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February 16th Program SA City Council Districts 6, 7, 8

Candidates for city council positions in Districts 6, 7 and 8 will be present to discuss their goals for districts 6, 7, 8. This is your opportunity to meet the candidates. Please join us for this important meeting at 8:30 am, Luby's at Huebner and Floyd Curl.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL PROJECT:



Don Green Tree Fund

Cost: \$800/tree

Planting: March or April
(depends on weather)

Location: TBD

More information on
page 3 of newsletter.

**Contact Gene Marck,
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A Few JOYCE Words

You know that I am most effective when I write about something I feel strongly about. And, believe it or not, I am most angry about the "wall" that our president is trying to build along our border with Mexico.

I will not to go too deeply on the whole immigration problem though I feel deeply about that also. What angers me most is the route they have chosen. The National Butterfly Center in Mission, a part of the National Wildlife Refuge, is in the path of the "wall". Equipment is now being brought into the area to begin work.

Have you ever thought of a world without butterflies? Many of us were unaware that such a sanctuary exists for over 200 wild butterfly species that fly down from North America and up from South America. A "gate" allows transition between the two sides of the Butterfly Center. No one seems to understand or care about this "gate". Some think a CBP station will be there. Why disturb such a wonderful effort to preserve butterflies for future generations?

I live every day in a world without those magical fireflies that provided so much joy to me as a child. Today it is very rare to see them cheering up the night. I miss them. I wonder if any of you remember them and miss them too. Will butterflies go the way of the fireflies? Will butterflies also be only a memory of an older generation?

The damage and destruction of butterflies is not the only loss. A one hundred fifty-three year old Catholic church still in use today is also fighting the "wall" in court. The church has no electricity or running water, but services are held there every Friday evening. The "wall" is scheduled to be built right up to the front of the church, leaving the church in the no man's land between the "wall" and the Rio Grande River. A court decision will be made on February 6. This decision will determine if the church must allow workers to enter the 22 acre church site to do measurements for the "wall".

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Families are fighting the government to keep their land from being taken or divided. One family is having their land cut in half with no assurance they will have a gate to access both halves of their property. While they have continued to resist, they are left with little hope that they will succeed in preventing the taking of their land.

In the coming days I am sure that we shall hear of more distressing stories of the human cost of this "wall". I wonder as I contemplate the anger, hatred, disrespect felt by our citizens and the fracturing of our national political system, if greater danger is being done to our country.

Don Green Tree Fund

NWD has 3 members that will be remembered with a Monterey Oak tree: Claudie Pettigrew, Ruth Lown, a founding member, William Stavisky. All three were longtime, faithful and active members of NWD. The cost of each tree is \$800 which includes the planting and the Monterey Oak. We will plant trees at NISD elementary schools and are looking to plant at the older elementary schools. Any donation amount is greatly appreciated. We will notify you when and where the trees will be planted.



**We were ready for some football, too bad
the game was so dull!**

The game might have not lived up to the hype, but everyone attending our event had a great time. The food was great and seeing our elected officials in an "off-duty" setting added to the fun and camaraderie. **Thank you** for your sponsorships and donations. We'll have an update next month on how much money was made toward our 2020 Campaign office.

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IMPORTANT DATES

February 16	Northwest Democrats meeting
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April 20	Northwest Democrats meeting
April 21	Easter
August 15	Pat Maloney, Sr. Public Service Award Dinner