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## Justice of the Peace Emeritus

## Carports and Police Get City Council Attention

Outcry over carports and an obvious stance of law enforcement officers overshadowed city council members during their regular meeting Monday, March 20, 2017.

Tempers and emotions took over council members while revisiting a discussion to consider a request for a variance to build an open carport by citizens Samuel and Sonia Castro resulted in disparity among council members. The Castro's requested a variance to build the open carport in 2014 and it was tabled pending further review. They obtained a permit in error and constructed the carport. The structure is in violation of city code requirements. City Attorney James Kosub advised the council that an erroneous issue of a permit does not waive any rights of the City. Therefore, although a permit was issued in error the council is not obligated by law to validate it. A motion was made by Todd Munn to refund the permit fee and remove the structure within 30-days. No second was made. After heated comments were exchanged and argument from Mrs. Castro was again heard, Juanita Barrera made a counter motion to make an exception allowing the Castros to keep the carport. A two to one vote carried the motion and the exception was approved. Norm Rousselot abstained from voting on the matter.

The council moved on handling a lengthy agenda before going behind closed doors to discuss personnel matters and departmental review of the Sonora Police Department.

Officers and department staff gathered in City Hall awaiting word of their future.

Following Executive Session, in open meeting, the council approved a pay increase to \$20 per hour for Sonora Police Officer Humphreys while he completes his field training.

No action was taken on the status of the Sonora Police Department. The department will remain in operation as usual and its staff will continue to serve and protect the community.

In regular business, City Manager Ed Carrasco updated the council on the status of the water wells for the Love's Truck Stop. Drilling of the wells remains at a stand still pending the decision of the Water Board. A joint special meeting of the City Council and Sutton County Underground Water

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John K. Wilson (center) thanks family and friends for their years of support Wednesday, March 15, 2017 during a retirement ceremony in his honor. Wilson's mother, Charlotte Wilson (L) and daughter, Penny Dawson (R) were among the guests who gathered at the courthouse to extend well wishes for his future.

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## John K. Wilson Retires from Office, Harris Sworn In

After more than ten years of service to the people of Sutton County, John K. Wilson celebrated his retirement from office during a special gathering at the courthouse Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

Overcome with emotion, Wilson expressed his sincere and heartfelt gratitude for those who have supported him during his tenure in office.

"It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve the people of Sutton County," Wilson said.

Sutton County Judge Steve Smith also shared a few words about Wilson describing him as an exceptional person as well as a loyal public servant.

No matter the circumstance, Wilson is always ready with a poised opinion because he is first and foremost a concerned citizen, Smith said. Throughout his years as JP, Wilson never forgot why he was in office – to be a voice for the public.

"If you have been lucky enough to know John, you know that he served this community as an independent elected official who always did the right thing," Smith said. He served all of us well both as an elected official and as a concerned citizen. I was honored every day that I worked

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Jodi Harris is sworn in Thursday, March 16, 2017 before taking office as the Sutton County Justice of the Peace. Harris retired his duties as Sheriff's Deputy, for the past 16-years, to assume the responsibilities of JP.

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## Planning Underway for SHS Project Graduation

Sonora High School Project Graduation is set for May 26, 2017 and plans for a successful event are already underway.

As graduation nears, seniors take part in a variety of activities marking their passage from high school into the future. However, drugs and alcohol turn fun and excitement into tragedy in a matter of minutes.

Project Graduation is a national effort to provide an alcohol and drug free night of celebration for juniors and seniors following commencement.

Every year, teachers and parents oversee a night of games, food and entertainment at the high school campus. It allows young people a safe and fun place to gather and socialize with friends. They also compete for prizes including computers, iPads and gift certificates

benefiting them while they are at college.

However, this annual event requires time, effort and money.

SHS Project Graduation committee members are asking for contributions of money and/or prizes to be awarded to students during the evening competitions.

Community involvement is key to making this event possible each year.

To make a donation please contact Greta Ramsdell at 325-206-0142. Your tax-deductible donations may also be mailed to Project Graduation, P.O. Box 993, Sonora, Texas 76950.

Help ensure that our students and graduates are entertained and safe on one of the most important days of their lives. Your generosity in helping make this special event possible is greatly appreciated.

## On the Road to State



Jessica Paredes waves to supporters Friday, March 17, 2017 on her way to Waco for the State Powerlifting meet. She was escorted by sirens and horns during a traditional send off procession.

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**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Ed Sterling

**Immigration bill is heard**  
An overflow crowd numbering in the hundreds gathered in the state Capitol on March 15 to testify on a House committee substitute for SB 4, the immigration law enforcement bill written by Sen. Charles Perry, R-Lubbock, and passed by the full Senate on Feb. 8.  
The bill proposes to prohibit "sanctuary" SEE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS ON PAGE 7

# State's 2018-19 Budget Progresses Toward Full Senate Vote

AUSTIN — The Senate Finance Committee, at work on the 2018-2019 state budget since January, on March 16 approved workgroup recommendations in preparation for a final vote.  
Committee Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, said she expects her panel to vote on the state budget, Senate Bill 1, this week, March 20-24. After the committee votes, the next step for the budget is consideration by the full Senate.  
So far in the process, the committee has approved more money to reduce the caseload for foster care workers, an increase in payments for people who take in foster children and an expansion of a privatized case

management program. Funding for mental health would be maintained at current levels while adding beds for maximum-security patients.  
Health and human services takes up the largest share of the state budget. Senate Health & Human Services Committee Chair Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, who serves on the Senate Finance Committee, commented on SB 1, saying, "Just like the people of Texas, we must live within our means. With that said, I believe the product before you represents a responsible budget that will meet the health and human services needs of Texans and address the most pressing issues we will face in the coming biennium."

SB 1 would include less money for education — the second-biggest element in the state budget. One issue is funding for so-called "special items" or one-time appropriations to help colleges start new programs or increase capacity. Higher education institutions that have come to rely on the renewal of special items every budget cycle would be at a disadvantage under SB 1, according to Senate Finance Committee member Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, who serves as chair of the body's Higher Education Committee. Previously, the state spent more than a billion dollars on "special items." On March 15, the Senate Finance Committee approved language cutting that amount to \$700 million.

## Brothers, Battles & Bullets

Last week my husband and I splurged on a little out-of-town get-away. We were only gone for one night. We figured the kids could handle that without setting the kitchen on fire or flooding the bathroom. We didn't expect any miracles, like the time one of them actually filled and ran the dishwasher. (True story.)



They assured us they had things covered. We even trusted son number one to get son number three to school in the morning. Which he did. (I guess that probably qualifies as a miracle.)

We didn't anticipate perfect behavior on their part. Date night always comes with a cost. We figured they'd stay up later than usual and plug in more than we would have preferred.

We expected to come home to empty pizza boxes, footprints by the back door, dishes in the sink and toast crumbs on the countertop. We were not disappointed. All those things greeted us upon our arrival home.

But the first thing we noticed was the furniture. The couch and loveseat in the family room were slightly askew, as if they'd been bumped or moved and then reset in not quite the right spot. The couch cushions sat catawampus; they too had been dislodged and clumsily readjusted.

No big deal. My husband and I have seen worse. But it did pique our collective curiosity. What had they been up to? (It's a question I've asked myself time and time again over the years.)

The answer was soon forthcoming. As we entered the room to put the furniture back in place, we saw the bullets. The floor was littered with at least a dozen of them.

I looked across the room and found the source of said bullets: brightly colored plastic toy guns. The kind that shoot foam bullets and rhyme with surf and turf. They were piled atop the dining room table.

It was starting to make sense. My husband and I gave each other a knowing look, the kind married couples do after being together long enough to have teenagers. And then we shared a chuckle.

It was obvious; the boys had a war while we were gone. It must have been a doozy. Over the next few days we found bullets in various nooks and crannies throughout the house. I gathered them to save for the next battle. Those things aren't cheap.

Some moms might be upset with living room warfare — especially in their own living rooms. I've learned over the years that unless a bone or window or heart is broken, it's probably best to take things in stride. Foam bullets are pretty low on the risk meter. It's highly unlikely they'd break a window or put a dent in the dry-wall, much less a tibia.

Besides, when you are shooting foam bullets at your brother, neither you nor he is plugged into any sort of "device." Not only that, but you are interacting the old-fashioned way — face to face, or in this case gun to gun — with another human being. As a mom, I'll take what I can get. This was a glass-half-full situation if ever there was one.

When questioned about their use of foam-based weaponry there were confessions all around. They were sheepish at first, but then got caught up in the excitement of describing their epic battle. Sounds like it was a full-throttled blitzkrieg. They agreed on that much. They had differing opinions as to who won the war. We may never know. That's okay.

Because when it comes to love and war, brothers trump winning any day.

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.



## The Bipartisan Road Trip We Can Disagree Without Being Disagreeable

It all started with a cancelled flight due to inclement weather. Thirty-six hours and more than 1,600 miles later, Congressman Beto O'Rourke, a Democrat from El Paso, and I, a Republican from San Antonio, had driven in a Chevy Impala across the country to Washington, DC. Thanks to technology, we livestreamed our Bipartisan Road Trip via Facebook, answering questions in real-time from the public, the entire way.

We refused to let a bit of snow keep us from doing our jobs. We were determined to get back in time for votes we had to take in Congress. We also thought the road trip could demonstrate that a Republican and a Democrat can listen to each other and find common ground. After a few pit stops for Whataburger, donuts, and a couple hours of sleep, we made it to the United States Capitol with thirty minutes to spare.

During our trek, we took turns answering questions via Facebook Live about everything from healthcare and national security to music and dessert. It was what we liked to describe as the "longest rolling bipartisan town hall meeting in history." We learned that we could disagree without being disagreeable and that instead of focusing on what divides us, there were many things that united us.

The support we received from the general public was overwhelming. While on the road, dozens of our colleagues on both sides of the aisle called us to show their support of increased bipartisanship. From Republicans like Senator John Cornyn and Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, to Democratic Representatives Joe Kennedy and Henry Cuellar, we received call after call encouraging the bipartisanship to

continue once we arrived in Washington, DC. It proved that despite our nation's political divisiveness, America wants us to get past our ideological differences and solve problems together.

As a result of the road trip, Beto and I co-sponsored each other's bills that we had discussed along Interstates 35, 20 and 81. I co-sponsored his bill that helps immigrant families who are U.S. citizens remain together and he co-sponsored my bill that incentivizes local police departments to hire American veterans.

One of the things I heard loud and clear from constituents over the 30-hour mobile town hall, was something that I had been hearing over the last year as I crisscrossed my district — the replacement of Obamacare needs to help people who were previously uninsurable and to strengthen protections for those most vulnerable, particularly the aged and disabled on Medicaid. Over the past few days, I've been encouraging the Republican Leadership in the House of Representatives to make changes to the existing replacement bill, before our vote this week. I have asked:

- For Medicaid expansion and non-expansion states to be treated equally;
  - For doctors who take care of Medicaid patients to receive the support they need so that they don't opt-out of treating Medicaid patients all together; and,
  - To extend and expand programs like the Medicaid 1115 Waiver.
- Bipartisanship is a real thing and there are plenty of opportunities for us to come together for the benefit of our constituents and the nation. Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich told us that the trip would change us — and he was right.

### Hurd on the Hill



by U.S. Rep. Will Hurd



## Austin College and Liberal Arts

Austin College in Sherman was founded in 1849 and is named in honor of Stephen F. Austin. "It is among the oldest colleges in Texas," says Dr. Marjorie Hass, president. "In fact it's the oldest college still operating under its original charter." Austin College is a liberal arts college, which Dr. Hass says is different from a major university or junior college. "Large universities focus more on graduate schools, publications and grants. Community colleges are for basic and vocational education. Liberal arts schools focus on undergraduate study of language, philosophy, literature, art and abstract science. We try to teach the students how to think for themselves. We have a very strong reputation for producing the finest professionals in Texas and the country. A lot of our students go on to medical school, law school, they go into the ministry, they become teachers, they go into a variety of professions and of course we have many students who pursue business careers."



by Tumbleweed Smith

Marjorie says the college was founded by Presbyterian ministers who wanted to create a place where young men could receive the kind of high quality education that they formerly had to go to the east coast to receive. "Eventually and overtime the college started admitting women and now we're coming upon the one hundredth year of co-education. We have a very diverse student body, ethnically, religiously and socio-economically. Seventy-two percent of Austin College students have a roommate of a different religion or ethnicity than they are before they graduate. That's such good preparation for moving out into a diverse world."

The college doesn't have or desire a large student body. "Classes are very small. It's not unusual for our students to be in a class with five, ten or fifteen students. Our faculty members really know their students and understand how they function as thinkers, what their dreams and visions might be. To do that, we keep our college population small. We really are a community. We have just under three hundred students."

Dr. Hass is the first woman president and the first Jewish president the college has ever had. "When a former moderator of the Presbyterian Church heard that a Jewish woman had been named president, she commented, 'how Presbyterian of us.'"

The mascot of Austin College is a kangaroo. "One story is the students had a very strong honor court to make sure students lived up to their highest ideals. That court was known as the kangaroo court. Another story is about our prowess on the football field. In the early days our little college used to play some of the larger football powerhouses. One of those coaches was so impressed with our players he said they hopped around that field like kangaroos."

Dr. Hass has a doctorate degree in philosophy. "When I started my education at a liberal arts college, I kept choosing courses that had to do with thinking."

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## Heard Around Town

Those folks who say that winter is over should remember the old saying, "Thunder in February means frost in April." And...it thundered a lot in February.

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Hazel Kent plays Violet Weston in the 2017 OAP production of August: Osage County. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

## SHS Thespians Nail Drama in August: Osage County

High School thespians entertained a crowded auditorium Sunday night, March 19, 2017, with an outstanding performance of their 2017 One Act Play.

Under the direction of Director Kaci Wilhelm and Assistant Directors Courtney Beene and Lindsey Geske, Sunday's full rehearsal, included stage set-up, character performances and scratch.

This rehearsal helped the cast and crew polish all of their production detail before their District competition this week in Ballinger.

Cast, crew and directors have been working every day, since early January, on the 2017 OAP.

The narrative is based on the play by Tracy Letts and portrays a family's struggles with death, substance abuse and dysfunction.

The sudden death of their father brings three sisters back to the family home and their mother, a sharp-tongued, pill popping cancer patient. The siblings,

their significant others and various kin folks are forced to endure the full impact of their mother's hateful wrath and hurtful opinions of each one of them.

The cast members include Shayna Edwards, as Mattie Fae, Avery Leamon, as Ivy, Dakota Castro, as Charlie, Hazel Kent, as Violet, Henry Ramos, as Bill, Layla Burke, as Barbara, Robin McGuffin, as Jean, Isabella Samaniego, as Johnna, Blayze Sykes, as Sheriff Gilbeau, Mollie Taylor, as Karen, Jansen Morris, as Steve, and Slade Dermody, as Little Charles.

Crew members include Stage Manager Autumn Ayala, Assistant Stage Manager/Sound Kayla Grace Edwards, Lighting Manager Juan Miguel Jimenez and Special Effects Managers Danica Jimenez and Sheridan Walther.

Scarlot Longoria was an Alternate.

All of the students and staff deserve applause for their hard work and good luck in their contest performances.



OAP cast members rehearse their production of August Osage County during a public performance Sunday, March 19, 2017 at the SHS theater. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

## Paredes Sets New Personal Record at State Competition

Jordan Paredes earned 19th place at the 2017 Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association State Meet, Saturday, March 18, 2017, in Waco.

Competing in the 114 pound weight class, Paredes set a personal record in all 3 shifts with a with a 270 at squat on her 2nd attempt while going for a new PR of 285, 110 at bench and 265 at deadlift. She finished with

her best 645 pounds overall.

"She competed very well for being a freshman and most freshmen don't compete at the state level. It was a good experience for her and will get her ready for next year," Coach Caleb Perez said.

Paredes deserves commendation for all of her hard work and congratulations for her Powerlifting achievements.



Jordan Paredes set a new personal record lifting a combined 645 pounds while competing in the 2017 Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association State Meet, Saturday, March 18, 2017, in Waco. JI MANKIN | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

### SONORA WEATHER FORECAST

Thu 03/23	Fri 03/24	Sat 03/25	Sun 03/26	Mon 03/28
80/57 Partly Sunny/Wind	80/49 Mostly Sunny/Warm	79/52 Mostly Sunny/Warm	79/57 Mostly Sunny/Warm	78/53 Strong t-storms
Sunrise 7:43 a.m. Sunset 7:55 p.m.	Sunrise 7:42 a.m. Sunset 7:56 p.m.	Sunrise 7:40 a.m. Sunset 7:57 p.m.	Sunrise 7:39 a.m. Sunset 7:57 p.m.	Sunrise 7:38 a.m. Sunset 7:58 p.m.

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Sonora Middle School Students for the week of March 20-24, Montserrat De La Fuente, 6th, Tyler Walther, 7th, Ilze Contrer, 8th. | COURTESY PHOTO

## Sonora ISD Students of the Week

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Sonora Elementary School and Intermediate School Students of the Week were not made available for the week of March 20-24, 2017.

## Tennis Wins 1st & 3rd in RC Tourney

The Sonora High School Tennis team spent part of their spring break competing in the Reagan County Invitational tennis tournament.

Their efforts yielded a gold medal for the girls and a bronze medal for the boys.

On the way to their first-place victory, the girls doubles team of Sky Jennings and Peyton Matthews defeated Fort Stockton duo, Aguilar and Galindo with a score of 6-3, 6-0. This pair is noted for their third-place win at state last year.

The girls double team of Sky Jennings and Peyton Matthews defeated Ramirez and Jimenez, also from Fort Hancock in the finals with a score of 6-1, 6-1.

In boys doubles the team of Dylan Taylor and Marcos Talamantes were awarded third place after suffering a

loss to the Mason Punchers and a victory over McAfferty and Richardson from Forsan.

Also, deserving commendation, Brian Van-Winkle and Esteban Marin both made the boys singles, quarterfinals before falling.

Individual players Bianca Fay, Claire Thiebaud, Aldo Deluna, Carlos Regino, Blayze Sykes, and David Delgado also demonstrated good effort on the court during the RC Tourney.

Next, the Broncos and Lady Broncos travel to Fredericksburg to compete. JV matches are set for Thursday, March 23 and Varsity competes Friday and Saturday, March 24 -25.

All of the players deserve congratulations on their hard work and achievements.

# OBITUARIES

## Lila Chalk Cook January 29, 1928 – March 14, 2017



Lila Chalk Cook, age 89, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on March 14, 2017.

Lila was born in Sonora on January 29, 1928 to loving parents George Delaney Chalk and Clifta Mae Pfeister.

She was a loving mother and a caring nurse for many years. Lila was also a member of The First United Methodist Church of Sonora.

She will be greatly missed by all who adored her.

She was preceded by her parents, her precious daughter Alice Ruth Cook and beloved son Delaney "Laney" B. Cook and her siblings George Delaney Chalk, Jr., Maxine "Bitsy" Chalk, Luther Chalk,

Barbara Chalk and Rus Chalk

Lila is survived by her sons J.V. and Jesso Cook of Austin and daughter Christa Cook Griffin of Abilene, grandchildren, Alice Lucile Cook, William Delaney Cook, Alice Amanda Cook, Bryan Delaney Cook all of Austin, Sarah Cook Noak of San Antonio, David William Cook of Glen Rose, Alexis Kelsie and Hailey Kay Griffin of San Angelo.

She is also survived by great-grand children, Luke, Jeffrey, Kate Louise Noak, Emily Harper Cook and Jaxie Delilah and a sister, Inez Chalk Baldwin of Houston and brother, Philip Chalk of California and Kay Chalk of Indiana as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The family extends its deepest thanks and appreciation to Kinder Hearts Hospice for their dedication and kindness.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions be made to Kinder Hearts Hospice or Hospice of your choice

A small private service was requested by Lila.

## "Do Well Be Well" Program Promotes Diabetes Wellness

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is offering a special diabetes wellness and management program - Do Well Be Well with Diabetes.

The five-week course, taught by Pat Gomez RN, BSN and Jessica Stapper, Extension Agent, begins April 4, 2017. Classes are set for 6:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Food & Resource Center.

Do Well Be Well is a unique program designed for people with type 2 diabetes.

Classes focus on a variety of factors affecting blood sugar including, how food affects your blood glucose, are you eating the right number of carbohydrates, beyond the diet and physical

activity, and having your cake and eating it too.

Each class provides instruction and encouragement individuals need to make positive changes for their health.

In addition, the program offers take home recipes and references that can be shared with friends and family, important facts from diabetes experts and the opportunity to get answers to individual questions.

All classes are open to the public at no cost. However, space is limited to the first 20 people to register. For more information or to register please contact the Sutton County Extension Office at 325-387-3604.

## Annual Chamber Banquet Honors Veterans, March 30

The Sonora Chamber of commerce is honoring our veterans during its annual Chamber Banquet Thursday, March 30, 2017 at the Sutton County Civic Center.

In addition to recognizing our service men and women, awards will be presented to distinguished members of our community.

Guests will start the evening by enjoying a meal catered by Kenny Blaneck's Village Cafe & Catering beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program taking place at 7 p.m.

Emcee Matt Killough will keep guests informed throughout the evening by announcing speakers, award nominees and recipients.

Special guest speaker, Bobby Barrera, a Vietnam Veteran, will address banquet patrons.

Following a moment to thank veterans in attendance as well as others, Justin DeLoach will entertain with a special song tribute honoring those who have served and those who continue to fight for our country.

Before revealing this year's winners, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Donna Garrett will announce the current board of directors as well as the ones that have agreed to serve the new three-year term.

This year's nominees include

Business of the Year: Annabel's on Main, Nail It Construction (Henry Mata), T.C. Barber Shop and Tres Amigos Convenience Store.

Educator of the Year: Wheless Baker, Liz Hernandez, Tamie Love and Julie Martin.

Citizen of the Year: Diana Arteaga, Tonya Brown, Virgil & Linda Burge and Jo Ann Hernandez.

Members of the nominating committee had a tough job narrowing down the list of this year's candidates.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and show their support for our veterans, community members and businesses who will be recognized at the banquet.

Tickets are \$15 per person or \$120 for a table of 8.

You may purchase your tickets at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tickets are also available for purchase on behalf of Veteran's planning to attend.

All veterans wishing to attend are asked to please RSVP at the chamber office.

If you want to purchase a ticket for a veteran, please let the chamber know so that we may notify those who are on our list.

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**ACROSS**

1. Son of Noah
5. Pro football team
9. Place of trade
13. Outdoor game
14. Bellowing
16. Celebean ox
17. Asian land
18. Mouthlike opening
19. Excellent athlete
20. Football immortal
22. Pro football team
24. Electric \_\_\_\_\_
26. Jai-\_\_\_\_\_
27. Sports official
31. Models
35. Rinses
36. Harness parts
38. Invalid food
39. Scored at tennis
40. Destined
41. Miracle village
42. Mal de \_\_\_\_\_
43. Parish priests
44. More certain
45. Tennis star Ashe
47. Tennis equipment
49. Receptacles
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**DOWN**

1. Motor trip
2. Book of Hours
3. Ancient Iran
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Lisa
5. Bacon slice
6. Skill
7. State of mind
8. Last home of RLS
9. Golf club
10. Opposer
11. Type of horse
12. Frigate hands
15. Made a comeback
21. Golfing need
23. Shoulder
25. Merry Widow composer
27. Speedway man
28. Tennis great
29. Nourished
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55. Went into base
57. Pitching mound
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63. Juvenile game

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# Broncos Blast Competition in Annual Home Relay Meet

The Sonora Varsity Broncos took first place in the Bronco Relays this past Saturday, March 18, 2017. Out performing their competition the varsity boys racked up a top score of 235 points ahead of Wall, 187, Brady 52.50, Mason 36, Ozona 36, Grape Creek 30, Reagan County 14, Alpine 11, Crane 7, Balmorhea 6 and Junction 3.50. The JV Broncos earned 6th place in the meet. The Lady Broncos also earned 6th place in the meet and the JV girls were awarded



Carter Zook clears the last hurdle ahead of his competition during Saturday's Bronco Relays. Zook was awarded 1st place in the 110 M Hurdles with a time of 14.86. **DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**

## Varsity Boys Results:

**100 M Dash:**  
Jarret Jackson, 1st, 10.87;  
Kade Creek, 16th, 11.44;  
Walker Sine, 17th, 11.34.  
**200 M Dash:**  
Kaden Cordell, 4th, 23.46;  
Michael Solis, 5th, 23.58.  
**400 M Dash:**  
Wesley Dutton, 1st, 52.72;  
Wilson Johnson, 2nd, 53.06.  
**800 M Run:**  
Slade Dermody, 2nd, 2:03.02;  
Evan Shannon, 4th, 2:03.14;  
David Delgado, 5th, 2:12.9.  
**1600 M Run:**  
Evan Shannon, 2nd, 4:45.16;  
Slade Dermody, 3rd, 2:12.09.  
**3200 M Run:**  
Eva, Shannon, 2nd, 10.37.15.  
**110 M Hurdles:**  
Carter Zook, 1st, 14.86;  
Willie Munoz, 3rd, 15.74;  
Jason Morris, 10th, 16.50.  
**300 M Hurdles:**  
Carter Zook, 1st, 41.72.  
**100 M Relay:**

Solis, Jackson, Buitron,  
Dutton, 1st, 43.31.  
**200 M Relay:**  
Solis, Munoz, Jackson,  
Buitron, 1st, 1.31.81.  
**400 M Relay:**  
Dutton, Buitron, Johnson,  
Zook, 2nd, 3:23.16.  
**Pole Vault:**  
John Deleon, 5th, 11-06.00.  
**High Jump:**  
Kaden Cordell, 1st, 6-02.00;  
Kade Creek, 5th, 6-00.00.  
**Long Jump:**  
Carter Zook, 2nd, 20-07.00;  
Drew Buitron, 4th, 20-03.25.  
**Triple Jump:**  
Willie Munoz, 1st, 42-02.25;  
Kaden Cordell, 2nd,  
41-02.00;  
David Delgado, 3rd, 39-  
03.50.  
**Discus:**  
Michael Solis, 2nd, 141-03.  
**Shot Put:**

Liam Yourgalite, 1st, 50-  
04.50.

## Boys JV Results:

**100 M Dash:**  
Eddie Infante, 5th, 12.37.  
**200 M Dash:**  
Braden Admas, 7th, 28.37.  
**1600 M Run:**  
Ariel, Salazar, 8th, 5:58.16.  
**3200 M Run:**  
Josh Barrera, 3rd, 12:01.00.  
**110 M Hurdles:**  
Keegan McCollum, 5th,  
20.25.  
**300 M Hurdles:**  
Keegan McCollum, 7th,  
52.34; Josh Barrera, 8th,  
54.00.  
**100 M Relay:**  
Infante, Aschenbeck, Mata,  
Gutierrez, 3rd, 48.35.  
**200 M Relay:**  
Rodriguez, Mata,

Ashchenbeck, Infante, 2nd,  
1:41.52.  
**Long Jump:**  
Eddie Infante, 3rd, 16-09.00.  
**Shot Put:**  
Carlos Mendoza, 6th, 30-  
02.00.

## Varsity Girls Results:

**200 M Dash:**  
Noelia Tovar, 18th 32.46.  
**400 M Dash:**  
Mary Kyle Johnson, 5th,  
1:04.  
**300 M Hurdles:**  
Carly Brown, 5th, 50.00.  
**400 M Relay:**  
Castro, Gonzales, Smith,  
Martinez, 4th, 53.12.  
**200 M Relay:**  
Brown, Martinez, Smith,  
Gonzales, 3rd, 1:53.59.  
**High Jump:**  
Mary Kyle Johnson, 5-00.00.  
**Triple Jump:**  
Carly Brown, 3rd, 33-00.00.

## JV Girls Results:

**400 M Dash:**  
Christina Garza, 3rd,  
1:13.24.  
**800 M Dash:**  
Christina Garza, 3th,  
2:53.44; Martinez Rivers,  
4th, 3:06.81.  
**3200 M Dash:**  
Traci Vickers, 1st, 14:35.62;  
Martinez Rivers, 3rd, 15:56.  
**100 M Hurdles:**  
Joy Pfeifer, 2nd, 20.15.  
**300 M Hurdles:**  
Destiny Seaton, 8th, 1:08.81.  
**Shot Put:**  
Olivia Martinez, 5th, 22-  
08.00.



Carly Brown was awarded 3rd place with a distance of 33-00.00 in Triple Jump during Saturday's Bronco Relays, March 18, 2017, in Sonora. **KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**

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Mary Kyle Johnson earned 5th place in the 400 M Dash during the Bronco relays, Saturday, March 18, 2017. **KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**



Liam Yourgalite wins gold in Shot Put throwing a distance of 50-04.50 during Saturday's Bronco Relays in Sonora. **DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**

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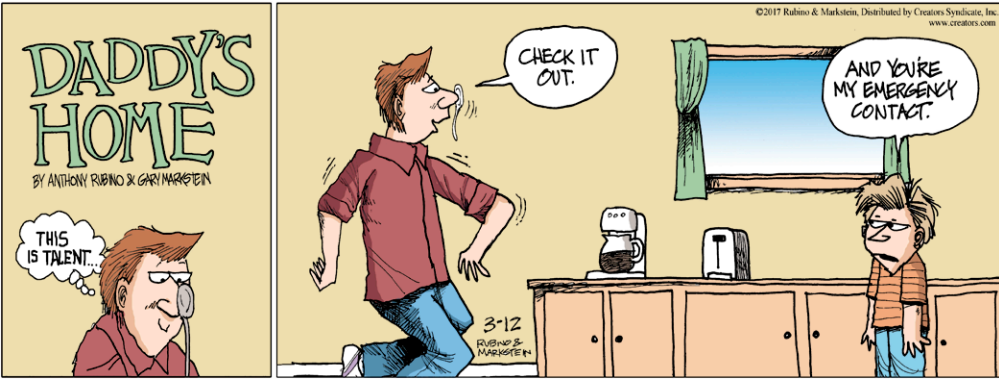
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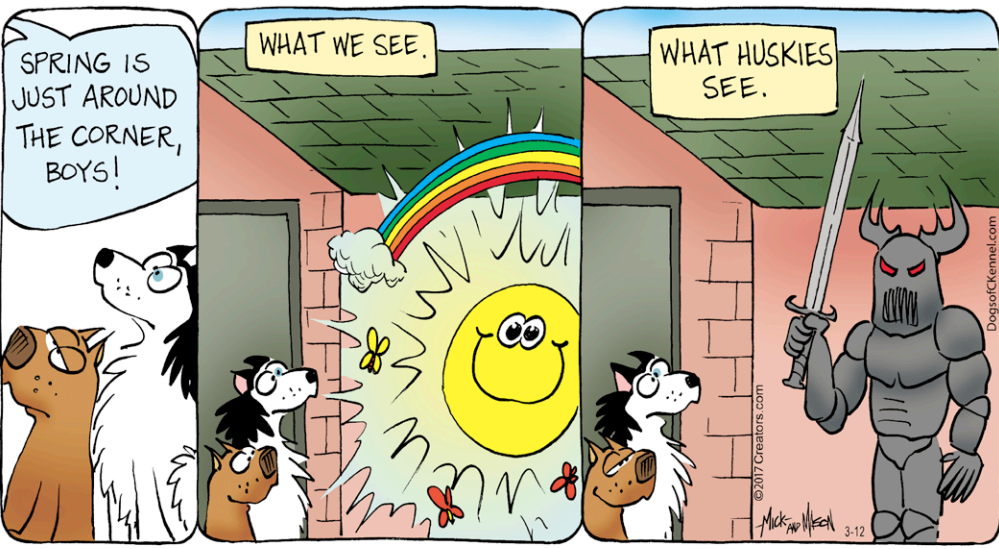
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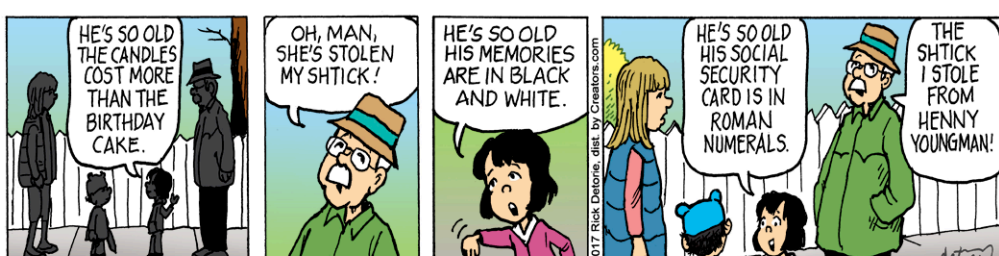
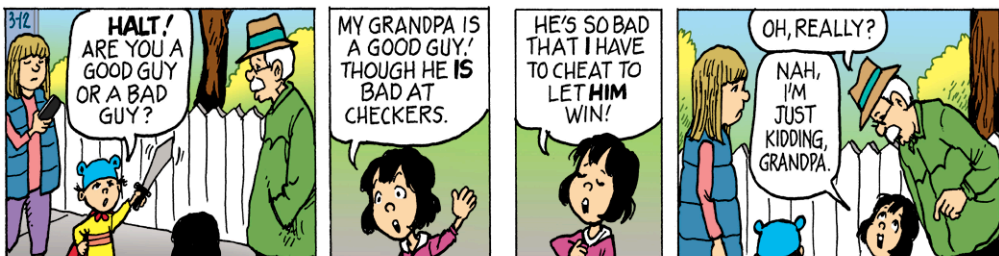
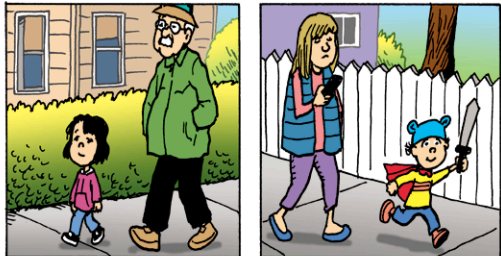
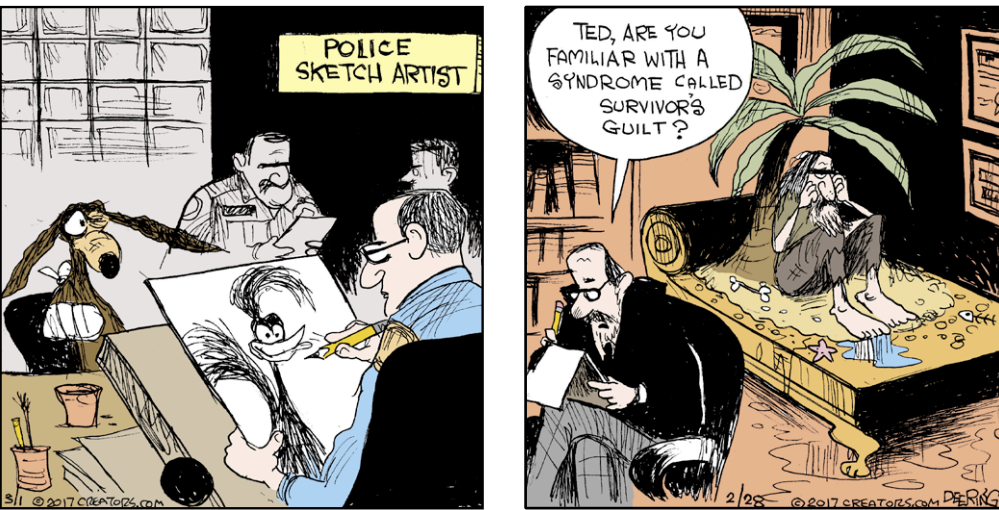


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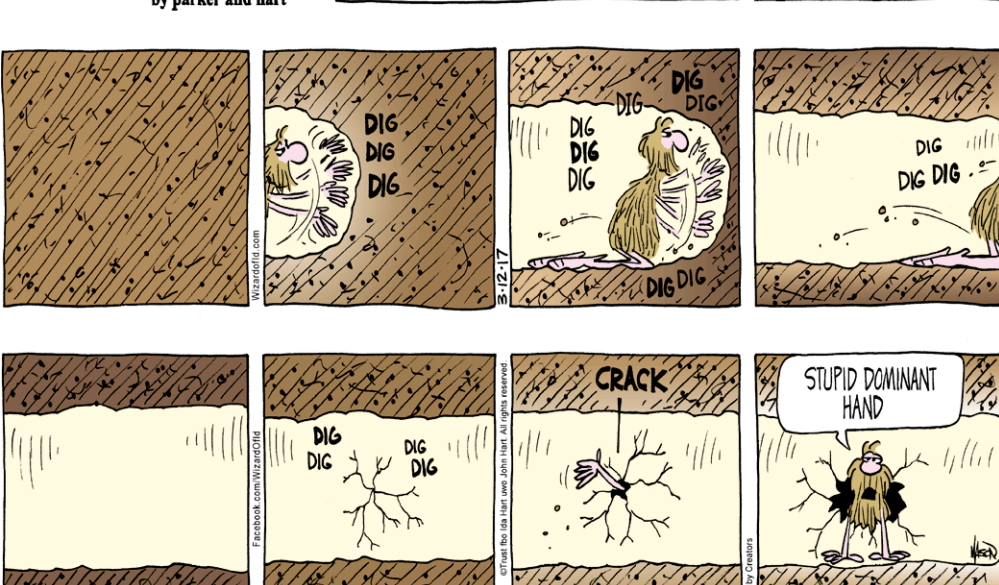
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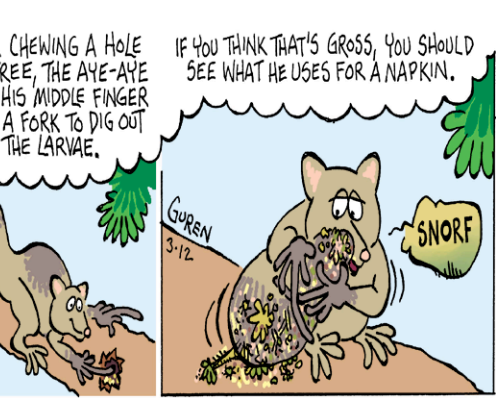
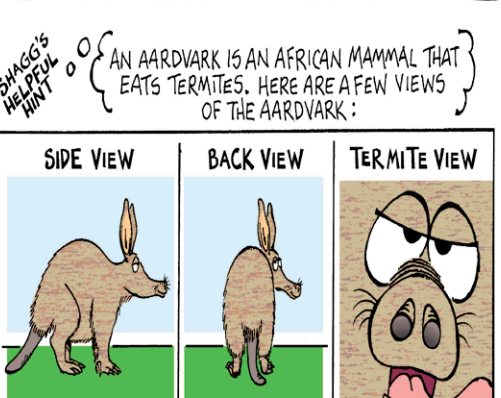
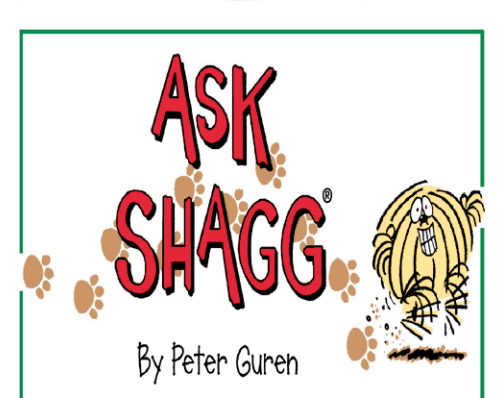
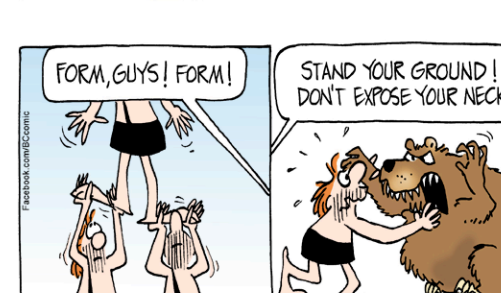
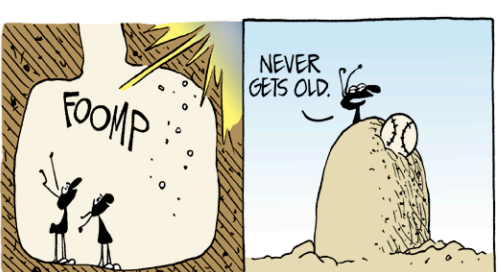


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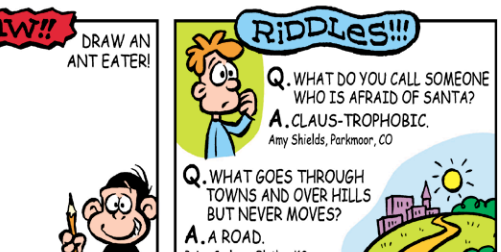
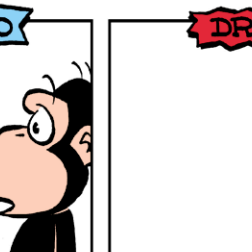
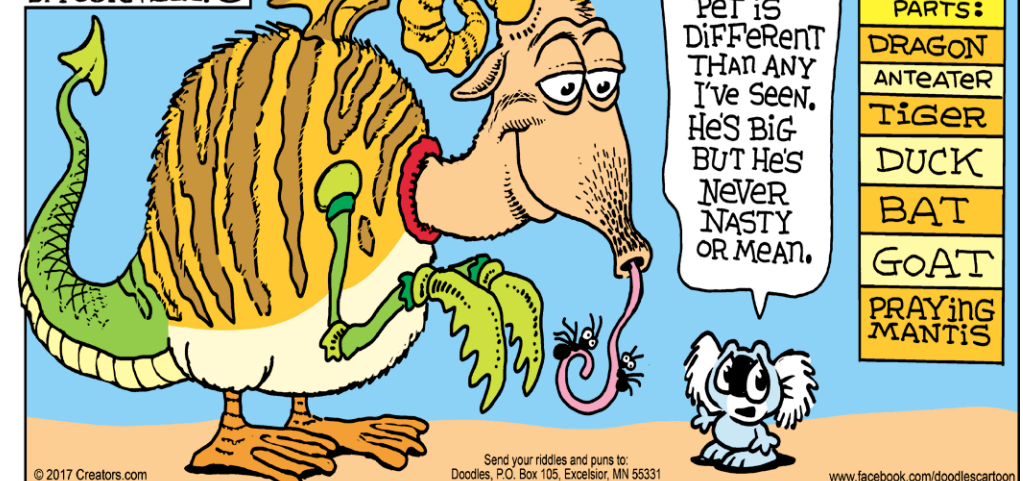
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# Stocking Rate Not A Simple Matter

I received a call this week from a new land-owner in our county who is interested in raising goats. He wanted an idea of how many goats he could raise on his property. In the course of our discussion, the terms "stocking rate" and "carrying capacity" came up. I thought it would be good to share part of our conversation.



Pascual Hernandez

But what if we're not dealing with cattle? When determining stocking rates for sheep and goats, range managers usually use the rule of thumb that five sheep or six goats equal one animal unit, implying that this number of sheep or goats consumes the same amount of forage as a 1,000-pound cow and her calf. However, sheep and goats have also gotten bigger, so we should account for that.

Many successful ranchers have flexibility in stocking rates. Flexibility is necessary because rainfall varies from year to year. To make maximum use of rainfall, we should leave enough forage residue or stubble in a pasture to protect the soil and maintain plant vigor. Therefore, stocking rate flexibility is crucial to sustainability and to protecting the range resource.

By now, you've gotten the idea that a simple question does not necessarily mean a simple answer. The caller and I got around to putting pencil to paper and arriving at a number. He realized that the carrying capacity and stocking rate for his ranch will change. However, time and experience in reading range condition will assist in determining his stocking rates.

Stocking rate is the amount of land allotted to each animal for the year. Carrying capacity, on the other hand, is the maximum number of animals that can be supported without damaging the land resource.

We talked about a number of factors that must be considered when establishing a stocking rate. These factors include animal species, size and physiological stage, size of the pasture or ranch, and number of graze-able acres.

Talking about animal species lead to discussion of animal units. Stocking recommendations are typically based on animal units per "x" number of acres. The definition of an animal unit has continually changed, but the most widely accepted definition of an animal unit is 1,000 pounds of animal. In the 1950s this meant a cow and her calf, but today's "average" beef cow probably weighs 1,150 to 1,200

## CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Immigration Bill

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city" policies that prohibit local law enforcement from inquiring about a person's immigration status and complying with detainer requests by the federal government.

Rep. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth, laid out the committee substitute, followed by hours of deliberation by the House State Affairs and five hours of public testimony.

Among those testifying against the bill was Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops. Vásquez called immigration reform a moral issue and said Pope Francis' position is that immigrants should be supported.

Jackson County Sheriff A.J. "Andy" Louderback of Edna, a member of the Sheriff's Association of Texas, was among those testifying in favor of the bill.

### Senate OKs bathroom bill

On a vote of 21-10, the Texas Senate on March 15 approved Committee Substitute SB 6, legislation to require people in public buildings, including schools, to use the bathroom that corresponds with the sex marked on their birth certificate.

Opponents said the bill unfairly targets transgender Texans, but the bill's author, Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, said the legislation is necessary to keep men out of women's restrooms.

The bill, which has moved to the House for consideration, applies to multi-stall restrooms, showers,

dressing rooms and locker rooms in public buildings. Private entities and businesses would be left to decide their own policy, and government entities would not be able to use those policies as criteria when deciding how to award government contracts.

### Study examines health care

Texas Comptroller Glen Hegar on March 15 posted notice that the cost of health care is rising faster than both the general inflation rate and the growth of the state's population. In fiscal 2015, he said, the state spent \$42.9 billion on health care services, or 43.1 percent of all appropriations from state, federal and other sources.

The March issue of Fiscal Notes, a publication produced by the Comptroller's office, examines and quantifies health care spending by 68 state agencies and higher education institutions over a five-year period.

"Emerging technologies, demographics and the growth of our great state will ensure the demand for health care services continues to increase even while the cost of these services is on the rise," Hegar said. "The question for policy-makers is how to contain these costs."

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**Thursday March 30 Breakfast**

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**After School Program**

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The clubhouse building would also be the home of the new community library. Each of the committee members is honored everyday for their contributions to our community. Mrs. Elliott is also responsible for a simple and delicious Shrimp Salad. Sometimes the simplest recipes turn out to be the best!

- 1 can shrimp, drained
- 1 tomato, chopped
- 1 small piece of onion, cut very fine
- Mayonnaise
- 1/2 green pepper, cut very fine
- Lettuce leaves

Mix first 4 ingredients; mix with as much mayonnaise as desired. Serve in the lettuce leaves with extra mayonnaise on top.

# 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.*

### SUTTON COUNTY SHERIFF

#### ARRESTS

**MARCH 17** • James Beldin, 49-year old male of San Antonio. Arrested on a Bexar County warrant.

**MARCH 1** • Samuel Kessler, 32-year old male of Surry, NH. Arrested for Possession of controlled Substance and Possession of Marijuana.

#### INCIDENT

**MARCH 16 - 12:52 AM** • Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 277 S and City Limits. Deputy responded.

**MARCH 17 - 4:25 PM** • Caller reported 2 males walking 6 miles South on Hwy 277. Deputy responded.

**11:54 PM** • Caller reported suspicious activity on Paseo Del Norte. Deputy responded.

**MARCH 19 - 9:54 AM** • Caller requested animal control at Bloodworth Rd. Deputy responded.

**3:15 PM** • Female requested assistance with Welfare. Deputies assisted.

**4:12 PM** • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 East. Deputy responded.

**6:30 PM** • Motorist requested assistance on I-10 at mm 415. Deputy responded.

### SONORA PD

#### NO ARRESTS REPORTED

#### INCIDENTS

**MARCH 13 - 8:21 PM** • Caller reported a suspicious person at 300 block S. Crockett. Officer responded.

**11:50 AM** • Caller reported reckless driving at south city Limits. Officer responded.

**3:12 PM** • Caller reported a theft at 400 S. Concho. Officer responded.

**MARCH 14 - 5:46 PM** • Ministerial Alliance requested at Stripes. Officer responded.

**MARCH 15 - 9:41 AM** • Caller from Sonora Tire requested animal control. Officer responded.

**5:24 PM** • Caller reported a stranded motorist off ramp I-10 WB. Officer responded.

**7:16 PM** • Caller reported a stranded motorist on 700 block of N. Crockett. Officer responded.

**8:51 PM** • Caller advised a traffic hazard on 600 block of Hwy 277 N. Officer responded.

**MARCH 16 - 1:05 PM** • Caller reported reckless driver on I-10 mm 400. Officer responded.

**MARCH 17 - 12:58 PM** • Caller reported disorderly conduct at 100 block of W. Poplar. Officer responded.

**3:02 AM** • Agency Assist call on I-10 mm 399. Officer responded.

**4:03 PM** • Caller reported an accident/wreck on S. Crockett and Del Rio. Officer responded.

**4:41 PM** • Caller requested an officer at Holiday Host Motel. Officers responded.

**5:33 PM** • Caller requested an officer at Holiday Host Motel. Officers responded.

**8:08 PM** • Caller requested an officer at 800 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

**9:29 PM** • Caller reported suspicious persons at 500 block of Virgen. Officer responded.

**MARCH 18 - 9:18 AM** • Officer requested at 300 block of E. Oak. Officer responded.

**9:31 AM** • Caller reported criminal mischief call 300 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

**9:34 AM** • Officer requested at 1500 block of Tayloe. Officer responded.

**4:24 PM** • Caller reported welfare concern at 100 block of W. Oak. Officer responded.

**5:48 PM** • Officer requested at 400 block of Hwy 277 S. Officer responded.

**MARCH 19 - 11:54 AM** • Caller reported a suspicious person at Tres Amigos. Officer responded.

**2:56 PM** • Officer requested at 300 block of E. Oak. Officer responded.

**7:53 PM** • Caller reported a theft call 600 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.



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## CARPENTS:

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Conservation District was held Monday morning, March 20, for the purpose of a public hearing to consider the application for permitted wells by the City of Sonora.

A subsequent meeting is required to make a final decision whether or not to approve the application. Carrasco added that the City is ready to begin accepting bids once the application is approved.

He also reported that the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department is considering edispatch to replace outdated radios.

Volunteers will use the 911 dispatch APP to notify them in the event of an emergency. This APP is also used by the Sheriff's office and EMS.

Council members approved the minutes of the February 7, 2017 special meeting and the February 13, 2017 regular meeting. They also approved the Senior Center and Sonora Police Department reports as presented.

Moving on, the council approved awarding a construction contract to Nelson Lewis, Inc. in the amount of \$1,080,645 for the construction of the Love's Force Main project.

The council also approved awarding a construction contract to Austin Engineering, Co., Inc. for their Base Bid amount of \$790,254 for the construction of the Love's Lift Station project.

In other business, Council members also heard Lewis Allen, committee member of the Source Water Protection Steering Committee. Allen explained details of the committee including its members, purpose and mission.

The council also approved amending the City Code of Ordinances relating to late charges for past due accounts.

Presently, a flat rate of \$5 is collected by the City of Sonora for all accounts paid after the due date.

Council members also approved the Publicity and Tourism Agreement with the Sonora Chamber of Commerce as well as the publicity and Tourism Agreement with the Sutton County Historical Society.

The council opened a discussion regarding city employees and seat belts. It was reported that city employees are not wearing seat belts while driving city vehicles and conducting

their regular work duties. Chief William Dudley reported that citations have been issued to city employees for not wearing seat belts.

Carrasco reported that there is no consequence to employees levied by the city for such violations. The situation will continue to be monitored and all were in agreement that city employees are required to obey laws the same as all other citizens.

Council members approved the costs of expenditures and refunds to taxpayers at Loma Alta and Sinaloa additions (disannexed properties) as presented. They also approved amending the budget due to disannexed property refunds.

No action was taken on amending the City's Noise Ordinance or changing the speed limit on Orient St. between Railroad St. and Hwy 277 South. The speed limit remains as posted. As well, no action was taken on Viva Sonora.

The council approved election workers for the May 6, 2017 election as presented.

They also approved to close the Main Street bank accounts and distribute the money appropriately.

A sum of about \$4,900 will be transferred to HOTS and the remainder will be transferred to the City of Sonora general fund.

Inquiries about the stone wall by the Oak tree facing Water St. were discussed between the council and Carrasco.

Carrasco approved the wall construction in an effort to deter parking in the area as well as for aesthetic purposes.

The project was funded with street tax monies and fell within an appropriate expense amount not requiring an approval by city council.

Council members took a short break before going behind closed doors.

The council opened the doors again to report their decisions before inviting visitor comments.

Without further discussion or comments, the meeting adjourned.

Mayor Wanda Shurley presided over the meeting. Doug Chandler, Juanita Barrera, Todd Munn and Norm Rousset were present.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is set for April 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.



# Mule Deer Restoration Project Continues to Advance in the Big Bend

ALPINE— In a continued effort to boost a struggling mule deer population in parts of the Big Bend region of far West Texas, 98 female mule deer were recently relocated from Elephant Mountain Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and one private ranch in Pecos County to the Black Gap Wildlife WMA and adjacent El Carmen Land & Conservation Company (ECLCC) – CEMEX USA and Cuenca Los Ojos

property.

Partners involved in this important project include the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), ECLCC, Borderlands Research Institute at Sul Ross State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture-Wildlife Services, Mule Deer Foundation, Houston Safari Club, and private landowners.

The mule deer population within Black Gap WMA and the

surrounding area has struggled to rebound from the drought of the late 1990s and other probable factors, according to Shawn Gray, TPWD Mule Deer Program leader.

Objectives of the project are to increase the mule deer population within the BGWMA and ECLCC property long-term, evaluate success of restoration effort, monitor mortality and causes that affect survivability and

population growth, and document movements and home ranges in relation to release sites and habitat components.

The ECLCC property joins TPWD's Black Gap WMA to comprise 135,000 contiguous acres dedicated to wildlife and habitat conservation. This diverse site of Chihuahuan Desert scrub and desert grasslands climbs from the Rio Grande River to the Sierra del Carmen Mountain

Range.

Surplus mule deer availability was identified at Elephant Mountain WMA and one private ranch in Pecos County during population surveys conducted last fall.

"The landowner's participation and cooperation were essential in translocating mule deer from the private ranch to the project area," Gray noted. "Source properties will also benefit from the removal of surplus

deer."

Over the next year, TPWD and its partners will continue to monitor the translocated animals' movements, habitat utilization, survival, and causes of mortality.

To see a video of the Mule Deer Restocking Program, simply scan the adjacent QR Code with a smartphone or visit <http://bit.ly/2mMw178>



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## SCUWCD Considers Permitted Municipal Wells for Love's Travel Stop

The Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District held a public hearing Monday, March 20, 2017, regarding permitted wells for the Love's Travel Stop.

A wide variety of community residents and leadership including City Council members, City Administration, Sonora Economic Development Corporation, Tourism as well as Love's Project Manager William Gleason gathered in the City Hall Council Chambers in a show of interest.

The hearing involved discussion and consideration of an application for the City of Sonora to drill two municipal wells to provide water at the Love's

Travel Stop.

Considerations included spacing requirements and density of the wells on a two acre site at the Travel Stop.

Following a brief presentation and discussion the hearing adjourned without public contest or comments.

Director Robert Sol Mayer presided over the meeting. Board members present included Joe David Ross, Max Howorth, Dean Dermody and James Archer. Jim Polonis and Meredith Earwood were also in attendance.

The next regular meeting of the SCUWCD is set for Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the meeting room at the NRCS building, 301 S. Crockett.



Isaiah Lira aims for a strike during the game between Wall and Sonora Monday, March 20, 2017 at Bronco Baseball Field. The Broncos gave up their first loss of the season to the Hawks by a score of 9-4.

## Broncos Drop Game to Hawks, 9-4

Taking an early lead in the first inning, the Hawks set the tone for Monday's game between Sonora and Wall, March 20, 2017 at Bronco Field.

None the less, the Broncos held steadfast until the end of the game.

It wasn't until late in the last inning that Wall pulled away stealing the win 9-4 over the Sonora.

Tied at four, Wall found themselves battling in the top of the seventh.

A few crucial errors gave them the advantage over Sonora and ultimately the lead to their victory. Despite out hitting the Hawks, the Broncos couldn't complete the necessary runs to compete on the scoreboard.

Pitching two innings for the Broncos, Caleb Galvan surrendered five runs, one hit, and struck out three. Not enough for a win. Also, pitching for the Broncos, Isaiah gave up four runs,

two hits, struck out one and walked one over five innings.

Noah SanMiguel led the Broncos with three hits in four at bats and four RBIs.

Winding up the ball for the Hawks, Mitchell Horton gave up four runs, four hits and struck out three for the Hawks.

The JV Broncos also suffered a loss to the Hawks, 0-13.

The loss dropped the Varsity Broncos record to 11-1 overall and 0-1 in district play.

Next, the Varsity and JV teams travel to San Angelo to play the TLCA Eagles Friday, March 24. Game time is set at 4:00 p.m. for varsity followed by JV.

Varsity Baseball and Softball as well as JV Softball will play Grape Creek, Monday, March 27. No JV Boys game. Varsity game times are set for 4:00 p.m. JV Softball will play 15 minutes after varsity.



Broncos Head Coach Jay Valdez encourages his team between innings during Monday's district game against the Wall Hawks.



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## Wilson:

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with John. I am lucky to have him as a friend," Smith said.

Despite his commitment to his duties as Commissioner of the Peace, Wilson said the time is right for a change. That change will focus on family and working on home projects.

Wilson said he is looking forward to spending time with his wife, Karen, and children Penny and Jeremy. He and his wife are relocating to the country to live closer to their children. He plans on staying busy with a variety of activities including raising goats.

Before taking office in January 2007, Wilson was employed by Kerbow Funeral Home. He also managed his own electrical business.

An ambition to do more for his community, convinced him to run for office in 2006 when he was elected.

"I've always been interested in government and law enforcement," Wilson said. "I saw an opportunity to do something more for this community and I felt

like I could do that."

Wilson turned to his friend and former Taylor County JP Al Deathridge. His invaluable wisdom and guidance helped Wilson successfully fulfill his judicial role.

"He helped me get off on the right foot. I spent time with him before taking office and it was very valuable," Wilson said.

Of course, Wilson has also had continued support from family, friends and his contemporaries along the way.

"I couldn't have done this by myself," Wilson said. "A lot of people helped me along the way and I really appreciate everyone. It hasn't always been fun. This is a very diverse job. It is hard work and with it comes sacrifice. I appreciate my office staff and county officials. I am really thankful for my wife, Karen, who has been by my side for so many years. She served too by being the wife of a JP."

As for his replacement, Jodi Harris, Wilson said that he is positive that Harris will do the job well. Adding that he thinks Harris has the character and skills necessary to be a successful Justice of the Peace.

Harris who has served in law enforcement for the past 16-years, left his position as a deputy for the SC Sheriff's Office to pursue his new position as JP. Raising his right hand, Harris promised to uphold the duties of JP before a courtroom full of supporters. Following his swearing into office, Harris modestly expressed appreciation to members of the community and commissioners for allowing him this opportunity. He said he is most grateful for Wilson's guidance and training during his transition.

"He has done an outstanding job as Justice of the Peace and will be an asset to me in the future. Luckily, he left me with a very knowledgeable staff who I consider invaluable."

Harris is scheduled to attend formal training later this month offered by Texas State University in San Marcos. In addition, Harris said he and his staff will continue to educate themselves so that they may better serve the community.



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