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Proposed Takeover of Sutton County EMS: The Process Continues

By Ben D. Taylor

County Officials have been discussing a proposal allowing the Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital to take over the Sutton County Emergency Medical Service (EMS). If the contract is approved the Hospital District will assume operations of the EMS on or before October 1, 2011.

The proposed takeover of the EMS by the County had first been presented before the County Commissioners by Hospital CEO Keith Butler at the March 14th County Commissioners Meeting. That initial proposal offered the following considerations for the transition of operations: Sutton County will pay the Hospital District \$27, 292 per month for the first full year of operation, after that first year Sutton County will share the cost with the Hospital District. The Hospital District will assume the maintenance and upkeep of the EMS facilities and vehicles as well as assuming billing responsibilities from the first day of the transition. County Judge Carla Garner cited the Hospital's takeover of the billing as a great benefit

of service to the county.

"The hospital already has a process in place to handle all of the billing issues associated with medical care. As it stands right now, the county has no such process. In addition to collections services, the hospital also has staff that is trained in helping people pay for their medical bills." If the proposal were to be approved it would include the addition of full time certified paramedics, which would ensure that each ambulance would have at least 1 paramedic or EMT. Judge Garner commented that, "it's important to realize that only certified paramedics and EMTs can intubate or start an IV. Having someone that is qualified to do those things could mean the difference between life or death on any ambulance run. people that run our EMS are all very dedicated, nobody is saying they aren't. With all the new regulations and abilities of medicine we can greatly improve the ability of those volunteers to contribute to an EMS with less pressure and imposition on their lives".

There has been some concern in the community regarding how this takeover could affect the counties tax rate. Judge Garner was quick to point out that, "this will have no effect on our county taxes. The rate will not change because if this contract is accepted we will not be spending any more on the EMS service than before.

This contract proposal is still in the process of being explored by the county and Hospital District. Recently the County Commissioners met and voted to continue with the process of exploring this as an option, but no final vote to approve this proposal has been made. Judge Garner stated that as a part of the process the county is looking at scheduling a joint meeting with the hospital board. This meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday, April 16th at 5:00 p.m. at the Wellness Center. This joint meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Lions Roar



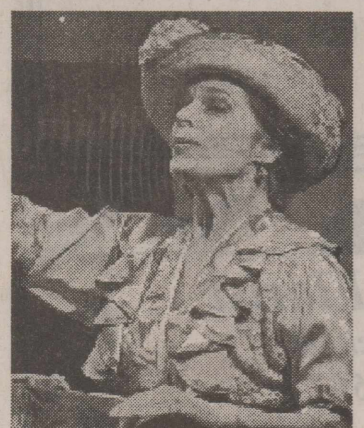
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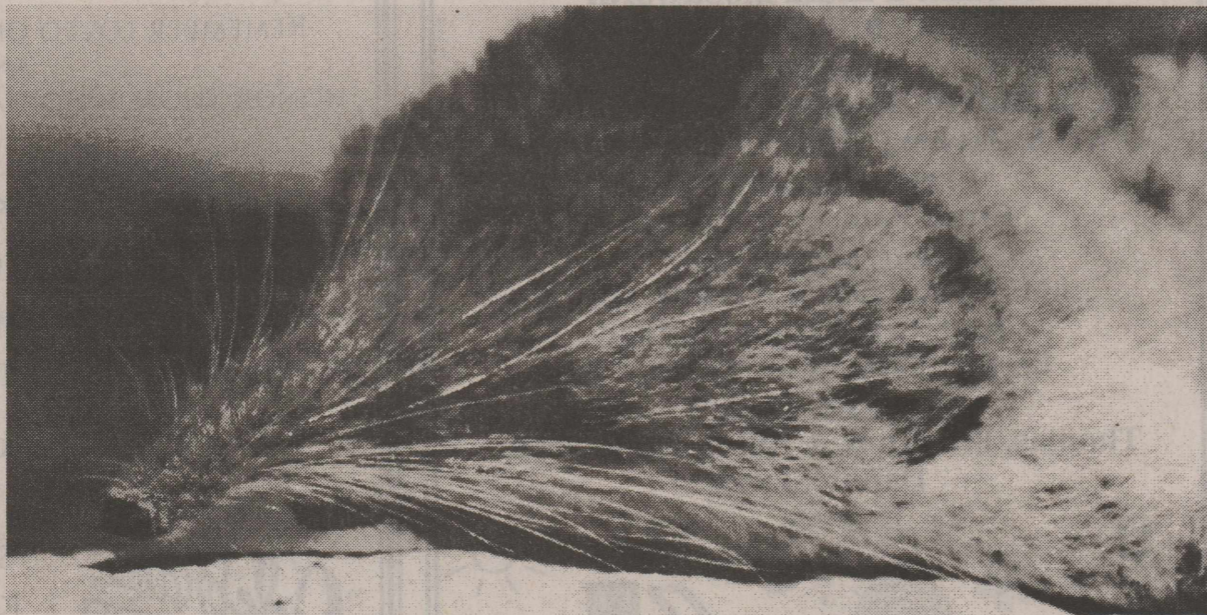
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WHO SLEW THE SHREW?



By Delyse Jaeger

It was an unusual call. "I have a shrew for you." Not exactly, but "shrew" rhymes so easily...who knew?

Thanks to the predatory prowess of a Sutton County feline, I was introduced to a creature I'd never seen before and knew very little about. Midnight, affectionately known as "Dufus" had proudly delivered his prized NON-rodent to Elaine and Kyle Donaldson. Strange as it may sound, I was excited to see the tiny creature...even in death.

As it turns out, the elusive shrew is not uncommon, just rarely seen and a surprisingly fascinating animal. Dufus Donaldson's shrew is a Desert shrew and occurs in the western two thirds of Texas. Three other species are found in Texas with the Desert shrew being one of the world's smallest desert mammals. Their voracious appetites, born of a high metabolic rate, cause the tiny predator to spend most of it's time devouring adult and lar-

val insects. Shrews hunt mainly at night and store food for consumption during the day. It is reported that a shrew will crush the skull of an insect and remove the legs in order to preserve moisture and insure that the prey cannot escape! Some species are even equipped with venom - although not deadly to humans. The Desert Shrew can be found in a variety of habitats, but seem to prefer damp plant litter in which to burrow. Remarkably, shrews have been found nesting in beehives!

If you aren't yet impressed with this mammal, consider this: shrews have poor eyesight (tiny eyes) and some species use echolocation (similar to bats and whales) in order to explore their surroundings.

An exploration of the "shrew" would certainly be incomplete without delving into the language derived from characteristics of the incredible shrew. Shrewd observation.

Originally, the word "shrewd"

if applied to men meant evil, wicked or dangerous. Later, the word shrew referred to an ill-tempered, spiteful woman and today "shrewd" describes admirably sharp powers of judgement. Evolution of language...let us be thankful the desert shrew is a teeny tiny meat-eater...it is said the animal has the highest brain-to-body mass ratio of any creature on earth-including humans.

Thank you Midnight and the Donaldson's for bringing the amazing Desert shrew to our attention. In closing... "A shrew once slain by claw and fang now rests in the annals of Devil's River fame!"

If you have any questions about the strange or mundane creatures you encounter in ordinary life please feel free to contact us up on Eaton Hill. If we don't know the answer we probably know someone who does! (325) 387-2615



Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Receives a Gift of Time.

By Max Howorth

During the last six months of the illness that eventually took her life, Jimmie Howorth had the unenviable opportunity to utilize and compare the facilities and services of several very different hospitals. In addition to being hospitalized twice in our own Hudspeth Hospital here in Sonora, Jimmie was treated at Community Medical Center in San Angelo, twice at the massive St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston and twice at the world-renowned MD Anderson Cancer Center.

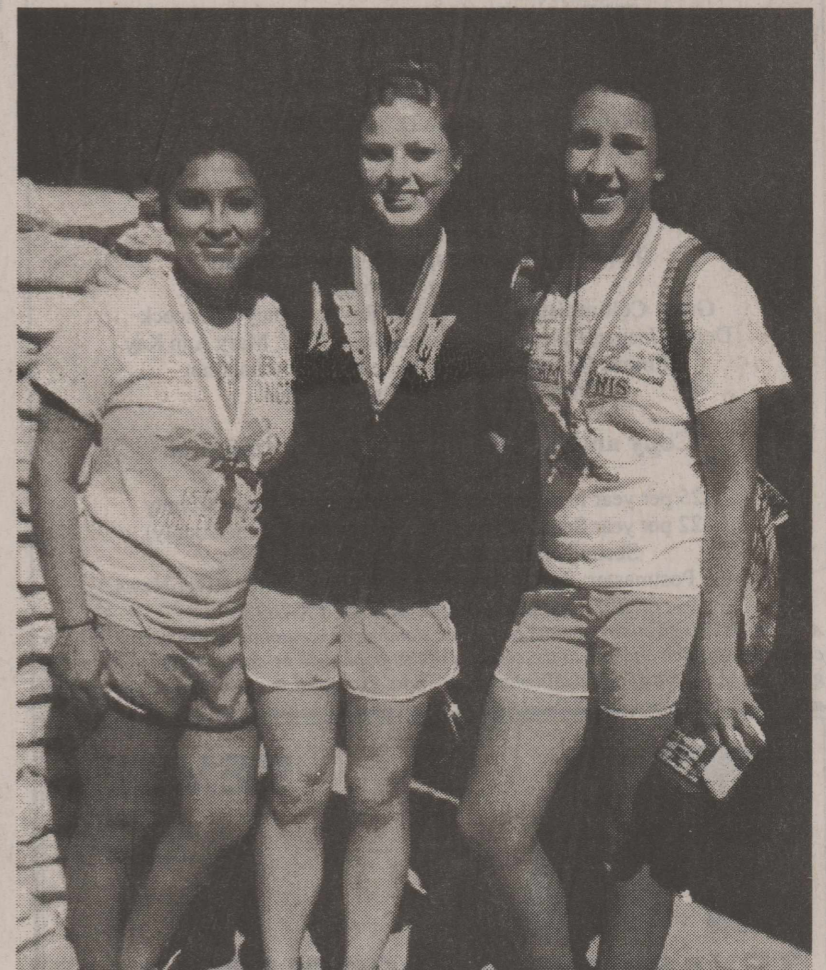
Without question, Jimmie believed that the standard of care she experienced right here in Sonora, in terms of facilities and staff, was on a par with, if not superior to any other hospital she was in. She had only one complaint with the Sonora hospital, and

that was that she never knew what time it was because there were no clocks in the rooms.

So, in an attempt to remedy that problem, Jimmie ordered a dozen high-quality time pieces - enough for every patient room, with a few left over - that would complement the hospital decor. Unfortunately, her order got caught up in back-order and did not get completed before her passing. But, the clocks have now been delivered to the hospital and CEO Keith Butler has given assurance that they will be installed.

So, the next time you are thankful for the top-quality healthcare facility we have right here in our own little town, and when you look at the clock on the wall, think of Jimmie.

2011 Regional Tennis Qualifiers



Senior Center Activities

- Thurs. April 14 - Crafts for Mother's Day
- Fri. April 15 - Happy Birthday *Milton Cavaness*
- Mon. April 18 - Bingo
- Tues. April 19 - Happy Birthday *Tita Leyva*
- Wed. April 20 - Van to San Angelo

Senior Center Menu

- Thurs. April 14 - Polish sausage, sweet potato w/apple, milk cabbage, corn bread, pears
- Fri. April 15 - Chicken nuggets w/gravy, roll, milk, zucchini squash w/tomato wedges, peaches
- Mon. April 18 - Chicken salad sandwich, tomato soup, milk carrots & celery sticks, banana chips
- Tues. April 19 - Chicken fried steak w/gravy, mashed carrots vegetable salad, roll, cake, milk
- Wed. April 20 - Glazed ham, cooked cabbage, roll, milk sweet potatoes w/apple, banana pudding

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

Obituary

"Big" George Wipff



"Big" George Wipff, 74, passed away Sunday, April 10, 2011 at The Nix Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. George was born on November 3, 1936 in Pearsall, Texas to Frank Joe and Florence Wipff.

He married Claudette Whipkey, of Campwood, on May 14, 1954 in Uvalde, Texas.

George and Claudette moved to Sonora in 1961 where George was employed by The Sutton County Road and Bridge Department where he spent his entire career. It is safe to say that there is not a single road in Sutton County that "Big" George Wipff didn't build or repair.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Claudette Wipff of Sonora, Texas, two sons and their wives; George (Tinker) Wipff Jr. and wife, Jennie, of Eldorado, Texas, Ronnie Wipff and wife, Lynn, of Sonora, Texas.

He is also survived by his grandchildren, Frank Wipff of Midland, Texas; Ben Wipff of Eldorado, Texas; Brett Wipff and wife, Jennifer, of Sonora, Texas and Clayton Sahr also of Sonora, Texas. One great grand child, Madyson Wipff; sister in law, Fern Wipff of Sonora; Brother, Marshall Wipff and Wife, Char, of Florence, Texas; sister Jenny Sue Fitzpatrick of Oregon.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Florence Wipff; sisters, Bertha Mae Cummings and Francis Ivy and brother, EJ Wipff.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, April 13, 2011 in the Sonora Cemetery.

Thank You Notes

Once again the love and generosity of people from Sonora, Ozona and West Texas has been shown. The Benefit Golf Tournament for Valeri Savell was an overwhelming success!

A huge thank you to Benny Granger, who organized it, the Sonora Golf Club and everyone who helped, worked and gave. Our prayer is for God to bless each one in a very special way!

Sincerely,
 Bill and Barbara and the Savell Family

We, the family of Rosa Elena Sanchez, would like to express our sincere thanks to all that came by, called, send food and flowers. Also, thank you to the ladies that prepared the meal for after the service. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated. May God bless all who supported us during our time of sorrow.

Juan Carlos Gonzales & Family, Alfredo Gonzales & Family, Alex Gonzales & Family, Rosemary Rodriguez & Family, Diana Gauna & Family, Olga Romero & Family

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The Sonora Spring "Trash Off" is set for April 21st from 4pm- 6pm. This will be new this year to have it on a weekday, but the kids get out of school at noon and it should work out good. All able volunteers would be welcome to help "Trash Off" the streets of Sonora. It is almost impossible these days to pick a weekend to clean - up the streets. Everyone is so busy these days and it is almost impossible to take a Saturday and spend the morning picking up litter. It gets hot early in the morning and the idea of picking up in the early evening hours would be more inviting.

We will meet at the Library parking lot and go to designated areas that need "Trashing Off". If you would like to come and help volunteer please bring your garden gloves and we will provide the garbage bags. We look forward to a big turn out for this Spring "Trash Off" and to Keep Sonora Beautiful!

There are 2 new Texas laws to help victims of sexual assault:

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Broncos at the Next Level

Meghan Krieg-'07 Sonora graduate, Louisiana Tech, Sr., softball

The Lady Techsters closed out their 10 day road trip in Boise, Id over the weekend. Boise swept the WAC series 6-2, 11-3, 8-0. Meghan, who starting the weekend ranked #16 in the country for strikeouts, finished the weekend with a 7.62 ERA and only 8 strike outs in 10.2 innings. After a tough weekend, the ladies couldn't get on the plane home fast enough. The Techsters will host a mid-week game with Northwestern before hosting the Rainbow Wahine of Hawaii Friday and Saturday.

Kimble Luna-'08 Sonora graduate, Howard Payne, Jr., softball


The Lady Jackets of Howard Payne split 2-2 on the weekend with Hardin Simmons. Kimble was 2 for 14 on the weekend which included 2 SAC bunts, an RBI, 3 runs and 4 put outs from center field.

John Duke Hudson-'09 Sonora graduate, College of Charleston, So., golf

The C of C golf team is competing in the Jim West Intercollegiate in Victoria, Texas April 10-April 12. Results in next week's Devil's River News.

Cassie Krieg-'10 Sonora graduate, Louisiana Tech, Fr., softball

The Techsters road trip got even longer during their weekend series against Boise State as they were unable to mange a win. Finally getting back into playing shape, Cassie saw a little action and was 0-2 on the weekend with a great running catch on a slicing ball into left field.




Senior Selections

Kash McGee	Colyer Dermody
Dulce Acosta	Dustin Crittendon
Courtney James	Nicole Lipham
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The Sutton County 4H Club is collecting 8 oz. waters and 8 oz. Gatorades for the Special Olympics that will be held on Friday, April 15, 2010. Please drop off your donations at one of the following locations: Sonora High School, Sonora Middle School, Sonora Intermediate School, Sonora Elementary School, The First National Bank of Sonora and The Bank & Trust.

High School Orientation for 8th Graders: All 8th graders that will be going in to 9th grade for the 2011-2012 school year and their parents are encouraged to attend on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the high school commons area. There will be pizza, pre-registration for classes, a tour of the high school campus. Please also remember to bring your high school information packet that you will receive at school this week. Mr. Chance will also be there for band recruitment.

The Samaniego Relay for Life Team will be having a garage sale at 523 E. 2nd Street on Friday, April 15 from 7:30 AM -4:00 PM and Saturday April 16th from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society RFL.

Annual 2011 Sutton County Predator Management Association meeting at the Sutton County Civic Center on April 28th, at 1:30 p.m. Those interested in Predator Management are invited to attend. If you have any questions you may contact Jimmy Holman (325)-387-3122 association President or Suzanne M. Badaux at (325)-206-0779.

Homeschool Meeting for all interested people on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 3:00 PM at the Sutton County Library.

2011 Little Mr. & Miss Cinco de Mayo: Viva Sonora is accepting registration for 2011 LITTLE MR. & MISS CINCO DE MAYO. To register or for more information, please contact Jo Ann Hernandez at The Bank & Trust.

Sutton County Friends of NRA Pre-event raffle is underway! Tickets are \$10 each with one winner taking home five firearms and a 14 gun fire resistant safe. Tickets may be purchased at Buck N Bass/Sonora Air Cooled Engines, by contacting Tonya @ 387-3861 or 206-0454 or by contacting any committee member. The winning ticket will be drawn during our 4th Annual Auction/Banquet, Saturday, September 17, 2011. Your support is appreciated!

LIONS CAMP AT KERRVILLE FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED is available on a first come basis and is free. This one week camp is for Diabetics children on insulin, Physically disabled children and Down Syndrome children. For additional information contact Col. Pete Bradley 325.387.6282 or go to Lions camp.com

Rent the Depot or Icehouse Ranch Museum for your special party or event. Call 325-387-5084 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

The Primary Purpose Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church, 404 NE Poplar. FMI call 325-387-9765 or 325-206-1311.



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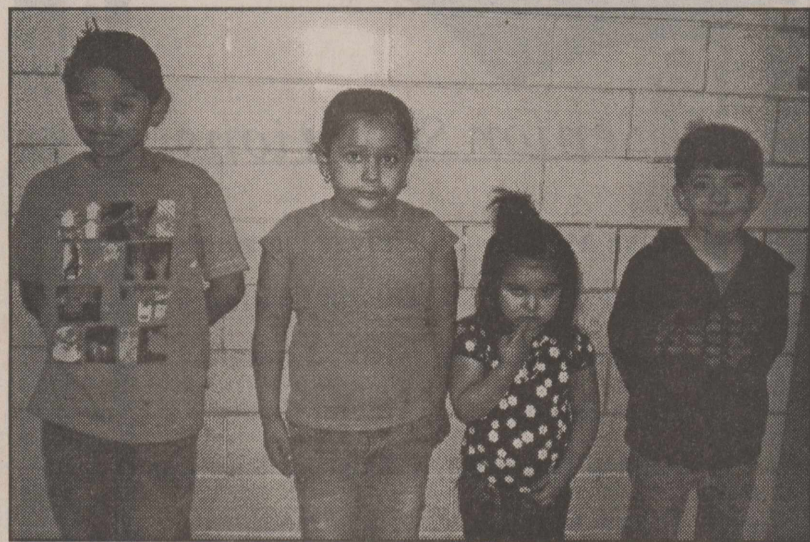
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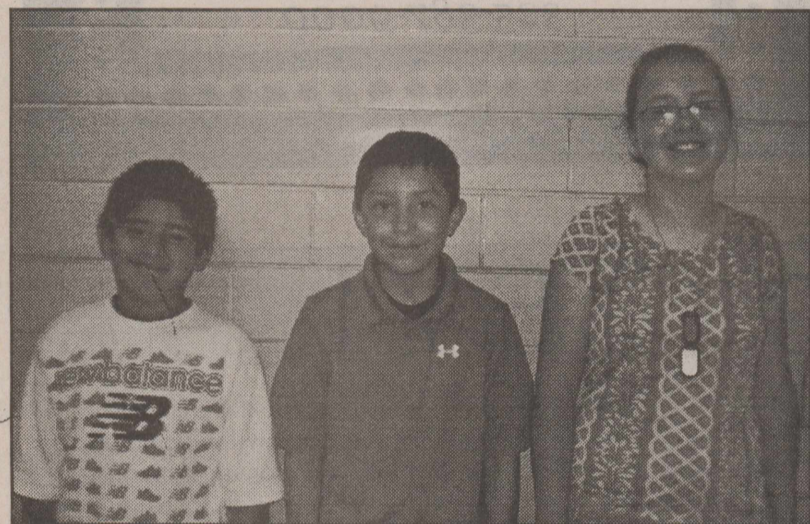
Students of the Week

Elementary



L to R: Francisco Garza, Nora Gaspar, Nevaeh Aleman, and Guillermo Garcia

Intermediate



L to R: Aldo DeLuna, Brian VanWinkle, Delaney Ramsdell

When it Comes to Added Sugars – Subtract Them From Your Eating Plan



Adapted By: Kelly L Thorp
County Extension Agent -FCS
Texas AgriLife Extension-
Sutton County

Although sugar can be found naturally in some foods such as fruit and milk, most of the sugar in the American diet is added during food processing, preparation or at the table. "When added sugars are subtracted from the diet, caloric intake may be reduced and diet quality may be enhanced," says Dr. Sharon Robinson, Nutrition Specialist and Registered Dietitian with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

The typical adult is eating and drinking about 320 calories, or more, each day in the form of added sugars. When it comes to added sugars in the American diet the three major culprits are soda, energy drinks and sport drinks; grain based desserts; and fruit drinks according to the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Instead of drinking soda or other sugar sweetened beverages, try consuming water or milk with meals and snacks. Remember adults need three cups of milk or milk equivalents each day. To avoid purchasing sugar sweetened fruit drinks, make sure the package label says "100% juice."

Limit the consumption of sugar added grain based desserts such as cakes and cookies to special occasions and watch portion sizes. Instead, choose fresh fruit with low-fat yogurt for dessert and snacks.

For information about free or low cost nutrition classes in your area contact your local Family and Consumer Sciences County Extension Agent, Kelly L. Thorp at 325-387-3101 or 387-3604; k-thorp@tamu.edu

Lions Roar



L to R: Holly Sparks, Bianca Fay, Frank Wamble, Katherine Bean, Sky Jennings and Samantha Castro

Permit me to regress and mention some of the great students who helped with our Broom Sale. They arrived at City Hall about 7am on the 29 of March to assist in unloading and setting up for the Sale. After a donut and water Ms. Pam loaded them up and took them to school. Additional students came after school to assist in loading the truck. They were JD Garza, James Freeman and Ms. Gibbons. The AM group is pictured above.

We had a very informative and productive Lions Club meeting this past week. Lion Don Gibson reported and the Club approved our two new officers for fiscal year 2012. The new VP's are Lion Janalyn Jones and Lion Brandon Duncan. We look forward to their leadership. The Club approved the request by the Relay for Life Committee that the Lions sponsor the Survivors Dinner on 21 May at the High School Commons. Our Project Manager for this event will be selected in about a week. On 15 April the Special Olympics competition will begin at Bronco Stadium. Your Lions Club was asked to Post the Colors at the opening ceremonies. Lions Surridge, Lane, Campbell, Garrett, King and Bradley all military veterans, volunteered to perform this honor. Please support the sponsor, Sonora Independent School District and the competitors by your attendance and donations

Sheriff Joe Fincher was our program this past week. Sheriff Joe gave us an informative overview of his Departments Public Safety Mission in support of the citizens of Sutton County. His twelve deputies and employees support the mission of law enforcement and confinement for this county. In a moment of humor, he shared the life cycle of a prisoner in his jail. It starts with a proclamation of "not guilty" then a need for medical attention and after that dental work followed by a conversion to religion. In response to a question, Sheriff Joe thought it would be appropriate to publish the names and alleged offense(s) of the confined prisoners in the Devil's River Newspaper. This would act as a potential deterrent to crime in our community. Sheriff Joe thanks for a very informative presentation and sharing your time and a meal with us.

A "well done" is in order for our Students in the ONE Act Play who advance to Regional competition and our Men & Women Track Team District Championship Track Teams. Word Hudson was selected to the All West Texas Super Basketball Team. These feats by our student athletes are a result of super teacher/coaches, and dedicated students who are not deterred by tough competition and hard work. Lastly, we must not forget the contribution of our first class training facilities.

A shout out to Jerry Jimenez who was selected "Coach of the Year" by San Angelo YMCA. Thanks, Jerry for all you do for the youth of Sonora. Congratulations also to Imoni Cross as a selected member of the 2A All West Texas Team. Go Broncos and Shop Sonora!

- Upcoming Events:
- Special Olympics
 - April 15 @ Bronco Stadium 9:00 AM
 - School Bond Election
 - May 14
 - No City Election will be held due to no new Candidates.
 - Relay for Life, Survivors Dinner
 - May 21 @ Sonora HS Commons
 - Project Graduation
 - May 27
 - Football 7 on 7 Bronco Stadium State Qualifier
 - May 28
 - Rodeo & Sutton County Days
 - 24-25 June

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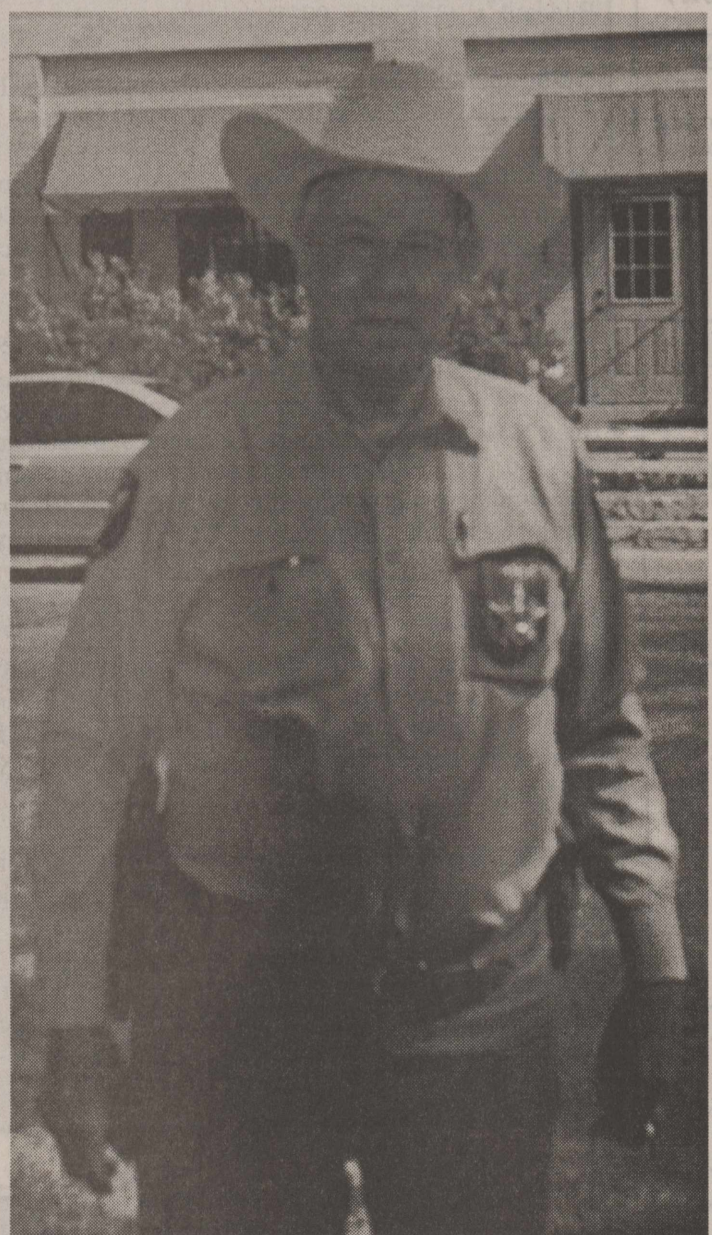
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Bob Hartman

Mr. Hartman has been on staff at the Sutton County Sheriff's Department for the past thirteen years. His friendly disposition and honest approach has made him an asset to our community, as well as the sheriff's department.



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Sutton County 4-H Contestants Off To Good Start

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



Spring 4-H contests are underway! Sutton County divided forces in order to attend two events this past Saturday. One was the Invitational Contests in Ozona, and the other was District 4-H Roundup.

In the Ozona Invitational Wool and Mohair judging contests, participants placed 2 classes of 4 fleeces each, and checked reasons; also 20 wool and mohair samples were evaluated for fineness. The project aims to further develop skills necessary in sheep and Angora goat production. Those competing included Sterling Smith, Stevie Smith, Felicia Farley, Danny Pechacek, Skyler Norris, and Darby Ramsdell. The team is coached by Gary Leonard.

In the junior-age wool division, Sterling Smith was 5th high individual and Felicia Farley was 3rd high, which made Sutton County the high (1st place) team overall. In junior mohair, Stevie Smith was 2nd high individual, which placed the Sutton County team in 3rd. In the overall picture (combining wool & mohair scores), Sterling Smith finished as 5th high individual,

while Sister Stevie placed 4th high individual. This made the Sutton County junior team 2nd high overall.

In the intermediate-age competition, Darby Ramsdell placed 4th high in wool and 2nd high in mohair. Teammates, Skyler Norris and Danny Pechacek also contributed to finish as 3rd high team in the overall standing.

Meanwhile, another group of 4-H'ers were competing in educational presentations, poetry, and swine skillathon contests in Leakey. These contests develop public speaking abilities as well as topic knowledge and skills. First-year contestants Rebeckah Owen and Taryn Mitchell competed and received recognition in the Poetry/Prose contest. In the junior-age category, Summer Hall placed first with a Beef Project Presentation, while Delaney Ramsdell was first in the Swine Skillathon. Certainly good experience for all the contestants.

Congratulations to all and good luck at other upcoming contests! Also a big thanks to Paul Ramsdell for his assistance in the weekend contests.



Game Warden Field Notes

Some hikers' backpacks hold more than extra socks: Game Wardens Daniel Kessler, Andrew Banda, Erin Albright, Matt Bridgefarmer and Captain Jim Porter teamed up with U.S. Customs and the Texas Department of Public Safety on March 25 to apprehend three drug smugglers who had been operating in the remote areas of Jeff Davis County for some time. When arrested, the three subjects each had backpacks stuffed with marijuana. The total amount came to 145 pounds. The game wardens' knowledge of the area was a key factor in the apprehensions.

Hole in one alligator proves costly for violator: Harris County Game Warden Bobby Apple received information about someone hunting at night on an abandoned golf course and began a stakeout that extended for several nights over a few weeks. Apple finally found the man on the golf course one evening. After questioning, the man confessed to killing a 7-foot alligator in one of the ponds on the golf course with his bow. The hide, meat, and head were later seized from the man's house. Several citations were issued.

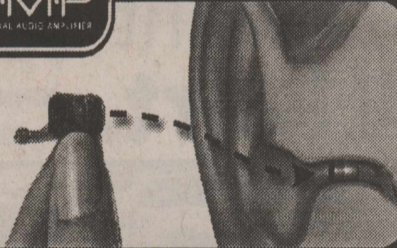
Frustrated crime victim gets help from wardens and (satellites) above: Harris County game wardens Kevin Creed and Susan Webb along with Liberty County game warden Daniel Diaz and the Liberty County Sheriff's Department on March 27 recovered a 4-wheeler ATV and other items stolen in a burglary. The victim had lost several 4-wheelers, trailers, air conditioning units, copper wire, and a lot of other items in thefts on his property, where he offers hunts for various groups of mobility impaired people and wounded military personnel. He finally had enough and placed a GPS tracking device on his equipment. With help from the GPS equipment and the game wardens, the missing ATV was recovered and three persons were arrested.

Commercial fishermen not sheepish about sheephead: Matagorda County game wardens David Janssen and Aaron Koenig, along with Fort Bend County game warden Barry Eversole were patrolling West Matagorda Bay March 27 when they made contact with a commercial shrimp boat coming in from the Gulf of Mexico. While inspecting the boat's cargo, the wardens discovered seven sacks of sheephead buried under a large quantity of shrimp. One hundred five fish were seized and sold to the highest bidder. Charges for exceeding the possession limit of sheephead are pending.

Not quite "Jaws," but close: Brazoria County game warden Scott Jennings received notification on March 29 that a commercial fishing vessel had arrived at Freeport with an eight-foot short-fin mako shark. The crew said the shark leaped into the stern of their boat while they were weighing anchor. Once on board, the fish flipped over their heads, landing forward beside the center console. The crew told Jennings that at one point they had considered abandoning the boat to the shark. Since they couldn't safely remove the shark from the boat without harming it, they telephoned National Marine Fisheries Service agent Charles Tyer and arranged to purchase a federal highly migratory species permit so that they could legally land the shark.

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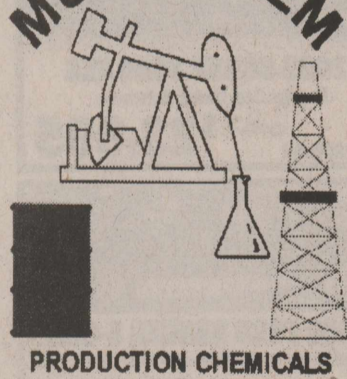
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A Night of Theatre Planned for Sonora Residents



Sonora has the good fortune this month of being in the right place at the right time. Michele LaRue, a popular East Coast stage actress, who specializes in performances of 19th and early 20th century American material has been engaged for a performance in Texas Tour around that engagement. Because she is the sister of Sonora's Jacqui Thomas, Ms. LaRue has graciously consented to two performances in Sonora benefiting local institutions.

On Monday, April 25 at 6 p.m., Ms. LaRue will present one Tale Well Told: Mary E. Wilkins Freeman's comic "The Apple Tree" at the Eaton Hill Na-

ture Center. The fundraising event and Open House will also include a Silent Auction, display of Sonora High School student photography, and a "Meet and Greet" the new Board of Directors for Eaton Hill Nature Center. Items for sale include original artwork by local artists, T-Shirts, walking sticks, and other nature related gifts. Light fare will be served and donations are requested.

April 28th, at 7 p.m. Michele LaRue will present a side splitting satire, Marie Jenney Howe's "Someone Must Wash The Dishes" directed by the late Warren Kliever at the Sonora ISD Intermediate School Auditorium, prefaced by musical entertainment by Top of Di-

vide group led by Sonora's own Terry Weaver. This performance by Ms. LaRue is a benefit for The Sutton County Historical Society and is sponsored by The Bank and Trust. Tickets, \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, can be obtained at the Ranch Museum, Sonora Economic Development Corporation office and The Bank and Trust.

Ms. LaRue is a graduate of the University of Kansas, is a member of the three major actors' unions

and is an editor and writer of Drama Desk, an organization of New York drama critics. Her credits include The Mouse-Trap, A New England Legend, The Scarlett Letter, Ellie May in Tobacco Road and Martha Jefferson in 1776.

Eaton Hill Nature Center and The Sutton County Historical Society encourage you to support their activities on behalf of our community by treating yourself and your family to these two entertaining evenings.

Best of the West Special Olympics Track and Field Event

Friday, April 15, 2011

Location:

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9:45 Opening Ceremony
 10:15 Field Events & Future Stars
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 Ball Throw for Distance, Softball Throw
 Shot Put, Standing Long Jump

11:30 Break for Lunch
 12:30 Track Events
 10 m Wheelchair Race, 50 m Walk
 10 m Walk, 50 m Run
 25 m Wheelchair Race, 50 m Motorized
 Wheelchair Slalom, 25 m Walk, 100 m Run, 25 m Run

8th Graders Raise Money For DC Trip




Sitting atop his recently won bench is David Creek. Mr. Creek was the lucky winner of this beautiful, hand-crafted, mesquite bench that was donated by Standley Anderson. 8th grade students took donations for the bench to help raise money for their upcoming trip to Washington, DC and New York. Congratulations to Mr. Creek and thank you to everyone who helped us raise \$1500!

The Rules

...from the male side - note they are all numbered 1

- 1) Learn to work the toilet seat. You're a big girl. If it's up, put it down. We need it up, you need it down. You don't hear us bitching about you leaving it down.
- 1) Birthdays, Valentines and Anniversaries are not quests to see if we can find the perfect present yet again.
- 1) Sometimes we are not thinking about you - learn to live with it.
- 1) Sunday equals sport. It's like the full moon or the changing of the tides. Let it be.
- 1) Don't ever cut your hair. Long hair is always more attractive than short hair. One of the reasons guys fear getting married is that married women always cut their hair and by then you're stuck with her.
- 1) Shopping is not a sport and we will never think of it as such.
- 1) Crying is blackmail.
- 1) Ask for what you want. Subtle hints do not work. Strong hints do not work. Obvious hints do not work. Just say it.
- 1) We don't remember dates. Mark birthdays etc. on a calendar. Remind us frequently beforehand.



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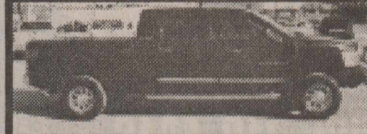




















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The State of Texas Reacts to Wildfires

State resources were deployed to West Texas this weekend as wildfires intensified through the region, and dangerous conditions are expected to continue for the next several days. Currently, state resources are assisting local emergency responders in fighting 13 major fires in 12 counties, including Garza, Walker, Stonewall, Brown, Terry, Hartley, Midland, Presidio, Kent, Eastland, Potter and Sherman. Gov. Perry's renewed disaster proclamation remains in effect for 249 Texas counties, making them eligible to request assistance as needed to respond to the wildfires.

"As wildfires continue to spark across our state, we have taken steps to prepare for and respond to these dangerous conditions and protect threatened communities," Gov. Perry said. "Wildfires can start quickly, spread quickly and destroy quickly. It is imperative that Texans make plans to keep their families out of harm's way by heeding warnings from local officials, including potential evacuation orders, and adhering to burn bans."

In response to this weekend's activity, the Texas Intra-state Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) has been activated. Fire prevention and response resources from 60 fire departments across the state, including 74 fire engines, 18 command vehicles and 160 personnel from local fire departments, are deploying to Stonewall, Brown, Midland, Childress, Taylor and Palo Pinto counties, and the Texas Forest Service Incident Command Post (ICP) in Merkel, Texas. Resources will deploy and adjust location according to the changing wildfire threat and local needs. TIFMAS is a network of Texas fire departments willing to provide emergency resources to neighboring communities during threat of disaster.

Additional state resources responding to the extreme fire danger include:

- Texas Forest Service, with more 750 personnel and 22 air assets deployed to multiple fires;
- Texas Military Forces, with

two Blackhawk helicopters currently deployed to a major fire in Eastland, Stephens and Palo Pinto counties. Two additional Blackhawks remain on alert in San Antonio for rapid deployment to assist with fire suppression efforts;

- Texas Department of Transportation has provided bulldozers and other resources in affected areas;

- Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol and a communications trailer have been deployed to the Texas Forest Service ICP in Merkel.

The National Weather Service warns that unusually high winds, along with dry air moving across record dry areas will create extremely critical fire conditions today and over the next several days across a large part of Texas. Sustained winds of 30 to 35 mph with gusts greater than 40 mph are expected. The most extreme weather is forecast to be generally west of a line from Wichita Falls to Abilene to Fort Stockton.

The governor issued an Emergency Disaster Proclamation on Dec. 21, 2010, which was renewed on Jan. 19, 2011, February 17 and March 18. This proclamation remains in effect as extreme wildfire conditions persist. Additionally, burn bans are currently active in 180 counties. To see the list of these counties, please visit <http://tfsfrp.tamu.edu/wildfires/decban.png>

Since wildfire season began, Texas has responded to 6,831 fires across the state that have burned more than 643,000 acres and destroyed 151 homes. Rescue efforts have saved 6,556 threatened homes. For more information on preparing for wildfire threats, please visit <http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu/main/article.aspx?id=8512>

The State Operations Center has been partially activated and continues to work closely with the Texas Forest Service, National Weather Service and other state and local entities to monitor this severe wildfire threat.

To view the governor's renewed disaster proclamation, please visit <http://governor.state.tx.us/news/proclamation/15854/>

Commissioner Staples Joins Governor Perry To Assess Wildfire Damage And Help Rebuild Lives Of Fellow Texans

AUSTIN — As firefighters struggle to contain some of the worst wildfires in Texas history, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples is calling on Texans to lend a helping hand by making a donation to the State of Texas Agriculture Relief Fund, or STAR Fund. The fund was created to collect monetary contributions from private individuals and entities to assist farmers and ranchers in responding to and recovering from an emergency. The STAR Fund may be used to rebuild fences, restore operations and pay for other agricultural relief efforts.

"These raging wildfires are catastrophic in nature, destroying homes, killing livestock

and devastating the livelihoods of farmers and ranchers who dedicate their lives to supplying us with food, clothing and other essential daily needs," Commissioner Staples said. "As these fires sweep through rural Texas, fences are dismantled and cattle and other livestock are left to roam. Through the STAR Fund, we can help our fellow Texans reestablish their lives, rebuild fences and restore basic operations that will ultimately assist in keeping the public safe."

As a longtime provider of supplies to Texas farmers and ranchers, McCoy's Building Supply generously answered Commissioner Staples' call by donating the first \$20,000 to help fellow Texans recover from the destructive wildfires.

"We have a deep connection to West Texas — as ranch owners, and as we serve the farm and ranch community at McCoy's Building Supply," said Brian McCoy, president and CEO of McCoy's Building Supply. "The devastation

of these fires is tremendous, but in the true spirit of Texas, we will recover together. We're grateful to be a small part of the large work that is to be done."

In addition to the STAR Fund, emergency Livestock Supply Points have been established to help ranchers secure hay for livestock. Interested ranchers may contact their County Emergency Operations Center or AgriLife Extension County Office for more information.

Today, Commissioner Staples took an aerial and ground tour of the areas devastated by the Swenson Fire. The blaze has torched more than 100,000 acres in Stonewall, King and Knox counties. He also joined Gov. Rick Perry in Merkel to visit with officials at the Texas Forest Service Incident Command Post. Commissioner Staples honored firefighters for their valiant duty in protecting Texans.

Despite the heavy damage of the last few weeks, reports to date indicate no lives have been lost.

"We are Texans, and when disaster strikes, our citizens rise to meet the challenge," Commissioner Staples said. "I ask all Texans who have the means to assist their neighbors in need to please come forward and show their support."

To help those who have suffered losses, you can make a monetary donation to the STAR Fund, by visiting www.TexasAgriculture.gov and clicking on STAR Fund under Most Popular Links.

More About Recent Fires
High winds and hot temperatures have fueled 183 fires across the state in the past seven days, displacing more than 100 Texas families and scorching more than 400,000 acres. Since January, nearly 1 million acres have burned across the Lone Star State, according to the Texas Forest Service.

Junior High Tennis

This past weekend the Jr. High boys and girls tennis teams traveled to Eldorado to participate in the tennis tournament. The colts represented Sonora well and brought back some individual awards. Below you will find this weekend results. The Jr. High boys and girls will be participating in their own Colt Invitational this Saturday April 16, 2011.

7th Boys Singles
Trent Harris – 4th place
Adrian Garcia – Consolation

7th Girls singles
Jannell Vasques – 1st place

8th Girls Singles
Hallie Samaniego – 3rd place

8th Boys Singles
Andres Acevedo – 1st place
Tanner Esparza – 2nd Place
Lionel Deleon – 4th place

7th grade Mix Doubles
Dionne Hinojosa and James Freeman – 1st place

REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM January 1, 2011- March 31, 2011						
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General	\$ 4,139,554.64	\$ 2,742,241.64	\$ 39.00	\$ 1,082,115.87	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,794,719.41
FMFC	\$ 741,173.63	\$ 626,048.70		\$ 208,682.20		\$ 1,158,540.13
Flood Control	\$ 11,911.83		\$ 3,000.00			\$ 14,911.83
Law Library	\$ (12,540.08)		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 762.00		\$ (11,302.08)
Lateral Road	\$ 14,518.76					\$ 14,518.76
112th D A Hot Check Fund	\$ 487.84					\$ 487.84
State Bond Fees	\$ 390.00	\$ 600.00		\$ 351.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 600.00
Employee Benefit Fund	\$ 80,744.31	\$ 12,150.00		\$ 8,488.20		\$ 84,406.11
Sutton County 911	\$ 6,697.77	\$ 9.09				\$ 6,706.86
Appellate Fund	\$ 115.00	\$ 145.73				\$ 260.73
Sheriff Seizure Fund	\$ 429,462.53	\$ 1,829.83		\$ 7,247.69		\$ 424,044.67
					TOTAL	\$ 7,487,894.26
CHECKING ACCOUNTS						
General-B&T	\$ 240,582.81	General-1st Natl	\$ 9,002.39	FMFC	\$ 164,994.06	
Appellate Fund	\$ 260.73	Sutton County 911	\$ 6,706.86	Sheriff Seizure	\$ 68,318.57	
112th D A Hot Check Fund	\$ 487.84					\$ 490,353.26
MONEY MARKET ACCTS						
General	\$ 790,341.80	FMFC	\$ 482,099.29			\$ 1,272,441.09
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General	\$ 4,857,927.03	FMFC	\$ 511,446.78			
Sheriff Seizure	\$ 355,726.10					\$ 5,725,099.91
					TOTAL	\$ 7,487,894.26

Words Women Use

Fine: This is the word women use to end an argument when they feel they are right and you need to shut up. Never use "fine" to describe how a woman looks - this will cause you to have one of those arguments.

Five Minutes: This is half an hour. It is equivalent to the five minutes that your football game is going to last before you take out the trash, so it's an even trade.

Nothing: This means "something," and you should be on your toes. "Nothing" is usually used to describe the feeling a woman has of wanting to turn you inside out, upside down, and backwards. "Nothing" usually signifies an argument that will last "Five Minutes" and end with "Fine."

Go Ahead (with raised eyebrows!): This is a dare. One that will result in a woman getting upset over "Nothing" and will end with the word "Fine."

Go Ahead (normal eyebrows): This means "I give up" or "do what you want because I don't care." You will get a "Raised Eyebrow Go Ahead" in just a few minutes, followed by "Nothing" and "Fine" and she will talk to you in about "Five Minutes" when he cools off.

Go Ahead!: At some point in the near future, you are going to be in some mighty big trouble.

Loud Sigh: This is not actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A "Loud Sigh" means she thinks you are an idiot at that moment, and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you over "Nothing."

Soft Sigh: Again, not a word, but a non-verbal statement. "Soft Sighs" mean that she is content. Your best bet is to not move or breathe, and she will stay content.

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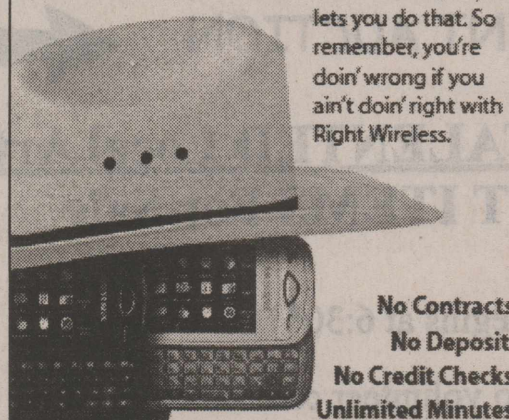
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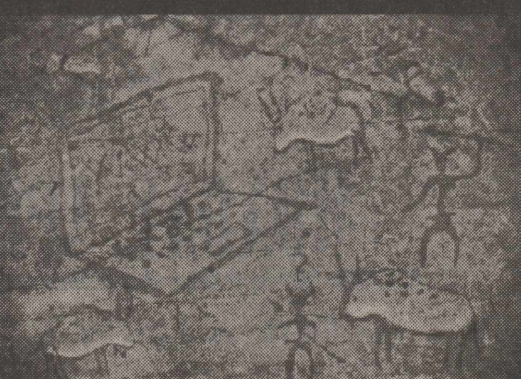
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District 7-AA Results

3200 Meter Run			1600 Meter Run		
Jesus Vasquez	1 st	10:45.41	Jesus Vasquez	1 st	4:50.52
Ricardo Regino	4 th	10:59.14	Ricardo Regino	3 rd	4:53.68
Marky Quiroz	8 th	11:45.35	Esteban Garcia	4 th	4:56.80
400 Meter Dash			800 Meter Dash		
Jesus Guerrero	1 st	49.52	Robert Chavez	1 st	2:03.56
Imoni Cross	3 rd	52.86	Esteban Garcia	2 nd	2:06.15
Jansen McBride	4 th	53.77	Marky Quiros	4 th	2:10.52
110-Meter High Hurdles			300 Meter Inter. Hurdles		
Will Dunn	1 st	14.50	Will Dunn	1 st	39.62
Zach Badeaux	2 nd	14.78	Dallas Payne	2 nd	40.34
Hagan Kennedy	4 th	15.65	Zach Badeaux	3 rd	40.39
100 Meter Dash			200 Meter Dash		
Jesse Guerrero	1 st	10.68	Darian Lopez	2 nd	23.26
Darian Lopez	5 th	11.33	Erik Santana	3 rd	23.43
Gunter Pennington	7 th	11.62	Ryan San Miguel	5 th	24.34
400 Meter Relay			800 Meter Relay		
Ethan Morriss, Jesse Guerrero	1 st	44.03	Dallas Payne, Erik Santana	3 rd	1:34.50
Zach Badeaux, Gunter Pennington			Ryan Garmon, Cadesman Pope		
1600 Meter Relay					
Dallas Payne, Imoni Cross	2 nd	3:31.06			
Jansen McBride, Will Dunn					
High Jump			Pole Vault		
Cadesman Pope	4 th	5'10"	Daniel Lankford	1 st	13'00"
			Erik Santana	4 th	9'06"
Long Jump			Triple Jump		
Word Hudson	1 st	20'11"	Imoni Cross	2 nd	41'11.75"
Zach Badeaux	5 th	20'00"	Bailey Joe Pennington	3 rd	40'05"
Shot Put			Discus		
Ethan Morriss	1 st	47'06"	Damon Evans	5 th	114'05"

Team Results: Sonora 255, Wall 127, Ballinger 78, Ozona 57, Brady 51, Grape Creek

Varsity Girls District Track

SHOT PUT:	
2 nd PLACE- LEANDRA CASTANEDA- 33'4 1/2"	
LONG JUMP:	
1 st PLACE- JACINDA SANCHEZ- 17'1"	
2 nd PLACE- MORGAN SMITH- 16'	
6 th PLACE- BRIANAH CREEK- 14'8 1/2"	
HIGH JUMP:	
3 rd PLACE- BRIANAH CREEK- 4'11"	
DISCUS:	
1 st PLACE- LEANDRA CASTANEDA- 111'2"	*NEW SCHOOL RECORD
6 th PLACE- KYLIE LOVE- 91'7 1/2"	
TRIPLE JUMP:	
1 st PLACE- MORGAN SMITH- 35'7 1/2"	
2 nd PLACE- JACINDA SANCHEZ- 35'7 1/2"	
(TIE BREAKER GOES TO 2 nd BEST JUMP)	
POLE VAULT:	
1 st PLACE- KELSEY FAVILA- 9'6"	
2 MILE RUN:	
4 th PLACE- DULCE ACOSTA- 12:38.80	
SPRINT RELAY:	
1 st PLACE- 50.24	*NEW SCHOOL RECORD
MACIE FRIESS, NICOLE LIPHAM, MORGAN SMITH, CHELSEY LOU CAMPBELL	
800 M RUN:	
1 st PLACE- KALLIE HUMPHREY- 2:29.01	
100 M HURDLES:	
3 rd PLACE- KELSEY FAVILA- 16.89	
8 th PLACE- LOGAN SMITH- 18.16	
100 M DASH:	
1 st PLACE- MORGAN SMITH- 12.51	
3 rd PLACE- JOMAYRA GUTIERREZ- 12.93	
4 th PLACE- MELISSA FREEMAN- 13.02	
800 M RELAY:	
1 st PLACE- 1:50.10	
MACIE FRIESS, NICOLE LIPHAM, BRIANAH CREEK, JACINDA SANCHEZ	

400 M DASH:	
5 th PLACE- MELISSA FREEMAN- 1:05.65	
7 th PLACE- DELILAH AGUERO- 1:09.24	
300 M HURDLES:	
2 nd PLACE- CHELSEY LOU CAMPBELL- 46.25	
4 th PLACE- KELSEY FAVILA- 51.99	
6 th PLACE- LOGAN SMITH- 53.69	
200 M DASH:	
1 st PLACE- JACINDA SANCHEZ- 27.22	
4 th PLACE- BRIANAH CREEK- 28.39	
5 th PLACE- MACIE FRIESS- 28.78	
1600 M RUN:	
3 rd PLACE- KALLIE HUMPHREY- 5:47	
4 th PLACE- DULCE ACOSTA- 5:48	
MILE RELAY:	
1 st PLACE- 4:08.22	
MORGAN SMITH, NICOLE LIPHAM, JACINDA SANCHEZ, CHELSEY LOU CAMPBELL	

TEAM RESULTS:

- 1- SONORA 211
- 2- WALL 146
- 3- BRADY 97
- 4- GRAPE CREEK 72
- 5- OZONA 64
- 6- BALLINGER 23

JV District Track

District 7-AA JV Boys Results

400 Meter Relay	2 nd	46.75	800 Meter Relay	2 nd	1:40.00
Will Dutton, Chance Campbell			Edward Garza, Will Dutton,		
Edward Garza, Scott Gonzalez			Chance Campbell, Scott Gonzalez		
800 Meter Run			110-Meter High Hurdles		
Luis Hernandez	1 st	2:20.16	Anastacio Munoz	3 rd	17.89
Omar Salazar	5 th	2:27.23	Cody Barber	6 th	20.15
Sterling Hall	7 th	2:29.22			
100 Meter Dash			400 Meter Dash		
Clayton Parks	1 st	12.04	Michael Chavez	7 th	65.42
Chance Campbell	2 nd	12.20			
Edward Garza	4 th	12.25			
300 Hurdles			200 Meter Dash		
Anastacio Munoz	3 rd	46.69	Will Dutton	1 st	24.54
Cody Barber	6 th	51.60	Clayton Parks	2 nd	24.58
1600 Meter Run			1600 Meter Relay		
Jaime Braly	7 th	5:40.73	Sam Powers, Omar Salazar	3 rd	3:54.47
			Luis Hernandez, Scott Gonzalez		
Pole Vault			Triple Jump		
Anastacio Munoz	1 st	9'06"	Anastacio Munoz	2 nd	39'02"
Long Jump			Luis Hernandez	5 th	35'08"
Edward Garza	3 rd	18'03"	Edward Garza	6 th	35'01"
Grape Creek-165	Wall-155	Sonora-138	Ozona-56	Ballinger-56	Brady-14

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City of Sonora
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Mayor

ATTEST:
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Thunderclouds Rise and Rain Falls: Beware the Silver Lining!

An Editorial

By Ben D. Taylor

When I first heard somebody use the word "colloquialism" I didn't know what it meant. I only knew that whatever it was I wanted no part of it! In my mind this term was either a very painful medical condition, or some kind of new term to describe bald people. As any good high school student I pretended to know what it meant, promptly ignored its existence, and eventually used the word myself (on several occasions) without knowing what it meant in order to impress a girl. It wasn't until a few years later that a very patient college professor informed me that it was pronounced Cole-O-Qu-We-O-ism, and that I had been using them my entire life. My first response was to tell him that he, "was one sandwich short a picknick", at which he simply thanked me for proving his point.

All of us that call West Texas home use colloquialism's (geographically common phrases-as my prof. informed me) to state the obvious, to describe frustration, and on occasion give comfort. For example, in times of the "obvious" a person might say, "That tire is as flat as a cow pie", or in the throes of extreme anger state, "I'd rather shave my head with a cheese grater than deal with this idiot". The one I could never quite wrap my mind around was something someone always said to console me when my life was not going good. They would tell me not to worry because, "Unto every life rain must fall." I admit that until I was 16 I thought it was a passage out of the Bible, but at 16 (and just like the bible) I was confused with the specifics of the message. The part I got confused about was not the specifics, but the context-again just like the bible. Yes in every life rain falls-but when it falls it's a good thing, not bad.

If I were to build a top ten list of the "cool things" in this world I would list the following: 1) God. 2) Jesus. 3) Parents. 4) Rain. 5) U.S.A. 6) Rain. 7) Texas. 8) Rain. 9) John Wayne. 10) Me six feet tall. John Wayne is higher than me being tall only because we have proof that he existed, while number ten in that list will never happen. I can assume that you have figured out a common theme with my top ten list, it's rain. I grew up knowing rain as a constant good. I put it on the same pedestal as honor, strength, and honesty. I thought that all three (no matter the situation) were good.

I was in college when I finally figured out that the phrase, "Unto every life rain must fall" was not from the Bible, but was in a poem written by a man who (at that point) hated rain. With my background I could never understand how a person of sane mind could ever hate rain, until I moved to East Texas.

At first I loved the rain. It was as wonderful a feeling as a child would feel if you were to give them 20 pounds of Skittles. At first they love every second of it, but it only takes a handful of seconds before they get a bellyful! After a few months east of I35 I grew to despise the rain, and started to actually enjoy the slow shift of green to brown as I watched the grass out of my driver's side window on trips back home.

In Sonora we often hope that rain "comes" soon, while in other places in the world rain does not come, because in those places it falls.

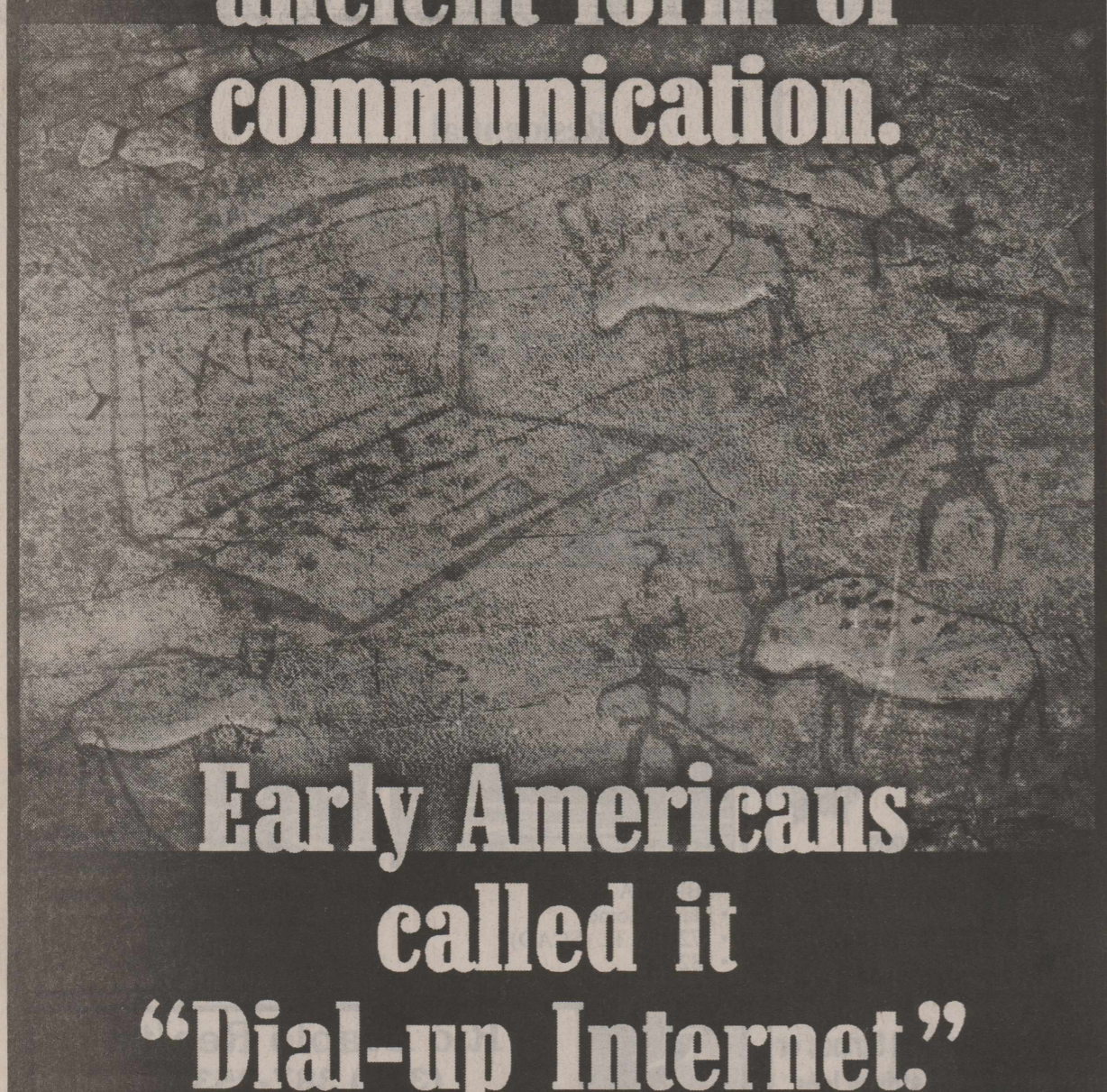
I found myself asking if my perception of rain can change, then does the same hold true for honor, strength, and honesty. The answer came with a resounding yes. Just because I thought that rain was good I figured that it could never hurt anyone until I moved to a place where it rained all the time. My idea was proven true when I was faced with a situation where I had to do the right thing in the face of ridicule. In that life lesson I learned that it's be easier to cheat a liar, than to be honest with a saint. Apparently my folks were right, doing the right thing is not easy all the time.

Last week in Sutton County saw the thunderclouds rise, and we found the silver lining in-between the thunder and lightning with a gift of rain. Just as a child I found myself celebrating in the gift of water as the cool wind blew before the storm front. I also forgot that the context of a spring-time rain means lightning. We were lucky while many of our West Texas neighbors were not.

In my youth I have learned that holding true to a faith in God, Jesus, and rain has at times been painful. I have never been discouraged more in my life than when I did the "honorable" or "right" thing. When I talk to my parents about it I explain to them that, "I'm going to do the right thing, but it's not the thing I want to do".

We have been blessed this past week. We've been blessed by rain, and were spared fire. Please read this edition of the Devil's River News to find how you can help. I realize that everyone is strapped right now, but doing the right thing isn't always easy. Remember though that those affected by the fires are from West Texas. They need help, but do not want charity!

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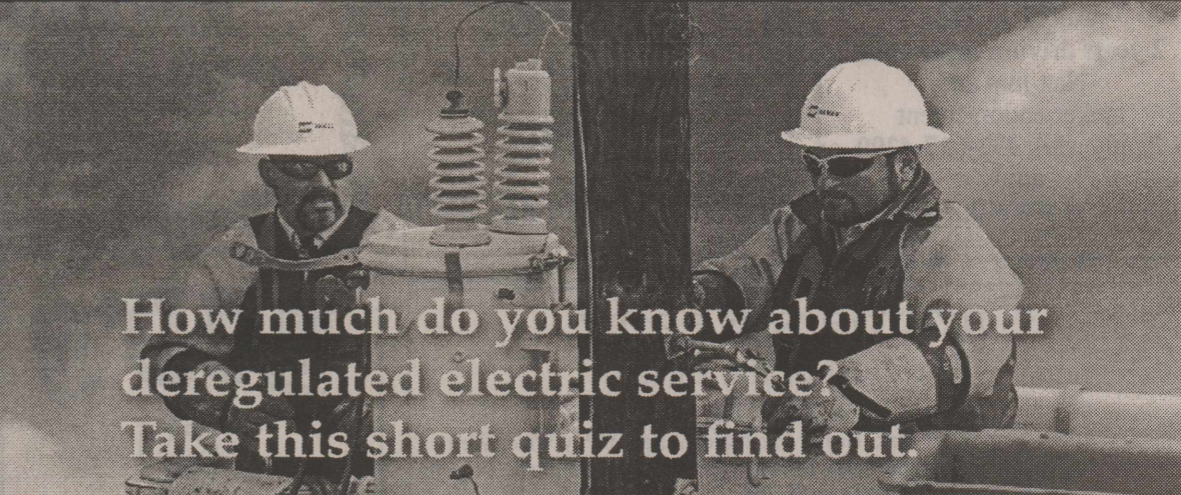
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