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Law Enforcement Authorities Make Drug Arrests

Submitted

On March 31, 2007, officers with the Sutton County Sheriff's Office and the Sonora Police Department conducted a search warrant on a residence located in the 100 block of West Oak Street in Sonora, and executed an arrest warrant for Juan Jose Dominguez.

Pursuant to the search warrant, officers recovered a large amount of cocaine and marijuana from the residence.

Dominguez was charged with Manufacture and Delivery of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1; more than 4 grams, but less than 200 grams, constituting 1st Degree Felony charges.

Range of punishment for a 1st degree felony is imprisonment in the institutional division for life, or any term of not more than 99 years, or less than 5 years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

In other drug related arrests, on March 14, 2007, deputies with the Sutton County Sheriff's Office with assistance from the Sonora Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on U.S. Highway 277 North. As a result of the search of the vehicle, two individuals from San Angelo, Texas were arrested for misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

At the Sutton County Jail, a routine search of the persons

was conducted and a quantity of crack cocaine was recovered from one individual. Further investigation revealed that the crack cocaine was destined for sale in the Sonora area.

Cirildo Fitchett was charged with Manufacture and Delivery of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1; more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams, constituting 2nd degree felony charges.

Range of punishment for 2nd degree felony is imprisonment in the institutional division for life, or any term of not more than 20 years or less than 2 years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Winter Makes Last Stand (Hopefully)



The driver of this pick up truck found himself in the bushes after sliding off of Hwy. 277 N.

By Kel Thomas

A strong, early spring arctic weather system moved through the Edwards Plateau region over the Easter weekend bringing freezing temperatures, rain, sleet and freezing rain to the area, catching area residents (and mesquite trees) off guard.

Temperatures held firm at

the freezing mark all day Saturday through late morning Sunday, forcing cancellations of outdoor Easter festivities scheduled for the busy weekend.

Frozen precipitation made for treacherous driving conditions on I-10 and U.S. Highway 277 north and south. Numerous accidents occurred Saturday af-

ternoon and evening as drivers were unprepared for the icy conditions.

By the time most of the melting had occurred Sunday afternoon, as much as three-quarters of an inch of precipitation had been recorded at the official weather reporting station.

2007 Vernon West Memorial Team Roping Results

Submitted by Ryon West

The second annual Vernon West Memorial Team Roping was held in San Angelo, TX on Friday March 30th thru Sunday, April 1. Rainy weather the week prior to the roping made for unfavorable arena conditions for the contestants and horses alike in Sonora, so we were forced to regroup at the Spur Arena in San Angelo in order to accomplish our primary mission: raising money for scholarships. Though it was a very trying time for all the committee personnel, we are very thankful for the rains.

Action began on Friday evening with the preliminary rop-

ing. 250 teams battled it out for a beautiful Bruton horse trailer and the coveted "shootout" positions which allowed ropers to enter the invitational roping on Saturday afternoon. Only eight teams would be allowed to enter so the competition was fierce.

In the end, it was Casey Gattis (Junction) and Clint Singleton (Junction) who would walk away with the average title and the trailer along with over \$5000 in cash for their efforts. Other winners in the average included Bryce Davis (Abilene) and Bubba Wilson (Baird) in second, Seth Smithson (Midland) and Kevin Carter (Midland)

third, Shawn Edwards (Eldorado) and Jeff Gilbert (Snyder) fourth, Ryder Lee (Blanket) and Jim Sutton (Brownwood) fifth, Wayne Shaw (Blanket) and Paul Hopson sixth, Mack Altizer (Del Rio) and Bill Howell (Pearsall) in seventh, and Cole Evans (Medina) and Scott Snedecor (Uvalde) rounded out the average winners in the preliminary roping. First round winners were Terry Brown (Trent) and Gregg Harvey (Abilene) followed by Ladd Hughes (Christoval) and Ed Hale (Ozona).

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Left to right: Jesse West, Clint Singleton, Mack Altizer, Casey Gattis and Ryon West. Singleton and Gattis were the average winners in Friday's preliminary roping.

Sonora Elementary Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration Dates

Pre-registration for the 2007-2008 school year will be held on Wednesday, April 25th and Thursday, April 26th from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sonora Elementary School office. Students enrolling in Pre-Kindergarten must be three or four years old on or before September 1, 2007.

Students who are three years of age on or before September 1, 2007 must meet one of the following qualification requirements: 1) economically disadvantaged, 2) limited English proficient, 3) qualify for special education services, or 4) have a parent who is an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States including the state military forces or a reserve

component of the armed forces or a parent who was injured or killed while serving on active duty.

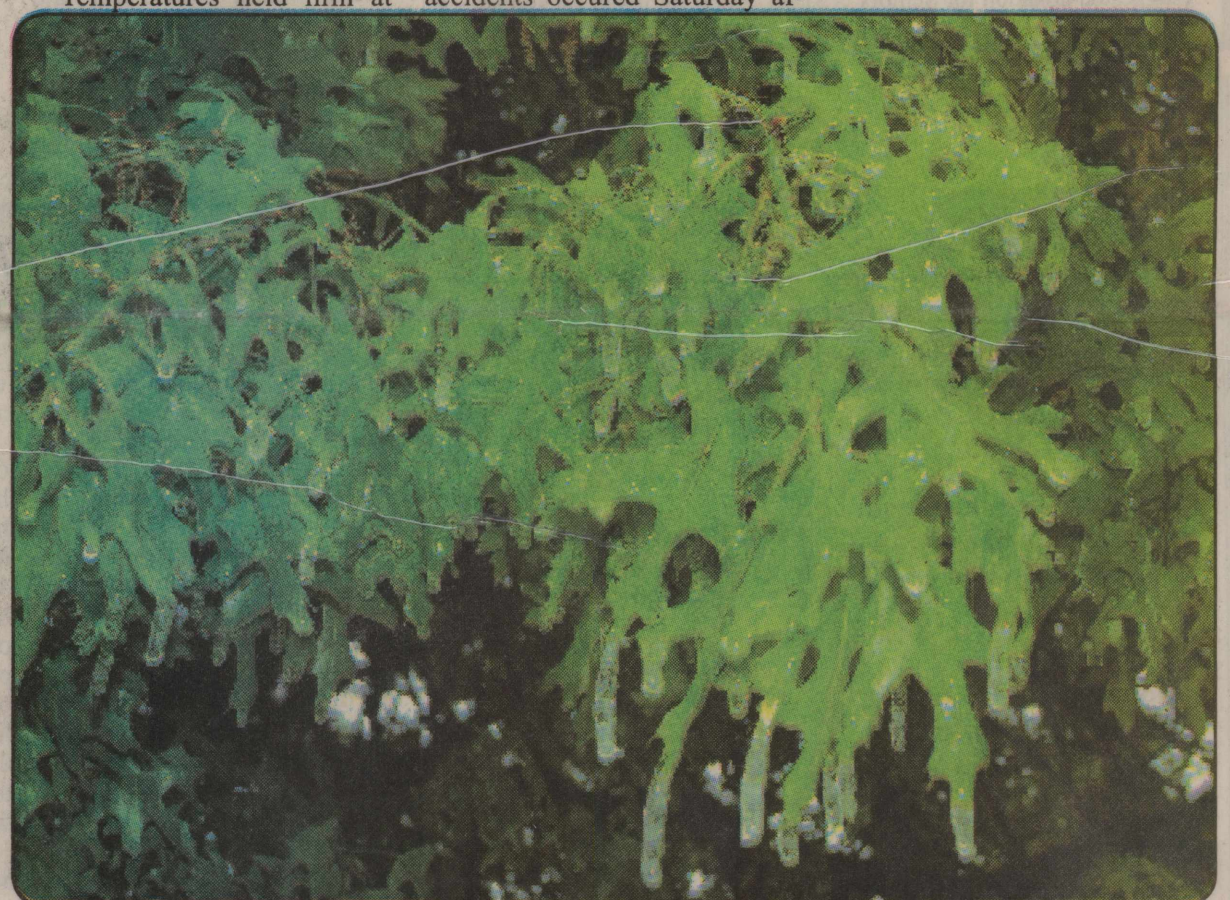
Students four years of age on or before September 1, 2007 do not have to qualify for Pre-Kindergarten as our enrollment is open. Class size, however, will be limited and classes will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

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

Please make every effort to register on these dates as this will help us plan for the 2007-

2008 school year. Call 387-6951 if you have any questions.

Kindergarten registration will be Wednesday, April 25th and Thursday, April 26th from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sonora Elementary School office. Students enrolling in Kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2007. You must provide a copy of your child's birth certificate, social security card, and current immunization record. Your child will not be placed in a class until immunizations are current and proof is provided. Please make every effort to register on these dates as this will help us plan for the 2007-2008 school year. Call 387-6951 if you have any questions.



An icy coating weighs down this Spanish Oak tree. Trees and shrubs all over town bent and broke under the excess weight.

How to Tell if Your Child is in a Gang

This information was developed as an awareness guide to help suppress gang violence in our communities and our schools.

Cooperative efforts of law enforcement, education and the community will clearly define the problems so they can be dealt with effectively.

What Is A Gang?

Gangs are usually formed according to ethnic or racial guidelines, although there seems to be a current trend to form gangs for economic reasons. Traditional youth gangs structured along ethnic lines include Hispanic, Asian (e.g. Vietnamese, Laotian), Black, Pacific Islander (e.g. Tongan, Filipino), and White (e.g. Skinheads) gangs. A gang is a group of people who form an allegiance for a common purpose and engage in violent, unlawful, or criminal activity. A gang may or may not claim control over a certain territory in the community.

Factors Contributing To Gang Affiliation
Parents should look for change in behavior and lifestyle of their child. Contributing factors placing a youth at risk include ineffective parental skills, history of family gang involvement and evidence of parental abuse or neglect. This

type of dysfunctional family atmosphere affects the youth's school behavior, leading to poor academic achievement and early anti-social behavior. The at-risk youth now becomes a personal risk. The youth will display low self-esteem and may begin experimenting with drugs and alcohol. As the youth searches for his or her new identity, he usually isolates himself with others experiencing similar social and personal problems. Youth exposed to these influences without guidance has a tendency to accept and legitimize his activities. The youth will flourish and strive in his or her newly found status. This self-rewarding status guarantees the youth's indulgence with the gang culture.

Signs Of Gang Involvement
Certain signs indicate gang involvement in our community or on school campuses. Parents should be aware of these warning signs and should be ready to employ the appropriate prevention and intervention strategies. These warning signs include:

- 1) An "informal" dress code that is followed by your child, and his or her associates (hats, scarves, jewelry, shoelaces, colors, tattoos and insignias, etc.)
- 2) Street slang, use of new nicknames and hand signs.
- 3) Newly acquired and un-

explained "wealth" often displayed, worn or shared with peers.

4) Graffiti on personal property, book covers, notebooks and clothing. This graffiti may include initials, numbers, names, expressed racism or hatred of religious groups or sexual preferences.

How Gangs Function

Gangs thrive on intimidation and notoriety. They often find violence glamorous and a necessity in order to maintain individual and gang status. Like most groups, street gangs depend upon both individual and group participation. Unlike legitimate groups or organizations, street gangs generally do not have an identified leader. The person who is the toughest, has the guns, or has the most money may emerge as the leader, but this status is generally short-lived.

Effects Of Gang Involvement

Gang membership extracts a terrible toll from the lives of all who are in contact with the member. Families of gang members must be concerned for their own safety as well as that of their son or daughter who is a gang member. Friends who are not involved with gangs are cast aside and soon the youth's only friends are gang members.

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Historical Society

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary
Sutton County Historical Society

We hope you all had a Happy Easter and enjoyed the amphitheater for sunrise service.

NOTICE - ALL EVENTS, free use or rentals of the amphitheater must be booked ahead of time to avoid conflict with lawn mowing dates and paid rental dates. Just give me a call at 387-5084 on Tues, Thurs or Sat. mornings at least a week ahead if possible or stop by the office one of those mornings and I will let you know if the grounds are available. **NO ONE MAY USE THE GROUNDS WHILE WE ARE MOWING GRASS,** it is too dangerous, we don't want anyone hurt by flying debris. Easter Sunday is always held for the Ministerial Alliance Sunrise Services so they do not have to book, but EVERYONE ELSE HAS TO BOOK THE USE OF OUR COMPLEX this includes schools. If you don't book ahead you will not be allowed to use the grounds.

PLEASE NOTE: The offices of the Sutton County Historical Society will be closed on April 17 and 19 we will reopen the 21st. We are going on a spring flower run/tour caverns/ have fun week with our daughter and granddaughter who are coming from Alabama that week.

Also the John & Mildred Cauthorn Building/Old Depot will NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL AFTER August 6 - until workmen finish a major project on the building. The whole area will be marked with construction tape and we ask that you not cross over the lines of the construction zone from August 6th until they finish. The Miers Home will be open during construction. Thank you!

The Old Ice House Museum of the West is coming along well. As I said before the carpenter is working away and the electrician is due to start his work, then up go the insulation and walls and we will be in business. We still need items for permanent exhibit on Sutton County history. NOTHING will be moved into the museum until it is finished as the last thing to be done will be sealing the concrete floors. NOTHING, I repeat, nothing can go into the building until the floors are finished. We will accept items and store them until the opening but ask that large items be held until we finish so we only have to move them once. Thank you!

As you can tell by the above notices we are really busy around here. This means we sure could use some help as David and Betty Smith will be heading back to Maine soon and we need a few more people to help in the office. I have a diabetic ulcer on my foot and am restricted to sitting at my desk and can't clean the Miers Home or conduct tours till it heals. David does a wonderful job and learned how so quickly that I am sure others could. Please think of volunteering to help the society and some of you younger people might think about spending some time

Texas Historical Commission To Complete WW II Initiative

AUSTIN, Texas — An \$85,000 grant from the Meadows Foundation in Dallas will enable the Texas Historical Commission (THC) to complete its Texas in World War II initiative that began in September 2005 with an event at the State Capitol. Generous donations from other foundations, corporations and individuals have helped to get the initiative underway with a number of projects, from oral history workshops and historical markers to heritage tourism publications. With the Meadows Foundation grant, the THC now has the necessary funding to complete the statewide historic sites survey that will serve as the foundation for future preservation efforts.

America is losing 1, 200 men and women of its "Greatest Generation" every day, and with them go the personal stories, knowledge and first-hand descriptions of World War II-era sites and events. Of the 16 million Americans who served in the United States Armed Forces in World War II, approximately 300,000 now live in Texas.



Downtown Sonora 1917

with us this summer. We may not have money to pay people but experience working in an office and with a society sure does help on a job application.

Another note is that it is that time of year again, INSURANCE TIME, and as usual we could use a helping hand on the insurance on the Miers Home, John & Mildred Cauthorn Building, Office Complex and the Old Ice House Museum. Yes we are spending money on buildings but that is money donated specifically to work on those buildings and cannot be spent on insurance. If every family in Sonora gave us \$10 we would have more than enough money to cover the insurance. But since many say, "Oh well, everyone else will give I don't have to," we usually wind up with a shortfall at the end of the year when insurance comes due. The insurance must be paid so please help. Most of you don't know we had a massive water line break on the property above the bathrooms during the dry spell and it cost us over \$400 for just the wasted water. Then in checking all the lines we found leakage of the old toilets in the Cauthorn building and had to replace them. The bills were very high and an unbudgeted expense for the year. That more than wiped out our emergency allowance for the year.

The Sutton County Historical Society is a non-profit 501-C3 organization and relies on dues and donations to survive. We are not funded by the city or county and must pay all our electric bills and upkeep ourselves and rely on you the public for support. End of the announcement/begging section of this column.

Q. Do you have any letters

from WWI?

A. Yes, a few but we only have about a 1/2 year of papers for that time frame. Here is one we found in the September 29, 1917 issue of The Devil's River News. From One of the Boys

Camp Travis, Texas, Sept 23 Dear Sonora Friends; We the cowboys, are now enjoying life at Camp Travis. All have passed good physical examinations and are now ready to step into our suits of khaki and sere Uncle Sam in whatever way he desires. We have pet arms due to vaccinations and inoculation but otherwise feel fine. As you expected most of us have signed or the cavalry but are not certain as to which branch we will be assigned. We are still in the same company and stay together, like a bunch of stray goats in a new flock. When one gets lost he only has to bleat "soto" and the others will answer "Juno." We are known as the "Soto from Juno" bunch. The Y.M.C.A. has called on Roy Neal to sing cowboy songs tomorrow night. He is the life of the company. The only thing we need to cheer us up is a copy of the Devil. O. C. Ogden, Camp Travis, Texas, Co. B. 15th Bat. 165 Debat Brigade.

The next article in this issue deals with a bottle of Sonora water taken to College Station for analysis. They found, in parts per million: Calcium Carbonate of Lime 132, Carbonate of magnesia 68, Sulphate of magnesia 15, Sulphate of Soda 3.5, Chloride of Soda 56. It has been a long time since Sonora has water as clean as what was found in 1917. People just have to cycle more if they want to keep our nations water safe for future generations. Everything you put in the ground eventually hits the water table and we have to start

providing for future generations of Sutton Countians.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may stop by the office any Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday morning and we will be happy to help you look things up or help you use our computer site on Ancestry.com. We charge \$10 per hour and 35 cents per copy for any research we have to do that isn't part of this column.

A personal note from Jo-Ann Palmer

To the mothers of the Kindergarten classes. It is not safe for your children to be on our grounds while they are being mowed. No child deserves to be blinded by flying debris. We had booked functions, including Sunrise Services and we had to mow that day. Rick and I have a right to have our days off to go to San Angelo or to doctors appointments just like you. We plan around the society booking schedule. Book ahead and there will be no conflict of mowing days and party days. We book all events to avoid conflicts like this. The only thing we ask is that you stop by or call and book your event. That is not an unreasonable request when we have let you use the property for free so many times for the classes. This is property owned by the society and we too would like to be shown a little courtesy. One phone call avoids a lot of nasty comments by parents, especially some very snotty ones from parents who were lives who didn't know why they had to move their coolers and couldn't use the depot, even though we were mowing. We are volunteers and don't deserve to be trashed by people for something that isn't our fault.

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The Rev. Milton Black and his family
on
Sunday, April 15, 2007
at 12:15 p.m.
at St. John's Parish Hall

Sandwiches and desserts will be served.
All are welcome to wish him well on his new promotion!

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| 8:30 | Kid's Water Aerobics Ages 10-13 | Get on the Ball Abs, Gluts, and Legs |
| 9:00 | Melissa's Water Aerobics | Step I |
| 10:00 | Erica's Water Aerobics | Buff N' Tuff |
| 11:00 | Sarah's Water Aerobics | Beginner Pilates |
| 12:00 | Family Swim | Step II |

This event is open to the entire community so bring all of your friends and family and join the fun!
For More Information Call 387-BFIT(2348)

Supporter

Tryon Fields

Chew On This

By Jonathan Shore

Any policy that taxes similar products differently is inherently unfair and should be changed. The Texas House of Representatives is considering a bill that gives them the opportunity to stand out as a leader in tax equity and fairness. The bill only affects moist smokeless tobacco products (such as Copenhagen, Kodiak, Hawken, and Skoal) and brings the treatment of this product more in line with traditional excise taxes.

Next time you walk into a convenience store, take a look at the tins of tobacco or "snuff" behind the counter. You'll notice there is a great disparity in price between the premium quality tobacco and the cheaper low-end tobacco. The reason behind the difference is the tax levied on smokeless tobacco is different than any other product on the market; it's based on a percentage of its price, not by its weight.

The tax on moist smokeless tobacco is an excise tax. Excise taxes tax the consumption of a product. Federal and state governments impose these taxes on commodities such as gasoline, alcohol and tobacco products. In all of these instances, however, state excise taxes are imposed

based on a unit or weight of the product (i.e., a gallon of gasoline, a liter of alcohol, a pack of cigarettes).

The beneficial result of an excise tax based on unit or weight is that similar products are taxed equally regardless of price, and the tax is spread evenly. For example, a gallon of 87-octane gasoline is taxed at the same rate as a gallon of 93-octane, a pack of premium cigarettes is taxed at the same rate as a pack of generic cigarettes.

The bill before the Texas House of Representatives will effectively change the excise tax on moist smokeless tobacco to a weight-based system. It will level the playing field so that all tobacco products are taxed at the same rate.

Currently, in 40 states, moist smokeless tobacco products are being taxed as a percentage of their price. Because tobacco products also carry the state sales tax (based on price), this is like imposing a second sales tax. Texas' current excise tax imposes a 40 percent tax on moist smokeless tobacco products based on the manufacturer's price. Tack on the sales tax and the result is certain products are subject to a much higher tax than similar, less expensive products.

Changing to a weight-based method would also eliminate a tax preference for inexpensive products that could harm state revenues.

Opponents of this bill claim that taxes based on price discourage teenagers from using tobacco products. But in reality, all this does is shift demand from the premium snuff to the low-end more affordable product.

The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), a nonpartisan free-market membership organization of state legislators in Washington D.C., fully endorses the change to a weight-based tax for moist smokeless tobacco products. Additionally, ALEC believes this tax change would simplify tax policy and make it easier for companies to compete on the free-market without preferential treatment from the tax code.

This year, 11 states including Texas, have introduced bills to change their excise tax on moist smokeless tobacco products to a weight- or unit-based system. Texas has the opportunity to stand out as a leader in the states by adopting this important reform and continue to be at the forefront of sound and fair economic policy. Snauff said.

See What 50 Years Will Do

Scenario: Jack pulls into school parking lot with rifle in gun rack.

1956 - Vice Principal comes over, takes a look at Jack's rifle, goes to his car and gets his rifle to show Jack.

2006 - School goes into lockdown, FBI called, Jack hauled off to jail and never sees his truck or gun again. Counselors called in for traumatized students and teachers.

Scenario: Johnny and Mark get into a fist fight after school.

1956 - Crowd gathers. Mark wins. Johnny and Mark shake hands and end up best friends. Nobody goes to jail, nobody arrested, nobody expelled.

2006 - Police called, SWAT team arrives, arrests Johnny and Mark. Charges them with assault, both expelled, even though Johnny started it.

Scenario: Jeffrey won't be still in class, disrupts other students.

1956 - Jeffrey sent to office and given a good paddling by the Principal. Sits still in class.

2006 - Jeffrey given huge doses of Ritalin. Becomes a zombie. School gets extra money from state because Jeffrey has a disability.

Scenario: Billy breaks a window in his father's car and his Dad gives him a whipping.

1956 - Billy is more careful next time, grows up normal, goes to college, and becomes a successful businessman.

2006 - Billy's Dad is arrested for child abuse. Billy removed to foster care and joins a gang. Billy's sister is told by state psychologist that she remembers being abused herself and their Dad goes to prison. Billy's mom has affair with psychologist.

Scenario: Mark gets a headache and takes some headache medicine to school.

1956 - Mark shares headache medicine with Principal out on the smoking dock.

2006 - Police called, Mark expelled from school for drug violations. Car searched for drugs and weapons.

Scenario: Pedro fails high school English.

1956 - Pedro goes to summer school, passes English, goes to college.

2006 - Pedro's cause is taken up by state democratic party. Newspaper articles appear nationally explaining that learning English as a requirement for graduation is racist. ACLU files class action lawsuit against

state school system and Pedro's English teacher. English banned from core curriculum. Pedro given diploma anyway, but ends up mowing lawns for a living because he can't speak English.

Scenario: Johnny takes apart leftover firecrackers from the 4th of July, puts them in a model airplane paint bottle, blows up a red ant bed.

1956 - Ants die.

2006 - BATF, Homeland Security, FBI called. Johnny charged with domestic terrorism, FBI investigates parents, siblings removed from home, computers confiscated, Johnny's Dad goes on a terror watch list and is never allowed to fly again.

Scenario: Johnny falls while running during recess and scrapes his knee. He is found crying by his teacher, Mary. Mary hugs him to comfort him.

1956 - In a short time Johnny feels better and goes on playing.

2006 - Mary is accused of being a sexual predator and loses her job. She faces 3 years in State Prison.

The question must be asked. How much progress have we really made in the last 50 years?



Fueling The Future

2007 Sonora Chamber of Commerce Banquet

April 19, 2007
6:30 p.m.

Sutton County Civic Center
Tickets: \$15 per person
\$120 for a table of 8

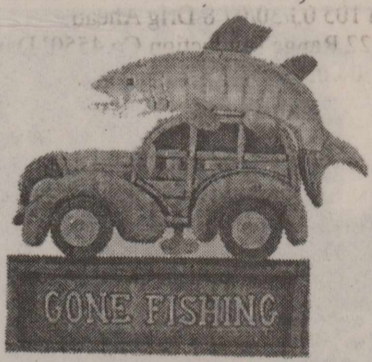
FMI call the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325-387-2880

Thank You, Sutton County!

After 43 years of service to Sutton County and the surrounding communities, Jerry's TV Service is closing its doors. We want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to our customers who became our friends during our years in the business. We wish each and every one of you the best in the coming years. We plan to enjoy our retirement, do some traveling and lots of fishing.

Our last day will be Friday, April 13, 2007. After that, Jerry's TV Service is closed forever.

Thank You, One and All
And May God Bless and Keep You,
Jerry, Bessie and Joey Jones



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April 14th & 15th, 2007

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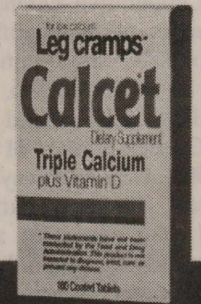


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City Police Dispatcher Report

Arrest(s):

April 5, 2007

- Gabriella Gutierrez, 27, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Public Intoxication.

Incidents:

April 2, 2007

- 4:25 PM: Caller reported vandalism on house. Officer responded.
- 5:25 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 6:15 PM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.
- 7:00 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 9:10 PM: Caller reported a family disturbance. Officer responded.
- 11:45 PM: Caller reported a suspicious person. Officer responded.

April 3, 2007

- 12:15 AM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
- 4:00 PM: Caller reported a small fire. Sheriff's Office notified.
- 5:10 PM: Caller reported two vehicles racing. Officer responded.
- 6:30 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.
- 8:55 PM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
- 9:50 PM: Caller reported a fight between two females. Officer responded.

April 4, 2007

- 9:28 AM: Caller reported a cat in animal trap. Animal Control officer Responded.
- 2:15 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.
- 5:45 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
- 6:25 PM: Caller reported a family disturbance. Officer responded.
- 9:30 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

April 5, 2007

- 8:55 AM: Caller reported a cat in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.

April 6, 2007

- 10:18 AM: Caller reported a minor traffic accident. Officer responded.
- 1:35 PM: Caller reported a loose dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 1:54 PM: Caller reported a bat inside business. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 3:59 PM: Caller reported subjects popping fireworks. Officer responded.
- 5:58 PM: Caller reported a gun shot. Officer responded.
- 9:20 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

April 8, 2007

- 8:19 AM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
- 8:29 AM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.
- 5:00 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.
- 5:30 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 6:10 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.
- 6:40 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 7:30 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
- 8:00 PM: Caller reported a family disturbance. Officer responded.
- 11:45 PM: Caller reported nuisance dogs. Officer responded.



Kelly's K O R P E R

Are You Keeping Company with a Silent Killer?
Submitted by: Kelly L Thorp
County Extension Agent-FCS
Texas Cooperative Extension-Sutton County

Many times people with high blood pressure are told by their health care professional that they must lose weight and increase their physical activity level. As anyone knows, these recommendations are not easy to follow.

Many people wonder how losing weight and walking more could help their blood pressure go down. Long term studies have shown that losing as little as 10 pounds can lower blood pressure a few points. Losing more weight can produce even greater results especially if the weight is lost from the abdominal area. Besides reducing your calorie intake, walking can help take off that abdominal fat.

Anyone who has tried losing weight and increasing their physical activity knows these endeavors are easier if you can do them with a group of co-workers, friends, or family. Remember, if you have high blood pressure, always check with your doctor regarding whether walking or losing weight is advisable for you. Also, keep taking your blood pressure medication unless your doctor tells you to stop.

Walk Across Texas Results

Total Miles for Week 3

| Team | 1 | 2 | 3 | Total Team Miles |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|------------------|
| Honey Buns | 277 | 329.5 | 335.5 | = 942 |
| Eldorado Eight | 334 | 312 | 296 | = 942 |
| Hullabaloo Hikers | 270.25 | 296.25 | 301.5 | = 868 |
| Eight | 189 | 290 | 286 | = 765 |
| LMH Road Runners | 152 | 224 | 366 | = 742 |
| 2 Motivated | 243 | 209 | 202 | = 697 |
| Oil Patch High Stepper | 247 | 189 | 231 | = 667 |
| Hotties and Hunks | 190.68 | 226.4 | 227.07 | = 644.15 |
| Sonora GSA Troop | 215 | 180.83 | 235.57 | = 636.67 |
| Street Patrol | 168.67 | 218.73 | 234.07 | = 621.47 |
| Pavement Pounders | 161.04 | 222.46 | 208.19 | = 591.69 |
| Road Lizards | 162 | 215 | 211 | = 588 |
| Steakhouse Babes | 146.5 | 203 | 221 | = 570.5 |
| Jet Fuel | 157.5 | 204 | 201 | = 562.5 |
| TC Girls | 154 | 138 | 238.5 | = 530.5 |
| BSA Troop 19 | 163.47 | 189.38 | 174.37 | = 527.22 |
| Maddi & The Misfits | 137 | 180 | 196 | = 513 |
| Incredible Shrinking Women | 161.6 | 164.4 | 178.6 | = 504.6 |
| Goat Busters | 156 | 179 | 159 | = 494 |
| D.T.Bs | 139.05 | 159 | 195 | = 493.05 |
| Bodacious Bankers | 158.5 | 173.5 | 151 | = 483 |
| Scrubs | 137.55 | 176.4 | 160.9 | = 474.85 |
| La Mexicana Mamacitas | 69.5 | 143.5 | 235.5 | = 448.5 |
| Quick Steppers | 150.5 | 133 | 137.5 | = 421 |
| Water Babes | 121 | 151.1 | 145.8 | = 417.9 |
| Money Chasers | 83 | 149.1 | 158.6 | = 390.7 |
| Pickle Capers | 91 | 121.5 | 165 | = 377.5 |
| The STX Crew | 65.81 | 97.74 | 54 | = 217.55 |

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Gang membership, although a temporary phase for some youths, will shape the individual's future. Formal education is discarded because it is counter to the gang's objectives. Gang members who are not killed or seriously injured often develop patterns of alcohol and narcotics abuse, and extensive police records that limit future employment opportunities.

Gang Activity - What Gangs Do

Many gang activities are consistent with those engaged in by a large portion of society. But, when a gang member is involved in a weekend party, fundraising car wash, or even a family or neighborhood picnic, the potential for violence and criminal activity is far greater than for any other group of people. Gang members seek confrontations with rivals. The resulting violence often claims innocent victims. Gang violence varies from individual assaults to drive-by shootings. Some gangs are involved in the sale of drugs, extortion, robberies, motor vehicle thefts, or other criminal activity for monetary gain. While gang violence and criminal activity often make headlines, vandalism in the form of graffiti and the wanton destruction of public and private property is often done in the furtherance of the -gang's reputation. Abandoned houses are a favorite target for vandalism but even occupied houses do not escape. Local businesses suffer not only from property damage and graffiti, but also from loss of customers and employees.

Of greater concern is the inherent violence associated with gang graffiti. Gang members use graffiti to mark their gang's "turf" or "territory." They also use it to advertise the gang's status or power and to declare their own allegiance to the gang. When a neighborhood is marked with graffiti indicating territorial dominance, the entire area and its inhabitants become targets for violence. Anyone on the street or in his home is fair game for drive-by attacks by rival gang members. A rival gang identifies everyone in the neighborhood as a potential threat. Consequently, innocent residents are often subjected to gang violence by the mere presence of graffiti in their neighborhood.

Neighborhood Involvement

Gangs attempt to instill fear, intimidating rivals and citizens alike. The gang's power grows through use of fear and intimidation. This can be countered by citizen action groups such as Neighborhood Watch. A neighborhood that is united and dedicated in a spirit of cooperation toward stopping crime and violence will greatly hamper the gang's effort to flourish.

When incidents occur, cooperate with authorities. Your help and cooperation may prevent

others from becoming victims of gang violence. Information concerning gang crimes, wanted suspects, or any violent gang activity should be reported to the police.

How To Discourage Your Children From Joining Gangs

Discourage your children from hanging around with gang members. Meet your children's friends. Find out who they are, what influence they have on your children and how they and your children spend their free time. If your children choose friends that are mostly from gangs, then your children are probably involved or will become involved in one also.

Occupy your children's free time. Give them responsibilities at home. Get them involved in after-school sports, city/county recreation, dance, the arts, and other busy activities.

Develop good communication with your children. Good communication is open and frequent, and it takes on a positive tone. It allows your children to come to you to discuss any topic or problem. It does not condemn or put down. Good communication allows you to tell your children that you love them.

Spend time with your children. Plan activities that the whole family can enjoy. Spend time alone with your children. Expose them to different places outside of your neighborhood: parks, museums, the beach, the mountains, camping trips, etc.

Do not buy or allow your children to dress in gang style clothing. If your children dress in gang style clothing, they are expressing an interest in gangs and will attract the attention of gangs. If they are in the wrong neighborhood at the wrong time, they could be victimized or killed.

Set limits for your children. At an early age, children need to know what is acceptable and what is unacceptable behavior. Do not allow your children to stay out late or spend a lot of unsupervised time out in the streets.

Do not allow your children to write or practice writing gang names, symbols, or any other gang graffiti on their books, papers, clothes, bodies, walls or any other place.

Teach them respect for others' property. Develop an anti-gang environment in your home. Clearly and continually begin to express to your children at an early age your disapproval of gang activity and of any family members joining a gang.

Learn about gang and drug activity in your community. Learn how gang members dress, how they speak, their behavior and their activities. Attend information meetings, read articles related to gang activity.

Be an informed parent.

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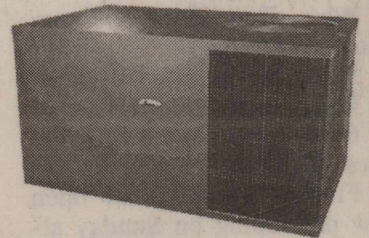
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- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

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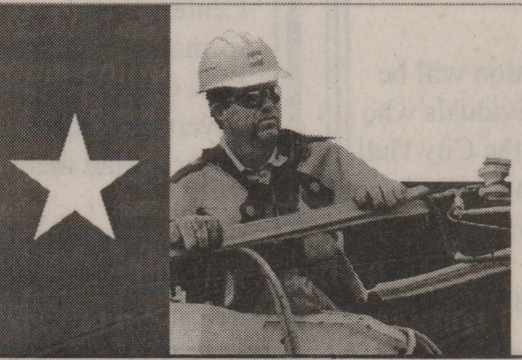
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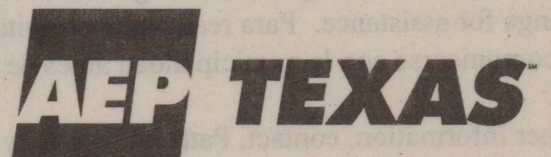
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