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Agua es Vida "Water is Life" Conference April 18, 2013



By Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor

Without question, the lifeblood of Sutton County is water. We're blessed with an abundance of superior quality water; yet do we understand how fortunate we are to possess such a treasured resource? This question is particularly relevant now as we struggle with the effects of the current, prolonged drought.

Four of the last five years have been classified as drought years. For example: Over a 93-year period, precipitation has averaged 22.6 inches on the Texas A&M AgriLife Research Station located between Sonora and Rocksprings. Yearly precipitation in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 has been 11.1, 16.4, 23.4, 15.6 and 13.8 inches, respectively. Not only has

this cumulative drought affected Sutton County, the drought during 2012 resulted in the widest water scarcity event in the United States in over a half-century. This drought has taken a tremendous toll on agriculture, municipal water supplies, industries and the environment. As the people of Texas continue to be affected by the ongoing aridity and resulting water shortages, we must ask ourselves, "How can we secure our water supply for our future?"

In the spirit of providing educational programs to the citizens of our area, the Texas A&M AgriLife Research Station is scheduling a "Water is Life" Conference for Thursday, April 18, 2013 starting at 8 am. The meeting will be held

at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research Station located between Sonora and Rocksprings on highway 55-North. The purpose of this meeting is to focus on water conservation solutions to ease the effects of the current drought, and present viable strategies for water resource development and stewardship in the future.

You have been invited to this meeting because of you are an important part of the solution to this problem. We greatly value your input and sincerely hope you will be able to attend this resting meeting. If you plan on attending please RSVP to the Sutton County Extension Office (325-387-3101).

Meredith Earwood Chosen As Austin Intern



2013 internship in Austin, Texas. Meredith will spend the semester as an integral part of the Office of Representative Four Price.

Meredith is one of twelve students selected for a policy internship through the Agricultural and Natural Resources Policy (ANRP) Internship Program at Texas A&M University. Meredith's duties include monitoring legislation, attending committee hearings and briefings, researching and responding to constituent requests, and preparing reports for senior staff members. Meredith is the daughter of Edward and the late Carolyn Earwood. "This internship program plays an integral role at Texas A&M," says Heather Wheeler, director of the ANRP Internship Program. "It gives agricultural students the opportunity to gain real world ex-

perience in a challenging and rewarding environment. The ANRP Internship Program is one of the few in the nation specifically geared toward transforming today's agricultural students into tomorrow's leaders."

The program is in its 10th year of sending students to Austin to work in legislative offices and other agricultural organizations. Since its inception, more than 800 Aggies have worked in Austin and Washington, D.C. through the program. Each student receives course credit for their internship, as well as a monthly stipend. To learn more about Meredith and her experiences, visit the program's website at <http://agintern.tamu.edu>

Sonora Exhibitor Succeeds in Houston



Michael Kissire, Louise Ingham-Moore, Sherry Ingham, Stella Ingham, Steely Ingham, Jess Yeaman pose for a picture with Stella's Reserve Champion Meat Goat.



Lady Bronco Golf Defend Home Turf

The Sonora Girls Golf Team won the Sonora Tournament last week. Team won - Sidney Dermody 81, Darby Ramsdell 91, Logan Smith 92, Katie Hartman 130. Sidney got 1st and Darby 3rd.

Bronco Baseball Starts District Play Right: A 13-15 Victory



Photo By Nancy Glasscock

Sonora opened district play with a 13 to 8 win. Alpine had 11 hits and the Broncos had 15. Michael Rollert (Picture above) got the win.

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Senior Center Activities

Thurs. March 21- Birthday cake for March birthdays served at noon
 Fri. March 22- Happy Birthday Rita Lopez
 Mon. March 25- BINGO
 Tues. March 26- Happy Birthday Nancy Hill & Elida Castro
 Wed. March 27- Happy Birthday Julia Reynoso & John Tedford

Senior Center Menu

Thurs. March 14- Chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomato, onions, pickles & mayo potato chips and milk
 Fri. March 15- Cheese enchiladas, spanish rice, pinto beans, pineapple rings with cottage cheese and milk
 Mon. March 18- Ckn fried steak w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, roll, green salad, strawberries w/peaches and milk
 Tues. March 19- BBQ chicken, corn, green beans, roll, fruit salad and milk -
 Wed. March 20- Swiss steak over rice, veggie blend, roll, pears,pudding and milk

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.
 Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.
Donations are accepted
 (suggested donation for Seniors is \$2.00;
 \$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).

Letters to the Editor

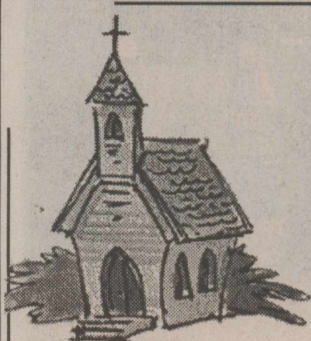
I took my truck to Victor's Automotive on March 12 to have it looked at and diagnosed. He told me he was busy and would look at it the next day. I stopped in the following morning to see if he had a chance to look at my truck. He said he would get to it soon. He later called to tell me what the problem was. I stopped by the shop to see for myself. I asked him what kind of money I'd be looking at to fix it. He gave me the estimate. I told him I could not afford to have him fix it and that I'd pay him for what he had done. He said I owed him for 4 hours at \$125 per hour. When I asked him how could it take so long to drop the oil pan; he just told me it was a lot of work. He discounted the \$500 bill to \$440. I paid him cash and pulled my truck out. I later started thinking about the time he charged me for. When I first stopped to see if he looked at the truck it was 11:30 am. He called me at 1:00 p.m. to tell me what was wrong. That was only 1-1/2 hours. I went back to ask him to check his hours. He said the hours he charged was what a book told him to charge! Not the real time it took him to do it. I told him that I didn't think it was fair to charge for hours he didn't actually work on the truck. He said that's the way he runs his shop and he had been doing it for 30 years and that I should get off his property. Also his shop rates are not posted anywhere visible in the shop. I asked him why they weren't posted and he told me that he don't have to post anything. People should be aware when dealing with this man. He does not run an honest business.

John Gorman

Thank You Note

Words cannot express how much I appreciate everyone in Sonora. When my daddy Jearld Short passed away on February 15, 2013 I was overwhelmed with visitors, text, calls, emails, cards, food, flowers and prayers. I just wanted to say thanks and I love each and every one of you! Sonora is one big family and the support one receives during need is amazing. Again I say Thank you and may God Bless each and every one of you!

Donna Garrett



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You are invited to a Ladies Inspirational Day

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Evelyn Bonner
 Speaker

"A Bouquet for Christ"

March 23, 2013



Registration 9:30 - 10:00 am
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 Break for Brunch
 Prayer, Singing & Speaker
 Dismissal 1:00 pm

Church Building 304 Water St.

Main Street Traffic



The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program will be hosting the annual Easter Eggs Hunt on Saturday, March 30th. The hunt will begin at 10:30 am with everyone gathering on Main Street. Meal Deal consisting of burgers, drinks and chips will be available for \$5.00. We will be sure to post more information as it develops but if there are any questions or you would like to volunteer to help out, please give us a call at the office at (325)387-2248. **Bill Hodges**

Police Blotter

1/1/2013: Agüero, Rodney L arrested for VAL VERDE COUNTY WARRANT VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER.
 1/5/2013: Chavez, Moises arrested for DRIVING W/LIC INV W/PREV CONV/SUSP.
 1/8/2013: Benavides, Jesus arrested for PUBLIC INTOXICATION.
 1/9/2013: Lyons, Korey James arrested for SARASOTA COUNTY FLORIDA WARRANT FOR FRAUD.
 1/11/2013: Chavarria, Jose Ramon arrested for PROBATION VIOLATION.
 1/12/2013: Johnston, Sergio arrested for SEATTLE WASHINGTON WARRANT FOR ESCAPE COMMUNITY CUSTODY.
 1/14/2013: Mendoza, Israel arrested for ASSAULT CAUSES BODILY INJURY FAMILY VIOLENCE.
 1/17/2013: Coronado, Sylvia Ozuna arrested for ASSAULT.
 1/18/2013: Sanchez, Oscar Jr. arrested for TOM GREEN COUNTY WARRANT FOR THEFT.
 1/22/2013: Peters, John H arrested for DRIVING W/LIC INV W/PREV CONV/SUSP.
 1/29/2013: Coronado, Anna Gabriela arrested for SCHLEICHER COUNTY WARRANT FOR REVOCATION OF PROBATION.
 1/29/2013: Dickson, Treasa L arrested for PUBLIC INTOXICATION.
 1/31/2013: Voight, Kara arrested for THEFT OF MATERIAL 50% ALUM/BRNZE/COPPER <\$20K.
 2/2/2013: Jimenez-Santibanez, Reynaldo arrested for ASSAULT.
 2/9/2013: Deluna, Martin Rafael arrested for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED W/OPEN ALCOHOL CONTAINER.
 3/2/2013: McGuffin, James arrested for PROBATION VIOLATION.
 3/14/2013: Lopez, Oscar Chavarria III arrested for ASSAULT FAM/HOUSE MEM IMPEDE BREATH/CIRCULAT.
 3/16/2013: Martin, Raymond arrested for PUBLIC INTOXICATION.

Bronco Golf



The Sonora Bronco Boys Golf team traveled to Iraan on Monday, March 18th for the last tournament before district competition. The boys won the team championship with a score of 322, edging out 2012 1A state champion Rankin who took the runner-up trophy with 327. Jansen McBride shot 77 and was 3rd medalist, Hunter Hughes shot 79 and was 5th medalist, Kade Wimberley shot 81 and was 7th, and Gabe Rolert shot 85 for 8th place. Sid Anderson completed the team and shot 90.

The Broncos will play their first round of district competition on March 28th in Ft Stockton with the second round on April 8th at Nueva Vista Golf Course in Midland. Good Luck, Boys!!!!

F.Y.I

The Sutton County Historical Society would like to put together an exhibit of handmade quilts made by ancestors or local quilters to show in a Spring Exhibit in the Old Ice House Ranch Museum. Such an exhibit will not be possible without your help! Please call Rex Ann Friess at 387-2425 or 226-2122 or call Betty Smith at 387-3078 or 361-537-0707 for more information or to give them information about a quilt you could add to the exhibit. The quilts will be carefully handled and returned to the owners after the showing.

Art Classes the 1st or 2nd Monday of each month from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. \$36.00 per class, lunch included. FMI call Ken Rowland 432-238-3121, Lori Strickland 325-226-2526 or Anita Spiller 325-387-5266.

Sonora Downtown Lions Club Queen 2013-2014: Sophomore and junior girls interested in participating in the queen contest may pick up an application in the high school office. Applications are due April 22, 2013 and should be returned to the high school office.

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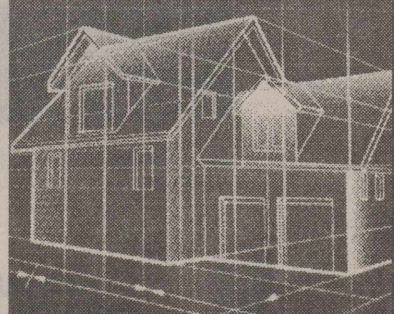
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Washington Has Given Up Border, Is Now Taking On States

The Lions Roar

The Lions enjoyed a great meal and wonderful program this week. Katy Crain was present and she is the sponsor for the UIL Oral Readers. Carly Brown, Evan Shannon, and Avery Leamon performed their readings and it was most enjoyable.

Business

Lion President Carl Teaff announced a new Logo for the club and also a new trailer to hold supplies. A motion was voted on to donate to the Lion's International Charities. Jim and Bridgette were recognized as donors to the Lion's Foundation.

Lion Kaye Bosch has tickets to our Barbeque in

honor of the Sonora Downtown Lion's 85th Birthday on May 9th. Meals are \$8 a ticket and Lions are asking that all Lions sale 10 tickets. The preferred way is for Lions to purchase a sheet of 10 and then sale them.

MOP AND BROOM SALE

The Light House for the Blind will be in Sonora on Tuesday, March 26th and Lions will be selling all the supplies they make. Lions will set up at the Post Office and at the City Hall. Sales will begin about 8:30 and conclude about 4:30. LIONS are reminded that HELP IS NEEDED for the two locations in one hour shifts as possible.

By Rick Perry

Instead of sending much-needed help to border states, the federal government is sending lawyers. Instead of boots on the ground, they're delivering subpoenas.

The Supreme Court's recent ruling on Arizona v. United States may mark the point when our nation truly went through the looking glass in terms of border policy. The federal government, long unwilling to adequately secure the border, has now become actively contentious in its efforts to prevent states from taking steps to secure it themselves.

I'll be among the first to say Arizona's immigration law may not have been for every state, but let's not overlook what it was: an earnest attempt by Arizonians to deal with a very real problem facing Arizonians. However, rather than put resources in place so that Arizona wouldn't have to expend state time and resources on this federal responsibility, the Obama administration decided instead to sue them to stop enforcing the laws the administration itself was not willing to enforce.

The verdict proved to be a mixed bag, which preserved the law at the heart of the case, but may have rendered it moot by gutting the framework around it. By picking and choosing what state laws Arizona could implement and which federal programs they'd allow Arizona to participate

in, this administration has effectively stripped the state of a wide variety of tools it could have used to deal with the mess Washington itself created.

It should be noted that all this surrounds the Obama administration's recent unilateral decision to effectively ignore entire sections of immigration law, bypassing the legislative process entirely and continuing an established pattern of law enforcement that can be described as piecemeal at best.

As a whole, the Supreme Court's verdict was a disappointment, but it was the mindset behind the initial lawsuit - and the inexplicable actions surrounding it - that should truly concern Americans along the southern border.

If border security were a sinking ship, Washington would ignore the rising water and then write tickets to people who try to bail it out.

In Texas, we understand the challenges of living in a border state. We look across the border and see the ongoing battles between drug cartels, the headlines that pop up almost daily recounting horrific crimes committed there, along with examples of spillover violence, and transnational gangs infiltrating our communities and schools.

From half a continent away, that might not seem like much of a problem. But for many Texans, including

farmers and ranchers in the Valley, the threat of spillover violence is a reality they live with every day.

As a result, our state has spent more than \$400 million since 2005 to protect our communities and fill in the sizable gaps left by insufficient federal efforts. That money goes to overtime for border officers, state-of-the-art aviation and aquatic assets, and advanced communications and tactical equipment.

The state has also established Joint Operation and Intelligence Centers in each Border Patrol Sector, and created quick-response units - like Trooper Strike Teams and Texas Ranger Recon Teams - that can effectively counter criminal activity in even the most remote areas of the border region.

That's all to fill a role that is a federal responsibility, but a Texas problem.

There are other steps we can take here in Texas. I've recently renewed my call to pass legislation banning sanctuary cities here in the Lone Star State, ensuring local law enforcement has every tool necessary to do their jobs effectively to enforce the law and keep us safe.

Border security is the key to any immigration policy. Without it, any immigration reforms put in place are doomed to fail. A store owner can set prices that are as reasonable and fair as possible, but if the doors and windows are unlocked and unguarded all night, some people will still take the stuff for free.

That is what's most puzzling about the recent steps by the Obama Administration. At a time when the drug wars in northern Mexico are racking up massive body counts, Washington has firmly placed the country in reverse when it comes to securing our border and enforcing our immigration laws, consistently displaying complete disregard for any law that doesn't appeal to them, or what they view as their base.

It's horrible news for Arizona, Texas and other border states, that are seeing their resources stretched thin at the same time the Obama Administration shrinks the pool of options available to those who wish to secure the border and enforce the rule of law.



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The cost will be Tee ball, Minors, Majors=\$45 per player. **Enrollment form & money must be turned in before your child may participate. The following deadlines will be final for enrollment! LATE SIGN UP \$25.00 fee plus Player \$45 fee!!**

March 24, 2013 SUNDAY

Minor Baseball Try Outs at 3:00 P.M. – Sutton County Park Center Field.
Major Baseball Try Outs at 5:00 P.M. – Sutton County Park Center Field.

Minor Softball Try Outs at 3:00 P.M. – Sutton County Park SOFTBALL Field.
Major Softball Try Outs at 5:00 P.M. – Sutton County Park SOFTBALL Field.

T-Ball registrations at the Sutton County Park Concession Stand at 2:30 P.M.

Any questions please contact Michael Ramirez at (325)650-1454 or Manuel Tobias (325)206-0417.

Baseball-Softball Age Groups

T-ball & Baseball Age of player on April 30, 2013, MUST BE 4 years old by 04/30/2013

Tee Ball Baseball is for boys and girls 4-6 years old who want to learn the fundamentals of hitting and fielding. In Tee Ball, players hit a ball off a batting tee. Rules of the game may be varied to accommodate the need for teaching. The primary goals of Tee Ball are to instruct children in the fundamentals of baseball and to allow them to experience the value of teamwork. Rosters may be composed of between 10 and 12 players.

Minor League Baseball programs for boys-players with less experience. The minor league may be players ages 7-9. By local option, a player who is league age 6 for the current season and has played two years in Tee Ball may be "moved up" to minor division.

Major Division Baseball is for boys ages 10-12.

Softball - Age of girl on January 1, 2013

Girls Minor League Softball programs may be operated within each division for younger players with less experience. The minor league may be players ages 7-10. A player who is league age 7 for the current season and has played two years in Tee Ball may be "moved up" to Girls Minor League Softball.

The Girls Major League Softball Division is a program for girls ages 11-14.

LATE SIGN UP \$25.00 fee plus Player \$45 fee!!

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Extension Office To Offer Pesticide Applicator Training Course



By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent

Get Ready for Gardening Season
With spring just a few days away, it's time to prepare for the upcoming gardening season. Here are a few things we need to keep in mind.

Prune: Pruning of evergreens and summer flowering trees and shrubs should be completed in early March.
Fertilize: Fertilize pecan trees with 21-0-0 or similar high nitrogen fertilizer early in the month and repeat after 30 and 60 days. Begin zinc sprays at bud break on pecans also.

Miscellaneous Chores: Prepare beds for planting flowers and vegetables.

This is also an excellent time to have your soil tested. Pick up a soil test kit at your local County Extension Agent's office. The cost of testing is about \$10.00. Knowing the nutrient levels in your soil will help you determine the kind and the amount of fertilizer to apply to your flower beds and lawn. You

need approximately one pint of soil for routine analysis

Materials Needed: Sample bag (or plastic bag that will hold one pint of soil), spade or soil probe, plastic bucket, and a soil sample information form.

Use a spade or soil probe to take the samples from 4 to 5 different spots around a section of lawn. You should collect soil to a depth of 3 to 4 inches below the surface. Put the soil into a clean plastic bucket. Thoroughly mix all soil samples together in the plastic bucket. Then remove all rocks, twigs, etc. from your soil sample and place one pint in the sample bag or a plastic bag.

Mail your sample and information sheet to Texas A&M's Soil, Water, and Forage Testing Laboratory along with payment. The results and recommendations should be in within 10 days.

For full details, contact the local Sutton County Extension Office.

Lingering Aftereffects of Drought Could Impact Turkey Hunting

AUSTIN — Turkey hunters can focus their attention on coaxing old boss toms during the upcoming spring season, with relatively few gullible two-year-old birds available, but will also have to contend with curious jakes, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife biologists.

Rio Grande spring turkey hunting season in the 54-county South Zone runs March 16-April 28. In the 101 counties comprising the North Zone, the season opens March 30 and runs through May 12. A special one-gobbler limit season opens April 1 and continues through April 30 in Bastrop, Caldwell, Colorado, Fayette, Jackson, Lavaca, Lee and Milam counties.

"We had phenomenal production in 2010, which means there should be good hunting opportunities this spring for big old gobblers," said Jason Hardin, turkey program coordinator for TPWD.

"Going into last year many of these hens put forth tremendous nesting effort following a mild winter and late winter-early spring rains," he added. "This led to average to above average production so there will also be a large number of jakes on the landscape this spring."

"The drought of 2011 wreaked havoc on wild turkey production," Hardin continued. "There was almost zero nesting effort and the handful of hens attempting a nest were almost all unsuccessful. This will be obvious this spring with almost no two-year-old gobblers across Texas' Rio Grande turkey range."

Eastern spring turkey hunting in the 28 counties having an open season runs April 15-May 14. According to Hardin, the Eastern turkey population remains stable, but is not expanding to the degree that biologists have hoped.

"Easterns across most of Texas have not shown much growth outside of a few areas stocked in 2007-2008," he said. "Those stocked sites were part of a research project examining a new stocking strategy known as super stocking."

This method calls for flooding the best available habitat with 80 turkeys (60 females and 20 males). The old stocking method only placed 15-20 birds per site. Following the positive results of this "super stocking" research, TPWD is now looking for large, high quality sites to be evaluated as potential future releases sites. These sites can be single ownership or a cooperative on private or public lands.

Hunters are reminded all harvested Eastern turkeys must be taken to a check station within 24 hours. To find the check station nearest you, contact a TPWD field office or call (800) 792-1112.

Game Warden Field Notes

•Wasted

The Roscoe chief of police contacted a Nolan County game warden after a dead deer had been propped up against the doors at the Roscoe High School. The warden located the deer and observed a clean, pass-through bullet wound on the 9-point buck. The Roscoe elementary school principal had found the deer earlier that morning and provided the warden with pictures of the deer when he found it. The deer had numerous beer bottles outlining it, a can of Copenhagen on its shoulder, and a cigarette in its mouth. The next day, the warden received information about three subjects involved. During the interview, the suspects said another man on a ranch had killed the deer and given it to the uncle of the one of the subjects. The uncle then gave it to his nephew to process. The nephew had then tried to give the deer to his peers at work. No one had wanted the deer, so the subject decided to play a prank, and put it at the high school. The subject who originally ended up with the deer still had the tag with him. After advising the subject who had killed the deer of what happened, he was extremely upset that the subjects had wasted the meat.

•Duck, Duck ... Cormorant

A Titus County game warden responded to a trespass call on a large ranch in northern Titus County. When the two hunters from the neighboring ranch were located, they admitted to trespassing and said that they were jumping ducks on the area ponds. One hunter said that they had only shot one duck while trespassing. When the warden asked for the duck, he was told that they did not get the duck because it fell over the high fence inside the deer breeder pens. The bird was recovered from the pens and discovered to be a cormorant. Citations were issued for hunting a protected waterfowl—cormorant, criminal trespass, shooting across property lines, and no hunter safety course.

•Can We Pretend That It Never Happened?

A Rockwall County game warden checked two duck hunters on their way out of their blind. When asked to provide three shells to check the plug, one of the hunters produced two shells and a marijuana pipe from his pocket. The hunter quickly tried to take the pipe back, but the warden took possession of it. The hunter was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia, and the other hunter was cited for an unplugged shotgun.

•Honesty is the Best Policy

Two Houston County game wardens received a call about a subject who had shot at a deer from a county road. The wardens drove to the subject's residence where they were greeted by a young man walking down the road who said to them, "I'm the person you are looking for."

•Wired Up

Two Polk County game wardens were patrolling for night hunting violations when they heard a vehicle roll to a stop up the road. The wardens could hear the subjects kill the truck and then one subject walked by their location. Earlier in the evening, the wardens had received a call of spotlighting in a field near their set. Due to rattling and different noises coming from the subjects' location, wardens were concerned that the subjects had loaded a deer. After a while, the vehicle started up and the wardens stopped the vehicle up the road only to find the subject was not road hunting but stealing ground wires on utility poles. In addition, the subject had a bag of what appeared to be synthetic marijuana. One subject was apprehended, and wardens turned the subject over to the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

•Over haul

A Zapata County Game Warden pulled up on a night set when he observed a vehicle traveling in his direction on FM 2687. The warden hadn't been on the set long before he saw a vehicle shining a spotlight from the road. When the vehicle approached his location, the warden saw the vehicle towing another vehicle. The two trucks kept spotlighting when they drove past the warden's position and stopped approximately 75 to 100 yards from his position. Two individuals exited the rear truck and ran over and grabbed a buck they had just shot earlier and threw it in the back of the truck. The two vehicles were stopped shortly after, and all four admitted to road hunting. When asked what the deal was with towing the other vehicle, they said after they shot the deer, they sped off and blew the transmission.

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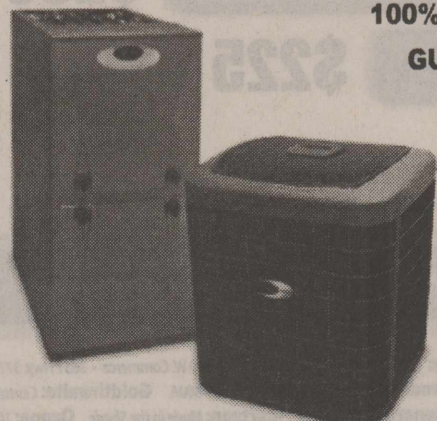
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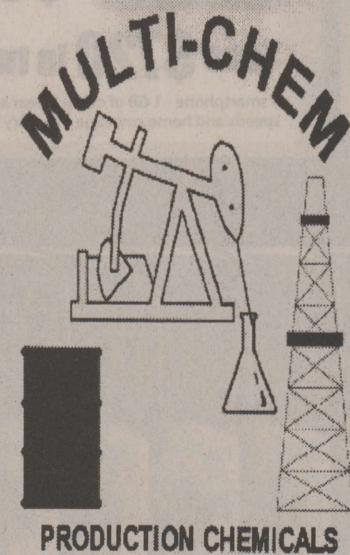
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The Plain Truth About Jobs Numbers And Economic Recovery

by Robert Randle

The economy is probably one of the most significant issues in America today, especially with an estimated 15M citizens who are no longer in the job market. And yet, there is a sort of nostalgia for the supposed 'good old days' under former president Bill Clinton when we were awash with an abundance of good jobs, but is this credit given to him somewhat exaggerated? In researching the matter by information supplied from the Bureau of Labor Statistics it reveals that the overall job market during the term of Bill Clinton to G.W. Bush was not extraordinary or the exception but followed the national trend for the most part since 1970 or even before that time. The average job creation from 1970 to 1990 was a little over 1, 031,975 while for 40 years (1970-2010) it was 1,559,500 annually. The standard deviation from 1980 to 2010 was 1,021,840 jobs increase/decrease from the median value of 1,714,000 yearly. There were several job growth spurts above the nominal 1.7M (1996-1997, 1999-2000, and 2004-2005). The data suggests that the economy can absorb an extra 2M jobs or so but anything greater than that level tends to result in contraction as the economy was growing too fast and not sustainable at that rate.

This was especially true in 2000 when the national job growth doubled from the nominal 1.7M jobs to 3.4M; which was also an increase of 68% from the previous year. Because this was probably some kind of artificially inflated number or due to some market forces that cannot be explained, even by the election of G.W. Bush or 9/11, there was significant retrenchment from 3.M jobs created in 2000 to a mere 420,000 in 2001. It gets worse because there was a negative job growth in 2002 of -448,000 jobs that were no longer in the economy. Afterwards, there was anemic job growth well below the national trend. There was significant recovery in 2005 and 2006 (2.5M and 2.7M jobs respectively) but this was more or less making up for the previous year's losses. Again, when there is too much rapid expansion of job growth in the economy in a given year or two this results in a pullback and readjustment back to the level that is sustainable overall, such as: 3,403,000+420,000-448,000 [2000-002]=3,375,000/3=1,125,000. Now, continuing the mathematical or statistical inferences: 1,251,000+1,516,000 +2,478,000+2,687,000+1,620,000=9,562,000/5=1,912,000 [2003-2007]. In 2008 and afterwards the numbers are

unprecedented because there has never been negative job growth like this since 2002, which would seem, at a first glance to be precipitated by the events of September 11, 2001 and the economic policies of President G.W. Bush's first year in office, but that might just be too simplistic because it is doubtful that all of this could affect the \$11 Trillion macro economy of the United States in such a short span of time. When President Obama came into office there

was a negative job growth that saw shrinkage from +1.62M to -685,000. The trend continued to -548,500 (2009) and -813,000 (2010) and so when President Obama talks about creating 1M new jobs that figure doesn't make up for the prior years' loss of 1.36M jobs.

Another surprising fact in the BLS (Bureau of Labor Statistics) data calls into question former president Bill Clinton's touting all the jobs that were created during


his administration, but this is not necessarily all the facts. It is true that there was a fairly consistent and sustainable job growth during 1990-2000, but this was consistent with the national averages since 1970. In fact, during his first term jobs slipped below the national average at around -36.8% (1.9M to 1.2M on average). There were a couple of extraordinarily good years, namely 1997 and 2000 when the economy added an extra 1.0M to 1.4M jobs above the

preceding year, respectively. During the presidency of G.W. Bush the economy grew between 2006 and 2007, adding 5.1M jobs total, above the national average for 2 years. So in essence both Clinton and G.W. Bush's economic policies created more jobs in their second term but there is not as significant a difference as one might think.

Holy Week Schedule
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<p>PALM SUNDAY Sunday, March 24</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:45 Worship - 10:55</p> <p><i>Nursery provided each Sunday beginning @ 9:30 am</i></p>	<p>MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE Thursday, March 28 6:00 pm</p> <p>We will be blessed to have a special program of music and drama, presented by Julie Glaspie of San Angelo. Please invite your friends to join us for this memorable one-woman-show centered around the "Marys" in the bible.</p>
<p>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE Friday, March 29 Noon FUMC Sanctuary</p> <p><i>A light lunch will be provided following the service. The service and the meal will take no more than 1 hour total.</i></p>	<p>EASTER SUNDAY Sunday, March 31</p> <p>Sunrise Service 7:00 am Amphitheater <i>Branch will be served following the service.</i></p> <p>Adult Sunday School 9:45 pm</p> <p>Children's Sunday School & Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am</p> <p>Worship 10:55 am</p>

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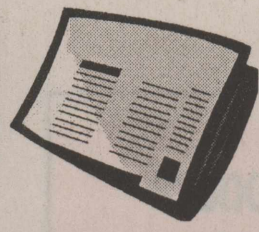
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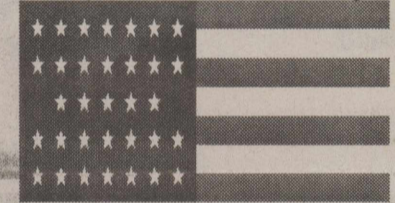
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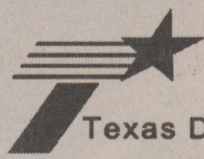
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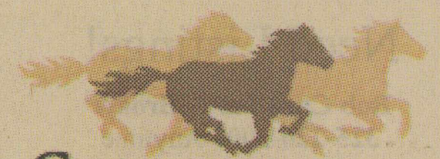


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