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Commissioners OK Plumbing Repairs at County Jail

Sutton County Commissioners approved a declaration of emergency to fund additional plumbing repairs to the County jail during a special meeting Monday, February 6, 2017.

The court also approved to amend the county's 2017 budgeted Equipment Replacement fund in the amount of \$19,703 for the purpose of meeting the emergency declaration.

Supplementary plumbing parts and equipment necessary to complete the work were identified after repairs began.

These include special drain strainers to help control the buildup of scale due to minerals contained in the municipal water supply, a replacement water heater, a dryer and chemicals to eliminate mold in the facility.

The Sheriff's Seizure Fund was exhausted to pay for the original bid for plumbing repairs and updates in the amount of \$83,000.

A bid was awarded in a previous meeting of the court.

These updates are necessary to continue to meet compliance with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards as well as to avoid further deterioration of the facility in the future.

In other business, commissioners approved to reimburse the Civic Center rental fee for the Texas Southwest Council for Boy Scouts. The council held its Eagle Scout and Volunteer Recognition Banquet at the Civic Center, Saturday, January 28.

The fee was paid in advance but the council requested, by letter, that it be waived.

The court also approved an updated account payable as presented by County Auditor Maura Weingart.

Before taking a short recess, commissioners heard comments from Justice of the Peace John Wilson regarding what he thinks is important when considering applicants for his position.

Wilson spoke about the need for a comprehensive understanding of today's technology, specifically computers and computer software programs. He said that he uses technology daily to generate, send and archive information relating to the duties of the Justice of the Peace. Wilson also noted that his job requires an individual to be in good health without limitation to mobility or endurance. Often, the requirements to perform his job are physically demanding.

Commissioners took a short recess before going behind closed doors to review applications/resumes for Justice of the Peace Position, Precinct 1.

Returning to open session, commissioners approved conducting interviews for five individuals during a special meeting slated for Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Annex Building.

These individuals include Adelita Alvarez, Jeremy Dawson, Jody Harris, Ricky Lumberras and David Smith.

Without further discussion or action the court adjourned.

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

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners is slated for Monday, February 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Annex Building.



Sonora Police Chief William Dudley and Samuel Mar stay busy with a variety of law enforcement tasks Tuesday morning. Mar is learning from practical experience as an intern for the Sonora Police Department. A soon to be graduate, Mar is studying Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University.

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Intern Gains Insight into Practical Law Enforcement

Pursuing a degree in criminal justice, Samuel Mar is learning about his future profession through practical experience during his internship with the Sonora Police Department.

Mar, a senior at Sam Houston State University, applied for the opportunity to work with the officers of the Sonora PD because he wanted to see how his classroom education compared to the real world of law enforcement.

"Hands on experience I believe is the best experience," Mar said.

With the approval of City Manager Ed Carrasco and the Sonora City Council, Police Chief William Dudley welcomed Mar into a full-time internship in January 2017 until May 2017.

"I'm proud to have him here, Chief Dudley said. "He's a very soft spoken young man and very respectful and he doesn't shy away from a challenge. I am

enjoying having him here in our department. It is new to both of us and we are learning together."

Growing up in Brownsville, Mar always knew he wanted to become a Border Patrol Officer because of his admiration for them while they carried out their duties in his community.

"When I was younger, growing up in South Texas, I got to witness the activity of Border Patrol on a daily basis. I looked up to them. I thought of them as heroes."

This past November, Mar scored a 98 out of 100 on the Border Patrol Entrance Exam.

Following his graduation from Sam Houston, this May, Mar hopes to continue his education and training to begin his life's goal of serving in law enforcement

Hoping to stay close to home, he plans on being stationed somewhere in the west and south

areas of Texas.

For now, Mar is pleased to be a part of the Sonora PD and the experience is better than he anticipated.

As an intern, he is allowed to ride along with officers and observe them carrying out their day to day duties in law enforcement.

He is also allowed to assist in non-violent situations.

After only two weeks, Mar has already witnessed how officers behave in a wide range of situations including routine traffic stops, major vehicle incidents, criminal activity and public welfare.

In addition to spending time in the field, Mar is also helping Administrative Assistant Melissa Fuentes with the endless paperwork required of law enforcement personnel and agencies.

While it is beneficial, he

admits it is also "eye-opening" to see what really goes on in the community and the different ways that the officers deal with situations.

Chief Dudley agreed that it is important for Mar to see and understand what really goes on in the lives of officers including their responsibilities, risks.

"I want him to really see what he is getting into. It's not like TV," Chief Dudley said.

Further, Mar works a variety of shifts, adjusting his schedule to work with each of the officers, providing him with the best opportunity to learn how to police a community, especially in a small community like Sonora.

Taking Mar under his wing, School Resource Officer Gabriel Arredondo spent a few days showing Mar the importance of getting to know the people in the

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2016 Padilla Poll Class 3A-DII All State Football Selections

The Padilla Poll released its 2016 Class 3A-DII All State Team selections and seven Broncos received honors.

Players are voted on by 3A Division II coaches. The following Broncos

received honors:

Kaden Cordell, Junior, was awarded 1st Team Specialty, Punter and 2nd Team Offense, Quarterback.

Noah San Miguel, Senior, earned 2nd Team Specialty,

Returner:

Bryndon Robles, Senior, was awarded 1st Team Offense, Offensive Line.

Jarrett Jackson, Junior, earned 2nd Team Offense, Running Back.

Liam Yourgalite, Senior, was awarded 2nd Team Offense, Tight End and 1st Team Defense, Defensive Line.

Isaiah Lira, Senior,

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Noah San Miguel, 2nd Team Specialty



Kaden Cordell, 2nd Team Offense and 1st Team Specialty



Liam Yourgalite, 2nd Team Offense and 1st Team Defense



Bryndon Robles, 1st Team Offense



Isaiah Lira, 1st Team Defense



Jarrett Jackson, 2nd Team Offense



Walker T. Sine, 2nd Team Defense

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

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Governor Elevates Four Legislative Issues to Emergency Status

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott delivered his second biennial “State of the State” address to a joint session of the Texas Legislature on Jan. 31.

In exercising his prerogative as governor, Abbott presented a short list of emergency items for lawmakers to enact during the 85th regular session of the Texas Legislature:

- Improvements to Child Protective Services;
- A ban on sanctuary cities;
- Ethics reforms; and
- Approve a resolution calling for a convention of states.

Abbott said a convention of the states is needed to propose constitutional

amendments in order to “fix America” because of a federal government “grown out of control.” It would take a two-thirds majority, or 34 of the 50 state legislatures, to call a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution.

In addition to the emergency items, Abbott called for:

- A hiring freeze, to be observed at all state agencies through the month of August. The freeze, he said, would give the state \$200 million to use on other budget items;
- More attention to pre-kindergarten programs and the funding of them;
- Full funding of the Texas Enterprise Fund, a financial instrument used by the

governor’s office to help lure big businesses to the Lone Star State; and

- Property tax reform.

On Feb. 1, a day after delivering the State of the State address, Abbott met with U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly for a quick tour of the Rio Grande Valley. “Together with the federal government, Texas will not flinch in our resolve to keep our citizens safe,” Abbott said, and pointed out the connection between border security and his emergency item calling for a ban on sanctuary cities.

Hecht speaks to lawmakers
Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan Hecht delivered his “State of the

Judiciary” address to a joint session of the Texas Legislature on Feb. 1.

Hecht began his remarks by recounting the 2015 shooting of State District Judge Julie Kocurek in Travis County. Kocurek survived the shooting and returned to the bench.

“With judges like Judge Kocurek serving the people of Texas every day,” Hecht said, “I am proud to report to you that the

The Table

The Table has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember.

When I was a child, it was my fortress; I crawled under it, learning every crack and crevice from the underside. It seemed massive from my little girl perspective. Larger than life.

Slices of Life



By Jill Pertler

The Table held a revered position in the household. It was old, older than all of us put together – and that even included my dad. It was old, but it was perfect.

From the intricately-carved claw feet to the highly-polished, pristine ebony top with grooved edge.

But all that wasn’t readily evident, because the Table was securely and doubly protected with padding and a table cloth. Always. My mom – who took great pride and joy in preserving the perfection of the table – wasn’t taking any chances, especially not one that could result in a scratch.

When my parents relocated to a new home they no longer had space for the Table. I did. So I became its proud owner. I used a cover for awhile (just one, not two), but concealing the beauty of the flawless ebony wood seemed wrong, somehow – hiding it meant no one could appreciate and enjoy it.

I took the cover off. Over the years, my family has used the table for numerous activities. It was our homework station. Big enough to spread out large assignments – some of which involved glue drips from posterboard to table. We’ve completed craft projects with fabric paint and permanent markers. We colored eggs at the table using dyes of various colors.

We’ve had many family game nights at the table. Sometimes snacks or a drink got spilled on the wood. I use my sewing machine at the table. Once or twice the machine has slid unexpectedly and caused a scratch (or two).

Perhaps the most egregious of all, for awhile we used the table for ping pong. It’s about the right size and the net attached nicely to the table edges – leaving just the tiniest of marks when we removed it.

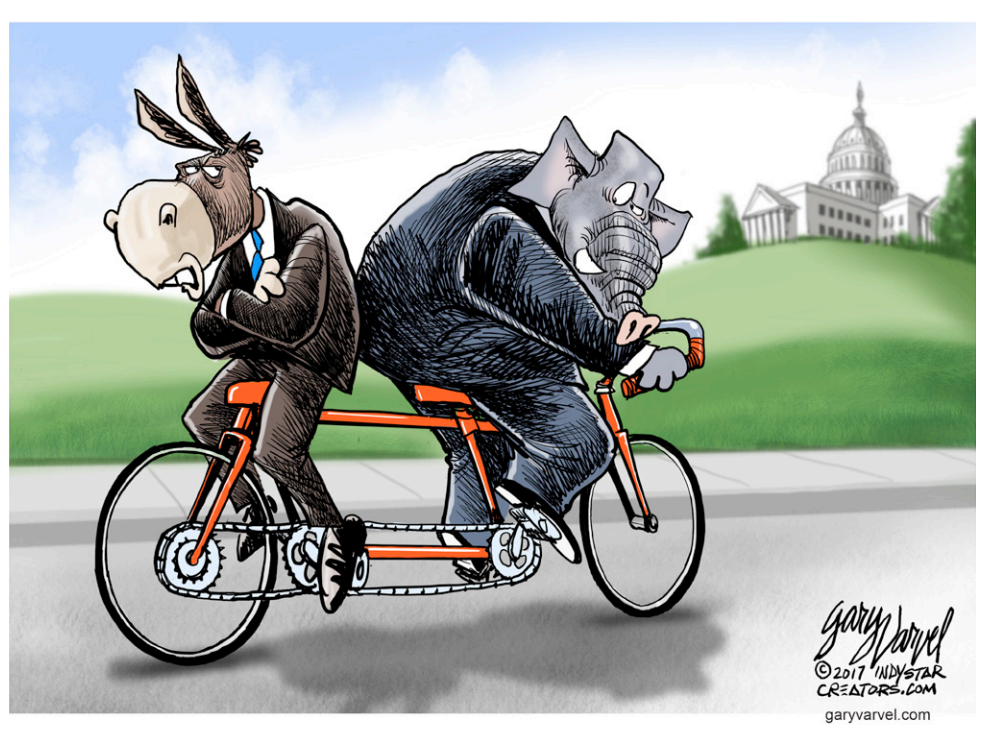
Recently we had a big meal at the table and needed to pull out the extra leaves, which extend to make our large table into an enormous one. The leaves haven’t been used for homework, game night, sewing, crafts or ping pong. They’ve been protected from the elements and the rigors of my family within the undercarriage of the table – where I used to play. And they remain as pristine as the table used to be – before we used it.

The contrast between the table that is now and the leaves that were then was significant – and symbolic. Some would look at the table and conclude that we wrecked it. I don’t believe that’s true.

The table (no longer uppercase) may not have the extrinsic value it had when it was untouched and unscratched. But its intrinsic worth has increased exponentially. When the table was the Table, it was beautiful but nothing more. Each scratch and glue drip and watermark signifies family memories made around a piece of furniture that has earned its place in our dining room.

Some day we may have to refinish it to bring it back to its pristine stature, but that’s okay. Because I bet my kids will remember our times around the table with a fondness that would have been hard to attain if perfection meant more to us than family. I think even my mom would agree.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright, author and member of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.



Rolling Back Government Red Tape

Burdensome Rules and Regulations Negatively Affect Every American

The last thing my constituents want is more vague and confusing government regulations that come at the expense of hardworking families and small businesses. But a punishing, ever-increasing morass of red tape forces small and family-owned businesses to spend countless hours, dollars and resources on compliance, instead of doing what they do best – build their business. This means fewer jobs for American workers and slower growth for our economy.

That is why I’m fighting in Congress to do what small business owners in the 23rd Congressional District of Texas really want Washington to do – get out of their way.

Earlier this month, I joined colleagues from both sides of the aisle to pass the REINS Act, which requires all federal regulations with an annual cost of over \$100 million to be approved by Congress before implementation. This will prevent a faceless bureaucracy from creating an overly burdensome regulatory environment. This week, I expressed formal disapproval of several new regulations proposed by federal agencies, including one that regulates streams on private property. I even co-sponsored another Resolution that disapproves of confusing social security rules that affect seniors’ Second Amendment Rights.

The new Administration took steps in the right direction last week with an Executive Order to reduce the number of unnecessary regulations that remain on the books. Under the order, if a federal agency such as the EPA, proposes a new

rule, it must also identify two rules that should be removed. This is a common-sense reform that many other governments around the world use to cut down on the number of outdated regulations that often go unenforced, and remain part of the federal code.

The truth is that burdensome rules and regulations stand to negatively affect every American in one way or another – but the agriculture industry typically feels the impact to a greater degree. Under EPA overreach, many of the common, every-day practices of farming and ranching have suddenly required federal permits. In the past, I voted to stop fund-

ing for new EPA rules that would have created more burdensome and unnecessary regulations for dry creek beds and ditches located on family owned farms and ranches. The uncertainty behind these complex federal rules means that farmers and ranchers have to operate at continuous risk of incurring fines or facing government lawsuits.

These rules affect you even if you are not a farmer or a rancher. When you consume food and clothing products, be prepared to pay more as production costs increase to remain compliant with the rules.

Our nation does not need more government interference. What we need is for the full force of American small business owners and entrepreneurs to be unleashed. And the best thing that Washington can do to help is remove the obstacles we’ve created and then let businesses do what they’re best at – growing the economy and creating jobs. I’m proud to report that we are doing just that.

Hurd on the Hill



by U.S. Rep. Will Hurd

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A former undercover CIA officer, entrepreneur and cybersecurity expert, Will Hurd is the U.S. Representative for the 23rd Congressional District of Texas. In Washington, he serves on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, as Vice Chair of the Maritime and Border Security Subcommittee on the Committee for Homeland Security, and as the Chairman of the Information Technology Subcommittee on the Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

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

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Some Borden County Highlights

Borden County and the county seat of Gail were both named for Gail Borden.

“He was a Texas patriot who had a newspaper during the Texas revolution,” says Lisa Mahler, who works with the museum in Gail. “There are stories of him moving his printing press trying to



stay ahead of the Mexican soldiers. They were chasing him and toward the end of the war they caught him, arrested him and threw his printing press into the Brazos River.

by Tumbleweed Smith

“Prior to going into journalism he was an inventor living in New York. Gail Borden was one of those who tried his hand at various things like how to can meat. He is best remembered for inventing condensed milk, that saved the lives of many babies.”

Garza County, adjacent to Borden County to the north has Post as its county seat. It was named for the cereal man, C. W. Post. He wanted to build a utopian community. The road from Gail to Post is scenic with red hills like those near Sedona, Arizona. Two landmarks around Gail are Mushaway Peak and Gail Mountain.

Lisa Mahler grew up in Borden County and her family has a ranch there. She is in the process of remodeling the museum in Gail. She has discovered some treasures in boxes, shelves and cabinets that reflect the area history. These include harness, hand tools, photos, baby clothes and a 13-gallon butter churn. Lisa says the population of the county is only about 640 now, but it was once a crossroads for freight and mail.

“It had hotels, saloons, livery stables, millinery shops and mercantile and confection stores, barber shops and banks and now there’s one little building left from the original court house square.” The museum is open the second Saturday of each month.

“Other towns in the county were Durham, Treadway and Julia, now ghost towns. “When the early cattlemen started arriving the grass was so tall that it touched a horse’s belly. And the creeks all ran full time.”

It took a while for Borden County to be able to communicate with the outside world. “My parents didn’t get a phone until 1953. They didn’t get electricity until 1949.”

A school district was formed soon after oil was discovered in the 1940’s. “Citizens put together a school board from the different corners of the county. My dad was school board president and there were no phones to get the school board notices out. My dad was a pilot and he had a speaker on his Piper Cub; so he would fly over all the homes of school board members and announce ‘school board meeting tonight.’”

Borden County now has an impressive 22 million dollar school complex. About half the student body is transfer students because of the high quality of education the school district offers. Sixty percent of graduates of Borden County High School go to college. Nolan Ryan traveled to Gail to dedicate the new baseball field a couple of years ago. People in Borden County are happy right now because their high school 6-man football team won state for the 4th time. The school colors are red white and blue.

Heard Around Town

If you don’t want your picture in the newspaper, don’t score the winning touchdown, don’t aspire to elective office, and don’t get arrested in this town.

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Sutton County Hospital District Releases 2016 Year-end Update

By John Graves, LMH Hospital CEO

The Sutton County Hospital District Board of Directors met with many challenges and opportunities in 2016.

The seven members of the board all persevered to achieve outcomes that best serve the community for years to come; without complaint or reservation.

Many thanks and much appreciation goes out to Sharon Holman, President, Edward Earwood, Vice President, Don Longoria, John Henry Strauch, Mary Humphrey, Adelita Alvarez, and Lenora Pool. A primary responsibility of the Board is to provide the community a compliant healthcare system that is operationally sound and financially solvent—not an easy task by any measure. As of December 31, 2016, the hospital district is fully compliant in accordance with public policy.

Sonora has two outpatient primary/family care clinics.

Clinic A is independently owned and operated by Dr. Pajestka. Clinic B, or the Rural Health Clinic, is owned and operated by the hospital district.

The hospital district bylaws do not require the district maintain an outpatient clinic; however, the board has elected to continue outpatient services under a rural health designation.

Clinic B accepts all Medicare and Medicaid patients. Clinic B will not

turn patients away and walk-ins are welcome and will be seen between scheduled patients. If a patient does not have insurance the staff will use best efforts to assist the patient obtain health insurance.

Clinic B resumed seeing patients full-time on February 6, 2017. Ms. Beckie Sullivan, Nurse Practitioner, and Mr. Steven Alexander, Physician Assistant, are the two primary care practitioners under the supervision of Dr. Gordy Day.

Dr. Will Griffin will arrive in the spring of 2018.

As of this submission the clinic is fully staffed with a practice director, nurse, medical assistant, front office staff, and benefits coordinator (new as of February 13th).

Until Dr. Griffin arrives, if a patient wishes to see a physician in Sonora they are welcome to contact Dr. Pajestka's office for availability.

Sutton County Hospital District pre-audit 2016 financials indicate a positive outcome or net income of \$556,714, which is \$418,618 above year-end 2015.

Total revenue reported for end-of-year 2016 was \$10,756,094 with expenses at \$10,199,380.

Net patient service revenue or monies received from direct patient care is \$7,431,061, which is \$765,229 below what was budgeted and \$806,827 below the average for 2012 through 2015. Net patient service revenue is the net revenue after adjustments for

contractual, bad debt (balances sent to collections), and charity are applied.

The ratio of adjustments to charges ranges from 41 to 46 percent, meaning the district collects about 54 to 59% of charges, which is within national benchmarks.

Other operating revenue and non-operating revenue when combined for 2016 is \$3,325,033, which is \$1,528,808 above what was budgeted and \$892,401 above the average for 2012 through 2015.

Revenues from other operating and non-operating sources are mostly represented by the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (1115) waivers, uncompensated care, tax revenue, interest income, and unrealized gains specific to return on assets.

Good news is expenses for 2016 are below budget by \$661,815.

The above information is subject to change per the annual audit scheduled for spring 2017.

Hospital services will remain relatively the same but expect net growth based on recent changes to the Sonora Rural Health Clinic B and specialty clinics for cardiology, orthopedics, urology, OB/Gyn, neurosurgery, and nephrology. As

well, the district continues to seek out other services.

These changes combined with the support and relationship with Sonora Clinic A (Dr. Pajestka and PA Arteaga) will produce positive results for the hospital district.

Any questions or concerns can be directly addressed to Mr. John Graves, SCHD Chief Executive Officer. John can be reached at 387-1200 or email: ceo@sonora-hospital.org.

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Walk Across Texas for a Healthier You This Year

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is hosting its annual Walk Across Texas during the month of February.

Everyone is welcome to join the free Walk Across Texas program for fun, friendly competition, as well as overall health improvement.

Walk Across Texas! is an 8 week program that promotes any kind of physical activity. Individuals can compete as a team, up to eight people, or walk individually.

Each team has a team captain who signs up and reports the mileage for the team members on the website, according to Sutton County Extension Agent

Jessica Stapper.

This year's program kick's off Monday, February 13th . at the LMH Wellness Center from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.. The first 50 people to sign up will receive a free pedometer.

The last day to count your steps is April 10, 2017.

From there, teams and individuals will count their steps as they walk their way to healthier being.

To sign up visit <http://walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu> . For more information, help registering or questions please contact Jessica Stapper CEA-FCS at 387-3604, by email jestapper@ag.tamu.edu, or come by the Sutton County Extension Office.

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earned 1st team Defense, linebacker.

Walker T. Sine, Sophomore, was awarded, 2nd Team Defense, Defensive Back.

Carl Padilla, the Padilla Poll, is Texas high school football's most highly-respected rankings expert. Also, Padilla works closely with Dave Campbell's Texas Football to predict Top 25's and district finishes for its annual publication.

All of the All-State recipients deserve commendation for their hard work, skill and accomplishments throughout this past football season.

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Beckie Sullivan has been providing exceptional family and primary care for the past 13-years. She joins Steven Alexander, PA-C in providing full-time patient care in the Sonora Clinic B.

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Tuesday	8:15 a.m.	4:15 p.m.
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Thursday	8:15 a.m.	4:15 p.m.
Friday	8:15 a.m.	4:15 p.m.



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OBITUARIES

Homer Richard Jolly August 28, 1931 - February 6, 2017

Homer Richard Jolly, 85, passed on Monday, February 6, 2017.

He was a true southern gentleman.

Homer was born August 28, 1931 in Collinsville, Alabama to Frank and Dorothy Jolly.

He had three brothers, J.R. Jolly (deceased), Robert Joseph Jolly (deceased), and Eddie Jolly, who resides in Fort Pierce, Florida.

His father passed away in 1942, and he later moved to Florida, where he met his wife and was married in 1956 to Margaret Eva Fretwell, who passed away in June of 2007.

He had three children, Homer Richard Jolly, Jr.(deceased), David Mark Jolly (deceased), and Brenda Jolly Castilleja, husband Milton Castilleja, Jr., who resides in Sonora.

Homer moved to Sonora in 1983, where he worked in construction, and later for the City of Sonora. He also leased Buster's R.V. Park for 10-years before retiring.

Homer was a Christian man who loved his family and his community. He spent his last few years in Ozona at the Care Center, where he was taken very good care of. They weren't just his caregivers, they were his family. He loved

them all very much. We will miss him dearly, but now he can finally be with his dear wife again. We are sure they are smiling down on us now with many blessings and comfort.

Homer is survived by many nieces and nephews, and many friends he has known throughout the years. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Sabrina Hines of Fort Pierce, FL., Michael Shane Jolly of Port St. Lucie, FL., Jerrad M. Solis of Midland, Jesse R. Solis of Sonora, and his adopted granddaughter, Jessica Borrego of Ozona. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren, Lumidee Rae Solis, Jesse Richard Solis, Jr., Beau Ryan Solis, Jocelyn Solis, and Caleb Solis.

Homer lived his life as a simple man, but one who believed in God and his family. We will miss his stories and his laughter.

Thank you to the staff at Crockett County Care Center, who made his final days memorable. Thank you all for the hard work and wonderful care you gave him. He loved you all dearly. God be with you all.

A memorial service will be held Friday, February 10, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Love Funeral Home Chapel.

Nilda Galindo Hernandez January 29, 1937 - February 4, 2017

Nilda Galindo Hernandez went to be with Her Lord Saturday, February 4, 2017.

Nilda was born in Sonora on January 29, 1937 to Pedro Galindo, Sr. and Rosa Morales Galindo.

She attended the L.W. Elliott School and graduated from Sonora High School in May of 1956.

Nilda married Marciano Hernandez, Jr. on June 12, 1955. They were blessed with two sons, Sam David and George.

She was employed by The Sonora Independent School District as a Teacher Aide for 32 years until her retirement in 2002.

Nilda was a member of Primera Iglesia Bautista where she served her Lord by being the pianist for over 60 years.

She was a very loving and caring person who carried her cross with no complaints. She will be missed dearly by all those she leaves behind.

Nilda was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, brothers, Pedro Galindo, Jr. and Braulio Galindo and niece, Dr. Delma Leticia Galindo.

Granny as everybody knew her is survived by her two sons Sam David

Hernandez, wife Betty, and George Hernandez, wife Jo Ann.

She is also survived by her grandchildren, Linda Hernandez, Katrina Hernandez, husband Eric Flores, Marc Hernandez, wife Sarah Selix and Clarissa Hernandez, husband Matt Martinez as well as her great-grandchildren, Gauge Flores and Presley Hope Martinez and was awaiting the arrival of another great-grandson, Ember Ezekiel Flores.

Nilda is also survived by her brother Samuel Galindo, wife Olga of San Antonio, sisters-in-law, Vita Galindo of San Antonio and Lydia Galindo of Sonora and many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to offer thanks to Anthony Demory, M.D., Shannon Dialysis Center staff, Dr. Scott Westmoreland and Jordan Health Services providers-Lourdes Garcia and Perla Perez, Alvis F. Johnson Home Health & Hospice-Lynn Burchell and Anna Fitzgerald.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017 at Primera Iglesia Bautista.

Interment will follow at Sonora Cemetery.

Leopoldo (Polo) Cervantez February 17th, 1926 - January 29th, 2017

Leopoldo (Polo) Cervantez passed away January 29th, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas surrounded by family.

He was born February 17th, 1926 in Sonora.

Polo worked for many years for Ed Mayfield Ranch and was Ranch Foreman in Sonora.

Later he moved to Somers set where he enjoyed his retirement.

Polo was preceded in death by his brother Jesse Gomez Sr. of Ft. Worth, sister Juanita Garza of Wichita Falls, his daughters

Gloria Miller of Pittsburg, Yolanda Ramos of Dallas, and Anne Pineda of El Paso.

He is survived by sons, Polo Cervantes Jr., wife Isabel, Lee David Cervantes and Nita of Bandera, and Edna Cervantes of Midland.

He is also survived by a brother Pete Gomez Sr., wife Irene, sisters Elida Guerra and husband, Juan and Manu Gomez, all of Sonora, 12 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A memorial was held at the Mayfield Ranch with full military honors.

City Council Meeting February 13, 2017 6:00 p.m.

Lidia White is asking residents to help voice concerns for Liberty Park.



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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1. Impetuous</p> <p>5. Money, in Napoli</p> <p>9. So be it!</p> <p>13. Woodwind</p> <p>14. Church assembly</p> <p>15. Louise or Veronica</p> <p>16. One of the Lockridges' sleuths</p> <p>18. Things to grind</p> <p>19. Verse</p> <p>20. Tops</p> <p>21. Way out</p> <p>23. Love god</p> <p>24. Hamlet, e.g.</p> <p>25. Require</p> <p>28. North African seaport</p> <p>29. Short for depot</p> <p>32. At ____ : bewildered</p> <p>33. Play division</p> <p>34. Before dent or angle</p> <p>35. Mud</p> <p>36. Safekeeping place</p> <p>37. Surrounded by</p> <p>38. Former Middle East grp.</p> <p>39. Discoveries</p> <p>40. List of candidates</p> <p>41. Greek letter</p> <p>42. Partner of ifs and buts</p>	<p>43. Scottish bigwigs</p> <p>44. Piggeries</p> <p>46. Dark breads</p> <p>47. Seedy Manhattan area</p> <p>49. Erin</p> <p>50. Tone</p> <p>53. ____ -and-shut case</p> <p>54. TV Susie</p> <p>57. Take five</p> <p>58. Make merry</p> <p>59. Gobi-like</p>	<p>60. NT book</p> <p>61. Clarence and Doris</p> <p>62. The Bay St.</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1. Red, in Seville</p> <p>2. Not up yet</p> <p>3. Aching</p> <p>4. Pronoun</p> <p>5. French city</p> <p>6. Concerning</p> <p>7. Rubbish!</p>	<p>8. Supporter of a cause</p> <p>9. Fright</p> <p>10. American essayist-critic</p> <p>11. Pieces out</p> <p>12. Headland</p> <p>14. Hairnet</p> <p>17. Tall tales</p> <p>22. Stare</p> <p>23. Allay</p> <p>24. Combats</p> <p>25. Stop the flow</p> <p>26. Inventor Howe</p> <p>27. Shoes of the Fisherman author</p> <p>28. Moves hurriedly, as a cloud</p> <p>30. Overused</p> <p>31. Assistants</p> <p>33. White ____ , NM</p> <p>36. Martha's island</p> <p>37. Doleful word</p> <p>39. Weather word</p> <p>40. Piece of paper</p> <p>43. Austrian region</p> <p>45. Camping shelters</p> <p>46. Goes up</p> <p>47. Adriatic wind</p> <p>48. Fuel org.</p> <p>49. The green emotion</p> <p>50. Zeus' wife</p> <p>51. Trinity author</p> <p>52. Book or loose follower</p> <p>55. Educational org.</p> <p>56. Noah's second son</p>
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Noah SanMiguel makes his way to the net during the Broncos Varsity game against The Wall Hawks on January 6, 2017.
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LADY BRONCOS
VARSITY
JANUARY 31, 2017

Sonora 12-08-14-12=46
TLCA 08-03-09-04=24

SCORERS: Angela Gonzales 6; Audry Nolen 15; Jackilyn Sykes 10; Karah Martinez 2; Riley Walker 13.




LADY BRONCOS
VARSITY
FEBRUARY 3, 2017

Sonora 07-10-05-15=37
G.C. 07-14-11-13=45

SCORERS: Audry Nolen 11; Carly Brown 2; Jackilyn Sykes 10; Karah Martinez 5; Riley Walker 9.




Carly Brown takes a free throw during the game between Sonora Varsity and Wall on January 10, 2017.
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BRONCOS
VARSITY
JANUARY 31, 2017

Sonora 11-21-10-06=48
TLCA 15-19-06-10=50

SCORERS: Kaden Cordell 23; Evan Shannon 9; Michael Solis 4; Liam Yourgalite 4; Jalen Lopez 3; Raully Ojeda 3; Kade Creek 2.




BRONCOS
VARSITY
FEBRUARY 3, 2017

Sonora 15-12-22-15=64
G.C. 05-11-22-05=43

SCORERS: Kaden Cordell 21; Evan Shannon 15; Kade Creek 13; Raully Ojeda 5; Liam Yourgalite 4; Abel Cruz 2; Jalen Lopez 2; Michael Solis 2.




Eddie Infante assisted the Broncos by adding 4 points to their win over TLCA, 26-22, on February 3, 2017.
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LADY BRONCOS
JUNIOR VARSITY
FEBRUARY 3, 2017

Sonora 09-06-07-04=26
TLCA 03-00-00-08=11

SCORERS: Olivia Martinez 1; Danica Jimenez 2; Shyanne Gamez 2; Kaitlynn Gann 2; Aleasha Smith 9; Zayda Guterrez 10.




LADY BRONCOS
JUNIOR VARSITY
FEBRUARY 3, 2017

Sonora 14-05-17-08=44
G.C. 00-05-00-00=05

SCORERS: Danica Jimenez 2; Olivia Martinez 2; Keeley Moore 3; Zayda Guterrez 5; Christina Garza 11; Aleasha Smith 21.



Kaitlynn Gann dribbles the ball through the center to take a shot for the Lady Broncos during their game against Wall on January 10, 2017.
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BRONCOS
JUNIOR VARSITY
FEBRUARY 3, 2017

Sonora 12-05-05-04=26
TLCA 02-09-03-08=22


SCORERS: Thomas Talamantez 9; Blayze Sykes 7; Aldo DeLuna 6; Eddie Infante 4.



COLTS
7th Grade White
JANUARY 30, 2017

Sonora 11-02-08-06=27
G.C. 07-02-04-13=26


SCORERS: Tyler Walther 11; Christoval Lira 8; David Adams 1.



COLTS
7th Grade Red
JANUARY 30, 2017

Sonora 09-02-13-08=32
G.C. 02-06-04-06=18

SCORERS: Zach Hailey 12; Sean Mungia 9; Fernando Gonzalez 5; Ivan Fuentes 4; Mario DeLa Fuente 4.



LADY COLTS
7th Grade "A" Team
JANUARY 30, 2017

Sonora 06-07-10-02=25
G.C. 03-02-00-07=12

SCORERS: Jina Dooley; Joselyn Rodriguez; Abby Bennie; Kodi Davis; Carson Cahill; Abi Hernandez.



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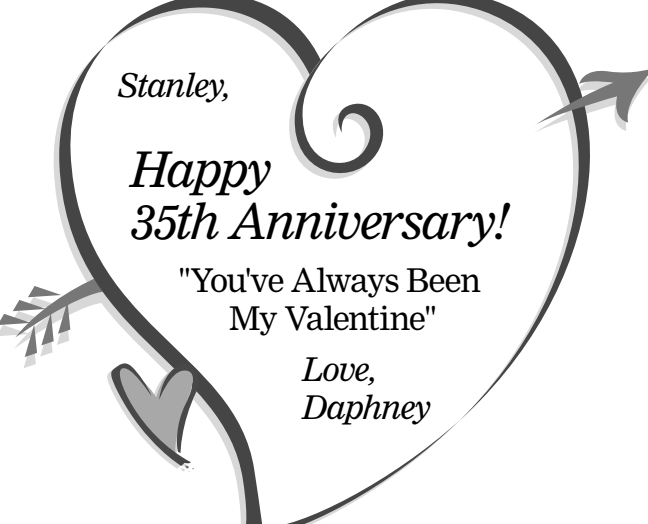
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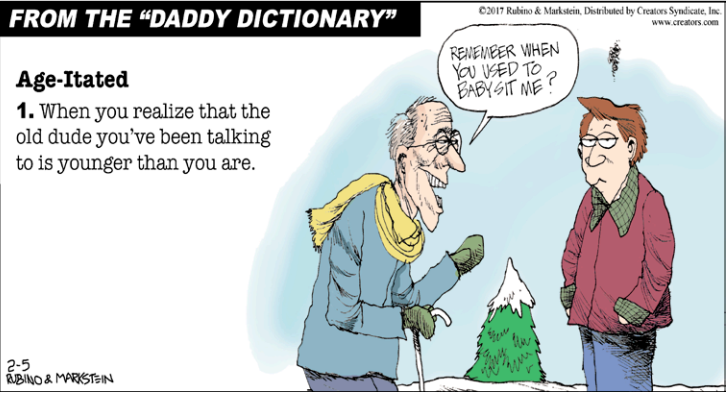
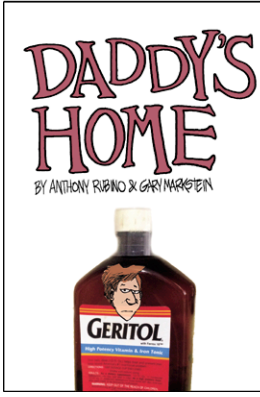
Daddy's Home

by Tony Rubino and Gary Markstein

FROM THE "DADDY DICTIONARY"

Age-Itated

1. When you realize that the old dude you've been talking to is younger than you are.



Dogs of C-Kennel

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Speed Bumps

by Dave Coverly



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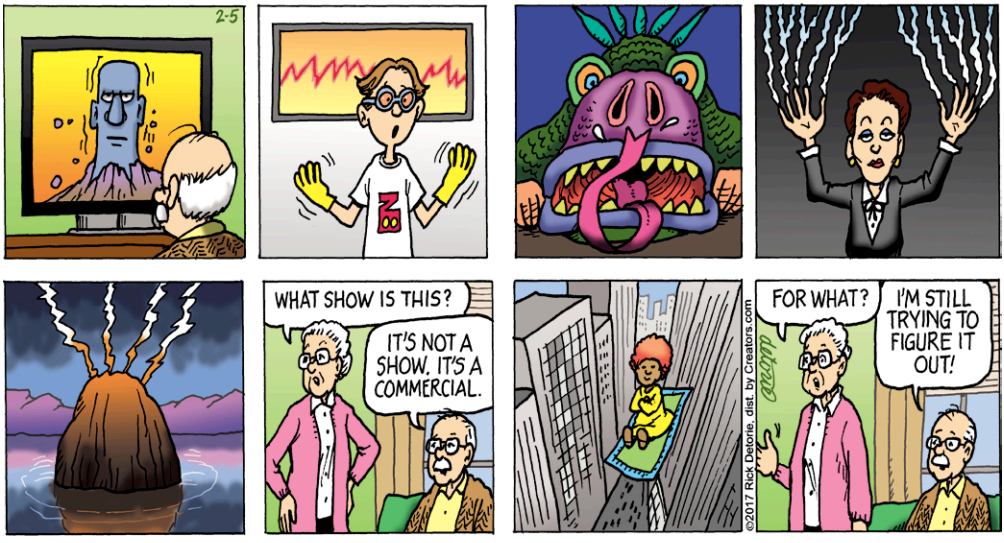
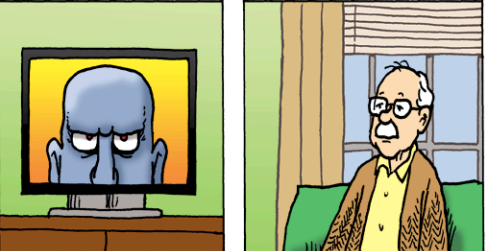
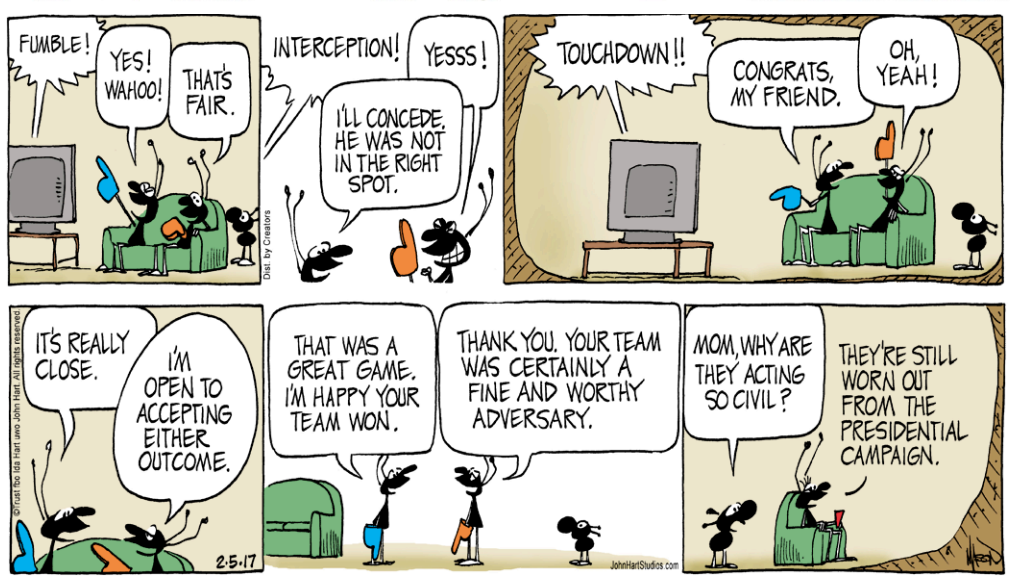
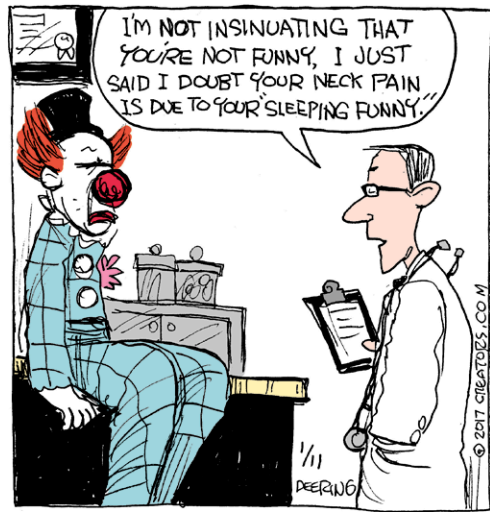
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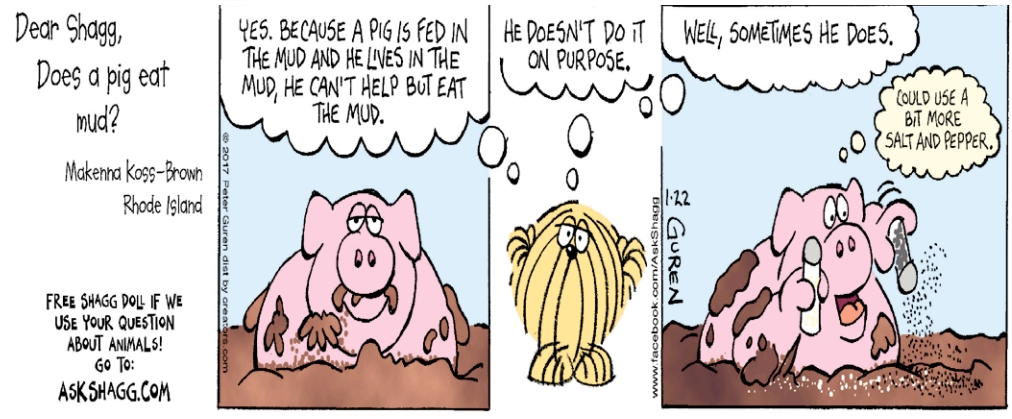
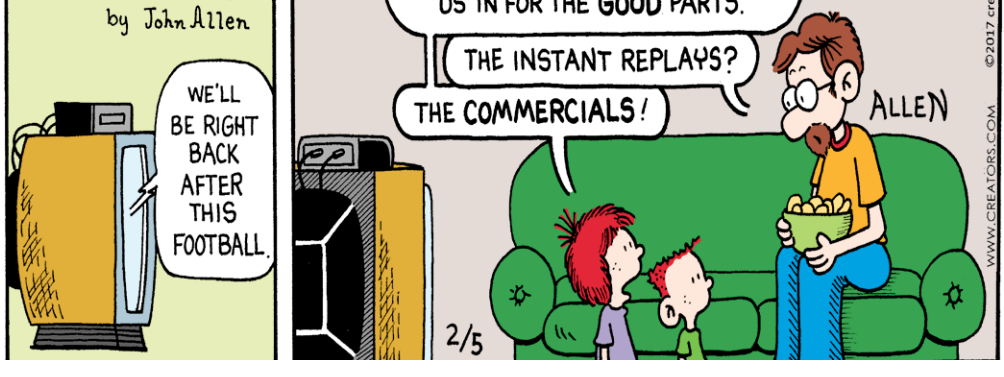
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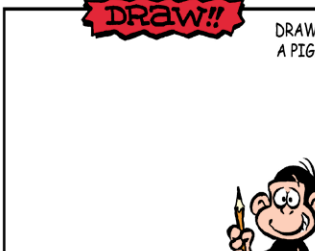
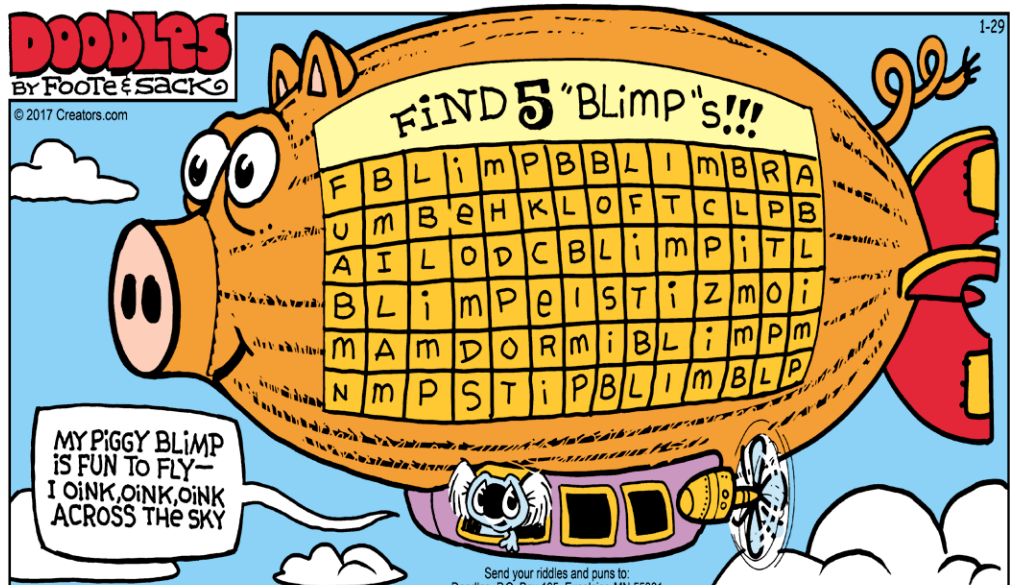
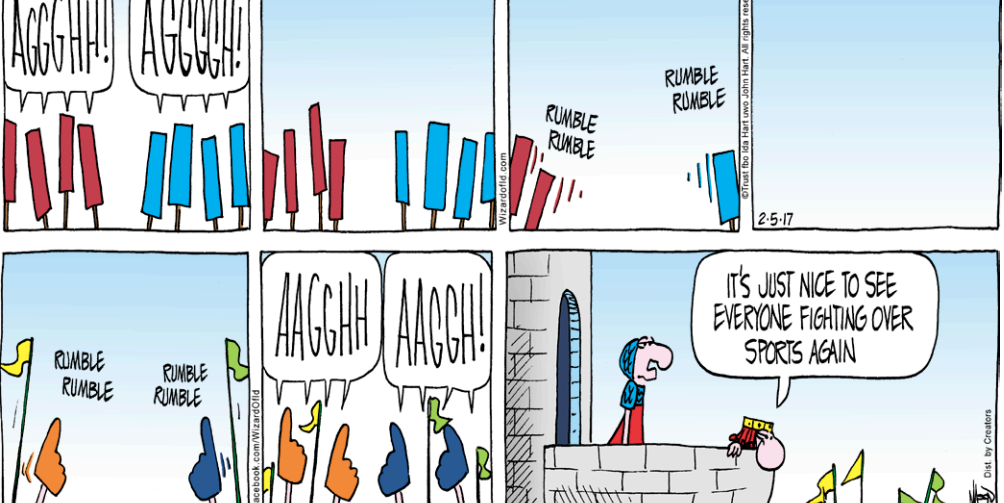
Nest Heads

by John Allen



Wizard of ID

by Parker and Hart





Elementary School Students for the week of February 6 - 9, Cayden Guerra, Pre-K, Blair Blackbird, K, Evelyn Campa, 1st, Woody Crow, 2nd.

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Sonora ISD Students of the Week

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Intermediate School Students for the week of February 6 - 9, Kellen Norrell, 3rd, Julianna Sanchez, 4th, Agassi Rodriguez, 5th.

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Sonora Middle School Students for the week of February 6-9, Juan Torres- Alvarez, 6th, Mariana Montoya, 7th, Ilze Contreras, 8th

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CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Chief Justice

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state of the Texas judiciary is strong."

Hecht asked lawmakers for help in improving judicial security and compensation, electronic access to court documents, guardianship monitoring and increased access to justice for the poor and the middle class. Hecht pledged to work with lawmakers in crafting reforms to the bail system, the treatment of the mentally ill and the imposition of fines, fees and costs for minor offenses.

Hecht also called for an end to straight ticket voting in judicial elections. Following Hecht's address, Texas House Speaker Joe Straus agreed, adding: "We shouldn't stop there. Texas should join 40 other states and end straight ticket voting in all elections. This change would encourage voters to learn more about individual candidates, their platforms and their qualifications. Too often, good men and women are swept out of down-ballot offices due to the political winds at the moment. It has happened in San Antonio and across Texas. I look forward to working with my colleagues to address this issue."

Health spending analyzed

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Jan. 31 announced his office's posting of an online report examining health care-related spending by 68 state

agencies and higher education institutions from fiscal 2011 through 2015.

The report features a close look at the five state agencies reporting the largest share of that spending: the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, the Department of Aging and Disability Services, the Department of State Health Services, the Employees Retirement System and the Teacher Retirement System. Those agencies accounted for 82.5 percent of all state health care spending in fiscal 2015. The report also features a section on health care spending by counties.

One finding in the report is that in fiscal 2015, Texas spent \$42.9 billion on health care, representing 43.1 percent of all state appropriations.

Revenue total is reported

Texas Comptroller Hegar announced state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.45 billion in January, 0.7 percent less than in January 2016.

"Sales tax collections reflect tepid spending by both businesses and consumers. Receipts from the information sector were up, but declines were seen in receipts from the construction and mining sectors, as well as retail trade," Hegar said.

However, he added, total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in January 2017 was up by 0.3 percent compared with the same period a year ago.

The Mechanics of our Texas Legislature

BY ANDREW MURR
STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 53

The 85th meeting of the Texas Legislature began on January 10th. Unlike the U.S. Congress which meets practically year round, our state legislature meets for just 140 days every two years, so we have to get down to business and focus on our primary task – passing another fiscally conservative, balanced budget.

The first two to three weeks of the session are largely ceremonial, however. This is because the rules of the House of Representatives prohibit the debate of legislation on the House floor prior to the 60th day of the session unless it is deemed an emergency by the governor. This lull at the beginning of the session allows members and their staffs to work with the lawyers and drafters who turn ideas into actual bills ready for consideration. As of this morning, there were 1,989 bills already filed this session.

Proposed bills also cannot proceed through the legislative process until the Speaker of the House appoints members to fill the thirty-eight standing committees. Thus far, those assignments have not been made, and while there is no mandated deadline, historically the committees are filled around the first week of February. In 2015, I was assigned to the Transportation Committee, the Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee, the Rules and Resolutions Committee, and (following session, in the interim) the Select Committee on Mental Health. I do not know if I will be returning

to those committees at this time, or be named to one or more different committees, but once assignments are announced, I will be sure to update you further.

In addition to committee assignments, this week we are receiving two speeches from our state's leaders. On January 31st, Governor Abbott will address a joint session of the Texas House and Senate for his state-of-the-state address. During that time, he will likely inform us of any issues or legislation that he has decided rises to the level of an emergency item. The next day, on February 1st, the Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court, Nathan Hecht, will also address a joint session of the legislature to deliver his state-of-the-judiciary address.

I am excited to get down to business and begin this important work, and I would like to ask all of you to keep me in your thoughts and prayers, and to contact me with your comments and opinions. As always, it is an honor to represent you in the Texas House of Representatives. Please visit my website at www.AndrewMurr.org or contact our District Office in Kerrville (715 Water St.) at (830) 257-0432 or our Capitol Office in Austin at (512) 463-0536 and let me hear from you.

Rep. Andrew Murr is a rancher, attorney, small businessman and former Kimble County Judge who has represented District 53 in the Texas House since 2015. House District 53 includes Bandera, Crockett, Edwards, Kerr, Kimble, Llano, Mason, Medina, Menard, Real, Schleicher and Sutton Counties.

INTERN:

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community and why that makes a difference in interacting with them from the side of law enforcement.

"He's been a good partner," Arredondo said. "I just hope he can take what he sees and hears here in Sonora PD to help further his law enforcement career. I hope that he learns something that he can use throughout his law enforcement career."

As part of his training, Mar also participated in the annual firearms qualifications.

Chief Dudley complimented Mar on his skills using a firearm.

Although he is the first member of his family to find his place serving in law enforcement, Mar said he confident about his future.

Moreover, he is thankful for the invaluable field experience that he has gained under the direction of the Sonora Police Department.

"It's great that it's a small department because every officer gets to work their own case," Mar said.

"They do the investigation, start the report and

finish the report, unlike some other agencies where the first responding officer just does his part and from there it goes to CID [Criminal Investigation Division] to be completed. Here I can see where it starts and how it finishes and the outcome of it and I think that's an amazing thing."

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January	2.40 in.	January	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.
2009	21.67 in.	2009	28.44 in.

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Pascual Hernandez

There are several species of this cool-season member of the Geranium Family, some annual and others perennial in longevity. Let's talk about a couple.

Redstem Filaree (*Erodium cicutarium*) is also called Storksbill and was native to Eurasia, but was introduced into the U.S. by early Spanish settlers. It became naturalized in the Southwest. The stems are leafy and hairy. Red stems spread along the ground up to 20 inches and support flowers and tiny, sword-shaped fruits. Ripening seed pods twist into a spiral.

Each "stork's bill" is actually five seeds, each with the long tail tapering out to the end of the "bill". These tails are tightly bound and make the central, elongated "bill". At maturity, what becomes the corkscrew peels off the long "bill" and starts to curl, remaining attached to the seed. The familiar corkscrews then twist into the soil as they go through day

and night cycles of wetting and drying. Each time, the spiral forces the sharp seed deeper into the soil. Eventually the seed breaks off, leaving hundreds of corkscrews.

Texas Storkbill (*E. texanum*) has flowers twice the size and is as widely distributed. It is a low herb, branched from the base, and grows to 5 inches tall. The reddish-purple flowers of the Texas Filaree are 1 inch across. Leaves are long-stalked, deeply veined and appear wrinkled.

Texas Filaree is native to the South Texas Plains and Edward's Plateau areas. It blooms from February through April. Filaree's broad, flat leaves start life early in mid-winter. Large patches of filaree leaves can quickly smother other seedlings, including native grass seedlings.

Filaree furnishes good spring forage for cattle, sheep, and wildlife. Though it is a nutritious feed, it is only available for a few weeks each year. It can also provide winter forage if the seeds germinate following fall rains.

Some literature states that it can cause bloating. Filaree, however, is short-lived and quickly dries to a brown, crunchy layer of dead leaves and flowers.

The Blotter



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Sonora Police Department and the Sutton County Sheriff's Office. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the police department or Sheriff's Office, 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.

SONORA PD ARRESTS

FEBRUARY 1 • Esequiel Ramos, 52 year-old male of Sonora, arrested for public intoxication.

INCIDENTS

JANUARY 30 - 6:00 PM • Suspicious vehicle reported in area of Sinaloa. Officer responded.

JANUARY 31 - 11:26 AM • Suspicious vehicle reported on 200 block of E. 1st. Officer responded.

12:05 PM • Welfare concern reported on 300 block of W. 5th. Officer responded.

1:23 PM • Intoxicated pedestrian reported on 900 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

6:46 PM • Suspicious person/activity reported on 300 block of E. College. Officer responded.

9:16 PM • Officer requested on 300 block of E. College. Officer responded.

9:54 PM • Violation of City Ordinance reported at N. Crockett and Terri Dr. Officer responded.

FEBRUARY 1 - 9:27 AM • Suspicious activity reported on 500 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

10:07 AM • Animal reported 1 mile down Bond Road. Officer responded.

7:17 PM • Reckless driver/loitering subjects reported on 500 block E. Poplar. Officer responded.

FEBRUARY 2 - 7:53 AM • Suspicious vehicle reported on 500 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

10:29 AM • Reckless driving reported on City Hill Road. Officer responded.

11:14 AM • Agency requested assistance on 600 block of Calle Real and W. Chestnut. Officer responded.

9:24 PM • Alarm reported at Family Dollar. Officer responded

FEBRUARY 3 - 7:52 AM • Officer assistance needed at Comfort Inn. Officer responded.

8:37 AM • Disorderly conduct reported at Sonora Middle School. Officer responded.

7:04 PM • Accident/wreck reported on Calle Hidalgo. Officer responded.

8:32 PM • Loud music reported on 1600 block of Glasscock. Officer responded.

10:33 PM • Suspicious vehicle reported at Stripes 267. Officer responded.

FEBRUARY 4 - 9:34 AM • Animal reported on 300 block of NE Oak. Officer responded.

2:53 PM • Welfare concern reported on 700 block of St. Ann's. Officer responded.

7:35 PM • Stalled vehicle reported on 700 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

FEBRUARY 5 - 8:45 AM • Accident/wreck near Subway. Officer responded.

10:40 AM • Agency requested assistance on Hwy-277 S. Officer responded.

3:24 PM • Agency requested assistance at mile marker 399. Officer responded.

5:15 PM • Caller reported suicidal person at Holiday Host. Officers responded.

SUTTON COUNTY SHERIFF ARRESTS

FEBRUARY 1 • Grant Homrighaus, 21 year-old male of Spring, arrested for possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Esequiel Ramos, 52 year-old male of Sonora, arrested for public intoxication.

INCIDENTS

JANUARY 30 - 4:00 PM • Deputy responded to call about smoke Hwy-277 S.

9:31 PM • Deputy responded to a call about a suspicious vehicle at mile marker 389 West on I-10.

JANUARY 31 - 7:10 AM • Deputy responded to a hazard in the roadways on the north service road by the Animal Hospital.

FEBRUARY 1 - 4:50 PM • Deputy responded to an injured deer at mile marker 416 East of Sonora.

FEBRUARY 3 - 7:00 PM • Deputy responded to a vehicle accident on Calle de Hidalgo.

10:22 PM • Deputy took a complaint statement from a female caller.

10:29 PM • Deputy and a police officer responded to a suspicious vehicle at Stripes 267.

FEBRUARY 4 - 8:16 AM • Deputy responded to a vehicle accident at mile marker 399 on I-10.

1:40 PM • Deputy responded to animals not being feed and poor living on Hwy-277 S.

FEBRUARY 5 - 4:27 AM • Deputy and DPS responded to a vehicle accident on Hwy-277 S.

5:03 PM • Deputy assisted PD with attempting to locate a suicidal person.

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MONDAY February 13
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TUESDAY February 14
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WEDNESDAY February 15
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Lunch
Pizza, Asian Bowl w/Eggroll, or Chicken Fajita Salad

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After School Program
Chex, Strawberry Milk

Tuesday February 14th Breakfast
Breakfast Boat Or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch
Hot Ham & Cheese Sand, HB/Ch. Burger w/Hamburger Garnish or Chef Salad

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Turning to History to Prepare for Tomorrow

By Charlene Hunter James

Black History Month is once again upon us, providing a time to reflect on the history of African-Americans and the events which have shaped the course of history for many in this country.

During this time, one of the things that gives me pause for reflection is the belief that there are endless possibilities in our lives. AARP, the organization that I volunteer for and have the honor to serve as Texas president, refers to this as "real possibilities" which are presented to us at various stages of our lives.

This acquired new meaning to me recently when viewing the highly acclaimed movie, "Hidden Figures," which tells the story of three African-American women who advanced the U.S. space program.

The movie provides a historical framework for African Americans who are prepared educationally and professionally but are denied the opportunity to grasp their "real possibilities professionally" for which they were properly prepared.

While African Americans and other minorities have certainly made great strides in this educational journey as well as in leadership and managerial roles, greater attention has been given to the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

The reality is that African Americans continue to fall short in the education, training and professional placement where "real possibilities" can be attained.

The U.S. Census Bureau reports that in 2014, 84% of African Americans age 25 and older had a high school diploma or higher but only 19% had bachelor's degrees or higher.

That's about 1.8 million people. When it comes to young African-American students, the Children's Defend Fund's "State of America's Children" report showed that growing up in extremely poor areas contributes to youngsters not reaching their educational goal because "educational opportunities are becoming increasingly unequal across the United States."

One promising solution has been the concerted effort to expose our youth and college students, to the area of STEM.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, historically black colleges and universities (HBCU) "produce 27 percent of

African-American students with bachelor's degrees in STEM fields."

Many of these students are young women. HBCUs make up three percent of all institutions of higher learning in the U.S. There are less than 10 in Texas.

At Texas Southern University (TSU) in Houston, they're reaching out to African-American middle school boys and exposing them to STEM programs that can lead to high-paying professions. They're doing this with the help of Verizon, which sponsors the program.

"We're showing the students that they deal with STEM-related projects every day in their lives," Rodney Bush, who manages the program for TSU said. "It is eye-opening to see them realize science is involved in everyday programs like video games, cell phones and all technologies that they use."

In addition to the education, the middle-school students are exposed to people making a living in STEM-related fields, such as engineers.

Bush noted the year-round program is in its second year and usually picks up during the summer.

The best part is that this isn't the only program available to all our young students. The lists continue to grow every year across Texas.

Without a doubt, Dorothy Vaughn, Katherine Johnson and Mary Jackson were "Hidden Figures" for a period of time at NASA.

Even before discovery, they performed important technical and professional tasks for the agency just like their other colleagues. When their expertise was finally recognized, it turned out that not only were they more than prepared; they were ready to meet the challenges that awaited them and make an indelible mark in American History.

Today, there may or may not still be "hidden figures", but we can rest assured our presence in space history continues to be well documented.

African American History should not be "hidden history" for it tells the rich background of so many who were willing to take risks for themselves or their children and sacrifice so that they or others could realize the real possibilities that could be a part of their lives.

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