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Letters to the Editor

Tribal blood

Like Georgia Hotton, I truly enjoyed David Tuerer's book, "The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee" (Book reviews, April 28, Page B1)

The first part of the book focuses on the history of Native Americans and is similar to most other accounts. But, as Hotton notes, his biggest contribution is what these people have been doing since Wounded Knee suggesting that they have survived and are still around in spite of all efforts to eliminate them.

However, another book co-edited by a friend of mine (Norbert Hill of the Oneida tribe) suggests that there is quite another threat to their survival. In the book "The Great Vanishing Act" a series of articles suggest that if the percentage of Indian blood continues to be used as the basis for tribal membership there could soon be many fewer people who would be eligible as a result of intermarriage with other races.

Jim Murray
Green Valley

Investigations

FactCheck.org reported that Hillary Clinton didn't destroy thousands of emails, and didn't clean her server, obstructing justice. We know this because that paragon of virtue and honesty James Comey, formerly of the FBI, stated so. I imagine Hillary's getting a bit nervous now that the criminal investigative focus is swinging her way for colluding (yes, colluding) with foreign agents

to hijack the last presidential election. But she'll be in impressive company; numerous high-level FBI agents will hopefully be in the dock with her.

Of course, Hillary and Bill have long histories of getting away with stuff, so who knows.

Scott Anderson
Green Valley

Like president, like governor

Re: "Not interested in playing games," Page A6, April 28, Green Valley News.

Thank you for saying what needed to be said, exploring what needed to be explored, and revealing the facts in a spirit of transparency, something that our state government could use a lot more of.

R. Neumann
Green Valley

Hospital visit

My wife and I are snowbirds and arrived in Green Valley in January.

She experienced some health issues and we found it necessary to visit an emergency room. Due to recent articles in the Green Valley News about the financial situation at Santa Cruz Valley Regional Hospital, I was reluctant to use the facility. But I didn't want to drive to Tucson so decided to take a chance. I'm glad I did.

We found the ER personnel to be extremely efficient and professional. While I am not qualified to speak to the financial health of the organization,

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there did not seem to be a shortage of quality medical staff, medical supplies or support resources, such as X-ray and labs.

Everyone involved with the hospital was professional, efficient and caring. I was told that the hospital is now operating in the black but have no way to verify that. What I can say is that everything about the facility indicates a positive nature, not one of failure or distress. Everyone has a smile on their face and a cheerful, positive attitude.

I have complete confidence in the organization. I would rate them an A+ with absolutely no reservations.

John N. Vradenburg Jr.
Marcell, Minnesota

Online comments

"Older workers return to work in greater numbers, and for lots of reasons"

- Lillian Hoga Barrett I'm sure the reason is because seniors are only getting a 3% increase when it should be 30%. I know many people who are living on less than \$1000.00 a month. The argument is always that people should have saved, that's perfect in an ideal world but we all know that not everyone made that kind of money.
- Marjan Reynolds Hay Sad isn't it ... we do it to keep busy and supplement incomes...

"From the Editor: Not interested in playing games"

- Tracy Logelin Sounds like a case of good old rotten politics to me!

"Rudy: The little dog who caused a ruckus"

- Nancy Paepke Lots of people were following her looking for Rudy! Amazing story. So thankful he is home safe!

"Man arrested after armed robbery in GV, chase up I-19"

- Nicole Sheppard Sadly things like this appear to be happening more and more here and sucks when it's no longer surprising to see happening

A brief flicker of hope for bipartisanship

Need an example of bipartisanship to lift your spirits regarding the Arizona Legislature?

Take solace in HB 2238 which is on Gov. Doug Ducey's desk and ready for him to sign it into law. The measure received near-unanimous approval from the House and Senate.

HB 2238 clarifies a requirement for the Secretary of State to publish an updated elections procedure manual by Oct. 1 of each odd year before the primary and general elections are held

in the fall of each even year.

Call it the last legacy of former Republican Secretary of State Michele Reagan.

Reagan was in office when, for the first time in decades, the "bible" for county elections officials was not updated. The manuals explain new policies and procedures to deal with changes in election laws. In some cases, the manuals are updated to account for subsequent court rulings, legal opinions or other incidents requiring changes to the way elections are conducted.

As was typical of Reagan's short four years in office, her approach was an ambitious attempt to accomplish a complete re-write of the manual. Previous editions included piecemeal revisions added to address current changes. Reagan had a grand vision of a completely "new" book, reorganized and modernized.

When nothing more than a plan to do the revision materialized, Reagan argued state law didn't require the Secretary of State to provide the manual.

Fellow Republican, Attorney General Mark Brnovich, chose not to issue an opinion on Reagan's defense and county election officials were left with a reference manual not updated since Ken Bennett was the Secretary of State in 2014.

Assuming Gov. Ducey signs this bipartisan bill, it will now be a legal requirement for the state's top election official to provide the procedures manual every odd year.

Reagan, meanwhile, went on to lose the primary election

in 2016 and the Republicans eventually lost the Secretary of State's office for the first time in more than a decade to current officeholder Democrat Kate Hobbs.

It's good to see Arizona's political parties come together and approve a common-sense bill that will serve county election officials and ultimately protect the integrity of the balloting process.

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