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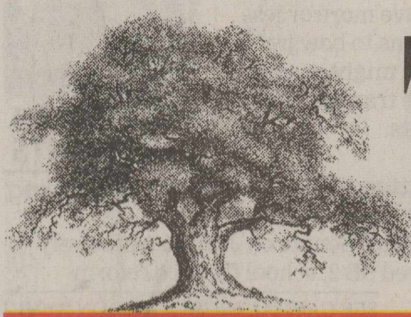
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Commissioners Eye Numbers Carefully Before Approving 2017-2018 Proposed Budget

Sutton County commissioners approved to accept a proposed budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year during a special meeting Monday, July 31, 2017.

After countless hours spent in budget workshops to deliberate each line item considered in the new fiscal year budget, the court recognized a slight savings overall due to good planning and revenue that had not been anticipated.

County Auditor Maura Weingart reported a 2017 year-end, general fund, balance of \$5,176,006.

This balance reflects account activity beginning October 1, 2016 to June 2017.

The county began the past

fiscal year with an October 1, 2016 beginning balance of \$4,693,126.

Accounting showed total revenue collected in the amount of \$4,539,822 as of June 2017 with an additional \$415,051 projected to come in over the next three months.

Further, as of June 2017, a total of \$3,320,231 was accounted for expenditures with an additional \$1,151,762 expected over the next three months.

Banking on smart budgeting strategies, the county expects to realize a 2018 end-of-year general fund balance of \$4,818,553.

The FMFC fund reflected an end-of-year balance of \$629,148.

This balance includes a

beginning balance of \$886,257 actual revenue collected to date totaled \$849,943 and estimated revenue in the amount of \$90,098 over the next three months.

Additionally, actual expenses to date totaled \$622,786 and an estimated expenditure totaling \$574,364 from July 2017 to September 2017.

With careful consideration to the numbers, the county expects to realize a 2018 year-end balance of \$341,536 for the FMFC fund.

Reflecting upon the same task at hand this time last year and the uncertainty that came with fewer budget dollars, Judge Steve Smith applauded the hard work by all to maintain the

county budget throughout the year. The numbers show their work at being progressive and things are being taken care of as they should be, he said.

In other business, the court approved to advertise to hire a new librarian for the Sutton County Library. The position is open and applications will be accepted until August 25th.

Additionally, the court will consider and approve accepting the resignation of Florie Gonzales during their next meeting. Gonzales' letter of resignation was heard during the July 24th meeting.

Commissioners tabled

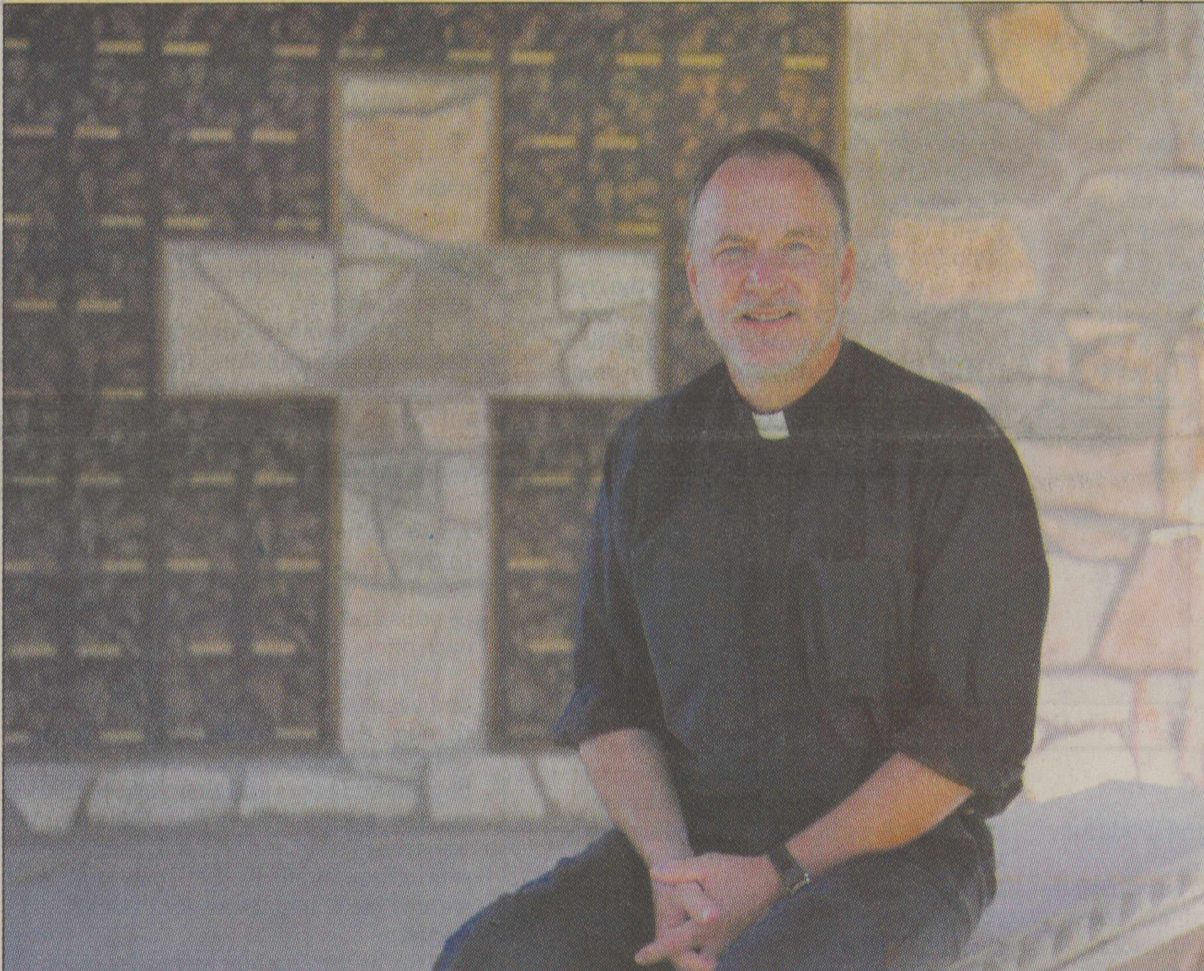
authorization for the county attorney to prepare and accomplish quick claim deed from TxDOT due to the absence of County Attorney David Wallace.

Lastly, the court agreed to hold a special meeting Monday, August 7, at 8:30 a.m. to set the 2017-2018 county tax rate.

Judge Steve Smith Presided over the meeting.

Commissioners Carl Teaff, Bob Brockman, Mike Villanueva and Fred Perez were present.

The next regular meeting of the Commissioners Court is Monday, August 14, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Annex Building.



St. John's Episcopal Church welcomes new rector Casey Berkhouse. Berkhouse and his wife, Michelle, relocated from Uvalde to Sonora Wednesday, July 5, 2017, days before Berkhouse began addressing his congregation from the pulpit.

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St. John's Episcopal Church Welcomes New Rector

After months of searching, St. John's Episcopal Church, one of 90 congregations included in the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, welcome's a new rector, Casey Berkhouse.

Berkhouse, who is familiar with small rural towns, said he finds a sense of comfort and community in making a home with his wife, Michelle, in Sonora.

They moved into their new parish home July 5, 2017- almost a month ago.

"This is a very welcoming bunch of people here," Berkhouse said. "I sincerely believe they were excited about Michelle and me and not just excited to have a priest. I think there's a click there between us and them that I am really excited about."

Berkhouse and his wife have a son, Jackson, who is also spending the summer in Sonora before returning to school at the University of Dallas.

They also have a daughter, Maggie, who lives in Round Rock and is soon to be married.

Feeling the call to ordained ministry, Berkhouse left his career as a Biologist only a few years ago to begin a new chapter in his life. He said, despite having a strong science background, finding the balance between reason and faith makes sense to him.

Explaining that, despite data,

not all things can be reasoned. Therefore, religion satisfies that sense of not understanding he said.

"I have always had a strong Christian faith," Berkhouse said. "And, I genuinely believed God was calling me to do something different. He was calling me to ministry."

Berkhouse attended the University of the South (Sewanee), in Tennessee, where he graduated in 2015 with a Master's degree in Theology.

Following graduation, he began his curacy where he served as the assistant rector at St. Phillips Church, in Uvalde, Texas.

Contemporaneously, he was a vicar at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Montell and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Carrizo Spings.

With the help of the diocese, Berkhouse found a new place in the pulpit at St. John's.

"We knew we wanted to stay in rural Texas," Berkhouse said. "We were thrilled when we came here to speak to the search committee. I thought the opening at St. John's was a good fit for me and my wife. We left here thinking it would be neat if they called us and they did. Two words come to mind, authenticity and genuineness."

Further, Berkhouse said he

already feels a connection to the people, parish and town of Sonora. As if it is meant to be.

Getting to know his church, Berkhouse said, for now, he doesn't foresee any changes to the order of things nor predetermined goals for the future. Instead, he just wants to enjoy its people.

Additionally, he said he hopes to become active in the community as well as be accessible to everyone - no matter their faith or need.

With a humble tone, he said he brings only his genuine self, a sense of a joyous relationship with god and a fullness of life through that, to the church and community.

Outside of the pulpit, Berkhouse said he takes advantage of being outdoors every chance he gets. Adding, he enjoys hiking and biking and is looking forward to exploring the beauty of the rural landscape in and around Sonora.

"I think one can experience life and relationships with people more fully in a place like Sonora. You know, we pray that the holy spirit guides us and fills us and gives us wisdom and discernment. And, you know it's an imperfect world, but God works through all of that. And, I truly believe that is what has occurred."

Jody Nix to Headline WTRC Annual Sonora Sensation

The 4th annual Sonora Sensation will be Saturday, August 19, 2017, at the Sutton Country Civic Center in Sonora.

The Sensation is presented by Sonora Bank with additional funding from Ben & Lenora Pool, Bud & Tommy Whitehead, and Tryon & Cindy Fields, and will welcome Jody Nix and The Texas Cowboys as this year's entertainment.

Legendary cowboy poet Red Steagall will also join us as a special guest.

Benefitting West Texas Rehabilitation Center in San Angelo and Ozona, proceeds from the event will help continue to treat the over 530 patients WTRC sees every day.

Associated with WTRC's 58th Annual Round-Up for Rehab campaign, Sonora Sensation is a dance, dinner and silent auction and begins at 6:30 p.m.

The meal this year is catered by The Hitchin' Post Steakhouse from Ozona, and the event will feature gun prize boards and a silent auction featuring items from local businesses.

Red Steagall will also be on hand for photo opportunities.

New this year is "Breakfast with The Band" presented by the Sutton County Friends of NRA, who will be providing breakfast on the site following the dance

and will require a separate ticket.

Jody Nix and The Texas Cowboys will take the stage at 8:00 p.m. and the event will go until midnight.

For those not familiar with Jody Nix, he is a true Traditional Country Music and Western Swing singer, fiddler, and musician. He has played for President George H.W. Bush, and places like the Smithsonian Folklife Festival and the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts.

Jody has worked with many artists including Bob Wills, Ray Price, Marty Robbins, George Strait, Moe Bandy, Red Steagall, Asleep At The Wheel, Johnny Bush, Frenchie Burke, Tony Booth, and much more.

Tickets are \$30 each and tables for 8 are \$240.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online by visiting wtresonorasensation.bpt.me or by visiting the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, West Texas Rehab, or by calling 325-223-6364. Tickets for the breakfast are \$10 and are available in advance from any Sutton County FNRA member or at the door.

Event tickets will not be sold at the door, and the event is anticipated to sell out.

For more information, call Amber at 325-223-6364.

Sales Tax Holiday Set for Aug. 11 - 13

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds shoppers they can save money on certain items during the state's annual sales tax holiday. This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 11-13.

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced below \$100 from sales tax, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend.

"Most folks won't hear the back-to-school bell for another month, but it's never too early to take advantage of the

opportunity to save money on everything from ball caps to ball-point pens," Hegar said. "As the father of three young children, I know how these expenses can add up."

Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$87 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday.

Texas' tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.



House, Senate Not Yet Engaged in Back-and-Forth on Key Bills

AUSTIN — Not a single bill had been agreed to by the state House and Senate as of July 28, exactly 10 days into the 30-day special session of the Texas Legislature.

Lawmakers have a tall order served up to them by Gov. Greg Abbott in the form of 20 must-resolve matters in the first called session of the 85th Texas Legislature. Something could be on Abbott's desk in short order if top-priority "sunset" legislation to ensure the continuation of the Texas Medical Board and several other healthcare-related state oversight boards gains approval by both chambers. The Senate's version is SB 20 by Van Taylor, R-Plano; the House has produced two versions: HB 1 and HB 2, both by Larry

Gonzales, R-Round Rock. There are enough differences in the bills to spark elongated floor debates, if lawmakers are so inclined.

Last week, both chambers moved beyond the as-yet unresolved sunset legislation. The House approved and forwarded two bills to the Senate: HB 7 by Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, legislation creating a tree planting credit to offset tree removal fees imposed by a municipality, and HB 13 by Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake, creating reporting requirements for abortion providers about surgical complications.

A number of Senate bills have gained approval and now await consideration by the House. Those bills would, for example:

- Reform how local property tax rates are set and the tax programs administered;
 - Revise school finance;
 - Prevent the transfer of state funding to any healthcare provider that also performs abortions;
 - Amend municipal annexation laws;
 - Enable a constitutional limit on the rate of growth in appropriations; and
 - Add new requirements for do-not-resuscitate orders.
- Along with SB 3, the "bathroom bill" by Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham — legislation that cleared the Senate and now awaits consideration by the House — there are a number of bills with the potential to ignite time-consuming tussles between the upper and lower chambers. House Speaker Joe

Straus, R-San Antonio, has signaled his disapproval for the bathroom bill, despite pressure from Gov. Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who have more or less agreed as to how public schools might accommodate transgender students.

Education bill moves

The full Senate on July 25 tentatively approved SB 2, school finance reform

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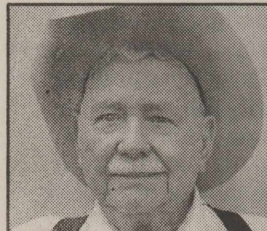
By Ed Sterling

He's Got a Ticket to Ride

Back in the depression days of the 1930s is the time frame of this tale.

For background, let's go to the South Pacific Rail Road running west out of Sanderson, Texas. For characters, we only have one real one, but in reality, he is the story and will be identified later.

It Happened Out West



By Joe N. Brown

Now, I can't swear on the bible as to the truthfulness of this tale, but it made the rounds of the S.P.R.R. for many years.

I knew this old conductor personally. He taught a Sunday school class at the local Baptist Church and I went to school with his children. This should be proof enough for the reader to accept the legend.

During this period of the time, the S.P.R.R. discovered hoboes riding their freight trains and the brakemen, who worked up and down the long train, carried an oak club about two-and-a-half feet long, to remove free riders.

There were many instances where the brakeman booted hoboes off the train, as per company orders.

This tale is based on one of these occurrences.

As a reader, you now have the time frame, the main characters and the real meat of this story. So, take a deep seat and ride the rest of this old S.P.R.R. legend.

The main S.P.R.R. character was the old conductor of a freight train out of Sanderson that was bound for Valentine Texas. Because of his seniority and experience, he was promoted to be the conductor.

Now, in those days, the conductor rode in the caboose and was totally in charge of that train. The entire crew answered to him on anything concerning the trip or the train.

On a trip to Valentine, on the day we are covering, the brakeman found a hobo, in a box car at the back of the train.

He reported this to the conductor who ordered him to remove the hobo from his train.

The brakeman went back and ordered the hobo to get off this train, but he refused and threatened the brakeman.

Returning to the caboose and explaining the situation, he told the conductor that the hobo said he had a ticket to ride that train.

With this in mind, the conductor said, "No one has a ticket to ride my train. I will personally throw him off now."

Now we come to the best part of this tale. The conductor walked to the box car and found the hobo asleep in the open door.

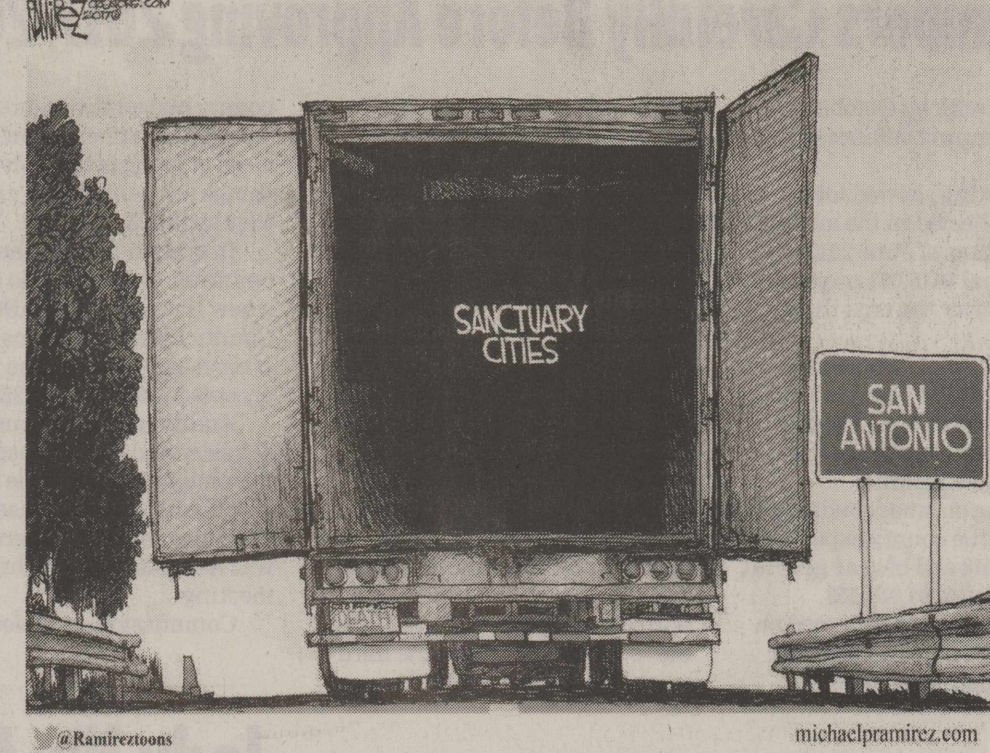
Poking the hobo with his oak club, he stated, "You will get off of my train now."

For an answer, the hobo raised up, reaching in his coat and came out with a Colt Peacemaker six-shooter. Pointing the colt at the conductor, he made this statement, "I am going to ride this train and this is my ticket."

The old conductor, very wisely, turned and walked back to the caboose where the brakeman asked, "Did you throw him off the train?"

For an answer, the old conductor said, "No I did not. He has a ticket."

Thus, this story became legend that day and was repeated the length of the old Southern Pacific line.



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A Texan Surprises London Pub Crawlers

If you haven't seen Don Warren of Weatherford use his hypnotic powers, you're missing something. Although he is two years away from retiring from his pipeline job with Conoro-Phillips he is getting known around the country as the Cowboy Hypnotist. A few years ago he saw a hypnotist in Las Vegas and decided he wanted to do some of that. So he started talking to professional hypnotists, learning from them while attending their seminars.

Rolling Along

by Tumbleweed Smith

Don is the epitome of a cowboy. He wears the traditional cowboy outfit: a cowboy hat and boots, starched white shirt and jeans. When he's performing at major events, he wears glittery jackets. He's making good money hypnotizing people at corporate events, resorts, festivals and even high school graduation parties. He is a popular attraction at the July 4th activities in Fort Davis.

He is good at what he does. He can take people who think hypnosis is a fake and have them under his power within two minutes. When he's hypnotizing people on stage, some people in the audience become hypnotized, too.

Last November, Don attended a hypnosis seminar in London. The place where the seminar took place was about a mile or so from his hotel. He walked it the first couple of days, then found which bus would get him there and take him back to his hotel. One night when he was returning to his hotel, about two dozen people in their twenties and thirties got on his bus. They were on a pub crawl, going to 26 pubs and getting a half pint of beer at each one.

"When they got on," says Don, "they had been to 13 pubs, so they were halfway through their pub crawl and were pretty well lit. And there I was wearing my cowboy hat and boots and they immediately started talking to me. When I told them I was from Texas and was in London for a seminar on hypnosis they immediately wanted me to hypnotize one of their group."

"So, as the city bus was going down a busy London street. I hypnotized a guy. He was just tipsy, not completely drunk. It's impossible to hypnotize someone who's drunk because they can't concentrate."

"I was afraid this guy might fall down from the movement of the bus, so I made him think his right hand was glued to the pole he was standing by. I don't know whether I should mention this or not, but I made him think he had a severe case of jock itch. And the more he scratched, the more it itched. Well, people on the bus were watching this and laughing so hard when the bus got to their stop, they didn't get off. They stayed on watching this guy with his hand glued to the pole and scratching his crotch."

"More people came on the bus and didn't know what was happening but soon got involved. We rode for a while and finally got to their stop where the next pub was. Before they got off, I took the glue away and got rid of his jock itch."

Don missed his stop but didn't really care. He caught another bus back to his hotel and didn't hypnotize anyone on that one.

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A Stop at the Wrong House

It is a story from decades ago that I've retold countless times. Its punchline-wadded up into a few words--sums up the conundrums that hit us daily with tornadic force.

Allow me, please, to set it up: At a country shack -- one that could easily be a "poster house" for poverty -- a government guy knocks on the door.

"A 'mountain man' (or woman) responds with a curt, 'Whadda ya want?' greeting. (After all, the ramshackle residence far out in the woods is not easily accessed. No one passes it on the way to town.)..."

"I've come to take the census," the visitor says, pen and pad at the ready to "enter" data. (Obviously, this occurred long before there were iPhones and iPads for entering data.)

The host (or hostess) was bumfuzzled. "Census" was a foreign word--one the mountaineer had never heard before. "What's airy census?" Somewhat frustrated, the record-keeper responds, "Don't you realize that every 10 years, the government tries to find out how many men, women and children are living in this country?"

"That's well and good, I guess," the guy answers. But you've come to the wrong house, 'cause I don't know..."

John Q. Public, it seems, is expected to know far more about a myriad of issues, challenges and outright dangers.

The citizenry is frustrated. And when the guy from the government -- or wherever -- pellets us with questions, there are worse answers than the one from the mouth of the mountaineer a hundred years ago: "You've come to the wrong house, 'cause we don't know..."

We really don't. Mass media -- both "real" and "fake" -- provide us with more material than we can process.

Throw in social media -- and a bunch of other stuff -- and our eyes cross these days. We suffer from information overload, most of us spiraling downward in a vortex of bewilderment.

We shudder at the prospect of upcoming news segments, certain that almost all of them will begin with "breaking news..."

At times, about the most we can hope

for is comic relief. Recalled is a favorite story of the incomparable Jerry Clower. The late country comedian told about the guys hunting for raccoons late one night. A hound dog seems certain he's "treed" one, so one of the hunters scales the tree, where he expects to encounter a raccoon in the upper branches.

Soon, a scuffle near the tree top breaks out. The brave hunter isn't handling things so well, since his foe, it turns out, is a bobcat. "Shoot up here," he begs his friend, who yells back, "What if I hit you?"

"Shoot anyway," the tree climber answers. "One of us has got to have some relief..."

Christians believe genuine relief, comfort and assurance in the midst of all we face is provided by Jesus Christ, who stands at the door and knocks.

A pastor who told of his Savior in sermons and songs was the late Rev. Ira Stanphill, who may be most remembered as a composer of many hymns. Many of them became favorites since his death a quarter-century ago.

"I Know Who Holds My Hand" is a comfort to many Christians these days. The second verse seems to be a particularly good fit: "Every step is getting brighter as the golden stairs I climb; Every burden's getting lighter; Every cloud is silver-lined. There the sun is always shining. There no tear will dim the eye; At the ending of the rainbow, Where the mountains touch the sky. Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand, But I know who holds tomorrow, And I know who holds my hand..."

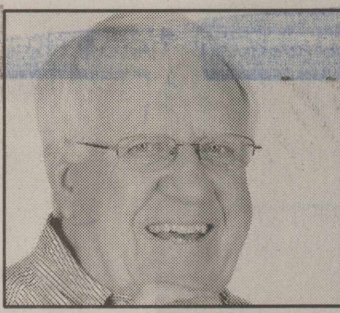
I think this day of angels. God's Word says we were created a "little lower than the angels," a standard worthy of our stretching to reach.

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The Idle American



By Dr. Don Newbury

Why does the early bird always get the worm? Because he reads about it in
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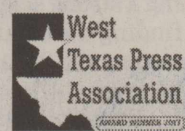
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FUMC to Host Annual Back-to-School Supplies Event

The First United Methodist Church is hosting its 14th annual Back-to-School event Tuesday, August 15, 2017, in which approximately 100 local school children will receive free school supplies.

Each year, families spend, on average, \$70 dollars or more on each child getting them prepared for the new school year. This expense can become a burden especially for families with several school age

children.

This collaborative event between FUMC and Sonora ISD has grown to be one of the largest community events focused on helping families provide back-to-school needs for their children.

The school ready supply program is dedicated to providing school supplies to students ranging from Kindergarten through eighth grade.

Without the help of local

business and individual contributions, this event would not be possible. Tax-deductible donations are used to purchase school supplies for Sonora students who are in need.

The opportunity to sponsor one or more child is also available by contributing \$70, the amount needed to buy school supplies for each child.

In addition to receiving school supplies, children and their families are

welcome to enjoy free hot dogs.

Additionally, immunizations will be offered and information about the Sutton County Food & Resource Center will be available.

Distribution of school supplies and activities will begin at 5:30 p.m. and continue until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday evening on the church lawn.

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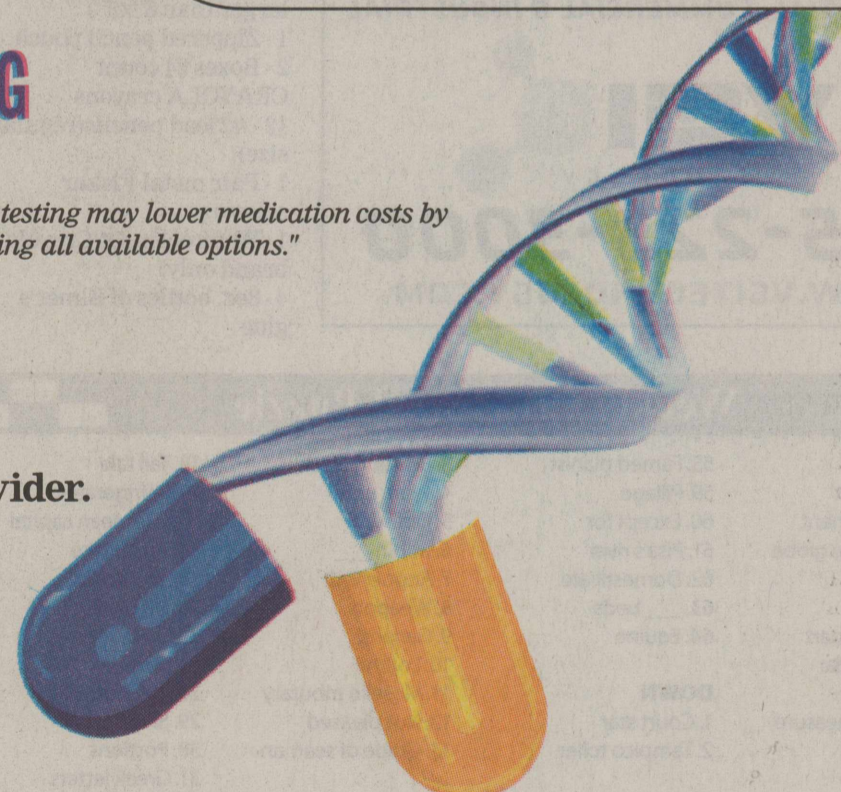
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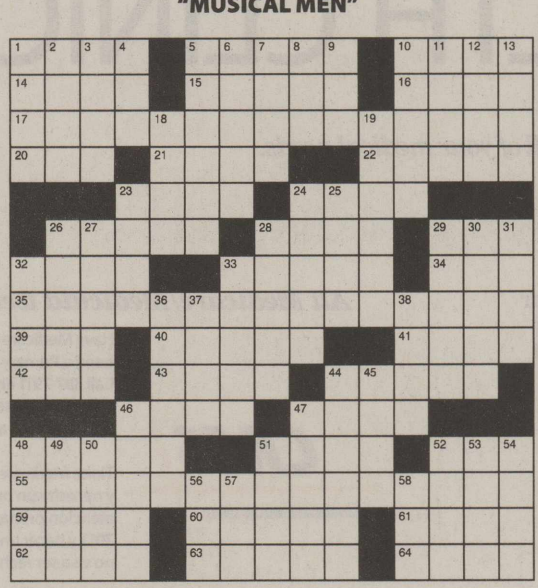
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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1. Church part</p> <p>5. Tax assessment</p> <p>10. Area of the globe</p> <p>14. Prophet</p> <p>15. Worship</p> <p>16. Fishhook part</p> <p>17. Late popular composer</p> <p>20. Units of measure</p> <p>21. Related</p> <p>22. Multitude</p> <p>23. ___ Rabbit</p> <p>24. Cooking direction</p> <p>26. Be aware of</p> <p>28. Norse chieftain</p> <p>29. Picnic treat</p> <p>32. Cupid</p> <p>33. Type of painting</p> <p>34. Humble abode</p> <p>35. Best bandmaster</p> <p>39. ___ standstill</p> <p>40. Green spot</p> <p>41. Western Indians</p> <p>42. Chess pieces</p> <p>43. Flightless bird</p> <p>44. Customs</p> <p>46. Excel</p> <p>47. Sunday seats</p> <p>48. Room</p> <p>51. Examination</p> <p>52. Collection</p>	<p>55. Famed pianist</p> <p>59. Pillage</p> <p>60. Except for</p> <p>61. Pisa's river</p> <p>62. Domesticated</p> <p>63. ___ beds</p> <p>64. Equine</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1. Court star</p> <p>2. Tampico toiler</p> <p>3. Red and Black</p> <p>4. Work unit</p> <p>5. Din</p> <p>6. Robin ___</p> <p>7. Anguished</p> <p>8. Weapon</p> <p>9. Garland</p> <p>10. Loathe</p> <p>11. Moselle tributary</p> <p>12. Not pleased</p> <p>13. Grade of seaman</p>	<p>18. Tall tale</p> <p>19. Refrigerates</p> <p>23. European capital</p> <p>24. Agra attire</p> <p>25. ___ doors</p> <p>26. Hit hard</p> <p>27. Over There-composer</p> <p>28. TV chef</p> <p>29. Sharp</p> <p>30. Portions</p> <p>31. Greek letters</p> <p>32. Get into ___: encounter trouble</p> <p>33. Lucre lover</p> <p>36. Composer Cole</p> <p>37. Mirthful exclamation</p> <p>38. Possessive</p> <p>44. Stingier</p> <p>45. Feathered friends</p> <p>46. Snake scale</p> <p>47. Arrogance</p> <p>48. Nautical man</p> <p>49. Malayan boat</p> <p>50. Power source</p> <p>51. Newspaper notice</p> <p>52. Of aircraft: prefix</p> <p>53. Columbus' ship</p> <p>54. Presently</p> <p>56. Inexperienced</p> <p>57. World power: abbr.</p> <p>58. Frigate hand</p>
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"MUSICAL MEN"



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SCHOOL SUPPLIES

ELEMENTARY

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

- 1 - Full Size backpack or school bag
 - 1 - Towel or small blanket for nap time
 - 1 - Change of clothes(for any type of accident)
 - 2 - Sets of crayons(regular thin crayons)
 - 1 - Pair of student scissors
 - 2 - Bottles of white glue
 - 2 - Jumbo glue sticks
 - 2 - Large boxes of Kleenex
 - 2 - Boxes of baby wipes
 - 1 - Set of 4 Play-Doh
 - 1 - Package of plain white paper plates
 - 2 - Containers of Lysol or Clorox wipes
 - 1 - Watercolor set
 - 1 - Bottle of GermX
 - 1 - 2-inch 3-ring binder
 - 1 - Package of 30 clear page protectors
- *Pencil boxes/bags are not needed at this level.*
***Please write your child's name on each item with a permanent marker.*

KINDERGARTEN

- 1 - Backpack
 - 1 - Plastic pencil box
 - 1 - 14-pack of 5oz. cans of Play-Doh
 - 1 - Pair of blunt scissors(Fiskar brand)
 - 1 - Box of colored map pencils
 - 1 - Watercolor paints
 - 2 - Black low odor dry erase markers
 - 2 - Large pink erasers
 - 2 - Boxes of broad line 10 count Crayola classic markers
 - 2 - 10 -pack of #2 pencils(regular size)
 - 4 - Boxes of 24 count crayons
 - 1 - 28oz. bottles of Elmer's glue
 - 2 - Large glue sticks
 - 3 - Large boxes of tissue
- *Please write your child's first and last name on school supplies prior to bringing them to school.*

FIRST GRADE

- 1 - Box for supplies(no larger than 6"x9")
- 1 - Zippered pencil pouch
- 2 - Boxes 24 count CRAYOLA crayons
- 12 - #2 lead pencils(regular size)
- 1 - Pair metal Fiskar scissors
- 1 - Watercolor set(Crayola brand only)
- 4 - 8oz. bottles of Elmer's glue

- 1 - Set of 12 CRAYOLA colored pencils
 - 2 - Large boxes of Kleenex
 - 1 - Backpack
 - 1 - Box of Ziploc bags
 - 2 - Containers Clorox wipes
 - 1 - Pencil sharpener with cover
 - 1 - Package index cards
- *Additional items may be requested on the first day and throughout the school year.*
**Please DO NOT write your child's name on any supplies!*
Supplies will be labeled at school as needed.

SECOND GRADE

- 2 - Boxes of Crayola Crayons (24 Count)
 - 1 - 1 inch 3 ring Black binder(with plastic pocket on front)
 - 2 - Packages of pencils
 - 4 - Big pink erasers
 - 2 - Pair of Fiskar scissors
 - 1 - Package of assorted markers
 - 1 - Package of Crayola colored pencils (24 count)
 - 4 - Large glue sticks
 - 2 - Boxes of Kleenex
 - 1 - Plastic pocket folder(Blue with holes and no brads)
 - 3 - Pencil sharpeners
 - 1 - Black/White Composition book
 - 2 - Dry Erase markers
 - 1 - Large Clorox Wipes Container
 - 2 - Highlighters
- *Please write your child's name on all supplies.*

THIRD GRADE

- 1 - Pkg. Red Pens
- 1 - Zippered Pencil Pouch
- 1 - Pair FISKAR Scissors
- 1 - Pkg. Crayons (8 count)
- 1 - Bottle of Elmer's Glue
- 3 - Composition Books (Mead brand, wide ruled)
- 50 - #2 Pencils, Ticonderoga brand
- 4 - Highlighters
- 2 - Large Pink Erasers
- 2 - Large boxes of Kleenex
- 1 - Package of Crayola Markers
- 1 - Package of Colored Pencils
- 1 - Individual Pencil Sharpener
- 1 - Box gallon size Ziploc bags
- 1 - Container of disinfecting wipes
- 1 - Blue, Yellow, Red and Green Folder (No Brads)

FOURTH GRADE

- 1 - Binder (with 3 rings, 1 1/2 inches)
- 1 - Pack twistable colored pencils
- 1 - Glue Stick
- 1 - Large package of wide rule notebook paper (NOT college rule)
- Pencils (at least 48)
- 1 - Scissors with a pointed tip
- 1 - Pocket Folder with holes for notebook
- 4 - Red pens for grading (not pencils)

- 1 - Large Eraser
- 1 - Package of pencil top erasers
- 1 - Pencil pouch for Binder
- 4 - Highlighters
- 2 - Large boxes of Tissue
- 2 - Composition Books (MEAD- wide rule)
- 1 - Bottle of hand sanitizer
- 1 - Container of Disinfecting Wipes
- 2 - Spiral note books (1 Subject)
- 1 - Package of Post-it Notes
- 1 - Package of fine tip washable markers
- Girls - 1 box QUART sized resealable plastic bags
- Boys - 1 box of GALLON sized resealable plastic bags

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
FIFTH GRADE (Revised)**

- 50 - Regular #2 Pencils (No Mechanical)
- 1 - Package Colored Pencils
- 1 - Bottle of Elmer's Glue
- 1 - Hand Sharpener
- 2 - Large boxes of tissue
- 1 - Package of notebook paper (wide ruled)
- 1 - Spiral notebook (70 pages)
- 2 - Folders w/pocket and brads (Plastic Please)
- 1 - Yellow folder w/pockets and brads (paper or plastic)
- 3 - Large eraser
- 1 - Trapper Keeper
- 2 - Composition Notebooks
- 1 - Container of disinfecting wipes

SIXTH GRADE

- Black/blue pens*
 - Notebook paper (wide rule)*
 - #2 Pencils/Mechanical is optional*
 - 1 - 1 subject spiral notebook (wide-ruled/Math)
 - 4 - Red pens
 - 1 - Package of any size grid paper (Math)
 - 2 - Dry erase chisel tip markers (Expo brand)
 - 2 - 1-inch, 3 - ring binder (ELA)
 - 4 - Highlighters
 - 4 - Hard cover composition books
 - 1 - Pouch or small box for pencils & pen
 - 2 - Large boxes of Kleenex tissue
- Any item with an * will be required of each student throughout the school year and will need to be replaced if lost, damaged, or used.*
Backpacks brought to school must fit into a 9" wide x 11" deep x 26" high locker.

SEVENTH GRADE

- Highlighters (4 different colors)
- 4 - Packages of notebook paper (All subjects)*
- 1 - Package of #2 pencils (if not more)*
- 3 - Large boxes of Kleenex (last all year)
- 1 - Package of Black or blue pens*
- 1 - Spiral notebook (Math)
- 1 - Red pen
- 1 - Map colors
- 4 - Composition books (2

- ELA, 1 Sci, 1 Tx Hist)
- 6 - Pocket folders (ELA)
- 1 - 1" binders (Math)
- 1 - Dry erase markers (Expo brand-Math)

EIGHTH GRADE

- 2 - Boxes of Kleenex
 - 3 - Packages of Notebook paper - wide ruled (ELA, History, Math)*
 - 1 - Plastic Five Star Folders- 2 - pocket with brads (ELA)
 - 3 - Regular (2) pocket folders without brads (ELA)
 - 4 - Composition books (100 sheets per book) (2 - ELA, 1 - Science, 1- Math)
 - 3 - Packages of dividers (5 count) (Science, Hist., Math)
 - 2 - Red Pens (Science, Math)*
 - 1 - Package of Highlighters (5-color count)
 - 1 - Package of colored pencils*
 - 1 - Spiral notebook (Math)
 - 1 - Package of graph paper (Math)
 - 4 - AAA batteries (Math)
 - 1 - 1-inch, 3-ring binder (Math)
 - 2 - 2-inch, 3-ring binder (Science, Hist.)
 - 1 - Bottle hand sanitizer (boys only -Science)
 - 1 - Container Clorox Wipes (girls only - Science)
 - 1 - Package of 4x6 ruled index cards (boys only-ELA)
 - 1 - Package of 3x3 Post- its (girls only- ELA)
 - 1 - 4oz. bottle Elmer's Glue (girls only - ELA)
 - 1 - long pink erasers (boys only-ELA)
 - 1 - pkg. pencils*
 - 1 - pkg. Blue pens*
 - Pencil Pouch*
- Any item with an * will be required of each student throughout the school year and will need to be replaced if lost, damaged, or used.*
Technology Applications

(6th, 7th, 8th)

- 8 - Brown paper bags
- 1 - Pair of ear buds
- 1 - Pocket Folder
- 1 - 500 Count Ream/Package White Copy Paper (6th only)
- Art**
- 1 - Sketch Pad
- Spanish Electives**
- 1 - Box of Kleenex
- 1 - 2-inch or 3-inch, 3-ring binder
- 1 - Package of dividers (5)
- 1 - Dozen pencils
- Spanish I.**
- 1 - 2-inch or 3-inch, 3-ring binder
- 1 - Package of dividers (5)
- 1 - Dozen pencils
- *1 - Folder with pockets
- *1 - Spiral or composition notebook
- *Only Spanish I. students will need the extra items listed above**
- Physical Education Class**
- *Deodorant
- Red Shirt
- Black Shorts

Immunizations Part of Back-to-School Readiness for Sonora ISD Parents

The first day of school for Sonora ISD students is August 22, giving parents about three weeks to address school supplies, clothes, after school care and, of course, immunizations.

During school, children come into contact with many other children in close quarters, potentially exposing them to harmful diseases, such as measles.

According to the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS), measles is so contagious that if one person has it, 90 percent of the people close to that person who are not immune will also become infected.

The TDSHS also reports that prior to vaccine

introduction, annual measles incidence peaked at 85,862 in 1958 in Texas.

Since the introduction of vaccine, cases have decreased by 99.9 percent, with nearly all cases and outbreaks of measles in Texas since 2000 attributed to exposure to imported cases from countries where measles still regularly occurs.

Texas requires that all students show acceptable evidence of vaccination prior to "entry, attendance or transfer to a child-care facility or public or private elementary or secondary school in Texas." Immunization requirements include: measles, diphtheria, mumps, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, polio, tetanus,

Meningococcal and varicella (chicken pox).

Specific requirements, and exceptions, by student grade can be viewed on the school immunizations home page at www.dshs.texas.gov.

Call Sonora Clinic B at (325) 387-7911 to schedule your child's vaccinations.

Remember to ask your provider about other vaccinations that may not be required by school, but could also benefit your child.

Taking these precautionary actions will help ensure your child's long term health as well as the health and safety of fellow students and others in the community.

County Park Perks

The Sutton County Park has become a popular place to visit for lunch and after work activities as well as weekend fun.

County Road and Bridge workers spent this past week making improvements at the county park.

Enhancements included a handicap accessible picnic table and concrete side walks. Both sidewalks are also handicap friendly.

Additionally, work continues on the playground with the installation of new play equipment.

The county park is open to the public seven days a week.



County Road and Bridge employees form handicap friendly sidewalks and picnic areas Thursday, July 27, 2017 at the Sutton County Park. [COURTESY PHOTO]

Elementary and Intermediate School Back-to-School News

Meet the teacher for Sonora Elementary and Intermediate School, including Pre-K students, will be Friday, August 18, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Students should bring their school supplies with them.

School supply lists can be found at www.sonoraisd.net under the Parents tab.

Additionally, they are published in the Devil's River News.

The first day of school for all students is Tuesday, August 22nd. Doors open at 7:20 a.m. and the tardy bell rings at 7:50 a.m.

Students will dine independently with their classmates on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Parents are welcome to join their children for lunch on Tuesday and Thursday.

Friday dismissal is set for 2:45 p.m.

For more information call 325-387-6940.

Middle School Registration

Sonora Middle School student registration for the 2017-2018 school year is set for Friday, August 18, at the Middle School campus.

There will be a parent meeting for each grade level prior to registration.

Grade level meeting

times are listed below:

6th grade will meet at 9:00 a.m.

7th grade will meet at 10:00 a.m.

8th grade will meet at 11:00 a.m.

For more information please call 325-387-6940.

Church of Christ to Host 17th Annual Area-Wide Sunday Evening Worship

The Sonora Church of Christ is hosting its 17th annual Area-Wide Sunday Evening Worship August 6, 2017, at the Sutton County Civic Center.

In keeping with tradition over the past years, people from all surrounding areas are welcome to participate in this inspirational evening of song, worship and dinner.

Events are set to begin at 5:30 p.m. with songs led by music ministers from a variety of churches followed by a special worship service at 6:00 p.m.

Attendees are also

welcome to take part in a fellowship dinner immediately following the service.

This year's guest speaker is Lynn Money of the Sherwood Church of Christ in Odessa.

Lynn will also teach Bible class Sunday morning as well as deliver the Sunday morning message at the Church of Christ located on 305 Water Street, Sonora.

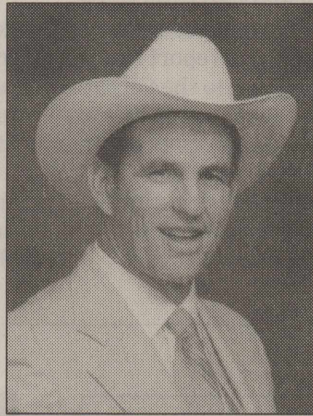
The event is free and open to the public.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

For more information call the Church of Christ, at 325-387-3190.

OBITUARIES

Thad Johnson (TJ) Jarrett December 8, 1936 - July 27, 2017



Thad Johnson (TJ) Jarrett of Del Rio, Texas passed away at home on July 27, 2017 surrounded by his family at age 80.

TJ, as he has always been known, was born and raised in Del Rio and was proud to grow up and live in Val Verde County.

He was the middle child and only son born to Edward Virginus and Violet Miers Jarrett.

His passions were Christ, family and ranching. He was a dedicated Christian, a loving husband and father and a born rancher.

In his youth he served in the Air Force Reserve 433rd Troop Carrier Wing, was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and attended both Principia College and the University of Texas at Austin and graduated with a bachelor's degree.

It was there that he met his wife to be Judith Grace Halsell. Some of his many accomplishments include serving as a board member for several organizations including the Del Rio Wool and Mohair Company, Del Rio Bank and Trust, Foundation Beefmaster Association and on the Legislative

Committee of the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

He was a Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers past president, was the president of the Devils River Association, served as a President of the Board and Reader for the Christian Science Church in Del Rio and is the author of Kin, Cowboys Outlaws and Friends a historical account of his family and friends in Val Verde County.

He was preceded in death by his younger sister Lourene Jarrett McCrea who is survived by her husband David McCrea and their children.

TJ is survived by his loving wife, Judy and their family, his son Thad and wife Lawryl Jarrett with grandchildren Henry and Eliza as well as his daughter Virginia (ViVi) with husband Dennis Farris.

He is also survived by his devoted sister, Cora Jane with husband Norman Farmer and their children. He was especially close to his cousin, Tuffy Whitehead "Primo" who was one of his dearest friends and is also survived by his cousin, Bobby Lou Mayer and her husband Ralph and their respective families.

We will miss you, Daddy.

There will be a celebration of his life on August 6th at 2:00 p.m., at the Ramada Inn Del Rio, Ballroom located at 2101 Veterans Blvd, Del Rio.

Please bring your remembrances, your laughter, love and joy to celebrate this dear man's love, humor and life. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your memories.

Wanda Turner July 11, 1926 - July 27, 2017



Wanda Turner, age 91, passed Thursday, July 27, 2017 in Lampasas.

Wanda was born July 11, 1926, in Sonora, to R.V. "Pete" Cook and Beulah Alice Turner.

She grew up in Sonora

where she became a school teacher. She taught first, second and third grades for more than 35-years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Joseph Harold Turner and three brothers Vernon, James and Joe.

Wanda is survived by a son, Ladd Turner, of Lampasas, daughters, Margaret Alice Surles and husband Buddy of Idaho and Victoria Duhon and husband Cecil, of Lampasas.

She is also survived by eight grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Sunday, July 30, 2017 at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lampasas.

Darrell Feemster officiated.

Funeral arrangements were made under the direction of Sneed Funeral Chapel in Lampasas.

City of Sonora



Senior Center

- Monday August 7**
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- Tuesday August 8**
Cheese Enchiladas, Mexican Rice, Toss Salad, Salsa, Mandarin Oranges, Milk
- Wednesday August 9**
Herb Chicken, Sweet Potato, Mix Veggies, Wheat Bread, Rosy Pears, Milk
- Thursday August 10**
Braised Pork Chop, New Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Pineapple Chunks, Milk
- Friday August 11**
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Inspector General Warns Public About SSA Employee Impersonation Scheme

The Acting Inspector General of Social Security, Gale Stallworth Stone, is warning citizens about a new Social Security Administration (SSA) employee impersonation scheme.

SSA and its Office of the Inspector General (OIG) have recently alerted citizens about an OIG employee impersonation scheme and a scheme targeting former clients of Kentucky disability attorney Eric Conn; the agencies are now receiving reports from citizens across the country about other phone calls from an individual posing as an SSA employee.

The caller attempts to acquire personally identifiable information from victims to then edit the victims' direct deposit, address, and telephone information with SSA.

The reports indicate that the impersonator calls from a telephone number with a 323 area code.

The caller claims to be an SSA employee, and in some instances, tells the victim that they are due a 1.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of their Social Security benefits.

The impersonator goes on to ask the victim to

verify all of their personal information including their name, date of birth, Social Security number (SSN), parents' names, etc. to receive the increase.

If the impersonator is successful in acquiring this information, they use it to contact SSA and request changes to the victim's direct deposit, address, and telephone information.

SSA employees occasionally contact citizens by telephone for customer-service purposes. In only a few

limited special situations, usually already known to the citizen, an SSA employee may request the citizen confirm personal information over the phone.

If a person receives a suspicious call from someone alleging to be from SSA, citizens may report that information to the OIG at 1-800-269-0271 or online via <https://oig.ssa.gov/report>.

Acting Inspector General Stone continues to warn citizens to be cautious, and to avoid

providing information such as your SSN or bank account numbers to unknown persons over the phone or internet unless you are certain of who is receiving it.

"You must be very confident that the source is the correct business party, and your information will be secure after you release it," Stone said.

If a person has questions about any communication—email, letter, text or phone call—that claims to

be from SSA or the OIG, please contact your local Social Security office, or call Social Security's toll-free customer service number at 1-800-772-1213, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to verify its legitimacy. (Those who are deaf or hard-of-hearing can call Social Security's TTY number at 1-800-325-0778.)

For more information, please contact Andrew Cannarsa, OIG's Communications Director, at (410) 965-2671.

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Reader Recipes

"Twice Baked Cheddar Potato Casserole"

In 1992, members of the Sonora Woman's Club reached out to the School District to see what reference materials were most needed in the library for use by students. Today, the library provides a countless variety of valuable reference materials including books, periodicals, newspapers and computers with internet connection available to all ages of people.

Lenora Pool's "Twice Baked Cheddar Potato Casserole" is a favorite dish sure to satisfy any hungry mind and body.

- 8 Medium baking potatoes (about 8 oz. each)
- 10 Bacon strips, cooked, crumbled and divided
- 1/2 cup butter, cubed
- 2/3 cup Sour Cream
- 2/3 cup 2% Milk
- 2 cup (8 oz.) Cheddar cheese
- 4 Green onions, chopped and divided
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Scrub potatoes and pierce with a fork. Bake for 45-60 minutes until tender. Remove potatoes and reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees. Cool potatoes and cut lengthwise. Scoop out pulp into a bowl and discard shells. Mash pulp with butter; stir in sour cream, milk, salt and pepper. Reserve 1/4 bacon, 1 c. cheese and 1/2 green onions. Stir the rest of the bacon, cheese and onion into the mashed pulp. Do not over mix. Transfer mixture to greased 11x7 inch baking dish. Top with remaining bacon, cheese and onion. Bake for 15-20 minutes.

Rep. Hurd Announces Full Schedule for Third Annual Town Hall Series

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Representative Will Hurd has announced full details for his third annual DC2DQ trip, a series of public meet & greets held at local Dairy Queens throughout South and West Texas.

The 20 informal town hall meetings are open to the public and designed to offer constituents an authentic opportunity to engage with their Congressman in a way that was never-before seen under previous Representatives.

To accommodate record attendance, not all meetings will be held at Dairy Queen restaurants this year.

Stay tuned for updated details at Hurd.House.gov/DC2DQ.

DC2DQ 2017 Schedule:

- Sunday, August 6, 2017**
- HORIZON CITY**- 1:00pm-2:30pm Dairy Queen, 800 N Zaragoza Rd, El Paso, TX 79907
- SOCORRO**- 3:00pm-4:30pm Peter Piper Pizza, 10870 N Loop Rd, Socorro, TX 79927
- Monday, August 7, 2017**
- PRESIDIO**- 10:00am-11:00am The Enlightened Bean Café, 201 W O'Reilly St, Presidio, TX 79845
- ALPINE**- 1:30pm-3:00pm Sul Ross State University, Lobo Village Community Room, East Highway 90, Alpine, TX 79832
- FORT STOCKTON**- 5:30pm-7:00pm Dairy Queen, 408 W Dickinson Blvd, Fort Stockton, TX 79735
- Tuesday, August 8, 2017**
- PECOS**- 10:00am-11:30am Dairy Queen, 1226 S Eddy

- St. Pecos, TX 79772
- KERMIT**- 1:30pm-3:00pm Dairy Queen, 422 S Poplar St, Kermit, TX 79745
- MONAHANS**- 3:30pm-5:00pm Dairy Queen, 1407 Stockton Ave, Monahans, TX 79756
- Wednesday, August 9, 2017**
- OZONA**- 10:00am-11:00am Dairy Queen, I-10, Ozona, TX 76943
- DEL RIO**- 2:00pm-3:30pm Rudy's Country Store & BBQ, 330 Braddie Dr, Del Rio, TX 78840
- EAGLE PASS**- 5:30pm-7:00pm Yopo's, 2420 E Main St, Eagle Pass, TX 78852
- Thursday, August 10, 2017**
- CARRIZO SPRINGS**- 10:30am-11:30am Dairy Queen, 408 N 1st St, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834
- UVALDE**- 2:00pm-3:30pm American Legion, 583 W Main St, Uvalde, TX 78801
- HONDO**- 4:30pm-6:00pm Hondo Public Library, 2003 Ave K, Hondo, TX 78861
- Friday, August 11, 2017**
- DEVINE**- 11:00am-12:00pm Dairy Queen, 506 W Hondo Ave, Devine, TX 78016
- PEARSALL**- 1:30pm-2:30pm Dairy Queen, 508 S Oak St, Pearsall, TX 78061
- DILLEY**- 3:00pm-4:00pm Dairy Queen, FM RD 117 at I-35, Dilley, TX 78017
- COTULLA**- 4:30pm-5:30pm Dairy Queen, 1092 FM 468, Cotulla, TX 78014
- Saturday, August 12, 2017**
- CASTROVILLE**- 10:30am-12:00pm Octane Coffee & Tea Haus, 1101 Fiorella St, Castroville, TX 78009
- HELOTES**- 2:00 - 3:30PM John T. Floore's Country Store, 14492 Old Bandera Rd, Helotes, TX 78023

GED/High School Equivalency Classes Offered in Sonora

Enrollment is currently underway for GED/High School Equivalency classes offered locally in Sonora.

The semester course begins August 30, 2017 and meets every Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Food Pantry.

Classes are free and open to the public. Sonora resident Cynthia Schiotis will oversee the semester curriculum and teaching.

Schiotis has four years experience teaching GED at Palo Alto College in San Antonio. Additionally, she is certified to teach ESL/Dual Language.

Anyone who has dropped out of high school or didn't meet the requirement for a high school diploma is encouraged to attend.

Following successful completion of semester classes, assistance is also available to help pay for GED testing, for those who qualify.

Through a collaborative effort between Schiotis and others including the Sutton County Food Pantry, the Adult Literacy Council of Concho Valley, Christina Purkiss, Associate Professor of Teacher Education at San Angelo State University, Brian Beck, computer specialist, Elizabeth Rangel, Migrant Specialist of Region 15 Education Service Center, Bernie Coffee of the Concho Workforce Solutions and Howard College, this opportunity is made possible in Sonora, to anyone interested in completing their GED.

For more information call Cynthia Schiotis at 210-317-5596.

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Month	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
August 1-2	0.00 in.	0.00 in.	3.79 in.	0.41 in.	2.92 in.	2.48 in.	1.00 in.	1.48 in.	1.88 in.
July	4.21 in.	3.79 in.	0.41 in.	2.92 in.	2.48 in.	1.00 in.	1.48 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.
June	3.07 in.	0.41 in.	2.92 in.	2.48 in.	1.00 in.	1.48 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.
May	3.68 in.	2.92 in.	2.48 in.	1.00 in.	1.48 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.
April	1.23 in.	2.48 in.	1.00 in.	1.48 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.
March	0.79 in.	1.00 in.	1.48 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.
February	1.36 in.	1.48 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.
January	2.40 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.	1.88 in.
2017 Year-to-Date Total	16.74 in.	2017 Year-to-Date Total	13.76 in.	2016	29.22 in.	2015	25.31 in.	2014	12.72 in.
2016	25.10 in.	2015	23.87 in.	2014	14.32 in.	2013	25.12 in.	2012	16.06 in.
2015	23.87 in.	2014	14.32 in.	2013	25.12 in.	2012	16.06 in.	2011	11.50 in.
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Sutton County Commissioners carefully consider all information while preparing their 2017-2018 budget Monday, July 31, 2017, during a special meeting. Pictured (Front L-R) Mike Villanueva, Precinct 1, Fred Perez, Precinct 4, and Carl Teaff, Precinct 3. (Back L-R) County District Clerk Rachel Duran, County Judge Steve Smith and County Auditor Maura Weingart (not pictured) Bob Brockman, Precinct 2. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Celebrate Summer with a Watermelon

July is National Watermelon Month in the U.S.

Not only because a cool, refreshing slice of watermelon represents the image of summer, but also because watermelon harvests peak in July.

So let's celebrate the watermelon and summer with a few items of trivia.

Watermelons are native to southern Africa, but have been known in India since prehistoric times, and in Egypt for 5-6,000 years.

The first recorded watermelon harvest took place 5,000 years ago in Egypt.

Pictures of the fruit were found in paintings on the walls of ancient buildings. From there, the fruit spread to other countries by merchant ships.

The watermelon is related to cucumbers, pumpkins and squash.

There are over 1,200 varieties of watermelons grown in 96 countries.

China is the number one producer of watermelons, followed by Turkey, Iran, Brazil, and the U.S.

Watermelon is 92% water. Every part of a watermelon is edible, even the seeds and rinds.

According to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, per capita consumption of watermelon in the U.S. is approximately 14 pounds per person.

Watermelon was designated as the Official

Vegetable of Oklahoma in 2007.

Cordele, Georgia claims to be the Watermelon Capital of the world.

The heaviest watermelon weighed 350.5 lb. and was grown by Chris Kent of Sevierville, Tennessee in 2013.

How do we get seedless watermelon?

The number of chromosomes in a normal watermelon plant is doubled by the use of the chemical colchicine.

Doubling a normal (diploid) watermelon results in a tetraploid plant (one having four sets of chromosomes).

When the tetraploid plant is pollinated by a diploid (normal) plant, the resulting seed produces a triploid plant that is basically a "mule" of the plant kingdom, and it produces seedless watermelons.

So, how do you pick a ripe watermelon?

Indicators of watermelon fruit maturity include a yellow spot on the underside from sitting on the ground to ripen in the sun; a brown, dried tendril where the fruit stem is joined to the watermelon vine; and a dull surface on top of the fruit.

Armed with these bits of knowledge, we can live up to the conversation at picnics as kids enjoy the last bit of summer freedom before school starts.



Pascual Hernandez

The Blotter



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Sonora Police Department and the Sutton County Sheriff's Office. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the police department or Sheriff's Office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Accidents of major impact may be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

SONORA PD ARRESTS

JULY 29 • Ezequiel Lara Reyes, Jr., 47-year-old male of Eden Texas. Arrested for Public Intoxication.

INCIDENTS

JULY 24 - 12:19 PM • Caller reported a possible theft at residence. Officer responded.

5:15 PM • Caller reported low hanging wire/cable near Allen and Hightower. Officer responded.

6:11 PM • Caller requested an officer for a civil standby 500 block of Virgen. Officer responded.

9:59 PM • Caller reported an illegally parked vehicle behind City Hall. Officer responded.

JULY 25 - 10:41 AM • Caller reported a young child running in street Menard and W 1st. Officer responded.

2:47 PM • Caller reported a suspicious person at 500 on block of Menard. Officer responded.

7:14 PM • Caller requested to speak to officer regarding Civil Matter. Officer responded.

JULY 26 - 11:38 AM • Caller reported a child locked in running vehicle 800-900 block of N. Crockett. Officer responded.

JULY 27 - 12:00 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver in area South of Hwy 277. Officer responded.

JULY 28 - 8:52 AM • Officer responded to assist EMS 100 block of Deerwood.

7:59 PM • Caller reported theft at 500 block of Rock. Officer responded.

9:38 PM • Caller reported disturbance at 100 block of Deerwood. Officer responded.

10:48 PM • Officer responded to assist deputy with possible runaway at County Road 108.

JULY 29 - 11:50 AM • Officer responded to assist deputy with vehicle search on I-10 at 403 mm.

JULY 30 - 5:49 PM • Caller requested to speak to an officer at 200 block of W 2nd. Officer responded.

SUTTON COUNTY SHERIFF ARRESTS

JULY 26 • Dwight Riley, 51-year-old-male of San Antonio. Arrested for a Bexar County warrant.

JULY 28 • Deaja Vicente, 19-year-old male of California. Arrested on a Sutton County warrant.

• Ruben Cantu, 30-year-old male of San Antonio. Arrested for DWI.

INCIDENTS

JULY 25 - 12:52 PM • Caller reported an alarm on 277 S. Deputy responded.

1:20 PM • Caller reported a suspicious male subject on Santa Cruz. Deputy responded.

JULY 26-4:28 AM • Caller reported an 18-wheeler losing its load on I-10 at 412 mm. Deputy responded.

JULY 28 - 3:22 AM • Caller reported an 18-wheeler rollover on I-10 W at 382 mm. Deputies, DPS, SVFD, and EMS responded.

9:35 PM • Caller reported a stranded motorist on I-10 at 431 mm. Deputy responded.

9:50 PM • Caller reported a child runaway on SC Rd. 108. Deputy responded.

1:30 PM • Deputy took a report of theft by phone and internet.

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CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Education Bill

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legislation by Senate Education Chair Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood.

SB 2 contains \$212 million in additional spending over and above appropriations passed during the regular legislative session, to help needy school districts bridge funding gaps until the Legislature devises a more broadly functional finance system. SB 2 also would create a mechanism to provide financial assistance for children with disabilities to attend private schools.

DPS reports on gangs

The Texas Department of Public Safety on July 25 released the Texas Gang Threat Assessment, an overview and update of gang activity in the Lone Star State.

Gangs are evaluated and classified according to threat level. Also, according to the report, there are as many as 100,000 gang members across Texas.

"Gangs and their associates remain a significant threat to public safety in our state, not only because of their penchant for violence and criminal activity, but also their relationships with other criminal organizations, such as Mexican cartels," said DPS Director Steve McCraw.

Zika infection is possible

The Texas Department of State Health Services on July 26 announced a

Hidalgo County resident who previously had a Zika infection was most likely infected in Texas.

Because the individual has not recently traveled outside the area or had any other risk factors, the infection probably was transmitted by a mosquito bite in South Texas sometime in the last few months, health officials said.

Texas previously had six locally transmitted cases of Zika in Brownsville in late 2016. More information on Zika is available at TexasZika.org.

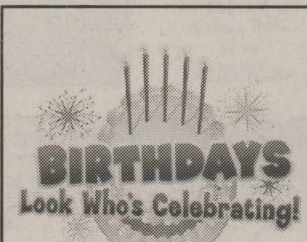
AG Paxton joins in brief

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on July 25 announced he joined West Virginia's amicus brief in Robinson v. United States, along with Indiana, Michigan and Utah in the United States Supreme Court.

The case was brought over a warrantless frisk search of an individual.

Paxton said an interpretation of the case by the Richmond, Virginia-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit "places an unlawful burden on Second Amendment rights."

"The Constitution plainly guarantees law-abiding citizens the right to bear arms, whether through open or concealed carry," he said. "We must ensure the court continues to protect the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens."



- August**
- 3rd Sam Hughes
 - 4th Sarah Black, Beverly Brown, Mary Kyle Johnson
 - 5th Mike Street, Kyla Turney Bannon, Megan Yourgalite, Destiny Martine, Katherine Herrera
 - 6th Diana Condra, Joe David Ross, Daniel Gonzales, Jordan Torres, Frank Chavez
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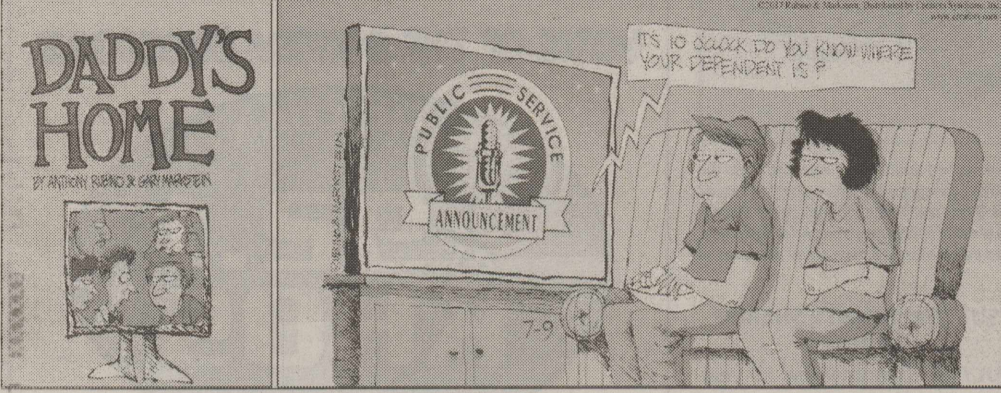
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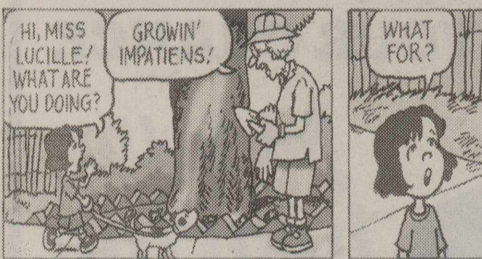
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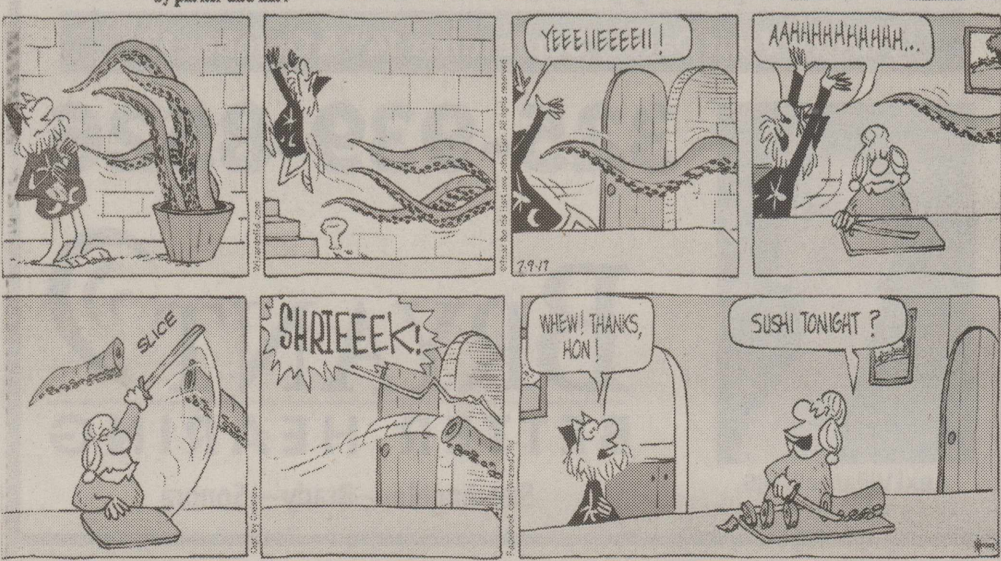
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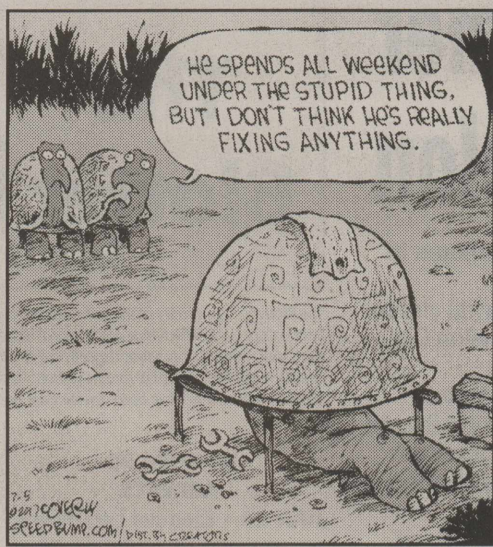
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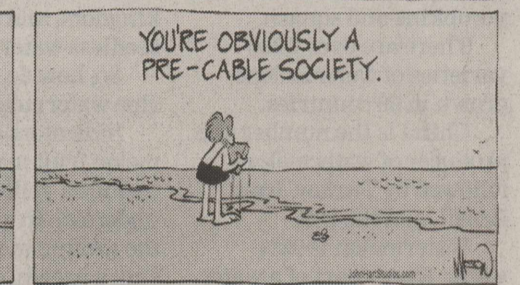
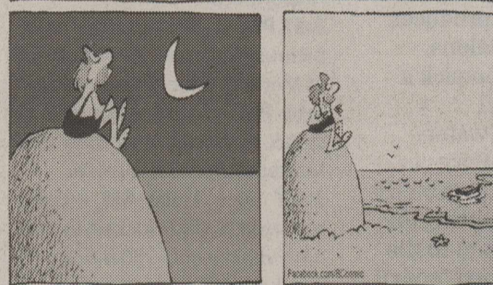
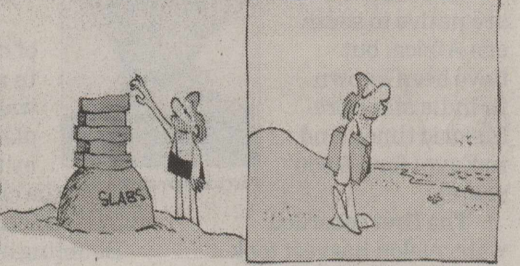


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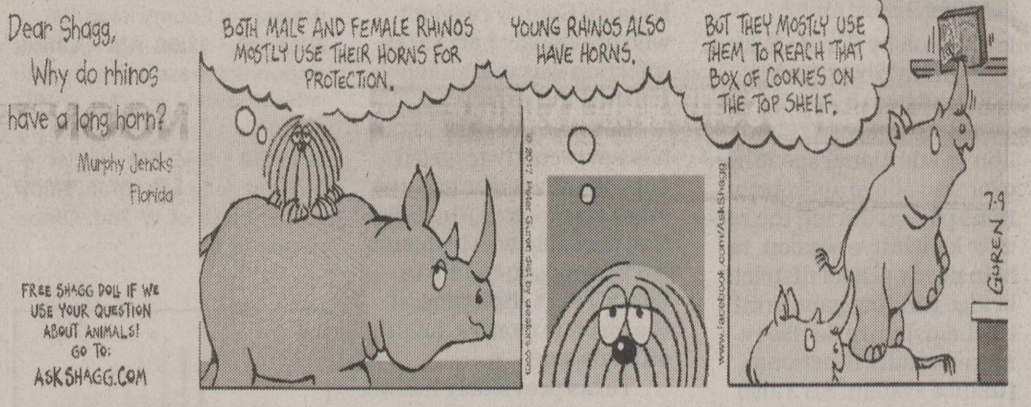


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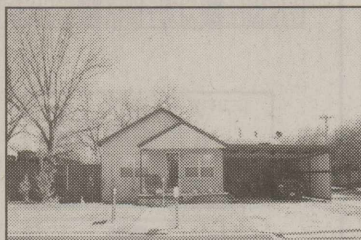
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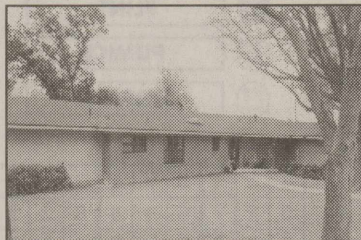
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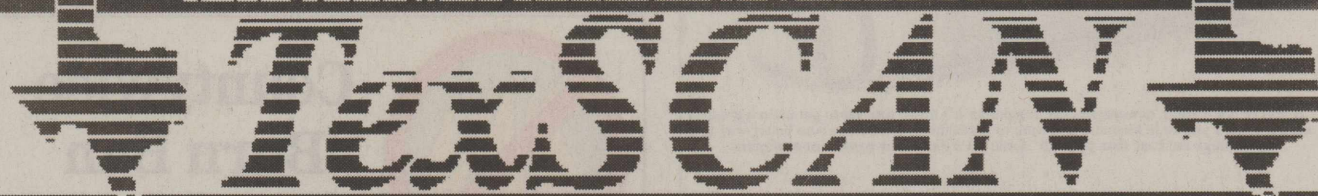


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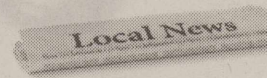
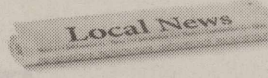
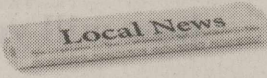
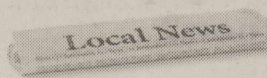
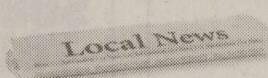
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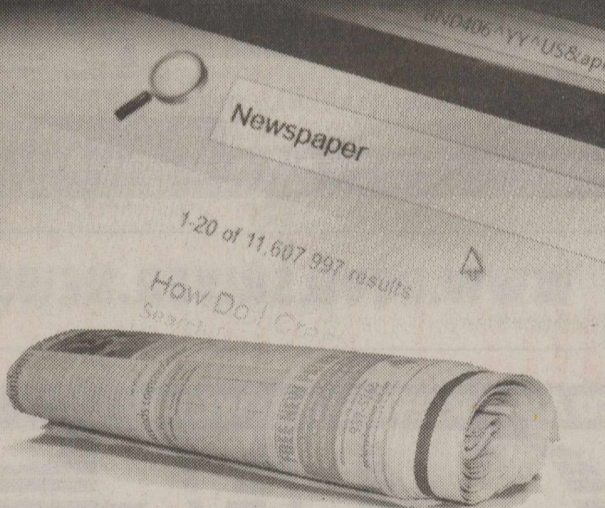
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The Dangers of Leaving Children Alone In or Around Cars

By Jessica Stapper, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent, Sutton County

Now that we are into summer in Texas, children are spending more time outdoors, which increases the danger of children being left alone in, and around, cars.

When we think of children being left alone in cars, our first thought is the danger of children dying in hot cars due to heatstroke.

But, in addition to heat risks, there are other safety concerns with unsupervised children around cars — including back-overs, the risk of children releasing the gear shift or engaging electric windows, and even becoming trapped inside vehicles or trunks. According to the Safe Kids Worldwide, approximately 39 percent of back-over deaths occurred at home.

Drivers in back-over and front-over deaths are often family members or family friends of the child.

Children are more at risk for heatstroke because a child's body temperature rises 3 to 5 times faster than an adult's.

A heatstroke can occur at body temperatures above 104 degrees. Even mild outside temperatures can pose a threat, but with Texas summer temperatures climbing into the upper 90s each day, the danger becomes even greater. The problem is that temperatures in parked vehicles rise very quickly.

According to figures from San Francisco State University's Department of Geosciences, in just 10 minutes, the temperature inside of a vehicle can increase by almost 20 degrees.

To reduce deaths from heatstroke, Safe Kids USA has launched a campaign titled ACT, which stands for: Avoid heatstroke related injury, Create reminders and Take action.

The campaign is designed to link together these simple heatstroke prevention steps.

It is important that parents and caregivers are on alert to avoid a heatstroke death, and that they share

the ACT campaign steps with spouses, grandparents, babysitters, and other caregivers.

Any change in schedule for drop-off or pickup of a child can lead to a deadly mistake.

In more than half of the cases of heatstroke, the death was due to the child being "forgotten" by the caregiver. Such deaths are preventable when parents take precautions to make sure that children are not left alone in vehicles and cannot gain access to unlocked vehicles.

So far this year, 18 child vehicular heatstroke deaths have occurred in the U. S., including seven in Texas. Although many parents may think that this will never happen to them, it is a tragedy that can and has happened to many families.

Jessica Stapper, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent, Sutton County reminds parents to be extra vigilant to make sure that children are never left alone in or around parked vehicles.

Follow these safety tips in this article to be sure that children cannot be harmed in a vehicle.

Children Left in Hot Vehicles

- Never leave infants or children in a parked vehicle, even if the windows are partially open.

- Make a habit of looking in the vehicle — front and back — before locking the door and walking away.

- Carefully check all seats in the van or bus to make sure there are no children sleeping on the seats or hiding under seats.

- Do not let children play in an unattended vehicle. Teach them that a vehicle is not a play area.

- Check with the family when a child does not show up for day care to be sure a parent has not forgotten a child in their vehicle.

- Always lock vehicle doors and trunks — and keep keys out of children's reach.

- If a child is missing, check the vehicle first, including the trunk or storage area.

- If a child is in distress due to heat, get them out as quickly as possible. Cool the child rapidly, then call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.

Children around Parked Vehicles

- Walk all the way around your parked vehicle to check for children, pets, or toys before getting in the car and starting the engine.

- Make sure young children are always accompanied by an adult when getting in and out of a car.

- Identify and use safe play areas for children away from parked or moving vehicles.

- Designate a safe spot for children to go when nearby vehicles are about to move.

- Firmly hold the hand of each child when walking near moving vehicles and when in driveways, parking lots, or sidewalks.

- Teach children not to play in and around vehicles.

- Lock vehicles at all times, even in the garage or driveway.

- Never leave keys in the car.

- Store keys out of children's reach.

- Engage your emergency brake every time you park.

- Check to see if your vehicle has a Brake Transmission Safety Interlock (BTSI), which is a safety technology to prevent children from accidentally putting a vehicle into gear.

Check your owner's manual to see if your vehicle is equipped with BTSI.

After Sept. 1, 2010, all vehicles with an automatic transmission with a PARK position must have BTSI.

- Use drive-thru services when available.

- Use your debit or credit card to pay for gas at the pump.

- Lock the power windows so that children cannot play with and cannot get caught in them.

Power windows can strangle a child or cut off a finger.

Following these safety tips can make all the difference in avoiding a needless tragedy.

ASU Summer Dinner Theatre Features Comedy Premiere

University Theatre at Angelo State University will premiere the new comic love story "Chancler 2: The Upside Down Moon" for its second 2017 summer dinner theatre production, beginning Thursday, July 27, in the ASU Modular Theatre.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. July 27-29 and Aug. 3-5, with dinner served at 6:45 p.m. There will also be a matinee performance at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 30, with lunch served at 12:45

p.m. Tickets are \$20 for the general public, \$15 for non-ASU students and Arts at ASU subscribers, and \$12.50 for ASU students. The ASU Modular Theatre is located in the Carr Education-Fine Arts (EFA) Building, 2602 Dena Drive.

Tickets are on sale now at the ASU box office in the EFA Building. The box office is open 2-6 p.m. weekdays.

For reservations and/or ticket information, call 325-942-2000.

Caregiver Conference

The Area Agency on Aging will host a Caregiver Conference on Wednesday, August 16, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Stephens Central Library-Sugg Community Room, in San Angelo.

This is a FREE event. Lunch is included with registration and door prizes will also be awarded.

The keynote speaker will be Karen Best of Elder Law Attorneys, San Angelo.

Participants will learn what legal documents are necessary to keep on hand as well as Medicaid services, physical therapy techniques, and community resources currently available for caregivers. Seating is limited, so early registration is encouraged.

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