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Area Customers Frustrated with Frontier, Verizon Transfer

Three months after the transfer to Frontier, former Verizon customers throughout Texas, including Sutton County, are still experiencing problems.

Internet connectivity is reported to be unreliable, and it is difficult to reach customer support in the event of equipment problems, downed telephone lines, or other issues.

Almost 4 million customers in Texas, Florida and California – more than 1 million of those in Texas, were affected by the transition from Verizon to Frontier Communications on April 1st, due to the mass transition of customers.

On April 1st, Verizon services in Texas, California and Florida moved to the Frontier network. That means people who currently have Internet, TV or Voice service, including FIOS®, through Verizon now receive service provided by Frontier Communications.

Aside from difficulty reaching customer support, other Frontier customers report that technical help and repair issues are slow to resolve.

Jimmy Holman said he isn't the only one who feels abandoned by the service provider.

He said everyone he talks to seems to be in the dark when it

comes to knowing who or where to call for service and support.

"We don't know what to do. They don't even have a number for customers to call. Some people don't even know that they no longer have Verizon."

While clearing brush Holman, a Sonora resident and former Verizon customer, discovered a low hanging telephone cable. He reached out to the Devil's River News because he said locating a phone number, much less a Frontier service technician, was challenging.

After a lengthy search for contact information, the DRN reached out to Frontier via

telephone.

Ariel Tetzlaff, a customer support representative in Minnesota confirmed that there have been issues with the transition from Verizon to Frontier.

Adding that Verizon sold land lines all over the U.S. to Frontier. Consequently, they are working on resolving multiple problems.

"Frontier Communications offers a suite of Internet, TV, phone, protection and online security, and texting products," Frontier.com.

Tetzlaff said when customers call to report a problem, a trouble ticket is created at the central office and technicians

are dispatched to location.

Also, she said the average response wait time is 1-2 business days.

With the help of the DRN, Holman finally reached customer support on June 30th to report the problem.

He said he was told his issue was scheduled for service on July 7th – one week from notifying them of the problem.

According to Frontier's website notification via a letter and email, if applicable, was sent to each Verizon customer explaining the transition to Frontier. As well, they are posted on the

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Good Samaritan Program Marks Fifth Year



Children perform before a crowd of supporters during the Good Samaritan Open House on Tuesday, July 6th at the Sonora Middle School gym. About 100 area youngsters ranging from first through eighth grades participated in the annual summer program designed to promote continued reading and learning throughout the summer. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Camp Good Sam Program Fosters Creativity and Postive Learning

Aside from giving kids a safe place to go during the summer, the Good Samaritan program partnered with Sonora Independent School District helps ensure that children retain knowledge gained throughout the school year as well as fostering confidence for a more productive future.

Local children ranging from first through eighth grades showed off their talents by acting out skits and songs and displaying artwork for visitors and supporters of the annual summer program during an Open House on Tuesday, July 6th.

This year's theme is based upon the book "Fabelhaven" the first book of a series of children's

literature fantasy narratives written by Brandon Mull.

Third grader Jackie Lopez said she recommends reading the book.

"You're gonna love it," Lopez said.

Lopez is one of about one hundred children enrolled in the Good Sam program.

Camper Carissa Ramos agreed.

"I like reading and I learned a lot too," Ramos said. "I learned animal facts and made a robot."

Aside from the fun activities, the program helps promote summer reading, according to camper Carissa Ramos.

Camp Good Sam Manager Marby Shaw said the goal is to

promote literature during the summer.

"Reading is a big deal and we want to help kids continue reading throughout the summer."

In addition to reading, youngsters participate in a variety of hands-on activities designed to encourage creativity, social skills and further learning.

Also, children are entertained through field trips and guest speakers introducing new environments and educational information at no cost.

Books are made available to the children at no cost through grants, donations and foundations, according to Shaw.

Shaw said the Sonora program would not be possible

without the help of the school which provides the facilities, transportation and other necessary resources.

Father Chris Roque, a member of the Episcopal Diocese, said this is the fifth year that the outreach program, originating in San Antonio to help impoverished children, has been available in Sonora.

Further, Sonora ISD assumes most of the funding for the Good Sam program by providing space, classrooms, teachers, transportation and shared lunch program costs, according to Roque.

"Without the help of the Sonora ISD this program wouldn't be possible," Roque said.

While focused on helping the impoverished, the program is open to all children.

As well, it benefits everyone who attends.

Additionally, Roque noted that statistics show that juvenile crime rate in Sonora has decreased to almost nothing with this program in place. He added that it is his hope and belief that juvenile crime will continue to decrease.

Each school year, registration for the Good Samaritan Program begins with informational meetings held during April and May. Campers are enrolled on a first come, first serve basis.

"The best part is making new friends," camper Lopez said.

Hospital District Trustees Approve Request for Business Plan to Save Rural Clinic

Hospital board trustees approved a motion to send a certified letter to Dr. Mark Edwards, charge physician of Sonora Clinic B, asking him to present an in depth business plan for the Rural Health Clinic to present to the board during their next Meeting in August.

The request followed a lengthy impromptu sit down with Dr. Edwards during the regular meeting on Monday, July 11th.

Dr. Edwards explained the situation to new board members

in an effort to clarify the needs and goals of the clinic.

Also, Edwards made it clear that his responsibilities do not include revenue strategies to operate the clinic. His position is to oversee the day to day health management needs of the community.

"We do what we came to do," Edwards said. "I will leave when I am told I have no other choice."

Further, trustees require that the plans must specify, to the board, how the Edwards will change their operations in order

to get the budget in line. The board is requesting a time line outlining modifications.

About twenty concerned residents attended the meeting hoping for answers to a variety of rumors including closing the clinic.

Additionally, Hospital Administrator John Graves reported a decline in revenue compared to expenses over the last year, projecting a deficit in the 2017 budget. Graves made suggestions on how to realign the budget and ensure that the

hospital stays on target with the 2017 budget.

"I will not bring a deficit budget to the board," Graves said.

Graves added that if the hospital district does not consider operating modifications then they will face financial hardship in the future.

He offered ideas including closing Sonora Clinic B, not re-hiring a mid level care provider for the clinic, renegotiating employment agreements, increasing the tax rate by 4.99 cents and reviewing physician

agreements to help offset operating expenses.

He urged the board to be proactive in hospital district decisions in order to avoid a negative budget.

In other business, trustees approved changes to the 2016 mid-year budget, organizational and/or service line recommendations resulting from the 2016 amended budget in an effort to produce a positive 2017 budget.

Further, the board approved a third party review of service

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Governor Abbot Reacts to Downtown Dallas Ambush

AUSTIN — A “Black Lives Matter” protest turned tragic when a sniper fired into a crowd estimated at 1,000 people in downtown Dallas at about 9 p.m. on July 7.

Dozens of shots were fired, reportedly from an assault rifle, leaving five police officers dead and seven police officers and two civilians wounded. Police pursued a suspect identified as Micah Xavier Johnson, 25, a former U.S. Army reservist, and killed him in a parking garage using a robot-propelled explosive device early on July 8.

Gov. Greg Abbott issued an open letter titled, “A Time To Come Together,” published in The Dallas Morning News on July 8. Among his comments, Abbott wrote:

“Texas is an exceptional state with exceptional people. We’ve faced tough challenges in the past, but we have come together to overcome those challenges. In the coming days, there will be those who foment distrust and fan the flames of dissension. To come together — that would be the greatest rebuke to those who seek to tear us apart.”

Flags were ordered to half-staff in honor of the slain police officers.

Profes Sue Over ‘Carry’ Law

Three professors employed by the University of Texas at Austin on July 6 filed a lawsuit in federal court in Austin, seeking to stop the state’s 2015 “campus carry” law from taking effect on the UT campus.

In part, the plaintiffs asked the court to issue a preliminary injunction before the start of fall semester classes on Aug. 24, prohibiting any state statute, rule, regulation or policy from taking effect that would compel them to allow the concealed carrying of handguns in their classrooms, or which would authorize imposition of sanctions if they bar the carrying of concealed handguns in their classrooms.

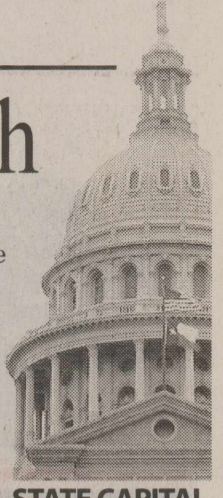
Policy Moves States to Act

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on July 6 filed a motion for a nationwide preliminary injunction against the U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Justice and other federal agencies and

officials. Texas, Paxton’s office announced, is leading a 13-state coalition “against the Obama Administration’s directive requiring public schools and employers across the country to open up all intimate areas (restaurants, locker rooms, etc.) to both sexes.”

Paxton said schools face potential loss of funding for implementing policies to protect students.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

All for a Drink of Water

In the 1980s we were ranching out west of Sanderson in Pecos County. Things were hard and money was short as always.

I did not have any ranch hands at this time and a job came up that required at least three people. The job was pulling the

It Happened Out West rods out of a water well and replacing the cup leathers.



by Joe N. Brown

Now the time was July and hot summer time and my teenage son, Ben, was out of school. My thoughts were if I could get Ben and one of his friends we could do this

job and save the cost of a well repair man. Great plan at the time.

So I got Ben Brown and his friend, Hugh Childress to agree to help me pull and leather the rods on this well the next day. I did not mention that this particular well was 912 feet deep and would take most of the day to pull and put back in the well.

As we loaded the blocks, tackles and elevators, I got a two-quart canteen and filled it with fresh water. I asked both boys if they wanted to get a canteen of water for the day, they both answered “we will drink from the well after we fix it.”

This showed me that both boys did not understand the logistics of pulling a deep water well.

Everything was in place now so we loaded up and drove to my little well pasture, this being about five miles down on Brindle Canyon.

We arrived at the well location about 9 o’clock and unloaded the tools, rigged up, and began to pull rods out of the well.

After about 20 rods the boys asked “how deep is this well and how many rods are there?”

I answered, “This well is 912 feet deep and you have about half of the rods out now.”

This being about 11 o’clock now and about 95 degrees.

We continued to pull the rods until we pulled up the last one with the two valves connected to it.

I got wrenches and proceeded to remove and replace the cup leathers.

Both boys asked “where’s that canteen of water you brought?”

My answer was “It’s in the truck, that is my water, remember you were asked if you wanted to bring water and you both answered no?”

“Remember someone saying ‘we will drink out of the well when it pumps,’ so that is the situation now, let’s get back to work.”

Grudgingly both boys went to work knowing they had to fix the well to get a drink of water.

After about an hour we had the rods back in the well and connected up to the windmill.

A nice breeze was blowing and the mill began working up and down.

Now it takes about 30 minutes to raise water that high in a 2 inch pipe.

Now anyone who has pulled a deep water well knows that the first five gallons of water will be rusty and muddy before it cleans up.

Both boys were waiting when the water came out of the pipe.

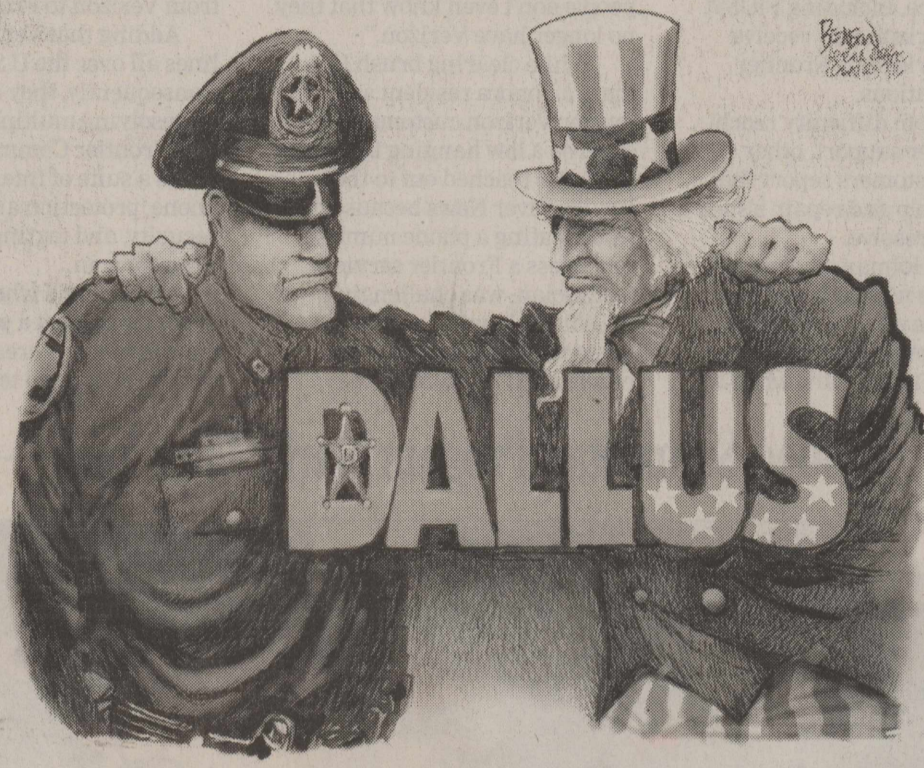
Neither one of them offered to drink that nasty mess.

After much grumbling and griping, I called both boys over to the truck and handed them my canteen.

When both boys finished drinking all the water that they could hold, I get their attention.

“You boys listen up, this has been a learning experience that you won’t ever forget.”

“All for a drink of water!”



It’s Time for Unity: Those Who Seek to Divide Us Will Not Win

To those who are using fear and terror to try and divide our country, I have a message.

You will not win. When tragedies such as the ones that played out in Dallas and across the country this week happen, the reactions from across the political spectrum are for people to retreat to their corners and pull out their same, tired talking points.

That has to end. If we are going to solve the problems besetting our nation right now, we have to have a sobering conversation. We can’t find solutions until we truly investigate all of the facts and accurately identify the problems. Unfortunately solutions cannot be reached if we continue talking past each other.

The community of Dallas has set a great example for us to follow. You had law enforcement protecting people who were peacefully protesting law enforcement practices. And these police showed they were willing to make the ultimate sacrifice when confronted with evil. We need to honor those sacrifices of Lorne Ahrens, Michael Krol, Michael J. Smith, Brent Thompson and Patrick Zamarripa by using them to unite us; not divide us as the Dallas killer tried to do.

There is a role for Congress in this. As officials on the national stage, we must set an example to follow by bringing leaders from all sides together and encourage open, honest, and frank dialogue. But I believe that the real solutions will come from the ground up. It starts with everyone recognizing that the majority of people protesting the deaths of Mr. Castile in Minnesota and Mr. Sterling in Louisiana are exercising

their constitutional rights peacefully. We must also understand that the few officers that have been involved in profiling or excessive use of force are not reflective of the larger law enforcement community that is protecting and serving the community every single day.

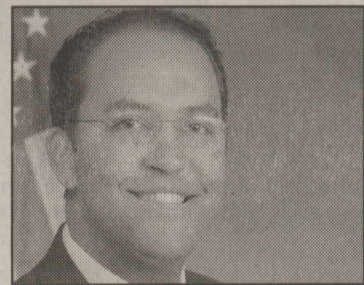
When we talk about these events with our friends or on social media, are we contributing to the sense of community that binds all Americans together or are we sowing seeds of division?

It’s been lamented that the sense of community that most Baby Boomers and Gen Xers grew up with is fading away. Families no longer know their neighbors, much less the law enforcement tasked with protecting and serving their neighborhoods. Lack of communication has led to misunderstandings, distrust, and as we’ve seen all too often — violence.

It’s imperative that we start rebuilding these relationships. We can start with finding the things we all have in common. For instance, ensuring everyone has a safe neighborhood for their family to live in, secure schools for children to learn at, and opportunities to move up the economic ladder. If we want peace on our streets and lives saved, we need to be taken out of our comfort zones and have hard conversations. We might need to spend less time in front of our TV and more time on the front porch talking to our neighbors or attending community events. We might need to seek to understand the motivations of others and sometimes forgive others for the mistakes they make.

We have to stop seeing people who don’t agree with us as enemies. We are all Americans. It’s time to unify.

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A Toast to America

In 1969, when Thomas Padilla of Big Spring was in the Army stationed in Europe, he visited a tavern in Innsbruck, Austria. One of the patrons went to Thomas’s table and knocked three times, indicating he wanted to visit. Thomas returned the knock and the man sat down.



Rolling Along

by Tumbleweed Smith

Thomas was able to speak some German, so the two started a conversation. They exchanged cigarettes and found out a

little about each other. Then the man got up and announced to the crowd that an American sergeant from Texas was on the premises. That was enough to get the party started.

“I was being bombarded with questions,” says Thomas, “like ‘do you have a gun?’ ‘do you have a horse?’ ‘do you have a ranch?’ ‘how many oil wells do you have?’ ‘do you ride with a posse to chase bad people?’ They started bringing me these one-liter beers. I don’t know how many I had on my table. Then in unison they all said, ‘prost, America’ and repeated it three times. I raised my glass in appreciation.”

The oompah band struck up a Texas tune.

“I was sitting there with all the commotion going on and wasn’t listening very close, then it started sounding familiar. I finally recognized the melody. It was The Yellow Rose of Texas.”

Thomas says everybody was having a good time and all of a sudden it got real quiet, like somebody turned off the switch. People who were sitting down stood up. A twelve-year-old girl entered, followed by an elderly gentleman. Thomas thought he must be somebody extremely important in the community. The girl walked up to Thomas and asked if he was an American. Before he answered, Thomas thought to himself, ‘in Innsbruck I’m considered an American. In Texas I’m considered a Mexican.’

He proudly replied yes, he was an American. The young girl said the man with her was her grandfather and he wanted to tell Thomas something. The man didn’t speak English, so the girl said she would translate.

“When the Nazis were here,” said the gentlemen through his granddaughter, “we were being suppressed and being controlled and it was horrible. Then one morning, there was a lot of commotion outside, lots of screaming and hollering. I ran out and asked one of the citizens what was going on. The citizen replied that the Nazis were running. ‘They’re getting out of town. The Americans are coming. Right now they’re on the outskirts of the city with tanks.’”

The grandfather continued, “The Americans came through, but they didn’t bother to stop. They just kept on going. I wanted to stop them and give them thanks for getting the Nazis out. But I never had the opportunity to see another American military person. One of the citizens that was in this gasthaus ran over to my house and told me that an American soldier was here. So here I am. I want to thank you for getting the Nazis out of Innsbruck.”

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A commercial sweeper is used to remove debris left behind following the July 4th celebration at the Sutton County Park and Fairgrounds, Tuesday, July 5th. Road and Bridge workers filled 4.5 dumpsters full of spent fireworks and other trash left behind by Independence Day celebrants.

County Fills Dumpsters with July 4th Debris

As the sun revealed the upshot from a night of celebrating a three man county work crew was busy collecting trash and sweeping the Sutton County fairgrounds early Tuesday, July 5th.

The night before people of all ages had observed Independence Day with friends, family and fireworks.

Across the street from the designated area, a licensed fireworks vendor supplied a wide variety of rockets, sparklers and bangers.

Examining a package of pyrotechnic showpieces, Liam Yourgalite contemplated which ones he and his friends would try out first.

While Yourgalite and his friends took turns lighting an array of colorful and noisy firecrackers, a group of children, a few inches away, twirled sparklers while family and friends look on.

For residents who purchase ignite fireworks as part of their July 4th celebration, Sutton County offers the confines of the fairgrounds to ignite pyrotechnics as well as resources to ensure safety and cleanup.

"I think it is a good idea," Carl Teaff said. "This would be all over the county roads."

Teaff, Sutton County Commissioner Precinct 3, said confining the event at one location benefits everyone because it offers a safe place to have fun while celebrating and the cleanup is straightforward.

Readily available parking and trash containers outskirt the area providing a convenient and personal space where people of all ages enjoyed Independence Day activities.

Overseeing the event, fire department, EMS and sheriff department personnel stood nearby.

In comparison, the expense is minimal costing only wages and equipment for three people to collect and dispose of the litter.

"There are a few pluses," Teaff said.

Sutton County Judge Steve Smith agrees.

Using a sweeper and front end loader workers packed four and a half dumpsters with debris left behind.

"It's not a bad thing, Smith said. "It does give people a place to go and celebrate July 4th since the city does not provide a firework display.

Since the 1970's this tradition has grown into a popular community event, according to Sutton County Judge Steve Smith.

"It is more organized and there haven't been any reported injuries, Smith said. It seems like we had more people and fireworks this year than years past."

Hospital Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Sarah Teaff, confirmed that there were no injuries reported in the ER nor were there any 911 callouts related to fireworks.

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Sonora residents came out to the Sutton County fairgrounds to enjoy an evening of fun and fireworks in celebration of Independence Day on July 4th.

Fireworks Safety

Jon-Michael Parker, CNO of Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital recommends, "read age appropriate labels for fireworks.

Also use the fireworks as directed and not get alternative uses from YouTube."

TJ Thorp, Director of the EMS recommends visiting the National Safety Council's website; you can also call their headquarters at 1-800-621-7615.

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Month	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
July 1-12	0.00 in.	23.87 in.	14.32 in.	25.12 in.	16.06 in.	11.50 in.	20.37 in.	21.67 in.
June	3.16 in.	14.32 in.	25.12 in.	16.06 in.	11.50 in.	20.37 in.	21.67 in.	
May	2.70 in.	25.12 in.	16.06 in.	11.50 in.	20.37 in.	21.67 in.		
April	2.58 in.	16.06 in.	11.50 in.	20.37 in.	21.67 in.			
March	3.39 in.	11.50 in.	20.37 in.	21.67 in.				
February	0.77 in.	20.37 in.	21.67 in.					
January	0.36 in.	21.67 in.						
2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	11.96 in.	2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	16.27 in.					

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- Kind of D.A.
- Side by side?
- Post-op time
- Lodge letters
- What a value-priced item gives you
- Do something
- Chilly chain
- Naturalist John
- Metal wastes
- Decathlon event
- Prefix with pad
- Stationed
- Laudatory lines
- Talk idly
- Like a rainbow
- Hoops announcer's "Slam dunk!"
- Food for frogs
- Director Stone
- Be bedridden
- Spot for sports
- December 24 and 31
- Kind of court
- Welcome
- Powerful D.C. lobby

DOWN

- River to the Ohio
- Delphi figure
- "Fernando" singers
- Kvass ingredient
- Seeks a wife
- Mind
- Less than right?
- Retro hairdo
- Old Italian coin
- Feedbag feed
- Tournament passes
- Coll. course
- Shatner novel "War"
- Avis offering
- Shrew
- Gator's kin
- Parsley or sage
- Greeting at sea
- Printed
- Activist Hoffman
- Morgan of "Super Size Me"
- Can't tolerate
- '60s activist Bobby
- Mornings, for short
- Bar order
- Less typical
- Tiny amount
- Waterproof wrap
- Palindromic girl
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- Omega opposite
- Corroborate
- Friend of Piglet
- Record producers
- Very cushy class
- It may be framed
- Blather
- Shade of blue
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County Commissioners Approve Order to Reduce Public Nuisance

County Commissioners approved an order adopting abatement procedures for Public Nuisance during their regular meeting on Monday, July 11th.

These procedures will help enforce and ensure cleanup of unsightly and potentially harmful debris throughout the community.

Abatement procedures will be posted on the Sutton County website at <http://www.co.sutton.tx.us>, according to County Clerk Rachel Duran.

In other business, commissioners approved a salary of \$40,000 per year to for a full-time Road

and Bridge Department employee.

Additionally, commissioners approved a health insurance renewal for the fiscal year 2017.

In regular business, the court approved the minutes from the June 20th and July 5th meetings.

Also, commissioners approved reports as presented for accounts payable, JP, Treasurer, Library, County Attorney and County Clerk.

Standly Clay reported that efforts by Road and Bridge employees continue to keep road ways useable following damages

incurred following recent heavy rainfalls.

Sheriff Joe Fincher reported that repairs to the plumbing at the jail are ongoing. Eventually, the plumbing system will need updating to be able to pass mandatory inspections.

No auditor's report was presented.

The court tabled a presentation by Eric Sanchez regarding ADAC funding. They will hear the presentation in their next regular meeting.

Finally, upon the recommendation of Judge Steve Smith, Commissioners approved a budget

workshop meeting tentatively scheduled for July 20th at 9 a.m. at the County Annex Building.

Without further discussion, comments or concerns, the meeting adjourned.

Judge Steve Smith presided over the meeting.

Commissioners Carl Teaff, Mike Villanueva and Fred Perez were in attendance. Commissioner John Wade was absent.

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners is slated for Monday, July 25th, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Annex Building.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone that helped us offset the cost of the trip this year.

We were able to raise over \$9200 and it would not have been possible without the generous support of the community.

The following individuals made donations for our annual night golf tournament that collected \$3200: Gypsy Chix, Glazer, Sonora Wool and Mohair, Armer and Andi's, Budlight distributing, Sonora Bank, GiGi's on Main, Jessica @ Serendipity, Rafter W, SHS welding class, Hodgepodgees, Parker Lumber, Academy Sports and Outdoors, Active K-9 and Julia Jones, Serendipity Salon, Pam Earwood and The Bank and Trust.

Special thanks also to the following chaperones for making the trip safer for everyone: Scott Garrett, Ray and Nancy Glasscock, Brady Johnson, Kim Gonzales, and LaDonna Wardlaw.

Again, thank you for the tremendous support of these students. Without the generosity of Sonora, the trip would not be possible for many of these kids. Registration is now open for the 2017 trip and I hope to see you there!

Sean Leamon

8th Graders Return from Washington DC and NY

By Sean Leamon

Eighteen 8th graders and seven chaperones returned home on June 2nd from the annual Washington DC and New York trip.

The group departed from Sonora at 1:45 AM on May 29th and arrived back in Sonora on June 2nd around 3:00 AM after a lengthy rain delay in Dallas and San Antonio.

Each day of the trip consisted of eating breakfast by 7:00 AM and then returning to the hotel at 10:00 PM after an action-packed day of exploring!

Sites visited included:

The Smithsonian Museums, laying a wreath at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, ride to the top of The Washington Monument, National Archives, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima), and Gettysburg.

In New York the group saw Lion King on Broadway, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Central Park, Wall Street, Empire State Building, Times Square, and the 911 Memorial Museum.

An amazing time was had by all students and chaperones!

Plants That Kill, Part 1

This will be the first of two articles regarding poisonous plants. This week, we'll discuss plants which are toxic to livestock.

I will also call attention to a very good publication by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service that is titled "Toxic Plants of Texas".

Why do I consider it a good publication? The book provides descriptions of the 106 most common toxic plants in the state.

Aside from good photographs, the publication also gives explanations of what makes the plant toxic, how much consumption is required to be deadly, animal symptoms, treatment (if known), and control options.

Let's use threadleaf groundsel, *Senecio douglasii*, as an example. It is a gray-green, many-stemmed, perennial with yellow flowers.

Alkaloids concentrate in it during dry periods, and it becomes toxic to cattle and horses (that consume at least 1% of their weight in threadleaf groundsel).

Sheep and goats are more resistant, and require 10 times the amount for the same effect in cattle and

horses.

Early poisoning symptoms include isolation from the herd, lack of appetite, and weight loss.

The publication lists advanced symptoms to include continuous walking, bile-stained feces, frequent voiding of small amounts of urine and skin that is swollen with fluid.

Often, up to 6 months may pass between consumption and symptoms.

There is no treatment for the animal because the liver damage is severe and permanent.

Management which improves range condition will reduce losses.

Proper mineral supplementation, especially with phosphorus, also helps.

Control options for the plant include Grazon P+D or the more recent Grazon Next.

If you are interested in the "Toxic Plants of Texas" book, visit the AgriLife Bookstore at <http://www.agrilifebookstore.org>.

Once there, you can search for it by the publication number, which is B-6105. The price is \$25, plus tax and shipping costs.

For more information on toxic plants, please call the Sutton County Extension Office.



Pascual Hernandez

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website.

In reading both the letter and email, the DRN noted that neither one included contact information for customer support.

Additionally, Holman said he doesn't recall seeing any notification about the transfer. He just saw the name change on his monthly Verizon bill.

On April 18th the Dallas Morning News reported that thousands of customers are still without service three weeks after the change over from Verizon to Frontier.

"More than three weeks after Frontier Communications took over the Verizon TV, Internet and land line customers in Texas, Florida and California, customer complaints have not gone away. Thousands of complaints have been posted to the company Facebook page. Finding more complaints on Twitter is easy. Emails to The Dallas Morning News continue to trickle in," Jeffrey Weiss, The Dallas Morning News.

According to its website, www.frontier.com, Frontier Communications is an S&P 500 company and is included in the Fortune 1000 list of America's largest corporations.

"Frontier serves predominantly a mix of urban, suburban, and rural areas across the U.S. The company offers a variety of services to customers over its fiber-optic and copper networks, including video, high-speed internet, advanced voice and Frontier Secure digital protection solutions. Frontier Business Edge offers communications solutions to small, medium, and enterprise businesses."

Following up, Holman said a technician arrived Thursday, July 7th, just before 5 p.m. The work order noted service scheduled between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

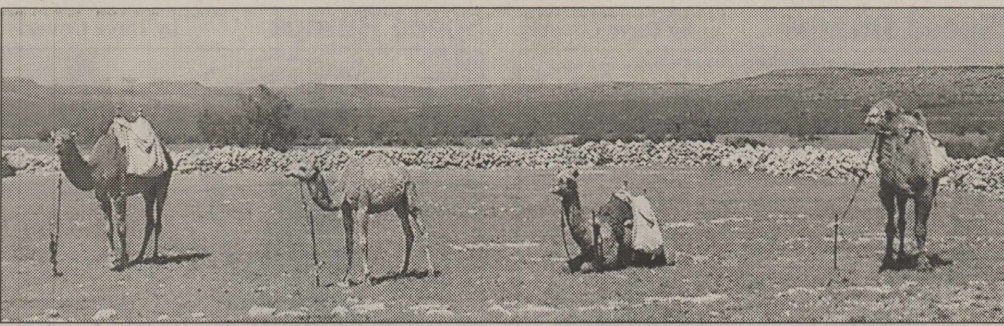
"He raised the phone line up," Holman said. "I saw him [Frontier technician] again today working on a phone line in town. They have a bucket truck with Frontier on the side of it."

For questions or assistance customers may call 1-800-921-8101, residential and 1-800-921-8102, business. The 24 hour technical support number is 1-800-239-4430.

Why does the early bird always get the worm? Because he reads about it in

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Visitors from Afar — Camels at Fort Lancaster

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Fort Lancaster, established in 1855, was built to protect travelers along the westward road. By July 1857, the 1st U.S. Infantry soldiers at Fort Lancaster had become familiar with the local landscape, wildlife and Native Americans of the region such as the Apache. But they were not prepared when camels arrived at the fort. The camels, part of the U.S. Army's Camel Experiment, are a unique chapter in Fort Lancaster's history.

In 1848, after the Mexican-American War ended, new territory and the discovery of gold in California drew Americans west. Many traveled through Texas along the San Antonio — El Paso Road. The U.S. Army built forts along the road, including Fort Lancaster in 1855, to protect westward travelers from the Native Americans. Most of the American Southwest consisted of desolate terrain with limited water resources. Recognizing this, some Army officers and politicians supported the idea of experimenting with camels as pack animals instead of horses and mules.

In 1856 and 1857, the USS Supply brought two groups of camels from Africa and Asia to the Texas port of Indianola. The camels, around 75 in total, were headquartered at Camp Verde near San Antonio. The camels would conduct

several expeditions testing their effectiveness in the American Southwest.

The first camel expedition was led by Lieutenant Edward Beale. Lt. Beale departed Camp Verde on June 24, 1857. His expedition consisted of 25 camels, horses, mules, personnel and wagons. They traveled along the San Antonio — El Paso Road and stopped at Forts Inge, Clark, Lancaster, Davis and Bliss. At Fort Clark, Captain Arthur T. Lee and his Fort Davis bound escort joined the expedition.

Lt. Beale was optimistic about the use of the camels. After leaving Fort Clark he commented, "The camels are doing better today, and arrived shortly after the wagons. I am very much encouraged to see how eager they seek the brush for food instead of grass, which certainly indicates their ability to subsist much easier than horses and mules in countries where forage is scarce."

The camel caravan continued west crossing the Devils River. While en route to Fort Lancaster Lt. Beale wrote, "The more I see of them the more interested in them I become, and the more I am convinced of their usefulness. Their perfect docility and patience under difficulties renders them invaluable, and my only regret at present is that I have not double the number."

It must have been a striking sight as the camel

caravan neared Fort Lancaster. At sunrise on July 9, 1857 they arrived atop a hill overlooking Live Oak Creek. Lt. Beale described the scene: "Just before descending into the valley of the stream we came to a very steep, rocky hill, overlooking a valley of great beauty and graceful shape. The sides of the hills were covered with the most brilliant verdure and flowers, and our long train, as it wound down the steep descent, and became stretched out on the winding road through the valley, presented a scene of uncommon beauty."

The camel caravan descended and camped along Live Oak Creek where Lt. Beale wrote, "We traveled 15 miles and camped two miles from Fort Lancaster, on Live Oak creek. While at breakfast, some of the officers called and invited us to the post, of which kindness we shall avail ourselves."

The expedition spent several days resupplying, mending saddles and grazing their animals. On departure day, the expedition passed through Fort Lancaster and allowed the entire garrison to view the camels. To the soldiers of Fort Lancaster this was no common wagon train. The visit broke the soldier's monotonous routine and

SEE VISITORS ON PAGE 9

The Power of Our Pets

Submitted by Julia Jones, Active K-9s

Many of us have or have had pets of various types in our lifetime.

From mice, gerbils, fish and snakes to cats, dogs, pigs, horses and more, pets make a significant difference in our lives.

Not only do these critters offer us unconditional love and companionship, they are a positive impact on our health and well-being.

We all know too well how stress and the hustle of our daily activities affects our lives.

But, by simply stroking a pet, within minutes you can lower your blood pressure, slow your heart rate and have a calming peace.

Of course, you can't stroke a pet fish, but they too can give you joy and a calming peace with fluid motions.

Staring into a fish tank with beautiful colors, scenery and colorful fish can put you into a trans-like state while calming and relaxing you.

There is no denying the bond between humans and animals.

Knowing the healing benefits of pets, some psychologists use them in therapy sessions. Some doctors prescribe an Emotional Support animal for children with Autism, people with mental-emotional disabilities, people who suffer from severe anxiety, or veterans coping with PTSD as therapy.

Horses are often used for riding therapy for Autistic children.

There are many successful programs for kids with reading disabilities or lower

reading skills in public schools with the aid of a therapy-reading dog.

What better to read with or talk to than a pet!

Service animals and Therapy animals (yes, they are different) are capable of helping someone see, hear, function and enjoy their independence in everyday life.

These amazing animals can detect seizures, smell cancer and diabetes, alert their owner of danger, and can sense when something is not right with their owner.

Of course, this does not mean every dog or pet is capable of doing these actions, but many animals are more sensitive in detecting and helping someone cope.

There are many pets that are trained to be therapy pets for their owners and are allowed access inside some stores, restaurants and even airplanes allowing their owner to cope in extremely stressful situations.

Whether your pet is a Service animal, Therapy pet, Emotional Support animal or a loving companion and faithful friend, the bond between us is irrefutable.

Through training and communication skills you can improve and strengthen your bond with your pet.

Although training requires dedication, perseverance and time, the benefits far exceed the hard work.

Anyone interested in training their dog to be a therapy pet, competitive dog, working dog or a better companion pet, please contact Julia Jones at 325-387-3344.

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lines and throughput for recommending staff realignment and change. Graves requested \$7,500 for the purpose of reviewing and providing recommendations. The review will include all departments.

Additionally, trustees approved a contract for the Alvis F. Johnson as hospice medical director.

A brief discussion was heard regarding proposed agreements to the inter-local cooperation agreement between Edwards and Sutton Counties concerning the Rocksprings Medical Clinic. No action was taken.

Board members went behind closed doors to discuss medical staff, nursing committee and PI committee reports. No action was taken.

The board also went behind closed doors for a second time to discuss personnel matters. No action was taken.

President Sharon Holman presided over the meeting.

Trustees Lenora Pool, Edward Earwood, Adelita Alvarez, Don Longoria, Mary Humphrey and John Henry Strauch were in attendance.

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors is slated for August 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the wellness center at LMH Memorial Hospital.

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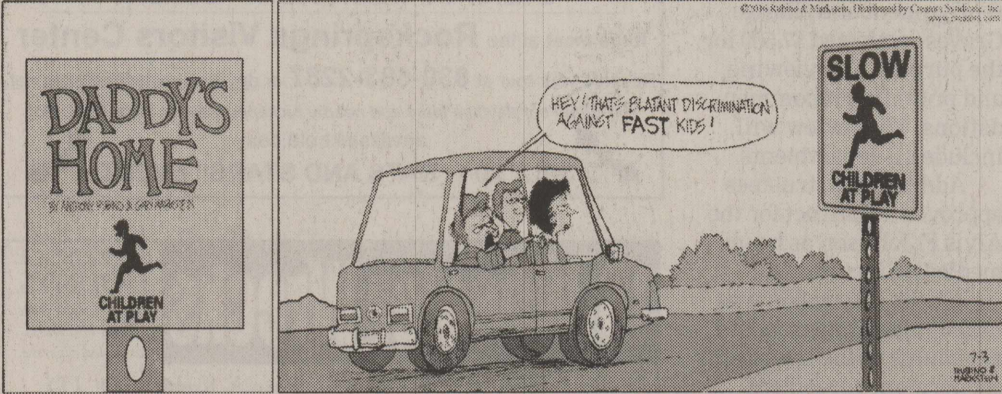
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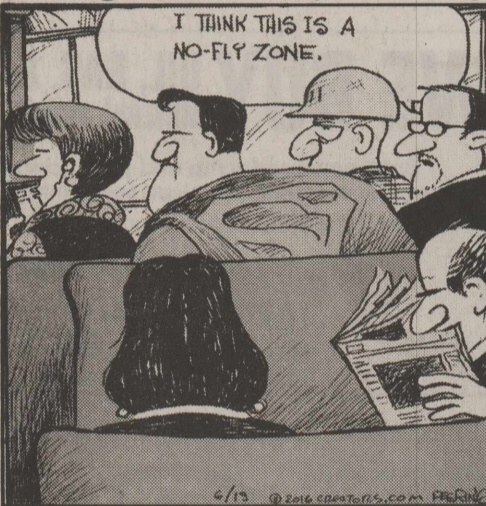
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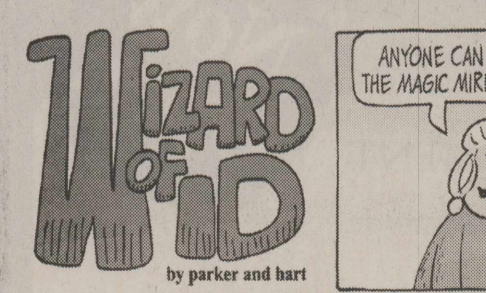
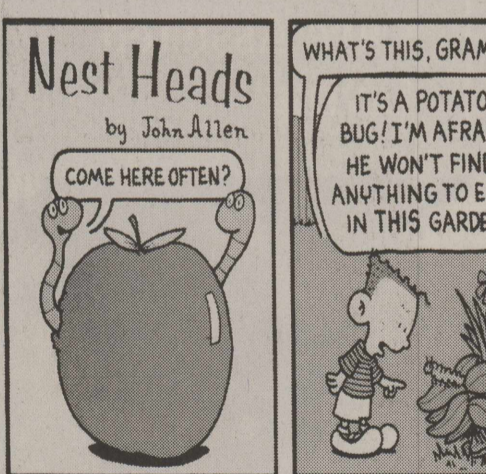
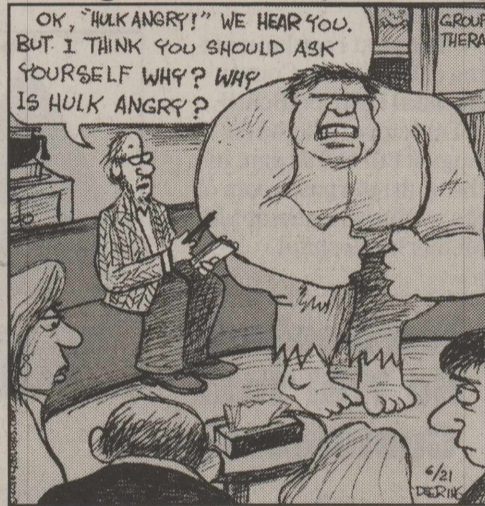
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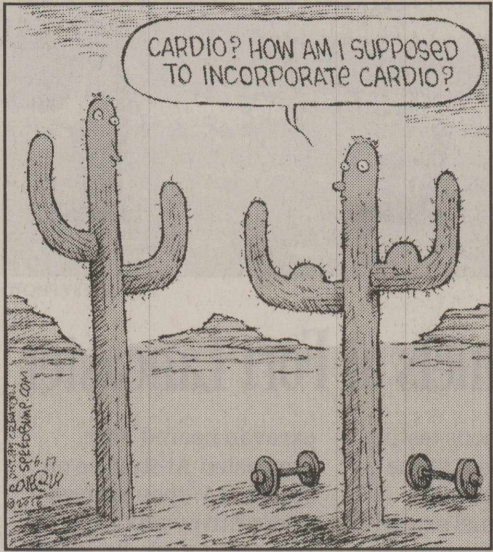
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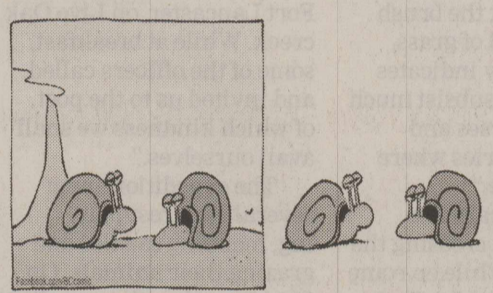
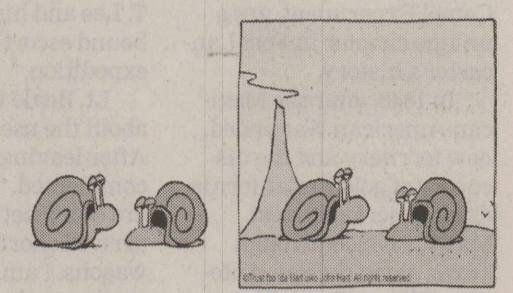
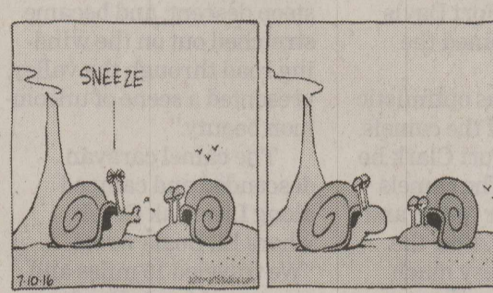
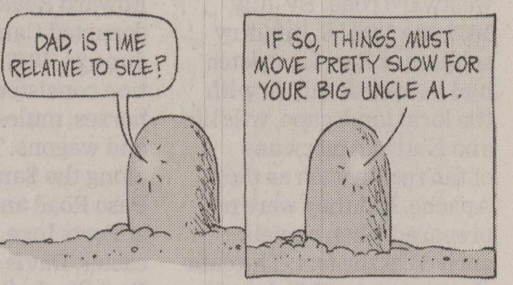
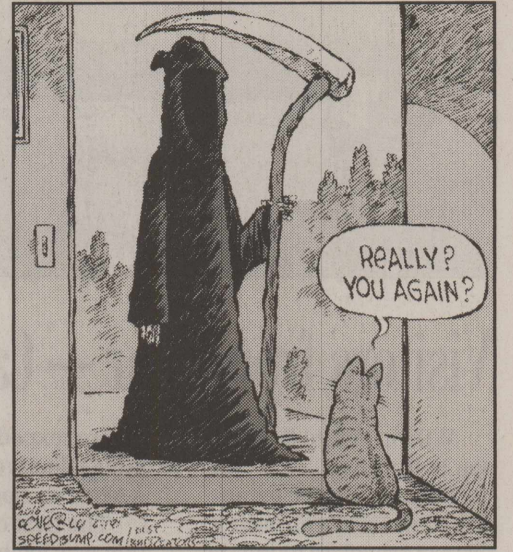
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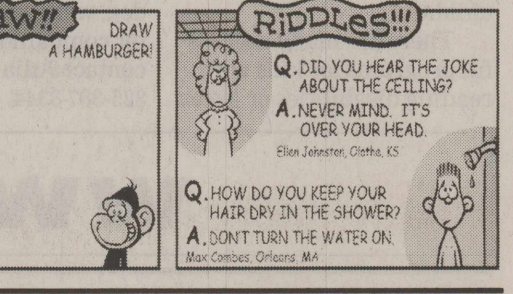
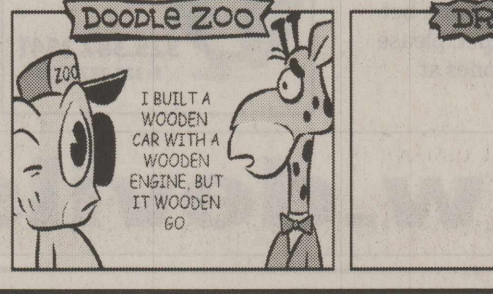
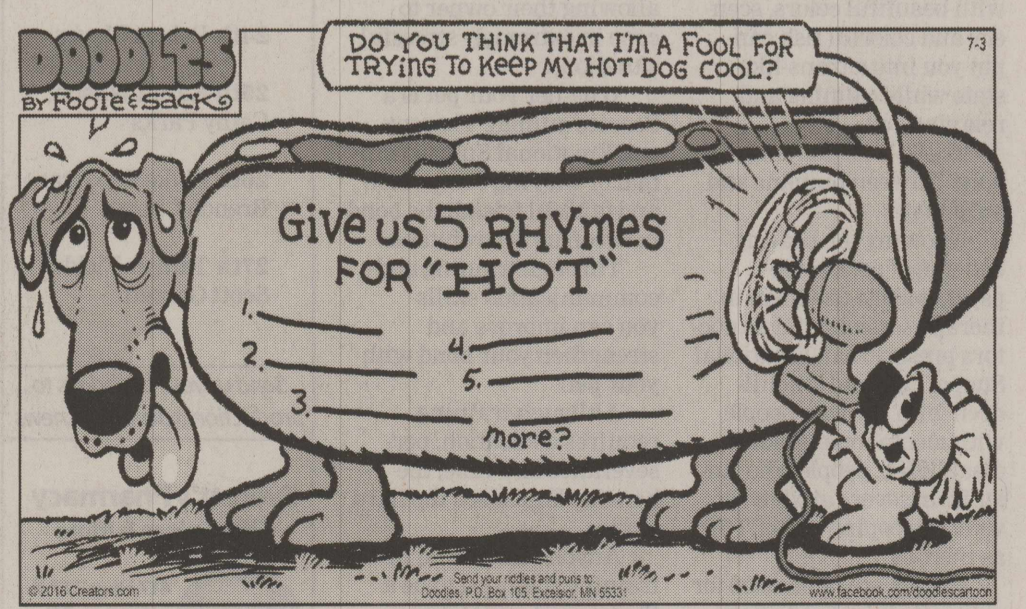
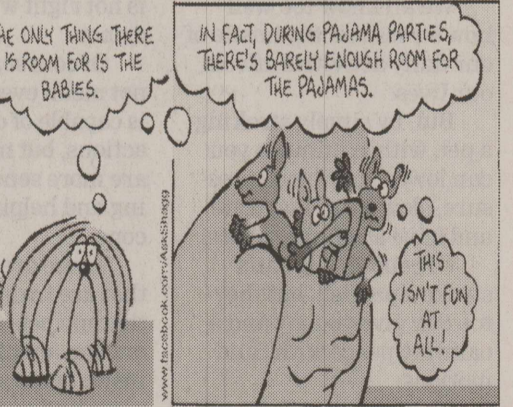
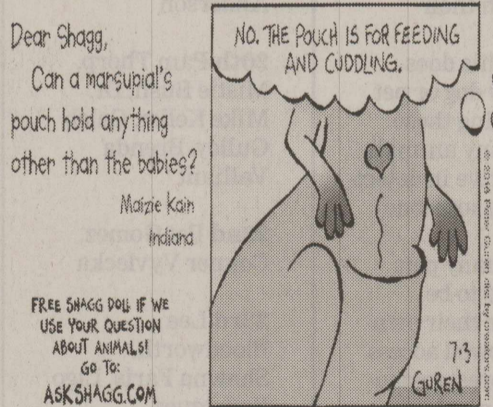
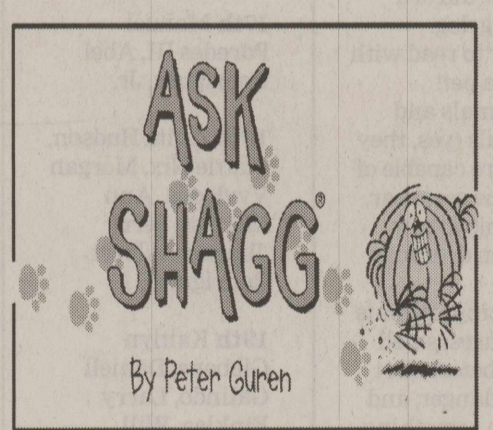
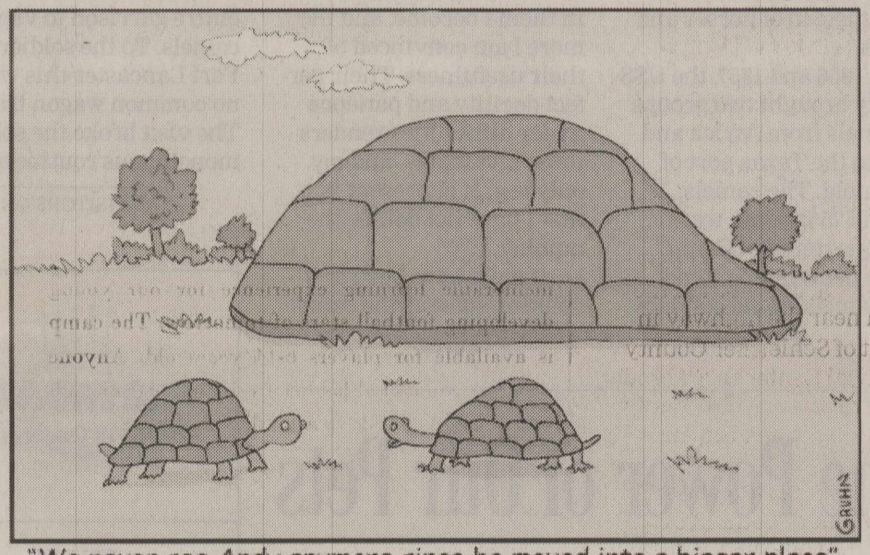
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Running of the BULL Returns in Christoval July 23- 24 Following 8-Year Hiatus

BY JIM RUNGE
RUNNING OF THE BULL ORGANIZER

After being inundated with requests to bring the BULL back, Jim Runge has acquiesced and will open the next chapter of ROTB in Christoval City Park on July 23 and 24. For newcomers or those too young to remember, Running of the BULL closely follows Spain's "running of the bulls" but spoofs that event by hosting those who wish to get on stage and "run their mouth with a bunch of BULL!" The event was held in Eldorado from 2002 until 2007, but was drawing

so many people that they trampled down the courthouse lawn grass and had to leave.

It is an open mic event but a few headliners are back from previous years. Dennis Gaines, the national champion cowboy poet, will return once again. He has appeared at every ROTB festival and is always a hit. The Hoofing Heifers will also return to keep their perfect attendance record clean. These ladies clog their way across the stage and interject some cow jokes along the way. They also lead those who are

interested in the chicken dance and the Macarena dance between other acts. A new addition to the slate is the E-Flat Porch Band from McKinney. This group has been playing their own form of unique music for twenty years and it fits right in with the overall theme. Other possible performers include John Fluth, Steve Smith, Jim Collins, Nelson Davis and Wendy Wilde. But sometimes the highlights of the event are those surprise performers who pop up out of the audience. The late Elmer Kelton observed that

"Running of the BULL is anything but professional, but that is what provides its charm." This alludes to the fact that there is no set schedule and you never know what or who might next appear on the stage. There is no age limit and open mic means "open mic!" Because of this reputation, performers and vendors are welcome up until the last minute.

In addition to the fun dances, there will be lots for the kids to enjoy. 4 x 4 ski races will be held spontaneously for any and all takers. These are team events

requiring four members to stand on a long 4 x 4 and by holding themselves on the log with ropes and glide their way to the finish line. At 1 PM on Saturday there will be a contest for those dressed in the traditional Pamplona run costume to be followed by a "punning of the bull" contest. This is simply a contest to see who can tell the best or worst puns, or use other play on words. There will be another punning contest on Sunday at 2 to be followed by a matador costume contest. The final costume contest will be held Sunday at

4 for those actually dressed as bulls. All speakers and contest winners receive unique awards to treasure.

Of course, there will be vendors with food plus arts and crafts, etc. and the festival opens Saturday at 10 and closes at 5, but musicians and wannabe musicians are invited to hang around after five if they wish to jam. There will be a snipe hunt seminar around 7 PM followed by a snipe hunt on the grounds. Sunday's hours are from noon until 5 PM. There is no admission charge and don't forget your lawn chairs.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott Hospitalized After Severe Burns to Legs, Feet

BY KHORRI ATKINSON
THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

Gov. Greg Abbott was admitted to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio for treatment of burns on Monday, and did not attend an interfaith memorial service on Tuesday in Dallas honoring the five police officers slain during a peaceful protest last week. First lady Cecilia Abbott will attend the ceremony, which will include speeches by President Barack Obama and former President George W. Bush.

Abbott is recuperating from burns on both legs below the knees. On Tuesday, the governor will undergo skin grafts to repair damage on both feet. He is expected to be discharged and will return to Austin.

His office revealed on Sunday that he had suffered "second- and third-degree burns" when he was accidentally scalded with hot water last week at a lodge in

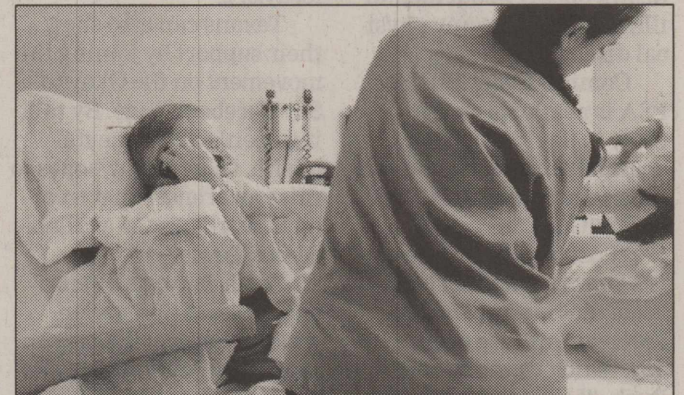
Jackson Hole. Abbott shortened his vacation when he learned about the Thursday shooting that left five officers dead and seven others injured.

It is unclear whether the governor will attend the Republican National Convention, which is being held July 18-21 in Cleveland. Abbott is an at-large delegate to the convention.

Abbott went to the hospital in Wyoming immediately

after the incident, and since then, he has been receiving treatment at St. David's Medical Center in Austin.

The governor's office also released a photo of Abbott speaking to President Obama on Saturday while receiving treatment for his burns.



Gov. Greg Abbott speaks to President Obama on Saturday, July 9th, 2016 while receiving treatment for burns in Austin. | COURTESY PHOTO

Eldorado Nursing Home Plans Sizzling Summer Festival

The Schleicher County Nursing Home is holding a "Sizzling Summer Festival" from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, July 16th in the area near the highway in front of Schleicher County Medical Center in Eldorado.

The festival will feature food, music and fun and attendees will be able to sign up for a CPR class.

Vendor booths are available. Anyone with questions should contact activity director Meloni Webb at 853-3957.

How to Avoid 'Selfie Elbow'

The mating of the cell phone and the digital camera sparked a craze as users by the millions started taking pictures of themselves all over the world. But, the Association of Mature American Citizens reports that taking "selfies," as they are called, can be dangerous.

Posing for these modern day self-portraits requires users to extend their arms in an awkward manner causing a condition identified as "selfie elbow" if you take too many snaps of yourself. Some young users become addicted to the practice and regularly take 10, 20 or 30 selfies a day.

Orthopedic surgeon Ayan Roy says "a bent elbow with the palm pointing inward is enough to put pressure on the elbow extensor muscles. It eventually leads to tendinitis which causes the swelling and pain."

2016 Bronco Football Camp

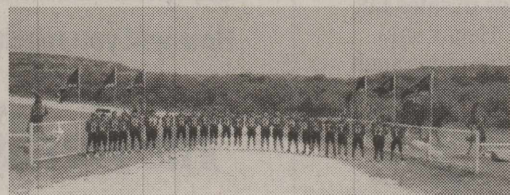
WIN THE DAY! Bronco Nation is excited about the upcoming season as well as the 8th Annual Sonora Broncos Football Camp which will be held July 26, 27, 28 at Bronco Nation Stadium. Camp times are set from 9 am to noon each day. The cost is \$30 for the three day camp if paid prior to July 1st. After July 1st the cost is \$40! All checks are made payable to Sonora ISD.

This is a camp designed to be FUN with a memorable learning experience for our young developing football stars of tomorrow. The camp is available for players 6-14 years old. Anyone who has completed his/her freshman year of high school is not eligible to attend.

Have a Super Bronco Summer!
David T. Sine

Camp Staff

David T. Sine - Camp Director
Athletic Director Sonora High School
Camp instruction will be provided by the Sonora High School Bronco Coaching Staff.



Release Form/Emergency Information

As a custodial parent or court-appointed guardian of _____ (child's name), I do for both of child's parents, for child and child's heir and successors, release "Bronco Football Camp" and any of its agents, employees, or staff from all claims arising out of or connected with the child's participation in any of the "Bronco Football Camp" activities. I provide this release because I am mindful that athletics, physical training and competition can be a dangerous undertaking regardless of how careful or prudent any person, firm, or facility might be. Furthermore, I give permission to the staff of "Bronco Football Camp" to treat child or arrange for medical care or treatment deemed necessary. If circumstances permit, the staff will attempt to communicate via telephone with the following emergency contacts for child.

Primary Emergency Contact

(NAME, RELATIONSHIP, PHL #)

Secondary Emergency Contact

(NAME, RELATIONSHIP, PHL #)

In the event neither emergency contact can be reached, or if the urgency of the situation requires immediate attention without prior telephone contact, "Bronco Football Camp" staff may arrange for medical treatment at the expense of parent or guardian signing form. Health insurance, PPO info child follows.

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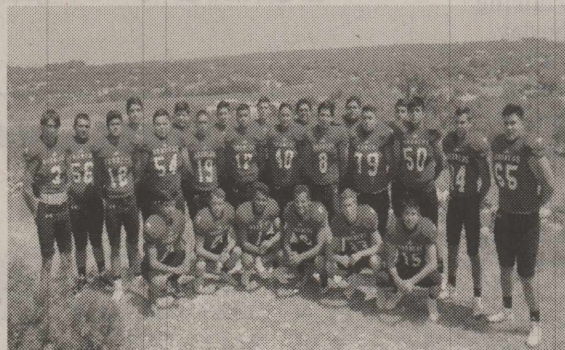
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September 9	Junction	Away	7:30
September 16	Jim Ned 7 on 7	Home	7:30
September 23	Crane	Away	7:30
September 30	Iraan**	Home	7:30
October 7	Open		7:30
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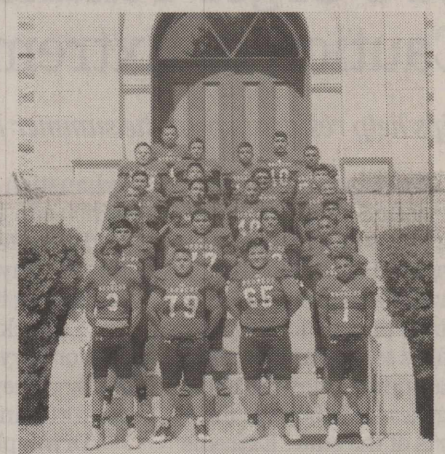
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Camp Goals

- To provide an environment for the football player to develop individual skills.
- To stress knowledge and execution of the fundamentals of football.
- To prepare the camper to compete at the Pee Wee, Junior High and High School levels.

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July 26, 27, 28

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Instruction by
BroncoCoaching Staff

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Age: 6 9 12
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Camp time each day: 9:00 to 12:00

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ADDRESS: _____

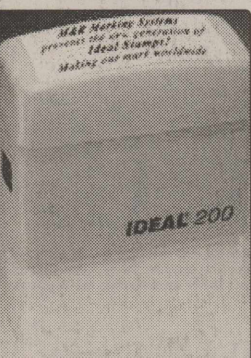
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Commissioner George P. Bush Teams Up with Okay to Say™ to Help Fellow Veterans Coping with PTS

Today Okay to Say™ released a new public service announcement (PSA) featuring Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush, Chairman of the Veterans Land Board (VLB), encouraging his fellow veterans and their loved ones to seek help when dealing with post-traumatic stress (PTS).

The #okatytosay grassroots effort is targeted at eliminating the social stigma that prevents many from seeking the help they need. Supporters of Okay to Say™ are encouraging people in communities across the state to join the movement to make it okay to talk openly about mental illness—just like any physical disease.

Commissioner Bush's PSA is available on the Okay to Say™ YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYxRw2R10IG6SV5nPapbtaQ>.

"Post-traumatic stress is a very real and serious issue that many of my fellow veterans face every day," said Commissioner Bush. "Like other wounds of war,

PTS is an injury—one that can be treated, allowing those who suffer to return to their lives. But, the first step in dealing with PTS is to ask for help—knowing that it's okay to say, 'I have PTS.' Family, friends, health care professionals, and your fellow

veterans all can and will help you, because you are not alone."

Okay to Say™ is a community-based movement initiated by the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute to increase public awareness about how mental health issues affect Texans, as well as to help people voice the challenges and successes they, their loved ones or friends encounter when they seek help for this treatable disease.

Okay to Say asks individuals and organizations to join the movement and show your support for talking about mental health by signing your name at okaytosay.org.

Texans can also show their support by joining the movement on the Okay to Say Facebook page. By talking openly about mental health, Okay to Say hopes to raise awareness that treatment works and is available across Texas.

"I am asking all veterans in Texas and nationwide, if you see this message, show your support for our veterans with PTS and all those who suffer with mental health issues—let them know it is okay to talk about mental illness, just like it's okay to talk about physical illness" said Commissioner Bush. "Please go to okaytosay.org and sign your name. You will be joining thousands of others who have already shared

their names and stories. You will be showing your support for our veterans and those who are struggling to talk about mental illness. And if you know a veteran with post-traumatic stress, tell them it's okay to say, 'I have PTS.'"

"By adding your voice and inspiring others to join too, together, we can eliminate the stereotypes that stand in the way of people getting care for this treatable disease and help make Texas a healthier place to live for all of us," said Andy Keller, PhD, chief executive officer, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute. "We are excited that Commissioner Bush is joining the Okay to Say™ team to show support for veterans suffering from PTS and all who suffer from mental illness."

Commissioner Bush served in the U.S. Navy, including a tour in Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom.

Having seen the devastating effect of post-traumatic stress on our veterans, Commissioner Bush initiated a first of its kind program in all eight of the Texas State Veterans Homes to better identify and treat PTS, ensuring that Texas will be serving the next generation of men and women who have fought for this country.

Commissioner Bush believes it is these efforts that will help Texas

continue to be the best state in the nation for not just current veterans, but also for the next generation of soldier, sailor, airman or Marine.

Facts About Mental Illness

- 9 out of 10 Texans think it is harder to talk about mental health rather than physical issue.

- 88% of Texans agree that stigma surrounding mental health issues needs to be removed.

- 74% of Texans agree more education and information would make them feel more confident about mental illness.

- 3 in 4 Texans have a friend or family member that has experienced a mental health issue.

- 2/3 of people with a diagnosable mental illness do not seek treatment.

- 20% of all mental health patients nationally quit treatment prematurely.

- 75% of Texans agree more education would make them feel more confident about discussing mental illness.

- Nationally, people with mental illness often experience discrimination at work, in school, in housing or in healthcare.

For more information, visit <https://www.okaytosay.org/> and spread the word on Twitter about this important movement using #okatytosay.

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DPS Urges Texans to Use Caution in Extreme Heat

Tips help residents beat the summer heat, stay safe

The Texas Department of Public Safety is warning Texas residents to be prepared for hotter than normal temperatures and to take precautions to stay safe as temperatures and heat indices may hit 100 degrees and above in many parts of the state. Extreme temperatures increase the risk of heat-related injuries or deaths.

"Although hot conditions are expected during Texas summers, we want to remind Texans that high temperatures can be deadly and should not be taken lightly," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "In many cases heat-related deaths and injuries are preventable, and DPS urges residents to take the necessary steps to protect themselves and others against extreme temperatures—whether they plan to be outside or indoors."

Warmer weather places children at greater risk of injury or death if left unattended in a vehicle. Every year children die from heat-related injuries after being left in a vehicle or by entering a vehicle unnoticed.

A child should never be left unattended in a vehicle.

Temperatures inside a car can rise more than 20 degrees in only 10 minutes; and even with an outside temperature of 60 degrees, the temperature inside a car can reach 110 degrees, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Leaving windows partially rolled down does not help.

Young children are particularly at risk since their bodies heat up faster than an adult.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), extreme heat events or heat waves are one of the leading causes of extreme weather-related deaths in the United States.

Periods of severe heat and high humidity tax the body's ability to cool itself and can lead to heat

exhaustion and heat stroke, which can be fatal.

DPS offers the following tips for staying safe and managing the heat:

- Check on the elderly, sick or very young, especially if they don't have air conditioning.

- Drink plenty of water and avoid caffeine and alcohol during prolonged outdoor exposure. Start consuming water before you head outdoors; you may not realize you're dehydrated until it's too late.

- Pay attention to your body. Heat exhaustion and heat stroke can develop quickly. If you start feeling ill, immediately find a shaded or cooler area and slowly drink fluids. Seek medical attention if necessary.

- Monitor weather radios and newscasts for information on current conditions and weather alerts in your area.

- Stay indoors as much as possible, and limit exposure to the sun.

- Consider indoor activities this summer at places like shopping malls, the library or other community facilities.

- Light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and a hat are recommended during outdoor exposure.

- If possible, avoid strenuous outdoor activity during the hottest part of the day.

- Be extra careful when cooking outdoors, building campfires or driving off road to avoid igniting dry vegetation.

- Also, stay aware of burn bans in your area and always abide by restrictions on outside burning.

- Don't forget animals are also susceptible to heat-related injury or death—don't put your pets in these dangerous conditions. For more information on pet safety, visit <http://goo.gl/xi6A80>.

- For additional tips, visit <http://dps.texas.gov/dem/Preparedness/tips/hot-WeatherSafetyTips.htm>.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Transgender

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"Every employer is now being threatened for not bowing to anyone that identifies as the opposite sex," he added.

Joining Texas in signing the motion are the neighboring states of Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Call for Cuts is Issued

Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Joe Straus on July 1 directed all state agencies to cut their funding requests by 4 percent for the 2018-2019 biennial budget.

Straus, R-San Antonio, said, "Due to the slowdown in parts of our economy, some difficult decisions will be required to balance the next state budget and the process of making those decisions begins now."

The House Appropriations Committee is appointed by Straus and its counterpart, the Senate Finance Committee, is appointed by Patrick. In late August, the committees will review appropriations requests submitted by state agencies and use that

information in crafting their respective versions of the next state budget.

Tax Allocations are Set

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on July 7 announced his office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$624 million in local sales tax allocations for July.

The allocations, based on sales made in May by businesses that report tax monthly, amount to 2.3 percent more than the comptroller's office distributed in July 2015.

"The cities of Dallas, San Antonio, Austin and Fort Worth saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "Energy-centric cities such as Houston and Midland continue to see decreases in sales tax allocations."

On July 5, Hegar said state sales tax revenue in June totaled \$2.2 billion, down 0.8 percent compared to June 2015. "Sales tax revenue growth continues to be hobbled by reduced spending in oil- and gas-related sectors. Despite the recent increase in oil prices, spending is below even the reduced levels seen a year ago," he added.

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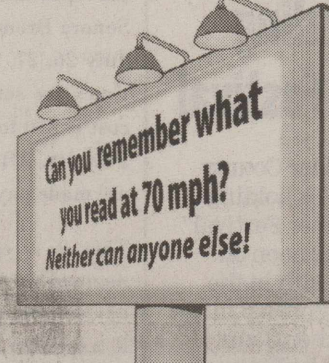
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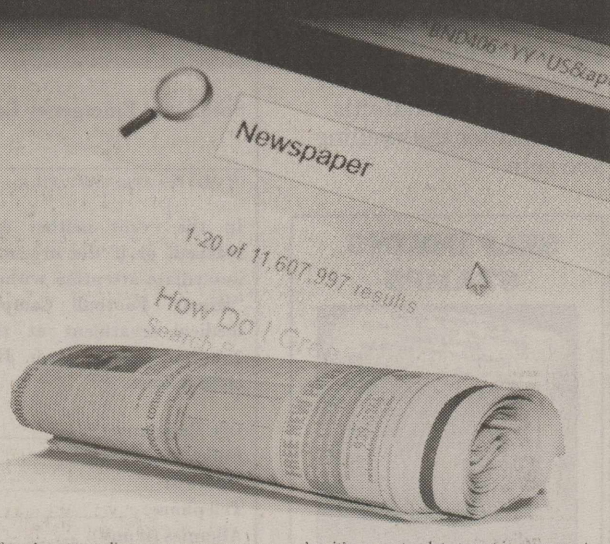
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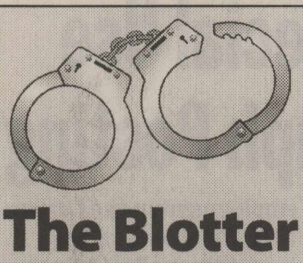
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ARRESTS

JULY 1 • Charles Anthony Conger, 19 year old male, was arrested on a warrant out of Brown County.
JULY 2 • David Romero-Ronquillo, 24 year old male, arrested for Public Intoxication.
JULY 3 • Jerry Jimenez, 49 year old male, was arrested on a warrant out of Sutton County.
JULY 4 • Sandra Zaragoza, 31 year old female, was arrested for theft.
 • John Martin Hidalgo, 22 year old male, was arrested for theft.
JULY 7 • Jose Gomez Quiroz, 33 year old male, arrested for Public Intoxication.

INCIDENTS

JUNE 27 - 12:25 AM • Caller reported a fire in the 300 block of Railroad, officer responded.
5:23 AM • Welfare concern call in the 500 block of S. Water Avenue, officer responded.
12:05 PM • 9-1-1 call in the block of Glasscock and Cedar, officer responded to assist.
1:08 PM • Caller reported kids kayaking in the draw on S. Crockett Ave., officer responded.
3:08 PM • Caller reported a fire had reignited in the 300 block of Railroad, officers responded to assist.
5:51 PM • Caller reported a person being cruel to an animal at the Road Ranger, officer responded.
11:49 PM • Welfare concern call at the Road Ranger, officer responded.
JUNE 28 - 9:04 PM • Animal call in the 100 block of Deerwood, officer responded.
JUNE 29 - 7:58 AM • Caller requested an officer regarding harassment in the 100 block of Deerwood, officer responded.
JUNE 30 - 12:27 AM • Alarm call in

the 500 block of N. 277, officer responded.
9:58 AM • Welfare concern call in the 200 block of Hillside, officer responded.
2:44 PM • Caller reported an accident at Crockett and Main, officer responded.
4:15 PM • Caller reported an intoxicated pedestrian at W. College and Del Rio, officer responded.
JULY 2 - 1:09 AM • Ministerial Alliance call, officer responded.
8:04 AM • Agency assist call in the 600 block of Glasscock, officer responded.
10:05 AM • Stranded motorist call at the Best Western, officer responded.
3:21 PM • Animal call in the Alco parking lot, officer responded.
7:56 PM • Security check at the elementary school, officer responded.
10:02 PM • Caller reported fireworks near the middle school, officer responded.
11:25 PM • Disturbance call in the 1900 block of Tayloe Ave., officer responded.
JULY 3 - 1:52 AM • Agency assist call LMH, officer responded.
2:21 AM • Caller reported a fire in the 400 block of E. College, officer responded.
3:45 AM • Officer requested at Holiday Host regarding a civil matter, officer responded.
2:33 PM • Animal call in the 1300 block of Tayloe, officer responded.
8:24 PM • Agency assist call in the 700-800 block of 277 South, officer responded.
9:14 PM • Caller reported fireworks at Glasscock and Tayloe, officer responded.
10:20 PM • Caller reported a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of S. Crockett, officer responded.
10:34 PM • Caller reported fireworks in the 300 block of Dos, officer responded.
JULY 4 - 12:07 AM • Caller reported suspicious activity in the 300 block of Santa Clara, officer responded.
12:12 AM • Caller reported fireworks in the 300 block of New Street, officer responded.
12:32 AM • EMS assist call in the 100 block of Uno, officer responded.
2:53 PM • Alarm call in the 300 block of Murphy, officer responded.
4:13 PM • EMS assist call in the 700 block of S. Crockett, officer responded.
5:17 PM • Traffic control for AirMed

at LMH, office responded.
10:14 PM • Caller reported fireworks on St. Ann's St., officer responded.
JULY 5 - 12:07 AM • Caller reported suspicious activity at 500 W. Main St., officer responded.
9:55 AM • Caller reported a line down at Prospect and 2nd, officer responded.
JULY 6 • Animal call in 100 block of Deerwood, officer responded.
JULY 7 - 9:43 AM • Caller reported a suspicious person at St. Ann's Church, officer responded.
5:49 PM • Caller reported fraud in the 1900 block of Tayloe, officer responded.
8:08 PM • Alarm call at the Bank And Trust, officer responded.
9:22 PM • 9-1-1 call in the 400 block of Mulberry, officer assisted.
10:38 PM • Disturbance call at Sonic, officer responded.
11:33 PM • Complainant called regarding threats, officer responded.
JULY 8 - 8:28 AM • Animal call in the 500 block of E. 2nd, officer responded.
5:05 PM • Animal call in the 1900 block of Tayloe, officer responded.
5:37 PM • Caller requested an officer at 1300 block of Tayloe due to a civil matter, officer responded.
6:44 PM • Caller requested an officer at 1900 block of Tayloe due to a civil matter, officer responded.
JULY 9 - 3:32 AM • Suspicious call from the Comfort Inn, officer responded.
8:37 AM • Caller requested an officer due to a civil matter, officer responded.
11:07 AM • Caller reported theft at Taco Grill, officer responded.
12:25 PM • Suspicious activity call in the 200 block of N. Crockett, officer responded.
7:52 PM • Animal call Sonic Drive In, officer responded.
8:25 PM • Disorderly conduct call 1900 block of Tayloe, officer responded.
9:14 PM • Caller reported an accident at Donic Drive In, officer responded.
9:47 PM • Disturbance call at Stripes and Subway, officer responded.
JULY 10 - 11:38 AM • Caller requested an officer at the 500 block of Martin due to a civil matter, officer responded.
9:04 PM • 9-1-1 call, officer assisted.
9:04 PM • Traffic Control LMH ER, officer responded.

VISITORS:

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was probably the first time any of them had seen camels. Captain Stephen D. Carpenter, Company H Commander, rode one of the camels. May Humphreys Stacey a member of the camel expedition recorded the occasion: "Our Camels attracted much attention, the whole garrison turning out to see them.

Captain Carpenter after being invited to try one, by Mr. Beal, mounted and took a short ride. He expressed himself much delighted at the gate and said that after one become used to the motion; he would prefer the camel to a mule."

The camel caravan travelled west through Comanche springs (present day Fort Stockton), Fort Davis, Fort Bliss, and New Mexico Territory until eventually reaching California.

Seeing camels in the American West was a unique sight. Numerous settlers, travelers and soldiers witnessed the camels during their journey. There were differences of opinion regarding the camels.

Captain Arthur Lee wrote, "Camel caravans, however picturesque and imposing they may appear to the travelers eye on eastern deserts, were not beautiful to the beholder on the wild plains of Texas."

Lt. Beale noted their effectiveness: "My Admiration for the camels increases daily with my experience of them.

The harder the test they are put to the more fully they seem to justify all that can be said of them. They pack water for others four days under a hot sun and never get a drop; they pack heavy burdens of corn and oats for months and never get a grain; and on the bitter greasewood and other worthless shrubs not only subsist but keep fat; withal they are so perfectly docile and so admirably contented with whatever fate befalls them... I look forward to the day when every mail route across the continent will be conducted and worked altogether with this economical and noble brute."

Following Lt. Beale's expedition, the Army continued to experiment with camels.

Two more expeditions were conducted in West Texas, Hartz-Echols in 1859 and Echols-Holman in 1860. Both expeditions visited Fort Lancaster and tested the camel's endurance in the Big Bend region of Texas. As with Lt. Beale's expedition, the camels were successful.

In 1861, the American Civil War began and the U.S. Army withdrew all troops from Texas, leaving the camels behind at Camp Verde. The State of Texas

and the Confederacy took over and used the camels to move cotton and supplies to the Texas coast. After the War many of the camels were sold to private citizens, merchants and landowners. Eventually, the railroad replaced animals for carrying freight across the west.

The U.S. Army Camel Experiment (1855-1861) left a legacy and reminds us of the pioneering spirit of those who braved to go west. What a fascinating sight it must have been to behold those visitors from afar.

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THURSDAY July 21st
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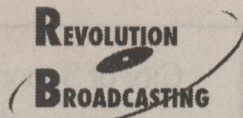
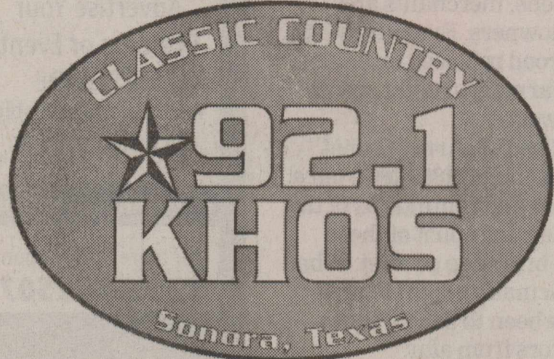
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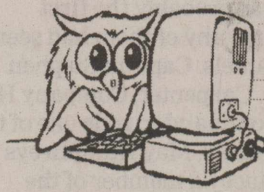
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City Council Approves Special Use Permit Request and 20 mph Posting

City council members approved a special use permit request presented by Debbie Geske to operate a business out of a residential zone at 214 Hudspeth St. during their meeting held on Monday June 27th. The council granted a variance for pet grooming to Geske with the intent to review the case again on June of 2017.

Additionally, council members approved posting 20 mph signs on E. College between Concho Avenue and Murphy Street.

In other business, council members approved authorization of Ed Carrasco, City Manager and Wanda Shurley, Mayor, access to the safety deposit box(s) at the Bank and Trust.

Trustees approved a release of funds in the amount of \$87,200.66 to Cunningham Constructors & Associates. City Manager Ed Carrasco reported that he had received a letter from the firm that represents Cunningham Constructors & Assoc., Inc. demanding the release of funds for the amount of \$87,200.66 in relation to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements (TWDB CWSFR No. 72101). He also received a Certificate of Approval from The Texas Water Development Board stating that as

required by Section 375.105, Texas Administrative Code, the Certificate of Approval is issued to permit the final release of construction retainage.

Also, Carrasco reported on the continuation of work on Love's Travel Center.

Engineer Matt Hickey is still working on preparing the specifications on the bids for the water well regarding the Love's Truck Stop and easement work is ongoing, according to Carrasco.

Animal Control Officer, Suzanne Whitworth, presented information on mosquito control. Whitworth explained that her current method of using BTI is more effective at controlling mosquitoes. She stated that mosquito spraying is less effective, only killing 30% of mosquitoes, because it must physically contact the mosquito to kill it.

In regular business, council members approved the minutes of the May meeting and the Sonora Police Department Report.

In other business, Carrasco explained the current sick leave policy stating that new employees hired after September 30, 2005 will accumulate equal sick leave. However, they will no longer be compensated for accumulated and recorded sick leave if they choose to terminate

employment in the future while in good standing.

Additionally, County Judge Steve Smith will report back to Carrasco regarding the joint meeting between City Council members and Sutton County Commissioners to discuss the interlocal agreements, according to Carrasco.

Finally, council members approved to accept donations from Sonora Bank and EnerVest to help pay for a training class called "Plain Clothes Response to Violent Encounters."

The event, hosted by the Sonora Police Department will be held in Sonora.

Council members approved the sale of fireworks through midnight on July 4th with the stipulation that they will comply with city ordinance before going behind closed doors.

No action was taken following the closed door session.

Without further discussion and no public comments, the council adjourned.

Wanda Shurley presided over the meeting.

Council members Todd Munn, Doug Chandler, Norm Rousselot and Juanita Barrera were present.

The next regular meeting of the city council is slated for July 18th at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

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Sheep & Goat Predator Management Board Mails Ballots for Directors Election

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All sheep and goat raisers who reside in one of the three districts are eligible to vote in the upcoming election.

The Texas Commodity Referendum Law, which governs the producer board, requires biennial elections. Ballots must bear the signature and address of the voter, and indicate production totals.

Sheep and goat producers nominated for the three open positions on the nine-member board are: District 1: Will M. Black; District 2: Jason Bannowsky; District 3: Robin Giles. These producers completed a nomination

form with ten qualified sheep and/or goat producers supporting their nomination, and returned the completed form by the July 4, 2016 deadline. They will each serve a six-year term.

Sheep and goat producers who did not receive ballots but have sheep and goat production and reside in one of the districts may obtain ballots at the local county extension offices, the Sheep and Goat Predator Management Board office at P.O. Box 3543, San Angelo, Texas 76902-3543, or by calling 325-659-8777.

Ballots will also be available at the TSGRA annual convention in Kerrville on July 22th.

Producers vote in the district in which they live, even if they have production in other districts.

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District 2: Bandera, Edwards, Kerr, Kinney, Kimble, Mason, Medina, Menard, Real, Schleicher, Tom Green, Uvalde and Zavala.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Alvaro Dehoyas, Executor
c/o: Tammy T. Fisher, Attorney
302 S. Water
Sonora, Texas 76950

DATED the 26th day of June, 2016.

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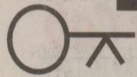
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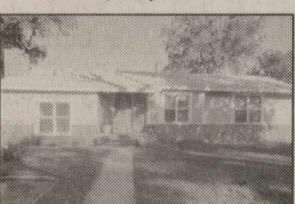
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611 S Prospect - Sonora, TX
\$109,000



Large 3BR/2B frame home on a large corner lot. The property features 2 living areas with a large family room, screened porch, attached carport and detached garage with extra storage and a work space. The home also has a metal roof, central AC/CH, and will be sold with most appliances included. Spacious inside and out!

904 E Poplar - Sonora, TX
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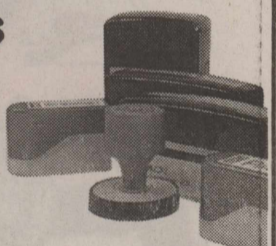
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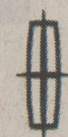
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