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Fuentes Sworn in As New Chief of Police in Sonora

Arturo "Art" Fuentes was sworn in as the new acting Chief of Police for the City of Sonora, Monday, August 14, 2017 during an official ceremony at City Hall.

A diverse crowd of people including law enforcement, city administrators and community residents filled the municipal court room, leaving standing room only.

A couple of special surprise guests from Fort Stockton were also in attendance.

Interim Chief of Police Salvador Rangel and Administrative Assistance Cindy Melendez congratulated Fuentes on his new position.

"It was overwhelming, Fuentes said. "I thought it was just going to be a few people. It is a good example of what people in Sonora are made of. I felt well received."

City Manager Ed Carrasco added, "We're excited. Chief Fuentes brings a lot of ideas and he is really involved with the community as a whole. I think everybody will be pleased with his performance and his experience speaks for itself."

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Arturo Fuentes was sworn in as Chief of Police during a formal ceremony Monday, August 14, 2017 at City Hall. City Secretary Belia Fay administered the oath of office. **KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**



COURTESY PHOTO

Williams Jailed on Theft Charge

Former DPS Trooper Earlie Williams, 41, was booked into the Sutton County Jail on Tuesday, August 15, 2017. He is charged with theft, with a value of \$20,000 or more, but less than \$100,000, a third degree felony.

Williams was indicted by a Sutton County Grand Jury, according to law enforcement officers familiar with the case, however the formal indictment had not been released at press time.

Williams, who formerly served as a Texas Highway Patrol trooper in Sutton County, turned himself in to authorities at 7:36 a.m. on Tuesday. He was released on a \$5,000 surety bond.

If convicted, Williams could face up to 10 years in jail plus a fine of no more than \$10,000.

Further details of the case were not available as The Devil's River News went to press. If and when more details become available, they will be published on our website at www.devilsriver.news.



Wrecker crews attempted to lift an overturned truck tractor and trailer full of produce following a crash Thursday, August 10, 2017 on I-10. The crash blocked both east bound lanes causing traffic to divert through the median until the roadway was cleared. **KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**

Truck Loaded with Peppers Overturms on I-10

Traffic was diverted through the median of I-10 Thursday evening following a single vehicle crash on I-10 East between mile marker 429 and 430.

At approximately 7:00 p.m., the driver of the tractor-trailer rig was traveling east on I-10 when he lost control of the truck and overturned due to an apparent blow out of both front tires.

The truck, carrying a freight trailer full of peppers, skidded across both lanes, overturned and came to rest on its right side.

The driver did not appear to suffer any injuries as a result of the crash.

Produce carried in the trailer had to be unloaded onto the side of I-10 before wrecker crews from Kimble County and Sutton County could lift the truck into an upright position and begin clearing the roadway.

Both east bound lanes were closed for several hours.

The crash was investigated by DPS, Sutton County Sheriff's Deputies and TxDOT were also on scene to assist.

No further information is available at this time.



Kimble County wrecker personnel secured chains and cables to the underside of an overturned truck tractor to help lift it to an upright position following a crash on I-10 Thursday, August 10, 2017. **KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**

Commissioners Lower Tax Rate

Working their way through a full agenda, Sutton County commissioners approved a motion to adopt a lower proposed effective tax rate during their regular meeting Monday, August 14, 2017, saving residents tax dollars while still maintaining their new fiscal year budget.

After unadopting the previous proposed rate, commissioners unanimously approved to adopt a lower effective tax rate of 67.6819 cents per \$100 of taxable value.

Moving onto regular business, they approved the minutes of the July 24, July 31 and August 9 meetings, accounts payable, library, treasurer, extension office and accounts payable as presented.

No auditor's report was made available.

Judge Jody Harris reported a total of 934 new cases for the month of July as well as 662 cases closed. Additionally, he reported a total revenue of \$154,139.28. Of that revenue, \$96,45.16 was retained by the county and \$57,894.12 was retained by the state.

Further, of the new cases, DPS generated 703 cases and the Sheriff's Office generated 231 cases. All of these totals reflect an increase over what was reported for this same time last year.

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Abbott Signs 3 Bills with Few Likely to Reach His Desk in Final Week

AUSTIN — Three bills reached Gov. Greg Abbott's desk last week, with the 30-day special session of the Texas Legislature set to expire Aug. 16.

Abbott signed all three into law on Aug. 11:

- Senate Bill 5, increasing criminal penalties for voter fraud, by Kelly Hancock, R-North Richland Hills, and sponsored in the House by Dan Huberty, R-Kingwood;
- Senate Bill 20, the "sunset bill" that extends the life of the Texas Medical Board and several other healthcare-regulating state boards, by Van Taylor, R-Plano, and sponsored in the House by Larry Gonzales, R-Round Rock; and
- Senate Bill 60, relating to the funding

of those revived healthcare boards, also by Taylor and sponsored by Gonzales.

Two more bills headed to the governor for consideration are:

- HB 13 by Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake, and Sen. Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels, legislation requiring emergency healthcare providers to report complications from abortions and for the Health and Human Services Commission to publish the data; and
 - HB 214 by John Smith, R-Amarillo, and Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, banning abortion coverage through the federal Affordable Care Act and allowing private insurers to offer abortion coverage.
- And, in an Aug. 12 weekend session,

the House debated and tentatively passed SB 1, legislation lowering the property tax rollback rate and requiring voter approval to increase the rate above the threshold. The House-amended version differed from the one passed in the Senate, however, and as of deadline it was unclear whether the two sides could reach a compromise. With time running out, the Senate did concur on House amendments to SB 6, a bill to reform municipal annexation, but a municipal annexation reform bill was still unsettled. Negotiators for both bodies are working toward settlement on that and other bills on the governor's call as the Aug. 16 deadline inches closer. Racing against the clock are bills that would:

- Increase the average salary and benefits of Texas teachers;
- Provide a more flexible and rewarding salary and benefit system for Texas teachers;
- Establish a spending limit for political subdivisions and curb their power;
- Ban local regulations of the use of hand-held mobile communication devices while driving; and
- Ensure action is taken to reduce the

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

A Return to Reality

Ever noticed that returning from vacation creates a need for vacation?

First off, let me say that vacations are the best, or at least better than a regular day not on vacation. Whether it's a long weekend or extended 14-day excursion, I love a day on vacay. The only thing better? Two days (and so on - to infinity and beyond).

Vacation is filled with untethered time. You wake in the morning free to wonder what sort of adventures and entertainment you should pursue today. Work and chores and stress and the electric bill are off the radar. It's all about fun, fun, fun!

Slices of Life



By Jill Pertler

After your week away you return home and suddenly your time is tethered again - by responsibilities of normal life, which can put a damper on the sunniest of days.

Normal means setting the alarm clock. Making the bed. Brewing your own coffee in the morning and cooking your own breakfast, lunch and dinner. It is clearing your own dishes and washing them. Normal is not as exciting as vacation. It's more work and less free time.

This return to normalcy can leave one feeling empty - as in empty fridge and pantry. Chances are, you and the brood returned home hungry and food isn't going to purchase and restock itself. It takes a human being to do that. Too often that human is you. And the first thing anyone wants to do when coming home from vacation is head right out to the supermarket.

But before you can grocery your way to a full meal and belly, there's the pesky problem of a full laundry bin. Returning from a week at the beach or theme parks means one thing: dirty clothes. Who wants to take time during vacation to do laundry? They call it time off for a reason. Time off from laundry.

Before you can do the laundry you have to unpack it. I wasn't born with the unpacking gene. I could honestly go weeks without unpacking. Eventually the unopened suitcase becomes a regular part of the room landscape and you don't even see it anymore. It's invisible to the naked eye.

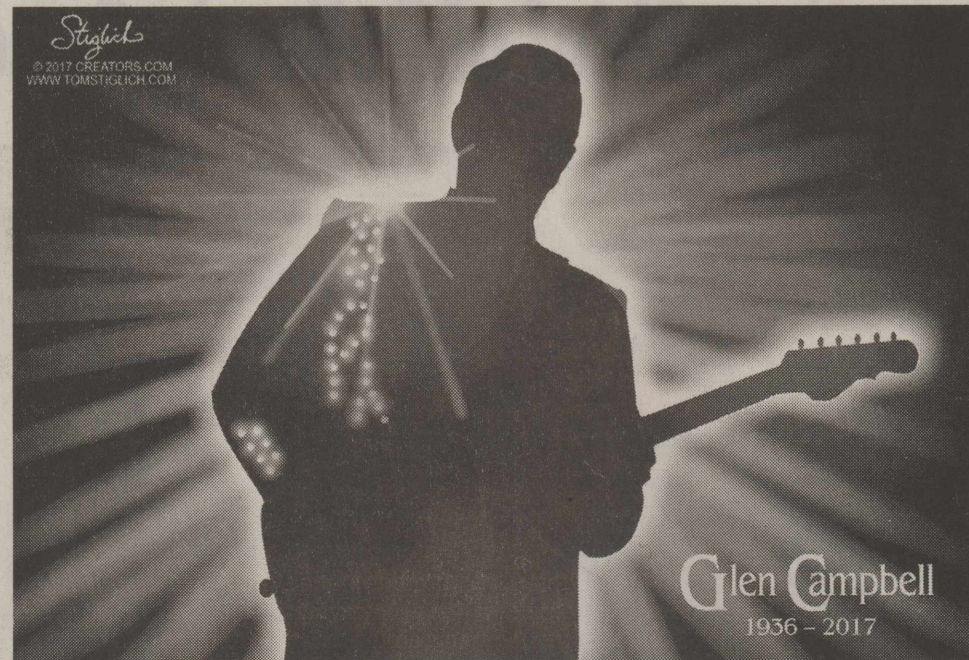
I've learned ignoring a suitcase isn't a good idea. The longer you wait to unpack after returning to home sweet home, the less sweet your laundry pile will be - if you catch my drift.

Speaking of freshly laundered scent, I won't even go into the overwhelming aroma that will abound if someone forgets to flush a toilet before departure. Flushing the toilet is an imperative task to complete prior to leaving for vacation, not upon returning from. I am fairly proud to report we are consistent flushers and as such haven't encountered a problem in this area - so far.

What else piles up during a vacation? The mail. If you're like me, you'll come home to a hefty stack. Hopefully more junk mail than bills. Hopefully no bills marked overdue. Hopefully maybe even a couple worth opening - like a check or credit card offer. (You are pre-approved!)

I haven't even touched on work. Not the work and chores you do at home, but the work someone pays you to do. Even if you attempted to work ahead or complete projects before leaving on vacation, chances are something came up while you were gone and work will be waiting for you. Probably a pile even bigger than your laundry or unopened mail. (Think of it as job security.)

And yes, you will have to go back to work. But that's okay. Because work, while undeniably a four-letter word, is the very entity that makes vacations possible. And gives you time - during breaks and lunch and maybe office meetings - to plan for your next.



Glen Campbell
1936 - 2017

Challenged

This tale happened at Sanderson, Texas, in 1949. I can place the year well as we had moved to the ranch in 1941 and I had gotten lots of practice roping to doctor worms. We had also developed some good roping to horses doctoring livestock in the open.

This takes care of the time so now let's trail down to the location.

The Sanderson arena at that time was in the bed of Sanderson Canyon on the very east of town. This property was behind Bill Goodwin's bar and you drove through his driveway to go into the draw to the arena.

The arena was old and shoddy, made out of scratch material but it was all we had so it sufficed well.

I am going to say this was a local calf roping on a Saturday in September.

Ropers came out from all over West Texas to this little local roping. A club had been organized, officers elected, judges appointed, and rent paid on the property.

The club owned 20 white Brahma heifer calves that were used in various contests. The chute hands were ranch hands brought in to do the work and turn out the calves.

If my memory serves me right, Son Turner was the field judge, time keepers were, Charlie Gregory, John Reinegar, and Francis Mansfield.

There was no shade except the bush roof over the judges' stand and on a Saturday in September with no breeze it was hot!

Open jackpots were the game of the day. You signed up to enter and paid your fee which was usually \$10 per man. Regardless of how many ropers entered the pot was always split 3 ways - 50 percent, 30 percent, and 20 percent. This was always based on the three top three times of any jackpot.

Being a young ranch hand making \$75 a month, I did not have lot of spare money. Therefore, I did not enter the first two or three ropings.

After about three o'clock things settled down and I decided all the hotshot ropers would rest their horses so it was time to enter.

I paid my \$10 and got my horse warmed up and ready to rope. I don't remember how many ropers there were but I sure remember who won.

The times have long been forgotten but the top three winners were: Jim Bob Altizer, Jiggs Davis and Joe Brown.

My memory tells me I won 3rd place with a time of 16 seconds.

Now, what a payday, \$22 for a young 18 year old kid!

I rested my horse and entered once more, but did not place so I was only a spectator after that.

After about five o'clock, some older ranchers worked up a match roping between Jim Bob Altizer and Buster Babb. This was to be four calves each for \$500 dollars, winner take all.

The way I recall Pap Altizer picked calves for Jim Bob and Boye Babb picked the four calves for Buster. The money was put up in cash and the judges approved by both parties.

The roping started with each roper getting his picked calf and alternating. Everything was going smooth after three head with Buster Babb leading by about two seconds.

On his last calf the field judge fined Buster 10 seconds for not clearing the ground before tying. This call put Buster about eight seconds behind Jim Bob Altizer. So all Altizer had to do to win was rope and tie his calf which he did. This gave him the roping and the money.

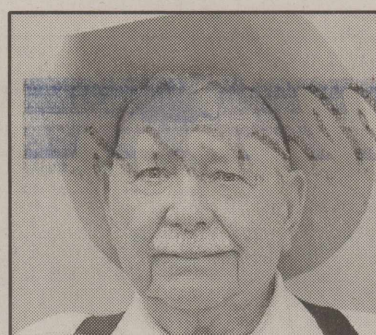
This is where our story goes South. When the winner was announced to the crowd, Boye Babb walked out into the arena. He stopped in the front of the judges and stood quietly for a second, then loudly addressed the ancestry of all three judges for 10 minutes. He then invited them to come down and discuss the call. No one moved or said anything.

Boye Babb then turned and challenged the whole crowd to meet face to face and discuss this event. Again, no one answered.

After a few minutes he told Buster to load his horse and they would leave these cheaters to their roping!

The Babb family were a pretty tough bunch in those days!

It Happened Out West



by Joe N. Brown

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electricity were novelties. The store has lasted through wars, the exploration of space and financial ups and downs.

During the depression the store sold anything to stay in business. Over the years, the store divided into two stores: one for hardware, one for sporting goods. Four years ago David Furry bought the sporting goods store and moved it to a new building in Early.

"We carry an inventory of somewhere between 400 and 600 guns at all times," says David, an entrepreneur with other interests. "Our guys know guns. When you come in and ask them something, they'll know what you're talking about. If we don't have what you're looking for we can special order it for you. We sell guns online now. The Brown County community has supported this store for 141 years."

David realizes the significance of the business. He has framed newspaper articles about many of the store's anniversaries. Some are displayed prominently on the walls of the store. His office has store records that go back in history, all supporting the claim that it's the oldest gun dealer in the United States in continuous operation.

"We did our research when we bought it. We bought it from a great family, which were descendants of the Weakleys and the Watsons. At that time they thought they were the oldest gun dealer in Texas but hadn't really researched it. When you go to Wikipedia there's a store in Chicago, I think it is, that claims to be the oldest gun store. But it opened in 1911. So we're 35 years older than that store. We haven't found anyone else who can pre-date us. As far as I'm concerned this is the oldest gun store in the United States. It's been here for five generations."

David says Mr. Weakley came to Brownwood as a tinsmith and set up business in a building in downtown Brownwood and decided to open a hardware store. It sold guns at that time. Mr. Weakley's daughter married a man named Watson who later came into the business. Another daughter married a man named Miller and for a while the store was Weakley-Watson-Miller. Ice water was a luxury in those early days.

"Mr. Watson would send one of the employees down to the ice house and get a 25-pound block of solid ice and put it in a 30-gallon container out front so when people came by they could get a dipper of cold water, which was real special at the time."

In 1878 the store ran a newspaper ad and misspelled the word ammunition. One "m" was left out.

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Local Youth Applauded During 2017 Annual 4-H Awards Banquet

Local youngsters were applauded for their outstanding accomplishments and leadership during the annual 4-H Awards Banquet Monday, August 14, 2017, at the Sutton County Civic Center.

Patrons enjoyed a fun dinner coordinating with this year's theme, "Battle of the Spaghettis" before moving on to the business and entertainment of the evening.

Guest speaker Ben Taylor warmed up the crowd before the awards presentations and helped wrap things up during the naming of the new 4-H officers.

Receiving the highest honors, Catarina Hernandez and Cara Hernandez were awarded the 4-H Gold Star Award.

The 4-H Gold Star Award is the highest

4-H award any 4-Her can receive. To be eligible for this award students must be at least 15 years old at the time of application, submit a Record book, and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H. Additionally, candidates must have also completed at least 3 different 4-H projects.

Madalyn Fisher received the Glasscock Award for outstanding Junior Member ages 9 to 13 years.

Summer Hall received the Earwood Award for outstanding Senior 4-H Member ages 14 to 19 years.

Kodi Davis received the Home Economics Award for her excellence in project areas relating to family and consumer sciences.

Payton Dawson & Kadee Petty received the "I Dare You Award" in recognition

of the two seniors 4-H "dare" for young people to achieve their highest potential and to influence others through lives of leadership and service.

Christina Hernandez received the 2017 4-H Sweetheart Award.

Additional awards presented include: Sheep Awards:

Jillian Castro, Payton Dawson, Sicily Gutierrez, Weston Fisher, Amber Flinn, Molly Friess, Christina Hernandez, & Makinna Price

Judging & Plant Sciences Awards:

Cara Hernandez, Cassia Hernandez, Rebeckah Owen, & Avery Wardlaw

Swine Award: Hollis Snyder
Leadership Awards: James 'Levi' Garrett & Kristin Garrett

Foods & Nutrition Awards: Koda Davis & Kodi Davis
Personal Development Award:

Summer Hall
Photography Award: Ashton Bryant & Madalyn Fisher

Goat Awards: Corbin Crenwelge, Jazlyn Garcia, Catarina Hernandez, Kadee Petty, & Dalissa Sanchez

Performing Arts Award: Delaney Ramsdell
Year Pin:

Summer Hall, Cara Hernandez, & Catarina Hernandez
Other Special Awards include:

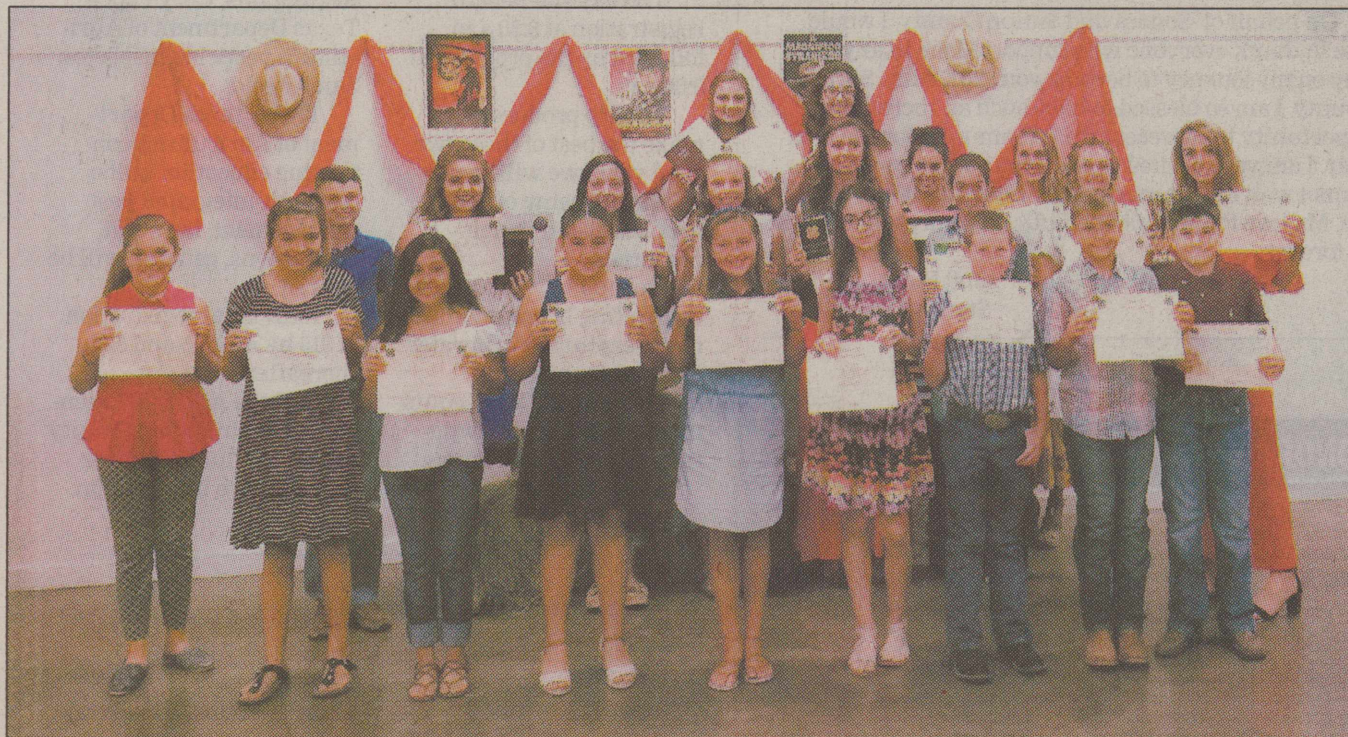
Kimberley Meyer, Friend of 4-H and Shanna Petty Castro and David Fisher, Silver Spur Awards.

All of the students deserve commendation for their hard work.



Ben Taylor, guest speaker and Sonora local, entertains 4-H students and their guests Monday evening with a collection of props used to demonstrate the responsibilities of each 4-H officer. Before closing the evening of events, Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Extension Agent, announced the incoming 4-H officers for 2018.

KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Local Youth were recognized for their hard work during the 2017 Annual 4-H Awards Banquet Monday, August 14, 2017. (Front L-R) Jillian Castro, Makinna Price, Dalissa Sanchez, Sicily Gutierrez, Jazlyn Garcia, Cassia Hernandez, Corbin Crenwelge, Weston Fisher and Hollis Snyder, (Middle L-R) Aidan Leamon, Payton Dawson, Molly Friess, Koda Davis, Kodi Davis, Christina Hernandez, Catarina Hernandez, Delaney Ramsdell, Madalyn Fisher and Summer Hall, (Back L-R) Kadee Petty and Cara Hernandez.

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Middle School Registration-Revised

Sonora Middle School registration is set for Friday, August 18, 2017.

The times for each grade level have changed from morning to afternoon. The new schedule is

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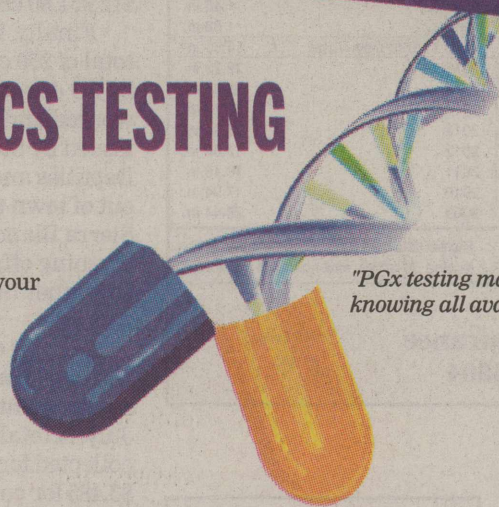
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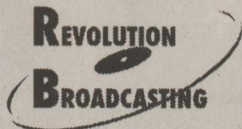
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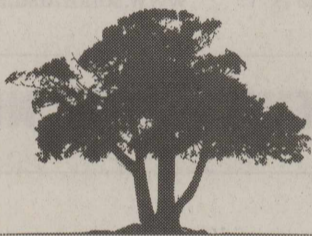


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God Bless,
Sterling Smith

SONORA WEATHER FORECAST

Thu 8/17	Fri 8/18	Sat 8/19	Sun 8/20	Mon 8/21
94/75 	95/75 	97/74 	94/74 	90/72
Partly Sunny/Warm Sunrise 7:10 a.m. Sunset 8:23 p.m.	Sunny/Storms Sunrise 7:11 a.m. Sunset 8:22 p.m.	Sunny/Warm Sunrise 7:11 a.m. Sunset 8:21 p.m.	Sunny/Warm Sunrise 7:12 a.m. Sunset 8:20 p.m.	Sunny/Warm Sunrise 7:13 a.m. Sunset 8:19 p.m.

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August 1-15	0.57 in.	August 1-15	0.84 in.
July	4.21 in.	July	3.79 in.
June	3.07 in.	June	0.41 in.
May	3.68 in.	May	2.92 in.
April	1.23 in.	April	2.48 in.
March	0.79 in.	March	1.00 in.
February	1.36 in.	February	1.48 in.
January	2.40 in.	January	1.68 in.
2017 Year-to-Date Total	17.31 in.	2017 Year-to-Date Total	14.60 in.
2016	25.10 in.	2016	29.22 in.
2015	23.87 in.	2015	25.31 in.
2014	14.32 in.	2014	12.72 in.
2013	25.12 in.	2013	25.00 in.
2012	16.06 in.	2012	17.82 in.
2011	11.50 in.	2011	10.49 in.
2010	20.37 in.	2010	17.94 in.
2009	21.67 in.	2009	28.44 in.

Rainfall data collected at LCRA weather station located 14 miles southeast of Sonora.

Rainfall data collected at LCRA weather station located 17 miles east-northeast of Sonora.

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AgriLife Extension To Offer Natural Resource Field Day

Rarely do we have back-to-back years with good rains in the summer as we have this year and last. Those events provide opportunities to maximize our natural resources to prepare for the not-so-good times. Significant rains produce forage and fuel, but they also benefit noxious woody species.

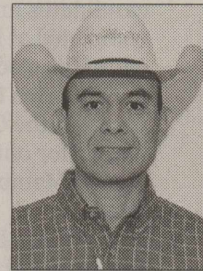
On account of that, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offices in Sutton, Valverde, and Edwards counties will conduct a Natural Resources Field Day Aug. 30 at the Sutton County Civic Center in Sonora.

The day starts with registration at 8:30 a.m. followed by the program at 9:00 a.m.

To help producers make the best of these two good years we will spend the day focusing on ways to enhance our range resources.

Our topics will include controlling brush encroachment, capturing rainwater to supplement water sources and building equipment for use during wild-fires or prescribed burns. Most of the program will

take place outdoors, and because August can be hot, come prepared for the heat. Topics and speakers will include:



Pascual Hernandez

-Skid Steer Attachments for Brush Control, Rocky Chandler, Bobby Oaks Ranch Construction owner/operator, Eldorado.

-Building a Cost-Effective Skid Sprayer, Nick Garza, Texas A&M AgriLife Research senior research associate, Sonora.

-Rainwater Harvesting Systems, Billy Kniffen, retired AgriLife Extension rainwater harvesting specialist, Menard.

-Pesticide Laws and Regulations, Cory Pence, Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide inspector, San Angelo.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units; one each-integrated pest management, laws and regulations, general, will be offered.

Individual registration is \$15 by Aug. 25 and \$25 thereafter.

Call the AgriLife Extension office in Sutton County at 325-387-3101 to register and for more information.

COMMISSIONERS:

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Additionally, Judge Harris reported 21 cases magistrate, 3 inquests, 1 request for a court appointed attorney, 1 administrator request and 2 weddings officiated.

Next, Sheriff Oscar Chavez reported a daily average of 10 inmates for the month of July at a cost of \$1.39 per meal.

He also reported 670 dispatch calls, 15 civil process received, 11 civil process served and a total of \$12,451.80 collected in fees.

Finally, he reported a total of 250 citations issued by SO deputies, 151 hours worked and 86 citations issued by Stone Garden Deputies and 3 transports out of town to San Antonio, Sierra Blanca and Bryan. Ongoing officer training continues until the end of August.

District Clerk Rachel Duran reported collections for the month of June and July. A total of \$2,079.53 was collected for district clerk, \$3,485 for county court and \$4,773 for vitals and land records for the month of June.

Additionally, a total of \$2,351.76 for district court, \$7,002 for county court and \$4,030 for vitals for the month of July.

In other business, commissioners approved a motion to contract with the appraisal district to assist

with collecting tax revenue, at a cost of \$141,911 per year, for an additional two-years, from January 2018 to December 2019, to collect county taxes.

Additionally, the court approved a resolution for the acceptance of a Border Prosecution Grant. The court appointed County Judge Steve Smith as the authorized official as well as Auditor Maura Weingart and District Attorney Laurie English as grant managers.

Next, commissioners approved the replacement of a fuel control system at the county year.

Then, the court approved the Rolling Oaks subdivision plat with a provision mandating that buyers become an active member of the Predator's Association.

Finally, commissioners rejected an offer from TxDOT to purchase acreage at mile marker 404.

Without further actions or visitor comments, the court was adjourned.

Judge Steve Smith presided over the meeting. Commissioners Carl Teaff, Mike Villanueva and Fred Perez were present. Bob Brockman was absent.

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners is set for Monday, August 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Annex Building.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Lefts and rights
- Sings jazzily
- Opposite of ans.
- Composer _____
- Satie
- Ancient Greek dialect
- Coffeemakers
- Decamp
- Racetrack officials
- Majestically
- _____ Vegas
- Merchandise article
- Alloof
- Timely
- In and of itself
- Light sources
- Ignited
- Rat- _____: machine gun sound
- Orchestra instruments, for short
- Girl in a song
- Layer
- Shrivel
- Deteriorate
- Disdained
- In no way

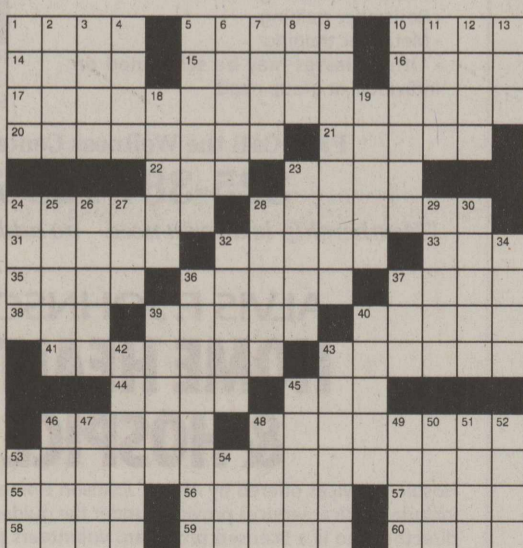
DOWN

- Fish spears
- Run easily
- Memoranda
- Bird's egg expert
- Jilt
- Competent
- Certain lights
- Where Eke Crater is
- Sets
- Surmise
- Stage sceneries

DOWN

- Aircraft
- Smell _____
- Two-wheeler
- Swerve
- Deprecatory title of old
- Campus cuties
- Blyth and Sothorn
- Muscle spasm
- Strong drink
- Where the Saguenay

- flows
- Russian river
- Jealousy
- Compass pt.
- Bogus
- Lemur of India
- Distaff-siders
- Brilliantly colored fish
- Gay affairs
- Money of Arles
- Adherent
- Overworked
- Defense
- Certain beans
- Takes it easy
- Current
- New York landmark
- Do a yard job
- Jot down
- Russian writer
- Pointed arches
- That much at least
- _____ Hopkins
- Philippine city
- Pause
- Siouan
- Mucilages
- Dies _____
- Rabbit tail
- The one at hand
- Race unit
- New: Ger.



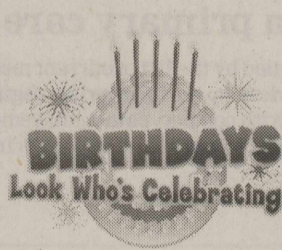
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- 18th Zachary Leonard
- 19th Martha Wallace, Laurie Smith, Mike Hobbs, David Sanchez Jr., Maasi Lohman
- 20th Bernardo "Yogi" Solis, Eligia Cross, Karen Lohman
- 21st Linda Fisher, Corky Schweining, Elizabeth Schenkel
- 22nd Tom Glasscock, Bobby Mogford, Kay Word, Jody Harris
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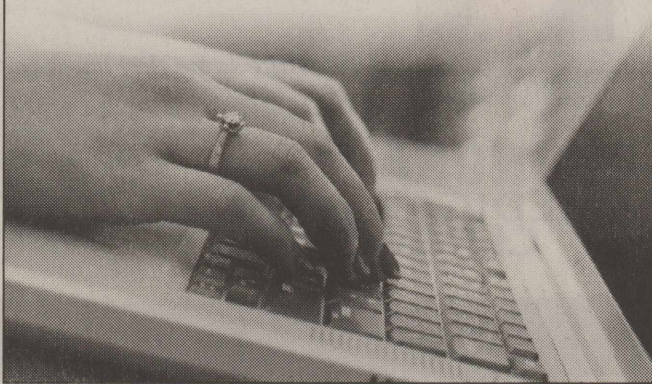
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The Blotter



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

AUGUST 12 • Lawrence Frausto, 35-year-old male of San Antonio. Arrested for Warrants out of Bexar and LeSalle County.
 • Jose "Joe" Hidalgo, 45-year-old male of San Antonio. Arrested for Criminal Simulation.
AUGUST 13 • Gerald Castellanos, 37-year-old male of Del Rio, Texas. Arrested for Assault Family Violence.

INCIDENTS

AUGUST 7 - 10:34 AM • Caller requested ACO at 100 block of W. Poplar. Officer responded.
10:45 AM • Caller requested funeral escort. Officer responded.
11:31 AM • Caller requested assistance for accident/wreck on I-10 at 408 mm. Officer responded.
12:34 PM • Caller requested to assist with horses on Bloodworth Road. Officer responded.
9:44 PM • Caller reported criminal mischief at Taco Grill. Officer responded.
11:29 PM • Caller requested assistance with an arrest on I-10 at 408 mm. Officer responded.
AUGUST 8 - 10:39 AM • Caller reported theft at 7-11. Officer responded.
1:10 PM • 9-1-1 call at 1900 block of Tayloe. Officer responded.
3:21 PM • Caller reported suspicious vehicle/person at 600 block of S. Crockett Ave. Officer responded.
6:15 PM • Caller reported a criminal mischief at 300 of W. 1st. Officer responded.
AUGUST 9 - 10:06 AM • Officer requested to assist Animal Control Officer at 800 block of St. Ann's. Officer responded.
1:10 PM • Caller reported disturbance at 300 Edgemont. Officer responded.
1:14 PM • Caller reported welfare concern at 100 Block of W. Chestnut. Officer responded.
2:16 PM • Alarm call at 300 of Hwy 277 N. Officer responded.
AUGUST 10 - 1:09 AM • Caller reported livestock on Bloodworth Rd. Officer responded.
3:40 AM • Caller reported theft at 200 W. 2nd. Officer responded.
12:41 PM • Caller reported criminal mischief at 300 block of Hwy 277 S. Officer responded.
1:54 PM • Caller reported assault at 1900 block of Tayloe Ave. Officer responded.
AUGUST 11 - 2:25 AM • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 399 mm. Officer responded.
2:27 AM • Caller reported suspicious person at 600 block of N. Water. Officer responded.
1:58 PM • Officer requested to assist Animal Control Officer at 1100 block of Savell. Officer responded.
7:35 PM • Animal Control Officer requested assistance from Sheriff's Office at 900 block of S. Crockett. Deputy responded.
11:33 PM • Caller reported suspicious person at Subway. Officer responded.
AUGUST 12 - 2:34 • Caller reported theft at Mr. D's Liquor. Officer responded.
3:32 PM • Caller requested agency assistance with an arrest at 200 block of W. 2nd. Officer responded.
8:35 PM • 9-1-1 call at Stripes Subway. Officer responded.
AUGUST 13 - 1:05 PM • Caller requested assistance with accident/wreck on I-10 at 400 mm. Officer responded.
7:31 PM • Caller requested officer at 600 block of Poplar. Officer responded.

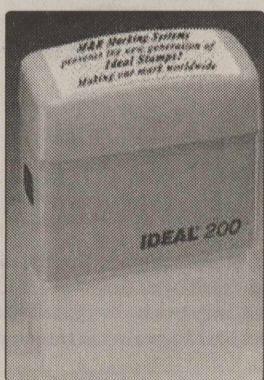
SUTTON COUNTY SHERIFF ARRESTS

AUGUST 7 • Timothy Murphy 30-year-old male of Fairfield, CA. Arrested on a parole warrant.
 • Aracely Zamora, 25-year-old female from El Paso. Arrested for Warrant out of El Paso, Texas.
AUGUST 9 • Matias Torres 34-year-old male of Mercedes. Arrested for Possession of Dangerous Drug.
 • Jamie Pickett 24-year-old male of Cleburne, AR. Arrested for Possession of Marijuana.
 • Quinton Anderson 24-year-old male of Anderson, MO. Arrested for Possession of Marijuana.
AUGUST 10 • Rodrique Watson 26-year-old male of Natchez, MS. Arrested for Possession of Controlled Substance.
 • Matthew Coesens 22-year-old male of San Antonio. Arrested for Possession of Marijuana.
 • Alan Quinones Amancio 23-year-old male of San Antonio. Arrested for Possession of Marijuana.
AUGUST 12 • Justin Ramirez 33-year-old male of Houston Arrested for Possession of Marijuana.

INCIDENTS

AUGUST 7 - 11:27 AM • Caller reported a one vehicle accident on I-10 at 405 mm. Deputy responded.
12:33 PM • Caller reported horses on Bloodworth Rd. Deputy responded.
AUGUST 8 - 10:58 PM • Caller reported an 18 wheeler on its side on I-10 at 401 mm. Deputy, DPS, and TxDOT.
AUGUST 9 - 12:45 PM • Caller requested assistance for a stranded motorist on I-10 at 420 mm. Deputy responded.
AUGUST 10 - 5:30 PM • Caller reported an 18 wheeler rolled over on I-10 at 429 mm. Deputy, EMS, and DPS all responded.
11:00 PM • Caller reported a child runaway at CR 106. Deputy responded.
AUGUST 12 - 2:06 AM • Caller reported an accident on I-10 at 428 mm involving two 18 wheelers. Deputy and DPS responded.
AUGUST 13 - 7:00 AM • Caller requested assistance with DP assault case on S. Crockett. Deputy responded.
12:45 PM • Caller reported a rollover on I-10 at 400 mm and overpass. Deputy, PD, DPS, EMS, and TxDOT all responded.
12:45 PM • Caller reported a live wire down on 277 S. and Railroad. Fire Department Responded.
7:12 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver traveling East on the South Service Rd. Deputy responded.

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NOTICE OF SALE

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BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER

COUNTY OF SUTTON

DATED: July 28, 2017

and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court, 112th Judicial District, of Sutton County, Texas, by the District Clerk on said date, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on the 7th day of August, 2017, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in September, 2017, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Courthouse door, of said County in the City of Sonora, beginning at 11:00 o'clock a.m., on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of the defendants in such suit to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Sutton and the State of Texas, to-wit:

CAUSE NO. 5270; SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT V. TYLER, RODGER WAYNE A/K/A RODGER TYLER, ET AL

TRACT 1: R100991

Being Lots 1 & 2, Block 66A, South Heights Addition, Sutton County, Texas.

CAUSE NO. 6010; SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT V. PAT BROWN, DECEASED

TRACT 1: GEO: R101528

Being Lot 7, Block W-35, Town of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas; being that property more particularly described in a Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 79, Page 359 of the Deed Records of Sutton County, Texas.

CAUSE NO. 6033; SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT V. JOHN LOPEZ, DECEASED

TRACT 1: GEO: R100956

Being the NW 40' of Lot5, Block 59A, South Heights Addition, Town of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas; being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 298, Page 744 in the Deed Records of Sutton County, Texas.

CAUSE NO. TAX06095; SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT V. SON-TEX RATHOLE SERVICE, INC.

TRACT 1: R100129

Being 2.676 acres of land out of and a part of HE&WT RR Co. Survey No. 86, Block B, Abstract No. 846, Sutton County, Texas; being that property more particularly described in a Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 268, Page 421 in the Deed Records of Sutton County, Texas.

CAUSE NO. TAX06104; SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT V. MARIA ELENA PORRAS, ET AL

TRACT 1: R101674

Being the S/2 of a parcel of land described in deed of date October 24th, 1938 from Raul Castillo to Geronimo Basquez, which is of record in Volume 34, Page 117, of the Deed Records of Sutton County, Texas, said tract being in the shape of a parallelogram and being in size 116' wide from East to West and 160' in length from North to South. The Tract herein conveyed being in size 80x160' said land situated in the West Mexico Addition to the town of Sonora, Texas; being that property more particularly described in a deed Recorded in Volume 115, Page 484 of the Deed Records of Sutton County, Texas.

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties, and costs; subject, however to the right of redemption by the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem said property, or their interest therein, in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

I have appointed the following as agent to conduct the sale, to-wit:

Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L.P. Attorneys at Law
1031 Andrews Hwy, Ste. 210
Midland, Texas 79701
(432) 522-2427

THIS SALE IS BEING CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO STATUTORY OR JUDICIAL REQUIREMENTS. BIDDERS WILL BID ON THE RIGHTS, TITLE, AND INTERESTS, IF ANY, IN THE REAL PROPERTY OFFERED.

THE PROPERTY IS SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS, AND WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED. NEITHER THE COUNTY NOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WARRANTS OR MAKES ANY REPRESENTATIONS ABOUT THE PROPERTY'S TITLE, CONDITION, HABITABILITY, MERCHANTABILITY, OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. BUYERS ASSUME ALL RISKS.

IN SOME SITUATIONS, A LOT OF FIVE ACRES OR LESS IS PRESUMED TO BE INTENDED FOR RESIDENTIAL USE. HOWEVER, IF THE PROPERTY LACKS WATER OR WASTEWATER SERVICE, THE PROPERTY MAY NOT QUALIFY FOR RESIDENTIAL USE. A POTENTIAL BUYER WHO WOULD LIKE MORE

INFORMATION SHOULD MAKE ADDITIONAL INQUIRIES OR CONSULT WITH PRIVATE COUNSEL.

ESTA VENTA SE LLEVARÁ A CABO DE CONFORMIDAD CON LOS REQUISITOS LEGALES O JUDICIALES. LOS POSTORES HARÁN UNA OFERTA POR EL TÍTULO, LOS DERECHOS E INTERESES, SI ALGUNO, EN LA PROPIEDAD OFRECIDA. LA PROPIEDAD SE VENDE COMO ESTÁ, EN EL LUGAR DONDE SE ENCUENTRA, Y SIN NINGUNA GARANTÍA, YA SEA EXPRESA O IMPLÍCITA. NI EL CONDADO, NI LA OFICINA DEL ALGUACIL GARANTIZAN O HACEN NINGUNA REPRESENTACIÓN SOBRE EL TÍTULO DE LA PROPIEDAD, CONDICIÓN, HABITABILIDAD, COMERCIABILIDAD, O IDONEIDAD PARA UN PROPÓSITO PARTICULAR. LOS COMPRADORES ASUMEN TODOS LOS RIESGOS. EN ALGUNAS SITUACIONES, UN LOTE DE CINCO HECTÁREAS O MENOS SE PRESUME QUE ES APTO PARA USO RESIDENCIAL. SIN EMBARGO, SI LA PROPIEDAD NO TIENE SERVICIOS DE AGUA POTABLE O AGUAS RESIDUALES, LA PROPIEDAD NO PUEDE CALIFICAR PARA EL USO RESIDENCIAL. UN COMPRADOR POTENCIAL QUE DESEE MÁS INFORMACIÓN, DEBERÁ HACER ESTUDIOS ADICIONALES O CONSULTAR CON UN ABOGADO PRIVADO.

At the time the sale begins, all bidders at the sale must be registered with the above named agent conducting the sale and be eligible to bid according to the Property Tax Code.

Dated at Sonora, Sutton County, Texas, this the 7th day of August, 2017.

/s/ Oscar Chavez
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What's for Lunch?
Sonora ISD Menu
PK-5th: Free Breakfast & 2.60 lunch
Middle & High School: \$2.10 Breakfast & \$3.00 lunch
*Menu Subject to Change

- Monday August 21**
NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday August 22**
Breakfast
Chicken-N-Biscuit Or Cereal, Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Chili Cheese Combo, Fresh Veggie Cup, Mixed Fruit, Cookie, Milk
After School Program
Muffin, Milk
- Wednesday August 23**
Breakfast
Breakfast Pizza Or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Chicken Nuggets, Mac and Cheese, Savory Green Beans, Garden Salad, Apple Slices, Milk
After School Program
Baked Chips, Juice
- Thursday August 24**
Breakfast
Pancake Wrap, Yogurt, Or Cereal, Crackers
Lunch
Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Tiny Tomato Cup, Fruity Gelatin, Milk
After School Program
Chex Mix, Juice
- Friday August 25**
Breakfast
Sausage, Biscuit, Or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Hamburger Garnish, Cucumbers Slices, Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk
After School Program
1/2 Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Juice

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR EXPENDING SECTION 4B TAX PROCEEDS

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

1. Proposed community development project to provide assistance to Eaton Hill Nature Center & Preserve for a portion of their expenses for fiscal year 2017-2018. These expenses include, but are not limited to, administrative, nature center displays, repair and maintenance and employee training.

The hearing will be held on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sonora Independent School District

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Sonora Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM, Wednesday, August 30, 2017 in Vocational Building 805 Prospect Sonora, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0 / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	% increase	or	31.97 % (decrease)
Debt service	% increase	or	100 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or	33.13 % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 580,716,824	\$ 592,001,543
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 4,456,679	\$ 5,922,530
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 525,661,512	\$ 535,606,476
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 4,364,033	\$ 5,463,636

* Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
** New property is defined by Tax Code Section 26.01(2)(17).
*** Taxable value is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04	\$.03444	\$ 1.07444	\$ 7,171	\$ 5,406
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.0644	\$ 0	\$ 1.0644	\$ 9,773	\$ 2,667
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04	\$ 0	\$ 1.04	\$ 7,200	\$ 2,667

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 113,106	\$ 115,567
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 64,458	\$ 66,267
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.07444	\$ 1.04
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 692	\$ 689
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (3)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.0401. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.0401.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 11,812,667
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 79,005

PUBLIC NOTICE YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Hospital Board Reluctantly Approves Tax Increase

After considerable discussion and deliberation Sutton County Hospital District trustees approved a 4.99 cent increase over the proposed 2017 effective rate of .190724 during their regular meeting Monday, August 14, 2017.

It was noted that the board of directors could not remember the last time district raised taxes above the effective rate as it has not occurred within the past decade.

The new proposed rate will be .240624. Reasons discussed for the increase include adjusting for inflation, continued cuts in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements, other reimbursement reductions associated with the Affordable Care Act, rising expenditures associated with an aging plant and infrastructure, rising costs associated with compliance and regulations and necessary changes to the electronic healthcare record system.

John Graves, CEO, said hospital Administration will work with the county appraisal district and meet requirements for public notices and hearings. This decision was made to ensure the hospital district met its responsibility while remaining sensitive to the financial pressures of the community he added.

"A tax rate increase is an indicator of community investment and commitment, which opens the door for additional grants and subsidies, Graves said. "The board surmised the district cannot rely on the current financial market

understanding it could fluctuate either direction. One final example discussed in the meeting for the need to increase the tax rate is the level of bad debt and charity. The Sutton County Hospital District, in accordance with its bylaws, has the full responsibility for providing medical and hospital care for the district's needy inhabitants. In doing so the board has the responsibility to ensure financial viability long-term. The estimated \$288K increase in tax revenue will reduce the hospital's burden of sustaining high balances of bad debt and charity care, where gap is currently \$1.2M. Bad debt and charity care is expected to exceed \$2.3M by the end of 2017."

In other business, the board heard a presentation on information specific to renewal of employee health insurance. The hospital district faces an increase of 138% or \$516K if they elect to remain with Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS). Total premium this year is \$372K. The increase would bring the total premium to \$887K for the renewal period from October 1 2017 to September 30 2018. The board is considering a partial self-funded program, which would reduce total liability between \$630K and \$670K. No action was taken as the board is still considering available options.

The board also approved regular budgetary items including the YTD financial report and July monthly expenditures.

Additionally, Graves presented, to the board, a

2017 year-end financial risk assessment as of June 30 highlighting three sources of revenue, expenses, and projected year-end net position.

"Three sources of revenue are net patient service revenue or monies received from direct patient care, other operating revenue which essentially represent government subsidies to augment patient revenue, and non-operating revenue where the primary contributors are tax revenue, certificates of deposit (CD) interest, and gains/losses from the San Angelo Area Foundation investment portfolio," Graves said. "Year-end net position projection when considering all sources of revenue and expenses is \$294K, \$35K less than 2016 performance. This is primarily due to the healthy market, which the district received midyear \$720K, after administrative fees, in unrealized gains and dividends/interest. Although the Rural Health Clinic is operating in the red, net position is expected to shift in a positive direction improving \$110K. The Rural Health Clinic decreased in net position the two previous years, 2015 and 2016."

Graves also presented preliminary 2018 budget information to the board. A draft budget will be presented to the Board in September.

Next, the board approved \$11,179 in capital investment dollars to replace a blood gas analyzer necessary to maintain the

SEE HOSPITAL BOARD ON PAGE 10

San Angelo Driver License Office Closed Temporarily

Effective immediately, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is temporarily closing the San Angelo Driver License Office (located at 1600 W. Loop 306) due to water damaged caused by Saturday's unexpected rain storm. The office will be closed until further notice as the department works quickly to complete these necessary repairs.

During the temporary closure, customers may visit an alternate DPS Driver License Office. If a customer already had an appointment scheduled this week at the San Angelo Driver License Office,

the appointment will be worked in at one of the following offices: Midland, Big Spring, Ozona, Sonora, and Brady. For office hours and additional information on driver license offices across the state, please visit: http://www.dps.texas.gov/administration/driver_licensing_control/rolodex/search.asp.

As a reminder, many Texans are eligible to skip the trip to a driver license office altogether and instead take advantage of online services for driver license/ID card renewals, duplicates or address changes by visiting Texas.gov. Customers can also renew by phone at

1-866-357-3639. The eligibility requirements for phone renewal and online renewal are the same. The fee is the same for online, in-person and telephone renewals.

CDL skills testing will not be affected by this closure. Office locations: Midland 2800 Wright Drive Midland, TX 79706kath 432-686-1120 Big Spring 5725 IH 20 West Big Spring, TX 79720 432-267-5671 Ozona 1503 Monterrey Drive Ozona, TX 76943 325-392-5612 Sonora 102 N Water Avenue County Courthouse Sonora, TX 76950 325-387-5701 Brady 306 W Lockhart Street Brady, TX 76825 325-597-1188

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Legislation

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maternal mortality rate in Texas.

Gov. Abbott, on June 6, called for legislation addressing the previously mentioned issues and a few others to be solved in the current special session, after lawmakers were unable fulfill his legislative priorities during the 140-day regular session that ended May 29.

Judge dismisses suit

Austin U.S. District Court Judge Sam Sparks on Aug. 9 dismissed as moot Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's lawsuit requesting the court to consolidate several lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of SB 4.

Paxton's lawsuit, filed preemptively in support of the legislation widely referred to as the "show me your papers" immigration bill, was passed by the state Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Abbott on May 7.

In a news release, Paxton reacted to Sparks' ruling in Texas and Ken Paxton v. Travis County et al., claiming the ruling by Judge Sparks would have no effect on the merits of SB 4 cases pending in San Antonio courts and that he plans to keep fighting.

Scheduled to take effect Sept. 1, SB 4 requires law

enforcement agencies across Texas to detain individuals pursuant to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's federal detainer program.

In his ruling, Sparks said Paxton does not have standing to bring suit because the law has not taken effect and therefore no violation has occurred.

Hegar to send revenue Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Aug. 9 announced his office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$779.2 million in local sales tax allocations for August.

The amount is 1.3 percent more than in August 2016. Allocations are based on sales made in June by businesses that report tax monthly, and sales made in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

Mark White laid to rest

The body of former Gov. Mark White lay in state in the Capitol Rotunda on Aug. 9 and burial followed in the Texas State Cemetery.

White died at age 77 at his home in Houston on Aug. 5. He was the 43rd governor of Texas, serving from 1983 to 1987. He also served as Texas attorney general from 1979 to 1983, and as Texas secretary of state from 1973 to 1977.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



COMBINED
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN A
WATER QUALITY PERMIT (NORI)
AND
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION
FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER
AMENDMENT
PERMIT NO. WQ0005001000

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Multi-Chem Group, LLC, P.O. Box 718, Maurice, Louisiana, 70555 which operates the Multi-Chem Group Sonora Texas Facility, a chemical blending, storage, and distribution facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a major amendment of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005001000 to authorize an increase in the permitted daily average flow from 15,000 gallons per day to 100,000 gallons per day and the permitted daily maximum flow from 25,000 gallons per day to 150,000 gallons per day at Outfall 003. The draft permit authorizes the discharge of stormwater associated with industrial activity on an intermittent and flow-variable basis via Outfalls 001 and 002 and reverse osmosis reject water at a daily average flow not to exceed 100,000 gallons per day via Outfall 003. The TCEQ received this application on March 6, 2017.

This combined notice is being issued because the name of the immediate receiving water was incorrect in the application and has been corrected and, therefore, was incorrect in the original NORI. The information has been corrected in bold below.

The facility is located at 349 Private Road 4473, approximately 2.5 miles southwest of the City of Sonora and about 0.35 mile northwest of the intersection of Private Road 4473 and U.S. Highway 277, in Sutton County, Texas 76950. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=30.543333&lng=-100.673055&zoom=13&type=r>

The effluent is discharged via Outfalls 001, 002, and 003 to an **unnamed tributary**; thence to the Dry Devils River; thence to the Devils River in Segment No. 2309 of the Rio Grande Basin. The unclassified receiving water use is minimal aquatic life use for the unnamed tributary and the Dry Devils River. The designated uses for Segment No. 2309 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, and exceptional aquatic life use.

In accordance with Title 30 Texas Administrative Code Section 307.5 and the TCEQ Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards (June 2010), an antidegradation determination determined that existing water quality uses will not be impaired by this permit action. Numerical and narrative criteria to protect existing uses will be maintained. This review has preliminarily determined that no water bodies with intermediate, high, or exceptional aquatic life uses are present within the stream reach assessed; therefore, no Tier 2 degradation determination is required. No significant degradation of water quality is expected in water bodies with intermediate, high, or exceptional aquatic life uses downstream, and existing uses will be maintained and protected. The preliminary determination can be reexamined and may be modified if new information is received.

The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Sutton County Annex Building, 300 East Oak Street, Suite 3, Sonora, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. Generally, the TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the executive director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be added to: (1) the permanent list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Multi-Chem Group, LLC, at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Andrea Bourque at (337) 517-4079.

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City of Sonora



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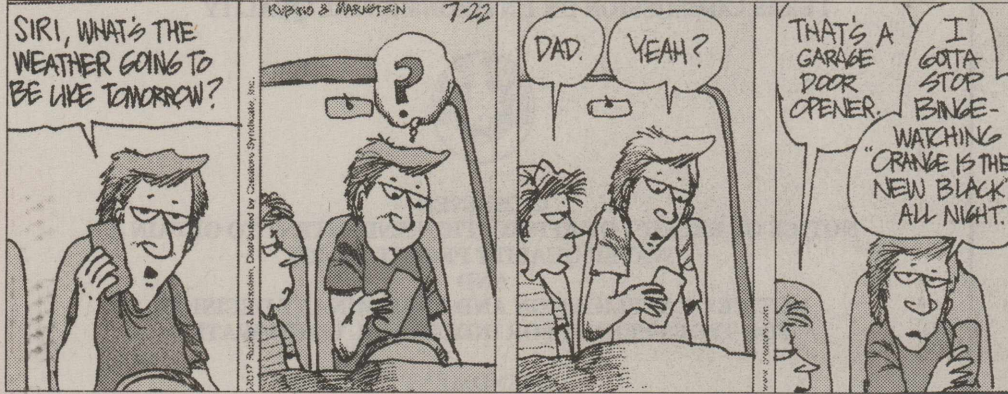
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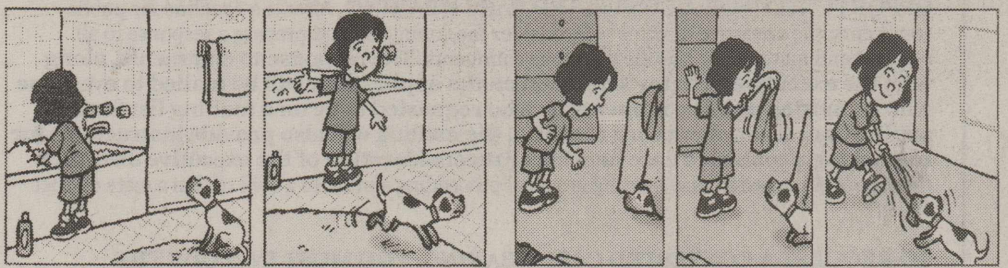
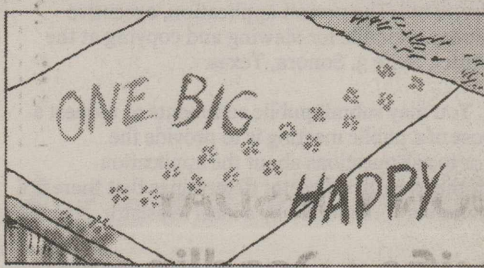
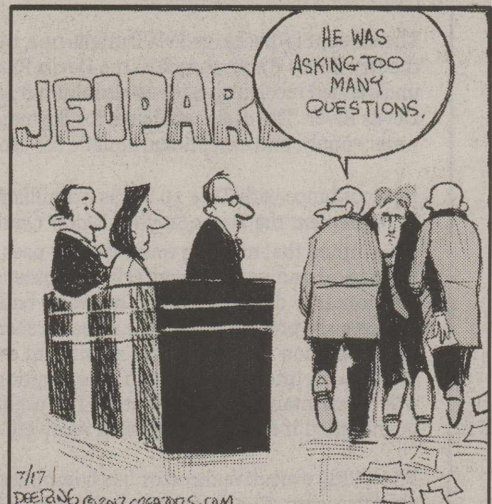
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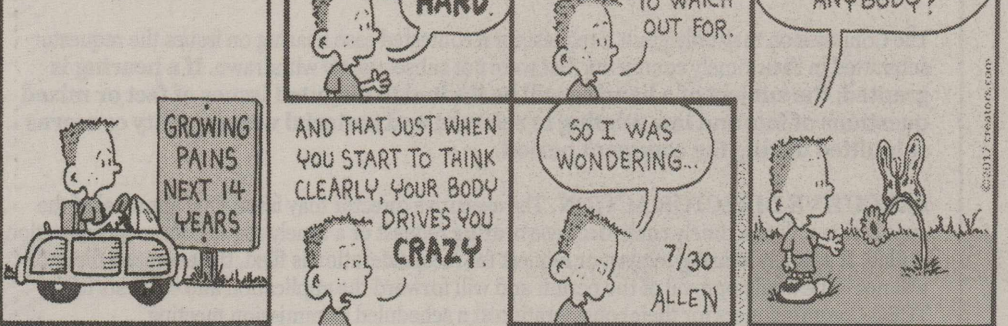
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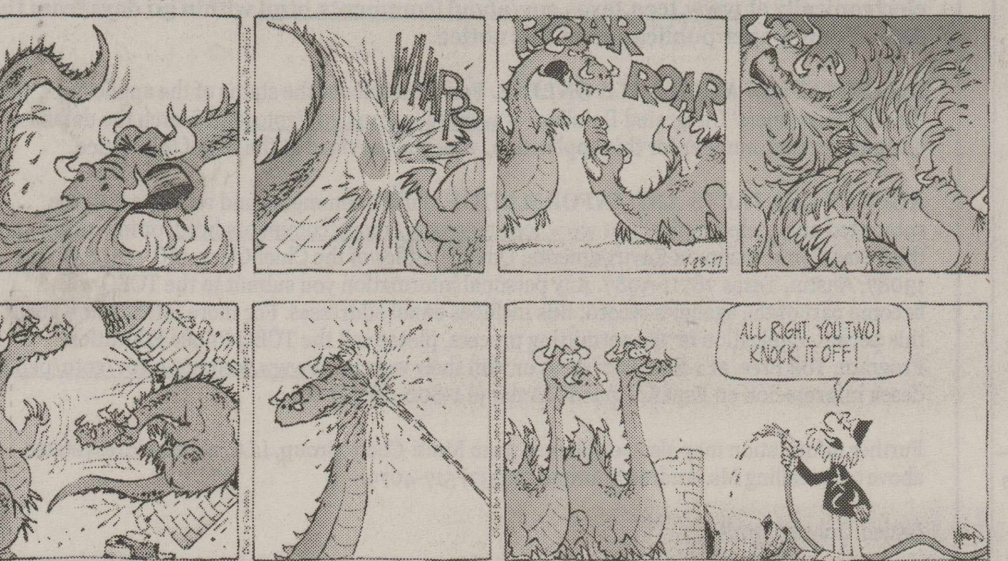
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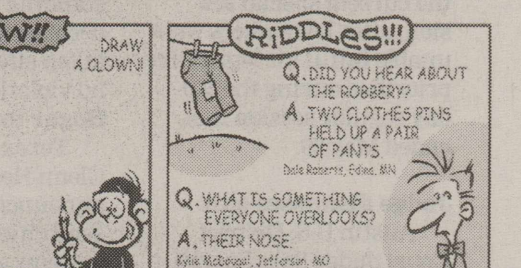
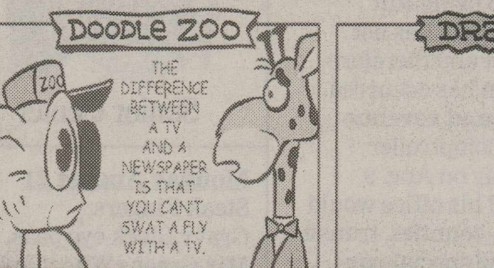
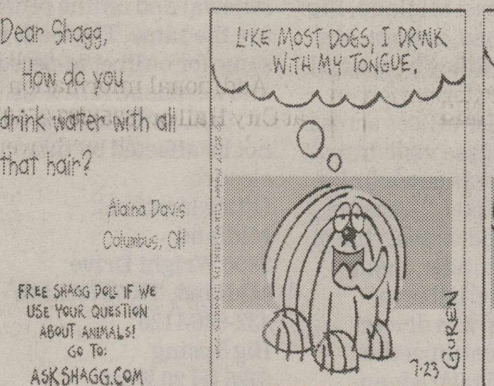
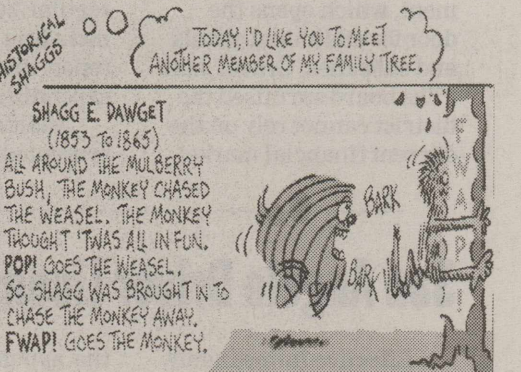
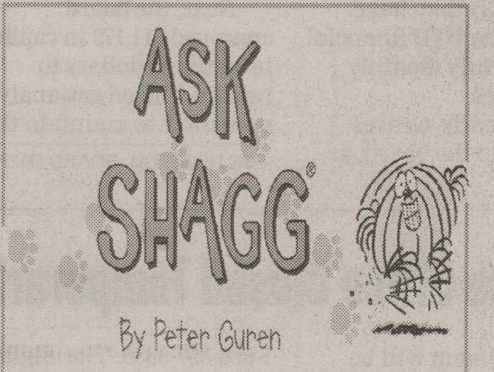
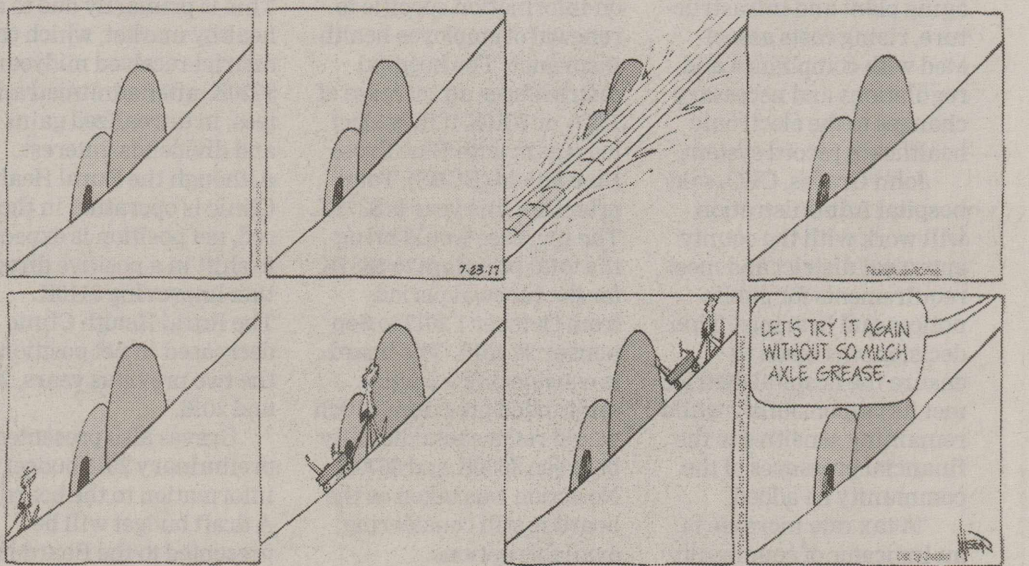
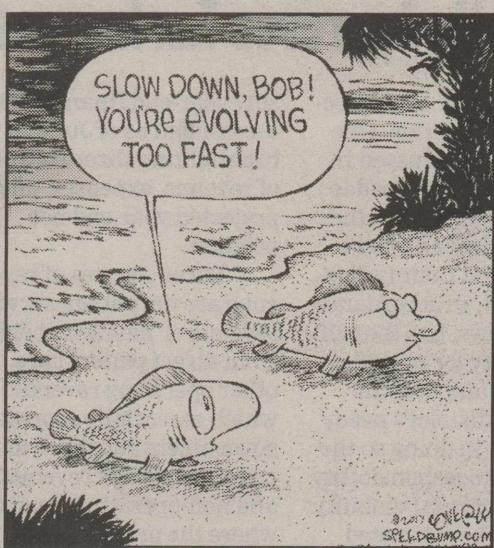


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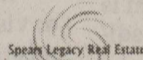
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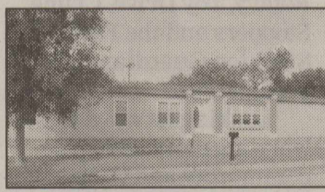
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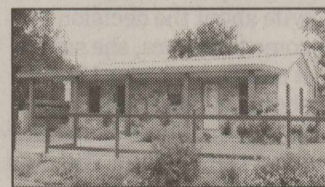
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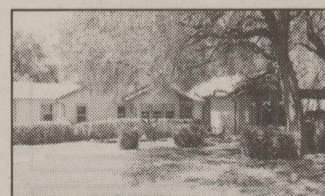


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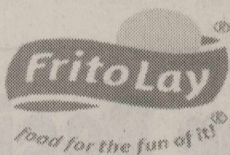
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The City of Sonora is now accepting applications for the position of Part-Time Utility Clerk at City Hall. Applicant must be able to work with utility billing programs, post payment received for services, make change, issue receipts to customers, input and print job orders as well as other duties within other departments. Being able to communicate with the public is essential.

Applications can be picked up at City Hall and should be returned to City Hall, 201 E. Main St., Sonora, Texas 76950. Open until position is filled. Additional information is available upon request at City Hall or (325)387-2558. The City of Sonora is an equal opportunity employer.

EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that Sutton County is now accepting applications for a **full time** Librarian. Sutton County is looking for a dedicated and customer focused individual for a permanent position.

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- Use of automated information systems

Although college is not necessary it will strongly be considered along with previous library experience.

Applicants must have relevant customer service experience, and a good general knowledge with reading. Applicant must entertain new vision for library and patrons, to enrich the benefits of the entire community.

The job is for forty (40) hours a week plus health, dental, vision, life insurance, vacation and sick leave benefits.

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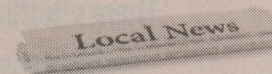
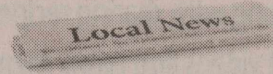
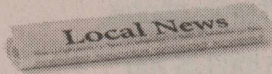
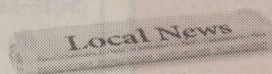
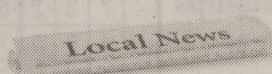
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Melini Fernandez is one of more than 100 local children who picked up school supplies and a backpack Tuesday, during the annual First United Methodist Church Back-to-School event, August 15, 2017. Melini, a first grader, said she is excited about going to school next week. The first day of school for all Sonora ISD students is Tuesday, August 22nd.

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Annual Back-to-School Event Helps Ready Kids for School

By Dana Leamon

The Sonora First United Methodist Church kicked off its annual Back-to-School event on Tuesday, August 15th.

The community of Sonora once again came together to raise approximately \$7,000 in order to buy school supplies for local children.

One hundred and three bags of school supplies were prepared and distributed to the 54 families who requested this service.

Families came to pick up their supplies, pick out a backpack, and enjoy a hot dog supper on the lawn of the church.

Also available at the event were immunizations from the Texas Department

of Health Services, and information from the Sutton County Food and Resource Center.

Without the support of local businesses and organizations including the Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation Board for purchasing the food items for the hot dog supper, Enervest for donating backpacks, Lowe's Supermarket for purchasing the school supplies, as well as individual donors throughout Sonora this event would not be possible.

The children of Sonora are very blessed to have a community that cares for them and works together to ensure they have what they need to start their school year off right! Go Broncos!

Texas Big Game Awards Announces New Rules for 2017-18 Season

San Antonio – Celebrating its 27th year, the Texas Big Game Awards (TBGA), a partnership of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the Texas Wildlife Association (TWA), continues to be the leader in recognizing the contributions that landowners, land managers and responsible hunters make to managing and conserving wildlife and wildlife habitat on Texas' private and public lands.

To kick off the 2017-2018 hunting season, the TBGA has re-established the program's objectives and modified entry requirements.

The purpose of the TBGA is to make everyone aware of the important role ethical hunting and habitat management play in the lives of our young people,

and to the ecosystem over which we must be responsible stewards.

To do that, the TBGA's objectives are to recognize:

1. The importance of our hunting heritage.
2. The landowners who work to achieve healthy habitats.
3. The quality of big game animals in Texas.
4. The achievements of young and new hunters.
5. The hunters who harvest these animals.

In an effort to re-focus on the TBGA's objectives, the program will no longer accept "scored entries" from release sites for five (5) years following the last release date.

This will affect all properties with pen-raised, Trap/Transport/

Transplant (TTT), and/or Deer Management Permit (DMP) deer released after March 1, 2017.

Also new for this season is the addition of the javelina to the Texas Slam award category. And finally, hunters will now be limited to one Texas Slam award per harvest means (rifle and archery only) in their lifetime.

About the Texas Big Game Awards:

Under the Texas Big Game Awards (TBGA) program, awards are given to all "Scored Entries" that meet minimum regional requirements, and there are no entry fees. Deadline to enter is a postmark date of March 1, 2018. Hunters who harvest a white-tailed deer, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, javelina, or desert bighorn sheep this season meeting the minimum Boone and Crockett (B&C) net score requirements for their respective Region may be eligible to receive recognition in the "Scored Entry" category, as well as

the landowner of the property from which the trophy was taken.

Hunters of any age who harvest their first big game animal in Texas are eligible for the "First Big Game Harvest" category. Hunters who harvest a white-tailed deer, mule deer, javelina, or pronghorn antelope are eligible whether they harvest a buck or doe, regardless of score of the animal in this category.

And, any youth hunter (under 17 years of age when they purchase their hunting license) with a Special Resident Hunting License who harvests a white-tailed deer, mule deer, javelina, or pronghorn antelope is eligible for the "Youth Division," whether they harvest a buck or doe, regardless of score.

For more information on the Texas Big Game Awards, certified scorers list, entry rules and minimum scores are also featured on the TBGA website at www.TexasBigGameAwards.org.

Reader Recipes "Skillet Pork Chops"

In addition to the countless, delicious recipes like Dora Rousselot's "Skillet Pork Chops", the Sonora Woman's Club has contributed to helping shape the destiny of Sonora. In addition to providing the first playground equipment, drinking fountains and the first piano to the school, they have contributed to the town's upkeep. Some of these projects include spring clean up, getting rid of all outdoor toilets on Main Street and courthouse lawn beautification. Dora Rousselot's Skillet Pork Chops are a favorite for any appetite.

- 4 pork chops (about 1/2" thick)
- 2 Tbsp. Flour
- 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 tsp. Salt
- 1/4 tsp. Black pepper
- 4 cup (4 medium) thin sliced potatoes
- 2 medium onions, thinly sliced
- 3 beef bullion cubes
- 3/4 cup Hot water
- 1 tbsp. Lemon juice

Trim excess fat from pork chops. Heat fat in skillet until you have about 2 tablespoon of drippings; remove trimming. Coat chops with flour; brown slowly on both sides. Combine cheese, salt, and pepper. Sprinkle 2 table spoons of mixture over chops. Cover with potatoes slices. Sprinkle with more cheese mixture. Add onions slices. Dissolve bullion cubes in hot water; add lemon juice; Pour over pork chops and vegetable layers. Sprinkle with remaining cheese mixture. Cover; simmer about 40 minutes, or until meat and vegetables are done. (Dont boil!)

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hospital's Level IV Trauma designation.

Additionally, trustees approved the contract agreement for the taxing appraisal district to assist with collecting tax revenue.

Next, Lynn Burchell presented the Alvis F. Johnson Home Health and Hospice Policies and Procedures for approval.

The Hospice program is being surveyed for accreditation this week.

Finally, Graves provided a CEO report which included a marketing and communications plan developed as part of a flex grant out of the Texas State Rural Healthcare Office.

For Sutton County, the target areas within the framework of the plan is the rural health clinic, hospital outpatient services, and specialty clinics.

Additionally, Graves announced Dr. Will Griffin is expected to arrive Sonora in July 2018 as the Medical Director and share in the emergency room on-call schedule. Although the board has already approved a letter of intent outlining compensation a contract will be presented with more detail towards the end of the calendar year.

Without further action or visitor comments, the meeting was adjourned.

Board President Sharon Holman presided over the meeting. Trustees Edward Earwood, Lenora Pool, Mary Humphrey, Adelita Alvarez, and John Henry Strauch were present. Don Longoria was absent.

The next regular meeting of the SCHD Board of Directors is set for Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wellness Center.

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Well trained and well-seasoned, Fuentes brings more than thirty years of law enforcement experience as well as administrative skills qualifying him to oversee every aspect of the Sonora Police Department.

Although he welcomes the task of being Chief of Police in Sonora, Fuentes said he understands that he has much to learn about his department, officers and staff.

"I know that I need to learn the job as if I were a new officer coming into the department," Fuentes said. "Each agency has its own niche and way of doing things and I've got to figure those out.

With a compliment of five officers, including himself, one animal control officer and one administrative assistant, Fuentes said he feels comfortable that his department can meet the needs of the community, at least for now. Prior to coming to Sonora, he spent six

years overseeing the Fort Stockton Police Department as its Chief and twenty-six years serving with the Odessa Police Department.

His tenure included police cadet, patrol officer, detective, community relations officer, patrol sergeant, internal affairs sergeant, lieutenant and SWAT commander.

Among his activities over the past thirty years he is noted for his participation in National Night Out, DEA Drug Take Back, Rotary, Toy Drive, Crime Stoppers and the Fort Stockton Guardian Angel Foundation.

Looking forward to learning more about the community and the people, Fuentes said he has a good feeling about Sonora.

"While talking with my wife about the decision to come to Sonora, she said if it makes me happy then I should go for it. This morning's reception was reassuring. I think I made the right choice."

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