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44th Annual Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Wows Fans

Now in its 44th consecutive year, the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo, drew a big crowd of fans filling the bleachers surrounding the arena, as cowboys and cowgirls from across the country wowed their audience.

Hundreds of people flocked to Sonora for three days full of roping, riding and traditional fun during the annual outdoor event.

Broncos bucked and riders tried to hang on. Horses kicked dirt into the first few rows of the crowd. Competitors took on their competition vying for top prizes and fun little games and jokes were thrown in between.

Rodeo Association President John Vancourt said despite a slower economy in the area, he was happy to see the continued participation and support from the community. He said he and others members of the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Association are thankful for this year's turnout and look forward to continuing the rodeo's success in the future.

"I was very excited about this year's rodeo turnout," Vancourt said. "I think we had a successful show."

Tanner Green, of Cotulla, TX, was awarded the title of All Around Cowboy.

In County Roping, T.R. Sissel, of Junction and Gabe Ledoux, of Sonora, earned championship titles.

Announcer Mike Mathis narrated the both rodeo performances while Rodeo Clown Trent McFarland bantered with members of the audience to keep the mood light and fun.

Events kicked off Thursday morning with a full day of slack competition followed by county roping in the evening.

Friday evening, some of the best rodeo performers entertained fans demonstrating their skills in steer roping, team roping, bareback and saddle bronc riding, barrel racing and of course, bull riding.

Additionally, members of the San Angelo Rodeo Ambassadors delivered a personally choreographed performance before the start of the evening's events.

Also during Friday's production, young competitors lined up for a chance to win the Stevie Smith Memorial Mutton Bustin' Belt Buckle.

Holding on the longest with a tight grip, Wade Kaiser, took home the prize for the second consecutive year.

In keeping with tradition, Miss Sutton County candidates graced the arena one last time before the annual crowning during the second performance Saturday.

On Saturday, fans filled the stands for another night of outstanding performances and special events including some



Cody Lambert, of Silsbee, TX, rides a bull named Rockstar while competing in the professional bull riding during Saturday night's performance of the 44th annual Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo, June 24, 2017. More than 200 professionals participated in the annual event. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Sonora locals Sam Powers, Craig Leonard and Cody Schenkel.

Before too many events got underway though, Sterling Smith was crowned as 2017 Miss Sutton County.

Also, Mia Tovar, 2017 Little Miss, and Andrew Ozuna Serano, Little Mr., made a special appearance.

Circling the arena and waving to the crowd, the royal court took their leave while rodeo participants geared up for more action.

Top professionals from Texas, California, South Dakota, Louisiana and Indiana made their mark in a variety of divisions including bronc riding, bull riding, roping and barrel racing.

In all, about 225 ropers and riders participated in the annual event according to Rodeo Association Secretary Ann Morris.

Moreover, the participants performances yielded marks

advancing them on to the next level of competition.

Morris said the annual event would not be possible if not for the generous support from sponsors and donations as well as the dedicated volunteers and

professionals who compete.

"I was very excited about the crowd we had for rodeo this year," Morris said. "The participation was also great. I think this year's rodeo was a big success."

Sterling Smith Named 2017 Miss Sutton County

Sterling Smith received her title and new role as 2017 Miss Sutton County when she was crowned during the 44th annual Outlaw Pro Rodeo event, Saturday, June 24, 2017.

Smith was one of two young ladies competing for this year's crown.

She and Kaitlyn Gann spent the month of June collecting donations and selling rodeo tickets as part of the competition. Combined the girls raised almost \$18,000. All of the funds benefit future Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo productions.

Additionally, both candidates were judged on their responses during a traditional interview process.

Gann was awarded most photogenic and runner up during the crowning ceremony.

Smith said the challenge was a lot of work but she had fun and met a lot of new people in the process. As for winning she said she was more nervous than surprised.

Now, she is most looking forward to participating in upcoming parades throughout the year.

"I am excited to represent Sutton County," Smith said. "I want to thank all of the people who helped me. I know times are hard and it means a lot to me that people were still willing to help out."



Sterling Smith was crowned 2017 Miss Sutton County during the 44th annual Outlaw Pro Rodeo Saturday, June 24, 2017 in Sonora. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



July 4th Fireworks at County Park OK'd

County Commissioners gave the OK during a special meeting Monday, June 26, 2017, to light fireworks at the county park on July 4th.

Residents are allowed to light fireworks on the grounds of the county park only. Fireworks are not allowed in other areas including within the city limits.

Also, on the agenda, the court approved the renewal of health, life, dental and vision insurance, including a premium increase of \$54.56 per employee, as proposed by Bobby Zesch, of Zesch & Pickett Insurance LLP.

In other business, Kathy Marshall, Tax Assessor Collector, reported a total of \$46,214.15 collected for vehicle registration fees and \$46,217.25 collected in property taxes for the month of May. The county retained \$14,950.02 and \$45,762.44, respectively.

In regular business, commissioners approved the minutes of the June 19 regular meeting as well as accounts payable as presented.

Judge Steve Smith reminded commissioners of budget workshops set for the next two days, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 27-28. The workshops include considerations and decisions for various departmental budgets for the upcoming 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Without further discussion or visitor comments, the court adjourned.

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

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners is set for Monday, July 10, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Annex building.

The Devil's River News will be closed, July 3-7 for vacation and there will not be a newspaper published that week. Please look for the next edition on July 13th.

Thank You!

THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

First Gulf Storm of Season Elbows Texas on Its Way By

AUSTIN — State emergency responders geared up for the first time this hurricane season in response to Tropical Storm Cindy, which came ashore just east of the Texas-Louisiana border on June 22. Two deaths were attributed to the storm — one of them an elderly man found in a sand-mired pickup truck on Texas's Bolivar Peninsula. The storm dropped most of its rainfall east of its center — up to 18 inches in some places far to the east — and much less in Texas. But as a precaution two days before landfall, Gov. Greg Abbott ordered an increase in readiness from level four, normal conditions, to level three, increased

readiness. Four Texas Task Force 1 boat squads were activated, along with two Texas Military Department vehicle squads. Also, the Texas Department of State Health Services Emergency Medical Task Force, the Texas Military Forces Aircraft and shelter and feeding teams were placed on standby. Abbott noted that weather conditions related to tropical storms can change rapidly without warning, causing catastrophic flooding. "That is why I am imploring all Texans in the Gulf region to stay updated and heed warnings from your local officials, avoid high water areas and

refrain from attempting to drive through roadways or over bridges that have the potential to flood." **Paxton leads coalition** Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on June 19 urged the Federal Communications Commission to deny a petition by the broadband industry to prevent states from investigating and settling claims over false and misleading advertising about broadband Internet speed. "As the U.S. Supreme Court ruled," Paxton said, "a federal agency may preempt state law only when and if it's acting within the scope of its congressionally

delegated authority. Hundreds of millions of Americans rely on broadband Internet services every day, yet they don't always get what they pay for. The states' consumer protection powers must be left intact to protect customers from providers who make false claims about broadband speed." Paxton was joined in the letter by

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Bad Days and Good Days

It was a day like all others and a day like no other. As was the day before, and the day after. As are all days. Just days. But often so much more. A friend mentioned it was her wedding anniversary. She was in a celebratory mood, and rightly so. I asked her the date, because I wasn't sure, and

when she told me I realized it was an anniversary for me as well. Except mine was a sorrowful milestone. I felt a cloud descend and a pit grow in my stomach. I'd forgotten, or at the least failed to remember. Guilt crept in like a spider, weaving its web in an ever-tightening snare. I should have remembered. I should have felt bad because the day — for me — had been marked forevermore as marred and damaged.

Dates take on personal meaning for us. But they can be widespread as well. On the day in question, thousands — millions even — experienced shock and sadness at the unexpected death of a pop icon. A cloud fell over the already descending sadness of my day as the country mourned together.

At the same instant, babies were born, creating joy in one hospital room, while just down the hall a family said its good-byes to a sick father or mother or spouse.

I mulled over the dichotomy. What do we make of each day? How does our approach affect the type of day we have? Why does the date on the calendar make any day good or bad?

It doesn't. Or at least it doesn't have to. We can be dictated by our circumstance — and often are — but I believe we can break free and see and experience the world through a lens of our own choosing.

Just because I had an extremely sorrowful, terribly awful thing happen to me on a certain date doesn't banish that date to the regions of horribleness forever. If that were the case, and I was able to remember every distressing thing that has ever happened to me, every day would probably be a bad, sad, mad, I-don't-want-to-get-out-of-bed kind of day.

That wouldn't be any fun. Initially, I felt guilty about not remembering I was "supposed" to be having a bad day because somehow that made my loss less significant. Then I realized that line of thinking was pretty dumb. Feeling bad because I thought I was supposed to feel bad was akin to needlessly throwing the day away. It was giving power to the negativity and guilt and spiders.

Nothing I can do now can have any impact on the loss I experienced seven years ago. It is real every day. And I still feel sorrow sometimes — like now, writing about it. But I don't have to mark a date on the calendar and set it aside for mourning. The day doesn't have to be labeled as a loss for the rest of my eternity.

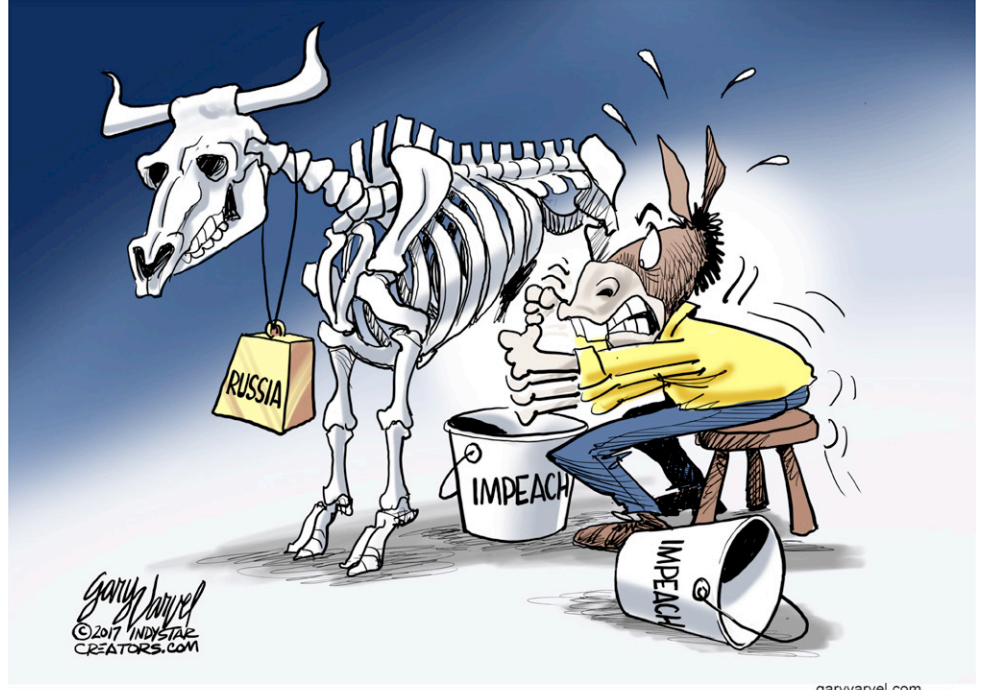
Life is hard enough as it is without us putting up our own roadblocks. Which we all do — all too often.

On the day in question, I forgot my grief, but I didn't forget my loss. I think that means I am moving on. In slow steps the joy and happiness return. And they can be just as real as grief. More real, even — when you've earned them.

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By Jill Pertler



Man Behind a Badge

In the time range called the 'Old West' many men became outlaws of need. Some changed to become crooks because they were plain lazy. A few lived and died as the outlaws they had to become. This tale is about one of the few who by recorded facts was born and raised honest in South Texas.

There is no known fact about when or why he became an outlaw but to understand this story we must accept the fact that he did at some point.

This tale is totally about a man who became an outlaw, then reverted back to an honest citizen, became a trusted law man and died behind his badge.

D.L. "Doc" Anderson left south Texas as a young man in all probability ahead of a posse. He arrived in New Mexico just as the famous "Lincoln County War" started. He changed his name to Billy Wilson and was arrested for having some counterfeited money.

He somehow escaped and joined "Billy The Kid's" gang of thieves and outlaws and was arrested with the gang at the place called "Stinking Springs" by Sheriff Pat Garrett.

Doc Anderson, a.k.a. Billy Wilson, was then taken to Santa Fe where he again escaped and returned to Texas. We have to assume it was in the middle of the night on a fast horse!

Here he changed back to his real name, D.L. Anderson, and bought a small horse ranch.

Settling down to being a productive citizen, he married a railroad man's daughter and started a family.

About this time, Pat Garrett, who had retired as Sheriff of Lincoln County, moved to Uvalde close to where Doc Anderson was living. In time he recognized Anderson and they became friends.

Wanting to help his new friend, Pat Garrett obtained a full pardon for him from U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt.

On the basis of this, Doc Anderson received a job as a U.S. Customs Officer

and moved his family to Langtry, Texas, where they lived for awhile.

Somehow Anderson was offered the job as foreman of the large T5 Ranch on Independence Creek in Terrell County. After managing the ranch for several years, he was offered the job of Sheriff of Terrell County. Doc accepted and, at the age of 53, was sworn in as the third sheriff of the new county.

He settled into life of a small town Sheriff, he loved horse ranching, playing dominos and his family. He became well respected and honored for the job he did in the county. Mainly stock thefts, hoboes and payday drunks were his routine of business.

This all changed on June 14, 1918, when a cowboy named Ed Valentine came to town and went on a drinking spree. After an argument with a customer, Valentine pulled his pistol and began shooting up in the bar.

Someone took word to Doc about the incident and he came right down to the bar to arrest Valentine. As he walked in the door, Valentine shot him three times. The sheriff slumped over into a chair and died there.

The bar cleared out leaving Valentine alone with him only the bartender, Noah Allen.

Meanwhile, a good friend of Anderson's, a rancher named Bob Gatlin rode up to the store next door and asked what had happened?

When informed that his friend had been shot and killed, Bob Gatlin, who by the way, had possible ties to the Lincoln County War, went in the store and got a new Winchester off the rack. Then, he got a new box of .30-30 ammo and loaded the rifle.

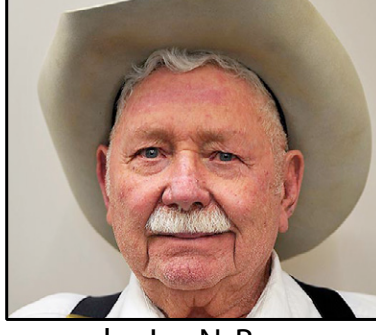
Gatlin went and stood in the west door of the store watching the bar next door.

After a bit, Valentine looked out the door and Gatlin shot him once above his left eye.

Walking over to the bar, he checked to see that his friend Doc Anderson was indeed dead and that his killer was also dead. Gatlin walked back to the store, put the gun back in the rack and told the clerk to charge the box of shells to him.

So ended the tale of the man who became an outlaw, reverted back to an honest citizen, then died behind a badge.

It Happened Out West



by Joe N. Brown

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Brenham's Ant Street Inn

The Ant Street Inn is a 15-room boutique hotel in a historic downtown building in Brenham. "It was built in 1899," says Suzy Hankins, who owns the hotel with her husband Keith. "It had retail stores downstairs and offices and warehouses upstairs. In 1990, the founder of the inn bought the building, renovated it and turned it into the Ant Street Inn."



Rolling Along

by Tumbleweed Smith

Suzy and Keith refer to their property as a bed and breakfast. Guests have a complimentary breakfast in the downstairs restaurant. Free coffee and Bluebell ice cream are available upstairs. Many of the upstairs rooms have doors from the state capitol building, which were acquired during the capitol's updating in the 1980s. Among other amenities each room has a folding lawn chair that guests can take to outdoor events in the area.

"Every Saturday night in July a different band will come and play on the square," says Keith. "They close off a downtown street and some guests come specifically to hear the band that might be playing that night." Suzy says some people come for the weekend and don't know about the concerts. "There's just not that many steps to sit on around the courthouse. Also with all the parades and festivals that happen in this area, guests seem to really appreciate those chairs."

The hotel is in the Ant Street Historic District. The lore is that early workers in the factory-type jobs in this area came and left together like a bunch of ants. Actually the hotel is on Commerce Street. Two blocks over is Baylor Street, which was once Ant Street.

Keith had been in the medical insurance business for 20 years. He and Suzy had always wanted to have their own business and six years ago they decided on the Ant Street Inn. "I was working in St. Louis at the time," says Keith. "When we were shopping for a property I had two criteria: it had to be in Texas and it had to support both of us. We didn't want to enter into a situation where one of us had to get a job to support the bed and breakfast. We looked at hundreds of properties and the Ant Street Inn fulfilled those requirements. A four, five or if you're lucky a seven-room bed and breakfast wasn't going to generate the kind of revenue we knew we would need."

The Inn has a 4,000 square foot ballroom that is used for all kinds of events. "It can seat up to 250 people comfortably," says Suzy. "We do wedding receptions, banquets, anniversary parties, pretty much anything the mind can imagine. We can also move the walls around to accommodate small business meetings."

Since Brenham is between Austin and Houston, it gets travelers from those cities as well as visitors from other countries. "They're traveling from big city to big city," says Suzy, "and they stop in Brenham because they want an authentic Texas experience."

"The phrase we have coined is elegant sanctuary," says Keith.

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Heard Around Town

How much rain did you get out at your place?

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Seven-tenths? Is that all?

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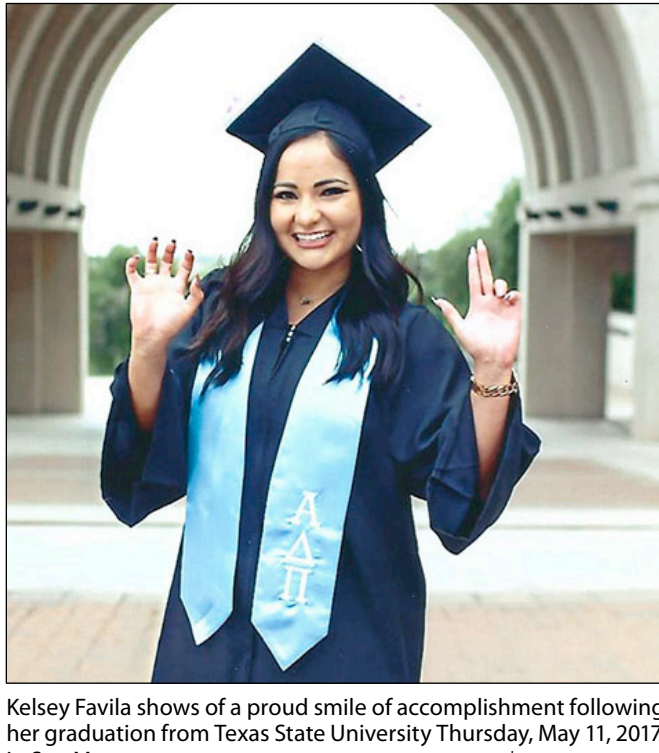
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Kelsey Favila shows a proud smile of accomplishment following her graduation from Texas State University Thursday, May 11, 2017, in San Marcos. | COURTESY PHOTO

How Livestock Vaccines Work

One of the many chores that livestock managers perform is vaccination. Because it's a common practice, we rarely stop to think about how vaccines work. Let's take a brief look at how protection is achieved.



Pascual Hernandez

Vaccines are suspensions of microorganisms that stimulate the body's immune system against these same organisms, in order to prevent disease or reduce its severity. The microorganisms in vaccines are inactivated or modified so that they do not cause illness.

Inactivated (aka "killed") vaccines incorporate bacteria or viruses that have been rendered inactive. The microbe is incapable of growing and reproducing, but is still recognizable by the animal's body. Since inactivated organisms do not multiply inside the body, substances called adjuvants are included to stimulate the immune system to respond to the injected inactivated microbes.

Modified-live virus (MLV) vaccines contain whole viruses that have been modified such that, though they're able to multiply within the body, their ability to cause disease has been removed. Because the modified microbes actively grow within the animal, fewer are needed in a vaccine dose compared to inactivated vaccines. MLV vaccines packages usually contain two vials—one is freeze-dried product that contains the modified microbes, while the other is the diluent, which re-suspends the microbes.

So how do inactivated and MLV vaccines work? Well, there are two parts of the immune system: 1)

humoral immunity refers to stimulating the production of antibodies, and 2) cell-mediated immunity directs the immune system cells to neutralize invading microbes or destroy infected cells.

Inactivated vaccines depend on cells called antigen-presenting cells to process the material in the vaccine. These cells are abundant in skin, muscle, and subcutaneous tissue, especially with the inflammation that normally follows injections. The cells carry parts of the inactivated microbes between the injection site and areas that are active in creating the immune response, such as the lymph nodes. The adjuvant, along with the high number of inactivated organisms in the dose, make inactivated vaccines good at stimulating humoral immunity.

MLV vaccines depend on their ability to infect living cells, in addition to interacting with antigen-presenting cells, to activate the immune system. Significantly fewer organisms are needed per dose of vaccine. The action of modified live vaccines is especially good at stimulating cell-mediated immunity.

In short, microbe proteins are the major components that make up both killed and MLV vaccines. Proteins disintegrate due to time and temperature extremes. With time, the proteins disintegrate into smaller parts until there's no longer enough to effectively stimulate immune response.

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Kelsey Leann Favila graduated from Texas State University Thursday, May 11, 2017, with her Bachelor of Science in Mass Communication and Journalism and minor in Business Administration.

She is the daughter of Eddie and Tammy Favila, of Sonora.

She is also a 2013 graduate of Sonora High School.

Among her accomplishments at Texas State, Favila was named to the 2014 and 2015 Spring Dean's list. Additionally, she was

a member of Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi.

She was also a Texas State Cheerleader and served as Intramural Sports Chair.

Favila is also a philanthropist of Ronald McDonald House charities.

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June 1-27	3.07 in.	June 1-27	0.41 in.
May	3.68 in.	May	2.92 in.
April	1.23 in.	April	2.48 in.
March	0.79 in.	March	1.00 in.
February	1.36 in.	February	1.48 in.
January	2.40 in.	January	1.68 in.
2017 Year-to-Date Total	12.53 in.	2017 Year-to-Date Total	9.97 in.
2016	25.10 in.	2016	29.22 in.
2015	23.87 in.	2015	25.31 in.
2014	14.32 in.	2014	12.72 in.
2013	25.12 in.	2013	25.00 in.
2012	16.06 in.	2012	17.82 in.
2011	11.50 in.	2011	10.49 in.
2010	20.37 in.	2010	17.94 in.
2009	21.67 in.	2009	28.44 in.

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- Garbage disposal
- Sparse
- Donkey's call
- Diva's solo
- Debate
- Hawkeye State
- Takes advantage of
- Root vegetables
- Shine
- Wailing Irish specters
- Fishes from a moving boat
- Recreation area
- X marks the _____
- Type of tie
- Careless
- Red table wine
- Type of bulrush
- French affirmative
- Hue
- Friend: Sp.
- Erstwhile private eye Peter _____
- Short poem
- Flesh
- Sleeplike state
- Fragrant
- Below
- Highway
- Saucerlike bell

DOWN

- Paint
- Bear star
- Demeanor
- Traveler's document
- Sword
- Stream
- Grows older
- Eccentric person
- One who tries out the new
- Intolerant ones
- Bakery product
- Mil. misdemeanor
- Steers wildly
- Despise
- Heavy cord
- Hit with force
- Thespian
- Scout along
- Beat with a stick
- Be frugal
- Pursue unrelentingly
- Small weight
- Cafe
- Intervene and assist
- Brain
- Criminal
- Narrow opening for a coin
- Operates, as a business
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- Desert garden spots
- Caprice
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"MOVING ALONG"



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Cowboy Poetry

After four score and five,
I no longer live in the country.
Everywhere I planted my boots,
My country soul took roots.
As I watched the sun come up each day,
It was food for my country soul.
Riding high along rim rocks,
Always gave life to my country soul.
All those years among God's creations,
My country soul gave thanks for this nation.
Watching the new baby calves arrive in the spring,
Always made my soul's bell ring.
Smelling the sage brush after a rain,
Would take away my soul's pain.
The love of country kept my soul alive,
While on a long weary cattle drive.
My country soul can't take city life,
Too many people, too much strife.
Though, I now live in town,
This life makes my country soul frown.
I can still watch the sun come up each day,
My country soul remembers the way.
We loved living in the beautiful country side,
I took my country soul on a long horse ride.
Not everyday did we go but we lived the best,
My country soul knew we had the best.
Ill finish my days on a city street,
But, my soul we remember the sweet.
We live now in a small country town,
Where my soul is brought to the ground.
Here we will live out our days,
My country soul never forgetting all ways.
When God calls us to the country on high,
Again, we'll live in the country, my country soul and I.

- Joe N. Brown

TX Legislature Reforms Child Welfare System

In January, at the start of the 85th Legislative Session, Governor Greg Abbott made it clear to members of the House and Senate that improving Child Protective Services and Texas' foster care program needed to be a top priority for this Legislature. I wholeheartedly concurred with the Governor's assessment as the CPS system in Texas has been inadequate for far too many years.



Andrew Murr

Texas CPS has suffered from caseworker shortages, a lack of good placement options, and even the death of some children which were later determined to have been preventable. This system was put in place to protect our most vulnerable Texans, and we owe those children nothing less than a complete overhaul which puts their needs and safety above a bloated bureaucracy whose primary concern is preserving the status quo.

To that end, we passed House Bill 4, House Bill 5 and Senate Bill 11 which will collectively overhaul the child welfare system. Broadly, this package of legislation provides additional support for families who take in abused children (also known as "kinship care"), establishes the Department of Family and Protective Services as its own agency (currently it is under the Health and Human Services Commission), and expands community based foster care.

Turning the Department of Family and Protective Services into a standalone agency is a critical step towards removing several layers of bureaucracy in order to ensure accountability. It will also help to directly connect CPS caseworkers and lawmakers so that future policy goals and agency priorities are determined based on the best interests of the children in need, and no one else.

Another issue that has been hamstringing our child welfare system is the lack of cooperation with non-profits and faith-based organizations. House Bill 871 will require the Department of Family and

Protective Services to work with these groups in providing support services to families in crisis situations, and also to alert families of other support options that are available in their area. This legislation ensures

that local entities are able to serve families in their own communities in times of need. Also, by giving as many providers as possible opportunities, it expands a family's support network with the ultimate goal of avoiding the need to remove a child from their home.

Unfortunately, some situations cannot be remedied and do call for a child to be placed into foster care. The current law states that foster children are best served by being placed in the "least restrictive" environment. Until now, there has been no definition for that standard in state law. That is why we passed House Bill 1542, to provide a definition in order to create clarity and make sure that foster children are placed in homes that are as family-like as possible.

Finally, while the 2017-2019 budget keeps state spending increases under population growth plus inflation, and stays well below all constitutional spending limits, we were able to add \$508 million in the budget for child protection. This includes funds to hire almost 600 new CPS caseworkers, to enhance foster care provider rates, and to provide additional support for kinship care as mentioned above.

While we did not solve every ill facing the child welfare system in Texas this legislative session, we took a giant step forward to ensuring that the future of the Department of Family and Protective Services will be more efficient and effective at protecting our youngest, and most defenseless, little Texans.

As always, it is an honor to represent you in the Texas House of Representatives, and I welcome your comments and opinions. Please visit my website at www.AndrewMurr.org or contact our District Office in Kerrville (715 Water Street) at 830-257-0432 and let me hear from you.

The Blotter



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Sonora Police Department and the Sutton County Sheriff's Office. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the police department or Sheriff's Office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Accidents of major impact may be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

SONORA PD ARRESTS

JUNE 21 • Jessie Gabrielle Johnson, 29-year old female of Sonora. Arrested for Assault Family Violence.

JUNE 25 • Pedro Alonso Estrada, 52-year old male of Eldorado. Arrested for Public Intoxication.

INCIDENTS

JUNE 19 - 1:35 PM • Caller requested to speak with an officer at the Sheriff's Office. Officer responded.

3:58 PM • Caller requested a civil standby at 1300 Block of Mesquite. Officer responded.

JUNE 20 - 9:08 AM • Caller reported a dead kitten at the 300 block of W 2nd. Animal Control responded.

12:16 AM • Caller reported dogs at the corner of E. 2nd and the Funeral Home. Animal Control responded.

1:13 PM • Caller reported dogs at the corner of E. 2nd and Murphy. Animal Control responded.

JUNE 22 - 7:24 AM • Caller reported a dead deer at the Crockett Street Bridge near the City Pool. Animal Control responded.

5:38 PM • Caller reported loud music at the 200 block of W. 2nd. Officer responded.

6:42 PM • Caller reported loud music at the 200 block of W. 2nd. Officer responded.

11:39 PM • Caller reported suspicious activity/possible break-in at the 200 block of W. 2nd. Officer responded.

JUNE 23 - 5:23 PM • Caller reported an open door at 100 block of North Concho. Officer responded.

JUNE 24 - 12:45 PM • Caller reported a skunk at the 400 block of Santa Clara. Animal Control responded.

7:22 PM • Caller reported disturbance at Laredo Taco. Officer responded.

JUNE 25 - 12:10 AM • Caller reported loud music at the 200 block of Glasscock. Officer responded.

3:13 PM • Caller reported a dead deer at the Softball field next to the City Pool. Animal Control responded.

11:57 PM • Caller reported an unresponsive subject in a vehicle at Laredo Taco. Officer responded.

SUTTON COUNTY SHERIFF ARRESTS

JUNE 21 • Lilly Winifred, 27-year old female of Florida. Arrested for Possession of Marijuana under 2 oz.

JUNE 23 • Eugenio Perez, 37-year old male of Rio Grand City. Arrested for Driving While License Invalid.

JUNE 25 • Eloy Aguirre, 24-year old male of Edinburg. Arrested for Driving While License Invalid.

INCIDENTS

JUNE 20 - 8:43 AM • Caller reported fire on county line on RR 864. Deputies responded.

12:07 PM • Caller reported a suicidal subject at the Rest Area on I-10 at 424 mm. Deputies responded.

JUNE 22- 6:54 AM • Caller reported a tractor trailer accident on I-10 at 381 mm. Deputies, DPS, and TxDOT responded.

11:43-AM • Caller reported a possible vehicle fire on I-10 at 390 mm. Deputy and SVFD responded.

JUNE 23 - 8:11 AM • Caller reported an injured deer on Aldwell Rd. Deputy responded.

2:01 PM • Caller reported a possible tractor trailer on fire on I-10-West of town. Deputy and SVFD responded.

JUNE 24 - 5:45 PM • Caller reported cattle on Miers Rd. Deputy responded.

JUNE 25 - 8:36 AM • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 429 mm. Deputy responded.

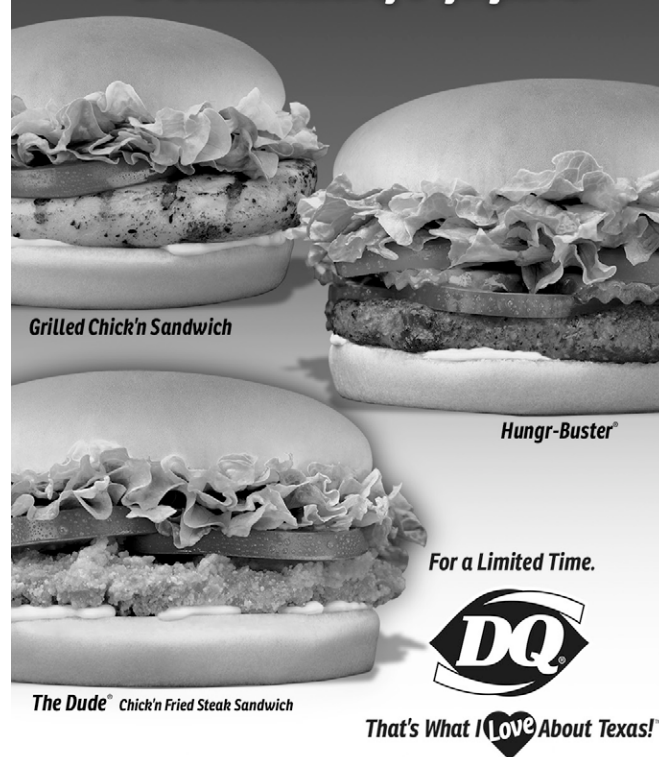
10:40 AM • Caller reported a stranded motorist call on I-10 at 390mm. Deputy responded.

1:22 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver call on HWY 277 S. Deputy responded.



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Arredondo Appointed Interim Chief

Gabriel Arredondo was appointed Interim Chief of Police by the City Council during a special meeting Tuesday, July 27, 2017.

Arredondo has served on the Sonora PD for the past seven years. He was assigned the position of School Resource Officer during this 2016-2017 school year.

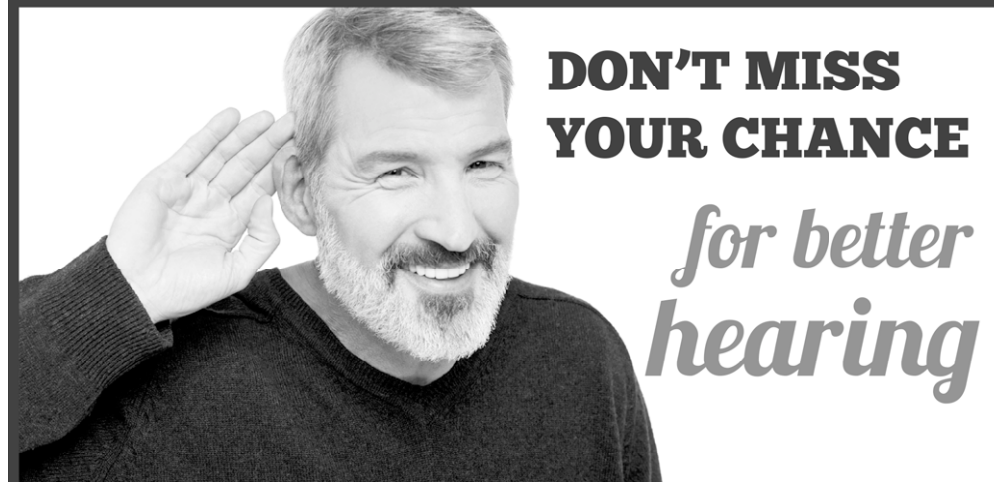
Arredondo will be the Interim Chief until a permanent replacement is hired.

This change comes as a result of the resignation of Chief William Dudley, effective June 30.

Other agenda items discussed and approved included approval to close Main Street on July 30, for Main Street Market Days, approval to increase animal shelter boarding fees, and approval to begin utilizing the new 2015 International Business Code (IBC) Code for residences and businesses within the city limits.

Finally, the council considered budget items for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Mayor Wanda Shurley presided over the meeting. Norm Rousselot, Manuel Martinez, Juanita Barrera and Cody Gann were present.



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Sutton County Days Brings Life to Fairgrounds

A full day of events attracted crowds to the park and fairgrounds during the annual Sutton County Days Saturday, June 24, 2017.

For many residents, the annual Sutton County Days and Rodeo events are about tradition according to Sonora Chamber of Commerce Director Donna Garrett.

Garret said this year's event includes all of the same community traditions as well as a couple of new ideas to help ensure continuing it many more years.

"I think Sutton County Days was amazing this year," Garret said. "The parade was amazing and the motorcycles were the highlight of the day. This year's event was well attended, the vendors were good and the Air Med One helicopter was also site for public interest which is a new attraction this year."

Just after sunrise, runners took off on a 1K and 5K friendly competition. Prizes were awarded to winners of the 1 mile race.

They included: Lincoln Sherrill and Presley Mayfield, 1st place, age 8 and Under, Caturino Hernandez and Bently Sherrill, 1st place, age 9-14 and Ray Lindo, Morgan Matthews, 1st place and Addy Ford, 2nd place, age 30-39.

The 5K winners included: Lupe Sanchez, 1st place and Addy Ford, 2nd place, age 40-49 and Martha Fay, 1st place, age 50 plus.

About nine o'clock, people lined the streets to watch the annual parade. As part of this year's theme, "Rope & Ride", motorcycles lead a procession of decorated floats and cars through town Sonora to the county fairgrounds.

Prizes were awarded for top participants. The Sonora Bank & Trust was awarded Most original. Also, bikers Bryan Snyder and his Pug were awarded Best Theme and Kimbell County Chamber of Commerce earned Best Overall.

At the county park, smiling children enjoyed horseless goat roping, souvenirs

and bounce house fun.

Vendors lined the park and pavilion selling everything from brisket and hamburgers to fine clothing and fun toys for youngsters.

Sutton County Days attendees participated in shopping, eating and watching the Little Miss and Little Mr. contest for the youngest aspiring kings and queens, who are a big part of the community's long-standing tradition.

Following interviews and talent demonstrations judges tallied their votes for the 2017 Little Miss and Mr., crowning Mia Tovar and honoring Andrew Ozuna Serrano respectively.

Miss Sutton County Queen contestants Sterling Smith and Kaitlyn Gann were also on hand to greet the public and answer questions.

For those taking a break from the outdoor meandering and attractions, bingo was available inside the Civic Center.

Additionally, patrons savored a late afternoon catfish dinner provided by the Dee Ora Masonic Lodge before settling into the stands to enjoy the second



Wade Kaiser tries his luck at roping a goat during the Sutton County Days celebration Saturday, June 24, 2017, at the county park. Horseless goat roping was one of the many attractions for attendees of the annual event.

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Mia Tovar and Andrew Ozuna Serrano wave to the crowd during their debut as 2017 Little Miss and Mr. Saturday, June 24, 2017.

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Riders wave to the crowd while making their way down Crockett Street Saturday morning during the annual Sutton County Days Parade.

KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Bryan Snyder and his Pug were awarded Best Theme for their participation in the annual Sutton County Days parade Saturday, June 24, 2017.

KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

rodeo performance.

"Overall, Sutton County Days was great this year," Garret said. "As for the future, we are always looking for new ideas and volunteers to help make bigger and better."



Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to everyone for their assistance and support for Sutton County Days.

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Star Spangled Event Slated in Big Lake

Big Lake will be rocking this Saturday during the 3rd Annual Santa Rita Star Spangled Celebration.

The event, presented by the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce, will be headlined by Texas Country super group The Randy Rogers Band.

"This is our second year of combining Santa Rita Days with the Star Spangled Celebration," Chamber Director Loretta Epperson said. "It went over so well last year, we feel this year will be bigger than ever."

Epperson said the event boasts five bands that will provide live music throughout the day.

"We also have arts and craft vendors from across the country lined up," Epperson said. "There will be something here for everyone no matter your age. The music we have lined up is amazing and we encourage everyone to come out and support this free event!"

The event is being held at Reagan County's North Park with the gates opening at Noon and live music kicking off at 3 p.m. with an act everyone should be familiar with by now, The Stateline Band. They will be followed by The Electric Cowboys out of San Antonio at 4:30 p.m.

Grupo Massore will take the stage from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with William Clark Green following from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

A monster fireworks show will follow starting at 9:40 p.m.

The night will be capped off with the Randy Rogers Band taking the stage from 10:30 p.m. until midnight.

There will be plenty to do for everyone in attendance with a 5K Color Run beginning at 9 a.m. The Color Run is FREE to participate in, and is fun for

the whole family. The Color Run will be held at the Reagan County's North Park with participants meeting at the North Park's Walking Track bridge for registration at 8:45 a.m.

The event is open to all ages and people can register the morning of the event. There will also be over 40 craft and food vendors on site all day as well as bounce houses, water slides and knocker ball available.

The event is completely free, and is BYOB. No alcohol will be sold on site, and no glass bottles will be allowed.

Everyone is encouraged to bring their coolers and lawn chairs, but canopies and tents are prohibited due to limited space.

To keep this a FREE event, everyone is asked to help keep their area clean and clear of trash. Trash cans will be placed throughout the park and emptied during the day.

Groups wishing to use a canopy during the day will be restricted to the grassy area just north of the stage. There are water lines in that area, so please be aware of the waterline markings before hammering in your stakes.

Canopies WILL NOT be allowed anywhere else in the park. There are plenty of shade trees to keep cool under throughout the day.

Gates will open at Noon by the Activity Center on Montana Avenue. Live music will begin at 3 p.m.

Parking will be available near the high school softball field and little league fields.

Due to safety concerns for the bands the main area of the event will be blocked off from traffic for the entire day. Ohio Avenue will be blocked near the 4H building from Noon to

6 p.m. allowing for some parking opportunities on Ohio Avenue. Ohio Avenue will then be blocked off at 12th Street after 6 p.m., and no vehicles will be allowed in or out after that point due to the fireworks display.

If you need to make arrangements to help transport elderly or disabled family members from the parking area to the event please call 325-365-0200 and a cart will be sent to pick them up.

Additional parking will be available at the High School football field parking lot.

There will be over 50 food/craft vendors for spectators to choose from, and security will be on site.

For more information please contact the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce at 325-884-2980.

OVER 40 VENDORS
This weekend is sure to have something for everyone with 43 vendors signed up for the Santa Rita Star

Spangled Celebration.

Travis Treasures, Mel's Shop, Rosario Tavarez, Valerie Flores, Kona Ice, Semper Kettle Corn, Cassandra DeLaRosa, Sandra Villegas - Fruit & Snacks, St. Margarets, Alma Fuentes, Cajun Chicken, Bel's Home Cooking, Tx Black Gold, B&L Tropical Snow, Glow Toys, Catholic Youth, Youth Baseball, The Other Place, Ruth Martinez, Knocker Balls, Rusas Mexico, Saul Botello, El Mandilon, 6-Bounce, Destiney's Grill, Elotes El Eloton, Centralia Draw Foods, Aracei Gallegos, Sugar Creek Grill, Norma Ortiz, Mayra Vargas, Tacoful, Crystal Quinney, Jason & Yanai Wilha - LuLaRoe, Madi Mayo - Jewelry, Bee Wrangler Farms, LadyBugs, Rustic Charms, Rancher's Club, BJ's Busy Hands/Scentsy, ICD Family Shelter, Laura's Little Shop and Michelle Dodd are all expected to be at the park Saturday beginning at noon.



The Randy Rogers Band | COURTESY PHOTO

Reader Recipes

"Elsie's Pralines"

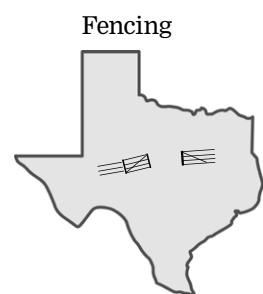
In 1919, the Sonora Woman's Club met in the Woodman Hall, bought a stove for \$7.50 and hired a janitor to sweep the hall and build fires twice a month. They also began gathering books, house by house, for a new community library. That year, 275 books were read. Today, cookbooks remain one of the favorite selections in the library, including the 1964 Woman's Club Cookbook. Recipes such as Mrs. Harold (Elsie) Schwiening, Sr.'s "Pralines" are a year-round favorite.

- 3 cups sugar (half brown and half white)
- 1/2 tsp. Cinnamon
- 1 cup Whipping cream
- 1/2 stick (1/4 cup) Butter
- 1/2 tsp. Vanilla
- Whole pecans, as desire

Cook first 3 ingredients until soft ball stage. Add rest of ingredients: spoon on to wax paper.

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Texas adds jobs in May

The Lone Star State's economy expanded in May with the addition of 14,800 seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs, the Texas Workforce Commission announced.

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.8 percent, down from 5.0 percent in April.

"Texas employers created 266,600 jobs over the past year and the Texas economy continues to provide competitive advantages to large and small business owners across the state," said Andres Alcantar, chair of the Texas Workforce Commission. "TWC remains committed to fostering innovative partnerships that equip Texas students and workers with in-demand skills," he added.

The mining and logging category recorded the largest private-industry gain over the month, with 6,600 jobs added. Construction employment grew by 3,400 jobs in May and financial activities employment expanded by 3,200 jobs.

Furthermore, the Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate in the state, with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 3.1 percent.

AG praises end to bag tax

Attorney General Paxton on June 21 praised the city of Kermit for repealing a local sales tax on single-use plastic bags.

"Cities and municipalities in Texas are obligated to follow the rule of law, and the Legislature passed a law that clearly prohibits a sales tax on bags," Paxton wrote. That law, Paxton said, is Health and Safety Code Sec. 361.0961(a)(3), which states: "A local government or other political subdivision may not adopt an ordinance, rule or regulation to assess a fee or deposit on the sale or use of a container or package."

In May, Paxton's office gave the city of Kermit 60 days to repeal its bag tax. With the city's action, there are no more bag taxes remaining in Texas, Paxton said.

Tips for Zika-free holiday

The Texas Department of State Health Services posted precautions in advance of Independence Day festivities.

"Don't let Zika stop your July 4 plans," the agency said, and offered everyday ways to avoid mosquito bites, which are known to transmit the Zika and West Nile viruses.

Texans, especially pregnant women, should continue to protect themselves from Zika by:

- Applying EPA-approved insect repellent;
- Wearing pants and long-sleeve shirts;
- Using screens or closing windows and doors;
- Removing standing water in and around dwellings;
- Covering trash cans or containers where water can collect; and
- Avoiding travel to regions where Zika virus is active.

DPS Warns: Heatstroke Kills 14 Children So Far This Year

So far, this year, there have been 14 children die due to heatstroke in the United States. Half of those were in Texas, according to a press release from The Department of Public Safety.

The following information provides tips for understanding Heatstroke, especially in children, and steps to help avoid it.

What is Heatstroke?
• Heatstroke, also known as hyperthermia, is the leading cause of non-crash, vehicle-related deaths for children.

• It occurs when the body isn't able to cool itself quickly enough and the body temperature rises to dangerous levels.

• Young children are particularly at risk as their bodies heat up three to five times faster than an adult's.
• When a child's internal temperature gets to 104 degrees, major organs begin to shut down. And when that child's temperature reaches 107 degrees, the child can die.

• A car can heat up 19 degrees in 10 minutes. And cracking a window doesn't help.

• Symptoms can quickly progress from flushed, dry skin and vomiting to seizures, organ failure and death.

Key Statistics:
Since 1998, a total of 714 children across the United States have died from heatstroke when unattended in a vehicle.

• 54 percent of deaths resulted from a child forgotten by caregiver.

• 28 percent of deaths resulted from a child playing in unattended and vehicle

• 17 percent of deaths resulted from a child intentionally left in a vehicle by an adult.

From January through June 24, 2017, a total of 14 children in the U. S. have died, including 7 in Texas.

In 2016, 39 children in the U. S. died, including 7 in Texas.

Top Safety Tips:
Everyone can help protect kids from this preventable tragedy by remembering Safe Kids ACT.

A: Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for a minute. And make sure to keep your car locked when you're not in it so kids don't get in on their own.

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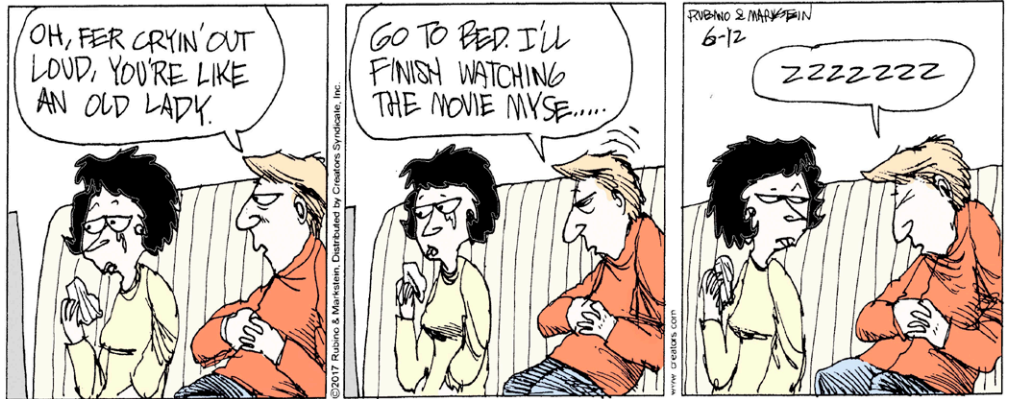
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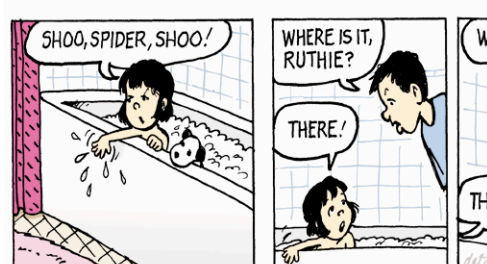
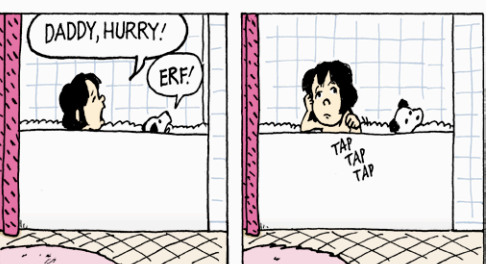
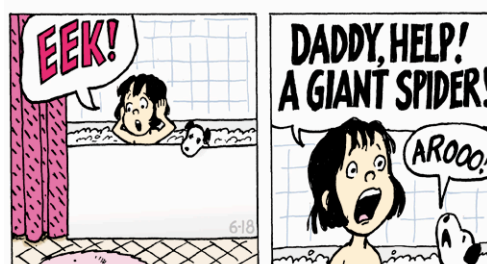
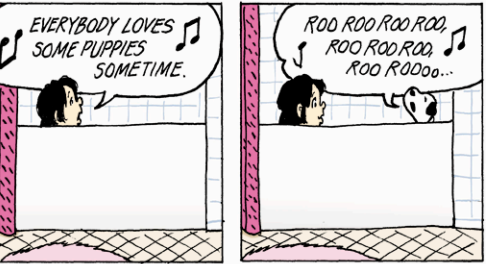
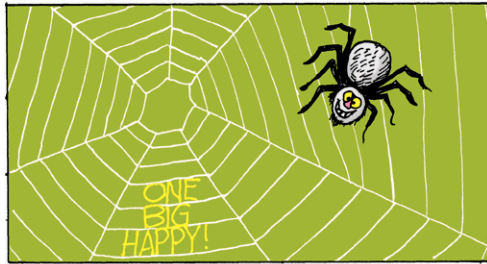
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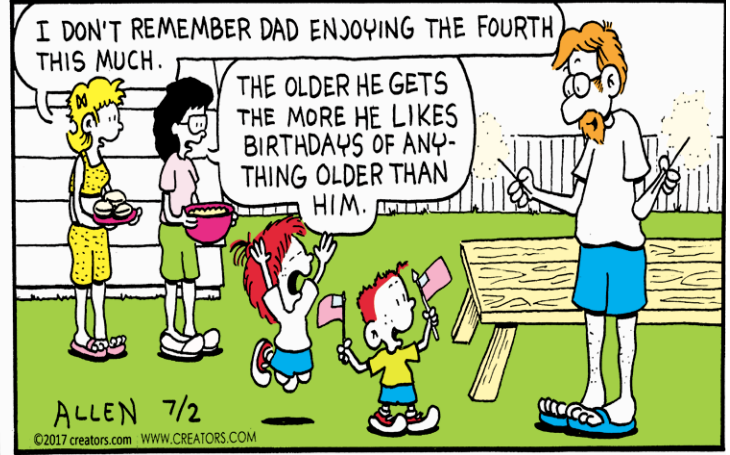
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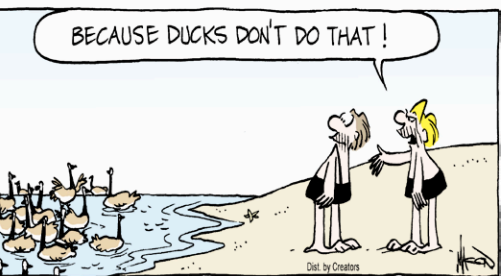
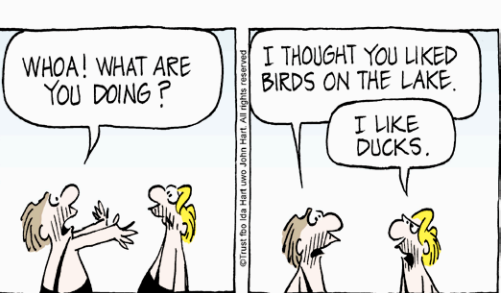
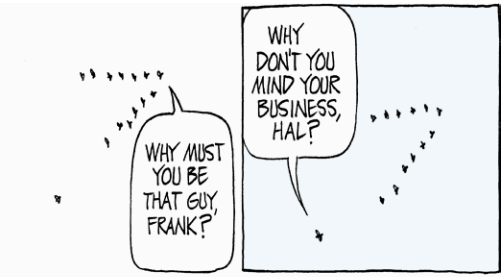
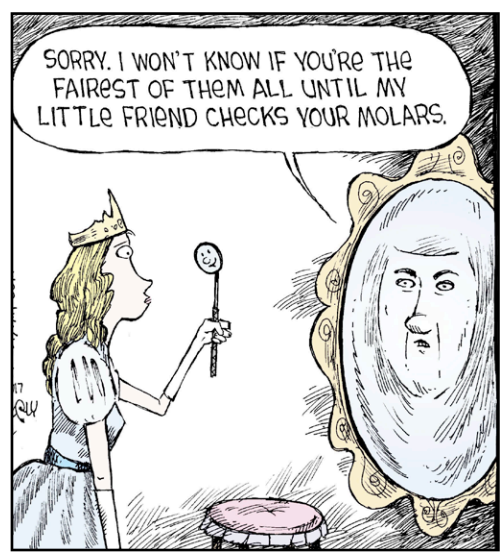
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PEAS PORRIDGE COLD,
PEAS PORRIDGE IN THE POT
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Dear Shagg,
What is the difference between a gorilla and a chimp?

Lana McCarthy
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A GORILLA LIVES LONGER THAN A CHIMP. A GORILLA IS AN HERBIVORE. A CHIMP IS AN OMNIVORE.

A GORILLA IS DUMBER THAN A CHIMP, BUT A GORILLA IS LARGER AND STRONGER...
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HEY DUM-DUM!
HA HA HA HA HA

DOODLES

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I'D BETTER GET A NEW SWEATER!
WHO IS UNRAVELING HIPPO'S TOP?

DOODLE ZOO

WHEN YOU TELL A SKELETON A STORY IT GOES IN ONE EAR AND OUT THE OTHER.

DRAW!!

DRAW A RAINBOW!

RIDDLES!!!

Q. WHY WAS THE TURKEY ARRESTED?
A. IT WAS SUSPECTED OF FOWL PLAY.
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ZIG-ZAG

THE ORIGINAL WORD MAZE PUZZLE

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Craig Leonard and Cody Schenkel, of Sonora, competed in the team roping during Friday's Outlaw Pro Rodeo performance June 23, 2017. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Wade Kaiser waves to the crowd after winning the Stevie Smith Memorial Mutton Bustin' Friday, during the first of two rodeo performances at the Sutton County Arena. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



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