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Egg'citing Easter

SISD Trustees Approve RIF Cut

After five hours of discussion behind closed doors, Sonora ISD trustees emerged into open session and approved two motions regarding district employees during their regular meeting, Wednesday, April 12, 2017.

The board approved a motion to accept the list of contract renewals for current administration, contract, and non-certified contracts as presented. Names of individuals were not provided.

Next, board members approved a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to propose the non-renewal of the term contract of district employee Melinda Valkonen based on application of the reduction in force criteria under the program change and the board designated Superintendent Ross Aschenbeck to serve written notice to Valkonen that the board proposes not to renew her term contract for the succeeding school year. No other individuals or positions were named.

Aschenbeck prefaced the sessions with a public statement explaining the considerations for discussion.

"The employment areas affected by the program change, nonexempt employees, employees who have already resigned or employees who are on probationary status and who will not be asked to return are not included on this list," Aschenbeck said. "Based on contractual obligation, the positions listed below are the only ones who are required to be considered. I just mentioned the concerns about the budget and the loss of revenue. We will not know until the end of May, at the earliest, how much revenues we will actually lose. Therefore, and this happens, I've spoken with the other districts and spoken with the attorney, and they say, you know, often when you declare a change this happens and we only have one, one, position that will be affected by the program change and that is our one 6-12 social studies teaching position. And so. Any questions?"

When asked by a board member to clarify his statement about only one position being affected, Aschenbeck replied, "There is only one position that is now being affected by the program change because everyone else has resigned."

Without further questions or comments, trustees took a recess then enjoyed a catered dinner before moving into confidential discussions regarding personnel matters.

Ahead of the lengthy closed session, board members moved through a list of agenda items including the usual consent agenda matters, the 2017-18 school calendar and a budget overview.

In regular business, trustees approved consent agenda items, as presented, including the Tax Assessor/Collector report, board financial report and minutes of the March 6, 2017 and March 27, 2017 meetings.

In other business, the board approved the Good Sam Memorandum of Understanding.

They also approved an engagement letter with Eckert & Company for the annual audit of September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017. As well, they approved a resolution extending the Depository Contract with Bank & Trust for an additional 2-years. Trustee Brady Johnson abstained from voting.

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Children gather countless eggs Sunday morning as part of the Easter activities at First Baptist Church of Sonora. About 10,000 candy filled, plastic eggs were scattered around the church grounds for children to find while celebrating Easter with family and friends.

KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

FBC of Sonora Easter Egg Hunt Draws Big Crowd

Dozens of children scurried across the grounds at First Baptist Church of Sonora Sunday during a community Easter egg hunt April 16, 2017.

Members of the FBC youth program scattered about 10,000 candy filled, plastic, eggs for children to collect.

"It's the biggest one [Easter egg hunt] we've done," FBC Youth Director Scott Gaskill said. "It may even be the biggest in our history."

In the past, the church has held egg hunts on Easter. But, this year, Pastor Matt Killough wanted something to bring everyone in the community together on Easter Sunday. His goal was to open the doors to all people in the community to come worship and share in Easter Sunday activities alongside the usual congregation.

It was standing room only in the church sanctuary while people listened to the Easter

Sunday message, scripture readings and music.

Following the service, children and adults alike gathered outside to mingle and participate in the fun of gathering eggs.

Of course, the event provided countless opportunities to record the moments with photos and videos.

Mollie Taylor and Haley Smith grinned as they watched children pick up the eggs that they had just scattered

throughout the prayer garden.

Taylor and Smith are two of about fifty young people who participate in the FBC youth program.

"It's exciting," Taylor said. "We studied about serving others and the Lord while we stuffed 6,000 eggs Wednesday night. God will do anything for us and we need to do things for others too."

"I think it really helps bring people together," Smith added.

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Sonora Scout Helps Local Law Enforcement

Sheriff Oscar Chavez and the Sutton County Sheriff's Office announced the recent acquisition of new equipment as donated by Life Scout Dakota Castro.

Aiming to fulfill his goal of becoming an Eagle Scout, Castro raised enough money to provide life-saving bullet proof vests and carriers for the local law enforcement officials including both the Sutton County Sheriff's Office and the Sonora Police Department.

Castro is the son of Chief Deputy DuWayne Castro. He is well aware of the threats against law enforcement, therefore, he made it his primary objective to provide the equipment for the safety of the deputies and police officers of our community.

Castro's diligence coupled with the support of citizens and local businesses throughout the community, produced enough money to purchase twenty ceramic rifle plates and ten rifle plate carriers.

This equipment will fulfill the operational needs of all local law enforcement officials in the event or need to respond to an active shooter.

Further, these specialized vests benefit the community by keeping officers safe so that they may continue to serve and protect citizens.

Members of the Sutton County Sheriff's Office and the Sonora Police Department expressed their sincere



Sutton County Sheriff Oscar Chavez, Deputy Marcos Guajardo, Chief Deputy DuWayne Castro and Sonora Life Scout Dakota Castro pose with one of the department's new bulletproof vests Thursday, April 13, 2017. Castro designed his Eagle Scout project around providing new equipment to help ensure the safety of all local law enforcement personnel including the SC Sheriff's Office and Sonora Police Department. He raised enough to purchase twenty ceramic rifle plates and ten rifle plate carriers.

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appreciation to future Eagle Scout Castro for his hard work and commitment to helping

those who help the community. Castro deserves acclamation for effort, accomplishment and

consideration for the safety of our local law enforcement personnel.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Federal Judge Says Again, Texas Voter ID Law Is Discriminatory

AUSTIN — U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos of Corpus Christi on April 10 ruled the State of Texas has failed to prove that the voter identification law was not written with discriminatory intent and purpose.

The ruling came in response to a charge by the New Orleans-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit that Judge Ramos re-examine the evidence and her 2015 findings in *Veasey et al.*, plaintiffs, v. Greg Abbott et al., defendants.

Plaintiffs alleged racial discrimination in violation of the U.S. Voting Rights Act of 1965 in response to the passage of Senate Bill 14 by the Texas Legislature in 2011. The law changed the list of acceptable

forms of identification voters may use at polls and enacted other restrictions. The State of Texas argued that the law was passed not with a discriminatory purpose, but to combat voter fraud at the polls.

Ramos wrote that lawyers for the State of Texas failed to demonstrate that the law would have been enacted without a discriminatory purpose. Ramos, under a directive issued by the Fifth Circuit last summer, prescribed an interim voting plan for Texas to overcome discriminatory effects in the voter ID law in time for the November 2016 general election. It is up to the Texas Legislature to craft a state law that does not violate the federal voting rights law.

Meanwhile, legislation filed in the current session of the Texas Legislature by Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, addresses federal court issues with the voter ID law. Huffman's SB 5 was passed on March 28 by the Republican-dominated Senate on a 21-10, party-line vote and now awaits a hearing by the House Elections Committee.

Hegar distributes sales tax revenue
Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on April 12 announced his office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$620.2 million in local sales tax allocations for April.

The amount is 4.9 percent more than in April 2016. These allocations are based on

sales made in February by businesses that report tax monthly.

"The cities of Houston, San Antonio, Dallas and Austin saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "The cities of Sugar Land, McAllen, Irving and Grand Prairie saw noticeable decreases."

In other news, on April 10, Hegar promoted the upcoming "sales tax holiday" on emergency

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The Purge

My husband and I recently took on the task of refinishing the wood floors in three rooms that constitute our downstairs living areas – family room, dining room and miscellaneous room. (We're not sure what to call it. Some days it's the sun room, other days the napping room. Right now, if I am being honest, it is the gaming room.) I digress. Aside from being a ton of work (we were sore in places we didn't even know we had) the big floor plan necessitated removing everything (and I mean everything) from the three spaces. In the process I was reminded of one semi-embarrassing truth (aside from the fact we have an entire room dedicated to gaming): We've got a lot of stuff.

It happens to the best of us. Things (too many things) accumulate over the years and there's never really a good time or reason to get rid of something that's still in perfect working order even though it's old, obsolete and/or you haven't used it since the last millennium. These items sit in their respective spots on the shelf or floor or cupboard and collect dust.

Emptying the rooms was liberating (and backbreaking). The space felt pure without all the stuff. During the duration of our project, I came to value the empty purity. I didn't want to refill our new rooms with old clutter and vowed any item returning post-project had to earn its spot.

I scrutinized knick-knacks and whatnots, seeing them with new, critical eyes. How were the fake apples in a bowl benefiting the dining room? Had the cinnamon-scented pinecones from October outworn their welcome, not to mention fragrance? An empty frame lying atop the piano – what was its purpose? We found a container for housing baby fish from back when we bred guppies circa 2007. Removing it was a no-brainer.

All the poster boards we've ever owned with all the school projects from my entire family's history were stored behind a desk. For what, I don't know. I guess when you put a lot of work into a poster board it's difficult to rid yourself of it. Not any more. Goodbye Star of the Week poster from 2005. Be gone!

We had a collection of at least 200 CDs that we hadn't listened to in at least a decade. To be honest, I don't even know if we have a CD player anymore. They were placed in a box and relegated to the basement. This put them one step ahead of the pseudo fruit and scentless pinecones, which were exiled to the garbage.

Also expelled were dust bunnies too numerous to count. I swear those things self-multiply. The wood refinishing project stirred up some dust, but we were plentiful in that department even before the job began. It feels good to know we are bunny-free. No, it feels great.

Then there were the books. I love books, but having hundreds of children's early reader books when you haven't had an early reader for nearly a decade sort of seems absurd, or at the very least a waste of shelf space. The books need new sets of emerging reader hands to hold them and put them to work again. Until then, they sit in the basement alongside the CDs and two big tubs of VHS tapes that hold more nostalgic value than actual worth.

Not everything was banished. Items that made the cut included the furniture, TV, family photos, a life-size ceramic iguana (made by our son-in-law) and a dish full of jelly beans, because pine cones may be out of season, but jelly beans are not. The cats get to stay. As do my husband and kids.

I'd never consider banishing them – even if they didn't help move all the heavy furniture. What's a family room without a family?



By Jill Pertler



Training the Next Generation of World-Renown Computer Scientists

Coding is the language of the 21st Century economy, and if our kids can't speak it, they're going to be left behind.

I am not just referring to jobs at tech companies. Employers from HEB to Toyota are actively hiring tech professionals, at salaries significantly higher than the statewide average, to deal with everything from inventory and logistics to anti-hacking and privacy protection. I just heard about a cattle rancher from the San Antonio-area who has created an online marketplace, proving that even agriculture is following the digital trend.

As our traditional industries become more digitized, one common problem has become clear: we are not producing enough computer scientists to meet demand. This comes up over and over when I meet with employers across the 23rd Congressional District of Texas.

In 2015, an estimated 42,000 computing jobs went unfilled in Texas, yet only 2,100 computer scientists graduated from our universities. As a computer science graduate myself, I know there is much more we can do to increase our home-grown talent-pipeline for these types of jobs. This is why I worked with public and private sector members of our community to teach math teachers how to incorporate computer science lessons into their state-approved curriculum.

Thanks to the University of Texas Center for STEM Education and a non-profit teacher training organization called Bootstrap, last weekend, 40 middle and high school teachers from 16 school districts between San Antonio and Socorro attended the inaugural teacher training at Bexar BiblioTech in San Antonio, which will expose over 1,000 students to computer science this coming year alone. Six Northside ISD of San Antonio teachers who attended the training will reach over 500 students themselves, and the effort multiplies with each additional school year. Tech companies including Dell, Intel, Facebook, and Brocade sponsored the cost of travel and tuition.

Coding lessons will be administered through a video game platform, which will allow students to interact with technology in a relatable way while learning critical mathematics concepts. "This curriculum will get students much more engaged because they can use a lot more visuals than they normally can. Now that everything is more technology-oriented, I believe these types of lessons will help motivate my students to continue to study computer science," said Hector Diego, one of the participants in the training who teaches in Eagle Pass.

We need to add new computer science courses to the state-approved curriculum but this process could take years to be funded and approved. By integrating lessons into existing math courses, schools will be able to introduce students to computer science immediately.

"We've all been math teachers for years, and I think this training has opened our eyes to the need for combining the language, structure and discipline of computer science with subjects we're already teaching in the classroom," illustrated Ryan Trujillo of Socorro ISD. "It's just a little adjustment we need in order to really prepare these students to use coding to tackle real problems. I think this is absolutely necessary for students today."

Mr. Trujillo is right – and we can prepare students to solve these real-world problems by designing the pipeline that educates future computer science and STEM professionals to start at the middle school level. Earlier exposure to computer science education may inspire students to choose a STEM pathway in high school, and increase the quantity of locally-grown computer scientists we ultimately let loose into the workforce.

The intersection of mathematics and technology will continue to produce life changing advancements, and it is our responsibility to continue this trend. I am grateful for the teachers who participated in the training, and for the school districts that support them. It is my hope that together we will educate the next generation of world-renown computer scientists right here in TX-23.

If you are an educator and would like more information, please contact my San Antonio Northside office at 210-921-3130.

Hurd on the Hill



by U.S. Rep. Will Hurd



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A Rooster Got the Toe

Bobby Weddle lives between Stanton and Lamesa. He loves to tell family stories. This one is so popular he gets requests for it at family reunions and other gatherings.



Rolling Along
by Tumbleweed Smith

"My mother and dad were farming up close to Key, a little old farm community out of Lamesa. My three older siblings were my sister Frances, my brother Marvin and my sister Dolly. It was their chore to bring in firewood every day before it got dark. They chopped wood and grubbed stumps with a sharp axe.

"At sundown one day my father was in the field and my mother kept telling them they had better get out there and get that firewood before their daddy gets in. Well, they went out there.

"My oldest sister Frances always did the chopping. My sister Dolly, just younger than Frances, was full of life and loved to have a good time, sometimes playing pranks with family members. In this particular instance, they had the log down there and were fixing to chop it and Dolly stuck her foot on that log and said, 'chop my toe off.' Now Frances had already come down with the axe and it fell across Dolly's big toe and the next one to it. The big toe was barely hanging on but the one next to came completely off.

"There happened to be a rooster out there and he grabbed that little toe and took off. Well of course they were screaming and hollering. My mother came out and said, 'what in the world?' Well, Dolly was bleeding and Frances said, 'I chopped her toes off and the rooster got a toe.' Their mother said, 'catch that rooster, catch that rooster.' So my brother got after that rooster, tackled him and took that toe out of his mouth and brought it back. Mother told the two older ones to go to the field and get their daddy.

"Daddy came and loaded Dolly in the old farm truck and took her to Lamesa. The old doctor sewed that big toe back on and attached the other toe next to it and told my mother to soak Dolly's foot in kerosene twice a day. So they did.

"Those two toes had no feeling, neither one of them. But she had the toes. And they never gave her any problem."

Dolly was about seven years old when all that happened. She died last February at the age of 92.

"She still had those scars," says Bobby, "and you could see them when she went barefooted in the house. But you never did see her outside the house without shoes; her feet were always covered. We used to pinch those two toes. She couldn't feel anything. Frances died in January of this year at age 96. Marvin died two years ago. He was 92.

"When that happened, Momma told Dolly, 'you better get down on your knees and pray those toes stay on there.' I guess she did."

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HONOR ROLL

**Sonora Elementary School
Honor Roll
5th Six Weeks**

1st Grade

"A" Aanz'Leigh Abalos, Delilah Alonso, Daniel Alviso, Kenzee Bryant, Evelyn Campa, Caiden Cardenas, Armani Coronado, Brailyn Galindo, Sofia Garcia, Jesus Garza III, Alfredo Gaspar Jr, Donato Gonzalez Jr, Yarixa Gonzalez-Ozuna, Kaasi Gutierrez, Brook Kaiser, Richard Leal, Karysah Lopez, Presley Mayfield, Miranda Montoya, Ryan Mungia, Samantha Nichols, Brysa Parada, Mariselda Parra Martinez, Ryder Phillips, Nathan Rivas, Jack Rogers, Allen Smith.

2nd Grade

"A" Ariana Arredondo, Peyton Bailey, Mia Escamilla, Madelyn Hernandez, Emory Jones, Wyatt Killough, Emily Nichols, Aaron Segura, Kendall Thorp.
"A/B" Lynden Cearley, Noah Davis, Cason Day, Gael Duenes Sosa, Eian Duncan, Arely Fernandez, Leyla Gamez, Haggerton, David, Mario Hernandez Jr, Alejandra Hernandez, Madison Noriega, Nayeli Rodriguez, Sydney Routh, Rogelio Ruiz, Bronson Schenkel, Eley Silva, Gentry Trainer, Jayden Welborn.



Avery Galindo holds onto a bright yellow plastic Easter egg while looking for more eggs to fill her bunny basket during Sunday's Easter egg hunt at First Baptist Church of Sonora.

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HONOR ROLL

**Sonora Intermediate School
Honor Roll
5th Six Weeks**

3rd Grade

"A" Kody Prather.
"A/B" Fernanda Arredondo, Brody Bryan, Madison Galindo.

4th Grade

"A" Johnathan Cardenas, Sicily Gutierrez, Larissa Hodnett, Ollie Murr, Luke Nichols, Reese Thibodeau, Rylie Thorp, Jayla Williams.
"A/B" Jaedyn Bailey, Sabrinah Castro, Corbin Crenwelge, Naylana Estrada, Kalena Foster, Liliana Gallegos, Owen Jones, Justin Lozano, Brian Mendoza,

Julianna Sanchez, Braylin Welborn.

5th Grade

"A" Cassia Hernandez, Kasey Lux, Jolenne Pasillas Galaviz, Agassi Rodriguez, Atalia Ruiz Acosta, Elijah Samaniego.
"A/B" Nayelli Aguero, Alexa Anderson, Ileana Baker, Jared Contreras, Cihtaly Delgado, Johanna Dooley, Samuel Lucas Lira, Marcos Perez-Garcia, Caitlynn Ramirez, Micah Ramon-Villanueva, Luis Rivas Jr, Selena Andrea Rodriguez.

EASTER:

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As the morning activities came to a close, people and families left with more than eggs. Each person took the memory of a special day as well as the blessing of fellowship and sharing.

Admitting that the number of eggs might seem "a little over the top," Gaskill said it's worth the effort if it brings people to church on

Easter Sunday.

"Our hope is that this Sunday we are able to reach young families and bring people together," Gaskill said. "Everyone is welcome here at First Baptist Church. We just want to be all things to all people."

HONOR ROLL

**Sonora Middle School
Honor Roll
5th Six Weeks**

6th Grade

"A" Koda Davis, Molly Friess, Aidan Leamon, Gage Owen, Juan Torres-Alvarez.
"A/B" Sophia Aceveo, Grayson Beyers, Ashley Castilleja, Ignacio Coronado, Austin Figueroa, Tanner Flanagan, Emilio Garcia, Sebastean Garza, Nora Gaspar, Alexis Guerra, Jose Gutierrez, Alexis Hernandez, Alma Hernandez, Daniela Lozano, Christopher Martinez, Madison Mayfield, Mia Mcgee, Hunter O'banon, Jacob Perez, Makinna Price, Darian Reyes, Lorena Reyes, Brandon Rocha, Abigail Rodriguez, Brandon Torres, Romeo Torres, Gabriel Valdez, Shakira Villanueva.

7th Grade

"A" Carson Cahill, Kodi Davis, Yailin Dominguez, Sophia

Gutierrez, Abigail Mendoza.

"A/B" Isaabella Arispe, Abby Bennie, Jessica Campa, Alexandra Cardenas, Jina Dooley, Abigail Duncan, Briana Espinosa, Abigail Fuentes, Ivan Fuentes, Jacqueline Galindo, Guillermo Garcia, Brijida Garza, Abigail Hernandez, Amaris Jimenez, Susie Levario, Fernanda Lozano, Mariana Montoya, Sean Mungia, Alisa Paredes, Blanca Portillo, Laci Ramirez, Joselyn Rodriguez, Mariah Talamantes, Lane Taylor, Jacqueline Torres.

8th Grade

"A" Kalynn Alvarez, Rashel Deluna, Jaci Dutton, Zachary Joffrion, Aaron Noriega, Ricardo Ramirez.
"A/B" Sianne Alviso, Madison Bristow, Ilze Contreras, Michael Creek, Osbel De Luna, Felipe Estrada, Jose Figueroa, Madalyne Fisher, Juan Garza, Martha Gonzalez, Alan Hernandez, Alyssa Martinez, Michael Morales, Aislin Nixon, Caleb Nolen, Reagan Owen, Harmony Ramirez, Clarissa Rodriguez, Juan Ruiz, Esmeralda Salazar, Victoria Salazar.

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Wednesday April 26

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Thursday April 27

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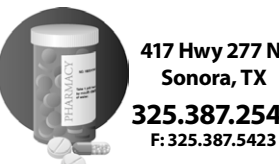
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Students of the Week

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Sonora Intermediate School Students for the week of April 17-21, 2017, Sergio Mata, 3rd, Lauryn Robles, 4th, Joshua Lozano, 5th.



Sonora Middle School Students for the week of April 17-21, 2017, Abigail Rodriguez, 6th, Ariana Arispe, 7th, Reagan Owen, 8th.



Kaitlyn Gibbens was awarded first place for her speech during the 92nd Annual Oratorical Competition this past February at the Witte Museum in San Antonio. Gibbens is also participating in the upcoming 2017 Fiesta Parade.

Former SHS Grad Rides in 2017 Fiesta Parade

If you have plans to attend this year's 2017 Fiesta Parade in San Antonio, you may recognize one of the participants.

Kaitlyn Gibbens, daughter of Dr. Gene and Laurie Gibbens, will ride with the Battle of Flowers Association as the winner of their 92nd Oratorical Competition held annually at the Witte Museum in San Antonio.

The 2015 Sonora High School graduate represented Baylor University in the contest this past February 24, 2017.

This year's topic was "Blazing Trails-Forts on the Texas Frontier." Gibbens speech featured Fort Davis, "The Jewel at the Bottom of the Mountains."

Honoring the patriots of the Alamo and commemorating the victory of San Jacinto, the Battle of Flowers Parade also celebrates the diversity and heritage of Texas and our nation.

It is the second largest day parade in the U.S., supporting the educational, artistic, social and

philanthropic achievements of the community's youth.

The Battle of Flowers Parade holds the distinction of being the first celebration to be held in Alamo Plaza and is considered the founding event of Fiesta San Antonio.

With the exception of World Wars I and II, this parade has entertained crowds every year since 1891.

The 2017 parade theme, "Blazing Trails" salutes the countless trailblazing people, events and ideas that contribute to the makeup of Texas, its cities as well as the United States.

As the first-place winner, Gibbens also receives a monetary award and the honor of being the featured speaker at the Battle of Flowers luncheon during Fiesta week.

Gibbens is a double major in Corporate Communications and German Language at Baylor.

Fiesta week is set for April 20-30, 2017.

Congratulations Kaitlyn on a job well done!

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- Friends of the Library Book Sale - at the Book Barn, 8 to 12noon
- 12-Hour Public Outdoor Read-A-Thon - on the Library Patio, 9am to 9pm
- Garden Club Plant & Bake Sale - 635 High Street, 9 am to sell-out
- Earth Day Demonstrations & Display - 625 High St., in front of Scott & Co.

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Graves Explains Hospital Issues

John Graves, CEO, Lillian Memorial Hospital, said this week that there is not a nursing shortage due to declining revenues.

Revenue is down due to

the lack of patients requiring hospital care, a delay in the flu season and other factors according to Graves.

Further, the hospital nursing staff is currently full with the possibility of one nurse resigning due to her husband leaving the school district he said.

SONORA WEATHER FORECAST

Thu 4/20	Fri 4/21	Sat 4/22	Sun 4/23	Mon 4/24
87/65 Mostly Sunny	87/61 Partly Sunny	77/48 Mostly Sunny	75/50 Mostly Sunny	81/55 Partly Sunny
Sunrise 7:10 a.m. Sunset 8:13 p.m.	Sunrise 7:09 a.m. Sunset 8:14 p.m.	Sunrise 7:09 a.m. Sunset 8:14 p.m.	Sunrise 7:07 a.m. Sunset 8:15 p.m.	Sunrise 7:06 a.m. Sunset 8:16 p.m.

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- Overhead
- Stride
- Farm structure
- More distressed
- Honduran seaport
- Armor
- Manual skill
- Formerly
- Netherlands city
- Squeeze in
- Quibbled
- Turn aside
- Take away by force
- Femme ____
- Helsinki man
- Brit. knighthood order
- Like a bird
- Gem weight
- Chinese dynasty
- Fuel
- Inn
- Spar
- Noun suffix
- Subdued: with down
- Digger
- ___ was going to St. Ives
- Herd of deer
- Manage

45. Suggestive of
47. Conjuror's rod
48. Some Broadway shows
49. US illustrator
50. Brine
53. Unruly moppet
55. Secondhand
58. Bombast
59. Symphony instrument

60. Ascended
61. Gump or Griffith
62. Labels
63. Nocturnal sound

DOWN

- Tennis ace
- Onus
- French department
- Sustained
- Fall by drops
- Stalk

7. Harnessed oxen
8. Sprite
9. Fatherly
10. Porticos
11. In close quarters
12. ___ homo
13. Action
18. Algonquin
23. Express
24. Glut
25. Installed lighting
26. Beauty treatment
27. Cuban ballerina
28. Assume charge
29. Greek goddesses
31. Swiss city
32. Among: Fr.
34. ___ Island, Brooklyn
37. Certain missile
38. Reason
40. Gait
41. Cattle troughs
44. Evil
46. Simple song
47. Walks in stream
49. Condescending one
50. Indifferent
51. Pitcher
52. Actress Jackson
53. Bikini part
54. Unraveled
56. Camel's hair fabric
57. Noise

"HANDILY"

See solution on Page 8

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Child Name(s) _____
Age _____

7YRS - 10 YRS @ 10:00 a.m.
5YRS - 6 YRS @ 10:30 a.m.
4YRS - 3YRS @ 11:00 a.m.
2YRS @ 11:30 a.m

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OBITUARIES

William (Bo) John Covey III July 17, 1954 - April 8, 2017



(Bill) and Amanda Covey, sister, Catherine Haukeness and brother, Michael Covey.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Covey, of Mertzon, daughter, Jennifer Creek, and husband, Jeremy Creek, of Comanche, daughter, Cherri Covey, of San Angelo, daughter, Alisha Snodgrass, and husband, Zed Snodgrass, of Sonora, step-daughter, Shana McAllister, of Mertzon and step-daughter, Jodi Nanny, of Mertzon.

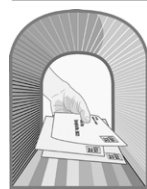
He is also survived by two brothers Eddy Lee Covey of Sonora, Rusty Covey and wife Rita of West Sacramento, CA and a sister Amanda Covey of Ozona as well as six grandchildren and a great grandchild on the way.

Services will be held at the Church of Christ in Sonora Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Bo Covey, 62, passed away at his home in Mertzon, Texas on April 8, 2017.

Bo was born in Sonora on July 17, 1954. He was a loving husband, father, paw-paw, and friend. He enjoyed spending his free time with his wife, Karen, working on their garden and tending to their animals.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor express the opinions of their author. They do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the staff, management or ownership of the Devils River News.

Hospice of San Angelo Recognizes Their Special Volunteers!

HOSPICE OF SAN ANGELO VOLUNTEERS are a special group worthy to be recognized. As a Medicare-approved provider, HOSA is required to utilize volunteers. It is part of our Conditions of Participation.

Assigning a dollar value is an important method in determining the impact hospice volunteers make. However, that is not the only way to value impact. Here is a list of just some of the ways HOSPICE OF SAN ANGELO VOLUNTEERS touched hearts.

1. Vacuumed carpet in a home because the 94 year old wife didn't have enough energy, from taking care of her 95 year old husband/patient, to do it herself.
 2. Worked on getting a TV remote working so a 95 year old patient could watch TV in her apartment instead of sitting in silence.
 3. Hooked up a TV/VCR for a patient. Watching old war movies was something this vet enjoyed.
 4. Brought a WWII vet/patient a Ruben sandwich because the patient said that is what he was craving. This same volunteer brought this patient a small Christmas tree during the holidays because he had no decorations in his room.
 5. Arranged to pick up a patient at her doorstep and simply drove around to look at Christmas lights.
 6. Drove a patient, in her wheelchair, around a nursing home facility because the patient wouldn't get out of her room alone. During the "drive" she said she "felt so special like she was Mrs. Astor".
 7. Surprised a patient and wife on their anniversary with flowers and a card.
 8. Committed a 6 week time period to work with grieving children/kids in Building Bridges
- In recognition of National Volunteer Week, April 23-30, 2017, Hospice of San Angelo would like to say THANK YOU to our outstanding volunteers for touching so many hearts, including our own!

Toni Goodwin
Hospice of San Angelo, Volunteer Coordinator

SISD:

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Following a presentation by Superintendent Ross Aschenbeck, the board approved the Sonora ISD 2017-2018 calendar. The new calendar designates the date of August 22, 2017 as the first day of school for all students. Teachers report on August 11. Spring Break is set for March 12-16 and graduation is scheduled on May 25, 2018. This calendar also allows for 2-weeks off during the winter for holidays.

Aschenbeck spoke on budget matters including the expected loss of state funding causing cutbacks for the upcoming school year. He explained that, due to a decrease in expected state funding, SISD expects to realize a significant reduction in revenue going into the 2017-18 budget year.

For example, total revenue for 2016-17 reflected \$14,042,424. The expected revenue total for 2017-18 is \$7,915,087. Further, expenses for 2016-17 totaled \$14,321,890 and they are expected to be \$9,706,331 for the 2017-18 budget year. Aschenbeck said the district's goal is to cut about \$2.8 in expenses. This cut involves a necessary

reduction in supplies, equipment and salaries. Emphasizing the need cut wage expenses, Aschenbeck stated that 13.5 positions, thus far, are affected as a result of decreased revenue. These positions include, 9.5 teachers, 1 administrator, 1 cafeteria employee, 1 grounds keeper, 1 custodian, 3 football coaching stipends, 1 assistant baseball stipend, 1 assistant softball stipend, 3 track stipends, 1 high school girls basketball coach stipend and 1 boys basketball stipend.

"We will continue to absorb positions through attrition as we move forward," Aschenbeck said. Finally, trustees appointed board representatives Jerry Jimenez and Cynthia Perez for 2017 graduation activities.

President Dawn Cahill presided over the meeting. Board Members Brady Johnson, Jerry Jimenez, Jesse Bustamante, Shana Petty-Castro, Cynthia Perez and Amber Killough were present.

The next regular meeting of the Sonora ISD is set for Monday, May 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Vocational Building.

Devil's River News Weekly Rainfall Report			
April 1-18	1.23 in.	April 1-18	2.48 in.
March	0.07 in.	March	0.17 in.
February	1.36 in.	February	1.48 in.
January	2.40 in.	January	1.68 in.
2017 Year-to-Date Total	5.06 in.	2017 Year-to-Date Total	5.81 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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First Annual Sonora Strong - Pass it On Set for April 22

Sonora Camp Good Sam announced the first annual Sonora Strong - Pass it On Roping Festival, Saturday, April 22, 2017, beginning at 11:00 a.m., at the at the Sutton Co. Arena.

The event includes team roping, goat roping, concessions provided by Knights of Columbus 10609 and Guadalupe, a family dance, and music by Brushfire band. Books open at 11:00 a.m.

The Sonora Strong - Pass it On event is being held in memory of Stevie Smith, with proceeds benefiting Sonora Camp Good Sam.

Camp Good Sam is a six

week summer enrichment program that combats summer learning loss in youth living in Sutton County by enhancing their health and education while keeping them learning in a rich, curriculum-based environment. Services are delivered at Sonora Intermediate School to rising 1st through 8th graders each summer.

Donations to support Sonora Camp Good Sam in memory of Stevie can be made at donate.goodsamtx.org/sonorastrong.

For additional information, please contact Wheless Baker at 325-315-0329 or wborsefly24@gmail.com.

Local Nature Center Hosts First "Citizen Science Day"

Providing a way to celebrate Earth Day with a purpose, the Eaton Hill Nature Center & Preserve is hosting their first annual "Citizen Science Day" Saturday, April 22, 2017.

The event is scheduled between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at the Eaton Nature Center in Sonora.

There is no cost to participate.

Featuring two experts in their respective fields, Tim Vasquez and Gerry Salmon, the class provides an introduction on how to utilize technology such as

e-Bird and I-Naturalist so that everyone can make impactful contributions to science.

If time and weather allows, participants will also hike the trails and utilize their new skills.

Appropriate clothing is required as well as water to stay hydrated.

For more information, about the event or to schedule an interview with the Executive Director, please contact Michael Price at 325.387.2615 or email at director@eatonhillnature-center.org

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Reader Recipes

“White Texas Sheet Cake”

On May 17, 1918, members of the Sonora Woman's Club volunteered to help educate women in the community on how to vote. These women were also responsible for nominating the first woman to campaign for a SISD School Board Position.

In honor of our current Sonora Independent School District's School Board President, Dawn Cahill, her White Texas Sheet Cake recipe speaks to every one.

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 cup butter, cubed

Preheat oven 375 degrees. Grease a 15x10x1" baking pan. In large mixing bowl whisk first 4 ingredients. Melt butter with water- bring to a boil. Stir into flour mixture. In small bowl whisk eggs, sour cream, and almond extract until blended. Then whisk into dry flour mixture. Pour into pan. Bake for 18-22 minutes, or until golden brown and toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack 20 minutes.

- Frosting:
- 1/2 cup butter, cubed
 - 4 & 1/2 cups confectioner's sugar
 - 1/4 cup 2% milk
 - 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
 - 1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

Combine butter and milk in large saucepan; bring to a boil. Remove from heat; gradually stir in confectioner's sugar and extract. Stir in nuts. Spread over warm cake.

State Bound

The Sonora High School girls doubles team of Sky Jennings and Peyton Matthews advanced to the state competition following their Regional Tennis Tournament win. The state competition is set for Thursday and Friday, May 18-19, 2017 in College Station.



Sky Jennings and Peyton Matthews celebrate their win during the Regional Tennis Competition Wednesday and Thursday, April 17-18, in Abilene. [COURTESY PHOTO]

St. John's Episcopal Church Participating San Angelo Gives Event May 2, 2017

This year St. John's Episcopal Church has signed up to participate in the San Angelo Gives, 24-hour campaign for May 2nd. On May 2nd from midnight to 11:59 pm, your support will make a meaningful difference to St. John's Episcopal Church including our numerous programs supporting worthwhile and needy causes in Sonora and Sutton County. Every gift of \$10 or more will go further with bonus funds amplifying each donation and helping St. John's change lives in our community. The really exciting part is every gift made through sanangelogives.org helps our chances of winning cash prizes given throughout the day, maximizing your gift! San Angelo Gives raised over \$1,000,000 last year for 130 nonprofit organizations in San Angelo and the Concho Valley. This money came from more than 4,300 donors in a 24-hour period. i.e. Day of Giving [May 2, 2017]. This year the goal is:

\$1,500,000.00

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Business as Usual for City Council

The City of Sonora City Council handled business as usual Monday during their regular meeting, April 17, 2017.

In regular business, the council approved the consent agenda items as presented. These items included the minutes of the March 14 special meeting, March 20 special/joint meeting, March 20 regular meeting, Senior Center report and the Sonora Police Department monthly report.

They also approved the Chamber of Commerce quarterly HOTS financial report as presented by Donna Garrett as well as the Sonora Economic Development Corporation 2nd quarterly report as

presented by Robin Street.

In other business, council members approved the distribution of the Main Street bank accounts, designating Belia Fay and Betty Hernandez to close the accounts and transfer the money into the City of Sonora General Fund as reimbursement for paid expenses incurred.

Following a discussion, the council took no action on setting the 2017 Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment to Municipal Telecommunications Right-of-Way Access Line Rates. The rate will remain the same.

Max Howorth spoke to council members about the Sonora Tourism Committee HOTS finances for the second fiscal quarter. He noted the decline in taxes collected and the need for sales tax revenue.

Next, the council approved a grant of up to \$3,000 to Wheelers Baker to help offset the cost of the Stevie Smith Memorial Team Roping and Dance event. The event is a fundraiser benefiting the Camp Good Samaritan Program.

The public hearing to expend 4-B sales tax funds for a quality of life project to Sonora Dental and Braces to purchase a Pano/Ceph machine in the amount of \$39,017.93 was tabled due to a clerical error in the wording on the agenda. The hearing notice will again be advertised in the local newspaper and the hearing has been rescheduled for Monday, April 24.

The council also tabled the agenda item regarding appointing Airport Advisory Board members pending further information.

As an addendum to the agenda, the council heard a request to consider a local sale day for merchants and vendors on Main Street. No action was taken.

Finally, the council heard comments from Joe David Ross and Sonora Police Chief William Dudley.

Ross thanked Doug Chandler for his service on the City Council.

Chief William Dudley spoke on matters relating to a current candidate who is contacting citizens in the community and asking them to support the idea of closing the Sonora Police Department in exchange for lower water utility bills.

With no further comments or actions the meeting adjourned.

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

The next regular meeting of the City of Sonora City Council is set for May 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Carr Signing Day at ASU

A Carr Signing Day is set for Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 9:45 a.m. at Sonora High School, in the auditorium.

The signing event is open to all students wishing to attend.

The next Carr Signing event will be held at the ASU campus on April 27.

For more information, please contact the ASU Admissions Office at 325-942-2041 or SHS at 325-387-6940.

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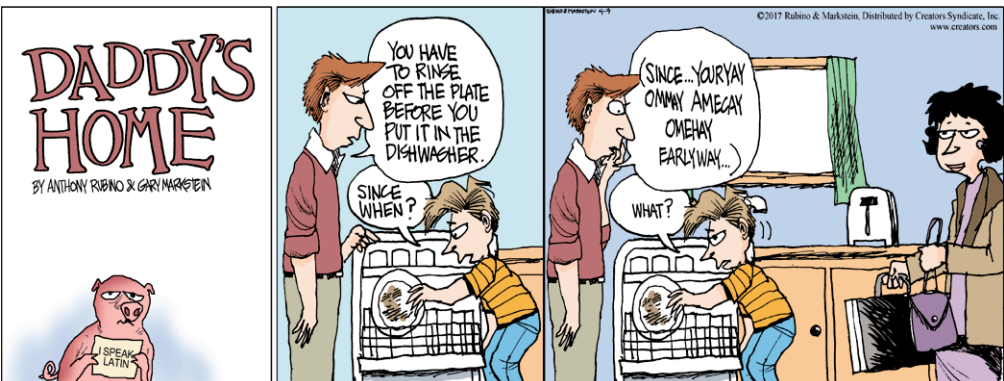
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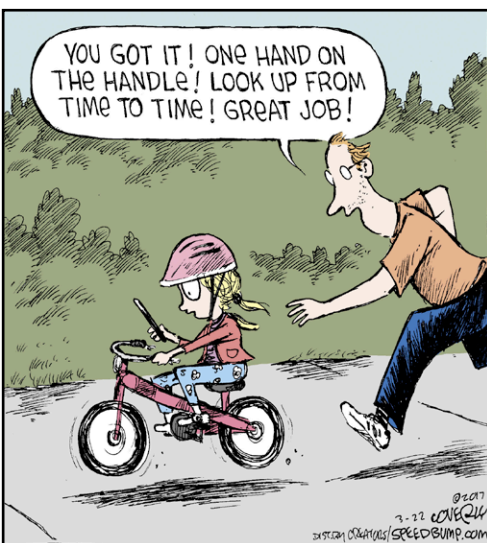
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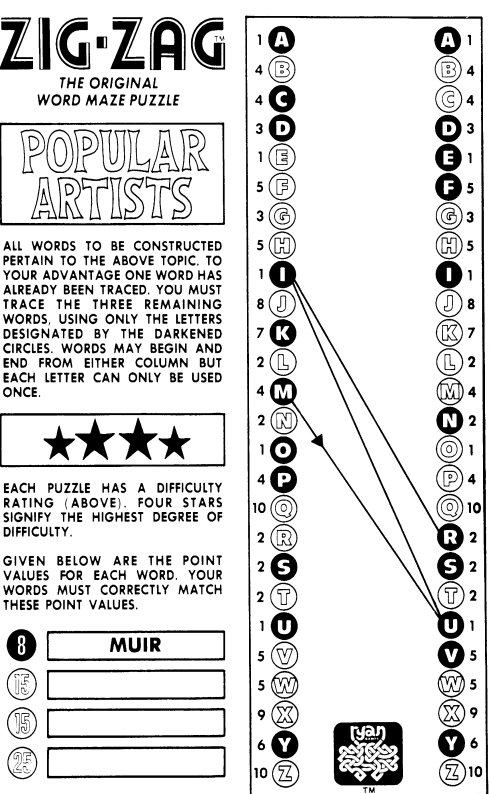
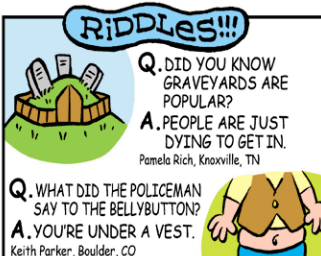
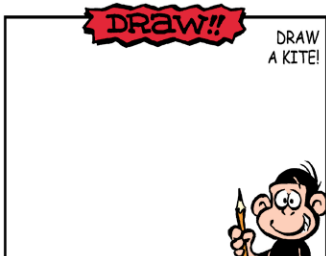
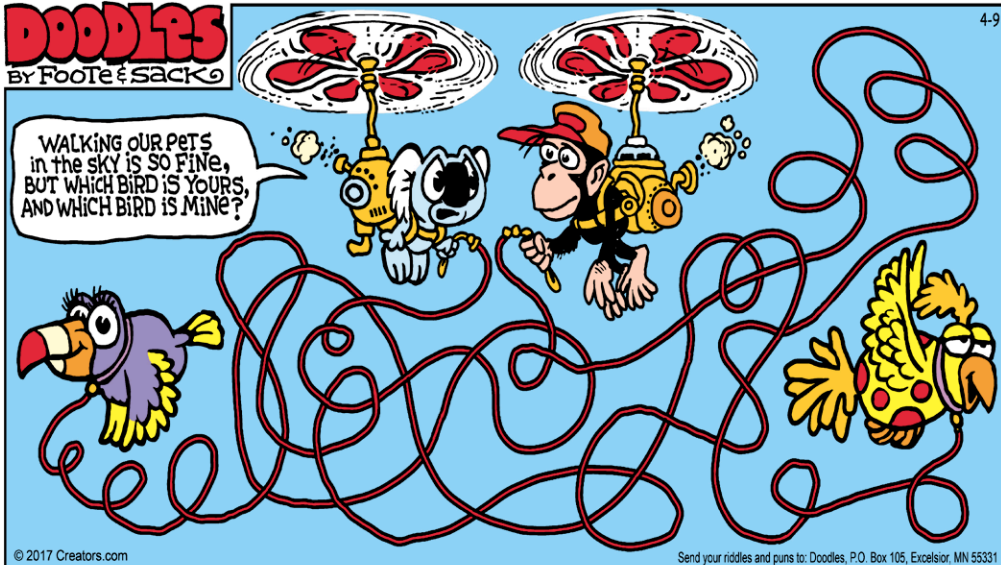
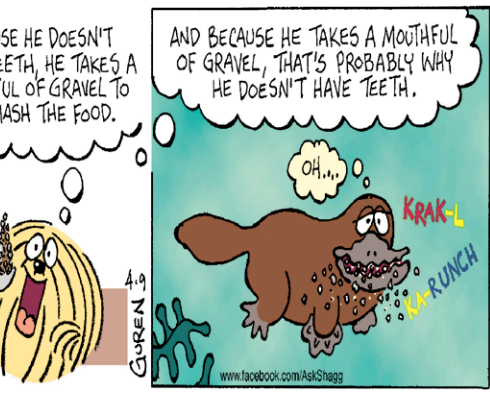
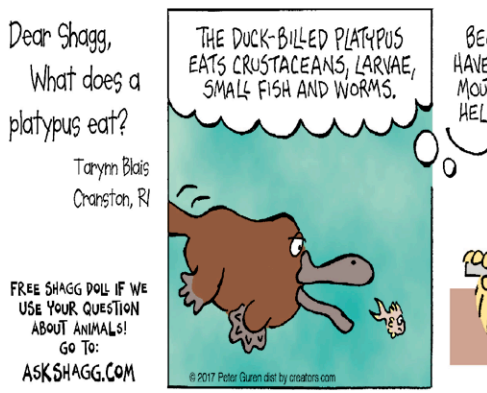
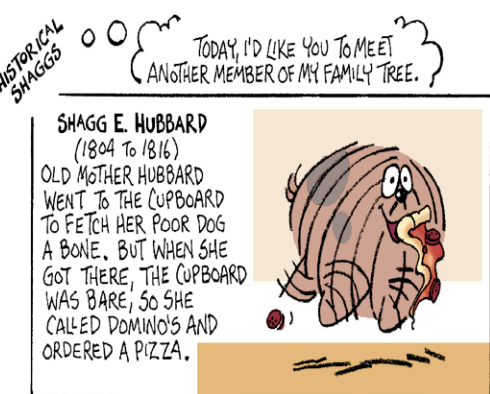
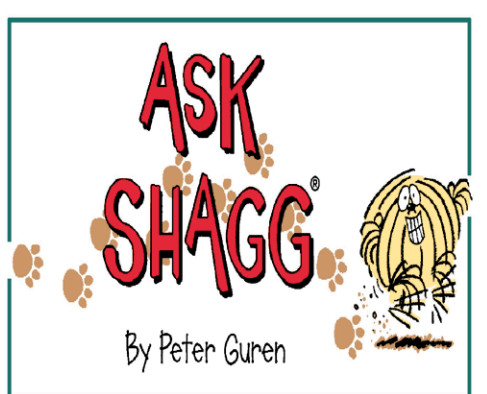
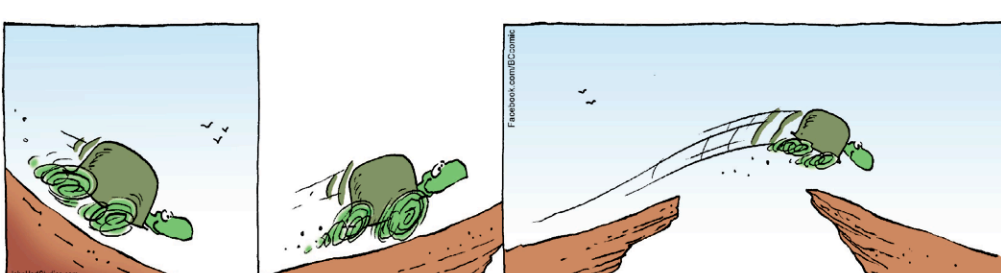
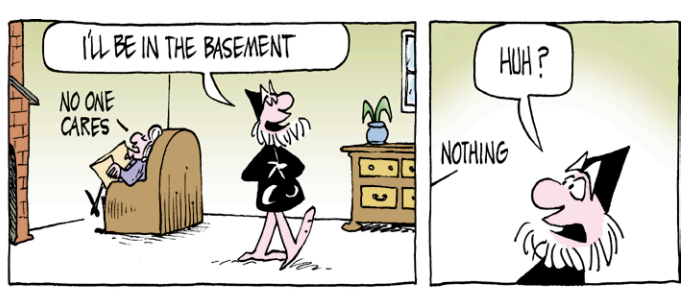
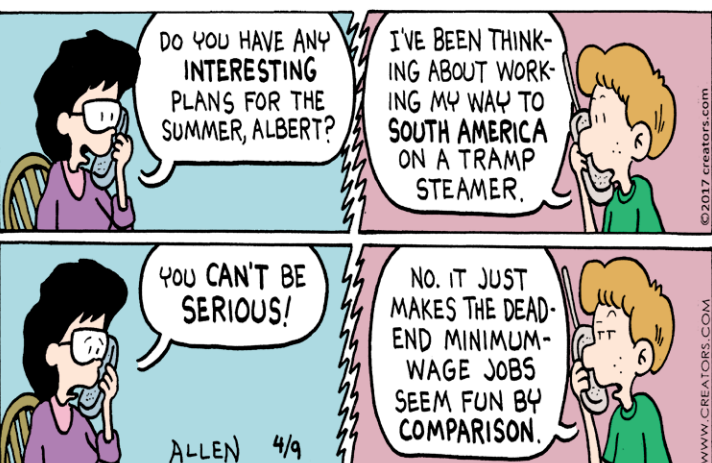
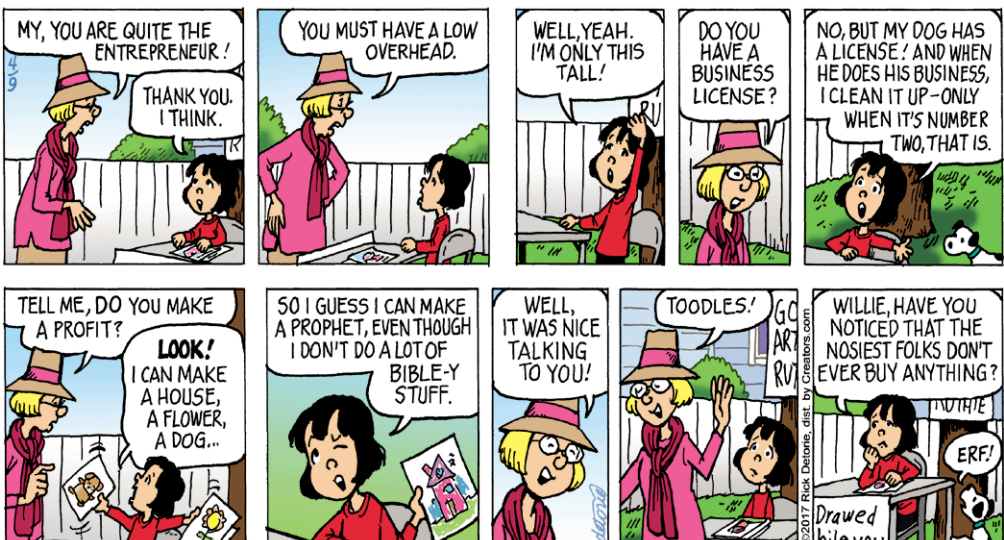
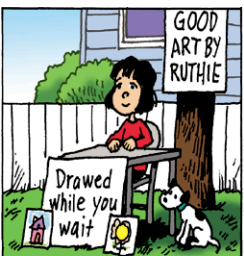
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The Blotter



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

APRIL 10 • Michael Cotton, 38-year old male of Houston. Arrested for Possession of Marijuana and False Drug Test/Falsification Device.
APRIL 12 • Kurina Williams, 21 year old female, of Pasadena. Arrested for Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Controlled Substance.

INCIDENTS

APRIL 10-3:08 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 426 mm. Deputy responded.
APRIL 12-9:46 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver on 277 S. Deputy responded.
APRIL 13 - 9:34 AM • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 387 mm. Deputy responded.
APRIL 14 - 10:54 AM • Caller reported a reckless driver on Ft. McKavitt Rd. Deputy responded.
12:21 PM • Motorist requested assistance on I-10 at 430 mm. Deputy responded.
APRIL 15 - 2:51 PM • Caller reported loose cows on 277 S by Ward Draw. Deputy responded.
3:50 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 411 mm. Deputy responded.
APRIL 16 - 5:20 PM • Caller reported loose cows on 277 N by Golf Course. Deputy responded.
10:24 PM • Caller reported a one vehicle roll over on 277 S 10 miles Deputy and DPS responded.

SONORA PD NO ARRESTS REPORTED INCIDENTS

APRIL 11 - 3:26 PM • Officer requested at 1901 Tayloe Ave. Officer responded.
6:24 PM • Caller requested Animal Control at Uno and St. Anns. Officer responded.
7:49 PM • Caller requested Animal Control at Martin and Glasscock. Officer responded.
8:56 PM • 911 call at 900 S. Crockett. Officer responded.
APRIL 12 - 1:04 PM • Caller reported criminal trespass at Road Ranger. Officer responded.
APRIL 13 - 4:13 PM • Caller reported a disturbance at 700 block of Mesquite. Officer responded.
5:11 PM • Caller reported reckless driving at Chestnut and Concho. Officer responded.
7:23 PM • Caller reported reckless driver north of City Limits. Officer responded.
9:08 PM • 911 call at 200 block of E. 2nd. Officer responded.
APRIL 14 - 3:41 AM • Caller reported a suspicious person at Food Pantry. Officer responded.
7:56 PM • Caller reported harassment at 100 block of Martin. Officer responded.
9:16 PM • Officer requested at 500 Virgen. Officer responded.
APRIL 15 - 2:08 PM • Officer requested for a fraud complaint. Officer responded.
9:40 PM • Caller reported a welfare concern at 700 St. Ann's. Officer responded.
10:09 PM • Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Myers Hwy. Officer responded.
11:12 PM • Agency assistance requested to Loma Alta area. Officer responded.
APRIL 16 - 4:20 PM • Alarm call at 100 block of Edgemont. Officer responded.
10:10 PM • Caller reported loud music at 1100 block Orient. Officer responded.

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 4

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AgriLife Offering Feral Hog Trapping Workshop

Feral hogs continue to grow in numbers in Texas and elsewhere.

Because of their destructive feeding habits and potential to spread disease, feral hogs are a substantial liability to agriculture and native wildlife in Texas. Trapping hogs is one of several control methods.



Pascual Hernandez

To that effect, Agrilife Extension will offer a Feral Hog Trapping Workshop on May 2nd, 2017 at the Sonora Experiment Station. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Topics and speakers for the morning program include:

- Do-It-Yourself Box Trap: James Crockett – County Extension Agent, Edwards County
- BoarBuster Trapping

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Three Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be available to those with Pesticide Applicators License.

Cost to attend is \$5.00. It covers morning refreshments and program materials. Please RSVP for an accurate head count by calling the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101 by April 28th.

The Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service workshop is offered by Edwards, Sutton, and Valverde Counties.

If you are interested in attending this program and require auxiliary aid, please call the Sutton County Extension Office at 325-387-3101 to determine if reasonable accommodations can be made.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Sales Tax

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preparation supplies. From April 22 to April 24, Texans may purchase tax free items such as batteries, fuel containers and flashlights priced at less than \$75; hurricane shutters and emergency ladders priced at less than \$300; and portable generators priced at less than \$3,000.

Seat belt bill advances

The Senate Transportation Committee unanimously in favor of SB 693, legislation that would require all new school buses purchased by a school district to be equipped with three-point seat belts.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to expand the type of vehicles to which the three-point seat belt requirement applies to include a "multi-function school activity bus" or a "school-chartered bus." Multiple school bus accidents in Texas have led to fatalities and caused injuries that could have been prevented if these buses were equipped with three-point seat belts, said the bill's author, Sylvia Garcia, D-Houston. "The goal of this legislation is to protect children, prevent injuries, and demonstrate

that the State of Texas is serious about the safety of school children. We spend a lot of tax dollars educating children to buckle up. Not requiring them to buckle up on the way to school is inconsistent," she added.

Kubota heads for Texas

Gov. Greg Abbott on April 7 announced Kubota Tractor Corporation North American headquarters is relocating from Torrance, California, to Grapevine, Texas. The new facility is expected to create more than 340 new jobs and generate \$51 million in capital investment.

At a ribbon-cutting event, Abbot called Kubota "the model business partner." Kubota has been one of the largest tractor producers in the United States since 1969.

TxDOT cautions drivers

The Texas Department of Transportation on April 6 reported work zone fatalities in Texas last year increased 27 percent, resulting in 181 lost lives. Of those fatalities, 174 — 96 percent — were motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR EXPENDING SECTION 4B TAX PROCEEDS

The City Council will hold a public hearing concerning the Sonora Economic Development Corporation expending Section 4B sales tax funds for the following projects:

- Proposed quality of life project to provide assistance to Sonora Dental and Braces to purchase a Digital Panoramic I-Max Touch that will help facilitate patient education and enhanced specialty communication with 70% less radiation exposure than the model currently utilized.

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Daniel Gonzales snaps up a ball between second and third bases during the game between Sonora and Ballinger Thursday, April 6, 2017. The Broncos next home game is set for Friday, April 21, 2017 against the Reagan County Owls, at Bronco Baseball Field in Sonora. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Broncos Ground TLCA 6-3

Sonora took the lead late in the game for a 6-3 victory over TLCA Eagles Thursday, April 13, 2017 in San Angelo.

Due to weather, the Broncos played their district game against the Eagles in San Angelo.

Tied 3-3, in the bottom of the fifth, Wesley Dutton changed the game with a double off of Thomas Laney, driving in two runs. Laney couldn't stop the Broncos from notching the score again when Caleb Galvan doubled, driving in another run. No errors in the field also helped the Broncos to their win 6-3 over TLCA.

Dutton also pitched two innings for the Broncos, giving up two runs, five hits, and walking one. Stepping in for another two innings, Noah SanMiguel surrendered zero runs, zero hits, struck out five, and walked zero.

This win was a welcomed comeback from the Broncos district game loss

2-5 to Wall on Tuesday, April 11.

Again, in a game changing fifth inning, the Broncos sealed their fate and they fell to the Hawks despite out hitting Wall six to five.

Caleb Galvan hit the Broncos only home run of the night.

Galvan led Sonora with one run batted in. He went 1-for-2 and Jalen Lopez went 2-for-3 for the night. The Broncos stole a total of five bases during the game, as two players stole more than one and left nine runners.

Henry Ramos pitched three innings for the Broncos surrendering three runs, and one hit.

Moving forward, the Broncos look to collect another win in their district match against Reagan County Friday, April 21, 2017.

Varsity game time is set for 7:00 p.m. and JV plays at 4:00 p.m. at Bronco Baseball Field in Sonora.



Kristin Garrett is safe on a run to second base during the game between the Lady Broncos and Lady Bearcats Thursday, April 6, 2017. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Lady Broncos Winding Down Softball Season

The Sonora Varsity Lady Broncos celebrated another district win Thursday, April 13, 2017 with a 16-6 win over TLCA.

Standing at 3-4 in 3A Region I District 4 Softball the ladies will close out their season with their last district game Friday against The Reagan County

Lady Owls, April 21.

Lady Broncos Senior will also be honored during Friday's game.

Game time is set for 5:00 p.m. for varsity and 7:00 p.m. for JV at the Sonora Softball Field.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and show their support for the players.

Kids and Cars: How to Prevent Tragedy

The Sonora Police Department is asking residents to keep children safe. Here are a few tips on how to prevent tragedy involving kids and cars.

Never leave your car keys where children can get them.

Keep car doors and trunks locked at all times, even in the garage or driveway.

Teach children not to play in or around cars.

Never leave your child unattended in a car, even if the windows are down and a wind shield shade is in place or even just to run a quick errand.

Make sure all children leave the vehicle when you reach your destination.

Don't overlook sleeping infants!

Make sure that the seat belt and seat surface are not too hot before buckling up your child.

When you and your children exit the car, place a windshield shade in front and back windows to help cut down on the heat.

Make sure that kids arms, legs, fingers, and toes are safely inside before closing doors.

Keep the rear fold-down seats closed to prevent kids from getting into the trunk from inside the car.

Contact your auto dealership about getting your vehicle retrofitted with a trunk release mechanism.

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