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approved all three bids at a meeting held a week ago today.

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Health fair attracts scores of children in time for school

More than 200 students and their parent showed up at a health fair last week to get ready for the start of inother school year.

Fair providers gave backpacks, school supplies, hair cuts, immunzations and handed out all orts of information on a rariety of health issues.

Juana Balchae brought it will go from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

A second health fair is scheduled today (Wednesd Supplier of the fair and was pleased with what they was pleased was pleased with what they was pleased was pleased with what they was pleased whith what they was pleased with what they was pleased was pleased what what they was pleased was pleased w

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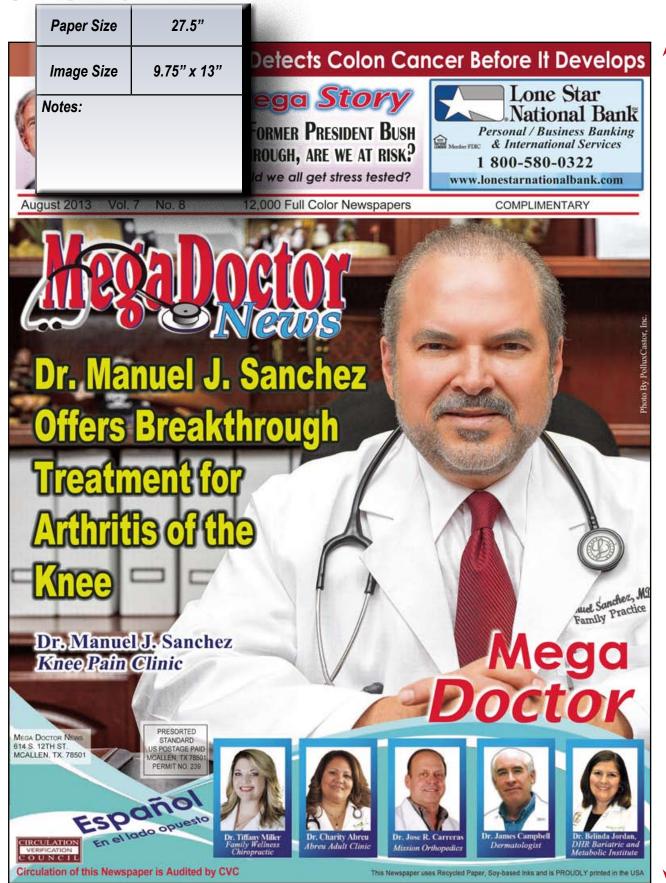








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Dumb blonde jokes

and they decide to take them to a police station. One asked: "What if one explodes before we get there?" The other says: "We'll lie and say we only found two."

A woman phoned her blonde neighbor man and said:"Close your curtains the next time you and your wife are fooling around. The whole street was watching and laughing at you yesterday." To which the blonde man replied: "Well the joke's

on all of you because I wasn't even at

A blonde man is in the bathroom and his wife shouts: "Did you find the sham-poo?" He answers, "Yes, but I'm not sure what to do... it's for dry hair, and I've just

A blonde man goes to the vet with his See JOKES, page 18



JOURNAL

Observations

Direct democracy at work McAllen seeks a 5-cent tax hike



by G. Romero Wendorf

Bond elections like the \$45 million one McAllen is fixing to have – one of the last bastions of a free de-mocracy. Don't like what's placed on the ballot? Vote no. Like it? Vote yes. Don't care? Stay home.

care? Stay home. Some wish it was like this in D.C. or Austin. A direct democracy. As opposed to a so-called representative government, whereby our elected representatives are the ones who approve or the agenda.
On the national level, of

course, there is really no direct democracy at work. There's a representative government, of sorts. But who really controls the senators, the representaseriators, the representa-tives? Small fry who give \$50 to a politician? Or the big players who contribute big bucks?

There's really no longer even a representative gov-ernment at work in this ountry when a president can basically sign an execu-tive order that circumvents ongress, and it becomes

See OBSERVATIONS, p. 17

Former Alamo mayor sues local businessman for defamation

Lawsuit.
The very word strikes fear in the hearts of most people — time, money and trouble. all rolled into one. Not to ition aggravation.

But Alamo-based HVAC Business Owner Luis Hess says he isn't one of those people who walks around in fear of a lawsuit even though he's got one against him currently



The former mayor, Rudy Villarreal, fifth from the left, gathered with local, county and state officials at the installation of the road-name change that started it all. Upper right-hand corner: Luis Hess.

pending.
"Not when I know I'm in

the right," he says.

He's been sued before on things so frivolous, it would make your head spin, he says. back style. He's apparently learned to take life's punches

"I was once sued as part of a school-construction lawsuit even though my company, Hess Air, never did any work on that school project."

So why did he get sued?
"Because I had entered a
bid for the work."

And he still got sued? Even though another contractor won the HVAC bid and he

"Sure, the attorneys named everyone they could in the lawsuit, even those like me

See LAWSUIT, page 7

Former mayor still supports him

DWI arrest: Alamo mayor pro tem

There's never a good time to get charged with DWI. Because in most cases, win or lose, you're going to be out a cool ten grand before every-

thing is said and done.

But if you're a public official, Of course, if you're a public it's even worse. Because it's a official, and if the DWI arrest is pretty safe bet that the media's going to pick up the story. Most private citizens escape into obscurity when it comes to DWIs. Unless, of

course, an accident is involved. Not so with public figures.

Because when a public figure gets charged with DWI, it's not five minutes before the phones

in striking distance of an election, the problem just became that much worse. Because if you're that public official, it's a See ESCOBEDO, page 3



Alamo Mayor Pro Tem Eleazar Escobedo

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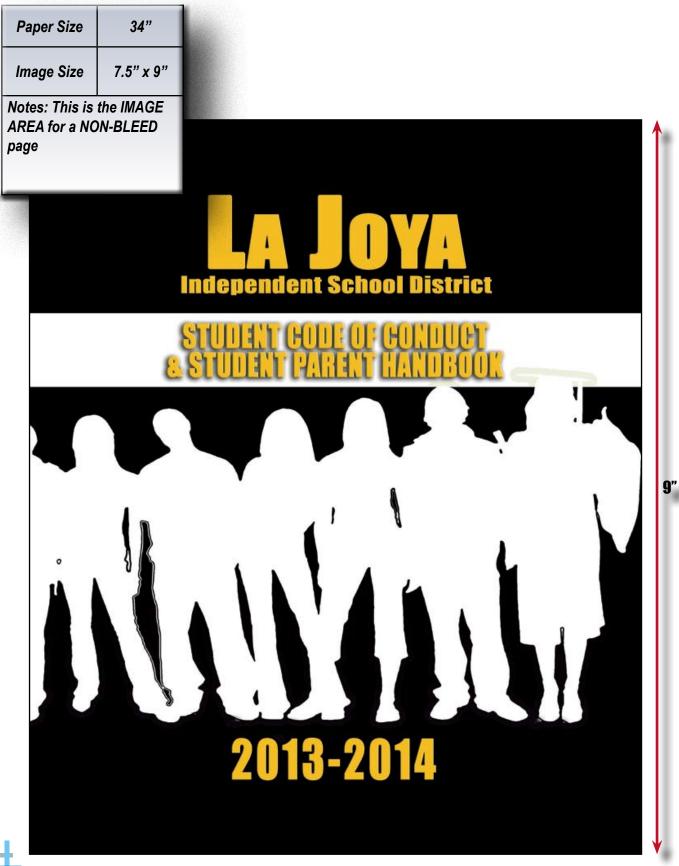
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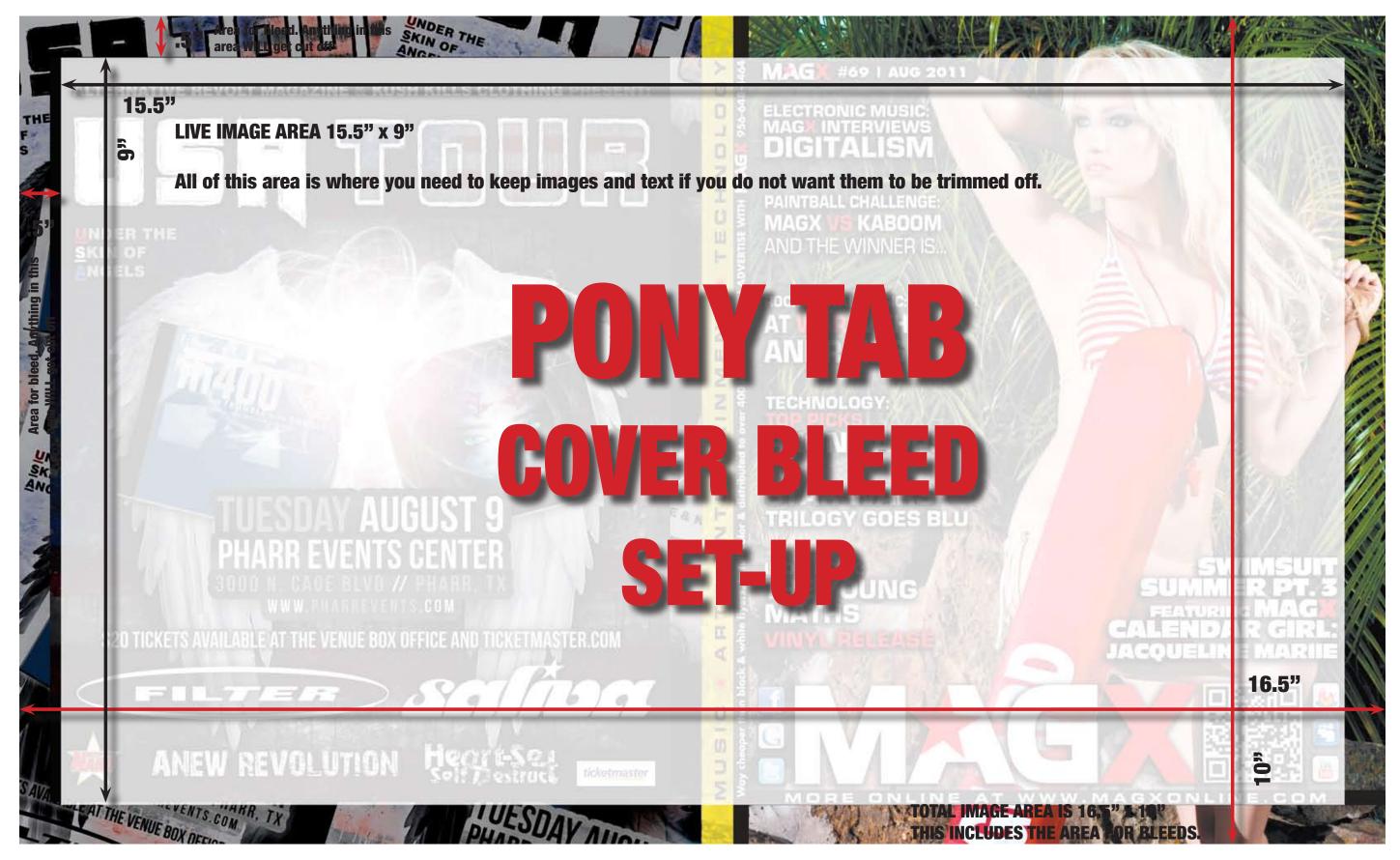
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