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## Sutton County 4-H'ers Compete in District Judging Contests

Fourteen Sutton County 4-H'ers competed in district judging contests this past week. These activities teach evaluation technique and decision-making, both necessary skills for youth. The teams are coached by Craig Leonard, Tammy Fisher, David Fisher and Pascual Hernandez.

District competition began with a livestock judging contest. Livestock judging consists of evaluating and placing classes of cattle, sheep, goats, and swine. Individual results included a 3rd place for Chance Campbell in market sheep evaluation. Meanwhile, Rhett Guerra had a 4th place finish in swine. Chance was also 9th high individual overall.

Wool and Mohair judging participants place classes of wool or mohair fleeces and

evaluate for fineness, staple length, and yield. Contestants included Briana Palacios, Summer Hall, Delaney Ramsdell, Kadee Petty, Amber Freeman, Madalyn Fisher, Kodi Davis, Koda Davis, and Danny Pechacek. In the junior-age division of the Mohair contest, Koda Davis was 3rd high individual, while Madalyn Fisher was 2nd, and Kodi Davis was 1st. This helped place the team in 1st place for district mohair judging. This group also took 2nd in non-district wool evaluation.

In the intermediate-age division of the Mohair contest, Delaney Ramsdell was 4th high, while Summer Hall was 2nd. Thus the team of Summer, Delaney, Kadee Petty, and Amber Freeman finished in 2nd place for district. This

group was also 5th in non-district wool competition.

Danny Pechacek, Christina Hernandez, Cara Hernandez, Catarina Hernandez, and Kadee Petty took part in Plant Identification and Range Evaluation contests. Range Science youth identify plants, season of growth, origin, longevity, economic value, and importance. Cara Hernandez placed 2nd in range evaluation and 4th in plant identification. Christina was 5th in both Range Evaluation and Plant Id., while Catarina Hernandez was 4th high in range evaluation. This helped the team finish 1st in both contests.

We are proud of all these Sutton County 4-H members for their efforts and accomplishments. Congratulations to all!

## Drought Assistance Details

AUSTIN – Texas cattle producers will need to have documentation in hand as sign-up for federal disaster assistance begins April 15.

Judith Canales, Texas state executive director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Farm Service Agency, kicked off the recent 2014 Ag Forum in Austin, advising producers to schedule appointments with local offices.

The livestock sign-ups for livestock disaster programs begin April 15 – the first of new or extended programs as part of the Agriculture Act of 2014.

Dr. Doug Steele, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service director, told Ag Forum attendees, "Without American agriculture, our world would be starving today." (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo by Blair Fannin)

"I appreciate the chance to visit with you and attend your meetings," Canales told Ag Forum attendees. "This (farm bill) deployment is long in the making.

Almost two months later, 450 actions have come out of the farm bill required for regulations. We will work hand in hand with farmers and ranchers. We want to make Texas first, front and center to receive these resources that are benefitted to you."

The Livestock Indemnity Program and the Livestock Forage Disaster Program, which were suspended last year and reinstated as permanent law with the new farm program, will offer assistance to producers affected by the drought that has damaged livestock and forage for three years or more. "The program is prorated back to 2011," Canales said. Also available for sign-up April 15 will be the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program and the Tree Assistance Program.

Continued drought will likely lead to a large number of Texas livestock producers requesting disaster assistance, she said.

"We have 240 counties in the state with drought designations," she said. "We have another nine contiguous counties, leaving only five that are not in drought status."

A fact sheet is available at <http://1.usa.gov/1eANvVP> and <http://1.usa.gov/1iiWR8b>.

Dr. Doug Steele, director of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, said it's important for everyone to understand the new farm bill. He said the new package has taken a long time to

come together and certain aspects of the new program are still being appropriated. Steele said everyone needs to understand the importance of agriculture. "Without American agriculture, our world would be starving today," Steele said.

## Girls Golf Advances to State

Last week the girls and boys golf teams of Sonora competed in the Regional Tournament at Ratliff Ranch in Odessa. The boys team finished 5th and gave great effort in the process missing a chance to play at state by 13 total strokes. The team is young and will be returning 4 of the 5 members and with a dozen boys competing this year we have some developing talent coming up that will surely get them up to the level of play that they are all working toward.

SONORA 353 344 697 5th Place Team

T 8th HUGHES, HUNTER, SONORA 84-79-163  
T-23rd ROLLERT, GABE, SONORA 89-83-172  
44th GALINDO, JOSH, SONORA 92-91-183  
T-47th ROLLERT, MICHAEL, SONORA 97-88-185

T- 51st ANDERSON, SID, SONORA 88-98-186

The girls golf team had another impressive outing taking the Team Championship trophy home for the third year in a row. The team was very calculated and disciplined on day one putting up a season low 322 score which gave them a 50 stroke lead over 2nd place Jim Ned. On day two they attacked pins all day playing relaxed and aggressive and broke the seemingly untouchable single round school record set two seasons ago at 315 with a score of 314!!! Their two day total of 636 is just three strokes off of the School and State record of 633.

The girls were lighting it up hitting PR's and "going low" I am so proud of them.

Sidney Dermody 72-76 148 1st Place 72 PR  
Logan Smith 79-74 153 3rd place 74!!! PR  
Darby Ramsdell 85- 78 163 4th place 78 Tied PR  
Holly Sparks 86-86 172 6th place 86 PR x 2 !!!  
Kylie Reiner 91 - 86 177 T-10th place

They will compete for the State Championship next week on Wednesday and Thursday. Wish them luck!

## Lady Broncos Hit Playoffs



The Lady Bronco Softball Team enters the Playoffs this Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. at San Angelo Lakeview. Come out and Support your Lady Broncos.




# Wellness Ministry

Easter is the culmination of everything we love about spring. Growth. Renewal. Hope. It marks the opportunity to start over – in a way that's even better and more motivating than New Year's Day. Jesus' death and miraculous resurrection demonstrates epic faith in humanity: faith that we will cherish the gift of each day, that we will recognize our blessings, and that we will strive to be the best version of our self that we can be. Jesus died so that we can live. LIVE! Do it well. Release what no longer serves you – whether that's poor eating habits, a negative attitude, or disbelief in your self. Wake up with joy for the gift of each day. Be grateful for the many blessings in your life. Have faith that, through Christ, you have the power to be the best version of YOU.

"I am the resurrection and the life." John 11:25

Chelsea Blackbird is a Certified Nutritional Therapist. For nutritional counseling, go to [www.dailynutritionist.com](http://www.dailynutritionist.com) or [chelsea@dailynutritionist.com](mailto:chelsea@dailynutritionist.com)

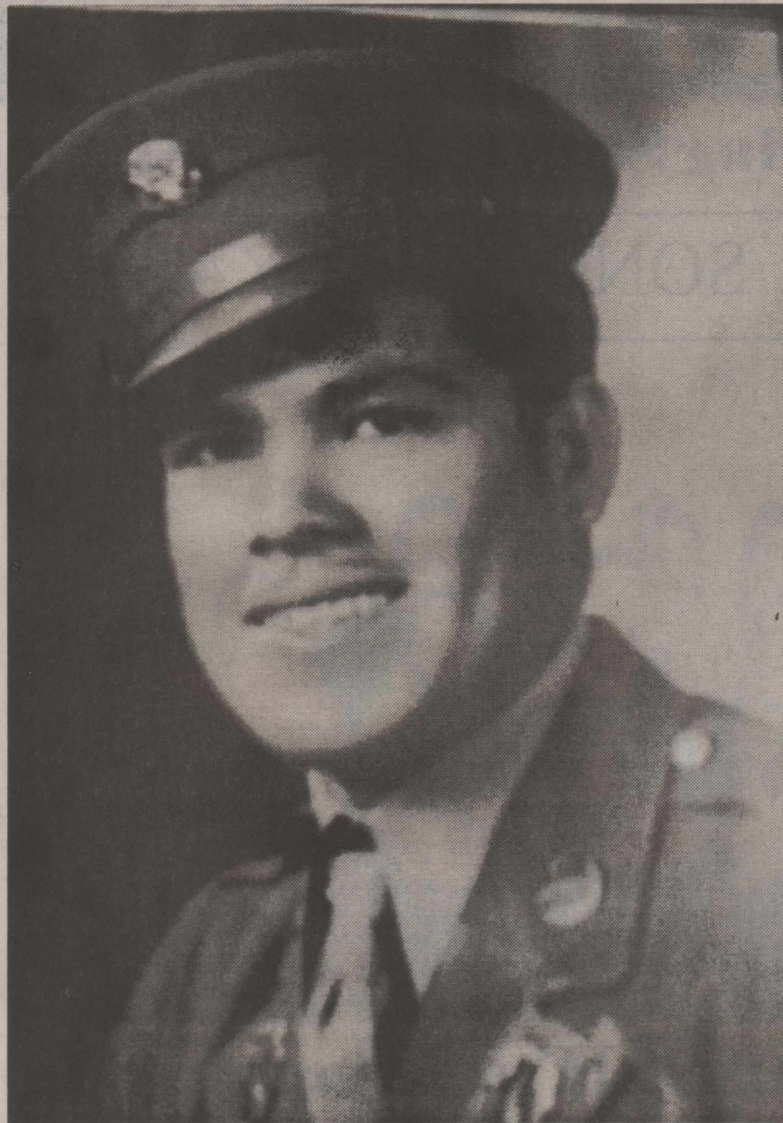


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# Obituary



Our beloved Father, grandfather, and brother Claudio Flores, age 91 was called to rest April 17, 2014. He's going to be dearly missed. He was a loveable person. He was strong and courageous. He was a man of different traits. He also served in the Armed Forces and fought in WWII. He is now joined together in Heaven with his wife Elodia Jimenez Flores, and brothers Joe Flores and Gus Flores. He is survived by daughters Edna Gandar of San Angelo and Claudia Perez of Sonora, and son Edward Flores of Odessa, his brother Jesus Flores of San Antonio, and sisters Frances Virgen of Fresno California, and Josie Gonzales of Sonora. He also had 6 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. Services will be held on Monday, April 21, 2014 at 10:00a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Sonora Cemetery. Pallbearers will be grandsons Lee Gandar, Oscar and Cody Perez, Christopher Perez, and nephews Ralph Gonzales and Juan Jimenez.

## Texas Legends

*In 1834 an English colony was established near the Rio Grande on a grant given Dr. John Charles Beales by the Republic of Mexico. One member of this colony was George Dent, a loner who made his way as a trapper along the Devil's River. Dent was married, and his pregnant wife went into labor when they were far removed from the colony. Leaving his wife, who was unable to travel, Dent rode for help, and found a Mexican shepherd who agreed to accompany the trapper back to his camp, and brought his own wife along to assist with the birthing. Arriving at the camp, they found Dent's wife dead from childbirth. The newborn was gone, and wolf tracks were seen. Dent assumed his child was also dead.*

*Years passed, and then came reports of a girl seen running with a wolf pack. Seminole scouts stationed at a nearby military post were sent out to investigate and found small human footprints mingled with the wolf sign. A search party tracked down the pack and captured the girl. Uncontrollably wild, she was locked in a shed while the men debated what was to be done with her. In the night the wolves came and attacked the men's horses. This, however, was only a diversion; assisted by the wolves, the girl loosened a plank in the shed wall and escaped. For 50 years there were occasional sightings of the Wolf Girl of Devil's River. Or so they say.*

# Announcement

My name is Jadi Derenda Vaughn and I am running for city council Ward 1. I have lived in Sonora off and on for most of my life. I want to be a voice for our community and address the issues that concern you the people. Please vote for me in the coming election on May 10. Thank You.

Yo quiero ser lavoce para nuestra comunidad y expresar los problemas que le interean ha las pesonas por favor.vote por mi en la proxima eleccion

## Sheep and Goat Production Clinic

EDEN – The Concho Sheep and Goat Production Clinic, conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, has been set for May 20 at the Multi-Purpose Center in Eden.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. followed by the program at 9 a.m. Adjournment is set for 3:15 p.m. Individual registration is \$10 and includes lunch. Those planning to attend should preregister by May 15 by contacting the AgriLife Extension office in Concho County at 325-732-4304, [concho.tx@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:concho.tx@ag.tamu.edu). One Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education unit will be available to those with a valid private applicators license. "This program should be of interest to anyone interested in the sheep and goat business in our area," said Brady Rose Evans, AgriLife Extension agent in Concho County. "All the speakers are top experts in their respective fields and this clinic will be a rare opportunity to have them all in one place to answer questions pertinent to their expertise."

The program topics and speakers will include:

- Converting Wood to Livestock Feed, Dr. Travis Whitney, Texas A&M AgriLife Research livestock ruminant nutritionist, San Angelo.
- Trapping Around Your Herd/Guard Dogs in Your Operation, Bob Buchholz, rancher, vice president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, Eldorado.
- Hair Sheep/ Nutrition/ Internal Parasites and Disease Precautions/ Restocking, Dr. Frank Craddock, AgriLife Extension state sheep and goat specialist, San Angelo.
- Wool and Mohair Update, Dr. Ronald Pope, AgriLife Research animal fiber research scientist, San Angelo.
- Marketing Update, Marketing in the Ethnic Holidays, Bill Thompson, AgriLife Extension economist, San Angelo.

## Hodgepodgees

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| Elizabeth Niblo<br>&<br>Wilson Wallace | Allyse Edmondson<br>&<br>Hunter Lawson |

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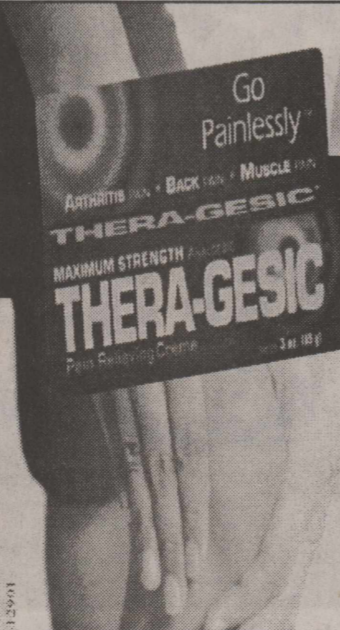
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## Game Warden Field Notes

### Fake Buck Nets Real Citations

Two San Augustine County game wardens and a Forest Service ranger were using a decoy deer to deter night hunting, when a small car passed their location a couple of times, its occupants were observing the decoy. Once the suspects located the "deer" with their headlights, the passenger fired a small caliber rifle at the decoy. The wardens pursued the car and pulled it over. The suspects said they had shot the decoy with a .22

revolver that was stored in the glove box. However, the wardens saw no spent casings in the cylinder. After questioning, the driver admitted that they threw a rifle out of the window before they were stopped. After a quick search, a .22 rifle was found. The suspects were arrested and transported to the San Augustine County Jail. Cases pending.

### Wishing for More

A Williamson County game warden was off duty, when he and his family heard a loud noise from outside their

home. When he looked outside, he saw a set of vehicle headlights in a creek bed. The warden told his wife to call 911, while he grabbed a flashlight and went to investigate. When he got to the vehicle, a man was climbing out of the passenger's side and a woman was sitting behind the wheel. The warden made sure everyone was okay and the man insisted that police should not be called. When asked why, his response was that he had priors and the woman was only 20 years old. Since these

facts were irrelevant to the wreck, the warden asked him what he had inside the vehicle that he didn't want the police to see. When he hesitated, the warden asked him how much marijuana was still in the vehicle since he could smell it. The man said he thought all the weed was gone, but asked the woman if any was left, she said, "I wish." Williamson County deputies arrived and arrested the man for driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana.

### Warden Has Busman's Holiday

A Smith County game warden was fishing on the Neches River on his day off, when two people began fishing nearby. Soon after arriving, one of the individuals finished his energy drink and threw the can into the brush. The other, caught a fish by snagging it in the back and threw it behind a tree so nobody would see it. The warden called another warden, who was on duty, to pass on the information. The on-duty warden arrived and discovered among other violations that neither individual had a fishing license. Numerous citations were issued. Cases pending.

### Lost and Found

An Atascosa County game warden received a call from a person who saw someone dump a dead feral hog in a ditch on the side of the road. A witness got the license plate number, so the warden picked up the hog and went to the suspect's address. When he arrived, the warden showed the man the hog and asked him if he had "lost" the swine within the hour. The suspect admitted to dumping it and was issued a citation allowing with the hog so that he could dispose of it on his own property.

### Fishing for Trouble

While checking oyster boats in Galveston Bay, two Harris County game wardens encountered an oyster vessel leaving a closed area. The wardens boarded the vessel and found seven sacks of oys-

ters on the deck. The captain admitted to taking them from a closed area and the oysters were returned to the reef. The vessel was then escorted to the dock and the captain was arrested for oystering in a restricted/closed area. Cases pending.

### Fast, but not so Furious

Starr County game wardens saw a vehicle weaving in and out of traffic and driving recklessly. When the wardens activated their emergency lights, the subject attempted to evade the officers by driving through a residential area and running numerous stop signs before stopping at a residence. The subject exited the vehicle and attempted to enter the residence, but she was detained and placed in handcuffs. A local K-9 unit arrived and alerted to the driver's side door of the vehicle. Marijuana and a white powdery substance were found inside. The woman was transported to the county jail. Cases pending.

### Game Wardens Help with Lubbock Fires

Two Lubbock County game wardens assisted the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office with two separate grass fires and a structure fire. The wardens blocked the highway, directed traffic, and assisted emergency personnel. With the help

of wardens and other first responders, the fires were contained with no injuries.

### Hide and Seek

A Cherokee County game warden received a call from a landowner who suspected there was a poacher on his property after hearing three gun shots. A short time after the warden arrived, the subject was found in the middle of the property dressed in camouflage and carrying a 17-caliber rim fire rifle. The subject said he was lost, failing to mention that he had to climb an eight-foot high fence to get to where he was apprehended. The subject was also found in possession of drug paraphernalia and was subsequently placed under arrest and transported to jail. Case pending.

### Net Gain: Fine and Restitution

A Houston County game warden caught a subject cast netting white bass, crappie and catfish on the Trinity River. The warden watched the subject for more than an hour and saw that he would pick up his fishing pole every once in a while and then go back to cast netting. The subject's father would put the legal size fish in a cooler on the river bank and conceal the undersize fish in a bag and take them to their vehicle. Cases and civil restitution pending.

## Celebrity of the Week

April 21, 2014

Joselyn Rodriguez

Ryan Hopkins



Alexis Velasquez

## Student of the Week

April 21, 2014

Lottie DeHoyos

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IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF § IN THE 112TH DISTRICT COURT  
 JOSE GALLEGOS RAMIREZ § OF  
 VS § SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS  
 SANDRA JANICE GARCIA §

TO: SANDRA JANICE GARCIA, Respondent -- GREETING:

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 AM on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."

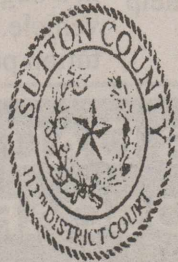
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 AM of the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being **Monday, June 3, 2014** before the Honorable 112th District Court of Sutton County, at the Courthouse in said County in Sonora, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 18th day of March, 2014 in the above entitled cause.

A brief Statement of the nature of this suit is as follow, to-wit: The marriage has become insupportable because of discord or conflict of personalities between the parties that has destroyed the legitimate ends of the marriage relationship and prevented any reasonable expectation of reconciliation, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Plaintiff is represented by ELIZABETH W. WALLACE, 105 SW MAIN ST, SONORA, TX 76950.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court, this the 22nd day of April, 2014.

Rachel Chavez Duran, Sutton County District Clerk  
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## NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of Sutton County, Texas

(A las votantes registradas Condado de Sutton, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 10, 2014, for voting in a general election to elect Trustees Precinct 1 & 3 full terms and Precinct 4 unexpired term

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 10 de mayo de 2014 para votar en la Elección General para elegir miembros para la mesa directiva Precincto 1 y 3 terminos completo y Precincto 4. Terminos no Completado.)

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote.  
 (El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto donde están inscritos para votar.)

Location of Election Day Polling Places Include Name of Building and Address (Ubicación de las casillas electorales el Día de Elección) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)	Precinct Number(s) (Número de precinto)
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La Oficina Administración de la Escuela de Sonora ISD	1, 3 y 4

For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:  
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Locations for Early Voting Polling Places Include Name of Building and Address (Ubicación de las casillas electorales de votación adelantada) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)	Days and Hours of Operation (Días y Horas Hábiles)
Sonora City Hall, 201 Main	April 28, 2014 to May 6, 2014 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Oficina del Salon de la Ciudad	April 28, 2014 terminated el 6 de mayo, 2014 de las horas 8:00 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m.

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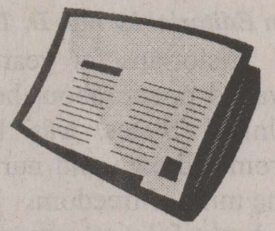
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### PUBLIC HEARING FOR EXPENDING SECTION 4B TAX PROCEEDS

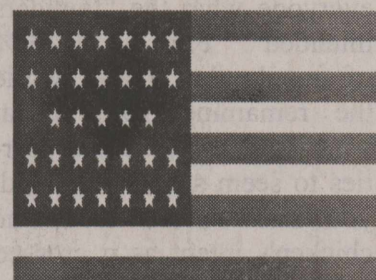
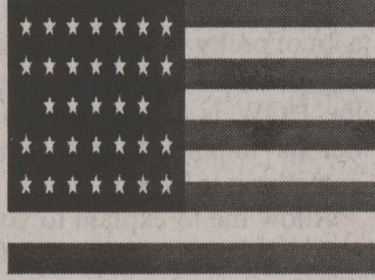
The City Council will hold a public hearing concerning the Sonora Economic Development Corporation expending Section 4B sales tax funds for the following project:

Proposed project to provide \$30,000 to Sew Addicted, LLC for an economic development project to assist with the purchase of specialized equipment in order to meet the growing needs of her successful retail establishment.

The hearing will be held on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas.

All citizens are invited to attend and provide the council with written or oral comments.

### Employment



### Public Notice

#### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS & PROPOSAL:

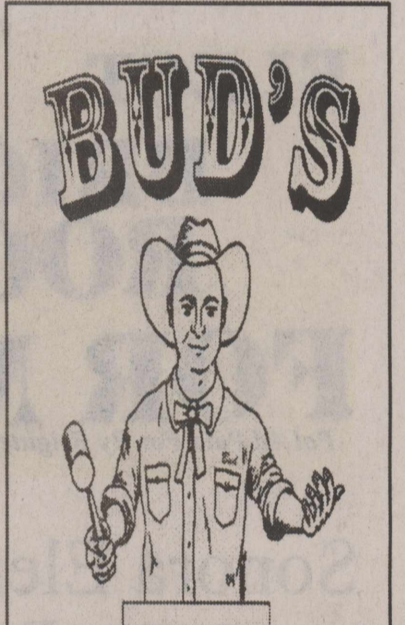
Pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Education Code, Texas Government Code Chapter 2267, it is the intention of the Sonora ISD to select via a one-step Request for Qualification & Proposal process a Construction Manager at-Risk for the construction of the 2014 Additions & Renovations. The budget for this project is estimated at a range of \$800,000 - \$1,400,000. Proposals (5 copies) are to be submitted by hand delivery, common or contract carrier to Sonora ISD Superintendent's Office, 807 South Concho Avenue, Sonora, TX 76950, no later than 4/9/14 at 2:00 PM. Queries about the projects and request for the RFQ/P document should be addressed to the school district's architect, Fromberg Associates, Ltd.; 2406 Lake Austin Blvd., Austin, Texas 78703; or by email to randy@fromberg.com.

### Public Notice

Sutton County is hereby requesting Sealed Bids for the sale of used Road and Bridge equipment. To obtain a copy of list of equipment, please contact Carla Garner, County Judge at (325)387-2711 or Maura Weingart, County Auditor (325)387-5380.

Sealed Bids must be submitted to Carla Garner, Sutton County Judge, Post Office Box 1212, Sonora, Texas 76950. Sealed Bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m. at Commissioners Court Regular meeting at the Annex meeting room on April 14, 2014.

The Sutton County Commissioners shall have the right to accept or reject any and all bids.



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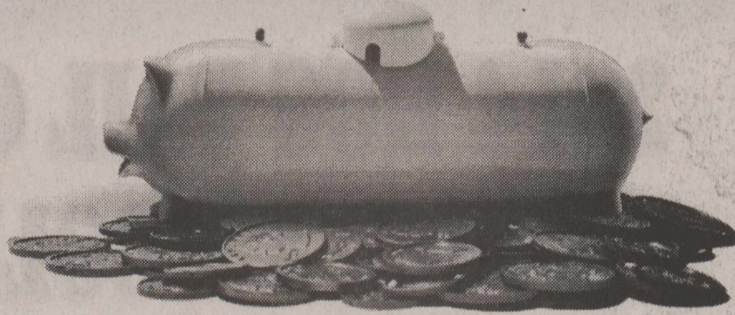


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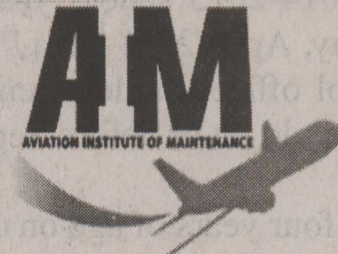
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## The Importance of Why....

An Editorial by Ben D. Taylor

Historians for years have waxed poetic about how the United States was birthed from a dream and nursed on the milk of freedom. That is a beautiful (yet creepy) description of the beginnings of our country. Now let me recount the entire American revolution from the viewpoint of 90% of the American public. George Washington couldn't tell a lie about a cherry tree that he cut down during a tea party so he and some of his buddies decided to fight the King of England while Paul Revere road around singing Yankee Doodle Dandy.

I have spent my entire life (including 10 years of college and graduate school) learning about how America was founded. Elementary school taught me about the cherry tree, in Junior high I learned about the Tea Party, and in High School I discovered that George Washington hated political parties. In college I learned all about the personal shortcomings of Jefferson

and the intent of the framers of the constitution. It wasn't until my formal education ended that I discovered that I didn't know squat about why it was founded.

So please, if you have a college degree in history, political science, or underwater basket weaving STOP telling everyone what the "founders intended". First of all 90% of people don't care (while the remaining 10% repeat what you say at dinner parties to seem smart). Second, you know more about the chicken's intent as it crossed the road than you know about Jefferson, Hancock, Franklin...and...well...all those other guys. You weren't there. What makes you think you can understand the intent of those long dead men when you can't figure out why your neighbor insists on mowing his yard at night.

Let me boil down the entire American Revolution into one simple sentence. A group of men did not like being told

what to do so they convinced a larger group of people to change it. Yes, yes, a lot of stuff happened in-between 1776 and whenever the whole thing ended but how much does that matter in understanding why it happened.

If you focus on how things happened, rather than why they did you will be filled with a lot of pretty words and nothing else. Don't get me wrong, the HOW is important...but not as important when you compare it to WHY.

Allow me to explain to you HOW grass is converted into meat. Grass has some stuff in it called chlorophyll that converts light into chemical energy (sugars and other kinds of organic compounds). A cow walks by and eats the grass. After chewing up that grass the cow swallows it into the first of 4 stomachs (the reticulum) where it just sits for a bit. The cow occasionally harks up a grass lugie (pulls the chewed up grass back into its mouth) and chews on it some more until it is a nice slimy green glob where it moves into the second stomach (rumen). It is the largest of the stomachs and is where the "real magic" starts. In this stomach there are little microbes that eat the grass and poop out the "food" where it passes into the third stomach (reticulum). As a side note it's important to note that these little microbes also fart methane which in turn collects into a really massive cow fart and causes global warming. Not

much really happens in the reticulum so the food goes into the fourth stomach (abomasum) where the good stuff is digested and turned into meat through yet another highly complicated process.

Here is WHY grass is converted into meat. Because humans can't eat grass.

That is the answer that most people with real jobs care about. And here is why.

You ask, "How did our national debt get too high?"

A committee of experts will tell you about "deficit spending in a time of crisis", "the Keynesian philosophy of economics", and "the necessity of an industry wide bailout".

I ask, "How did I get into debt?"

The government has the luxury of explaining itself in the form of how things happened. The majority of us have the luxury of understanding things by how they happen to us.

So what do you do? Ask "How do we do it" or "Why do we do it"?

I think that it isn't which question you should ask before making a decision; hell, I believe that you should ask both. It's the order in which you ask that matters. For far too long our government has asked "how do we make this happen" instead of "why should we even do it in the first place".

The founders of our nation

got it. They didn't write the Declaration of Independence explaining how we were going to become a free nation. They wrote the damn thing telling us WHY we should do it. The constitution (which came later) laid out how our nation would be formed-and all of us have been arguing back and forth for years over that particular document.

Every argument that we have is based off of the constitution. Not once has the Declaration of Independence been argued on either truth or merit. Yes I realize that the Declaration of Independence is the soul of America rather than it's body, but isn't that the point? The soul is immortal, while he body eventually dies.

I'm not saying that the constitution is dead, nor am I saying that the Declaration of Independence should be used to manage the business of our government. I am simply implying that either our nation's moral center is either focused too much on the wrong document, or that our leaders are asking the right questions in the wrong order.

If you walk into your living room to find your cat bald and your child standing over it with a pair of hair clippers you don't ask "how did you do that?", you ask "why did you do that?". For far too long our government has found itself on the back end of a mistake

that could have been prevented by asking "why do we need to do this" rather than asking "how did this happen". For the record, asking "why" first rather than "how" afterwards works on a personal level as well.

If we ask why things happen it allows room for faith. To me faith is not some talking point designed to increase your appeal nor is it some elusive concept that I use to get through hard times. Faith is a concrete and real reason to keep going. Faith is an investment. It is an investment into a promise that someone or something will take care of me. I have faith in the answers that the question "why" give us.

Why is grass converted into meat?

Because God provides for his children.

Why is America here? Because a group of men didn't want the government to tell them how to live their lives.

Why do I have faith in the United States of America?

Because it all started with this:

"We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among those are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness"

That is where we need to begin all over again.

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## Sonora Elementary Pre-Kindergarten Registration Dates

Pre-registration for the 2014-2015 school year will be held on Tuesday, April 22nd and Wednesday, April 23rd from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sonora Elementary School office. Students enrolling in Pre-Kindergarten must be three or four years old on or before September 1, 2014.

Students who are three or four years of age on or before September 1, 2014 must meet one of the following qualification requirements: 1) be unable to speak and comprehend the English language; or 2) be educationally disadvantaged (eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program [NSLP]); or 3) be homeless; or 4) be the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserved component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority; or 5) be the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserved component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty; or 6) have ever been in the conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (foster care) following an adversary hearing.

Students four years of age on or before September 1, 2014 who do not qualify for Pre-Kindergarten may pay tuition. Tuition will be \$300.00 per month due on the first of each month beginning in August and the last payment will be in April. Class size, however, will be limited and classes will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

You must provide a copy of your child's birth certificate, social security card, current immunization record and guardian photo identification. Your child will not be placed in a class until immunizations are current and proof is provided.

Please make every effort to register on these dates as this will help us plan for the 2014-2015 school year. Call 387-6951 if you have any questions.

### Kindergarten Registration Dates

Kindergarten registration will be Tuesday, April 22nd and Wednesday, April 23rd from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sonora Elementary School office. Students enrolling in Kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2014. You must provide a copy of your child's birth certificate, social security card, current immunization record and guardian photo identification. Your child will not be placed in a class until immunizations are current and proof is provided. Please make every effort to register on these dates as this will help us plan for the 2014-2015 school year. Call 387-6951 if you have any questions.

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