410 about 25

miles west of Sonora. It is used in the transportation process of natural gas requiring constant pressurization every 40-100 miles.

A chemical treatment was being completed at the compressor station when the explosion occurred.

Local law enforcement and emergency crews including two ambulances were dispatched to the location Friday morning.

A helicopter was also on standby but not employed.

No hazardous materials clean-up was necessary.

A full investigation of the incident is being conducted by EnerVest Ltd., according to Whitmire.

More information will be reported as it is made available.

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Eagle Scout Juan Miguel Jimenez was awarded the Adams Award during a special recognition dinner, Saturday, January 28, 2017 in Sonora. Earning his Eagle Scout designation this past October 2016, Jimenez has displayed exceptional leadership, service and outdoor skills throughout his career in Scouts.

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## Local Eagle Scout Receives Adams Award

A 2016 Eagle Scout and member of Troop 19 in Sonora, Juan Miguel Jimenez was awarded the 2016 Glen A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Project of the Year Award during a recognition dinner Saturday, January 28, 2017.

"I am surprised," Jimenez said. "Realizing that I made the top 2 percent of all Eagle Scouts, made me feel like a new kind of special."

An Eagle project by Jimenez to provide outdoor game board areas in the playground behind the Sonora Intermediate School was selected by the Texas Southwest Council of the Boy Scouts of America as the top service project completed by 2011 Eagle Scouts.

The National Eagle Scout

Association (NESA) established the Adams Award to recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by a Scout to a school, community, religious institution, or other group. The award recognizes a boy for his Eagle Scout leadership service project, which is part of the requirements for earning the Eagle Scout Award.

Each council chooses a council-level winner and from those boys, each region selects a region-level recipient. A national winner is selected from the four regional finalists. The council presented Jimenez with a letter of achievement, a check in the amount of \$200 and a badge. Jimenez said he will use the money to help pay for college.

Jimenez began his journey

through scouts in the fall of 2006 when he joined the Cub Scouts as a first grader.

"He enjoyed learning about campfires and building pine cars for the annual derbies, his mother Nancy Jimenez said. "He did work hard as a cub to sell over \$2000 worth of Boy Scout popcorn one year to earn the Trails End scholarship, that has lay waiting for his first year of college."

The years quickly flew by as he grew into the Boy Scout uniform, she said with a smile.

With leaders like Debra Brown, Chris Roque, and his own father, Jerry Jimenez, Juan Miguel learned about diligence, and community serving.

Over the years, he has proven himself to be a leader for his

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## Nine Sonora Youth Advance in Annual 2017 KOC Free Throw Championship

Sonora youth took a shot at advancing to the next level during the annual Knights of Columbus Lodge number 10609 Free Throw Championship contest, Sunday, January 29, 2017.

The event allows local boys and girls ranging in age from 9 to 14 to demonstrate the most basic basketball skill – a free throw while competing within their own gender and age group.

Beginning at the local level, winners move on to the district, regional, and state levels.

Sonora participants and champions include:  
Girls, 9-yr  
Isabella Garcia - Local and District Champion  
Boys, 9-yr  
Angel Diaz - Local and District Champion  
Jorge Leija  
Boys, 10-yr  
Juan Castillo - Local and District Champion  
Daniel Marquez  
Dylan Ford  
Carmelo Alvizo

Boys, 11-yr  
Tanner Flanagan - Local and District Champion  
Jacob Perez  
Sebastian Garza  
Girls, 12-yr  
Christina Garcia - Local and District Champion  
Boys, 12-yr  
Joshua Esquivel - Local and District Champion  
Aidan Leamon  
Gabriel Valdez  
Girls, 13-yr  
Sianne Alvizo - Local and District Champion  
Amaris Jimenez  
Boys, 13-yr  
Edward Juarez - Local and District Champion  
Catarino Hernandez  
Boys, 14-yr  
Fernando Gonzales - Local and District Champion  
Tully Flannagan

Next, the winners of Sunday's contest will compete in Wall on Sunday, February 12, 2017. Those who advance to state will compete Saturday, March 4 in San Antonio.



Local youth were awarded top spots in the KOC Free Throw Championship, Sunday, January 29, 2017 in Sonora. They include (Front L-R) Juan Castillo, Tanner Flanagan, Angel Diaz, Isabella Garcia and Joshua Esquivel, (Back L-R) Christina Garcia, Edward Juarez, Fernando Gonzales and Sianne Alvizo. The winners advance to another round in Wall where they will compete for an opportunity to advance to the state level.

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**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Ed Sterling

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# Abbott Tells Sheriff to Reverse Sanctuary Policy or Lose Funding

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott has stepped up the pressure on Travis County Sheriff Sally Hernandez to participate in immigration enforcement, warning that she could lose state funding if she refuses. In a Jan. 23 letter, Abbott urged the sheriff to reverse her policy directive “forbidding Travis County Sheriff’s Office employees from cooperating with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainer requests.” Failure to reverse her directive would put in jeopardy millions of dollars in funding from the governor’s office to Travis County, Abbott warned. Abbott mentioned that last year, he conditioned all Criminal Justice Grant funds from his office to

counties on their enforcement of federal immigration law. Furthermore, Abbott said, he is committed to signing legislation that bans sanctuary cities throughout the state of Texas. Sheriff Hernandez posted a news release in reaction to the governor’s letter, saying: “I respect the job of our state leaders, but I will not allow fear and misinformation to be my guiding principles as a leader sworn to protect this community. I am following all state and federal laws, and upholding constitutional rights to due process for all in our criminal justice system. Our community is safer when people can report crimes without fear of deportation. I trust the court system and our judges to

assess the risks and set appropriate bonds and conditions for all who are incarcerated. The voters, who elected state leaders and me, expect and deserve a collaborative effort to come up with solutions to this very complex issue. That is precisely what I’m committed to.” **Court rules against regent** Outgoing University of Texas regent Wallas L. Hall Jr. has lost the latest round in his legal battle to obtain admissions records from the university. The Court of Appeals for the Third District on Jan. 27 ruled unanimously in favor of the defendant, UT System Chancellor William H. McRaven, in a lawsuit brought

by Hall. Hall sued over McRaven’s refusal to grant Hall complete access to records containing student-admissions information. McRaven had the legal standing to deny Hall’s requests for certain information, the court ruled. The underlying dispute began in 2013, when Hall raised concerns about potential improprieties in the admissions process of UT Austin

# Thieves in Sanderson

Things were pretty rough at the ranch in the ‘70s so my wife wanted to buy a business of some kind to help me out. Being a professional cook she naturally leaned to a food business. After much discussion we bought the old “Admirals Steak House.” There on Main Street in Sanderson. She remodeled and opened as “Kountry Kitchen Cafe.” This is the location of this tale.



by Joe N. Brown

I came to town one day at noon and went to the cafe to eat lunch. It was a weekday but the place was crowded and Goldie’s sister Dorothy was at the cash register. On the way into the

cafe I noticed 2 bed rolls thrown down on the sidewalk outside the front door. I did not pay any attention as even this wasn’t very unusual. Wrong!! Going to the back of the room I ordered a plate lunch and ate, after which I was drinking a cup of coffee. At this time Dorothy, the cashier came to me and said “Joe those two men in the front booth left without paying for their lunch.” I looked up and the booth was empty and asked, “What did they eat?” She answered, “A double order of fried chicken and apple pie each and the ticket is about 12 dollars.” I told her I would try to find the men.

When I came out the front the first thing that caught my eye was that the bedrolls were gone. As I was looking down the alley a customer asked, “are you looking for those two men who picked up those bedrolls?” When I answered him, he state, “They gathered those rolls and ran down the alley towards the rail yards!” I thanked him and got into my truck and drove to the rail yards. This was only about a block south of our cafe.

After I reached the rail yard and got out of my truck, I looked both ways up and down the track. No trains were moving but a string of empty box cars were on the siding about 100 yards down the west side track. A railroad hand was eating his lunch there and he asked “Are you looking for those two who just ran by here?” When I answered he stated “They are in that first empty box car!” I drove my truck down there even with the open door and got out. Not knowing what I would find, I took my Berrta pistol with me.

I stood to one side of the door and yelled, “Come on out of there!” No answer. I yelled again, “I know you are in there so come on out with your hands up!” Still no response, so I fired one shot into the open door of the box car. Immediately I heard movement and 2 men came to the door with their hands in the air. One of them said “We didn’t do anything.”

I ordered them down off the box car at gun point. About then the sheriff, Dalton Hogg, drove up and asked what was going on here. I explained that he’d stolen from the cafe and that I had captured them. He then told me to put away my pistol as he would handle the situation. Then he told the men to get in the back seat of his car. Which they gladly did! The sheriff drove off with the two prisoners.

Returning to the cafe, I got a cup of coffee and explained to my wife and Dorothy the cashier what had happened at the rail yards. I also explained that they could just write that ticket off as a loss for we would never collect on it! Wrong!!

Sheriff Dalton Hogg came in the door, stopped at the cash register and paid the ticket in question. He came on back to where I was got a cup of coffee and sat down. To me he said, “Those are just two old boys down on their luck and traveling across the country and were very hungry. My answer was “If they would have asked for work we would have fed them, no problem but they came in here to steal from us and then ran away! They are just professional thieves so what are we to do now?”

Sheriff Hogg state “I paid for their meal and took them to the county line west. So ended our tale of two thieves in Sanderson.



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# Close Loopholes in State Public Information Act

After the Sharpstown fraud and bribery scandal rocked the Texas Capitol in the early 1970s, Texans opted to “throw the rascals out” and elect a reform-minded Legislature to clean up the mess.

A cornerstone of the 63rd Legislature’s reform agenda was the Public Information Act of 1973, which empowered the people to see what their government officials were doing and hold them accountable. Lawmakers clearly stated that the public’s right to know, in most cases, should prevail over other interests because information is key to accountability.

But the Texas Supreme Court ignored this fundamental principle of the law and overlooked decades of prior interpretations when deciding two recent cases regarding public information: *Boeing v. Paxton* and *Greater Houston Partnership v. Paxton*. In both cases, the Court chose to protect the interests of private entities that benefit from public funds over the rights of the people.

The press and various watchdog groups raised the alarm when these opinions were released in 2015. But now that the 85th Legislature is in session, it’s incredibly important that Texans understand what is at stake, too.

Every year, our state and local governments enter into thousands of contracts with private entities such as engineers, accountants, road-builders, foster care agencies, food service providers, IT companies, social service groups and so many more. These contracts, which together are worth billions, dictate what we as the taxpayers will pay, what we’ll receive in return and who’ll reap the financial benefit. And now, in many instances, those contracts can be kept hidden from those of us who are picking up the tab.

This process is ripe for abuse, as we’ve seen time and again from recent contracting scandals. Has a company failed to deliver on-time and on-budget? Has a state or local official struck a self-serving deal?

People will generally behave better if they know someone could be watching. To be good watchdogs, the public must first be able to see government contracts.

Increasingly, these court decisions are being used to shield basic information that would have been released before. In 2016, the state Attorney General’s Office ruled in about 600 cases that information may be withheld under the competitive

bidding exception; that’s compared with about 250 in 2014, the year prior to the Supreme Court ruling.

We’re not talking about protecting a company’s trade secrets here - those are covered elsewhere in the Public Information Act. Examples of withheld information have been well-documented and include: how much McAllen paid Enrique Iglesias to perform in a holiday parade; how many licenses Houston issued to Uber; and how public money is spent by the Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council on behalf of local cities, schools and special districts. In each of these cases the public is now unable to trace public funds.

Unfortunately we can only expect this problem to get worse as more private businesses and public entities try to push the bounds of what can be withheld under these rulings.

At the same time, state and local governments are increasingly outsourcing public services. In fact, Boeing and Greater Houston Partnership create a perverse incentive to channel public money through private entities in order to avoid disclosure. If you think this sounds like the next Sharpstown scandal waiting to happen, you’re on the right track.

The good news is the Legislature will soon have an opportunity to close the loopholes the Court created in Boeing and Greater Houston Partnership, and we have filed legislation to do just that.

We hope Texans will appreciate the need for this legislation and encourage its adoption. Only then can we restore government accountability and avoid the kind of scandal that led to the Public Information Act’s passage in the first place.

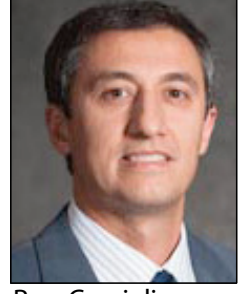
*State Senator Kirk Watson, D-Austin, is a lawyer and the former mayor of Austin. He is serving his sixth term in the Texas Senate. His legislative priorities center on education, health care, transportation, budget transparency and state employees.*

*State Representative Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, R-Keller, is the owner of a venture capital firm specializing in small business. He is in his third term in the State House. Among his legislative priorities are public education, state finance and government transparency and accountability.*

## In Our Opinion



Sen. Watson



Rep. Capriglione

# The Good Humor Man of East Texas

Every time I even get close to East Texas I call Shelley Cleaver. He lives between Rusk and Jacksonville and has a deep love of Edsel automobiles. He is the publicity guy for the Edsel Owners Association and has attended every annual



## Rolling Along

by Tumbleweed Smith

meeting of that group, no matter where in the country it takes place. Shelley is interested in the history of his county and is active in all phases of the Cherokee County Historical Association. He appears at events dressed as a civil war soldier and tells tales about his kinfolks who fought in that event.

Mostly, though, Shelley is funny. He has a good time. He ran track for Jacksonville High School and he and his teammates won the state championship in the mile relay. Of course they did it under pressure. They had gone out the previous night when they were supposed to be in their hotel rooms. They were caught and the coach said, “If you win you won’t get paddled.” So they ran their hearts out. When Shelley got the baton his team was in third place. “I passed those two jokers ahead of me like they were sitting still. Sure enough we got the plaque and the coaches forgot about the whipping. If we hadn’t gone out that night we probably would not have set that new record of 3 minutes and 27 seconds. We all ran the fastest we had ever run.”

Shelley recorded a song about sitting on the front porch swing. He helped write a cookbook titled Lone Star Lickskillet. He is the “go to” person if you want to know about fun festivals in East Texas. He is frequently asked to be the parade marshall at some of those events. He is one popular fellow and is always in a good mood.

Shelley is an excellent storyteller. He told me about his grandfather named Bruce Cleaver who had a blacksmith shop in the community of Lone Star. “He made all kinds of wagon wheels, shoed horses, even made caskets to bury people. He’d get this hickory wood to make wagon wheel spokes and it was cut just the right size for stove wood.

“Some of his neighbors who lived close by had an old house that wasn’t built very well and it just had a tin roof. Well my grandpa Bruce started missing that hickory wood, which was hard to come by. He told people around Lone Star somebody was gonna be sorry for stealing his wood.

“His neighbors bought a new wood burning cook stove from Sears Roebuck. Plum season had come in and they had this number eight tub on the new stove. All of a sudden the cook stove blew up and blew those plum seeds all over the tin ceiling. The couple decided they would sue Sears and Roebuck because the stove blew up. Well, come to find out it was gunpowder that blew the stove up. My grandpa had drilled a hole in one end of a hickory wood log and filled it with black gunpowder. He put a peg over the end so it wouldn’t show. The neighbor was stealing the wood at night and didn’t notice it.

“The neighbors decided they would sue Bruce. So they carried it to the courthouse in Rusk. They got on the witness stand and the judge asked them where they got the wood. They admitted it came from the back of Bruce’s blacksmith shop. The judge said they ought to pay Bruce for stealing his wood and dismissed the case.”

# Heard Around Town

I can’t say for sure whether or not his elevator goes all the way to the top. It’s been stuck in the basement with its doors open ever since I’ve known him.

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Michael Solis pumped a total of 960 pounds during the Eldorado Invitational Powerlifting Meet Saturday, January 28, 2017 in Eldorado. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

## Broncos and Lady Broncos Place 8th at Eldorado Invitational Meet

Sonora powerlifters were among the 180 competitors attending the War Eagle Invitational Powerlifting Meet in Eldorado Saturday, January 28, 2017.

Julian Guerra's total lift of 1,225 pounds gave him the bronze in the 275-pound weight class.

Olivia Martinez lifted a total of 590 pounds to take the silver medal in the 181-pound weight class. 181 earn her a silver.

Jordan Paredes earned a bronze metal in the 114-pound weight class.

**Boys Results:** 148-lbs. weight class: Henry Ramos 5. 895 lbs. (squat 335, bench press 185, dead lift 375).

165-lbs weight class: Joseph Delgado 8. 780 lbs.

(squat 265, bench press 190, dead lift 325); Ariel Lugo 9. 735 lbs. (squat 225, bench press 190, dead lift 320).

181-lbs. weight class: Michael Solis 4. 960 lbs. (squat 360, bench press 200, dead lift 400); Juan Baez 5. 865 lbs. (squat 375, bench press 205, dead lift 285).

200-lbs. weight class: Christian Ramon 5. 885 lbs. (squat 350, bench press 235, dead lift 300).

275-lbs weight class: Julian Guerra 3. 1,225 (squat 335, bench press 185, dead lift 375); Bryndon Robles 5. 1,180 lbs. (squat 475, bench press 380, dead lift 325).

**Boys team results:** Reagan County (1), Odessa (2), San Angelo Lake View (3), Rocksprings (4), Irion County (5), Eldorado (6),

Grape Creek (7), Sonora (8), Miles (9), Christoval (10) and Junction (11).

**Girls Results:** 114-lbs. weight class: Jordan Paredes 3. 520 lbs. (squat 215, bench press 100, dead lift 205); Adamari Mata 5. 435 lbs. (squat 170, bench press 75, dead lift 190).

132-lbs. weight class: Traci Vickers 10. 375 lbs. (squat 155, bench press 85, dead lift 135).

148-lbs. weight class: Valerie Gonzalez 5. 575 lbs (squat 260, bench press 105, dead lift 210); Kaitlyn Gann 11. 455 lbs. (squat 195, bench press 80, dead lift 180).

165-lbs. weight class: Zayda Gutierrez 6. 495 lbs. (squat 220, bench press 100, dead lift 175).

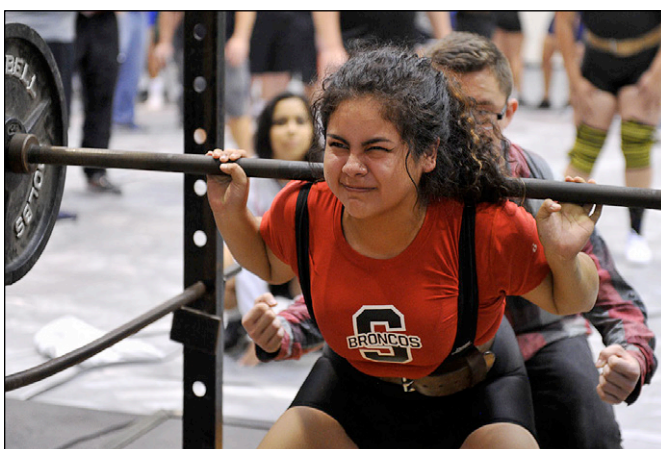
181-lbs. weight class: Olivia Martinez 2. 590 lbs. (squat 240, bench 110, dead lift 240).

198-lbs. weight class: Lashae Garcia 5. 355 lbs. (squat 160, bench press 95, dead lift 100).

259-lbs. weight class: Elissa Ramirez 6. 520 lbs. (squat 235, bench press 110, dead lift 175).

**Girls team results:** Eldorado (1), San Angelo Lake View (2), Reagan County (3), Odessa (4), Irion County (5), Grape Creek (6), Junction (7), Sonora (8), Rocksprings (9), Christoval (10).

Next, the Broncos and Lady Broncos will travel to Irion County to participate in the IC Powerlifting Meet, Saturday, February 18, 2017 in Mertzon.



Valerie Gonzales pumped a total 575 pounds during the Eldorado Invitational Powerlifting Meet Saturday, January 28, 2017 in Eldorado. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

## Sonora 4-H and FFA Students Yield Awards in Fort Worth Stock Show

By Pascual Hernandez

Local 4-H and FFA students brought home awards from their participation in the annual Fort Worth Stock Show this past week.

Now that stock show season is fully underway, updates our 4-H and FFA exhibitors will be provided as they are available.

Though it is still early in the Fort Worth Stock Show, here are initial results:

### YOUTH OPEN DORPER SHOW:

Lane Cahill placed 4th with a Spring Ewe Lamb (April-August 2016). Her sister Carson Cahill placed 1st with her Spring Ewe Lamb (March 2016). Carson also placed 2nd in the Aged Ewe Show (born prior September 2014).

### OPEN DORER SHOW:

The Cahill sisters also competed in the Open Show, Lane was awarded 1st place with her Spring Ewe Lamb (April-August 2016).

Carson earned 4th and 5th with her Spring Ewe Lambs (March 2016).

Additional awards for Lane include Junior Champion Ewe, 3rd place in the Junior Yearling Ewe class, and the National Reserve Champ White Dorper.

### MARKET SHOWS:

Meanwhile, in the market lamb and goat shows, Kodi and Koda Davis, as well as Jillian Castro had good days.

Jillian Castro exhibited a Dorper wether lamb in a tough class, and earned 14th place.

Koda was awarded 1st place with a middle-weight wether goat who went on to win division champion and Grand Champion!

Kodi earned 4th place with a heavy weight wether, She was also awarded the showmanship award.

We are proud of all of the participants and congratulate them for their hard work.

## Ramsdell Named to Texas A&M University Dean's Honor Roll

2016 Sonora High School graduate Darby Ramsdell was named to the Texas A&M University Dean's Honor Roll for the 2016 fall semester.

Texas A&M University released a list of honor students for the fall semester, recognizing them for outstanding academic performance, according to a press release January 30, 2017.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours during the fall semester who have maintained a 3.75 or higher grade point (GPR) out of a possible 4.0.

Ramsdell also received a second designation, "Distinguished Student," recognizing her for earning a 3.5 to 3.74 GPR while taking at least 15 hours for the



Darby Ramsdell | COURTESY PHOTO

fall semester.

Ramsdell, a Sophomore at TAMU at College Station, is pursuing a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration.

Congratulations to Ramsdell for her college achievements.

## Big Country FCA Names 11 SHS Students to 2017 All-Star Teams

Big Country Fellowship of Christian Athletes announced its selections for 2017 All-Star teams this past week.

"It is truly an honor and great experience for our Seniors to participate in such an elite program," Athletic Director David T. Sine said "That's truly more than a game!"

All-Star team students will participate in the FCA All Star games during June 2017 in Abilene.

These students deserve commendation for their hard work and

accomplishment.

### Sonora recipients:

**Cheerleading:**

Bianca Fay

Jessica Paredes

**Volleyball:**

Sky Jennings

**Football:**

Bryndon Robles

Michael Solis

Liam Yourgalite

**Basketball:**

Kade Creek

**Baseball:**

Michael Mungia

Isaiah Lira

Noah San Miguel

**Softball:**

Nydia Rodriguez



Why does the early bird always get the worm? Because he reads about it in

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## SONORA WEATHER FORECAST

Thu 02/02	Fri 02/03	Sat 02/04	Sun 02/05	Mon 02/06
68/48 Sunny Sunrise 7:33 a.m. Sunset 6:19 p.m.	71/54 Cloudy Sunrise 7:32 a.m. Sunset 6:20 p.m.	69/46 Cloudy/Sunshine Sunrise 7:32 a.m. Sunset 6:21 p.m.	69/39 Mostly Sunny Sunrise 7:31 a.m. Sunset 6:22 p.m.	66/37 Cloudy Sunrise 7:30 a.m. Sunset 6:23 p.m.

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Intermediate School Students for the week of January 31- February 3, Kody Prather, 3rd, Braylin Welborn, 4th, Caitlynn Ramirez, 5th.

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# Texas Ranger Memorial Cross Ceremony, Feb. 18

Honoring the memory of 1st Corporal Richard Walter Davis, Sr., a Texas Ranger Memorial Cross Ceremony is slated for Saturday, February 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sonora Cemetery.

This special dedication is a collaborative effort of the Former Texas Ranger Association, the Moses Austin Rangers, and the Davis and Johnson-Wilkins families.

Richard Walter Davis, Sr., a Ranger, Confederate Veteran, husband, father, and grandfather is known for his decades of pioneering, farming and raising stock in Bastrop County.

Forging the trail for those who came after him, Davis served three

enlistments with the Texas Rangers, and was also in the Texas Cavalry during the War between the States.

In 1904, Davis settled in Sonora, most likely seeking the company and care of his beloved sons. He died June 8, 1907.

Once again, he is being recognized his service as a Texas Ranger with a salute to his bravery, grit, and determination.

The event will also include a rifle and cannon salute.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony in the cemetery and reception following at the Old Ice House Ranch Museum in downtown Sonora.

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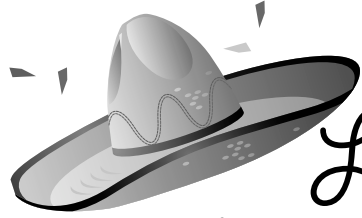


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Sonora Middle School Students for the week of January 30 - February 2, Liza Morales, 6th, (not pictured), Fernando Gonzalez, 7th, Sianne Alvisio, 8th

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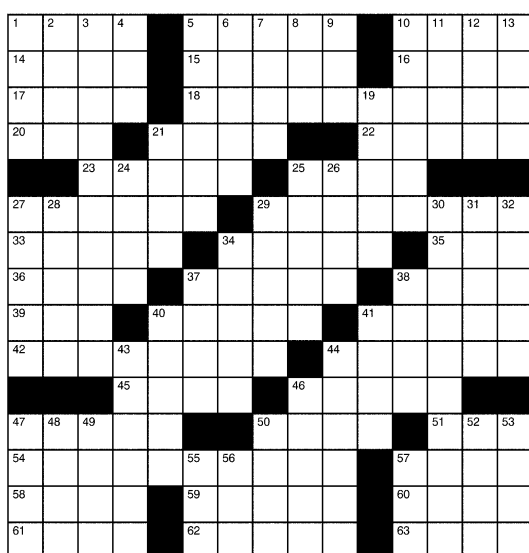
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## Weekly Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
1. Infant
  5. Gem weight
  10. Semitic deity
  14. She: Fr.
  15. Dispatch boat
  16. Killer whale
  17. Twirled
  18. Irrelevant diversion
  20. Compass pt.
  21. Dry
  22. S. Am. mountains
  23. Charges
  25. New Haven college
  27. Silverfish
  29. Came after
  33. Characteristic practice
  34. Foolish
  35. Hurry
  36. Globes
  37. Mulish
  38. Stay
  39. Western Indian
  40. Tugs or pulls
  41. Paired
  42. Nail size
  44. Goofs
  45. Seaweed
  46. Sousa specialty
  47. Variegated quartz
  50. Ascend
  51. Unit

54. Certain legumes
  57. Took to court
  58. Work for
  59. Vestment
  60. On the bounding main
  61. Peasant, in India
  62. Dogma
  63. Duration
- DOWN**
1. Former first lady
  2. European mountains
  3. First prize
  4. Longing
  5. Metier
  6. Declares
  7. Take the bus
  8. Ember remains
  9. Digit
  10. Island in the Malay Archipelago
  11. See 21 Across
  12. Skin ailment

### "COLORFUL DIET"



See solution on Page 8

13. Falls behind
19. Acquire fresh vigor
21. Proofreader's direction
24. Cuckoo-like birds
25. These are never used in angel food
26. Cohort
27. Fire, as a gun
28. Writer Bret \_\_\_\_
29. Young female horse
30. 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
31. Kind of duck
32. Acts
34. Finnish bath
37. Gun sound
38. Judge's seat in court
40. Feminine name meaning bright one
41. Additional
43. Plain
44. Kind of hound
46. Chop
47. Maturing agent
48. Between black and white
49. Air: prefix
50. Weather word
52. \_\_\_\_ -do-well
53. Dutch cheese
55. Flying mammal
56. Uncle: Scots
57. Calendar abbreviation

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# Fruit Trees Need To Chill Out

Yep, there are some peach trees already nearing bloom.

Though we still have cold weather ahead of us, some amount of cold or chill is required by fruit trees.

Why are chill hours important?

Most hardy fruit trees need a certain amount of cold weather to end their dormancy and to promote spring growth.

When winters are too mild, spring growth is delayed, irregular, and slow.

During the fall season, decreasing day length and cooler temperatures induce a tree to produce growth inhibitor hormones that disrupt its growth.

It is these hormones that maintain a tree in dormancy during winter.

The dormant buds of many plants require cold weather to grow, flower and develop properly, but requirement vary by species.

Dormancy is interrupted when sufficient cold temperatures break down the growth inhibitors within the tree.

A precise number of cumulative hours of chill (temperatures lower than 45 degrees Fahrenheit), are required to break dormancy.

When enough chilling accumulates, the buds are ready to grow in response to warm temperatures.

If the buds do not receive sufficient chilling temperatures during winter to completely release dormancy, trees may develop physiological symptoms such as delayed and extended bloom, delayed leafing, reduced fruit set and reduced fruit quality.

Extreme cold during winter dormancy, however, may kill the fruit buds.

So, let's say you're thinking about planting a peach tree.

Consider the chilling requirement. If you choose varieties that have a chilling requirement that is too low, there is a greater probability that they will bloom early and be more subject to frost.

If the chilling requirement is too high, they may be very slow to break dormancy and abort fruit.

The idea, then, is to plant varieties which have the correct chilling requirement for our area. Our zone gets about 800 hours of chilling. Some adequate varieties for our area include Sentinel, Redglobe, and Fireprince, but there are others. Do some homework.

For more information, contact the local County Extension Office.



Pascual Hernandez



Scouts and volunteers were honored during a special Recognition Banquet Saturday, January 28, 2017 in Sonora. Members of Sonora Scout Troop 19 congratulated one of their own for receiving the Adams Award. (L-R) Jerry Jimenez, Troop Leader, Levi Garrett, Juan Miguel Jimenez and Dakota Castro.

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## ADAMS AWARD:

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troop and fellow scouts.

"He has been a leader since we started scouts," Dakota Castro said. "We are a small group and he guides us along to do what we can for the community."

Jimenez worked at advancing through the Boy Scout ranks of Tenderfoot, Second-Class, First-Class, Star, and Life Scout, before taking on the task of an Eagle Scout project.

He completed his project on September 29, 2016 and received his rank as Eagle Scout on October 10, 2016.

Constructed over a three-week period, Jimenez began by painting the game boards, including four chess and checkers areas, two of the Four-Square areas, and a large, colorful generic gameboard that

could be utilized for any teacher's lesson or game, on an outdoor cement slab.

He also raised funds to purchase 2 giant-sized chess sets, 2 giant-sized checkers sets, 10 canvas storage bags for all the pieces, and 1 large rolling cart to assist students in hauling materials to the slab.

A senior at Sonora High School Jimenez and avid game enthusiast himself, Jimenez, enjoys knowing that students have already utilized the game pieces and hopes they continue to find interest in them in the future.

"I am honored and happy that they chose me," Jimenez said about receiving the award. "It was hard work raising money and completing the project on time but I am glad that I got it done."

Devil's River News Weekly Rainfall Report			
January 1-31	2.40 in.	January 1-31	1.68 in.
2017 Year-to-Date Total	2.40 in.	2017 Year-to-Date TOTAL	1.68 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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## CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: UT Regent

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and requested information to conduct his own investigation.

Hall was appointed to the board of regents by then-Gov. Rick Perry in 2011. Hall's term of office ends in February.

### Jobless rate stays same

The Texas Workforce Commission on Jan. 20 reported that Texas added an estimated 210,200 seasonally adjusted jobs since December 2015, with the addition of 800 nonfarm jobs in December.

Furthermore, according to the agency, the state has added jobs in 20 of the past 21 months. Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate maintained a 4.6 percent rate in December, the same rate as in November, according to information posted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The Education and Health Services industry recorded the largest private-industry employment gain over the month, with 7,300 jobs added. Leisure and hospitality employment grew by 3,900 jobs in December and manufacturing employment expanded by 1,400 jobs.

### Abbott reappoints two

Gov. Abbott on Jan. 25 reappointed Charles Smith as executive commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, effective Feb. 1, for a term to expire on Feb. 1, 2019.

Smith, first selected for the post by the governor on June 1, 2016, earlier served as deputy for child support in the attorney general's office.

Abbott also reappointed

Donna Bahorich of Houston as chair of the Texas State Board of Education, effective Feb. 1, for a term to expire Feb. 1, 2019.

Bahorich was elected to the board in November 2012. She serves on the board's Committee on School Initiatives that oversees agenda items related to charter schools, State Board for Educator Certification rules and the appointment of school board members for districts located on military bases.

Both appointments are subject to Senate confirmation.

### Vehicles to be tested in Texas

The U.S. Department of Transportation has picked Texas as one of 10 testing locations for autonomous vehicle technology.

In a Jan. 24 news release, the Texas Department on Transportation suggested the designation establishes Texas as a leader in the research and development of new transportation technologies that could make roads safer and less congested.

TxDOT will be involved in a "Texas Autonomous Vehicle Proving Grounds Partnership" with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, The University of Texas at Austin's Center for Transportation Research, Southwest Research Institute and 32 municipal and regional entities.

"This partnership puts Texas at the forefront of automated vehicle technologies that likely will shape the future of transportation around the world," said Marc Williams, deputy executive director of TxDOT.

## What's for Lunch?

**Sonora ISD Menu**

PK-5th : Free Breakfast & \$2.45 lunch  
 Middle & High School: \$1.95 Breakfast & \$2.85 lunch  
 \*Menu Subject to Change

<p><b>Monday February 6th Breakfast</b>                      Waffles / Bacon Or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>                      French Pizza, Texas Chili w/ Combread, or Chicken Fajita Salad</p> <p>~</p> <p>Broccoli Bites, Tiny Tomato Cup, Orange Smiles, Milk</p> <p><b>After School Program</b>                      Muffin, Milk</p> <p><b>Tuesday February 7th Breakfast</b>                      Breakfast Strudel/Cheese Stick Or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>                      Spaghetti Bowl w/Breadstick, Teriyaki Beef Sliders, Chef Salad</p> <p>~</p> <p>Garden Salad, California Blend Vegetables, Peaches, Pudding, Milk</p> <p><b>After School Program</b>                      Fruit, Raisins, Milk</p> <p><b>Wednesday- February 8th Breakfast</b>                      Cinnamon Roll/Sausage Or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>                      Steak Fingers, Breaded Pork Chop, Santa Fe Salad</p> <p>~</p> <p>Roll, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrot Coins, Strawberries &amp; Bananas, Milk</p> <p><b>After School Program</b>                      Baked Chips, Juice</p> <p><b>Thursday February 9th Breakfast</b>                      Breakfast Burrito Or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>                      Mexican Combo Plate, Chicken Quesadilla, or Crispy Chicken Salad</p> <p>~</p> <p>Mexicali Corn, Charro Beans, Salsa, Lettuce &amp; Tomato Garnish, Apricots, Milk</p> <p><b>After School Program</b>                      Crackers, Cheddar Fish, Juice</p> <p><b>Friday- February 10th School Holiday</b></p>
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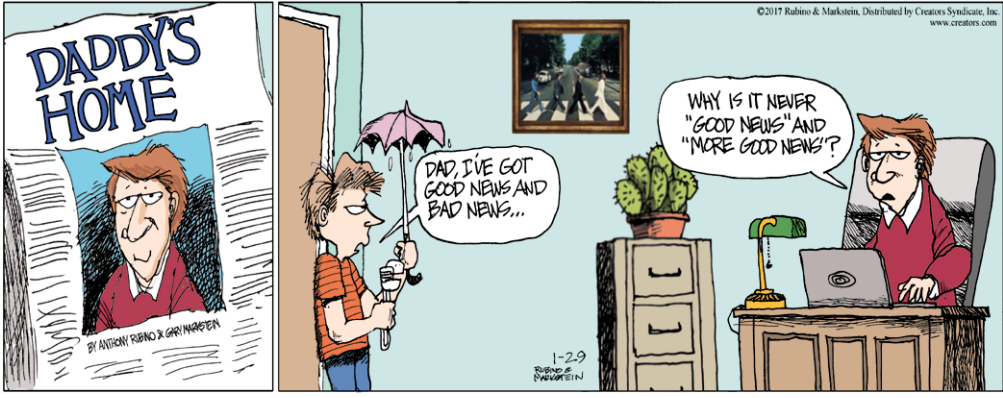
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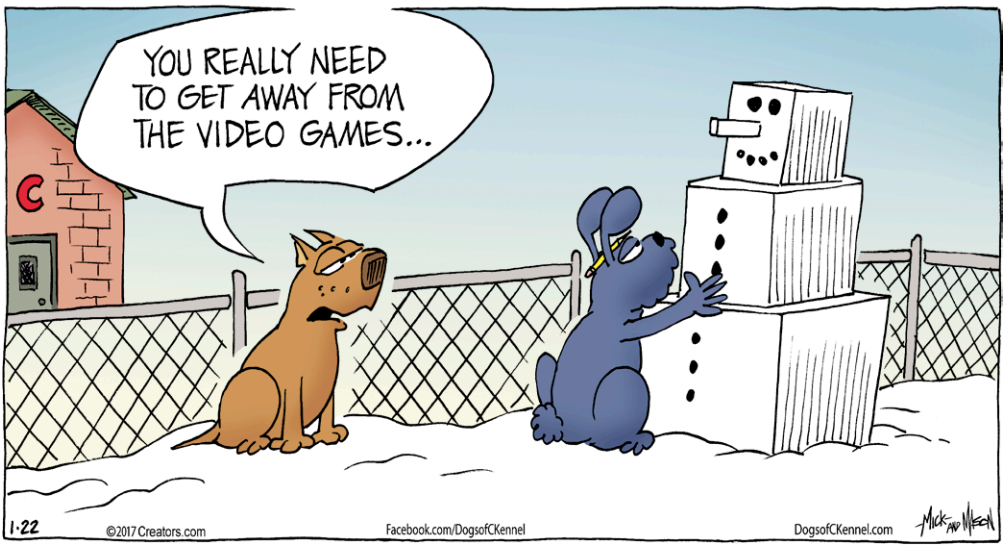
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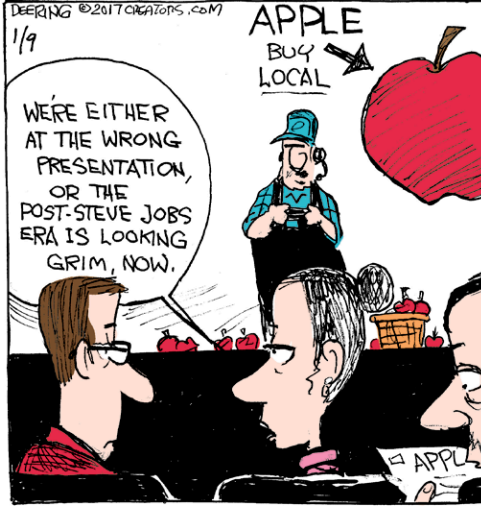
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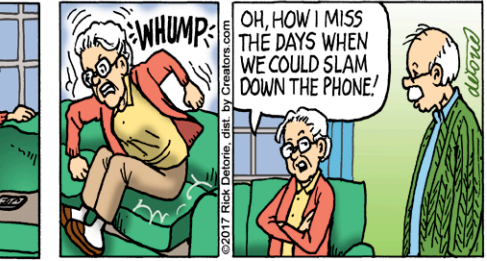
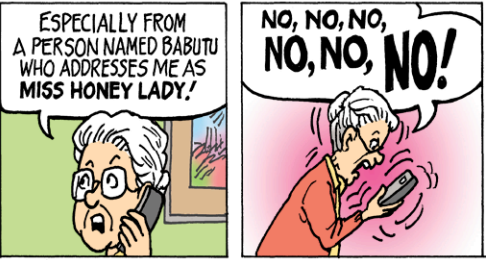
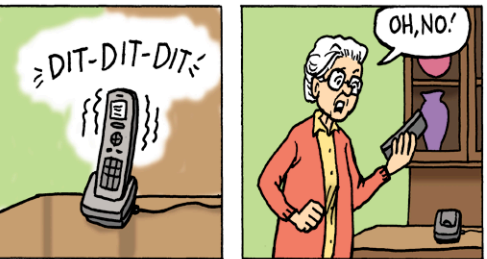
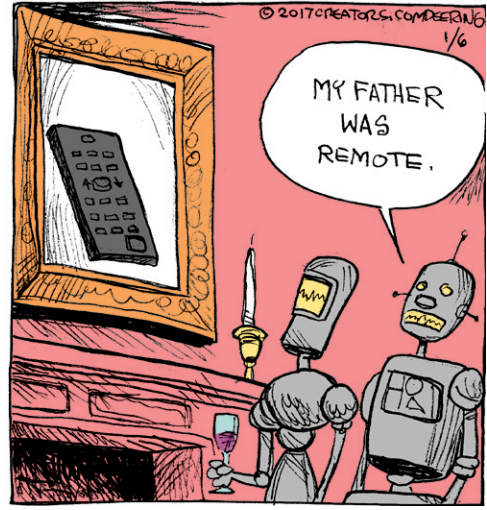
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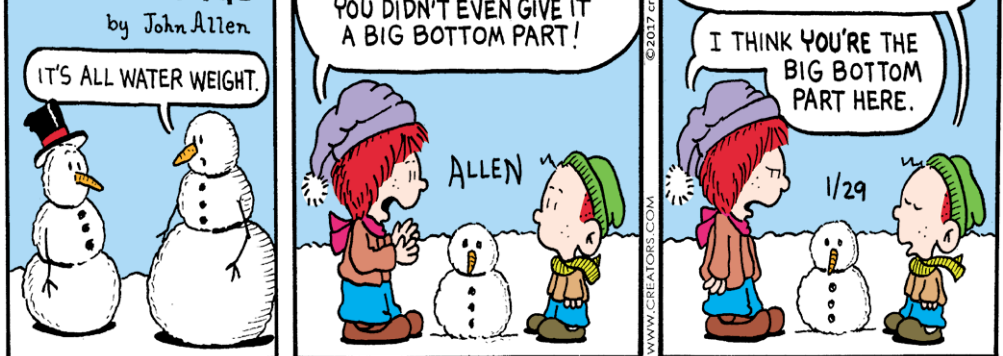
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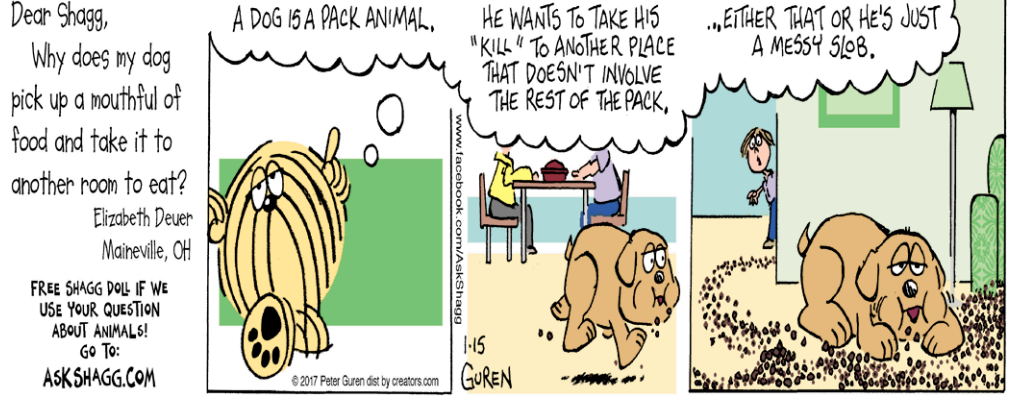
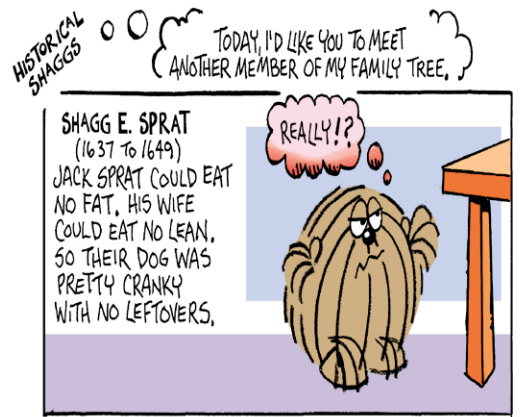
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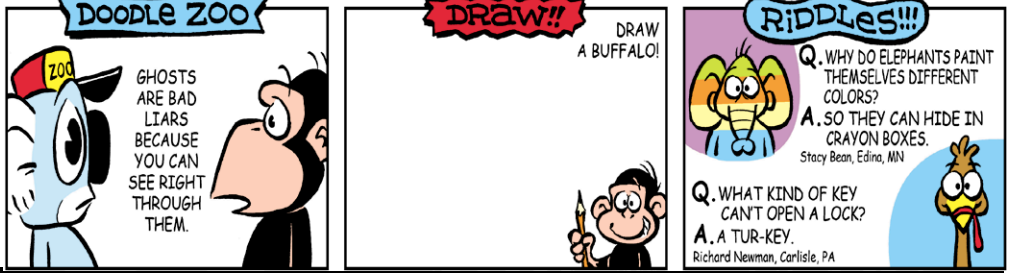
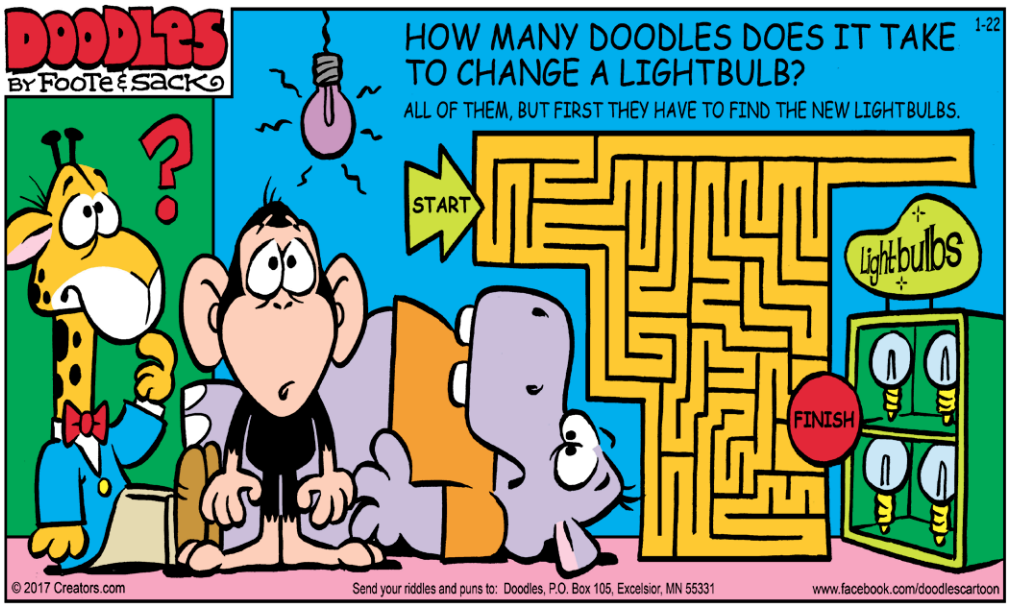
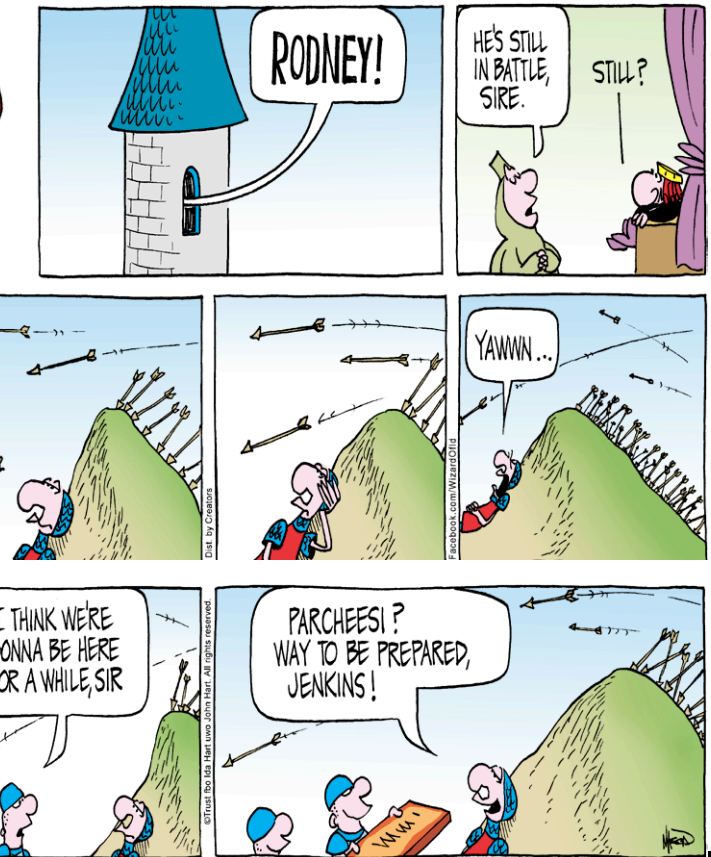


## ASK SHAGG

By Peter Guren



## Wizard of ID





Michael Solis makes his way to the basket for a shot during the conference match between Sonora and Wall, Friday, January 27, 2017, in Wall. The Broncos fell to Wall 45-58.

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**LADY BRONCOS**  
**VARSITY**  
 JANUARY 24, 2017

**Sonora 17-09-10-03=39**  
**Ballinger 14-06-12-17=49**

**SONORA v. BALLINGER**  
**39 - 49**

**SCORERS:** Audry Nolen 6; Carly Brown 2; Jackilyn Sykes 4; Karah Martinez 7; Riley Walker 20.

**LADY BRONCOS**  
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 JANUARY 27, 2017

**Sonora 04-08-00-01=13**  
**Wall 21-14-16-15=66**

**SONORA v. WALL**  
**13 - 66**

**SCORERS:** Audry Nolen 4; Karah Martinez 2; Riley Walker 7.



Rylie Walker goes for a corner shot during the game between Sonora and Wall, Friday, January 27, 2017. The Lady Broncos fell to the Lady Hawks 13-66.

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**LADY COLTS**  
**7th Grade "B" Team**  
 JANUARY 23, 2017

**Sonora 06-04-04-02=16**  
**Ozona 04-10-02-04=20**

**SONORA v. OZONA**  
**16 - 20**

**SCORERS:** Yailin Dominguez 4; Abigail Duncan 4; Joselyn Falcon 2; Amaris Jimenez 2; Jackie Galindo 2; Susie Levario 2.

**SONORA v. TLCA**  
**11 - 06**

**7th Grade "C" Team**  
**Sonora 01-02-04-04=11**  
**TLCA 02-02-00-02=06**

**SCORERS:** Alisa Paredes 4; Mariah Talamantes 4; Tais Gaytan 2; Marianna Montoya 1.

**LADY COLTS**  
**8th Grade "A" Team**  
 JANUARY 23, 2017

**Sonora 07-18-05-05=35**  
**TLCA 04-00-04-02=10**

**SONORA v. TLCA**  
**35 - 10**

**SCORERS:** Aislin Nixon 20; Clarissa Rodriguez 7; Fernanda Gonzalez 4; Esmeralda Salazar 2.

**SONORA v. TLCA**  
**22 - 13**

**8th Grade "B" Team**  
**Sonora 09-04-06-03=22**  
**TLCA 02-02-08-01=13**

**SCORERS:** Briana Ramirez 4; Fernando Lozano 4; Sky Hernandez 2; Jarixa Deluna 2; Alex Cardenas 2.

**LADY COLTS**  
**8th Grade "A" Team**  
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**Sonora 00-06-05-01=12**  
**Christoval 08-26-09-11=54**

**SONORA v. CHRISTOVAL**  
**12 - 54**

**SCORERS:** Aislin Nixon 8; Alysa Martinez 2; Sianna 2.

**SONORA v. TLCA**  
**33 - 19**

**8th Grade "B" Team**  
**Sonora 02-06-12-13=33**  
**TLCA 10-02-04-03=19**

**SCORERS:** Aislin Nixon 24; Clarissa Rodriguez 4; Esmeralda Salazar 2; Briana Ramirez 2; Fernanda Gonzalez 1.

**LADY COLTS**  
**8th Grade "A" Team**  
 JANUARY 30, 2017

**Sonora 03-08-03-04=18**  
**G.C. 10-02-03-04=19**

**SONORA v. GRAPE CREEK**  
**18 - 19**

**SCORERS:** Aislin Nixon 10; Clarissa Rodriguez 4; Fernanda Gonzalez 2; Sianne Alvizo 2.

**SONORA v. GRAPE CREEK**  
**29 - 28**

**8th Grade "B" Team**  
**Sonora 08-04-11-05=28**  
**Grape Creek 10-00-08-11=29**

**SCORERS:** Sky Hernandez 10; Alex Cardenas 10; Fernanda Lozano 4; Jarixa Deluna 2; Alexis Gaytan 2.

**BRONCOS**  
**VARSITY**  
 JANUARY 24, 2017

**Sonora 13-09-12-14=48**  
**Ballinger 14-11-15-15=55**

**SONORA v. BALLINGER**  
**48 - 55**

**SCORERS:** Kaden Cordell 14; Evan Shannon 12; Kade Creek 11; Michael Solis 5; Abel Cruz 4; Raully Ojeda 2.

**BRONCOS**  
**VARSITY**  
 JANUARY 27, 2017

**Sonora 19-05-12-09=45**  
**Wall 13-18-11-16=58**

**SONORA v. WALL**  
**45 - 58**

**SCORERS:** Evan Shannon 8; Kaden Cordell 20; Kade Creek 15; Liam Yourgalite 2.

**COLTS**  
**7th Grade White**  
 JANUARY 23, 2017

**Sonora 11-02-08-06=27**  
**TLCA 07-02-04-13=26**

**SONORA v. TLCA**  
**27 - 26**

**SCORERS:** Tyler Walther 10; Eduardo Juarez 7; David Adams 4; Christoval Lira 2; Damien Martinez 2; Catarino Hernandez 2.

**SONORA v. TLCA**  
**30 - 28**

**7th Grade Red**  
**Sonora 04-08-05-13=32**  
**TLCA 10-04-04-10=28**

**SCORERS:** Zach Hailey 15; Ivan Fuentes 6; Sean Mungia 4; Fernando Gonzales 3; Alex Renteria 2.

**COLTS**  
**8th Grade White**  
 JANUARY 23, 2017

**Sonora 02-07-02-07=18**  
**TLCA 06-04-08-07=25**

**SONORA v. TLCA**  
**18 - 25**

**SCORERS:** Zach Joffrion 5; Jose Figuero 9.

**SONORA v. TLCA**  
**40 - 11**

**8th Grade Red**  
**Sonora 14-16-02-08=40**  
**TLCA 01-02-03-05=11**

**SCORERS:** Preston Gonzales 11; Michael Creek 11; J Morales 8; Brady Vyvlecka 3; Elias Perez 4; Saul Bernea 3.

**BRONCOS**  
**JUNIOR VARSITY**  
 JANUARY 24, 2017

**Sonora 09-15-05-05=34**  
**Ballinger 04-05-07-15=31**

**SONORA v. BALLINGER**  
**34 - 31**

**SCORERS:** Jalen Lopez 15; Blayze Sykes 8; Aldo DeLuna 7; Thomas Talamantez 3; Leandro Alviso 2.

**LADY BRONCOS**  
**JUNIOR VARSITY**  
 JANUARY 24, 2017

**Sonora 02-00-06-00=08**  
**Ballinger 13-13-09-06=41**

**SONORA v. BALLINGER**  
**08 - 41**

**SCORERS:** Aleasha Smith 2; Kaitlyn Gann 2; Zayda Gutierrez 4.

**LADY BRONCOS**  
**JUNIOR VARSITY**  
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**Sonora 00-00-00-00=00**  
**Wall 18-19-09-09=55**

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For more information contact T.J. Thorp, EMS Director at 325-387-5132 or emsdirector@suttoncountymems.org or fill out an online application at www.sonora-hospital.org

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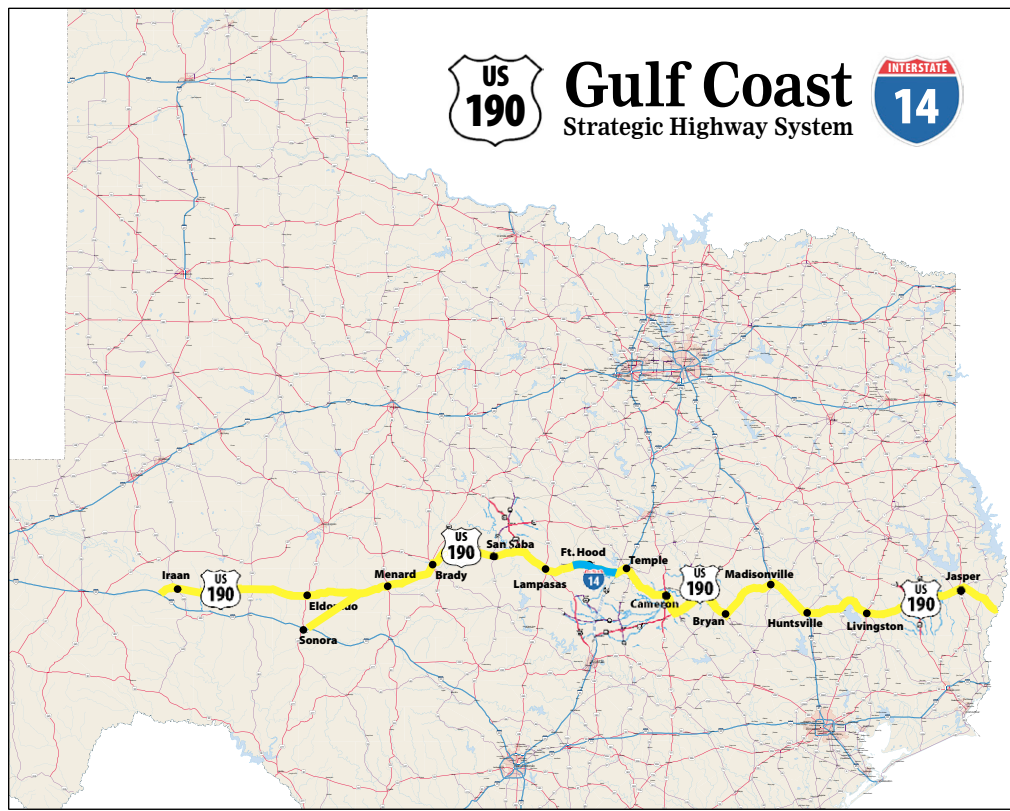
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A 25-mile section of US Highway 190 between Copperas Cove and Belton have been designated as Interstate 14. The designation represents the first move in a plan to upgrade US 190 to Interstate 14 as part of the Gulf Coast Strategic Highway System. The designation officially came on Dec. 2, 2015 when then-President Obama signed a five-year highway bill into law. The bill was sponsored by Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas). One of the proposed alternate routes would have the highway connecting with Interstate 10 just east of Sonora. INFOGRAPHIC | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

## Sonora Rural Health Clinic, Clinic B

Medicare and Medicaid Welcome

The Sonora Rural Health Clinic (RHC), Clinic B, welcomes all Medicare and Medicaid patients and we also accept most health insurance plans. For questions regarding eligibility for Medicare, Medicaid, Primary Health, or other, please contact Ms. Noemi Samaniego at 387-1318.

The RHC program is intended to increase access to primary care services for Medicaid and Medicare patients in rural communities such as Sonora.

The Sonora RHC uses a team approach to meet the RHC program qualifications. Family and primary care services are provided by non-physician practitioners, Beckie Sullivan, MSN, RN, FP-C (Nurse Practitioner) and Steven Alexander, PA-C (Physician Assistant) under the supervision of Medical Director W. Gordy Day, M.D.

Appointments are only scheduled for Dr. Day upon recommendation of practitioners.

Upon completing his residency with Texas A&M University, Dr. Will Griffin will also be arriving to Sutton County in late Spring 2018. Partial funding of Dr. Griffin's medical school training was made by the Sutton County Hospital District and Health Foundation. Additional information about Dr. Griffin will be provided in the future.



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## State Designates First 25-Mile Stretch of US 190 as Interstate 14

The Texas Transportation Commission, at its January meeting, approved the designation of a 25-mile segment of the state highway system as Interstate 14.

It is the first segment of I-14 to be designated in Texas and will run jointly with US 190 from the intersection of US 190 and Business US 190 E in Copperas Cove to Interstate 35 in Belton.

The move makes real a small section of a much longer highway that is proposed to stretch westward from Copperas Cove along the current route of US 190 to Lampasas, Lometa, San Saba, Brady, Menard, Eldorado and Iraan before connecting with Interstate 10 in Pecos County.

"As envisioned, the proposed I-14 corridor would improve access and connections to military installations along the US 190 corridor, as well as provide a critical artery for commerce, that ultimately would stretch from west Texas to the Texas-Louisiana border," TxDOT Deputy Executive Director Marc Williams said.

While the initial plan for Interstate 190 has it generally following the route of US 190 to Eldorado and Iraan, alternate routes are

proposed that would divert it northward at Brady to San Angelo and on to Midland where it would intersect with Interstate 20.

There is even an alternate route that brings the road east to Menard then turns south along the route of Ranch Road 864 at Fort McKavett and connecting with Interstate 10 about three miles east of Sonora. Interestingly, that is the location where a Love's truckstop is being planned.

Going east from Belton, the proposed Interstate 14 would follow the route of US 190 to Temple, Rogers, Cameron, Milano, Hearn, Bryan, Madisonville, Huntsville, Livingston, Woodville, Jasper, Newton and Bon Weir before crossing the Louisiana and proceeding eastward to Merryville.

Envisioned as the Gulf Coast Strategic Highway System, the route is meant to provide an Interstate highway connection between Fort Bliss near El Paso with Fort Hood near Killeen and Fort Polk near DeRidder, Louisiana. The highway, also called the "Forts-to-Ports" highway is ultimately destined for points east before terminating in Savannah, Georgia.

A highway was created

as part of a 5-year highway bill sponsored by Senator John Cornyn, R-Texas, and signed into law by President Barack Obama on December 2, 2015.

The Transportation Commission's action last week provides the first interstate link for Fort Hood and area communities connecting to I-35.

With thousands of newcomers arriving in Texas each day, I-14 also will help accommodate and increase mobility of the state's growing population.

"I applaud the Texas Department of Transportation in taking the first step in making Interstate 14 a reality through Texas," U.S. Rep. John R. Carter said. "I have fought long and hard to ensure we have the best transportation system throughout central Texas to provide the foundation for continued economic growth and development that creates jobs. An interstate highway that connects our military at Fort Hood with the broader interstate system will better facilitate the logistical needs of the largest armored base in America. This is a day to celebrate the beginning of a bright future in meeting our transportation needs."

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