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# 1<sup>ST</sup> WORD

## Sheriff's Office Morale Discussed

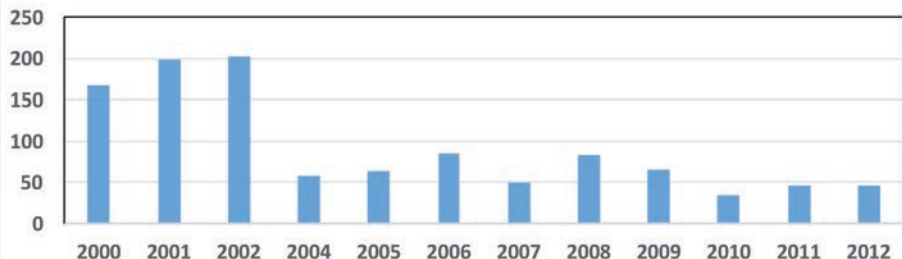
With this week's edition comes the third and final installment of our interview with the candidates for Comal County Sheriff, which you can find on page 4. Last week, we used this column to vet James Walker's claim that violent crime in the County is up 200 percent, (and 250 percent for robbery), and discovered that the reality is nothing of the kind. We used his stated source and dates, got some graphs together to show you just how wrong he was, and closed out the article with this overall graph:



currently serve in the department. First, Paullus: "There's always going to be some negative morale issues wherever you work, but overall our people are very positive and we have a great relationship with the community."

Then Reynolds responded: "So, as we keep losing personnel, for whatever reason – morale or to SAPD because they pay more money – we need to start taking care of the employees from the moment they are hired to the moment they retire, hopefully from Comal County. **We need to give them a voice with no fear of repercussions.**" (Emphasis ours)

**Combined CCSO Arrests  
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If you'd like to see the full piece with all the data, we've got it up at [txcitizen.com](http://txcitizen.com). We expect he'll change his pitch from here on out.

Walker's claim was provided as a response to our question to the candidates as to why they were running for office. 20-year-old DJ Seeger told us it was because he'd always wanted to be Sheriff, and as a ten-year-old, he would dress up like the Sheriff when going to the store with his mother. The rest of the candidates – Brent Paullus, Mark Reynolds (no relation to your humble servant), and Josh Dean, said something akin to "I care about the County". You can find the entire, uncut interview at [txcitizen.com](http://txcitizen.com).

This week, the topic of Sheriff's Office morale is raised by DJ Seeger, and along with it, an unspoken issue that rested firmly between statements given by Chief Deputy Paullus and Captain Reynolds, both of whom

Paullus is second in command at the Office, which means Reynolds, and everybody else, answers to him. This exchange exposed a possible rift between management and the rank-and-file, with Paullus of the opinion that morale issues are par for the course, and Reynolds directly stating that personnel need "a voice with no fear of repercussions". According to Reynolds' statement, somebody has been, to coin a phrase, "repercussed", and morale is lower than should be expected.

The most intriguing solution to the morale issue at the Office was proposed by the 20-year-old Seeger, who came up with this plan:

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# COUNTY BEAT

WITH NICK ROGERS

## Sheriff Candidate Roundtable: Part Three of Three

In the final part of the TX Citizen's roundtable interview with sheriff candidates Brent Paullus, Mark Reynolds (no relation to TX Citizen publisher Mike Reynolds), James "Rick" Walker, Joshua Dean and DJ Seeger, we cover mental health treatment for department personnel and ask the candidates what their priorities would be in their first term. The comments below have been edited for clarity and brevity, but not for content. The full, uncut interview will be available online at [txcitizen.com](http://txcitizen.com) after February 21.

**TXC:** What about mental health issues within the department? As you all know, it's a high-stress job, so what is the process within the department to get staff the help they need?

**Paullus:** This is a high-stress job whether you're in the law enforcement side, communications or corrections. Anytime we have officers involved in any type of high-stress environment, a call for service – like a shooting like that – we offer services to our employees as part of their insurance. They also have employee-assistance benefits that allow them to receive these services in private.

**Reynolds:** On March 17, 1992, I got shot on duty while chasing a guy. They sent me over to MHMR to talk to a doctor just to make sure everything was fine. Now, we would debrief somebody to make sure they are okay, then we will still send them over to use the systems Brent talked about, the employee assistance program. We make sure those personnel – it could be call-taker, the person who shows up on the scene or even corrections people who see different things in the jail – are well taken care of.

**Walker:** When I worked for the Houston

Police Department, we had a lot of people who had issues and we were lucky enough to have our own psychology unit for those people. The biggest issue for law enforcement is that they don't want to admit that they have problems. This is something I think that, probably, needs to be addressed. Here again, I don't have a plan for that, I'll admit it. But I do think that we ought to get some group together within the Sheriff's Department and have that conversation, and ask how we can do this. How can we approach this officer without embarrassing the officer? This is because one of the worst things for an officer is for other officers to find out that you have mental health issues, at least that was the case in the past. Trying to get them the proper help is the important thing. I think everybody would probably agree with that.

**Dean:** A simple answer for that is a chaplain program, to go out into the community and get different faith groups. Let's give the officers ability to go in and meet with these folks. Also, we could have a mentoring program for young officers who come into the department. I think what has happened now is because it's a process, you lose that personal feeling.

**Seeger:** A chaplaincy program is right on the ball. At the Crisis Center, we have the same thing, the assistance programs where you can go and speak with a counselor who doesn't work for the agency. Also, like Rick said, ending the stigma amongst officers. If, for example, an officer has to deal with a child abuse situation, we need to let them know it's okay that it bothers them. Since law enforcement officers go into things that normal people run from, we need to support our staff and get them the services they need.

**Paullus:** Most governmental entities provide those services, including for alcohol and substance abuse and self medicating. Because of the fear of reporting, you can do it

anonymously so you don't have to fear going in there. I'm the guy with the badge there and I have 25 years of experience seeing all of these horrific things, and I can break down over something that really hits home with me. That's the difference.

**Reynolds:** When I went to talk about the shooting incident, we got into a lot more of the stuff that had bothered me for a long time.

**Walker:** It's very similar to PTSD. Some of things I saw where just horrific.

**Reynolds:** They feel just like yesterday.

**Walker:** Yeah, you never forget. Specifically if you've seen someone pass away, you never forget that. It's quite powerful. Way back then, we didn't have any way to decompress. We would decompress with each other and there's nothing wrong with that, we do that everyday, but I think that's important.

**TXC:** What would be your primary concern going into your first year? What is an immediate issue that you will want to deal with?

**Dean:** The biggest issue we have to work on coming forward is that the Sheriff's Department has to stop working as an island. When you're looking at communications for the entire county, outside of the City of New Braunfels, New Braunfels PD and Fire, when you dial 911 in the County, it comes to the Sheriff's Office – fire, EMS, law enforcement, the people who are coming to help you in your time of need are being dispatched through that agency.

When I started in 1996, there were two dispatchers who sat in two chairs. Now, it's 2016 and there are four chairs, but every time I go in there, there are still two dispatchers. It's hard to keep those positions

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"If we can put out videos and simple little things online, people can say, 'Wow, that's a really fun place, they really care, they're involved, they're up-to-date on everything going on.' You know, the Atlanta Police Department puts out a video almost every year doing a different dance to songs that are trending and they just look so thrilled."

We'll just let that sit there without further comment.



District 73 Rep Doug Miller

## Miller's Campaign of Terror

Locals are getting a ton of mail from Doug Miller, who has justifiably spent his time in the Great State's legislature concentrating on water issues, and doing a bang-up job, but has decided to run on fear, because fear is always a winner.

One of the latest mailings featured this quote from soon-to-retire Comal County Sheriff Bob Holder: "We count on Doug Miller in our fight against violent crime, illegal immigration and terrorism." Oh dear. Without Doug Miller in office, we might lose our protections against violent crime, illegal immigrants and terror. Never

mind that Miller himself is attempting to benefit by instilling fear in the populace with mailings like this:



You know who else attempts to influence American politics through fear of Islamic violence? It's so painfully obvious that we're not even going to say it.



There are good reasons (specifically water and Miller's reputation for accessibility)

to re-elect Doug, but he's not using any of them. If he's put back in office because of this marketing tack, the terrorists have won.

## City Hall Goes Back to Court

The City is marching back into court on the North Trib bribery case, with two separate filings arguing facts that contradict each other. The first, that its contract with the Yantis Company is valid because there was no bribery or violation of the Open Meetings Act, and a second which holds that it's entitled to a refund because the contract was rendered illegal when they took a bribe to award it.

Space doesn't permit us to run that story here, but we covered it in excruciating detail in last Friday's *Texas Newsgrinder with Mike Reynolds*, which you can avail yourself of in the iTunes podcast store. Go grab a free subscription and let your ears do the reading.

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Mike Reynolds  
Publisher/Editor-in-Chief

# ALT SPORTS



Valentine's Eve brought the thunder back to Longshot Wine Bar, with another epic match-up between The Masters of the Ice Blocks. Buddy the Viking and Reverend Butter used all manner of tools, from chain saws to a fire-breathing guitar case, to create another icy spectacle at NB's favorite wine bar. The Viking retained the highly coveted Longshot title, which will no doubt go on the line again this year. Don't miss the next competition!



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because there is a high turnover rate in communications. That means we have to do something to hold onto those folks. I know there are other people who can answer the phone, especially Monday through Friday, 9-5. Let's look at some of those other resources. Communications are the biggest issues, and those communications mean the physical communications and the ability to communicate, which is the technology that goes with that. There is no reason, in 2016, that a New Braunfels police officer can't have the ability to talk to a Comal County sheriff's deputy when they're in the same city. Why not partner with Comal County ISD or New Braunfels ISD and their technology so that, God forbid, if there is an active shooter or other terrible event at the school then, when our deputies are respond, they already have the ability to see what's going on? All of these entities have CCTV or security camera or access control systems. Why not have the ability to tie into those? So, I think part of it is looking at biggest issue the Sheriff's Department needs to address is not to think it's an entity unto itself.

**Paullus:** Not that I want to disagree with Josh, we already have a lot of the abilities he's talking about. If he was there fulltime, he would realize we do have some of these capabilities. Like he said, though, technology is always pertinent. Law enforcement today runs on technology. You have to keep up with the times. But, every time there's a change, it affects something else down the road. We, as an agency, have to look at the big picture. When we make a change in the radio system, we have to maintain that system. I can't just change a radio because it's the best fad of the day. There would be some small fire department out there that won't be able to communicate with us. We have a responsibility to communicate with everyone in the county, so have to run a dual system. The City of New Braunfels runs encrypted traffic and the Sheriff's Department does not run encrypted law enforcement traffic, and that is one of the problems Josh was talking about. We have the ability to talk with them, but we also have to talk with other law enforcement agencies

and some of them do not have the funding source to be able to maintain these huge radio systems. We need to invest the time to do an assessment of communications in the County, but it's a pending thing. You're talking millions of dollars to get everyone on the same systems and that is one of my goals for the future, but it doesn't happen overnight. This is a conservative community, and I can't break the bank in one of those rural fire departments and spend hundreds of thousands of their dollars when they may need a new fire truck.

**TXC:** Having said that, Brent, what is one of your short-term goals that you like to get done coming out of the box?

**Paullus:** Getting our staff up to level is my main short-term goal. We have the funded positions but we need qualified personnel to fill those positions and maintain them. We're always going to lose people to San Antonio or Austin because we can't compete with their salaries. We do have a lot of long-range employees who have been here for years. There's always going to be some negative morale issues wherever you work, but overall our people are very positive and we have a great relationship with the community.

**Reynolds:** I think the most important issue we have is staffing, growth and preparation. Ten years ago, we could expect to seasonal work, meaning that we were busy during the summer and then we slowed down. We never slow down anymore. So, as we keep losing personnel, for whatever reason – morale or to SAPD because they pay more money – we need to start taking care of the employees from the moment they are hired to the moment they retire. We need to give them a voice with no fear of repercussions. We need somebody who leads from the front. I don't want to be a sheriff who leads from an office. I want to be with the employees and the people who I serve in this county.

As for preparations, we're going to have another flood. We don't know if it will be next year, we don't know if will next month, but we have to be prepared for things. To be prepared for these things, we're going to have to get the staffing up with some active recruiting, but we're going to have to make the office a great place to work again.

**Seeger:** Let's change the morale in the office first so we can recruit those high-quality employees. With the staffing, I think the most important thing, first and foremost, is community engagement, just knowing that now they have a sheriff who wants to be involved, who wants to be part of what's going on in the community, who's attending different community meetings or school board meetings, just seeing that there's somebody who's involved and cares, and from there we can assess more of the real needs. We can look at a piece of paper that tells us what the needs are, or we can go find what the needs are.

Staffing is important. I think the offshoot of staffing is a volunteer program. Why don't we have volunteer's answering the front desk phone? It's not hard to find a few high school kids who need hours to answer the phone. An 18-year-old is totally capable of saying, 'Comal County Sheriff's Office. Who can I transfer you to?' That would really help get more people out on the street if we had a good volunteer program.

**Walker:** Communication and motivation for the employees is vital. I know that there are certain individuals who will always be disgruntled, no matter where they are. But for those people who want to do a good job, what are we doing to motivate those people? Are we supporting them? Are we getting a chaplaincy program for them? Are we doing other things, providing other services for them? Heck, it's real simple: Treat your employees like you would want to be treated.

We need to get back to working with the community. Every time I have the opportunity to talk to someone in the community, one of the questions I ask them is what do they know about the Sheriff's Department? I'm not really happy with what I'm hearing because they really don't know what's going on in the Sheriff's Department and I think they should. For example, why don't we come out with a quarterly newsletter? Or, why don't we get our people involved with special interest groups because there are a lot of them out here who would love to sit down and talk with us. There are also several different youth groups and programs we need to be getting involved with.





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YOUR LIVE MUSIC GUIDE

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6:30pm

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**SECRET GARTEN**

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6pm

**THE PHOENIX**  
**SALOON**

Shawn Hart

5pm

**Riley's**  
**TAVERN**

Dallas Moore

9pm

Gruene Hall

Grouchy Like Riley

6pm

Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along

8pm

On the Rocks

Brian Pounds

7pm

The Pour Haus

Tyler Derryberry

8:30pm

Wolfgang's Keller

Brett Cline Trio

8pm

Fri 2.19

**ADOBE VERDE**  
*Historic Gruene, Texas*

Blake & Fallon

6:30pm

**HAPPY COW**  
**BAR & GRILL**

TBA

8pm

**LONGSHOT**  
**WINE BAR & TASTING ROOM**

Bob Schmueckle & Derek Krueger

7pm

**OMA GRUENE'S**  
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**SECRET GARTEN**

Aaron Stephens

6:30pm

**THE PHOENIX**  
**SALOON**

Andrew Howard

5pm

Ryan Ross Band

w/ JJ Garrett Band

8:30pm

**Riley's**  
**TAVERN**

Beth Lee & the Breakups

9pm

**THE WATERING HOLE**  
**Saloon**

Roadside Libby

8pm

Alpine Haus Restaurant

Off the Grid Polka Band

6pm

Billy's Ice House

Wilkes County Deeds

8pm

Gruene Hall

Jason Boland & the Stragglers

w/ Brandon Clark

8pm, \$25

On the Rocks

Caleb Haynes Band

7:30pm

Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along

8pm

The Pour Haus

Justin Bravo & the Kind

8:30PM

Vineyard at Gruene

Matt Kersh

7pm

Vino en Verde

Zach Walthers

8:30pm

Sat 2.20

**ADOBE VERDE**  
*Historic Gruene, Texas*

Code 2

6:30pm

**HAPPY COW**  
**BAR & GRILL**

TBA

8pm

**OMA GRUENE'S**  
**OGSG**  
**SECRET GARTEN**

Jess & the Vagabonds

12pm

Poor J Brown

2pm

Bare Fax

6pm



## THE PHOENIX SALOON

A Sinclair  
w/ Slomo Drags, Texas Never Whispers  
9pm

## Riley's TAVERN

Dr G & the Mudcats  
9pm

## THE WATERING HOLE Saloon

Rumor Town  
9pm

## Billy's Ice House

Smokewagon  
8pm

## Gruene Hall

The Peterson Brothers  
1pm  
Curtis Grimes  
w/ Aaron Copeland  
8pm, \$12

## Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along  
8pm

## NB Farmers Market

Doug Winslow Band  
9am

## On the Rocks

Adam Johnson Band  
9pm

## The Pour Haus

Jeremy Steding Band  
9:30pm

## Vino en Verde

Two Rivers Trio  
9pm

## Sun 2.21

## OMA GRUENE'S OGS SECRET GARTEN

Slim Bawb & the Fabulous Stumpgrinders  
2pm

## THE PHOENIX SALOON

James Pardo  
3pm  
Lucas Taylor  
7pm

## Riley's TAVERN

TBA  
4pm

## Billy's Ice House

Colton O'Neill  
8pm

## Gruene Hall

Lone Star Swing  
12pm  
Shake Russell & Michael Hearne  
5pm

## The Pour Haus

The Vagabonds  
4:30pm  
Art Haus Artists  
8pm

## Mon 2.22

## Gruene Hall

Bret Graham  
6pm

## The Pour Haus

Nick Garcia  
8:30pm

## Tues 2.23

## Billy's Ice House

Austin Gilliam  
8pm

## Bonzai Steak & Sushi

Smooth Jazz  
w/ Sam Harriss  
6pm

## Gruene Hall

Josh Grider, Drew Kennedy  
6pm

## Wed 2.24

## THE PHOENIX SALOON

Shane Walker  
8:30pm

## Riley's TAVERN

TBA  
9pm

## Gruene Hall

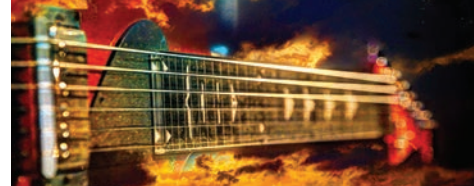
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## ON SPORTS

WITH BRANT FREEMAN

I was concerned that I would be starving for source material for my weekly reviews after the Super Bowl. When I started these, I always had some form of football to write about (high school, college, pro, arena league, the office flag football game) but with football on the shelf for the next few months, I'm left scrambling for other topics... which is actually pretty great! You can only spend so much time lamenting how horrible your favorite team is while man-crushing on franchises that actually win. Besides, the magnifying glass on basketball intensifies with football on the back burner and this is a crazy awesome time of year for hoops. Let's get to it.

**NBA:** I know I spent an entire column a couple of weeks ago trashing the Pro Bowl and now sadly I have to do the same with the NBA All-Star Game. Before I rip the game, I do want to point out how great the dunk contest was this year. Between Nate Robinson getting 48 tries to complete a dunk a few years back, to star players sitting out the contest and a lack of anything new in recent years, the dunk contest had become dull. Like, watching SciFi at 2 PM on a Wednesday dull. I'll be honest, I'm not really sure what drove me to watching Saturday's dunk contest (probably alcohol) but I did, with expectations set pretty low.

And then Orlando's Aaron Gordon and Minnesota's Zach LaVine preceded to go all Snake vs The Mountain on us, putting on an epic display in the dunk contest finals. How could you go wrong with hover boards, mascots and free-throw line take-offs? Great, great stuff. BTW: LaVine was The Mountain in this case while Gordon was the Snake and OMG do I miss Prince Oberyin.

As for the game... man. You would think that a game featuring a final score of 196-173 would make for riveting television but nah. I think I came to this conclusion a year or two ago, but the All-Star Game just isn't entertaining anymore. I know players don't want to risk injury for an exhibition game but the lack of effort is just astounding and I

swear it wasn't always this way. The games have always been high scoring yes, but there always seemed to be some level of actual competition. Even the allure of Sunday being Kobe's final All-Star game wasn't enough.

I think I'm heading down the same path as I did when describing the Pro Bowl, so it's possible that this lack of All-Star enjoyment is just a part of getting older and that sucks. Gray hair, aching knees, weird spots on my hand, BRING IT ON - those don't worry me. No one told me I wouldn't enjoy 168 three-point attempts and 94 dunks in a game anymore when I approached 40. 17-year-old me is shaking his head before going back to playing video games and thinking of more ways how to get girls to reject him. He was awesome.

Now that All-Star Weekend is over, it's time to get back to bidness (still got it) in the NBA. At 45-8, the Spurs are on a 70 win pace, own the league's best per game point differential, are undefeated at home and in any other season would be considered a historic team. Except there's Golden State, at 48-4 (guh), on a 73 win pace of their own (guuuuh) and are also undefeated at home (smashes a plate). As great as the Spurs have been, the Warriors are in a category of their own right now. If you were to tier the groups of contenders, there's Golden State (God Mode), San Antonio, Cleveland and Oklahoma City (Title Contenders), followed by the LA Clippers and Toronto (Pretty Good). The rest of league is divided by Playoff Fodder (Hawks, Mavericks, Grizzlies, etc) and Next Season (Lakers, 76ers, Suns, et al).

Can the Spurs continue their pace and somehow close the gap with the Warriors? Will OKC prove to be a formidable challenger in the West? Will there be any huge trades this week? Could the Rockets finish their implosion and miss the playoffs? Can I relive my 17-year-old glory days? Only time will tell but you can be certain that the next three months in the NBA should be fun. Until next week...

*Brant Freeman is a seasoned local sportscaster, delivering the goods as a reporter for major pro and collegiate sporting events in the greater San Antonio area for over a decade.*



# ASK A MEXICAN!

By Gustavo Arellano

Dear Mexican: I'm a misplaced half-Mexican in Mississippi, of all places. The area I live in is WHITE as WHITE can be, and has been for many foreign-hating years. I've been in MS now for almost four years and have seen the Latin community more than double. This makes me feel more at ease since a diverse culture is what I'm used to. I spent my first 23 years born and raised in California. My dilemma is that I find two different kinds of Latins (mostly Mexicans and Guatemalans). They are either really friendly and relieved to see another brownie or NOT really that accepting. I am half-beaner—my dad is from Mexico, I have dark skin, curly hair and the hips and ass to prove it. Problem is, I wasn't raised a Mexican, my dad never taught me Spanish, and I never had anything but a white neighborhood and white friends. How can I get my brown homies in this WHITE town to accept my white-raised side, too? I feel misplaced, because the whites think I'm another "border jumping, job-stealing" Mexican while the Latins think I'm a tanned whitey who hates them. We should be sticking together, right?

## The Confused Coconut

Dear Pocho: First things primeramente: Drop the "Latins" moniker. That hasn't been used to describe Mexis since the days that baseball writers referred to Robert Clemente as "Bob." But having traveled through the Magnolia State—I've enjoyed Delta tamales in Greenville, tried a so-so burrito in luka and lectured about Mexicans in the South during the fabulous Southern Foodways Symposium at the University of Mississippi—I hate to say this truth: racist good ol' boys are sooner to accept you than Mexicans. Mexicans have shunned other Mexicans since the

days when the Tlaxcalans and Totonacs sided with Cortés against the Aztecs. Gabachos? Yeah, they hate us, but all you have to do to get accepted by them is open a Mexican restaurant. It doesn't matter if it sucks; you'll mesmerize them into submission like a gato with catnip.

I had an affair with a younger Mexican co-worker. I warned him not to get attached, as I was married, and then I didn't follow my own advice. In the end, I made the mistake of asking what his brother would think if he knew about us, and he ended the relationship because he realized his whole family would be disappointed. The problem is, he means a lot to me and made me feel so good. How could he call me hermosa and preciosa, tell me I was perfect—then end it? I realize family is very important to him, but he knew what we were getting into from the start. Is there a way to get him back, or should I give up? Is that family bond, which I've witnessed seems to be a very Mexican thing, strong enough that now that it's clicked with him, there's no going back?

La Preciosa

Dear Gabacha: So you're to tell me that you're mad at a Mexican because he did what you asked—that is, you invited him in but asked him to not be attached, and he didn't, and now you're sad? That's just like the United States asking Mexico to send over men during the Bracero Program in the 1950s, but asking them not to become American—and then Americans get shocked that Mexicans remain Mexican. Comal, meet olla.



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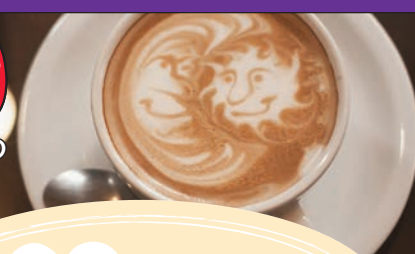


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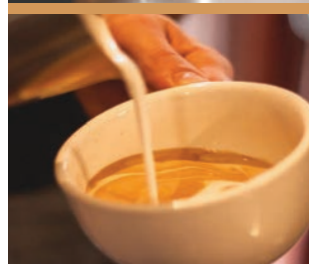


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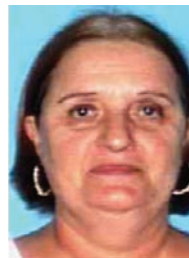
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JOSEPH BLAKE**  
Male • 5'10" • 160 lbs  
DOB: 09/30/1993  
CHARGE:  
Aggravated robbery

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MICHAEL**  
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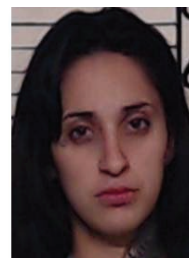
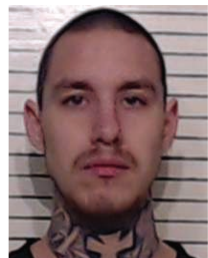
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CHARGE: Motion to  
revoke/ bail jumping/  
failure to appear

**LEAL,  
IVAN ANTONIO**  
Male • 5'06" • 165 lbs  
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CHARGE: Fraud use/  
Possession of  
identifying info



**EICHMAN,  
SHARON PAPE**  
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DOB: 11/21/1953  
CHARGE: Theft  
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under \$100,000

**LOMAS,  
JEREMY SCOTT**  
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CHARGE: Four  
charges of failure to  
appear/ delivery  
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DOMONIQUE MARIE**  
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under \$1,500 with 2  
or more previous  
convictions

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DOB: 12/25/1968  
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appear motion to  
adjudicate aggravated  
assault with deadly  
weapon



**JACKSON,  
GARY BERNARD**  
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DOB: 05/09/1983  
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# Due Process

WITH NICK ROGERS

## City Appeals Recent Loss

In a case that found New Braunfels guilty of several legal violations regarding the North Tributary Regional Flood Control Project, the City has decided to appeal and is requesting a new trial.

After an October jury trial, the City was found to have committed five violations of the Texas Open Meetings Act, three violations of bribery statutes and six violations of competitive bidding statutes in relation to its contract with the Yantis Company, of San Antonio.

Yantis was selected by the City Council to construct the North Tributary project. The company was found guilty of one count of fraud, two counts of violating bribery statutes and a count of violating competitive bidding statutes.

On January 29, visiting Judge Paul Davis declared that the contract for the North Tributary project is void, even though the project is near completion.

According to City Attorney Val Acevedo, the City is filing a Motion for New Trial, Motion to Vacate Judgment, and Plea to the Jurisdiction. Councilman George Green was the only member on the City Council to vote against the appeal.

Yantis has already said it plans to appeal.

As part of Judge Davis' final judgment, the City and Yantis are ordered to reimburse Carowest Land, who filed the suit, \$686,095 in fees and \$173,447 in expenses. As well, Carowest is to receive \$37,500 for post trial expenses (which includes the hearing on attorneys' fees). The interest on these fees will be assessed at 5 percent per year, compounded annually.

If the City and/or Yantis lose in the Third Court of Appeals, they will owe Carowest attorneys more than \$156,000.

Legal issues surrounding the North Tributary project, however, don't stop with Carowest, as Yantis has filed a suit against the City over the project.

After the jury ruled that the contract between the New Braunfels and Yantis was done illegally, the City filed a counter-motion in the pending suit with the company. That motion argues that Yantis "voluntarily entered into an illegal contract with the City of New Braunfels" and, thus, should reimburse the City \$5 million.

With the appeal, however, the City appears ready to argue that the process by which Yantis was awarded the contract was valid. When asked if the appeal affects its counter-motion claim that the company entered into an illegal contract, Acevedo said that the "Carowest case will not operate to abate those proceedings."

## City Files Response to Guadalupe Resident's Suit

New Braunfels filed a brief, four-page response to a Guadalupe resident's rambling lawsuit against the City, the New Braunfels Police Department and Councilman Wayne Peters.

Stacey Scott, who describes herself as the informal president of the informal Guadalupe Neighborhood Association, accuses the City of illegally taking and taxing two river-access plots in the neighborhood. Scott is suing for what she argues are violations of the Texas Constitution, tortious interference, fraud by non-disclosure, trespassing and civil conspiracy.

One of the plots, Lot A, is used by the police department to launch Comal River patrol and rescue operations.

"Should a river fee be assessed to Plaintiff and her fellow unnamed GC property owners, in addition to the ad valorem property taxes they are already paying, Plaintiff would bring a suit arguing triple/quadruple taxation, which is prohibited under state and federal law," Scott says in her suit.

As well, Scott claims that in their use of Lot A, New Braunfels police have "displaced" residents "due to parking congestion from numerous NBPD vehicles." She also says the police presence has created "a hostile and totalitarian environment/atmosphere."

In its response, the City denies that Scott is in a position to sue because she "does not have legal standing to represent the Guadalupe Neighborhood Association, as a matter of law."

The City also denies all of Scott's claims and that Wayne Peters has "entitlement to legislative immunity, official immunity and qualified immunity."

As well, the City is demanding a jury trial and that Scott reimburse New Braunfels for all fees associated with the case.

*Nick Rogers covers courts & crime for the TX Citizen.*



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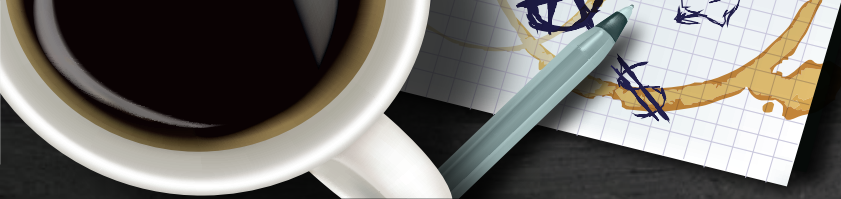
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# Last Word

With Kelly Colby

*If you haven't read my 2/4/16 piece, this one might confuse you. This column is just going to pick up where I left off, addressing common questions/attacks on libertarianism in general, and anarchocapitalism specifically. We begin the most common of them all:*

## • Who's going to pay for the roads?

I'm not sure why this question is always about roads. I assume it is because people connect them with government in some way, perhaps because of the Romans, but roads aren't an invention of government. They aren't even a human invention exactly. Roads are a natural outgrowth of the paths and trails that are generated by creatures traveling through the wild following the path of least resistance. Paving those trails is a nice twist, but it's not exactly rocket science.

At any rate, like many of the questions I get about my politics, "Who is going to pay for the roads?" assumes something that isn't true from the outset. The question itself isn't meant to mislead, but it's important to make clear that the government doesn't pay for anything, we do, people do. Most often this is through taxation of one form or another. In the end, the answer is that the same people who pay for roads now will almost certainly pay for them in an anarchocapitalist system, minus those few people who don't want to pay for them for some reason. After all, don't you like roads? I do.

Once again, the libertarian position is slightly different. It is true that libertarians would support the privatization of roads, but I've never met one for whom it was a real priority. In fact, if the government spent their ill-gotten gains on building roads, as opposed to everything from turtle tunnels to bullet trains, your average libertarian would probably be willing to forget the whole thing, at least with regard to roads.

Anarchists, on the other hand, want no government at all, so there would need to be privatization. The cost of production

would be part of someone's business plan, and that cost would include actually paying for the land needed to accomplish the goal, since eminent domain would not be possible. Again, the tendency is to assume that something as large as the interstate highway system is impossible without government intervention, but is the interstate highway system any more impressive than Windows? Not really. For all its faults, the Windows operating system is a marvel of software construction, and it's so complex that no single person even understands it completely at this point. Certainly, the level of resources applied to Windows and the interstate highway system are similar (at least in that both are mind-bogglingly large), and there's little question that, overall, the resources have been applied more efficiently in the development of Windows.

It's impossible to say who might have come along to develop an interstate highway system in the absence of government, or how successful they might have been (not all business ventures are successful after all). All we can know is that it would have been done without coercion. Like most things, it would come down to will and ability. Such things would be built by those able to have the vision, garner the resources, and apply them effectively, and they'd be paid for by those who wanted them.

## • What about police and fire departments, water services and electricity, or even the food you get at the grocery store? Who's going to handle that?

Like the preceding question, the answer for an anarchocapitalist is the private sector. There will be private police and fire departments and courthouses too. There will be people who bring you your water or your power or both, and there will be competition that will keep the price of these services down and the innovation within them up. The idea of insurance, when applied without force and used correctly, will make large, unexpected

costs sufferable even by the most modest consumer, and the market will make luxury items an everyday occurrence, as it always has. In fact, most of those things are actually pretty simple to privatize. Anarchocapitalist would go even further than that. They'd privatize your money too.

Most people assume that anarchocapitalists are all goldbugs, but that's not really true (though quite a few are). Anarchocapitalists do support the privatization of money, though. In the anarchocapitalist world, monies would compete for consumers just like any other product. For most people, this is hard to get one's head around, but it's perfectly possible.

One option for money is the gold standard, but the value of money doesn't necessarily need to be tied to some commodity. In our current system the money we have is backed by nothing but the promise of the government not to abuse it recklessly. Which is to say, it's backed up by nothing at all, since they do that very thing regularly. Wouldn't it be better if when the people supplying your money stole value from you, you had some recourse? Even if that recourse was simply to move to some other form of money? I assure you, a company that treated their money like the American dollar would be out of business in no time, and we'd all be better off.

## • Yeah, but the corporations would just move in and take over everything.

This one is a whole lot like the original Mad Max question from February 4. And like that one, it's not really a question at all, but a thinly veiled accusation. The answer in this case, though, is a little different. Here the answer is, "Right. That's the point." Unfortunately, while this sort of thing doesn't bother anarchocapitalists at all, it does tend to bother those who haven't thought things through. So, let's consider this carefully.

More often than not this argument is brought up by someone who generally

argues that corporations have "captured" government and use it for their own purposes, and they can do so because they have the piles and piles of money with which to bribe politicians. This concern has the benefit of being mostly true, but that's really all its got. In general, the people making this complaint suggest that the solution is to give the government more power so that they can take the corporation's money and make them follow "the will of the people." The problem with this logic is that it fails to realize that the problem isn't corporations or their money; it's government having the power in the first place. If the government didn't have the power to coerce you and me, the corporations would have to use that money to bribe us to get us to do what they want (or they could provide a better product, whichever seems easier).

Somewhere along the line, people started believing that businesses had all the power and could do whatever they want. That's only true in a system where the government is available to be bought as an enforcer. In a world without government, the business may be tricky or even downright dishonest, but they can't force you into anything. The consumer has the ultimate power, the power to take their money elsewhere. That makes money easier to get by giving people something they want than by trying to trick them or force them.

That's not all the questions I tend to get asked, but it's a good representative sample. Hopefully, these columns will help people better understand what life without government might be like. Most people aren't going to find themselves joining the anarchocapitalist community, but perhaps some of you will question some of the more commonly accepted functions of government, and that's a start.

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