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Arrests Made in Lowe Murder Case

Backstory: On August 25, a pair of Pokemon Go enthusiasts had the misfortune to not only be playing Pokemon Go, but to join the ranks of those Pokemon Go players worldwide that had discovered a dead body. The differences between them and the rest of those players, are that the body was found near New Braunfels, and, in a weird twist of irony, in the St Joseph Cemetery off FM 482, where corpses are nearly always concealed in one way or another.

Unfortunately, the decedent's body wasn't left out as a result of groundskeeper error or an ill-advised, high-commitment prank – according to the Comal County Sheriff's Office, Christopher Robert Lowe was brutally, horribly beaten at a storage unit by three people, one of them a minor. And then transported to a cemetery because criminals are dumb enough to think that he'd just blend in. He was also stabbed.

The two grownups arrested in the case, Luis Alberto DeLeon, 36, alias "Luis Vuitton" (seriously) and Sunee Marie Schriewer, 29, who has a mug shot that might be lethal on its own,



were booked in the Comal County Jail on August 27, with DeLeon on charges of: Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon Assault Causes Bodily Injury (x2) Evading Arrest Possession of One Drug or Another Less Than One Gram Possession of a Controlled Substance Resisting Arrest Violation of a Protective Order ...and Murder, marking his 17th local arrest since 2011.



Schriewer was taken in on a single charge, of murder, for her eighth local arrest since 2005.

DeLeon is being held on \$250,000 bail for the murder charge, with an amount totaling \$49,000 for the others. Schriewer's murder bond is also \$250,000. As of press time, per Comal County bond records, both are still in custody.

It's important to note that multiple-arrestees Schriewer and DeLeon are suspected of beating and stabbing the well-liked, 34-year-old Lowe to death, and by extension destroying a family and sending a shock-wave through the community, while Justin Carter, who made a dark, unpleasant, and possibly-funny-to-adolescents joke on Facebook, and of whom no evidence was found that he might be a terrorist, was held on \$500,000 bond.

Makes sense.

Jeff Wood Dodges Gurney

In other murder news, politicians and activists from both sides of Texas' partisan divide have prevailed, temporarily at least, as Texas' Court of Criminal Appeals held up the execution of Jeff Wood, a man who hasn't killed anybody.

See, according to Texas' law of Parties, Wood, who was driving the getaway truck during an armed-robbery-turned-murder, was just as culpable for the 1996 murder of at-the-time gas station attendant Kriss Keeran as the actual trigger man, Daniel Reneau, who was forcibly relieved of his mortal coil by the Great State in 2002.

Wood's case now goes back to trial to see if his jury was improperly influenced by a psychiatrist known within the legal community as, inspiringly, "Dr Death", a man who did not gain his reputation by appealing to compassion or reason, who reliably and often took the stand on behalf of the state to testify that convicts of all stripes were a continuing threat and should be executed, and who had a penchant for embellishing the truth about his own credentials. His legal name is Dr James Grigson.

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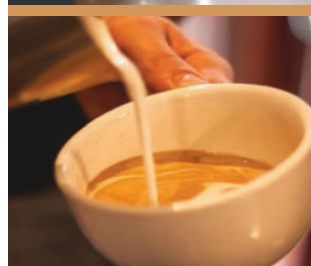


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Childs' Play Grand Opens!

By Nick Rogers

Somewhere on San Antonio Street, lurks a building, inside which people of various ages stare at one another across the table, taking great risks and muttering in strange tongues.

This building, however, is not a creepy church, but New Braunfels' first (and long overdue) gaming store.

Childs' Play Games and Geekery is where gamers (the non-video type) can go to shop, play and commiserate with other gamers. The store is the creation of Sarah Childs, who has been into gaming since she was teenager and now works toward building a gaming community.

"When I moved here, I noticed that there was a bunch of stuff in Austin and a bunch of stuff in San Antonio, but there were no game stores in between," she said.

Although Child's Play has only been open a little more than a month, Sarah has been establishing a gaming community here for some time by taking her game savvy around town.

"I have partnered up with Bosses Pizza for the past couple of years, and I would have events there about once a month or every other month," she said. "I have worked with other businesses, as well. Of course, I vend at the conventions and work the playrooms."

At Childs' Play, Sarah carries games for almost every age and nearly every situation. She is the gaming expert, and if you don't know what you're looking for, Sarah can match the right game for the right occasion because she has intimate knowledge of her stock.

"There are so many games I like and I know how to play almost every game in the store," she said. "A couple of my current favorites are Cartoon Network's Crossover Crisis. Another that has come out recently is Seven Wonders Duel, which is great strategy game."

Sarah also had great praise for Fluffy Bunny Tea Party, a card game where each player tries to sabotage the others with desserts, while being painfully polite, win or lose. This is great training for those who are thrust into royalty, sent to girls' boarding schools or become political wives.

Importantly, Childs' Play is not simply a place to buy games, but also a place where gamers of all faiths meet.

"We are developing a community here," she said. "You have somewhere you can go, meet other people and socialize."

Here are some upcoming events at Child's Play:

Monday - Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament

Tuesday - New Braunfels Board Gamers Group Weekly Meet Up

Wednesday - RPG Night (every other week beginning September 7)

Thursday - Tournament Thursday (with a different tournament every week)

Friday - Friday Night Magic (for players of Magic the Gathering)

Saturday - Free Saturday Raffle

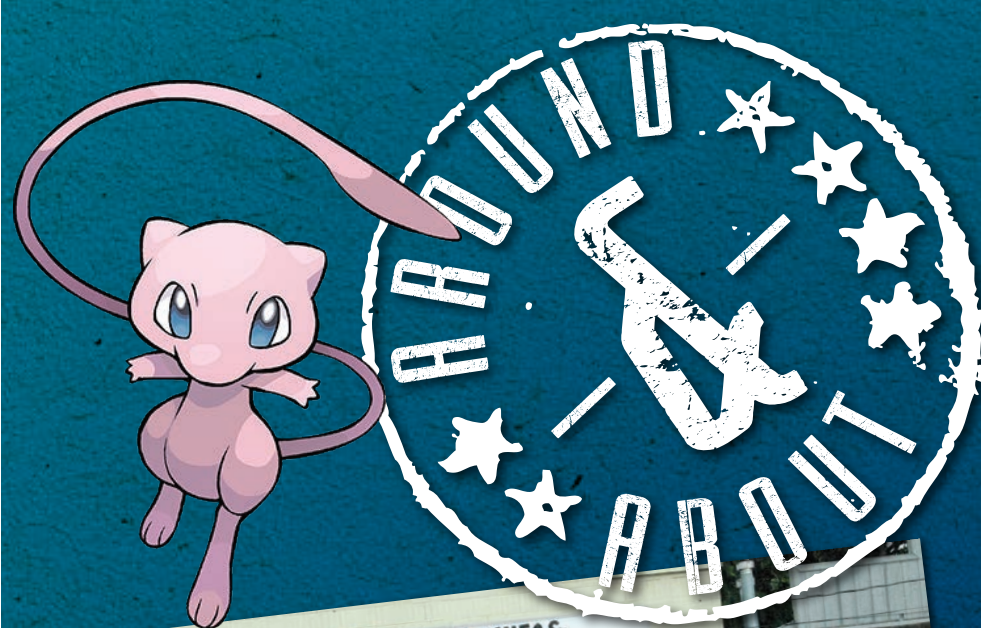
Sunday - League Meet-Ups and Casual Play Sundays - Pokemon, 1-3pm; Magic the Gathering, 3-5pm; Yu-Gi-Oh!, 5-8pm.

September 3: Milkshake Party, 2-4 p.m.

September 10: Adult Trivia Night with Francois de la Foutre, 9pm - midnight

September 17: Batman Day

Childs' Play is open Monday-Thursday from 6 to 10 pm, Fridays from 6 to 11pm, Saturdays from noon to 10pm and Sundays from 1 to 8pm. It is located at 630 W. San Antonio St., near Granzin's, in the old Salge's building.



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Dasso Girls Bring Back Double-Gold!

by Nick Rogers

By noon, sisters Faith and Clare Dasso have already done yoga, been swimming, biked and run.

If I did all that by noon I would be a pathetic heap on the side of the road, my body wondering why I have done this terrible thing to it, while neighborhood boys poke me with a stick.

"Is he dead, Jimmy?"

"Nah. He's jest lazy."

This is why I have never won a triathlon. The Dasso sisters, on the other hand, have. Many, many times. In fact, 12-year-old Faith and nine-year-old Clare each recently won the National Junior Triathlon in Ohio.

Their success can be attributed to many reasons, not least among them is the love for competition.

"We're an extremely competitive family," Faith said. "We love to compete. Girl triathletes don't peak until they're older, so, right now, this is just about having fun. We could burn out in three years and want to play other sports, but right now it's about enjoying ourselves."

A person would have to be driven to

even compete in a triathlon, much less win. To say that the sport is grueling would be an understatement. In Clare's age group, the kids complete a 100-meter swim before going on a three-mile bike race. They complete the competition with a 1K run. Faith's age group does double those lengths. To add to the woe, there are no rests in between the events and the competitors run from one stage to the next, a distance that could be up to a quarter of a mile.

The girls' parents, Sarah and Ted, said competing was their daughters' idea.

"Faith had been swimming with the Landa Park Dolphins and she started doing some 5K runs because Ted and I would do 5K runs around town," Sarah said. "Faith asked if there was anything where she could combine swimming and running, and I found a triathlon in Austin for kids. She was about seven or eight at the time. We took her and she won with very little training, just using the bike she would ride around town."

Watching Faith compete stirred Clare's interest.

"I was six, and after I saw her race, I wanted to do this, too," said Clare, who was

undefeated this year.

Training for girls is a daily regimen, which increases in intensity as the year proceeds toward the primary competition season in the summer. However, Sarah, who owns Two Rivers Yoga, does not believe in overdoing practice.

"They do yoga every morning in my class, which helps them with injury prevention," she said. "We see a lot of kids at races with chronic injuries, even at 10-12 years old. I think there is a problem with overtraining. We focus on speed and short distances, nothing long. No workouts are generally more than a half-hour."

Beside her own daughters, Sarah also coaches a nonprofit triathlon team for area kids. As Sarah notes, "the sport is ridiculously expensive." Her team, Alpha Multisport, is always looking for sponsorship.

If you would like to help sponsor the team, you can contact Sarah Dasso by email at alphamultisport@gmail.com, call 830.708.1601, or go to Alpha Multisport on Facebook.

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If Woods prevails this time around, he will be sentenced to life in prison. Which is technically what he would have had if he were to have been executed, except way shorter.

State of the State

Conflict of interest, much?

Roger Williams, our US Rep out of Austin, has found himself under a Congressional ethics probe, after he introduced an amendment which effectively exempts car dealers from a law prohibiting the rental of vehicles which are under recall. If you've already guessed that Williams is a car dealer, give yourself a gold star and a pat on the head, because you've been reading First Word long enough to know exactly where these things end up.

Williams chairs Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM SRT out of Weatherford, and back in November, thought it would be completely appropriate to throw in a little something extra to a transportation bill that the House was getting ready to finalize on its end, that something allowing auto dealers to loan customers a car that might have the same safety defect said customer was having repaired on their own vehicle.

In essence, the amendment would allow an auto dealer to loan you a vehicle under active recall while you are getting your own fixed for the same defect. As with most safety legislation, the recall-rental law that Williams wants to amend was triggered by a specific event, in this case the deaths of two twenty-something women whose rental caught fire back in 2004.

While this is clearly a conflict of interest, as the provision benefits only people in his specific line of work, Williams' attorney has made it clear that this is all a misunderstanding – on the part of everyone but Williams. The final bill still has to be hammered out with the Senate, with the current deadline for that set for December 4th.

Indian Bingo Scandal

The Sovereign Nation of the Tigua Indian Tribe has found itself in heap big trouble with the Texas AG's office for doing something that white people get to do legally all over the state, which is host bingo.

The state argues that Tigua is running automated bingo devices, which are more or less slot machines, while the tribe insists they're

only running live bingo, with the use of those machines that keep track of multiple cards – two very different things. Those multiple card machines are legally in use all over the state at non-tribal bingo halls. People love 'em.

So why is Ken Paxton coming down on the Tigua? Well, it's not because he actually caught them doing something illegal, it's because someone in his office read an article in the El Paso times incorrectly stating, because they didn't understand the distinction, that the tribe had automated bingo machines. You'd think a phone call or brief visit could clear this up, but it was easier for the AG to file a contempt suit against the tribe itself and its leadership, personally. We'd normally ride Paxton pretty hard for not doing his homework, but the fact is, we wouldn't want to go to El Paso on business either. It's just easier to make the tribe show up in Austin.

UT Students Go Insane

A year-in-the-making protest drew international attention last week, as University of Texas students brazenly flaunted the law, and openly carried latex novelty devices with them around and about the campus. This flagrant display of "friendly weapons" was brought on by the Great State's open carry law, which allows licensed gun owners to openly carry their firearms as of August first.

The protest's organizer, Jessica Jin, argued that both guns and silicone phalli are "equally effective at protecting innocents from mass shooters", something Charles Whitman, the man who invented the mass school shooting right there at UT, and who was killed by shots fired mid-massacre, might disagree with.

There is the possibility that Whitman had finished for the day before being taken down by Ranger Ray and that other guy, in which case no innocents were saved, but Chuck had plenty more ammo and we have no reason to believe that he was going to stop until he ran out. Ranger Ray said that "many lives" were saved that day due to return fire from the public, and we're going to go ahead and take his word over Jin's on that one, but only because he's a legendary professional lawman and she's a college student. Plus all data on how many turgid recreational devices were deployed against Whitman has been lost to history.

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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE ESTATE: Whereas, on the 23 day of June, 2016, in County Court At Law No 2 sitting in matters Probate, Co mal County, Texas the undersigned, duly qualified as the Independent Executor of the Estate Of Dixie Hughes AKA Dixie C. Hughes, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary on this estate were granted and this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Any person indebted to said estate is hereby notified to pay same to the undersigned.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Patricia Gale MacWhorter, Deceased, were issued on August 25, 2016, in Cause No. 2016PCB0262, pending in the County Court at Law of Co mal County, Texas, to: Richard Wayne Delong and Leslie Kay Stain.

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.

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8pm

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8:30pm

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8:30pm

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6:30pm

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6pm

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9pm

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8pm

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Texas KGB
8pm

Gruene Hall

Van Wilks
8pm

Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along
8pm

Pour Haus

Jeremy Steding Band
8:30pm

Sat 9.10

ADOBE VERDE

Historia Gruene, Texas

JAM
6:30pm

HAPPY COW

BAR & GRILL

TBA
8pm

OMA GRUENE'S

OGSG

SECRET GARTEN

Cold Snap!
1pm

Dirty Unkul
6pm

THE PHOENIX SALOON

Darius Jackson & The Mighty Texas Blue Band
w/ Emjae Ross
9pm

Riley's

TAVERN

Courtney Patton
9pm

Scores

Sports Bar & Grill

NEW BRAUNFELS TEXAS

3 Man Front
8pm

THE WATERING HOLE

Saloon

Chris Torres
9pm

WINE BAR

WOLFGANGS

Christin Foley Trio
9pm

Billy's Ice House

FILE 13
9pm

Gruene Hall

Peterson Brothers
1pm

Bob Schneider
w/ Blue Water Highway
9pm

Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along
8pm

Pour Haus

Brent Michael Wood
9:30pm

Vino en Verde

Brett Cline
9pm

Sun 9.11

ADOBE VERDE

Historia Gruene, Texas

JJ Garrett Band
6:30pm

OMA GRUENE'S

OGSG

SECRET GARTEN

Adam Johnson Band
2pm

THE PHOENIX SALOON

Music Matinee
3pm

Lucas Taylor
7pm

WINE BAR

WOLFGANGS

Jam Night
7pm

Geronimo VFW #8456

Paul Sanchez & Wrangler Country
3pm

Gruene Hall

Bret Graham
12:30pm

Blue Water Highway Band
5pm

Tue 9.13

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NEW BRAUNFELS TEXAS

BJ Thibedoux
8pm

THE WATERING HOLE

Saloon

Kerosene Drifters
7pm

Billy's Ice House

Austin Gilliam
8pm

Gruene Hall

Hollin McKay, Jamie Wilson
6pm

Wed 9.14

THE PHOENIX SALOON

Weeping Willows
8:30pm

Riley's

TAVERN

TBA
9pm

WINE BAR

WOLFGANGS

Jazz Pianist
8pm

Billy's Ice House

Aaron Stephens
8pm

Pour Haus

Shady Rest Band
8:30pm

Thu 9.15

ADOBE VERDE
Historic Gruene, Texas

Jay Statham
6:30pm

OMA GRUENE'S
OGSG
SECRET GARTEN

Jam Night
6pm

THE PHOENIX
SALOON

Scott Boddicker
5pm

WINE BAR
WOLFGANGS
& JAZZ CLUB

Jazz/Latin Guitarist
8pm

Gruene Hall

Walt Wilkins & the Mystiqueros
6pm

Moonshine & Ale

Live Band Karaoke
8pm

Pour Haus

The Alea Dilemma
8:30pm

Vino en Verde

Brett Cline Quartet
8pm

Fri 9.16

THE PHOENIX
SALOON

3 Man Front
6:30pm

Riley's
TBA **TAVERN**
8pm

LONGSHOT
WINE BAR & TASTING ROOM
Bob Schmueckle & Derek Krueger
7pm

OMA GRUENE'S

OGSG

SECRET GARTEN

Lesti Huff Band
6:30pm

THE PHOENIX
SALOON

Bandreu
5pm
Aaron Stephens Band
8:30pm

Riley's
TAVERN

Mark Ambrose Band
9pm

THE WATERING HOLE
Saloon

Aibi
8pm

WINE BAR
WOLFGANGS
& JAZZ CLUB

KD & the Jazz Heroes
8pm

Billy's Ice House

Jonathan Fox Band
8pm

Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along
8pm

Pour Haus

Kinky Wires
8:30pm

Vino en Verde

Jackson Parton & Miranda
8:30pm

Sat 9.17

ADOBE VERDE
Historic Gruene, Texas

Bru's Tunes
6:30pm

HAPPY COW
BAR & GRILL
TBA
8pm

OMA GRUENE'S

OGSG

SECRET GARTEN

Jimmy T & the Teardrops
1pm
Kim & Her Bad Habits
6pm

THE PHOENIX
SALOON

Foxmoor Express, Ryan Quiet,
Dingo Mas
9pm

Riley's
TAVERN

Joel Hofmann Band
9pm

THE WATERING HOLE
Saloon

Waitin' On Hayden
9pm

WINE BAR
WOLFGANGS
& JAZZ CLUB

The Christin Foley Trio
8:30pm

Billy's Ice House

Texas Renegade
8pm

Gruene Hall

Linda Gail Lewis
1pm
The Georges
8pm

Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along
8pm

Pour Haus

Dirty White Horse
9:30pm

Vino en Verde

The Vagabonds
9pm

Sun 9.18

ADOBE VERDE
Historic Gruene, Texas

JJ Garrett Band
6:30pm

OMA GRUENE'S

OGSG

SECRET GARTEN

NBBS Jam
3pm

THE PHOENIX
SALOON

Music Matinee
3pm
Lucas Taylor
7pm

WINE BAR
WOLFGANGS
& JAZZ CLUB

Jam Night
7pm

Geronimo VFW #8456

Czechaholics
3pm

Gruene Hall

South Austin Moonlighters
5pm

Tue 9.20

Scores
Sports Bar & Grill
NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS

3 Man Front
8pm

Billy's Ice House

Big Red Drum Series
8pm

Comal Country Music
Show

KC Hall
Carlene Buck, Bob Appel,
Glen Collins
7:30pm

Wed 9.21

THE PHOENIX
SALOON

Code 2 Band
8:30pm

Riley's
TAVERN

Mike Ethan Messick
9pm

WINE BAR
WOLFGANGS
& JAZZ CLUB

Jazz Pianist
8pm

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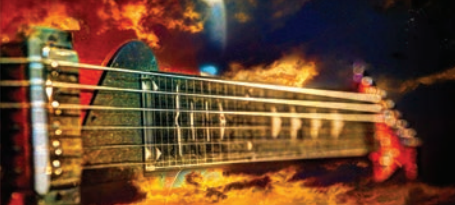
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@ 6 THE AARON STEPHENS BAND

SEP 25 @ 2 BAREFAX BAND

SEP 29 @ 6 JAM NIGHT

SEP 30 @ 6:30 BRAD STIVERS BAND

Billy's Ice House

Aaron Stephens

8pm

Pour Haus

Natalie Rose

8:30pm

Thu 9.22

ADOBE VERDE

Historia Gruene, Texas

Josh Holden

6:30pm

OMA GRUENE'S

OGSG

SECRET GARTEN

Jam Night

6pm

**THE PHOENIX
SALOON**

Jay Russell Wimberley

5pm

**WINE BAR
WOLFGANGS
& JAZZ CLUB**

Jazz/Latin Guitarist

8pm

Moonshine & Ale

Live Band Karaoke

8pm

Vino en Verde

Brett Cline Quartet

8pm

Fri 9.23

ADOBE VERDE

Historia Gruene, Texas

Traveling Trees

6:30pm

**HAPPY COW
BAR & GRILL**

TBA

8pm

LONGSHOT

WINE BAR & TASTING ROOM

Bob Schmuckle & Derek

Krueger

7pm

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**THE PHOENIX
SALOON**

Junior Nash

5pm

Poor J Brown

8:30pm

**Riley's
TAVERN**

Pepper's Blues

6pm

Dalton Domino

9pm

**THE
WATERING HOLE
Saloon**

Two Way Street

8pm

**WINE BAR
WOLFGANGS
& JAZZ CLUB**

KD & the Jazz Heroes

8pm

Billy's Ice House

Jeff Jacobs Band

8pm

Gruene Hall

Loretta Lynn

w/ Emmy Rose

8pm

Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along

8pm

Pour Haus

Wilkes County Deeds

8:30pm

Vino en Verde

The Hendersons

8:30pm

Sat 9.24

ADOBE VERDE

Historia Gruene, Texas

JAM

6:30pm

**OMA GRUENE'S
OGSG
SECRET GARTEN**

Wynn Taylor Band

1pm

Aaron Stephens Band

6pm

**THE PHOENIX
SALOON**

Jesse Stratton Band

w/ Alli Mattice Band

9pm

**Riley's
TAVERN**

Johnny Bush

9pm

**THE
WATERING HOLE
Saloon**

County Line Band

9pm

**WINE BAR
WOLFGANGS
& JAZZ CLUB**

The Christin Foley Trio

8:30pm

Gruene Hall

Flat Top Jones

1pm

Loretta Lynn

w/ Emmy Rose

8pm

Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along

8pm

Sun 9.25

ADOBE VERDE

Historia Gruene, Texas

JJ Garrett Band

6:30pm

**OMA GRUENE'S
OGSG
SECRET GARTEN**

Barefax Band

2pm

**THE PHOENIX
SALOON**

Music Matinee

3pm

Lucas Taylor

7pm

**WINE BAR
WOLFGANGS
& JAZZ CLUB**

Jam Night

7pm

Geronimo VFW #8456

Glen Collins & Alibi

3pm

Gruene Hall

Slim Bawb

12pm

Jonathan Byrd & the Pickup

Cowboys

5:30pm

Vino en Verde

Soul Sessions Jazz

5pm

Tue 9.27



Aaron Stephens

8pm

Wed 9.28

**THE PHOENIX
SALOON**

Sam Pace

8:30pm

**Riley's
TAVERN**

TBA

9pm

**WINE BAR
WOLFGANGS
& JAZZ CLUB**

Jazz Pianist

8pm

Billy's Ice House

Aaron Stephens

8pm

Gruene Hall

The Georges

7pm

Thu 9.29

ADOBE VERDE

Historia Gruene, Texas

Wade Ralston

6:30pm

**OMA GRUENE'S
OGSG
SECRET GARTEN**

Jam Night

6:30pm

**THE PHOENIX
SALOON**

Ken Raba

5pm



Jazz/Latin Guitarist
8pm

Gruene Hall

Bill Small Band
6pm

Moonshine & Ale

Live Band Karaoke
8pm

Pour Haus

Brent Michael Wood
8:30pm

Vino en Verde

Brett Cline Quartet
8:30pm

Fri 9.30



TBA
6:30pm

HAPPY COW

BAR & GRILL
TBA
8pm



Bob Schmuckle & Derek Krueger
7pm

OMA GRUENE'S OGSG SECRET GARTEN

Jam Night
6:30pm



Bandrev
5pm
Ryan Ross Band
8:30pm



Tessy Lou & the Shotgun Stars
9pm



Slim Bawb & the Fabulous Stumpgrinders
8pm



KD & the Jazz Heroes
8pm

Gruene Hall

Guy Forsyth Band
8pm

Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along
8pm

Pour Haus

Drew Hale
8:30pm

Vino en Verde

Two Rivers Trio
8:30pm

Sat 10.1



JJ Garrett Band
6:30pm

HAPPY COW

BAR & GRILL
TBA
8pm



TBA
6:30pm



TBA



Beth Lee & the Breakups
9pm



TBA
9pm



Christin Foley Trio
9pm

ASK A MEXICAN!

By Gustavo Arellano

Dear Mexican: A young California high school boy of Latino heritage asked me why did us whities stole California from Mexico? I asked him who told him that, and he said his father. I told him we purchased California from Mexico, via the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. Unfortunately, I didn't have the opportunity to discuss the history or the details of the transaction with him. Is common for Hispanics to think California was stolen? If so, then, that makes them appear very uneducated about their so-called homeland...don't you think?

Retired Teacher

Dear Gabacho: Wow, so many babadas to unpack here! First off, pick: Hispanic? Latino? Those terms ain't interchangeable. Really, you mean "Mexican"—say our name, pendejo. Most importantly, the U.S. "purchased" California and the rest of Aztlán from Mexico the way the U.S. "purchased" Georgia from the Cherokees. Mexicans see the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo for what it is: a purchase done down the barrel of the Mexican-American War. And it wasn't just us: Abraham Lincoln opposed it while a congressman, Ulysses S. Grant described it years later as "one of the most unjust ever waged by a stronger against a weaker nation. It was an instance of a republic following the bad example of European monarchies, in not considering justice in their desire to acquire additional territory"—and all those guys did was save the Republic, you know? And even if we play your Manifest Destiny game, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was still thievery: it didn't respect the land rights of the conquered Mexicans, therefore allowing a bunch of Pikers to murder and pillage and rob Mexicans of their lands under the threat of marrying their daughters. "Uneducated about their so-called homeland?" That's you and your fellow gabachos, pendejo.

Dear Mexican: I'm not bilingual

but I have a fascination with the differences and similarities between Spanish and English words and idioms. They often point to interesting differences between the cultures. Some words, like "vejigazo" (to get smacked in the ass with an inflated cow bladder) are self-explanatory, but there is one that I'd like your help with. I don't remember the word, because I stumbled across it in a Spanish-English dictionary once right before I fell asleep, but I do remember the definition. It means "to wear for the first time," and I can't think of any reason why a culture would need a verb to describe that situation. Do you know what that verb is, and more importantly, can you tell me why Spanish would need it? Thanks very much.

El Guapo

Dear Handsome Gabacho: The verb is estrenar, derived from the Latin strena, which meant a "favorable omen." Estrenar isn't just a verb to describe wearing new clothes, though: it also means, "to premiere," as in "un gran estreno." The Real Academia Española doesn't give any clue how estrenar got its sartorial sense, but the connection is pretty obvious, and it ain't unique to us hablas: every materialistic culture on Earth brims with modern-day Beau Brummels showing off their latest kicks, their most vintage St. Laurent—and you don't need one word to describe this anymore with the advent of Snapchat. Oh, and #fucktrump

I know that in Japanese, when you want to emphasize a relationship with a person, you add -kun or -chan to the end of someone's name. Is there anything like that in Spanish? I've heard people use an -ita or a -ito, but I need some verification.

Taco-chan

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Dear Chinito Wab: You have verified *correcatamente!* The suffixes you cited are diminutives that Mexicans add to the end of male (-ito) and female (-ita) names to signify fondness or endearment toward the cabrones. Grammar rules are generally simple—the diminutive seamlessly latches onto the fin of nombres with consonants (Davidito, Daffodilita) and morphs in strange ways if they end in vowels (Pepe becomes Pepito, Maria transforms into Mariquita, and Maclovio's diminutive is Maclovito). Males have two other suffix options, with the same grammar rules: -ote (which is the equivalent of calling someone "Big," as in Big Miguel—Miguelote), and -ín (Gustavín), which makes no sense to me. You wouldn't use them with girls—go ahead, try calling one gorda and see how fast mexicanas can punch. Oh, and #fucktrump

Sope. My question is, what is the proper way to actually eat the damn thing? Do you pick it up like a taco (inevitably making a mess), or do you saw it up with the usually barely adequate plasticware provided at the counter? And what part of Mexico did this enigmatic lil' morsel originate?

CULinarilly CHALLENGED

Dear Gabacho: Proper way? Whichever way is your bag, baby. Where it came from? Goes back to the ancients, because putting something on top of a thick tortilla ain't know thing, you know? Oh, and #fucktrump

Dear Mexican: I'm an Asian female, and for some time now I've been fascinated by the Mexican culture. I find Mexican males to be very attractive. Their food, language, and music are just amazing! How much of a chance do I have dating a Mexican hombre if I'm Asian?

Muchacha China Curiosa

Dear Chinita: Dios mío, are you in luck! Mexican society loves their Asian women — it's the job-stealing, vice-promoting men we can't stand. The beautiful, colorful flowing dress Mexican women wear when dancing baile folklorico is generally called the china poblana, in remembrance of an apocryphal Indian slave from the 17th century. To dress

as a china in Mexican popular parlance of the late 1800s meant to dress like a lower-class mujer for the purposes of becoming alluring, like the characterization of the gypsy woman or mulatta in American culture. And even in the present day, we romanticize Asian mujeres but without the dragon-lady bad vibes gabachos throw in their hot pot of racial desires. In other words, not only do you have beaucoup chances of dating a Mexican, you're going to have to beat them back with a bamboo stick. Only drawback? Whether you're Vietnamese, Japanese, Korean, Burmese or from Macao, you will always, always remain a chinita bonita to your man's aunts — just ask my ex.

Maybe your column can address the question of why Mexicans allow so many of their small children to become obese. As a mother of three, I find this to be a heart-rending circumstance. I know healthy food is more expensive (especially if you choose not to garden) but the long-term medical situation (which maybe is not known/appreciated within their community) for their children is obviously grave. You could do a public service in your column.

Grieving Over Ruined Dinner Angst

Dear GORDA: Same reason gabacho and negrito parents do — lack of exercise, education, and healthy eating. I don't mean to sound flippant or apologetic for my raza, but black and white kids ain't exactly Kate Mosses in the world of childhood obesity. According to a 2002 Center for Disease Control survey done by its National Center for Health Statistics, nearly 40 percent of Mexican-American kiddies ages six to 11 are overweight, and 23.7 percent obese, compared with 35.9/19.5 of negritos and 26.2/11.8 of gabachos in their respective categories. My public service? Parents: Instead of serving your niños eight Christmas tamales this season, make do with seis and hold back on the second helping of pozole.



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FREEMAN ON SPORTS WITH BRANT FREEMAN

I am so glad August is over.

August is, without a doubt, the WORST month for sports out of the year, and maybe the worst month of the year period. The NFL and college football seasons are still a month out, the NBA season is more than a month removed from being over and unless you happen to be a fan of one of the four good major league baseball teams (checks "NOPE") then August means you're still two freaking months away from your team's season being Old Yeller'd.

Going outside this past month felt like the equivalent of walking through a pizza oven. Even though it rained some, imagine unleashing a water hose into that aforementioned pizza oven. HEAVENLY. Oh, and the summer movie season tends to peak in June/July leaving us with such cinematic classics as a poorly executed Suicide Squad or whatever the hell Nine Lives was (come on Spacey, you were Keyser Soze for crying out loud) in August. Ugh.

At least this year we had the Olympics to get us through the lack of everything else. "Technically," the high school football season also started in August so there's that. That seems like a good place to start for the Month in Review so let's get to it.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: It wasn't the greatest start to the season locally, as both New Braunfels and Canyon lost by double figures and Smithson Valley didn't even get to play its season opener.

Starting with New Braunfels, the Unicorns lost at Alamo Heights 39-17 but did some nice things on offense. New Braunfels outgained Alamo Heights in total yards (440 to 395) and had more first downs than the Mules with a 21-20 edge. The Unicorns were able to run the ball seamlessly, racking up 325 yards on the ground and were led by Alec Almendarez, who picked up 135 yards on just eight carries.

The problem for New Braunfels was turnovers. The Unicorns lost four fumbles in their season opener and didn't gain any turnovers of their own. It's nearly impossible to win any football game when the TO margin is -4 no matter how many yards you gain.

Canyon's offense struggled mightily in a 35-0 loss to Round Rock Cedar Ridge but

the Cougars did force a couple of turnovers. Canyon's next two games are against teams which also lost their openers last week, San Marcos and Madison.

Smithson Valley played all of 4:12 against Pflugerville Hendrickson before a lightning storm took over outside the stadium. After more than an hour of delays, the game was finally cancelled. The Rangers did nearly return the opening kickoff for a touchdown though.

There were a couple of notable games just outside the immediate area that caught a lot of attention as well, including Austin Westlake's thrilling victory over reigning 6A State Champion Katy and Judson's down-to-the-wire win over traditional powerhouse Lake Travis. Steele also won handily (over Madison). Man, is the 27-6A district tough.

NFL: I love the NFL. If I could just type heart emojis for the rest of this paragraph expressing my love for it, I would. This coming from a guy who's a fan of a franchise (Titans) that the casual NFL fan may or may not know still exists. The league is just so damn compelling each and every year. Throughout the fall, I spend my entire week covering football and on my one day off I spend it watching nine hours of NFL football while my daughter begs me to play with her. "No sweetheart, can't you see Tennessee has a chance to draw within 30 on this drive? Here's a hammer, BE CREATIVE."

That said, I despise the preseason. The product is terrible. I'll try forcing myself to watch because, you know, FOOTBALL, but it may as well be HGTV. The only reason to watch is to pray a key player doesn't get hurt (sorry Cowboys fans) and to see who the up and comers might be (congrats Cowboys fans!). Star players go through the motions while practice squad hopefuls try their damndest not to miss that block that may lead to the crushing of their dreams.

Pass. I'd rather watch Nine Lives.

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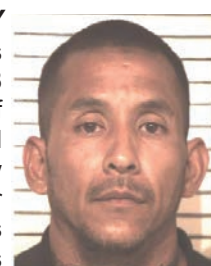
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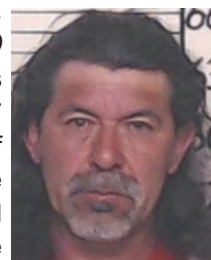
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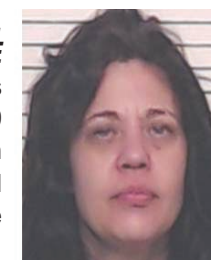


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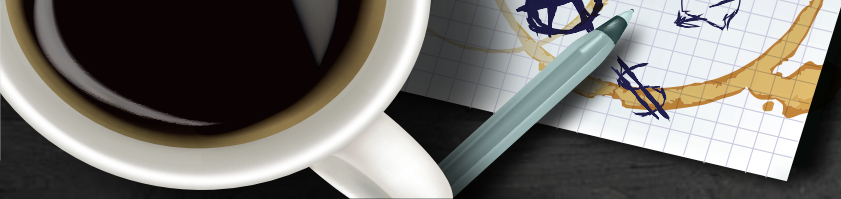
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Last Word

With Kelly Colby

On EpiPens and Shenaniganism

Nothing quite rankles an anarcho-capitalist like flogging capitalism for the crimes of government. Such an irritant was the case recently when news stories around the internet cropped up complaining about EpiPen price increases. The false narratives ranged from this being “yet another” example of the failure of capitalism to an insistence that life-saving medications are a human right. Interestingly enough, the ravings didn’t seem to go away even as some of the more egregious logical fallacies came to light.

The first of these is that the EpiPen scandal is somehow representative of capitalism in any way, shape or form. Yes, the company that produces EpiPens, Mylan, is a publicly traded company that operates within our market economy, but that has nothing to do with why the prices for EpiPen have shot up from \$100 to \$600 in recent years, and that’s the extent to which any of this can be connected to capitalism.

It should first be noted that the CEO of Mylan, Heather Bresch, is the daughter of West Virginia Senator, Joe Manchin (D). This “coincidence” seems to find itself mentioned in news stories somewhere near the bottom of the page. I think if we are really interested in finding out how these price increases occurred, this relationship might be considered a bit more closely.

As to the realities of the price increases themselves, they’re easy enough to see. EpiPen has an effective monopoly over the market for epinephrine injectors. The way this has happened is that the FDA has made it exceedingly difficult for any competitor to come to market and compete. The threat of regulation has removed one competitor that had a small number of malfunctions in dosing from the market, and increasingly difficult FDA

rules have made it thus far impossible for two others to come to market in the first place. It’s almost as if the FDA is trying to keep competition out of the market.

Mylan’s bottom line has certainly been enhanced by the EpiPen price increases, but it’s important not to forget the expansion of the market as well. Many states now require schools to have epinephrine on the premises, and this provides a captive market. Expect mandates of this sort to expand as more campaign contributions are made. If it’s good to have a EpiPen in every school, shouldn’t it be required in every business? Won’t someone think of the children with peanut allergies?

So, what we have is not capitalism, but crony capitalism, where a well-connected company has greased all the right palms to ensure that regulation and legislation tend to favor their business. That may be the American way in 2016, where one candidate for President of the United States is notorious for being paid to do favors and the other is notorious for having done the paying, but it’s hardly a failure of capitalism.

Just as irritating in all of this is the suggestion that somehow epinephrine injectors should have a special status because of their life-saving properties. There’s no question that availability of a quick dose of epinephrine can mean the difference between life and death, but that isn’t actually a particularly special property. Antibiotics, anticoagulants and blood pressure medications are life savers too, as are any number of other drugs. And drugs aren’t the only things that can be lifesaving. Man can’t survive without food for more than a month in most cases, and water is even more essential. Gasoline keeps ambulances and fire engines on the road, and bullets keep our police from looking silly in the performance of their duty (“Stop or I’ll yell ‘stop’ again!”)

The one saving grace in this whole story is that price is still being used as the means to determine allocation of resources. At least one element of capitalism is in effect. True, that price isn’t being dictated by market forces, and whom you pay the price to is limited by cronyism, but the idea of using money as a way to express desire is still in operation. At least dependable means are still being used to determine how many or how few epinephrine injectors we might need.

Changing from that system to one where such decisions are made by clueless bureaucrats hectored by crying mothers and plied by rent-seekers (not landlords – Google it) would be a huge error, and that’s exactly what any number of yahoos are calling for.

One need look no further than Venezuela to see what that sort of thinking leads to. When need is the criteria used to determine the allocation of resources, it’s not the people in need that actually benefit. Even in the best of cases, where everyone is trying to make the system work faithfully (which isn’t what we will have), the idea of need is almost always going to be counter to the idea of profitability. Ignoring profitability in the face of humanitarian efforts seems like a good thing, but it rapidly makes it very difficult to continue providing resources.

The starving people may want loaves of bread for a quarter, but if the cost of producing those loaves is fifty cents, you may find the baker a reluctant seller. Of course, the baker can be coerced or even taken out of the equation, but soon enough you’ll have problems with the guy selling the flour and the person providing heat for the ovens. In the end, no one will be getting bread, and the people will starve faster than if things had been left to work themselves out.

Venezuela was certain that greedy

capitalists were ruining their country, and the government of Venezuela began removing them from industries that were simply too important to leave to the market. In doing so, Venezuelans learned that their government didn’t know a damn thing about getting oil out of the ground, selling electronics, manufacturing toilet paper or growing food, and they learned this all in rapid succession. Now people are flooding over Venezuela’s borders looking for supplies from countries that have slightly less stupid governments.

If we can manage to resist the urge to abandon the free market completely, the current EpiPen problem actually has a relatively simple solution (well, one solution in two parts, really.) First, people need to stop buying EpiPens. For the moment there actually are alternatives in most places. One can get a prescription for epinephrine separate from its EpiPen delivery system. Needles and syringes have been used quite effectively to deliver drugs for well over 100 years now, and the use of those syringes is relatively simple. Once that’s done, people should rise up and insist that anyone even remotely involved in this nonsense be held to account. It’s almost certain that no laws have actually been broken because the people making the laws are the ones benefitting from the scam. It may be necessary to accept that no one will go to prison, but it shouldn’t keep people from losing their jobs. One of the nice things about our election system is that it’s just as easy to send these losers packing as it was to put them there in the first place. And once the politicians have been sent home, the bureaucrats should be next. They’re a little like removing ticks, but it’s time to apply a heated needle. To their #####.

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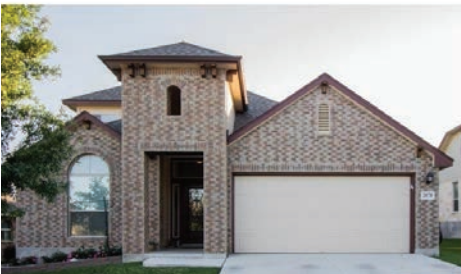
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