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Sylvia Smith chattered this carload of colorful characters during the Mardi Gras Parade held Sunday afternoon. The passengers are (L-R) Robin Hibbs, Jessi Taylor, and Chasity Willis.

Covarrubiaz pleads guilty to stealing more than \$4,900.00 from City Hall

Maria Louisa "Mary Lou" Covarrubiaz, 33, pleaded guilty Wednesday, February 14, to theft of more than \$4,900.00 from the City of Eldorado. The plea was entered before 51st District Judge Barbara Walther in the San Angelo Courtroom. In return for her guilty plea, Covarrubiaz received a 5-year probated sentence with deferred adjudication. She was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of the theft.

51st District Attorney Stephen Lupton explained that Covarrubiaz's probation is contingent upon strict conditions. She must stay out of further trouble with the law, he noted, and she will be restricted from traveling and will be required to report regularly to a probation officer. "Restitution is a big part of this," Lupton added.

Covarrubiaz worked for the City of Eldorado as a utility billing clerk. She took maternity leave during July of 2006. It was at that time that city personnel discovered the missing funds.

Mayor John Nikolauk notes that Covarrubiaz tried to carefully cover up her crime. But, as customers who had their utilities cut off for non-payment began complaining to City Hall and producing cancelled checks to prove that they had indeed paid, it became

obvious that someone had tampered with the records. An internal investigation began and as soon as it was determined that a crime might have been committed, local law enforcement authorities were notified.

Deputy Sheriff Jason Chatham headed up the investigation, assisted by Texas Ranger Sergeant Brooks Long.

As soon as the investigators firmed

up their case, Ms. Covarrubiaz was terminated from her position without ever returning from maternity leave.

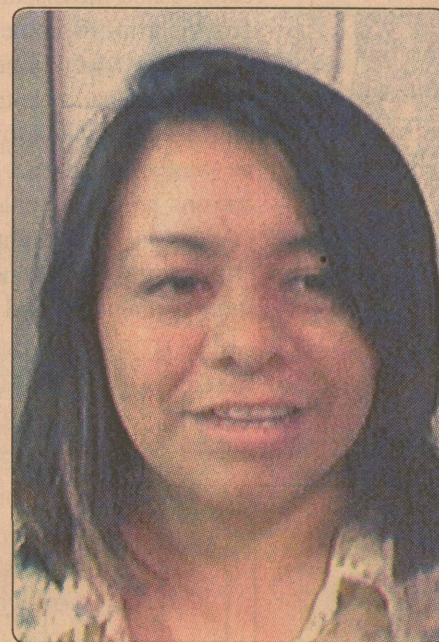
She was arrested on Sept. 18, 2006 and charged with theft. She was released on a \$5,000.00 surety bond pending trial.

For his part, Mayor John Nikolauk says he is glad to have the situation resolved. "The city has already been reimbursed by our bonding company," Nikolauk explained. "Any funds we receive from restitution will go to repay the company."

The mayor went on to offer his apologies to the city customers who had their utility service interrupted before the theft was discovered. "It's disappointing when someone you trusted lets you down," Nikolauk added. "I'm just sorry it caused problems for our customers who did nothing wrong."

The mayor estimates the incident cost the city thousands of extra dollars as hundreds of man hours went to tracking down the problem, as well as reconnecting utilities that were wrongly terminated.

"That's the sort of thing we will never be compensated for," the mayor said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Maria Louisa "Mary Lou" Covarrubiaz

School board renews principal & program director contracts

The monthly meeting of the Schleicher County ISD board of trustees was held Monday, Feb. 19, 2007 in the High School Library. Among the trustees present for the meeting were: Lupe Sanchez, Jan Wanoreck, Leanne Higgins, Berta Nicholson, Robert Jay and Jo Helen Kotsch. Board member Kurtis Homer was absent.

Also on hand for the meeting was Superintendent Billy Collins, finance manager Ray Ballew and campus principals Bob Wanoreck, Kara Garlitz and Maela Edmonson.

Superintendent Billy Collins offered a prayer before the meeting began asked for support for the family of David Hernandez, an EHS senior who died Sunday, February 11 in an automobile accident.

Board president Jo Helen Kotsch then opened the meeting with a public hearing on the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS). Billy Collins advised the board the Elementary and Middle School received a Recognized Rating and the High School received a Acceptable Rating for the 2005-2006 school year.

Collins told the board there were only 9 schools out of 40 in Region XV that received a Recognized rating. He further said that the information provided by the AEIS report will help the district build on their strengths and improve on their weaknesses.

Present for the public comment section of the meeting community member Kirk Jones who asked the board if they were aware that Wall's head coach Ken Burns was leaving to go to Bronte. He added that Eldorado teams will be facing Bronte in the future.

Board president Jo Helen Kotsch thanked Jones for his comment and then moved on to other business.

Finance manager Ray Ballew reported to the board the district was in good financial shape and would be seeing monetary benefits from increased student enrollment and rising property values. Ballew noted the district earned \$18,834.97 in interest in January on

money it has in the bank. The total fund balance as of January 31, 2007 came to \$1,891,458.00 with \$907,900 designated for capital improvements.

The board approved the Financial Reports and January 8, 2007 Board Minutes as presented.

Supt. Collins then asked for adoption of text books as recommended by committee. Trustee Robert Jay questioned Middle School principal Kara Garlitz on the use of Saxon Math in Middle School. He then abstained on the vote to adopt text books as recommended. All other trustees present voted for the adoption.

Each principal then presented their Campus/District Improvement Plans to the board. The plans cover everything from student safety to academics. Supt. Collins then explained that personnel at Education Service Center XV in San Angelo have praised the SCISD district improvement plan and recommended it as a model for other districts to follow.

The board then voted to approve Friday, May 11 as a weather day. School was suspended due to icy weather on January 17. The school had planned two weather days, May 3 and May 11. Due to the High School prom being scheduled for May 3, Principal Wanoreck recommended the May 11 date. The board approved.

The trustees next voted to accept a \$100,000 insurance settlement check for a claim filed last August for hail damage. It was noted the funds will go toward current repairs to school roofing.

The board also approved a resolution to move early voting site to the Memorial Building and transfer duties to the County Elections Administrator Brenda Mayfield. Also the board approved the bid on school property that was held for delinquent taxes by the Appraisal District. The bid approved was for \$4,500.00 and bid was offered by Manual Samaniego.

The board went into executive session for over an hour and a half to discuss personnel items and resignations. When the group returned to open session they

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Winds, low humidity raise wildfire concerns

Brisk winds, low relative humidity and generally warmer than normal temperatures forecasted for the next 10 days have heightened firefighter concerns about the possibility of wildfires. Coming after an extended cold spell, fire officials fear that the drier conditions and warmer temperatures are likely to prompt an increase in outdoor activities, which will increase the likelihood of accidental fire starts.

With weather conditions moderating considerably from those experienced the past week or two, we expect more people will take the opportunity to do some early spring clean-up, begin outdoor construction projects or simply get out and enjoy the outdoors, says Les Rogers, assistant chief fire coordinator with the Texas Forest Service.

Rogers warns that since vegetation is dormant, fine-textured fuels like grasses and weeds can quickly become flammable during dry, windy conditions, as are now occurring across the area. He notes that it doesn't take much of a spark to ignite a grass fire, which can spread very quickly during

windy conditions.

"Wildfires are not uncommon in the winter in Texas," says Rogers. "One of the most devastating wildfires in the state occurred in February 1996, when 141 structures and 16,000 acres were burned in the Poolville Fire just northwest of Fort Worth. That fire started from unsafe debris burning."

The Texas Forest Service offers these tips for fire safety during dry, windy conditions:

- Report fires immediately through 911. Wildfires spread rapidly during windy conditions and are very dangerous to extinguish.
- When using welding or grinding equipment outdoors, keep a spotter on duty to watch for possible spot fires. Where possible, remove vegetation from the work area; otherwise, wet down the work area before and periodically during work operations.

- Remember that hot catalytic converters on vehicles can ignite wildfires, so only park and drive in areas free of dry

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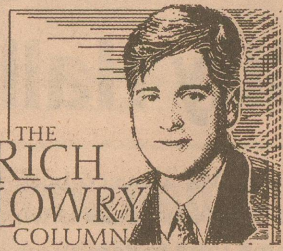
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Eldorado's Knights of Columbus chapter held its annual Free Throw Contest last Saturday. Among those taking part were: (Front L-R): Tyler Farmer (13 YR Boy Winner), Colton Crowder (10 YR Boy Winner), Elizabeth Olivares, Yessenia Ramirez (10 YR Girl Winner), Brittany Galan (11 YR Girl Winner), Mikayla Ramon, Daniel Guerra (12 YR Boy Winner) and Sam Jenkins. Back (L-R): Miguel Huichapa, Juan Carlos Aranda, and Mason Baker (14 YR Winner). The winners will advance to District K of C in Ozona, Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007, at 2:00 p.m.

The Nonscandal of CEO Pay

High executive pay hasn't quite reached that status of a bipartisan "crisis," but it's approaching it. The Democratic senator from Virginia, Jim Webb, fulminated against it in his response to President Bush's State of the Union address. Bush himself, in a "State of the Economy" speech on Wall Street, urged corporate boards to "step up to their responsibilities" to better manage CEO pay.

Once something officially becomes a crisis, that means that it is certain there will be a raft of



foolish proposals to address it, and sure enough, legislative measures to crimp corporate pay already are bubbling up. There are, of course, some abuses in CEO compensation packages, but the broad picture justifies the truism, "You get what you pay for." Skyrocketing CEO pay has coincided with two decades of wondrous economic performance, during which the value of all stocks traded in the U.S. rose from \$1.3 trillion in 1981 to more than \$15 trillion in 2000.

The scolds of corporate pay yearn, in effect, for the bad old days of the 1970s. Then, CEOs were paid relatively small amounts, but corporations weren't particularly innovative and were run with little concern for the interests of shareholders. The hostile-takeover revolution of the 1980s changed all that.

As *The Economist* magazine puts it, CEOs had been paid like bureaucrats; now they are paid like entrepreneurs. The key innovation was tying compensation to the value of the company's stock through executive stock-ownership plans. A CEO's pay, therefore, was directly related to his performance, and his interests brought into alignment with those of shareholders.

It worked, and this model of pay spread throughout the corporate world.

The larger a company is, the greater an incentive that company will have to have the best-possible CEO, since it has more riding on it than a smaller firm. The number of people with the management skills, toughness and imagination suited to running a large corporation is small, and competition for their services is fierce. They are going to be paid a lot of money, especially when a profit or loss of billions of dollars depends on how they perform.

CEOs might be paid extremely well, but they don't have easy jobs. Their performance is always evaluated by the inescapable taskmaster, the financial markets. When they are found lacking, they are canned -- witness Kevin Rollins at Dell, out as CEO after just two and a half years. CEOs last on average about six years in their jobs.

There are always examples of excess. The CEO of Home Depot, Robert Nardelli, stoked outrage when he left the company with a \$200 million severance package. His contract was a relic of the bull market of 2000, but it was understandable that Home Depot had desperately wanted a highly regarded former GE executive.

One theory says that corporate boards of publicly traded companies are too cozy with management, so they dole out excessive pay. This happens sometimes. But companies owned by private-equity firms with a direct stake in their success pay similarly large packages to entice and keep hard-charging CEOs. The market knows what it's doing here. Politicians don't.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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Suspicious skunks and other wacky police calls

I was listening to the police scanner the other day (that's what I do when the paper is finished and there's nothing else to do except clean off my desk) and I heard a call come in from Sonora. I found it funny because a lady was reporting a suspicious skunk near her home. I waited to hear just what the skunk was doing that made the woman suspect the skunk was up to something, but the weather changed and I didn't get that channel the rest of the day.



by Randy Mankin

melon. Here's a few more I found on the Internet.

All the buzz

A male subject called from his cell phone to report he had been in an auto accident. The wreck, he said, wasn't his fault since a pesky fly had distracted him. It turns out the driver had reached into the floorboard on the passenger side, retrieved a flyswatter and had turned around in his seat and was trying to kill the elusive insect on the back window. Just as he zeroed in on the bandit...well, you get the picture.

You can't arrest me, I'm not her

A female subject phoned police to report that she became disoriented on her way home from the store. Unable to recognize any of the homes in her neighborhood she pulled into the driveway of one that closely resembled her house. That's when she said she ran into

a tree she doesn't have at a house that wasn't hers. Officers arrived to find the intoxicated woman sitting on the lawn drinking a beer she later denied having. It turned out she had been to the nearby liquor store and accidentally drove away in the store owner's car. It didn't help matters that the storekeeper also owned the home where she crashed into the tree.

Shots fired

Police arrived at the scene of a domestic disturbance to find a man standing in the front yard. As the man saw the officers approach he quickly placed both hands behind his back. Suspecting that the man might be concealing a weapon the officers, drew their guns and ordered him to drop the weapon and raise his hands.

The man assured them, "I don't have any gun whatsoever." But, it was obvious to the officers that he was fidgeting with something behind his back.

Again the officers ordered the subject to comply as one of them moved to one side for a better look at the man's hands.

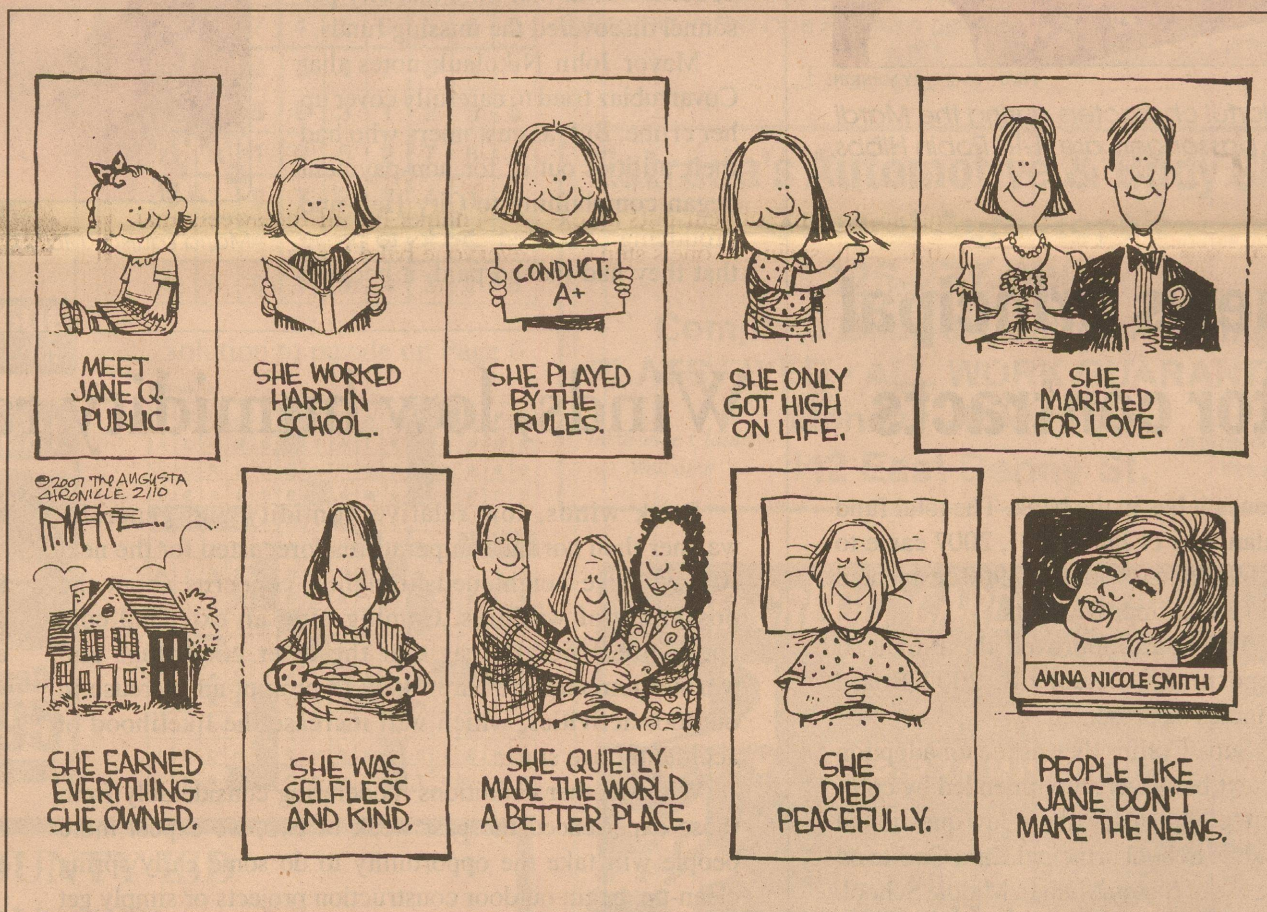
Just then, two shots rang out as the .22 caliber pistol the man was trying to conceal in his hip pocket discharged, striking him in the... whatever.

Oh, I see, you said hurling

Several years ago there was an item in *The Blotter* in Eldorado where officers were summoned to an apartment complex to deal with a disorderly male subject who was hurling things at passersby. The deputy sheriff arrived to find the man "vomiting off the balcony."

Never trust a cantaloupe-eater

Also several years ago, a male caller asked the dispatcher to send an officer to his home near Grape Creek. He said his neighbor had recently opened a cantaloupe stand on the highway near his home and he was worried that the stand's patrons would be able to see his possessions and might steal them. Officers responded and purchased three cantaloupes and a honeydew



Ski Practice on an Interstate Exit Ramp

John Rediger owns the drug store in Pecos he bought from his parents years ago. He is in great physical shape and exercises faithfully in all kinds of weather. He jogs 5 miles a day.

"I love to get out and jog when it's twenty degrees and the wind is blowing in your face and your eyes have tears in them. That pushes my button."

John has a deep passion for skiing, something he started a long time ago.

"I had been out of college a couple of years and my wife and I went up to Ruidoso and it's one of those things that I just fell in love with."

John has been ranked number one in the US Recreational Skiing Association. He has attended ski workshops in Switzerland.

"We get up and be on the mountain by seven and stay there until noon, then take a break and go back in the afternoon. Next day we do the same thing all over again. It was quite a treat."

John skis at least 40 days a year now, down from the time when he did 60. Sports Illus-



by Tumbler Smith

trated and *Ski* magazines have done major articles on John. He keeps them in a special place at his drug store.

Pecos doesn't get much snow, so John used to practice on roller skates at an Interstate exit ramp. It's near an overpass and has a slight hill to it. He staggered cans of paint down the ramp to serve as pole markers or gates.

His wife helped him watch for traffic. One day he went out there by himself because his wife had something to do and couldn't go with him.

"I sat up my paint cans, got out my roller skates, my ski poles and my gloves, which I use just in case I trip and fall. I saw a car coming, but it was a long way off. I thought I had time to go through the gates and pick up my paint cans before the car got there. But the car was

moving faster than I anticipated. I turned around and it was right on top of me. I was waving my ski poles and doing everything I could to alert the people in the car. It was an elderly couple and she was driving. She recognized there were some obstacles in her lane, but she swerved and hit that first paint can and chocolate brown paint went all over her wheel well. She stopped and started chewing me royally.

"About all I could say was 'yes, ma'am.' I was afraid she was going to call the DPS on me. I'd really be in trouble then. She said, 'what are you doing, young man?' I told her I was practicing skiing and that I skied in competition. She asked me if I had ever been to this or that ski area. I had been to most of them. She said, 'well, work hard, young man and best of luck to you in your endeavors.' I told her thank you. She drove off and I never said a thing to her about that chocolate paint getting on her car. For many years that paint stayed all over the road out there before it finally wore off. I thought I was cooked right there."

Lawmakers put property tax cut on fast track

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — The Texas Senate on Feb. 14 passed a resolution to break the state's constitutional spending cap.

This was done in order to move a step closer to delivering school property tax relief required by legislation passed a year ago in the 3rd called session of the 79th Texas Legislature.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 20 by Sen. Steve Ogden, R-College Station, establishes that the existing need for lower school district property taxes constitutes an emergency for the people of Texas.

The resolution also makes it so state tax revenues not dedicated by the Texas Constitution for fiscal years 2008 and 2009 may be in an amount not to exceed \$14.2 billion more than authorized.

On a simple majority vote and with none of the usual floor debate that regular legislative bills receive, the resolution quickly moves property tax relief ahead of other items on the agenda.

Once passed by the full Senate, SCR 20 shifted over to the House for consideration.

The House Appropriations Committee approved it too. Next, the resolution is subject to a vote of the full House on Feb. 20. It is predicted to pass on a Republican party line vote, or something close to it.

\$14 billion surfaces over & over

Fourteen billion dollars keeps popping up here and there in the world of state finance.

As previously mentioned, via SCR 20, the Legislature is close to giving itself permission to spend \$14 billion more in the next budget cycle.

In early January, newly installed state Comptroller Susan Combs pegged the state budget surplus at more than \$14 billion.

The third reference to \$14 billion: Gov. Rick Perry says financial experts put a conservative estimate of the sale price of the Texas Lottery at \$14 billion.

If sold for \$14 billion, Perry said, the money may generate about \$1.3 billion annual interest based on an average return of 9 percent, or \$300 million more than the Lottery currently returns, per year.

Perry said he would use the annual interest to create trust funds for cancer research, public education and an assistance program for Texans with no health insurance.

Senate to consider Jessica's Law

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on Feb. 14 announced the filing of Senate Bill 5, the Texas version of Jessica's Law, part of his Texas Children First plan.

SB 5, sponsored by Sen. Bob Deuell, R-Greenville, who also is a medical doctor, would do the following:

- Require mandatory 25 years to life sentences for a first-time violent sexual offense against a child under age 14;
- Require lifetime GPS monitoring for child sex offenders;
- Allow prosecutors to seek the death penalty for a second sexually violent offense against a child under age 14; and
- Double the statute of limitations on sexual crimes against children from 10 to 20 years.

Jessica's Law is named for 9-year-old Floridian Jessica Lunsford. In March 2005, she was abducted from her Florida home, raped and murdered

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Pat George Edward Taylor, M.D.



went on to graduate from the University of Texas Medical Branch in 1980. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine from Scott & White Memorial Hospital in 1983 and practiced at Baylor Hospital in Dallas for 1 year.

He moved to Tyler in 1984 where he had a thriving medical practice for a number of years. He most recently practiced in Nacogdoches. Pat was a brilliant and caring physician who was loved by his patients. Although Pat was a believer in Christ, joy eluded him for much of his adult life. Those who knew him can be confident that he is now at peace.

Graveside service for Dr. Patrick Taylor, 51, of Nacogdoches, will be held at Rusk County Memorial Gardens in Henderson at 10:00 am. on Thursday, February 22, 2007. David Baggett will be officiating.

Visitation was held February 21, 2007 at Cason Monk-Metcalf funeral home in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Dr. Patrick Taylor was born June 14, 1955 in Houston to Robert Raymond Taylor and Jane Ella Henrietta Morgan Taylor and passed away Saturday, February 17, 2007 in Nacogdoches.

Dr. Taylor graduated Salutatorian from Klein High School in 1973. At Texas A&M he graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1976 and

Surviving Dr. Taylor is his wife, Della Cates Taylor of Nacogdoches; his mother, Jane Morgan Taylor of Tyler; 2 sons, Patrick and Graham Taylor of Tyler; sister, Roberta Baggett of Houston; brothers, Raymond Taylor of Rockport and Dr. Michael Taylor of Tyler; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Patsy and Rand Cates of Henderson; and numerous special nieces and nephews.

Dr. Taylor is preceded in death by his father, Robert Raymond Taylor.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Association of Former Students at Texas A&M University at 505 George Bush Dr., College Station, Texas 77840.



Carla Hammond and Andrew Sauer

Hammond/Sauer Engagement

Kenny and Kathy Hammond of Colorado City, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Carla Hammond, to Andrew Sauer, son of Hyman and Gina Sauer of Eldorado.

Miss Hammond is currently a student at Western Texas College and secretary for the Chamber of

Commerce in Colorado City. Mr. Sauer is a 2003 graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor Degree in Agriculture Economics and is a loan officer for City National Bank in Colorado City.

The couple is planning a June 2, 2007 wedding at First Baptist Church in Colorado City.

TDA private applicator license training Feb. 27

This course is for those who currently do not have a pesticide license and would like to have one.

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County Agent's Update
by Cory Stevens

Booklet and the test will be administered immediately following the course.

RSVP by Friday, February 23 Call 853-2132.

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by a convicted sex offender. Since then, more than two dozen states have enacted toughened sex-offender laws in memory of Jessica.

Texas Tomorrow Fund update

A new report commissioned by state Comptroller Susan Combs recommends that the Texas Tomorrow Fund remain closed to enrollment.

The prepaid college tuition program begun under then-Comptroller John Sharp in 1996 has been closed to enrollment since 2003.

The size of the fund will be \$3 billion short of the demand on it in 20 years, and with today's leaping tuition costs, a much greater shortfall is possible.

Combs said funds contributed by the 158,000 families who are already enrolled are safe.

Lawmaker addresses high tuition

In the wake of Comptroller Combs' report, state Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, called for an end to tuition deregulation.

Coleman said that since tuition deregulation was enacted by the Legislature in 2003, tuition has gone up an average of 37 percent at Texas' 35 public colleges and universities.

He said unless something is done, families that already have invested in the fund cannot be guaranteed the money will be there when their kids need it.

by Nursing Home Activity Director Annie Arispe

Spring Fever. We all know it. That first day when the air loses its chill, hits your face and makes you want to drive fast. Something about the time of year puts an extra...well, spring in one's step.

Residents have all wanted to get out and put their hand in the soil. We've been planting some of the early spring flowers and it just puts smiles on their faces and mine, just to watch how much fun it is to see them glow, when planting.

Our Sweet Day for Valentine's Day was great. There's a reason why

chocolate is so popular on Valentine's Day. It makes you feel good... Literally! Chocolate contains more than 300 chemicals, which may explain some of the pleasurable effects of consuming it.

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Winner of last week's \$100 cash drawing was Luiz Martinez, pictured here accepting his prize from Shirley Joiner.



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Showtimes Valid Friday - Thursday 2/23 - 3/1, 2007 ONLY

Eagles swipe 15 steals in 75-57 win over Falcons

Drew Bosmans spearheaded the charge with 20 points and seven rebounds to push the Eldorado High School Eagles to a 75-57 over the Veribest Falcons in a playoff practice game Friday, February 16 in Bronte.

The win moved the Eagles season mark to 20-8.

Zach Hash dominated the boards for the Warbirds pulling down 11 rebounds to keep the ball in Eldorado's hands.

Tyler Dombroski was also a force on the boards, hauling in 10 rebounds to go along with his eight points.

Jorge Mata tallied 10 points, two rebounds, two assists and two steals for the Eagles before fouling out. Zach Hash also exited the game early due to fouled. Sammy

Estrada hit for seven points and grabbed one rebound.

Lalo Sanchez put 17 points on the board, 4 assists and seven steals. Russell Cathey and Michael Redish each contributed 3 points each.

The game set the stage for Eldorado's appearance in the State 1A playoffs Wednesday night where they were scheduled to travel to Llano to take on Johnson City. The results of that game, and any subsequent playoff game the Eagles might advance to will be in next week's Success.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Zach Hash battled for position after pulling down a rebound in the Eagles practice game with Veribest last Friday evening in Bronte. The Warbirds notched up a 75-57 win in the warm-up game as they prepared to take on Johnson City in the opening round of the State 1A playoffs.

7th Grade Girls

January 22, 2007
Eldorado 10-02-12-02=26
Menard 02-01-07-07=17
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Sierra Arispe 2, Abby Fuentes 4, Amanda Garcia 2, Brianah Creek 12, Brianda Torres 4, Clarissa Castro 2.
January 29, 2007
Eldorado 13-04-08-06=31
Water Valley 02-07-06-02=17
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Abby Fuentes 6, Polli Guerrero 2, Amanda Garcia 2, Brianah Creek 11, Brianda Torres 2, Melissa Gonzales 4, Marissa Gonzales 4.

8th Grade Girls

January 29, 2007
Eldorado 00-08-02-05=15
Water Valley 06-04-06-02=18
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Allyson Jarrett 11, Ashley Paulson 2, and Brittani Gauna 2.
February 1, 2007
Water Valley Tournament
Eldorado 06-08-01-04=19
Robert Lee 12-07-11-11=42
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Allyson Jarrett 8, Ashley Paulson 3, Abbie Ussery 1, Amy Alvizo 3 and Brittani Gauna 4.
February 2, 2007
Water Valley Tournament
Eldorado 02-08-09-06=25
Menard 04-06-04-09=23
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Allyson Jarrett 11, Guzman 2, Abbie Ussery 2, Amy Alvizo 8 and Brittani Gauna 2. 3 Point Goal: Jarrett (2).
February 2, 2007
Water Valley Tournament
Eldorado 13-07-11-06=37
Sterling City 04-09-08-08=28
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Allyson Jarrett 17, Carli McAngus 1, Ashley Paulson 10, and Amy Alvizo 9. 3 Point Goal: Jarrett (1).

7th Grade Boys

January 29, 2007
Eldorado 03-05-08-08=24
Water Valley 07-07-02-11=27
Scoring for the Eagles: R. Chavez 4, Jimenez 2, A. Espinosa 14, B. Minors

School Lunch Menu



Milk & Bread Offered
Menus Subject To Change
½ pt. Milk & 4 oz.
Juice offered w/each

BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, February 26
Biscuits / Sausage, Choice Of Juice/Jelly, Milk
Tuesday, February 27
Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal/Choice of Juice, Milk

Wednesday, February 28

Nutrigrain Bar/Graham Crackers, Choice of Juice, Milk
Thursday, March 1
Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
Friday, March 2
Donuts, Applesauce Cups, Choice of Juice, Milk

BASKET LINE

Monday, February 26
McRib Sandwich, Baked Chips, Cucumber Salad, Pineapple Slices
Tuesday, February 27
Chili Dogs/Cheese Cup, Fritos/Pork-n-Beans, Mixed Fruit

Wednesday, February 28

Crisptos/Cheese Sauce, Ranch Style Beans, Carrot Stix/Dip, Apple Halves
Thursday, March 1
Chef Salad/Dressing, Diced Ham/Cheese Cup, Crackers(8)Stawberry Jello/Topping

Friday, March 2

Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Orange Halves

CAFETERIA LINE

Monday, February 26
Pork Chops/Gravy, Green Beans/Hot Rolls, Tossed Salad/Creamed Potatoes, Pineapple Slices
Tuesday, February 27
Chili Dogs/Cheese Cup, Fritos/Pork-n-Beans, Mixed Fruit

Wednesday, February 28

Burritos, Spanish Rice, Cucumber Salad, Apple Halves
Thursday, March 1
Bar B Que on a Bun, Pickles/Chips, Strawberry Jello/Topping

Friday, March 2

Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Orange Halves

JV GIRLS

February 6, 2007
Eldorado 07-00-04-05=16
Irion County 04-09-06-05=26
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Victoria Garza 4, Desiree Valeriano 2, Adrianna Hernandez 6, Emily Espinosa 2, and Tayle Bilbrey 2.

JV BOYS

January 2, 2007
Eldorado 12-02-19-11=44
Rocksprings 04-09-03-08=27
Scoring for the Eagles: Ramos 18, Dombroski 7, Martinez 5, Moreno 4, Castillo 2, Has 2, Sauer 4. 3 Point Goals: Ramos (2), Dombroski (1), Martinez (1).

January 9, 2007
Eldorado 24-14-18-04=60
McCamey 06-01-02-10=19
Scoring for the Eagles: Ramos 19, Tirado 4, Dombroski 6, Ramirez 6, Martinez 6, Meyer 4, Moreno 11, Hash 2, Sauer 2. 3 Point Goals: Ramos (2).

January 19, 2007
Eldorado 12-15-10-07=46
Irion County 08-08-06-06=26
Scoring for the Eagles: Ramos 16, Dombroski 8, Ramirez 1, Martinez 3, Meyer 2, Moreno 4. 3 Point Goals: Dombroski (1).

January 23, 2007
Eldorado 08-05-10-09=32

JV BOYS

Ft. Stockton 14-21-10-17=55
Scoring for the Eagles: Ramos 4, Dombroski 5, Rameriz 3, Martinez 16, Moreno 4. 3 Point Goals Martinez (4).

January 26, 2007
Eldorado 12-02-19-11=44
Rocksprings 04-09-03-08=27
Scoring for the Eagles: Ramos 16, Dombroski 20, Ramirez 16, Martinez 11, Moreno 15, Castillo 2. 3 Point Goals: Dombroski (3), Martinez (1).

January 30, 2007
Eldorado 09-06-17-10=42
Miles 05-09-08-11=33
Scoring for the Eagles: Ramos 5, Dombroski 7, Martinez 16, Moreno 3, Castillo 1, Sauer 4. 3 Point Goals: Ramos (1), Martinez (4).

February 2, 2007
Eldorado 13-05-18-03=39
Christoval 04-07-04-15=30
Scoring for the Eagles: Ramos 13, Dombroski 6, Ramirez 5, Martinez 10, Moreno 5. 3 Point Goals (2).

February 6, 2007
Eldorado 13-16-10-13=52
Irion County 02-06-13-16=37
Scoring for the Eagles: Ramos 4, Dombroski 5, Ramirez 8, Martinez 4, Escobar 3, Meyer 1, Moreno 7, Castillo 5, Sauer 7.

BIRTHDAY LIST FEBRUARY

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23rd Mike Prater, Caleb Daniels
24th Abelardo Montalvo, Marina Lozano, Toni Hendrick, Amanda Wanoreck, Susie McAngus
25th Tammy Dombroski, Georgina Caldwell, Shanna Edmiston, Kymm Nixon, Velma Tyler
26th Jaime Martinez, Jennifer Martinez
27th Lacy Ragsdale, Claude Jenkins
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Texas Buffalo Soldiers announce 2007 events

AUSTIN — Kicking off the start of a series of statewide events during Black History Month, the Texas Buffalo Soldiers are geared up for a year's worth of educational presentations at historic fort sites, schools and rodeos to increase public knowledge of frontier-era African-American soldiers and their contributions to the Lone Star State.

The Buffalo Soldiers were African-Americans of the U.S. Army's 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments. In Texas, their contributions were especially significant during the Indian Wars of the late 1800s, when approximately 20 percent of the U.S. Cavalry involved was African-American. It is speculated that these soldiers' curly hair resembled that of the American Indians' sacred buffalo mane, while their bravery and tenaciousness reflected the buffalo's spirit, hence inspiring the natives to call them "Buffalo Soldiers."

Today, the Texas Buffalo Soldiers Program is a statewide network of volunteers dedicated to youth education and histori-

cal interpretation. The program, sponsored in part by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, encompasses not only the African-American frontier story, but also that of Hispanic vaqueros, American Indians, frontier women and other cultural groups of the era.

Though Black History Month marks the beginning of the Texas Buffalo Soldiers' schedule, July is "Texas Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Month," and many of the program's featured events take place in July.

Buffalo Soldiers events in West Texas during 2007 are scheduled as follows:

- Feb. 25: Buffalo Soldier Heritage Day at Fort Concho in San Angelo
- Mar. 23-24: West Texas Heritage Days at Fort McKavett State Historical Site, Menard
- April 24-26: Texas Buffalo Soldiers workshop at Lake Brownwood State Park, Brownwood
- Dec. 7-9: "Christmas at Old Fort Concho" at Fort Concho National Historic Landmark

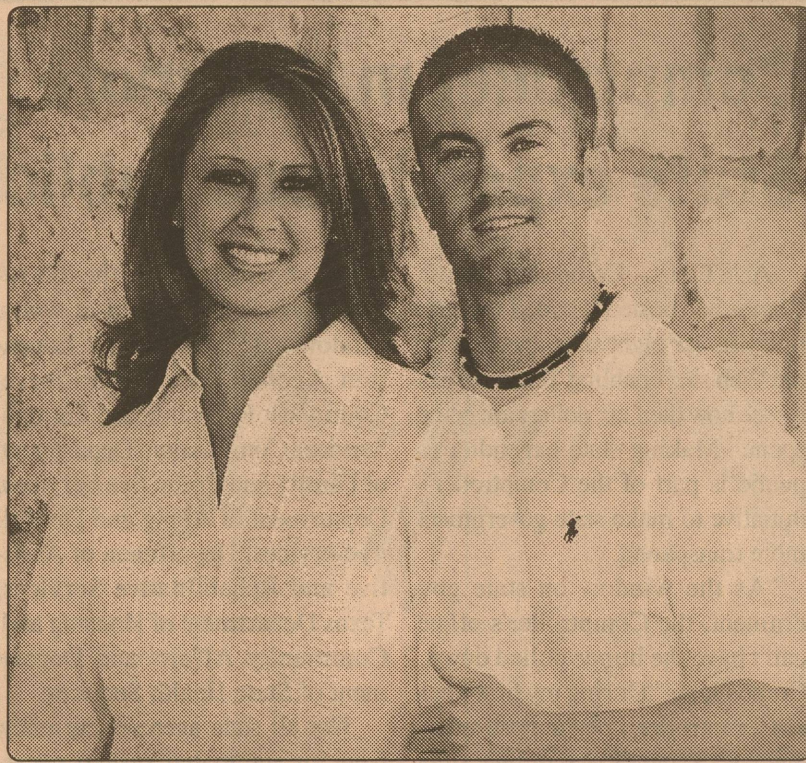


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Gentry Newman and Tanner Fields

Newman/Fields Engagment

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Newman of San Angelo, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Gentry Newman to Tanner Fields, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tryon Fields of Sonora, Texas. The wedding will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado on June 9, 2007.

Miss Gentry Newman is a 2002 graduate of Eldorado High School in Eldorado, Texas and a 2006 graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. Gentry is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority at Texas Tech, and is currently teaching 2nd grade in Sonora, Texas.

Mr. Tanner Fields is a 1999 graduate of Sonora High School in Sonora, Texas and a 2005 graduate of Texas Tech University in

Lubbock, Texas with a Bachelor's degree in Exercise and Sports Science and a minor in Education. Tanner is currently working with the Houston Astros to complete his Master's degree in Sports Management and is a candidate for graduation in May of 2007.

Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Our President, Glenda Harris, was elected Valentine Queen by her fellow members as Kappa Delta Chapter of BSP met in the Club Room of the Memorial Building for their annual salad supper to celebrate Valentine's Day. Each member brought a salad of her choosing making for a delicious meal.

Glenda Harris served as co-hostess with Mary Leigh Dunagan who was absent because of illness. Ms. Harris decorated the table with

pink balloons and pink plates.

Those in attendance were: Kim'et Nelson, Dorothy Dacy, Flora Hubble, Mary Nolen, Maggie Lloyd, Barbara Jackson and Ms. Harris.

Mary Nolen gave the grace with special prayers for the Hernandez family for the loss of their son David in an automobile accident and the Crowder Family for the loss of Edna.

The next meeting will be February 27th in the Memorial Building.

SBA loan seminar slated March 6 on ASU campus

The ASU Small Business Development Center is conducting a free seminar entitled SBA Loans and Commercial Lending. The seminar will be held on Tuesday, March 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Rassman Building Room 100.

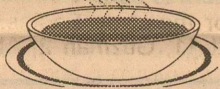
This seminar will take the mystery out of SBA guaranteed loans, made through lenders such as banks. The seminar will explain how SBA loans work, what documents and information are required, and review the requirements to qualify for a SBA guaranteed loan. It will also explain commercial lending, how the process works, what lenders look for, and how you can improve your chances of qualifying for a commercial loan whether it is conventional or

SBA guaranteed.

Seminar will be taught by Dave Erickson. Dave is the ASU SBDC Director and is a Certified Business Advisor IV. A local banker will also be on hand to answer any commercial lending questions.

Call the SBDC at 325-942-2098, e-mail sbdc@angelo.edu to register or visit our website at www.angelo.edu/services/sbdc.

Meals for Friends Menu



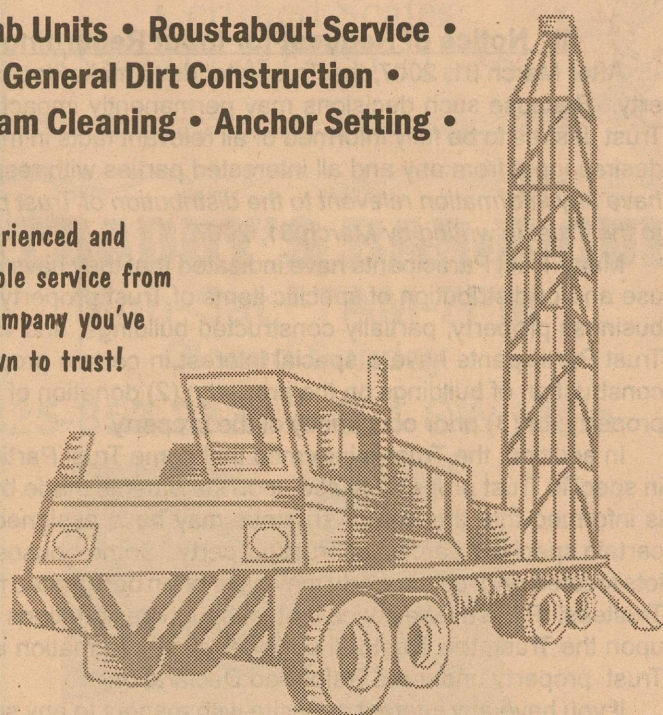
- Monday, February 26**
Beef Tips, Rice, Cooked Carrots, Cornbread, Fruit Cup w/Strawberries & Banana, Lemon Meringue Pie, Milk
- Tuesday, February 27**
Oven Baked Chicken, Lima Beans, Broccoli, Bread, Chunky Mixed Fruit, Milk
- Wednesday, February 28**
Ground Beef Steak, Macaroni & Cheese, Corn w/Pepper, Hot Dinner Rolls, Carrot Salad, Applesauce, Milk
- Thursday, March 1**
Vegetable Beef Stew, Green Beans, Cornbread, Pear Half w/Cottage Cheese, Vanilla Pudding, Milk
- Friday, March 2**
Baked Ham, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Carrot Raisin Salad, Gelatin w/Fruit, Milk.

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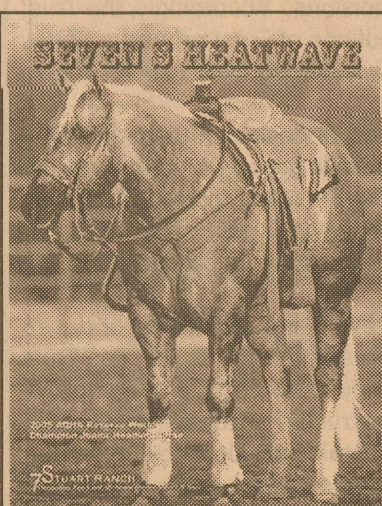
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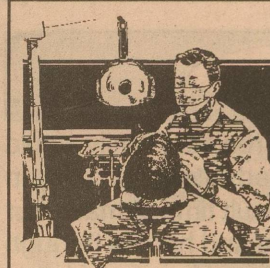


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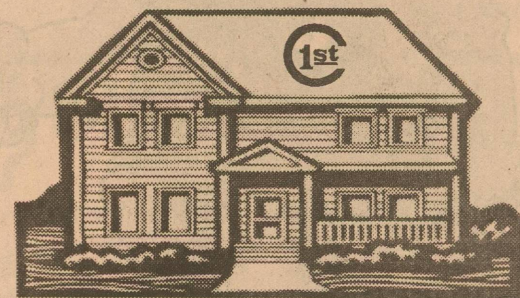
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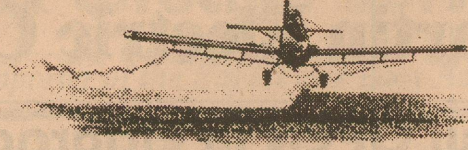
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Card of Thanks

It is with our deepest gratitude that the Crowder Family would like to sincerely thank everyone who called, stopped by or in some way reached out to us during this difficult time. It made our hearts lighter seeing the testament to Nana and her life through the outpouring of friends. One never knows how important friends and small town communities are until we come together during times of need.

We appreciate all of you for everything but most all we appreciate you for loving her the way we do.
Crowder Family, Danny Crowder, Steve & Denese Capps, Tim and Louanne Sims, Brittani, Camron, Danielle and Tanner

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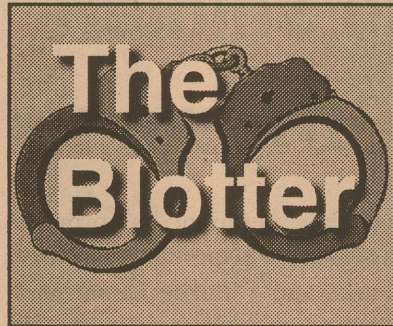
AUSTIN — Comptroller Susan Combs has posted detailed expenditure lists for eight state agencies on the Web site, enabling Texans to easily see how their tax dollars are being spent. Making state expenditures public is part of the Comptroller's initiative to make state government more transparent.

"As the window on state government, the Comptroller's office can't have the blinds pulled down," Combs said. "During my first week as Comptroller, I began posting my agency's expenditures online, right down to pencils, and I asked other state agencies to join us."

In addition to the Comptroller's

office, expenditures by the following agencies are posted at www.window.state.tx.us: Texas Education Agency, Texas Workforce Commission, Health and Human Services Commission, Department of Family and Protective Services, Department of Aging and Disability Services, Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and Department of State Health Services.

Not all state agencies currently have an automated system necessary to report their expenditures to the Comptroller for posting on the Comptroller's Web site. The Comptroller is developing a plan to put more agencies' expenditures online.



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

ARRESTS

Feb. 12 • Whitten, John Stephen, male age 36, offense Failure To Sign Promise To Appear. Released time served.

Feb. 19 • Powell, Walter George, male age 43, offense Driving While License Invalid. Released on (3) \$1,000 PR Bonds.

INCIDENTS

Feb. 15 • 2:13 a.m. 911 Call. Caller requested an ambulance to a residence on Hwy. 190 West. Elderly man fell from bed and broke finger. Officer and EMS responded.

• 2:27 p.m. 911 Call. Complainant on Hwy. 190 West requested an ambulance. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

• 5:21 p.m. Subject reported a lost purse at the Post Office.

Feb. 16 • 5:37 p.m. Complainant reported a loose dog chasing children on the street. Neighbor took care of dog. Officer notified.

• 7:27 p.m. Courtesy call for blowing out a gas line about 12 miles CR 853.

Feb. 17 • 911 Call. Caller hung up after realizing they had dialed the wrong number.

• 6:10 p.m. Complainant on Dixie reported a possible rabid fox near yard fence. Officer notified.

• 9:04 p.m. Complainant re-

ported hearing shots fired north of their residence.

• 11:13 p.m. Two suspicious persons were reported on Mertzson Road trying to steal dogs from front yard. Two officers notified.

Feb. 18 • 4:04 p.m. Complainant on San Saba St. reported a possible house burglary. Officer responded.

• 4:11 p.m. Caller reported a suspicious person carrying a gun on 3 miles on Rudd Road. Officer responded.

• 5:05 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious person hanging around a store. Officer notified.

• 5:11 p.m. Complainant reported two loose black/white dogs on Hwy. 277 just outside city limits. Officer notified.

• 5:17 p.m. Complainant reported seeing a suspicious vehicle dumping two dogs on Hwy. 277 south. Officer notified.

• 9:05 p.m. Complainant reported fireworks being popped over their residence. Officer notified and was unable to locate.

Feb. 19 • 3:29 a.m. Caller reported suspicious persons around home. Suspects pounded on door and would not say who they were. Officers responded.

• 9:48 a.m. Complainant on Carson St. reported a sewer line busted and needed to contact city. City notified.

• 12:45 a.m. Complainant reported a truck driving all over the road. Subject requested an officer check on the driver. Officer responded.

• 6:10 p.m. 911 Call. Ambulance requested at store. Officer notified.

• 9:44 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver on Hwy. 277 heading southbound. Officer notified and unable to locate.

Feb. 20 • 12:20 a.m. Caller reported a continuously barking dog. Officer contacted.

• 12:26 a.m. Caller reported the barking dog had left. Officer notified.

• 7:48 a.m. Caller needed to speak with a deputy.

School board

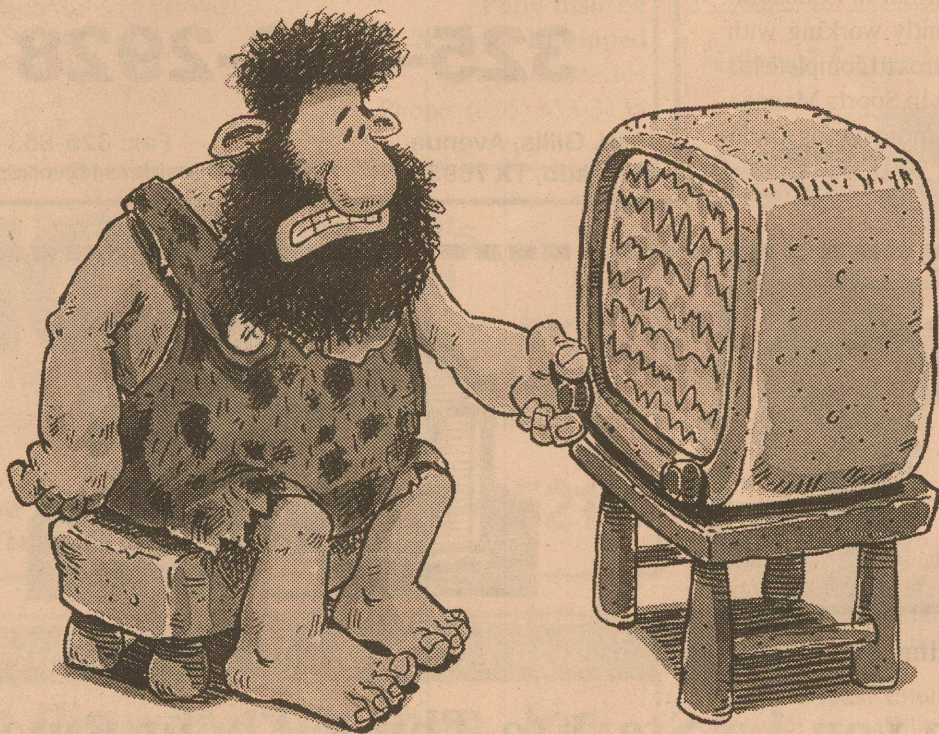
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voted to accept the resignation of maintenance director John Kotsch and maintenance employee Mike Haynes. Kotsch left the district due to illness. Haynes left to accept the maintenance position with Schleicher County.

The board also approved contracts for high school principal Bob Wanoreck, middle school principal Kara Sue Garlitz, elementary principal Maela Edmonson, athletic director Johnny Burleson, band director Jerry Barker, finance director Ray Ballew, and technology director JD Doyle.

Before adjourning, the board reviewed several information items and noted that SCISD's overall enrollment is 628.

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NOTICE REGARDING THE UNITED EFFORT PLAN TRUST

I. Notice of Reformation of Trust

On October 25, 2006, the United Effort Plan Trust (the "Trust") was reformed by the Court in the case of *In re United Effort Plan Trust*, Case No. 053900848 in the Third District Court of Salt Lake County, Utah. The reformed Trust is governed by a document entitled **REFORMED DECLARATION OF TRUST OF THE UNITED EFFORT PLAN TRUST DATED OCTOBER 25, 2006** (the "Reformed Declaration"). A copy of the Reformed Declaration may be found at the Trust's website at: "www.ueptrust.com/UEPTImages/Reformed-Declaration-Trust.pdf". All interested parties are encouraged to review the Reformed Declaration for information regarding the reformed Trust.

In connection with the reformation of the Trust, the Court has removed the former Trustees. The Reformed Declaration provides that the Trust will eventually be administered by a Board of Trustees to be appointed by the Court. Until the Court appoints and transfers powers to the Board of Trustees, the Trust shall be administered by the Court-appointed Special Fiduciary.

II. Notice of Process to Petition for Benefits from the Trust

The Reformed Declaration provides that the Trust may provide benefits to members of the Trust's beneficiary class ("Trust Participants"). Such benefits may include distributing Trust property to individual Trust Participants.

In accordance with the Reformed Declaration, the Trust has established a uniform process for Trust Participants to petition for benefits from the Trust. The Trust has prepared a form *Petition for Benefits* to be used by Trust Participants. Additional information regarding the petition process is contained in the *Petition for Benefits*. Copies of the *Petition for Benefits* may be obtained on-line at the Trust's website: "www.ueptrust.com/UEPTImages/PetitionforBenefits.pdf", or by request made to the Special Fiduciary at the address listed below.

The Trust has established a deadline of **March 31, 2007** for the submission of *Petitions for Benefits*. All petitions must be received by the Special Fiduciary on or before the deadline as follows: by mail to 132 West Pierpont Avenue, Salt Lake City, UT 84101; by facsimile to 801-328-2015; or, by e-mail to "bwisan@wsrp.com". Petitions received after the deadline will not be considered in the first round of petition review. Such petitions, however, will be considered at a later time.

III. Notice of Request for Input Regarding Distributions of Trust Property

After March 31, 2007, the Trust intends to make decisions regarding the distribution of Trust property. Because such decisions may permanently impact the ownership status of Trust property, the Trust desires to be fully informed of all relevant facts in making such decisions. Accordingly, the Trust desires input from any and all interested parties with respect to distributions of Trust property. *If you have any information relevant to the distribution of Trust property, you are requested to make it known to the Trust in writing by March 31, 2007.*

Many Trust Participants have indicated that they have a special interest or desire with respect to the use and/or distribution of specific items of Trust property - including specific parcels of land, houses, business property, partially-constructed buildings, and vacant lots. The Trust is informed that many Trust Participants have a special interest in certain property based upon the Trust Participant's: (1) construction of buildings on the property; (2) donation of labor or materials for the improvement of the property; or (3) prior occupancy of the property.

In addition, the Trust is informed that some Trust Participants may have a special interest or desire in specific Trust property based upon statements made by the former Trustees of the Trust. The Trust is informed that the former Trustees may have assigned certain individuals to occupy and improve certain specified parcels of Trust property. Some houses, partially-constructed buildings, and vacant lots located on Trust property may have been designated for the use of certain individuals by the former Trustees. Please take notice that, although designations made by the former Trustees are not binding upon the Trust, the Trust will consider such information in determining the appropriate distribution of Trust property under the Reformed Declaration.

If you have any interest or desire with respect to any specific item of Trust property you must make it known to the Trust by submitting a completed form *Petition for Benefits* prior to the expiration of the deadline. Alternatively, if you do not wish to submit a *Petition for Benefits*, but you nevertheless wish to provide input with respect to the use or distribution of Trust property, you are requested to provide such input to the Trust in writing on or before March 31, 2007.

If you do not provide input in a timely manner (whether through a *Petition for Benefits* or otherwise), Trust property may be distributed by the Trust without the benefit of your input.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Politically incorrect Bill
6. Practice in the ring
10. Restful spot
13. Without a date
14. Fisherman's story
15. Cowboy boot feature
16. Cry of exasperation
18. Dinghy pair
19. Landlord, e.g.
20. Doctors' org.
21. Twistable treat
22. Some hangings
24. Grease up
26. Banana kin
31. Noteworthy time
32. Leeds's river
33. Light gas
35. Tick off
39. Slow-cooked meal
40. Column style
42. Folkie Guthrie
43. Colorful ducks
45. Mom's mom
46. Reduced by
47. Granola bit
49. Was in charge
51. Event with a -gate suffix
55. Like some grins
56. Tough to crack
57. Prefix meaning "earth"
59. Five Nations

- people
64. "Cogito, __ sum"
65. Poacher's nemesis
67. Nameless, for short
68. When to call, in some ads
69. Blockage reliever
70. Boggy land

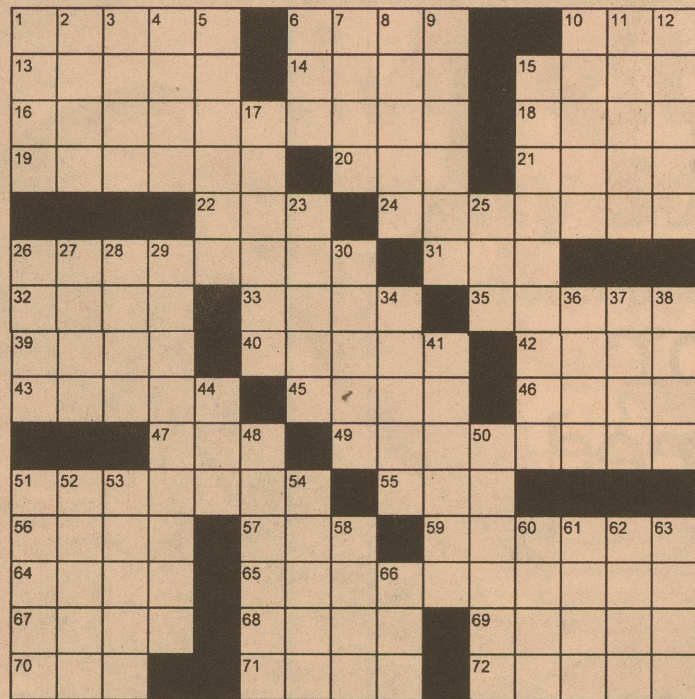
71. Rear-ender result
 72. Pick on
- DOWN**
1. Shopaholic's mecca
 2. Soothing stuff
 3. Circle dance
 4. Pulls the plug on
 5. Nuke, maybe
 6. Cap monogram

- for Albert Pujols
7. One of the Three Bears
8. Reunion attendees
9. Used car transaction
10. Fire starter
11. Turn to mush
12. Torch's work

15. Waterways on the U.S./Canada border
17. Job to be run
23. Fasten, as a ribbon
25. Public radio host Glass
26. Days gone by
27. Lo-cal
28. Plane measure
29. Connecticut sub base site
30. Grammy winner Jones
34. Dressed to the

36. Shot up
37. Supermodel Benitez
38. Like Santa's cheeks
41. Lacking maturity
44. Woeful
48. Put a price on
50. Ruler by heredity
51. Bundle of papers
52. Chile con __
53. An inert gas
54. Split, so to speak
58. Black cat, to some
60. Old Harper's Bazaar illustrator
61. Think tank nugget
62. TV rooms
63. Gaming table fee
66. Superlative ending

Four Jacks



See solution on Page 8

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PRESIDIO — Flowing desert springs and blooming Chihuahuah Desert wildflowers, cacti and shrubs should provide colorful subjects for shutterbugs attending Big Bend Ranch State Park's twice-annual digital photography workshop April 13-15.

"The park was blessed with considerable amounts of rain and snow this winter, so the ranch's chaparral, canyons and mountain slopes should be awash in floral color," said Houston photographer Jim Carr. "The workshop is designed for both beginning and intermediate digital photographers."

Carr, a retired commercial photographer, is quite knowledgeable about what makes Big Bend Ranch such a special place. He has been conducting trail rides and photo workshops at the scenic 300,000-

acre state park and working cattle ranch for more than 10 years.

Workshop participants will be taught how to properly light and compose a picture, and what to do with pictures after they've been taken, according to Carr. Instruction will touch on digital photo storage and organization as well as how to delete, edit and resize the image for e-mailing, printing or posting on a Web site.

The \$400 workshop cost includes meals, lodging, all park

fees and transportation in connection with the on-site workshop. Workshop participants will meet at Fort Leaton State Historic Site in Presidio and be transported to Big Bend Ranch.

Participants meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 13, at Fort Leaton State Historic Site three miles east of Presidio on FM 170. Each person will need to provide his own lunch on Friday. On Saturday at the ranch, photographers will go into the field to take scenic and

candid shots. The last morning is reserved for a discussion about what to do with the hundreds of photos that have been taken. After lunch on Sunday, participants are free to take photos on their own anywhere on the ranch before heading home.

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Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

1	9	8	2	5	3	6	4	7
5	4	3	6	7	8	1	2	9
6	2	7	4	1	9	5	8	3
9	6	2	5	4	7	8	3	1
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8	3	9	7	2	6	4	1	5
7	1	4	3	8	5	9	6	2
2	5	6	1	9	4	3	7	8

Solution to puzzle on Page 6

Four Jacks

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