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# 1<sup>ST</sup> WORD

## Election Heat Taking Toll on DA's Office

Here's something you may not know: Comal County District Attorney Jennifer Tharp has never won a contested election. She was appointed to the job in 2010 and even though she ran unchallenged later that year, 20% of the electorate voted for somebody else. Ouch. This time around she's got three Republican challengers, and judging from statements made by two of her staff members, desperation is the word of the day.

On January 29, Comal County's Chief Misdemeanor Prosecutor, Clayton Hearrell, had this to say about the three GOP candidates running to be the next person to sign his checks:

*"Every habitual felony offender in that jail is hoping that Soane can somehow win the election, every violent gang member hopes the winner will be de Lemos, and every single child molester hopes that Deborah Wigington somehow finds victory."*

Holy cow. That's a lot to unpack. Where to start...

## Let's Start Here

No criminal in any jail anywhere wants their current DA to win re-election. What Hearrell asserts might be the weakest argument possible for why any District Attorney should be reelected. Following this logic, we should cancel all future elections for DA because criminals oppose the incumbent. Win once after a death or retirement, keep the job as long as you'd like. Perfect.

## Fun with Ad Hominem

To conflate the political wishes of habitual felons, gang members and child molesters with anyone that wants to run for public



office is a dangerous tack. Hearrell has lumped the candidates in with the worst of society, which implies by extension that anyone supporting those candidates is also siding with criminals.

Are you one of the voters pulling for Wigington, Soane, or de Lemos? Hearrell has made it clear that you're helping gang members and child molesters get their way. Only time will tell if you can find time away from your habitual felony habit to show up at the polls. Thank goodness for early voting.

## More Fun with Ad Hominem

Chief Felony Prosecutor, Sammy McCrary, chimed in on the election as well, *<sarcasm>*with all the respect for due process that one would expect from an American officer of the court*</sarcasm>*. He went after an area attorney for her legal defense of a local murderer, conflating her work on the case with her support of all three candidates:

*"The funny thing is that this defense lawyer who represented that baby killer seems familiar. I wonder where else I have seen her lately? I think she was just saying something about bringing justice back to Comal County."*

Besides the civil charges McCrary should face for the extra space after the period and completely inappropriate use of a question mark, Sammy revealed the contempt he has for the concept of due process. The entire American justice system is built on prosecution and defense, not just prosecution. The system doesn't work if only one side shows up for court. And to invoke a legal fiction, we didn't know that guy was a murderer until the case ran its course.

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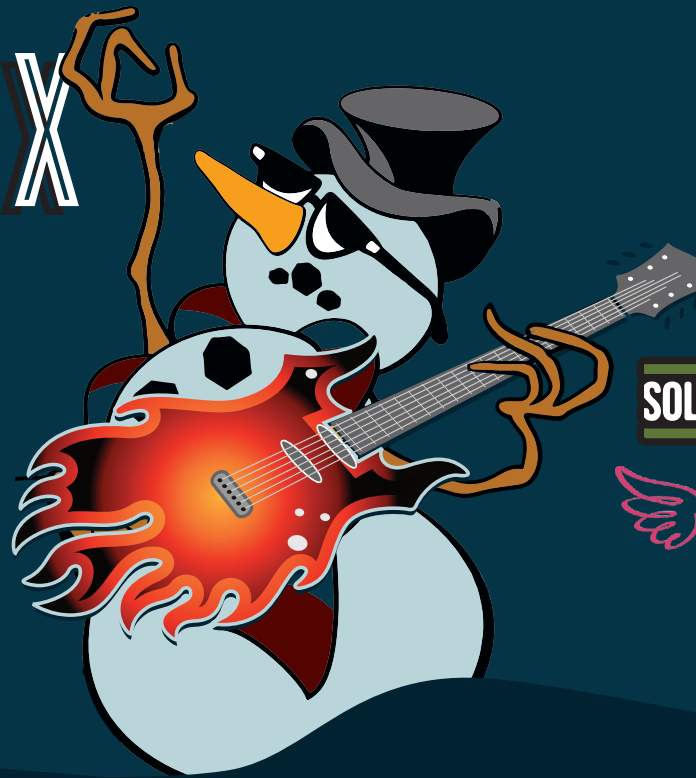
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**Fri 2.9**

### THE PHOENIX SALOON

Larry Dial  
5pm  
Jay Bleu  
9pm

### Riley's TAVERN

Mark Jungers  
6pm  
Highway Hipnosis  
9pm



TBA  
8pm

Billy's Ice House  
Clever Name Band  
8pm

Gruene Hall  
Midnight River Choir  
8pm

**Sat 2.10**

### THE PHOENIX SALOON

Jonathan Matthews Band  
9pm

### Riley's TAVERN

Miss Guilty  
9pm



Reed Brothers  
9pm

Billy's Ice House  
Knotty Grove  
8pm

Gruene Hall  
Johnny Nicholas  
1pm  
Joe Ely Band  
8pm

Moonshine & Ale  
Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along  
8pm

**Sun 2.11**

### THE PHOENIX SALOON

Jorge Gallegos  
3pm  
Lucas Taylor  
7pm

### Riley's TAVERN

Shelley King  
4pm

Billy's Ice House  
Tony Taylor  
8pm

Geronimo VFW #8456  
Country Sounds  
3pm

Gruene Hall  
Bret Graham  
12pm  
Jeff Plankenhorn Band  
4pm

**Mon 2.12**

Billy's Ice House  
Doug Kent Music  
8pm

Gruene Hall  
Bret Graham  
6pm

**Tues 2.13**

### Riley's TAVERN

Troy Stone  
8pm

Billy's Ice House  
Austin Gilliam  
8pm

Geronimo VFW #8456  
Country Jam Session  
7pm

Gruene Hall  
Slim Bawb  
6pm

**Wed 2.14**

### THE PHOENIX SALOON

Open Mic w/ Billy Roy  
8:30pm

### Riley's TAVERN

Robert Kraft  
8pm

Billy's Ice House  
Aaron Stephens  
8pm

Gruene Hall  
Dale Watson  
8pm

**Thu 2.15**

### THE PHOENIX SALOON

Shawn Hart  
5pm

### Riley's TAVERN

Reed Brothers  
8pm



TBA  
8pm



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8pm

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8pm

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Live Band Karaoke  
8pm

Vino en Verde  
Brett Cline  
8pm

**Fri 2.16**

**THE PHOENIX  
SALOON**  
Junior Nash  
6pm  
Fort Defiance  
9pm

**Riley's  
TAVERN**  
Pepper's Blues  
6pm  
Bonnie Montgomery  
9pm

**THE WATERING HOLE**  
Roadside Libby  
8pm

Billy's Ice House  
Dave Fenley  
8pm

Gruene Hall  
Max Stalling  
8pm

Moonshine & Ale  
Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along  
8pm

**Sat 2.17**

**THE PHOENIX  
SALOON**  
Haydn Vitera, Jorge Gallegos,  
Dave Perez  
9pm

**Riley's  
TAVERN**  
Dallas Moore  
9pm

**THE WATERING HOLE**  
Kim & Her Bad Habits  
9pm

Billy's Ice House  
Mark McKinney  
8pm

Gruene Hall  
Beat Root Revival  
1pm  
LeAnn Rimes  
8pm

Moonshine & Ale  
Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along  
8pm

**Sun 2.18**

**THE PHOENIX  
SALOON**  
Jeffrey Ryan Vaughn  
3pm  
Lucas Taylor  
7pm

**Riley's  
TAVERN**  
Hollin McKay  
4pm

Geronimo VFW #8456  
Czechoholics  
3pm

Gruene Hall  
Grouchy Like Riley  
12pm  
LeAnn Rimes  
4\8pm

**Mon 2.19**

Gruene Hall  
Bret Graham  
6pm

**Tue 2.20**

**Riley's  
TAVERN**  
Open Mic  
8pm

Billy's Ice House  
JJ Garrett Band  
8pm

Comal Country Music Show  
KC Hall  
Bob Appel, Loren Scudder,  
Mandy McMillian  
7:30pm

Geronimo VFW #8456  
Jam Session  
3pm

Gruene Hall  
Mark Stuart, Chris Wall  
6pm

**Wed 2.21**

**THE PHOENIX  
SALOON**  
Open Mic w/ Billy Roy  
8:30pm

**Riley's  
TAVERN**  
Mike Ethan Messick  
8pm

Billy's Ice House  
Aaron Stephens  
8pm

Gruene Hall  
The Georges  
6pm

**Thu 2.22**

**THE PHOENIX  
SALOON**  
Garrett Douglas  
5pm

**Riley's  
TAVERN**  
Nate Rodriguez  
8pm



Meyer Anderson Band  
8pm

Billy's Ice House  
Open Mic  
8pm

Gruene Hall  
Shawn Pittman  
6pm

Moonshine & Ale  
Live Band Karaoke  
8pm

Vino en Verde  
Brett Cline  
8pm

**Fri 2.23**

**THE PHOENIX  
SALOON**  
Miss Lavelle White  
9pm

**Riley's  
TAVERN**  
Pepper's Blues  
6pm  
Audrey Malone  
9pm

**THE WATERING HOLE**  
Tequila Black Band  
8pm

Billy's Ice House  
3 Man Front  
8pm

Gruene Hall  
Zane Williams  
8pm

Moonshine & Ale  
Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along  
8pm



Sat 2.24

## THE PHOENIX SALOON

Texas T & the Shine Runners  
9pm

## Riley's TAVERN

The Basil Trio  
9pm



Knotty Grove  
9pm

Billy's Ice House

LC Rocks  
8pm

Gruene Hall

Flat Top Jones  
1pm  
Hal Ketchum  
9pm

Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along  
8pm

Sun 2.25

## THE PHOENIX SALOON

Bucksnort Boogie Boys  
3pm  
Lucas Taylor  
7pm

## Riley's TAVERN

Blues Jam/Gear Swap  
w/ Ace Pepper  
4pm

Geronimo VFW #8456

Bob Appel  
3pm

Gruene Hall

Joey McGee  
12pm  
Miss Lavelle White  
3pm  
Mike Zito  
5pm

Mon 2.26

Gruene Hall

Bret Graham  
7pm

Tue 2.27

## Riley's TAVERN

Troy Stone  
8pm

Gruene Hall

Josh Grider, Drew Kennedy  
6pm

Wed 2.28

## THE PHOENIX SALOON

Open Mic w/ Billy Roy  
8:30pm

## Riley's TAVERN

Daniel Thomas Phipps  
8pm

Billy's Ice House

Aaron Stephens  
8pm

Thu 3.1

## THE PHOENIX SALOON

TBA  
5pm

## Riley's TAVERN

TBA  
8pm



TBA  
8pm

Gruene Hall

Ted Russell Kamp  
6pm

Moonshine & Ale

Live Band Karaoke  
8pm

Vino en Verde

Brett Cline  
8pm

Fri 3.2

## THE PHOENIX SALOON

TBA  
5pm  
TBA  
8:30pm

## Riley's TAVERN

Roy Heinrich  
6pm  
Scott H Biram, Jesse Dayton  
9pm



TBA  
8pm

Gruene Hall

Jason Boland & the Stragglers  
8pm

Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along  
8pm

Sat 3.3

## THE PHOENIX SALOON

TBA  
9pm

## Riley's TAVERN

Tessy Lou & Shotgun Stars  
9pm



TBA  
9pm

Gruene Hall

Bo Phillips Band  
1pm  
Parker McCollum  
9pm

Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along  
8pm

Sun 3.4

## THE PHOENIX SALOON

TBA  
3pm  
Lucas Taylor  
7pm

## Riley's TAVERN

Jaryd Lane  
4pm

Gruene Hall

Peterson Brothers  
12pm  
Garrett LeBeau  
4pm

Mon 3.5

Gruene Hall

Bret Graham  
6pm

Tue 3.6

## Riley's TAVERN

Open Mic  
8pm

Billy's Ice House

Reed Brothers  
8pm

Gruene Hall

Nathan Bonnes, Jake Ward,  
Max Flinn  
8pm

Wed 3.7

## THE PHOENIX SALOON

Open Mic w/ Billy Roy  
8:30pm

## Riley's TAVERN

Manzy Lowry  
9pm



# PHOENIX SALOON FEB EVENTS

Friday 2/9

Larry Dial 5pm  
Jay Bleu 9pm

Saturday 2/10

Jonathan Matthews Band  
9pm

Friday 2/16

Junior Nash 6pm  
Fort Defiance 9pm

Saturday 2/17

Haydn Vitera, Jorge Gallegos,  
Dave Perez 9pm

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Aaron Stephens  
8pm

Gruene Hall  
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**Thu 3.8**

## PHOENIX SALOON

TBA  
5pm

## Riley's TAVERN

TBA  
8pm



TBA  
8pm

Billy's Ice House  
Austin English  
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lena Mary Gore, Deceased, were issued on January 29, 2018, in Cause No. 2018PCB0012, pending in the County Court at Law of Comal County, Texas, to: Melvin Lee Britt.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 29th day of January, 2018.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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BONNIE MONTGOMERY 9PM

SATURDAY 2/17  
DALLAS MOORE 9PM

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# FREEMAN ON SPORTS

WITH BRANT FREEMAN

As an adult? Screw all of that. The flu shut me down for a good week and the first couple of days were a nightmare. I would burn up, strip down to nothing but shorts and socks and then immediately feel as if my living room turned into North Dakota in December. I would then bundle up as if I were about to compete in the Iditarod and the process would start all over again. I ate two solid pieces of bread in a three day span and sleep was IMPOSSIBLE.

Did I get my flu vaccination? No, because I am 1) lazy and 2) thought the flu couldn't happen to me because I'm a M-A-N. Did I regret it? Absolutely. It doesn't matter that the vaccination wasn't as effective this flu season, any small chance there is to not go through that is worth it. The stories of healthy people who died just days after their flu diagnosis is frightening.

If you haven't gotten sick but haven't received your vaccination yet, get it. Wash your hands constantly. Avoid any contact with someone who is sick until they fully recover. A few days off of work or school isn't worth it. Playing hours of Xbox in the middle of the day isn't as glorious as it seems.

On to the review which is all about the Super Bowl this month...

**NFL:** Every year I get asked by several people who am I going for in the Super Bowl and every year my answer is the same: since my team isn't in it (always a safe bet), I just want to see a good game. Let me tell you, I'm on a hell of a streak.

The Super Bowls when I were a kid were hot garbage. From 1985 - 2000 there were, like, four good Super Bowls. Since then, it has been an amazing run for the NFL and the great championship games keep sweeping the league's biggest flaws under the rug. Awful Thursday Night games, questionable officiating, the Cleveland Browns, all of those problems are forgotten when the NFL's premiere game is down-to-the-wire goodness. Even the most

troubling matters the league is facing, such as its handling of disciplinary issues and concussions, seem to go away (at least temporarily) if the Super Bowl turns out to be a good game.

That's what the league got this past Sunday as Philadelphia defeated New England 41-33, the eighth Super Bowl in the last 11 years to be decided by one score. A yardage record for an NFL game let alone the Super Bowl. The second highest scoring Super Bowl in league history. Just one punt. Tom Brady losing to a quarterback who was Alex Smith's back-up last year, that game had EVERYTHING.

And about Nick Foles... talk about one of the most unlikely Super Bowl MVPs ever. A player from nearby Austin Westlake High School who later starred at the University of Arizona, Foles reportedly wanted to quit football after holding a clipboard in Kansas City last year. He was doing the same in Philadelphia this season until MVP candidate Carson Wentz went down in Week 14. This was the guy who was going to outduel Brady in a Super Bowl?

Kurt Warner couldn't do it. Russell Wilson couldn't do it (thanks to Malcolm Butler who was kicked to the curb this past Sunday). Another Eagle, Donovan McNabb couldn't do it. Eli Manning did do it (twice) but that was thanks in large part to great defenses. In a game in which Tom Brady threw for over 500 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions, Foles just hung in there and did it.

He led his team to a game winning 4th quarter touchdown drive (Brady didn't). He caught his pass on a trick play (Brady didn't). He won Super Bowl LII (Brady didn't).

Great story and another great Super Bowl. Here's to hoping the streak continues next year with Tennessee beating the LA Rams. Until next month...

*Brant Freeman is a seasoned local sportscaster, delivering the goods as a reporter for major pro and collegiate sporting events in the greater San Antonio area for over a decade.*



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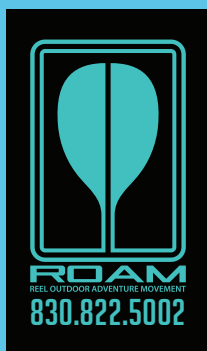


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In McCrary's world, only those found innocent are morally entitled to a defense. This is like demonizing the DA for prosecuting cases where the defendant is ultimately found not guilty.

The fact that the two top people in Tharp's office are putting forth such easily dismantled emotional arguments should give everyone pause – these men put Americans in jail. Their logic should be sound.

### Here's a New One

This "soft on crime" angle that Tharp's office is throwing down might fly against a Democrat or two, but these are three Republicans, one of whom (de Lemos) is currently a prosecutor in Guadalupe County, and another (Soane) who is a former Comal County prosecutor and current Comal County lawman (CCSO). Deborah Wigington is a Republican lawyer.

If one Republican is running against

you, it's a race. If two Republicans run against you, it's a barn-burner. But if three Republicans run against you, it's no longer an election.

It's an intervention.

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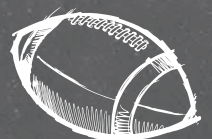
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## A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Impeachment

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The release of the House Intelligence Committee's memo on the FBI and DOJ's handling of the Carter Page surveillance leaves us in an interesting political position. It does appear that there is substantial evidence that a campaign was "colluding" with Russia to gain an advantage in the 2016 presidential race. It just wasn't Donald Trump's campaign. Of course, I've known this was the case for some time now.

As much as I'd like to trade Hillary Clinton's pantsuit for a jumpsuit, I'm much more concerned about the rest of what the memo reveals: that our law enforcement arms of the government seem to be a little too willing to ignore civil rights in their pursuit of American citizens. Carter Page had been known to the FBI since 2013, when his contacts in Russia raised red flags. Between that time and the 2016 election, it's reasonable to assume that the FBI followed up, and if they did, they clearly found nothing. Even so, once Page became connected to the Trump campaign, the FBI sought a search warrant accusing Page of being a Russian spy (The warrant requires the

American in question be a foreign agent). Funny how the FBI could allow a spy to run around from 2013 to 2016 and then join a presidential campaign without batting an eye.

Unfortunately, the least convoluted explanation for what happened is that the FBI and DOJ have become political organizations (at least currently) aligned with the Democratic Party. Proof of that would be an awful scar on our republic. This is the sort of thing we expect I third world dictatorships.

Because of this, many people are calling for another special counsel (or even trade the one we have now for a new one), and though I sympathize with the desire to do something, I think the real solution may be one that cannot be provided by a special council. Instead, I think that Congress and the Executive branch need to do their jobs. If there is concern over the current special counsel, then provide appropriate oversight, and don't be cowed by political posturing in the matter. Likewise, Congress needs to get to the bottom of what is happening at the FBI and DOJ, and they should begin recommending prosecutions.

The Memo: Booooooring

There is nothing remotely interesting, politically or otherwise, about the House Intelligence Committee's memo on the FBI's and DOJ's handling of the Carter Page surveillance. Nothing. Nothing at all. I yawned throughout writing that first sentence.

The memo was written in an attempt to discredit the people who are investigating the Trump campaign team and others now and formerly connected directly to the White House. And being that the White House is occupied and operated by a guy who has made his career in grievances, this was bound to happen. I would doubt his capacity as a "very stable genius" if he didn't go on the attack—a four-page attack that was more like a limp-wristed slap across the cheek than the onslaught it was intended to be. And yeah, I know, it wasn't Trump himself who wrote the memo. That would look bad. He had his befuddled and dimwitted rubes cobble it together for him.

So what? The FBI used an alleged foreign spy to gather information on the very country he may have been a spy for? Being a double agent or a turncoat is not new. It's an intelligence practice older than the Republic itself. That's Page Six kind of news—hardly front, top of the fold. The accusation that the FBI and DOJ are "political organizations (at least currently) aligned with the Democratic Party" is absurd. If this were the case, especially at the time of the 2016 election—

that people just can't bloody move on from—former FBI Director Comey wouldn't have made that announcement about Hillary's emails when he did. As a friend of the Dems, he would have held on to that news rather than thrown the shiny ring of keys into the melee for the Trump kids and the Clinton goons to scramble over. Thing is, the FBI and DOJ, more so the FBI, has always operated as clandestine as it pleased to whatever political end it was trying to meet. It's the DNA of the bureau Hoover built.

This memo is another one of those distraction attempts the Trump people like to do. Look at the shiny things here instead of the scary monster over there. Because the Republicans tossed out a memo, the Democrats had to counter. Of course they did, because the Democrats are at their best, which is horrible, when they're being reactive and childish. A pissing contest is far more interesting to watch than the dismal labor that goes in to a federal investigation.

The FBI did its job and the DOJ is doing theirs. They're investigating through the tangle of thorns that is the U.S. Government. Congress—both houses, all members—needs to stay out of this and get back to pretending to represent The People. This is between the DOJ and Trump. And, well, anyone who could be connected to the alleged and potential collusion. Republicans who continue to get mixed up in all this risk protesting too much, which is often a strong sign of guilt.



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