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By Ben D. Taylor

Signs are hard to see in our lives, especially when you realize that most of our lives are spent blasting down the road at 80 miles per hour. In the modern world it would seem that the path of our lives is less like the winding trail in a Robert Frost poem, and more like an interstate. This interstate reaches straight out onto the horizon and at that speed it's easy not to see an exit until it's too late to turn off. For Nicholas Gould (project manager of 100 smiles) it wasn't a function of seeing a sign in time, it was waiting for the time that his sign would take him down the road less traveled. In his case that road would be the entire southern United states, on a bicycle, with his friends. This particular story began 24 years ago when a kindergarten student in Illinois found a fortune cookie that

stated simply, "your smile will change the world". That message (one that all of his classmates and teachers agreed fit Nicholas perfectly) would be the mission statement that would bring a team of college classmates together to raise money to correct the cleft palates in 100 children. Nicholas formed a team of college classmates and decided the best way to raise awareness would be to combine their need to raise money for these children and their passion for bike riding by riding their bicycles from Venice Beach, CA to St. Augustine FL. The road team consists of Nicholas, Renca Dunn, Rachel Rose, and the driver Colin Analco. A passion for bike riding is not the only trait these teammates share, as all of them (except Rachel) is hearing impaired. Rachel Rose acts as the team's sign language inter-

preter while on the road.

Teammate Renca Dunn commented that, "This is all about social responsibility. This team was built around a need, and is fueled by our desire to reach our goal of \$25,000. The operation to correct a cleft palate only costs \$250, and so we plan to get close too or reach our goal to give 100 kids the ability to smile, who could not do so before". Nicholas added that, "so far we have raised \$5,500 so far. If anyone would like to make a donation they can do so online at www.100smiles.org, or mail a check to the contact info found on that website".

The team was in Sonora this week recovering from a series of blown tires they experienced outside of Ozona, and while here I had the opportunity to ask them what the most memorable parts of their ride so far.

Rose recounted a specific moment they spent just outside Van Horn, "we were riding our bikes and it was getting dark when one of these West Texas thunderstorms showed up. A trucker drove by and asked if we wanted to load our bikes in a trailer and get a ride into town. We all looked at each other for a moment and said no, then kept going."

Colin commented that as a driver, "I am there for the team and to make sure everyone stays safe. That is my number one priority at the end of the day, but no matter where we stay we always find something positive that keeps us going."

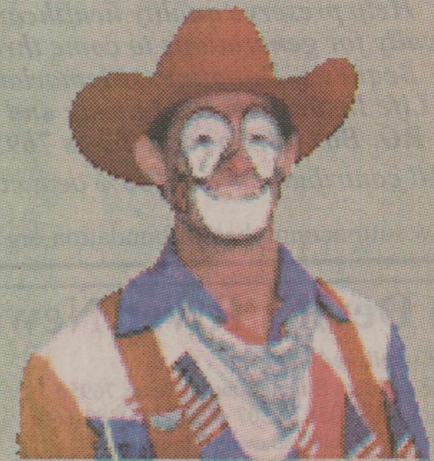
Nicholas added that, "you have to tell yourself every day that it is a new day. You want to stop, but you can't do that. It's a lot like life in that you can't stop, you have to keep going, and you will get there eventually."

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Sutton County Days Pro Rodeo Introduces: Mike Mathis



Mike Mathis was born in Lufkin, Texas and for the third time, this veteran rodeo announcer was selected to work the National Finals Steer Roping in Hobbs, N.M. Mathis of Lufkin, Texas, has been a PRC A announcer since 1983 and has called some of the sport's most prestigious events. He announced the 2000 Winter ProRodeo Tour Finale in Las Vegas and called the shots at the 1998 Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo in Pocatello, Idaho. In 2002, Mathis was nominated for PRC A Announcer of the Year. In 1994, Mathis was the alternate announcer at the National Finals Rodeo. During his career, he has announced the Texas Circuit Finals Rodeo 16 times. His knowledge extends well beyond the rodeo arena. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, and later earned a master's degree in finance from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Mathis has two sons, Kirk and Todd.



Keith Isley was born on October 9, 1957 in Reidsville, North Carolina.

Keith Started his rodeo career in 1972 at the age of fifteen competing in the junior rodeo division in the bareback riding and bull riding. He also tried his hand at bullfighting. It got to the point where he enjoyed the bullfighting (protecting the cowboys) more than the competition. That's more or less how his career as a contract performer began.

Keith had no desire to tell jokes or perform clown acts. Being somewhat shy, he found the large audiences intimidating. However, after a period of time he found that the baggy pants and make-up that he wore provided him a comfort shield between himself and the spectators. Slowly but surely, he began telling jokes and performing clown acts.

Some of his comedy routines consist of Trick Roping, High Impact-Low Impact aerobic workout, various animal routines and Trick Riding. Acts such as these have made it possible for Keith to make rodeo entertainment a full-time career.

His travels have taken him throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada.

Sonora Middle School Students On Times Square



Sonora Middle School students enjoy the bright lights on New York's Times Square. Photo by groupphotos.com.

Senior Center Activities

- Thurs. June 9 - Crafts
- Fri. June 10 - Run errands
- Mon. June 13 - Bingo
- Tues. June 14- CEAP Energy Assistance
- Wed. June 15 - Cooking with Kelly

Senior Center Menu

- Thurs. June 9 - Hot dogs w/chili & cheese, potato chips, milk pineapple Waldorf salad, brownies
- Fri. June 10- Beef/cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, coleslaw Spanish rice, fruit salad, milk
- Mon. June 13 - Steak fingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes, milk biscuit, broccoli mix, mixed fruit
- Tues. June 14 - Chicken fried steak w/gravy, baked potato Spanish green beans, roll, lime rice swirl
- Wed. June 15 - Polish sausage, sweet potatoes w/apples cooked cabbage, wheat bread, pears, milk

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

Obituary

Janie Franklin

Janie Franklin, 70, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, June 5, 2011, in a San Angelo hospital. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Don Longoria, officiating. She was born on May 25, 1941, in Littlefield, Texas and married Amos Ted Franklin on March 11, 1960 in Wells, Texas.

She moved from Sonora to Big Spring in 1997. She was a homemaker and enjoyed sewing, quilting and crocheting. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Amos Ted Franklin of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Sheldon and Angela Franklin of Greenville and Patrick and Paula Franklin of Jacksonville, North Carolina; one daughter and son-in-law, Shari and Robert Telles of Sonora; seven grandchildren, Derek Franklin, Jesi Telles, Jay Telles, Jena Belle Telles, Joey Telles, Amanda Franklin and Katie Franklin; one great grandchild, Jonathan Franklin; one brother, Daniel Lee Eagle and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother; and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 765, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0765. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Thank You Notes

The committee for Sonora High School Project Graduation 2011 would like to thank all those who helped make this year's event a huge success. Due to the great generosity of Sonora and the surrounding communities donations of cash and prizes exceeded \$19,000.

Project Graduation is an all night party, which provides a safe, drug and alcohol free environment, for high school juniors and seniors. Participation exceeded our expectations with 90% of the junior and senior class attending this year. Many kids walked away with computers, televisions and many other electronics and great prizes.

A special thank you to Wylie Wagoner for being our DJ, Sonora Lions Club members for serving breakfast at 2am and to Preston Farris for staying up all night to be our auctioneer. This special event could not have been possible without the many hours spent by parents and other volunteers. Thank you Sonora!

Jan Stephens and Anita Hudson

To the Community of Sonora and Surrounding Areas:

We would like to thank each and everyone of you from the bottom of our hearts for letting us serve you one way or another, whether it was for breakfast burritos or lunch specials. We have enjoyed your presence throughout the 11 years that Taqueria El Torito was open. Even though we will still see everyone's faces, we will miss El Torito. Last, but not least, we would also like to thank our boss' Luis and Rosa Vasquez for having us help them all these years!

Thank You,
 Carmen Castillo and Oscar Ochoa

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

On the occasion of Embre Smith and McKenzie Watkin's wedding, our family stayed at the Comfort Inn. We not only found our stay most enjoyable, but as it turned out, my niece from Wichita, KS left a prized necklace in their room. Upon calling the hotel, she was told that it had been found and was turned into the office. I want to commend the housekeeping staff of the Comfort Inn.

Sincerely,
 Peggy Smith

William "Bill" M. Rountree

William "Bill" M. Rountree, 94, of Stephenville, a retired USDA Soil Conversationalist and a retired salesman for Higginbotham Brothers after 20 years of service, died Sunday, June 5, 2011 at a hospital in Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Services will be 1 p.m. Thursday, June 9, 2011, at First Baptist Church, Stephenville with Rev. Emil Becker and Rev. Buddy Wells officiating. Burial will be at Erath Gardens of Memory Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at Lacy Funeral Home.

Bill was born on September 23, 1916 to the late Albert and Mary (Mosley) Rountree in Winters, Texas. He married Margaret Elizabeth Satterlee on March 3, 1945, in Dalton, Georgia. She preceded him in death on July 12, 2000. He then married Ann Staude on July 31, 2009, in Stephenville, Texas.

While serving in the United States Marine Corps in World War II, Mr. Rountree made a promise to serve his Lord and others if allowed to survive the War and return home. Mr. Rountree retired from soil conservation and vowed his commitment to give all he could to his community where he has been volunteering over 50 years. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Order of the Eastern Star, Lions Club, The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Also, he volunteers in the Stephenville School Mentor Program and supports the high school and college sporting events. Mr. Rountree serves the First Baptist Church in Stephenville as a Deacon, Greeter, and member of the Prime Time Choir, participates in the Home Bound Ministry and is the Assistant Sunday School Dept. Director. He volunteers at Grace Place Ministry helping the disadvantaged. He visits local nursing homes on a regular basis. He is a part of HOPE Stephenville assisting Dr. Price fit glasses for the disadvantaged. He has assisted with the Lions Club Cripple Children Camp in Kerrville and the cripple children's Fun Day for Erath County.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Staude Rountree of Stephenville; daughters, Jean Steel and husband, Tommy of Corpus Christi, Karen Buchanan of Lago Vista; step children, Joey Staude and Wife Laurie of Stephenville, Belinda Fondan and husband, Eddie of Stephenville; sisters, Nell Green of Arlington, Helen Gist of Midlothian, Sue Tuller of Texarkana, Bunny South and husband, Derick of Arlington; grandchildren Shannon Steel of Corpus Christi, Brittany Buchanan of Austin; step grandchildren, Josh Fondon and Ben Fondon of Stephenville, Julie Staude and Clint Staude of Stephenville.

Bill was preceded in death by a brother, James Rountree; and two sisters; Leta Brady and Dorothy Cunningham.

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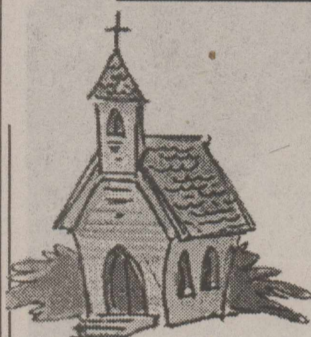
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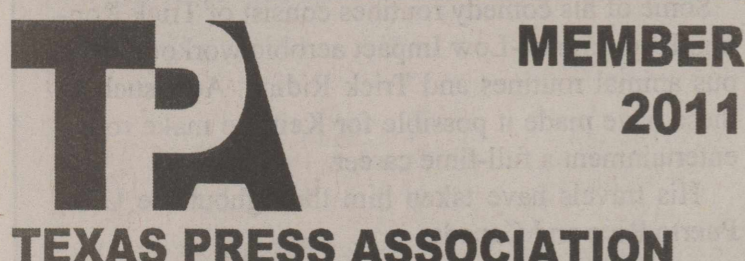
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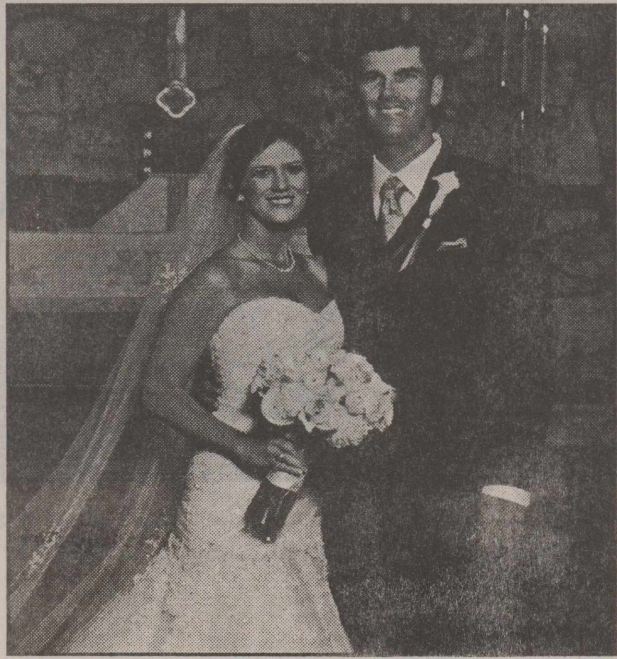
6:00 Beth Moore Study - Fellowship Hall

6:00 Jr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House

7:00 Sr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House

Wedding Announcements

Brockman ~ Sanders



Ashley Brockman and Jeffrey Blaine Sanders, both of College Station, were united in marriage on Friday, April 29, 2011 at eight o'clock in the evening at St. John's Episcopal Church in Sonora, Texas. The Reverend Chris Roque officiated the double ring ceremony and music was played by harpist Stephanie Nash of Kerrville.

Parents of the bride are Bob and Nancy Brockman of Sonora. Ashley is the granddaughter of Helen and Charles Stafford of Coleman and the late Rex Jones of Coleman; and the late George and Mary Brockman of Sonora. Jeff is the son of Tommy and Susan Sanders of Central, Texas and the grandson of Dallas and Lee Sanders of Lufkin and Ruth Cooper of Central.

The bride wore a romantic trumpet silhouette gown with a sweetheart neckline and a semi-cathedral train. The satin dress was adorned with embroidered lace, metallic accents and crystal beading. She carried a soft pink and ivory bouquet consisting of calla lilies, peonies and garden roses.

The couple had no wedding party standing with them in the church, but their brothers, Landon Brockman and Matt Sanders ushered guests to their seats as they arrived. Close family friends Emily and Meredith Earwood greeted guests at the guest book and recited chosen scripture during the ceremony.

The parents of the bride hosted an outdoor reception to celebrate at their home the following day. Guests were entertained and danced under the stars to the sounds of Owen Temple and enjoyed the culinary delights of Chef Peter Madden and his staff from Bryan-College Station.

Ashley is a 2003 graduate of Texas A&M University in College Station with Bachelor's degree in Agriculture Journalism. She is currently self employed as a wedding planner in College Station.

Jeff is a 2004 graduate of Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches with a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science. He received his Master's degree in Equine Reproduction and Physiology from Texas A&M University in College Station in 2007. Jeff is currently employed by New Earth as a field sales representative.

The couple will honeymoon later in the year and resides in College Station, Texas.

Fly High Sonora: Join a Flying Club?

Trent McClendon, a commercial pilot and certified flight instructor, would like to find out if there is local interest in starting a flying club at the Sonora Municipal Airport. If there is sufficient interest, a meeting will be scheduled to discuss options regarding club formation and possible aircraft purchase. Shared costs would make the fun and exhilaration of flying more possible for the members.

For those who might like to join but don't yet have their pilot's license, lessons would be available. Anyone who is interested should contact Trent McClendon at 325-387-3181 or 325-206-0656. Anyone intrigued by the possibilities, but not sure about flying can schedule a plane ride with Trent to try it out first.

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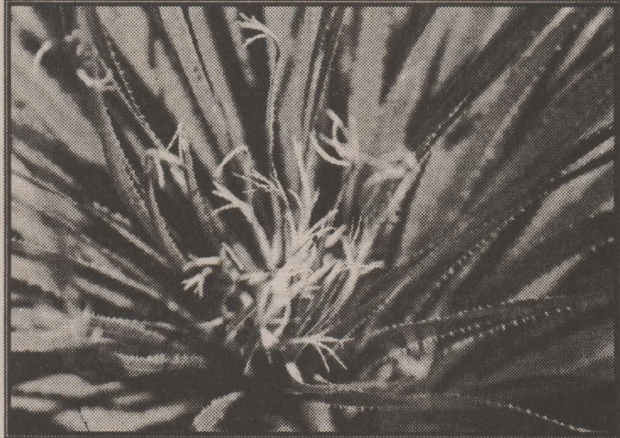
Sonora Academy of Arts Performance Scheduled

Sonora Academy of Arts will be performing their rendition of the Prince of Egypt this Sunday, June 12, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. at the Sonora High School Auditorium. Currently, there are 60 children ranging from the ages of 3 to 18 involved in both the dancing and singing lessons being provided by the academy and their dedication and talent is being used to glorify GOD through music.

It is a must see event!!

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L to R: Maray Cearley, Pat Campbell, Carl Teaff, Pete Bradley, Mark Samaniego, Ruben Samaniego, Malissa Teaff, Kyle Donaldson, Elaine Donaldson

"Whereas it is appropriate to recognize the importance and value of the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department by designating June 2011 as Sonora Fire Department Month." This excerpt from the Mayor's proclamation was taken to heart by your Lions Club. We invited our Fire Fighters and family members to our luncheon in order to honor and thank them and their families for their selfless service to our community. These twenty six dedicated men and women serve Sutton County 24/7 without compensation in order to keep us safe. Thus far this year they have been called out fifty three (53) times and expended about twenty four hundred (2400) man hours. A word of thanks is also in order to their full time employers who permit our Fire Fighters to respond to emergencies. Our fire fighters operate under the City of Sonora which budgets sixty (60) thousand dollars per year to fund their needs. These funds are usually supplemented by donations from our caring Sutton County community.

In a luncheon ceremony the Lions Club presented to our Sonora Volunteer Firemen a portrait of the September 11, 2001 attack with firefighters on top of the rubble with our flag at the World Trade Center titled "United We Stand". Our inscribed plaque on the frame to our fire fighters reads: "Sonora's Unsung Heroes from the Lions Club 2011."

Lions Janalyn Jones and Lee Bloodworth are recovering from surgery so please remember them in your prayers,

Upcoming Events
June 23 National Wool Show - Lions will fund awards, provide and serve lunch to attendees
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Meeting Livestock Water Needs

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



Our hot, dry weather has meant sparse growth and dry vegetation, which in turn has made nutrition for livestock less than optimal. We realize that. However, we rarely think about livestock water needs. Since our county relies on groundwater, we don't "feel" the added burden that occurs when creeks dry up. Nonetheless, livestock water requirements need consideration.

As you might guess, water requirements for livestock depend on weight, stage of production, and temperature. As weight increases, the amount of water needed also increases. The same holds true for temperature, as temperatures increase, so does water intake. Also, if the animal is lactating, water requirements are greater.

For example, some thumb rules on water intake for cattle are as follows: Daily water intake may vary from 3 to 30 gallons per day depending on age, body size (weight), stage of production and the environment (mainly air temperature). As a rule of thumb, consumption will range from 1 gallon per 100 pounds of body weight during cold weather to nearly 2 gallons per 100 pounds of body weight during

the hottest weather. Lactating cows require nearly twice as much water as dry cows.

Sheep and goats are no different. Ewes and does require approximately 2.5 gallons of water per day. Lactating ewes and does, however, need about 3.5 gallons. Feeder lambs and kids will drink an estimated 2 gallons per day. It is worth noting that water intake will vary with environmental temperature and dryness of the feed. Animals eating lush growth on a cool spring day will drink much less water than animals grazing the same pasture in the middle of summer.

Weaned animals or those moved to a new pasture may refuse water at first due to differences in palatability. One must allow them to become accustomed to a new water supply. Intake should be monitored to be sure no signs of dehydration occur until animals show adjustment to the new water source. Signs of dehydration or lack of water are tightening of the skin, loss of weight and drying of mucous membranes and eyes. Luckily our water quality is good and we are not concerned with factors such as salinity.

But, clean fresh water is

important. All water troughs ought to be frequently cleaned. Livestock should never be forced to drink dirty or contaminated water. Stale water can cause a reduction in water consumption. If there is a question of water quality, it should be tested. This can be done locally by our water district (at no charge) or by sending a sample to a lab such as the Texas A&M Water Testing Laboratory (for a small fee).

So as we wait for the next good rain, remember that water consumption affects production as much as nutrition does.

Low Lakes Increasing Risk Of Deadly Boat Crashes

The worsening Texas drought is not only taking a toll on yards, crops and wildlife – it can be deadly for boaters.

Lack of rain and abnormally high, dry winds have led to significant water level drops in many Texas lakes and waterways. And shallow water can mean trouble for recreational boaters.

During the last protracted dry spell, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department records show that Texas saw a high incidence of boating-related accidents. Most of those accidents were due to boaters grounding or hitting submerged objects because of very low lake levels across the state.

"Looking at the three-year time frame (2007, 2008 and 2009) we responded to 148 boating accidents that were

caused by grounding, hitting submerged objects, or hitting fixed objects," said Jeff Parrish, TPWD's Assistant Chief for Marine Law Enforcement. "Of these 148 accidents, 15 resulted in death and 123 caused injuries requiring treatment beyond first aid." Parrish said the most common factor resulting in injury or death was the operator or passengers being ejected from the vessel upon impact.

The best precaution to take is also the most simple: pay attention to where you're going and beware that with low water, dangerous rocks, tree stumps or other normally

submerged objects could be right below the surface. "As we are rapidly entering another year of low lake levels, it is critically important for boaters to be aware of their surroundings," Parrish said. "Some river authorities will provide buoys marking underwater hazards and dangerous obstacles, but this is not always the case. Low lake levels provide many inherent dangers and boaters need to be respectful of these."

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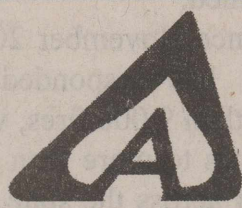
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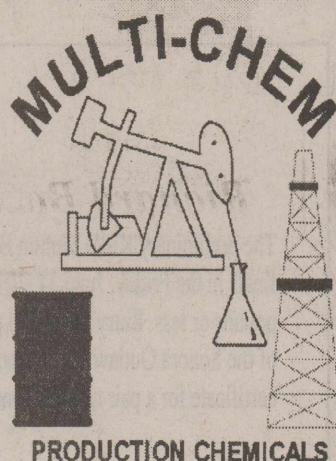


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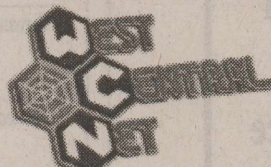
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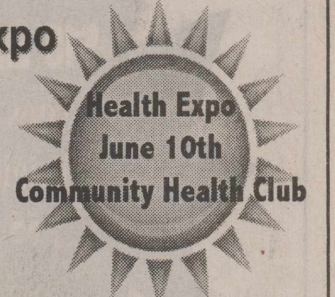
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Texas Drought: Third Worst In History

COLLEGE STATION — Is this the worst Texas drought ever?

The answer is no, but it certainly is one of the worst, according to Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, Texas A&M University professor and Texas state climatologist.

"Based on Palmer Drought Severity Index values, this is the third-worst drought Texas has ever seen in the month of May," Nielsen-Gammon writes in his blog, the Climate Abyss. "Records go back to 1895. May also marks the end of the driest eight-month period on record."

The worst droughts remain those in 1918 and 1956, according Nielsen-Gammon.

Nielson-Gammon's blog is hosted by the Houston Chronicle and can be found

at <http://blog.chron.com/climateabyss/>.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, nearly 30 percent of the state remained in what is termed an "exceptional" drought, which means a once in 50-year occurrence. Half the state was experiencing either a severe or exceptional drought. Only parts of north central and northeast Texas were not at least abnormally dry as of May 31.

It may not be the worst drought ever, but lifelong farmers throughout the state are telling Texas AgriLife Extension Service agents this is the driest they've ever experienced.

"Weather continued to be hot and dry," said Mark Brown, AgriLife Extension agent for Lubbock County. "Blowing dust from gusting winds occurred on several days. Irrigation continues where feasible. May ended with 0.26 inches of

moisture recorded, making this year the driest five-month period on record for Lubbock."

And while a few weeks ago, rains may have greened things up in East Texas, the region remains in a drought, according to AgriLife Extension agent reports.

"We are in bad need of rain," said Clint Perkins, AgriLife Extension agent for Wood County, about 100 miles east of Dallas. "Hay production is starting with drastically decreased yields. I have reports that the first cutting is one-quarter to half of normal."

"Corn, milo and cotton are under severe drought-like conditions and stressing," said Pasquale Swaner, AgriLife Extension agent for Falls County, near Temple. "Stocker cattle producers have shipped cattle to feedlots. Pasture conditions are severe with little hay production across the county."

More information on the current Texas drought and wild-fire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

Perry Responds to Prayer Controversy

"This reprehensible action taken by a federal judge underscores the increasingly inappropriate federal encroachment into the lives of Americans by unconstitutionally banning prayer at a Texas high school graduation."

The First Amendment prohibits governments from interfering with Americans' rights to freely express their religious beliefs, and accordingly the U.S. Supreme Court has maintained that Congress may convene every day with

a prayer. I fully support Attorney General Abbott's efforts to defend the right to pray, and Texas will continue to stand behind all those who wish to pray in our state."

Conaway's Response to FEMA's Rejection of Texas Wild Fire Declaration

"I am deeply troubled FEMA has denied the Governor's request for a federal Major Disaster Declaration," said Congressman Conaway. "Over the last several months, wild fires have wreaked havoc across our state, burning more than 2.2 million acres — an area roughly the size of Rhode Island and Delaware combined."

"Since November 2010, Texas has responded to more than 9,000 fires, with damages to more than 400 homes across the state. In Response, FEMA has only provided assistance for 22 of those fires, 0.24 percent through their Fire Management Assistance Grants

(FMAGs) program. According to the Governor's office, the FMAG's only covered 15 to 20 percent of the total cost of the 22 fires."

"Our state and local fire fighters and first responders have done a tremendous job responding to the wild fires; however, the cost of resources necessary to assist their efforts have driven state and local budgets to unsustainable levels. The Governor's office has reported that some counties have been forced to spend nearly an entire decade's worth of reserves to sustain their efforts. Without federal assistance, these communities will suffer immense challenges and

obstacles as they attempt to rebuild and recover from this disaster.

"I refuse to accept FEMA's response and have joined my colleagues in the Texas Congressional delegation in asking FEMA:

1. What was the threshold for Direct Federal Assistance and why did Texas not meet that threshold?
2. What was the per capita threshold for Public Assistance Category B and why was that not met?
3. What specific information would need to be received by FEMA in the event of an appeal in order to reach a different outcome?"

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**** Parent/guardian must sign release for entry to be accepted. No late entries!**
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Top 6 contestants will qualify to compete during the
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2011 Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo

Kid's Mutton Bustin Entry Form

The preliminary Kid's Mutton Bustin will be held Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. The top 6 contestants will return for finals in the Friday, June 24, 2011 Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. It is open to any child between the ages of 4 and 7, weighing 55 pounds or less. Entry fee is \$10 per child. Each Mutton Bustin finalist receives free entry into the Friday night performance of the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. The overall Mutton Bustin winner will receive a buckle, 2nd place will receive a gift certificate for a pair of boots, and 3rd place will receive a pair of spurs. All top 6 places to receive a youth rope!

Notes:

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2. Each child may have ONE helper/parent in the arena.
3. SCDAA reserves the right to refuse any entry.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Printed name and address of Parent/Guardian: _____

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Uncle Mort Roars With Lions...

By Dr. Don Newbury

When he's invited to be a guest at the Lions Club, Mort eagerly accepts. "Free meal" registers as ear music to my uncle, who has shied away from numerous invitations to join the civic organization.

He always gives it some thought, and sometimes fills out application forms. The last page, though, does him in. That's where mention of "monthly dues" comes in, and thought of such financial disbursement a dozen times each year causes a smothering spell. So, he's remained a "virtual member" for many decades....

Mort was particularly happy to attend the club's latest meeting. He had much "fat to chew" with the members, some of whom are neighbors down in the thicket. He arrived early, working all the tables to cover assorted topics of conversation. (Drifting between tables also made it possible for him to scarf down two desserts.)

Pre-luncheon conversations ranged from "raptures to ruptures." At one table, my almost 99-year-old uncle proposed the organization of an

"RFD Club."

One of the Lions made sport of such a proposal, indicating his pleasure with Rural Free Delivery of mail the way it's run now...

"I'm not talking about mail delivery," Mort responded. "I'm talkin' 'Rooters For Dirk.'" My uncle is eager to organize some serious "East Texas Whoop-It-Up" for the Dallas Mavericks' star hoopster as the team battles for the NBA championship.

He suggested "first-name" cheers for Dirk, since his last name is "pronounced a half-dozen different ways."

"I think he ought to change his last name to 'No-QUIT-sk,'" Mort said, "Because he doesn't quit..."

My uncle admitted the disappointment he experienced more than 80 years ago, during his senior year at a small rural school in East Texas. "I so wanted to play basketball," he said, "But we had too many boys in high school--we had six."

He "rode the bench" all four years, but in the last game before graduation, became ex-

cited about the prospect of a cameo appearance in the final minute. Fans started chanting, "We want Mort! We want Mort!" His heart was warmed by the chant from all 35 boosters in the stands.

With mere seconds remaining, the coach yelled, "Mort, go see what they want!"...

At another table, a member bragged about having signed off on "every detail" of his funeral.

Then, all eyes shifted toward Mort, as if he might be the person most likely to soon need such a plan. Easily the oldest attendee, he claimed ambivalence about one directive in such pre-planning.

"I've always figured on leaving my body to science," he said. "Here lately, though, I've decided to leave it to 'fiction' instead..."

At the head table, someone mentioned that Oklahoma's Chickasaw Indian Tribe headed a group that purchased Grand Prairie's Lone Star Horse Race Track in record time.

The "boss Lion" claimed to know how they turned the

transaction with such ease.

"Those Chickasaws know how to cut right through white tape," he joked....

Talk about the recent push to legalize Chihuahua dog-racing came up.

"Now that's about the dumbest thing I've ever heard," Mort challenged.

He claimed that this will never work. "The horses will win every time," he argued. "Their legs are much longer..."

One Lion told about his wife coming home in a huff after visiting family out of state.

"At breakfast one morning, our five-year-old grandson asked, 'Grandma, how long do you plan to stay?' She asked him how long he'd like her to stay. 'At least a week, 'cause I want to see Daddy do his trick.'"

Puzzled, she asked him more about the trick. "I heard Dad tell Mom that if you stayed all week, he'd climb the wall," the youngster related....

Mort complimented the soloist for being a consum-

mate professional. Noting that several of the attendees received "Old Spouse" lotion for Christmas and that most of them were either gray-headed or bald, she modified the words of her rendition.

Instead of singing Climb Every Mountain, she changed the words to Climb Every OTHER Mountain....

The phone company speaker asked how many folks remembered their first cell phone call.


Only Uncle Mort extended his arm skyward.

"It was about 60 years ago," he claimed. "And I remember it mostly because it was an appeal for bail money..."

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Game Warden Field Notes

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 devices 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.

Game wardens inspect fish markets: Game wardens with the assistance of Asst. Chief

Robert Goodrich, Lt. Fred Ruiz and Lt. Andy Ozuna recently conducted a two-day inspection of retail fish dealers in San Antonio. Six teams inspected licenses and invoices at more than 60 businesses during the two-day operation. The wardens issued 15 citations for no retail fish dealer license, no finfish import license, and not having the proper paper work for protected finfish. Five warnings were also issued.

A very expensive buck: Dimmit County game warden Gene Fernandez wrapped up on March 5 a six-day investigation on a case involving an out-of-state oil field worker who shot a big 9-point buck at an RV park on the Nueces River in January. The man not only shot the buck at night with a light without landowner consent, he used a .17-caliber HMR rim fire rifle, had no valid Texas hunting license, and tagged it with a tag he "got from a friend." After speaking with several people who saw the deer just after it got shot, the warden received a phone call from .pphone else who told him the head had been taken to a taxidermist in Louisiana, but that one of the subject's family members was going to pick it up and destroy it. Before that could happen, Fernandez contacted a Louisiana Fish and Game agent who found the head and cape. The same day, Fernandez received a call from the suspect, who said he was on his way down from North Texas to meet

with him. With help from a Laredo-based U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agent, the subject was interviewed and gave a statement. Fernandez and the Dimmit county attorney filed two Class A misdemeanors: hunting at night and hunting with a light; and two Class C charges of hunting without a valid license and illegal means and methods. The case was also referred to USFWS for a possible felony Lacey Act violation. The violator pled guilty to all the charges on March 17, had his .17-caliber HMR scoped rifle forfeited to the state as well as having his hunting license denied for the next five years in Texas and all the other Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact states. He also will be making restitution for a buck that scored 132 5/8. The incident will end up costing the violator roughly \$10,000.

Javelina heads-up: Webb County game warden Colt Gaulden filed 39 cases including hunting javelina without a license, waste of game, and over limit on javelina March 25. Earlier, warden Gaulden entered a camp and found a cache of hidden javelina heads while the hunters were gone. Warden Gaulden later contacted the hunters, who denied hunting javelinas until Gaulden reminded them of the javelina heads he had found hidden in the brush 30 yards behind their camp.

National Wild Turkey Federation honors game warden: Dallam/Hartley County game

warden Adam Clark received the National Wild Turkey Federation's State Game Warden of the Year Award at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting on March 31. National Wild Turkey Federation President Robert Linder, Chairman Peter Holt and Executive Director Carter Smith presented the award to Clark.

Wardens assist in plane crash response: Motley County game warden Matthew Cruse and Dickens County game warden Danny Kessel assisted local law enforcement and Texas Department of Public Safety troopers following an airplane crash in Dickens County that claimed the lives of the pilot and two passengers. Hazardous weather conditions appear to be the primary cause of the crash.

New TPWD vessel commissioned: TPWD Patrol Vessel Barry Decker was commissioned March 26 in Port O'Connor. Speakers for the ceremony were retired game warden Bobby Colston, retired warden and Harrison County Sheriff Tom McCool, Game Warden Sgt. Bradley Chappell, Col. Peter Flores, and State Rep. Doug Miller. Several Barry Decker's family members also were on hand.

Threatened turtles rescued: Hidalgo County game warden Harry Rakosky conducted a "welfare check" at a McAllen residence March 20 after receiving word of Texas tortoises being held there. The family confirmed they had eight

of the threatened species, showing the officer where they were. Rakosky explained the protected status of the animals and confiscated them, transferring them to the Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville. Later the turtles were taken to the Brazoria National Wildlife system and released.

Wardens find marijuana in boat: Game wardens Jason McFall and Brad Meloni arrested two individuals in possession of 1,248 pounds of marijuana on March 31. The suspects had cut holes in the floorboard of their 21-foot Kenner to hide the contraband. The pair was arrested and the case turned over to the Kingsville Tri-County Task Force. Game Wardens Matt Strauss and Royce Ilse assisted in the investigation.

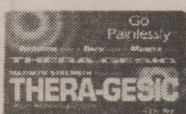
Dive team assists Texas Rangers: The TPWD Law Enforcement Division dive team responded to a call for assistance from the Texas Rangers and Ellis County Sheriff's Office on March 22 following the discovery of decomposed human remains near a body of water. The last person seen with the victim claimed the person had died accidentally. But when TPWD divers found a still-loaded handgun in the water, the investigation took a different turn. A suspect has now been charged with the homicide.

Search warrant leads to felony indictments: A Harris County Grand Jury returned indictments March 31 against two Houston corporations and two individuals for felony water pollution. The corporations along with one individual, the principal owner, were charged with two counts each. The second individual was charged with one count.

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4. Contestants must be a resident of Sutton County or be eligible to attend Sonora Schools.
5. Completed pre-entry forms must be returned by June 10, 2011 to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office at 205 Hwy 277 N or mailed to P.O. Box 1172, Sonora, TX 76950.
6. There will be no late or last minute entries accepted, so that all contestants may be pictured in the Devil's River News the week of the contest.
7. Bring a picture of the contestant to be put in the Devil's River News or email to sonco2@sonoratax.net.
8. Contest begins at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2011 at the main entertainment stage at the Sutton County Park.
9. If the contestant wishes to sing or dance, he or she may not have recorded accompaniment, but may play an instrument themselves.
10. All contestants should dress comfortably and appropriately for children their age.
11. All contestants are very much encouraged to participate in the Sutton County Days Parade to be held on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.
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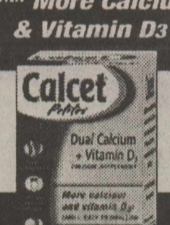
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She wore an aqua colored ball gown that looked as though Walt Disney himself had drawn it for one of his fairy tale princesses. Upon her arrival to the ballroom where the competition was taking place, she noticed there were several other little girls that were dressed like her. Some wore makeup and bigger, brighter dresses than her, but she didn't seem to appear discouraged. Some little girls were better trained than Sicily, and had their mothers yelling, twirling and showing them how to perform their routines onstage.

As they called her name, she never hesitated to make her way up the steps to the stage, and she walked so gracefully and cautiously not to step on her beautiful attire. A quick walk around the stage and the beauty portion was over with. A few minutes of watching her competition on stage followed, before it was time to prepare for the casual competition. She walked the stage once more in an outfit that looked as though

she could wear it any day of the week. It was a khaki colored romper accessorized with a golden flower in her dark hair, and gold sandals adorned with rhinestones.

After her walks on stage, Sicily visited the Dallas World Aquarium and had dinner before attending a luau party for all of the contestants. At this party, the contestants all signed autographs for each other and took pictures with their arms around the other to remember this special day. They were all just kids having fun. Some played limbo and bounced a beach ball around and others headed off to the pool. Once the party was over, it was bed time for Miss Sicily.

The next day at 9:00 a.m. she was scheduled to be present in the ballroom where they would crown the winners. There were several age groups ranging from 0-24 years of age. It wasn't until 11:00 a.m. that Sicily's age group was called to the stage. On stage, Sicily was awarded \$50 in cash, a plaque with her picture and name on it, as well as a crown for 1st runner up in the Most Beautiful category. She was also awarded 1st runner up in the Natural Photogenic category and 3rd runner up in beauty (hair and makeup).

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The Texas Outdoor Family Adventure Series dates are May 14-15 at Palo Duro Canyon, May 14-15 at Martin Dies, Jr. and a two-night workshop May 28-30 at Caprock Canyons. The cost for up to six people is only \$65.

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By: Marisol Gutierrez

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And twinkle, is exactly what Sicily Gutierrez did on April 30th in Dallas, TX. On that

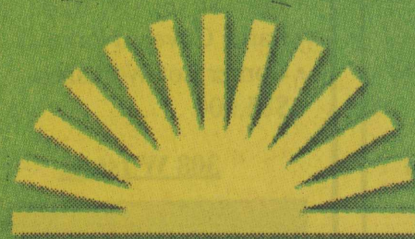


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