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Local teachers get 2.34 percent pay raise

The SCISD board of trustees met Monday evening and approved a 2.34 percent pay increase for full-time teachers, librarians, counselors and school nurses. The raise, mandated by the state legislature, is retroactive to the beginning of the school year.

Likewise, all other school personnel, including administrators, classroom aides, maintenance personnel and janitors, received a 2.4 percent increase.

The decision came after a brief executive session and was passed on a 4-0 vote with trustees Jo Helen Kotsch, Kurtis Homer and Jan Wanoreck abstaining.

A beginning teacher in Eldorado, with no previous teaching experience, now makes \$25,690.00. That's \$1,450.00 above the state minimum. A teacher with 20 years of experience now makes \$42,290.00 annually, some \$1,490.00 above state minimum.

Monday night's meeting was the first of the year for the trustees. It was called to order by board president Jo Helen Kotsch with

trustees Jan Wanoreck, Berta Nicholson, Leanne Higgins, Eddie Albin, Kurtis Homer and Lupe Sanchez in attendance. Also present was Superintendent George Blanch, as were the three campus principals, Bob Wanoreck, Kara Sue Garlitz and Maela Edmonson, as well as business manager Ray Ballew, high school librarian Debbie Griffin, maintenance director John Kotsch and school nurse Susie Richters.

Among other business, the trustees heard an update from Ms. Richters regarding health activities within the school system. She outlined a series of health screenings that are done and explained that concerns about student health may also come to her attention through teacher referrals. Ms. Richters also noted that a pre-kindergarten student now enters school with a minimum of 25 immunizations.

Ms. Richters then displayed one of two automatic electronic defibrillators that the school recently purchased. She noted that she hopes to acquire two more of the devices with grant money so that they will be

available on all campuses

Ms. Richters then presented a short video concerning the childhood obesity epidemic in Texas. The video noted that rates of childhood obesity have doubled in the state in the past twenty years with an estimated cost of \$95,000.00 per year to every school.

Next, the school trustees reviewed the school district's report card, better known as the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report. Each of the three campus principals reviewed their school's performance on the report, followed by Supt. George Blanch who reviewed the district's overall performance. He noted that SCISD spent \$8,976.00 per student last year. That compares to the \$8,916.00 statewide average.

The AEIS report listed Eldorado Middle School and Eldorado High School as "Academically Acceptable" while Eldorado Elementary received a "Recognized" listing.

The board then heard from local citizen Vickie Williams during the public comment portion of the meet-

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PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN

School Nurse Susie Richters displayed an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator Monday night for SCISD trustees at their monthly school board meeting. Here, trustees Kurtis Homer and Lupe Sanchez, and SCISD business manager Ray Ballew (background) look on as Richters demonstrates one of the two AEDs recently purchased by the district. She explained that she hopes to get a grant with which to purchase two more of the life-saving devices.

Junior Livestock, Food and Project Show gets underway this weekend

The annual Schleicher County Livestock, Food and Project Show will be focusing on our youth this upcoming weekend. January 12-14 is the date for the annual show.

The show will begin on Thursday with the judging of the Creative and Industrial Arts. The livestock show portion will begin on Friday at 2:30 p.m. with the sheep show followed by the swine show at 4:00 p.m. and the cattle show at 5:30 p.m. The rabbit show, if any are entered, will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday's activities will begin with the goat show at 8:30 a.m. and will also include the judging of the food

show entries and the exhibition goat show. The exhibition goat show will be held again this year at 11:00 a.m. It will allow youngsters an opportunity to get out into the show ring with an animal to see if they like it.

The ever popular dog show will immediately follow the exhibition goat show.

At 12:00 noon a BBQ lunch will be held courtesy of First National Bank of Eldorado.

The awards presentation and premium sale will follow the lunch.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Extension office at 853-2132.

Commissioners hold first meeting of 2006

The Schleicher County Commissioner Court met for their first meeting of the year on Monday, January 7, 2006. Commissioners present were Johnny Mayo, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown. Commissioner Bill Clark was not present. Judge Johnny Griffin and Road Superintendent Clay Burleson were also on hand.

Among other business, the commissioners approved the minutes for the December 21, 2005 as read by

Deputy Clerk Mary Ann Gonzalez. The men also called for bids on diesel for the road department to be opened on January 23, 2006.

The commissioners then agreed to participate in the Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense Fund with the State Attorney General's Office. The fund reimburses a portion of the cost of indigent legal fees incurred by the county.

Next on the agenda, Judge Griffin

advised that Robert Stevens of the Concho Valley Council of Governments had contacted him to discuss the possibility of cost sharing the expense of a Thunderbird transportation van with the local nursing home and the CVCOG. Griffin explained that a \$5,000 per year commitment from the county and the nursing home, the CVCOG would help provide a van that would make daily trips to San Angelo. The van would assist nursing home residents needing to travel to San Angelo to see specialists, as well as any other citizen of the county needing a ride to San Angelo.

Commissioner Johnny Mayo said he felt the total expense should be picked up by the nursing home, but Judge Griffin argued that if the van is to be made available to all citizens the county would need to participate in the program.

The men made no decision on the matter, but agreed that Judge Griffin could continue to look into the matter and report back at a future meeting.

The commissioners then met with Debbie Griffin, a member of the County Library Board. Ms. Griffin asked the court to authorize a grant application to the Tocker Founda-

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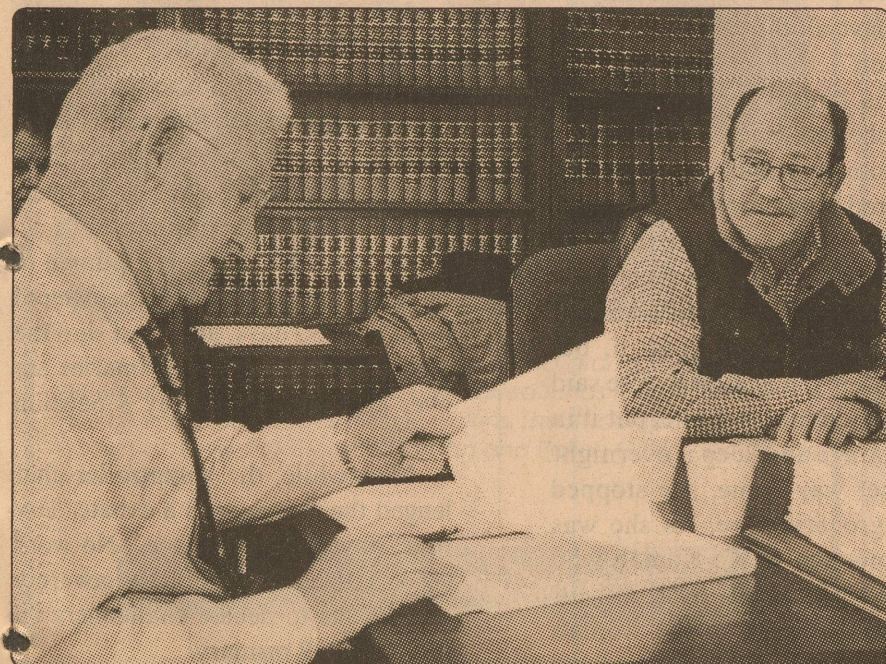


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

County Commissioner Matt Brown (R) looks on as Judge Johnny Griffin signs a grant application for the Schleicher County Public Library.

Ministerial Alliance coordinates drive to assist victims of Cross Plains fire

The Eldorado Ministerial Alliance is coordinating a collection effort to benefit the victims of the Cross Plains fire which destroyed more than 116 homes in the small town on Dec. 27, 2005. The 1907 Bank Building on Main Street will be open each afternoon from 1-4 p.m. beginning on Friday, January 13, 2006 and continuing through Thursday, January 19th. Please note the building WILL be open on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Volunteers will be on hand to accept donated items. However, officials in Cross Plains ask that there be no more donations

of clothing as sufficient amounts of clothing have already been gathered.

Donations of items such as furniture, household and kitchen items, toiletries, linens, dishes, cleaning supplies, nonperishable food are desperately needed. So are volunteers to help pack the donated items. Anyone wishing to help pack is asked to call The Eldorado Success at 853-3125.

Gift cards from major discount stores also make good donations and will be accepted at the Old Bank Building. Cash donations may be made to Texas Heritage Bank, P.O. Box 6991, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

City council continues to consider ordinances governing mobile homes

The Eldorado City Council opened Monday evening's meeting with a public hearing regarding a proposed amendment to city utility ordinance #105-06. The amendment would disallow multiple residences and businesses from using a single water or gas meter for mobile homes, manufactured homes, modular and site built homes and provides penalties for violations of the ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Minor called the meeting to order and welcomed two members from the public, Darrell Sellers and Pearl Vinlove who were present for the public hearing portion of the meeting. Neither addressed the council, however. Council members present were Toni Sudduth, Dora Bosmans, Tommy Minor, Richard Mendez and Juquin Rojas. Mayor John Nikolauk and Councilman Bill McCutcheon were not present.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo started the regular portion of the meeting by going over Ordinance #101-06 which is an amendment specifying criteria to obtain city services for either mobile/manufactured/modular homes or new site built structures.

Council woman Toni Sudduth questioned a portion of the ordinance that prohibits per-

mits from being issued for mobile homes or manufactured homes/buildings more than 10 years old. The council discussed the age restriction and decided to have that restriction waived with council approval. Also, the clause that "grandfathers" existing homes will be rewritten to be more specific as to which homes or businesses will be grandfathered. The council then tabled the discussion of the ordinance and instructed Carolyn Mayo to rewrite and update portions of the ordinance for final reading at the next council meeting in February.

Ms. Mayo then distributed a proposed zoning map for council members to look over. Currently there are no zoning rules for Eldorado.

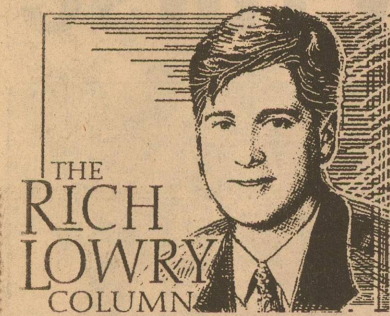
Toni Sudduth noted that abandoned vehicles and other problems have become more evident since the city has been without a code enforcement officer. Carolyn Mayo told the council there have been two individuals interested in the code enforcement position, but no one has been appointed yet.

City Superintendent Floyd Fay updated the council problems with the city's trash trucks. Fay reported both trucks have

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The Most Underappreciated Story of 2005

The robust American economy is the great underappreciated story of 2005. Like the purloined letter in Edgar Allan Poe's story, our superb economy is hidden in plain view, mostly ignored by a media that prefer to accentuate the negative and a Democratic Party that, for understandable partisan reasons, is loath to admit that anything could possibly be right in George Bush's America.



THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

The end of the year brought a barrage of good news that it will take Herculean determination to determinedly ignore.

MasterCard reported that

holiday sales increased 8.7 percent over last year. Sales of electronics were up 11 percent, and home furnishings were up 15 percent. Purchases exceeding \$1,000 increased by 13 percent. The Wall Street Journal noted that economic pessimists harp about median incomes declining, but "judging by these holiday sales, somebody must have money."

Overall, consumer confidence rose in December to its highest levels since before Hurricane Katrina battered the Gulf Coast. The price of a gallon of gasoline declined to \$2.18, well below the high of more than \$3 in September, and workers were earning 3.2 percent more than in November 2004.

The unemployment rate is at a level that at one time would have been cause for universal celebration — just 5 percent — and according to Jeffrey M. Lacker, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Va.), employment continues to grow at a "healthy pace." All of this comes on top of low inflation and extraordinarily high productivity gains. Heritage Foundation economist Tim Kane calculates, putting all the key factors together, that economically, 2005 is one of the best five years out of the past 25.

Bush can't get all the credit for a fortuitous turn in the business cycle. (Although President Clinton somehow managed to claim personal responsibility for every tick up in GDP and every tick down in the unemployment rate.) It's the amazing resiliency, and endless capacity for innovation, of the American economy itself that is responsible for the latest spurt in growth.

But one Bush policy in particular did stoke the upturn. As a report of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress explained, consumer spending never stopped growing in the 2001 recession. It was a free-fall in investment that caused the economic stall. Bush's 2003 tax cuts on dividends and capital gains were meant to recharge that particular engine in the economy, and they did. According to Kane, investment has grown at a rate of 9.2 percent since those tax cuts, higher than the average of 6 percent of the past two decades.

No matter. In the Bush economy, the press specializes in making people feel badly about doing well. The coverage in coming weeks will surely obsess about high home-heating bills. Since no economy can achieve a state of Zen perfection, when spring comes, there will be something else to be discouraged about, perhaps the softening housing market. Recent business surveys show companies are planning to increase hiring in 2006. That's a sign the vigorous economy is set to roll on into 2006, appreciated or not.

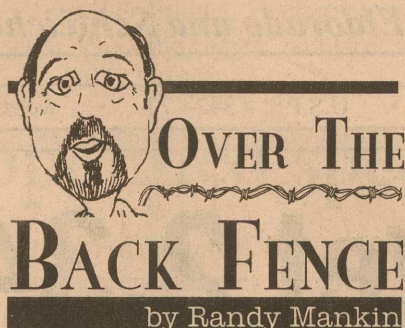
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Finally a national championship game that lived up to the hype

First of all let me say that I'm a Red Raider fan and will be till I die, but weren't the Texas Longhorns spectacular last week in the Rose Bowl? The boys from Austin did us proud and it sure was fun to listen to all the pre-game experts sucking wind after the 'Horns whipped the previously invincible USC Trojans.

Of course, much of the credit goes to quarterback Vince Young, quite possibly the most gifted collegiate football player of the past 25 years. His decision to forego his senior year at UT and make himself available to the upcoming NFL draft should surprise no one. Being a Houston native and a graduate of Houston's Madison High School, the prospect of being picked #1 by the Houston Texans had to be more than Young could resist.

It still might not happen. The Texans could decide they don't need Vince Young and opt for Reggie Bush, the USC running back everyone was touting prior to the Rose Bowl. It's true! NFL front office types are notorious for having tunnel vision and, if they have indeed fixed their gaze on Bush or, worse yet, some other player, then the whole dream scenario comes



by Randy Mankin

tumbling down. Still, if the powers that be at Houston want to win games and sell tickets, Young is the obvious choice.

Think for a minute about how unlikely it is for a young man who grew up playing ball in Houston to find himself in the position that he might be considered for the number one pick in the NFL draft and that the Houston franchise would be the team to make that choice.

First, Vince Young had to make it on to a team that had a shot at the national title, then he had to stay healthy. Finally, that team had to run the table and go undefeated into the glamor game of the decade where he could lead them to a come-from-behind victory over the defending champs.

All the while, the Houston Texans were doing the opposite.

They had to lose games and finish with the worst record in the NFL. It was close at times and it looked for awhile like San Francisco might pull it out, but the Texans lost the ones they needed to lose just as Vince Young won the ones he needed to win.

Storybook stuff, huh? Like I said, it still might not happen. Never underestimate and NFL general manager.

So, here's my number two dream scenario.

1) By a series of pre-draft trades, Houston decides to draft the hardest hitting defensive back in the country, Dwayne Slay of Texas Tech. He would be a good fit and could start the first year.

2) Reggie Bush goes to the San Francisco 49ers, a team that has already said they want him.

3) Bush's teammate Matt Leinart goes to Green Bay where he rides the bench behind Brett Favre who plays another 15 seasons.

4) Opening the way for Vince Young to go to the Dallas Cowboys. Never mind, never mind...Cowboys owner Jerry Jones would never pick Vince Young, he's too bright a star and Jerry might lose the limelight.

DeLay gives up hope of reclaiming House post

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay of Sugar Land announced his decision not to seek his former post as House majority leader in the new Congress, which convenes later this month.



DeLay and his defense team are awaiting the next steps in the legal process. DeLay was indicted by Travis County grand juries on charges of money-laundering and conspiracy in connection with the 2002 state election that increased the Republican majority in the Texas House.

After the indictment was handed down in September, the lawmaker followed U.S. House protocol in stepping down from his leadership post.

Rose Bowl win gets huge play

Junior quarterback Vince Young and million-dollar coach Mack Brown led the University of Texas to a 41-38, come-from-behind victory over Southern California.

Many Texas politicians from President George W. Bush on down waxed glowingly about the Longhorns' victory. Even Gov. Rick Perry, an Aggie, gushed with appreciation over the outcome.

Perry won a wager with Golden State Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger over the results of the game. The governors bet each other pairs of autographed boots, handcrafted in their respective states, to be auctioned for charity.

The UT Tower was illuminated in burnt orange with the number "1" in white lights beginning Thursday, Jan. 5 and throughout the following weekend.

Four days after the Rose Bowl, quarterback Young announced his decision not to return for his senior year and to enter the National Football League draft.

Strayhorn files as Independent

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn filed papers with the secretary of state to be an Independent candidate for governor in 2006.

In announcing, Strayhorn emphasized she is still a Republican, but is putting partisanship aside "to do what's right for Texas" in her race against incumbent Gov. Perry and a host of other candidates whose goal also is to do what's right for Texas.

In launching her Independent candidacy, Strayhorn follows suit with Kinky Friedman, who filed weeks ago as an Independent candidate for governor. Strayhorn brought up the fact that Sam Houston won the governorship as an Independent, but Friedman publicly voiced that idea more than half a year ago.

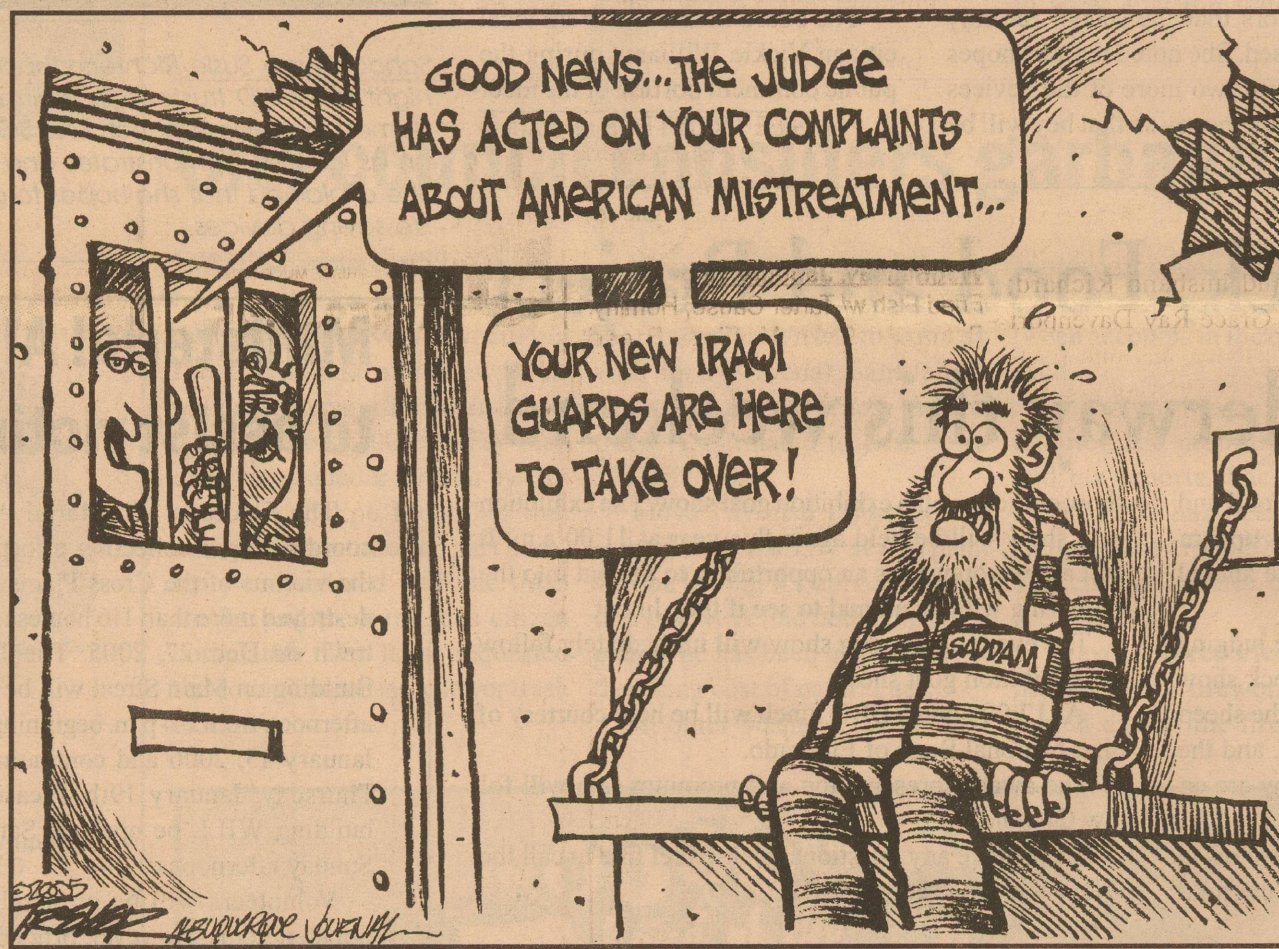
In order to get her name on the November ballot — like Friedman — Strayhorn will have to collect a minimum of 45,450 signatures from registered voters who will not have voted in either of the March 7 Democratic or Republican primaries.

To sign a petition for Friedman or Strayhorn, a voter must be registered for at least 30 days, and must sign the petition after the party primaries are over and before the May 8 petition deadline.

Meanwhile, the comptroller challenged the governor to a debate "anytime, anywhere, anyplace." No word yet on a time, a place, or if the governor even wants to debate challengers before the GOP primary.

Anyway, let the sloganeering begin.

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Identifying the mystery sound in my yard

It was early in the morning and I was in the studio contemplating the day ahead. From the side yard came what sounded like a bird. Curious, I went outside and looked in the trees. No bird. I went back into the studio and started producing some radio commercials. I still heard the bird.

Hours later, the same sound was coming from the side yard. I walked into my neighbor's backyard to get a better look at the trees and bushes and walls of ivy that cascade down a wall in our yard. Still no bird.

A friend came over. I asked him if he could hear the sound. We walked to the side yard and listened. We couldn't detect the source of the sound. He was the talent on a commercial I was producing and I was afraid the rising volume of the sound might interfere with the recording. After the session, we again went outside and looked and listened. No idea where it was coming from.

Back in the studio, it was difficult to work because that darned sound was repeated over and over and was beginning to grate on my nerves. I listened to it closely in



by Tumbleweed Smith

the studio and began to think it might not be a bird. Maybe it was a cat in trouble. I got up and went over to my neighbor's house. He was sitting in a chair in his backyard.

"Do you hear that?" I asked. He said he hadn't noticed it. I told him to come over to the corner of his yard closest to my house. When he got there, he said he heard it. He said it sounded like a bird. Or a cat.

I began shaking the ivy, hoping to dislodge whatever it was that was making the sound. I heard it real good. I would move to the left and the sound was softer. I move to the right, same thing. I must be right at it. But I still couldn't see anything. I went back to my yard and climbed on the first level of the wall that held the ivy. There on the second level was a little baby kitten. Meowing

to beat the band.

I held the little thing in my hands. "You must really be tired," I told it, "after being stuck there all day and wearing out your vocal chords. I took the bird to my other neighbor's house because they have lots of cats and love them. The man of the house, when he saw me with a kitten in my hands, came to the door saying no, no, no. "No more," he said. "We have all the cats we can take care of."

His housekeeper was there and she took the poor little critter from my hands. She fed it and covered it up, comforted it.

She said she would ordinarily take it, but she had 4 cats already and her husband said no more. We called animal control, but they were not available. She said she would take it home, put it in her garage and keep it overnight. On her way home, she stopped at a grocery store. As she was leaving, she saw a woman who looked like a cat lover. On impulse, she went up the woman, introduced herself and told her she had a cat that needed a home. That lady took the cat.

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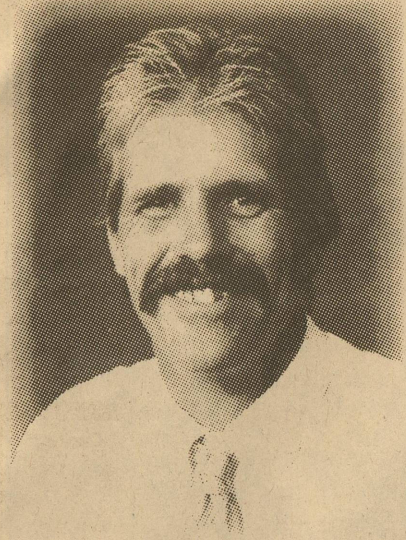
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Bobby Leonard Taylor, Jr.



who would brighten up any room he entered. He loved life and everything it offered, and made lasting friendships every where he went. He loved playing golf and going to the lake with family and friends.

Bobby is survived by his three children, Brandon Jay Taylor, Stormie Jo Taylor and Tara Leigh Ann Taylor, all of San Angelo; his parents, Bobby and Louise Taylor of Eldorado, Texas; his three sisters, Kim and Lawny Cannon of Wolforth, Tina and Chris Stripling of Albuquerque, N.M., and Sandy Warren of Mertzon, Texas; and one brother Jimmy and Kim Taylor of Eldorado, Texas; several aunts and uncles; many cousins and numerous nieces and nephews. Bobby was preceded in death by his grandparents, Gladys and Tony Bonkowski, Arthur and Ivy Hall and great Aunt Clara Jones.

Memorial services were held January 8, 2006 at Lake Nasworthy in San Angelo, Texas. A special place in his heart. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gifts to be made to VistaCare Hospice of Lubbock.

Bobby went to be with our Lord an Saviour on January 6, 2005 at his home in Wolforth, Texas, with family and friends at his side, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Bobby was born Nov. 13, 1959, in Nurnberg, Germany to Bobby Sr. and Louise Taylor. Bobby grew up in the Roswell, NM where he attended Roswell High School. He then moved to Lubbock, Texas and lived for 23 years, a short time in Eldorado, then settled back in Wolforth, Texas.

Bobby was a fun loving person

Roscoe Merle Heyman Jr.

MENARD — Roscoe Merle Heyman Jr. of Menard, age 86, passed from this life on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006. He was born Feb. 9, 1919, in Junction, Texas, to Grace "Ray" and Roscoe Merle Heyman Sr.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at First United Methodist Church with Suzanne Bratley officiating. Burial followed in Rest Haven Cemetery.

Roscoe moved to Menard with his parents and sister. He attended Menard schools and graduated from Menard High School in 1935. After working as a cowboy and stock buyer, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in February 1941.

Roscoe was captured by the Germans in North Africa in February 1943 while serving as a tank driver with the 1st Armored Division. He remained a POW until liberated by the Russian Army in February 1945. He was released from the army in September 1945.

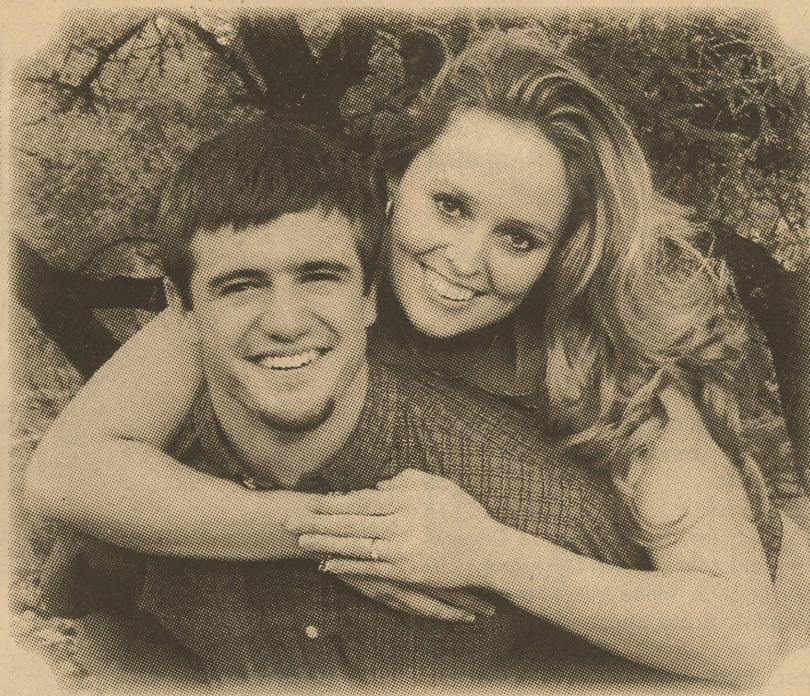
Roscoe married Ethel Louise Kothmann on Dec. 2, 1945, in Menard. He followed construction work as a finish carpenter, foreman and superintendent for many years. He retired from El Paso Natural Gas as a construction inspector in 1983. Roscoe and Ethel made Menard their home in 1971. He was a

member of the Baptist church.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a brother, James J. Heyman.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel; four children, Patricia Brown and husband Robert, R.M. Heyman III and wife Donna, Elo Heyman and wife Kay, and Sharon Key and husband Richard; one sister, Grace Ray Davenport of Fredericksburg; and one sister-in-law, Shirley Heyman of San Angelo. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren, Scott Bayles of Las Cruces, N.M., Andrea Corley of Huntsville, Christina Beatty of Yukon, Okla., Tim Heyman of Carmine, Texas, Bobbi Davis of Carizo Springs, Charlotte Carmen of DeRidder, La., Dorothy Burgueno of Simpsonville, S.C., Elo Heyman Jr. of Dallas, Matthew Heyman and Courtney Heyman of Menard, Stacey West of Eldorado and Katie Key of Houston; great-grandchildren Carley, Seth and Scottie Bayles, Christian and Elizabeth Corley, Hailie and David Preslar, Madison Heyman, Bethany, David, Alex and Connor Carman, Kathryn Wright, Daniel and Anthony Burgueno, and Jayton and Hunter West; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the library fund or charity of choice.



Trey Holik and Heather Homer

Engagement Homer-Holik

Kurtis and Candi Homer would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Heather Homer to Trey Holik of Veribest.

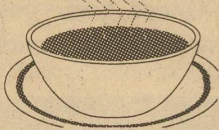
Trey Holik is the son of Eddie and Brenda Holik, Jr. of Veribest. The wedding will be March 11, 2006 at First Baptist Church in Eldorado, Texas.

Heather is a 2004 graduate of Eldorado High School. She is

currently attending Angelo State University Nursing Program and is scheduled to graduate May 2006 and will take RN Certification the following May.

Mr. Holik is a 2002 graduate of Veribest High School and is a Physics/Math Major at Angelo State University and will graduate May 2006 and will go on to attend graduate school.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, January 16
Beef Stew, Stew Veg., Sweet Peas, Cornbread, Citrus Fruit Cup, Milk

Tuesday, January 17
Bar-B-Que Chicken, Blackeyed Peas, Beets, Hot Rolls, Pears w/ Pineapples, Choc. Chip Cookies, Milk

Wednesday, January 18
Fried Fish w/ Tarter Cause, Hominy, Broccoli, Corn Muffins, Bread Pudding w/ Raisins, Milk

Thursday, January 19
Salisbury Steak, Baked Beans, Mustard Greens, Bread, Peaches, Milk

Friday, January 20
Roast Beef w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Coleslaw, Carrot Cake, Milk

BIRTHDAY LIST

January
13th Kathleen Nolen, Austin Whitten, Jazmine Ford, Kathy Fauli, Leo Rodriguez, Christine Romero, Casey Akins

14th Austin Albin, David Oliven, Cody Engdahl, Marcos Hernandez, Torey Griggs, Chase Storie

15th Rena Adame, Marion Porter, Victor Belman, Shannon West, Andrea Leal, Karen Sherrod, Georgie Santellano, Clay Burleson

16th Cody McCravey, Daniel Ward, Becky Barajas, Bob McWhorter, John O'Harrow, Dorrace Beach, Nestor Hernandez

17th Betsy Thackerson, Evelyn Quintana, Cynthia Joiner, Allen Ray, Michael Box, Andy Perez, James Austin, Kayla McCravey, Cody Sherrod

18th Idalia Adame, Felix Arispe, Hillary Hodges
19th Dustin Ramos, Patrick Fuentes, William Robledo, Matt Peters, Carlos D. Estrada, Abby Fuentes, Randy Beach, Sharon Ussery, Edward Dominguez, James Beach, Karen Ussery

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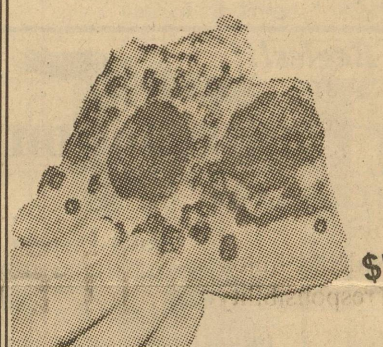
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7th GRADE BOYS

REAGAN COUNTY TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

January 5, 2006

Eldorado 15-00-00-00=15
Reagan Co. 09-00-00-00=09
Playing for the 7th Grade Eagles:
Eloy Bustos 3, JR Martinez 2, Miles Mikeska 4, Briley Ledbetter 6.

Reagan County Tournament
January 6, 2006

Eldorado 10-16-02-10=38
McCasey 08-02-04-02=16
Playing for the 7th Grade Eagles:
Eloy Bustos 6, Jamie O'Harrow 4, JR Martinez 2, Miles Mikeska 12, Ben Wipff 4, Briley Ledbetter 10. Other members : Aaron Parsley, Briley Minor, Joshua Jurecek, Zack Brame, Sam Jenkins and Tyler Farmer.

Reagan County Tournament
January 7, 2006

Eldorado 07-09-06-08=30
Ozona 01-10-08-11=29
Playing for the 7th Grade Eagles:
Eloy Bustos 6, Jamie O'Harrow, Joshua Jurecek, Miles Mikeska 10, Ben Wipff 3, Briley Ledbetter 8. Also playing: Aaron Parsley, Briley Minor, Zack Brame, JR Martinez, Sam Jenkins and Tyler Farmer.

January 9, 2006

Eldorado 15-00-00-00=15
Junction 00-00-00-04=04
Playing for the 7th Grade Eagles:
Eloy Bustos 4, Aaron Parsley 4, Joshua Jurecek 2, Zack Brame 2, JR Martinez 2, Miles Mikeska 4, Ben Wipff 4. Also playing: Jamie O'Harrow, Briley Minor, and Briley Ledbetter.

7th GRADE GIRLS

REAGAN COUNTY TOURNAMENT CONSOLATION WINNERS

January 7, 2006

Eldorado 06-00-02-02=10
Reagan Co. 08-10-08-10=36
Playing for the 7th Grade Lady Eagles:
Allison Jarrett 3, Ashley Paulson 4, Marci Minor 2, Amy Alvizo 1. Also playing were: Deisy Aranda, Amber Guzman, Abbie Ussery, Brenda Galan, Rosy Iglesias, Laura Garcia, Brittany Gauna.

Reagan County Tournament
January 7, 2006

Eldorado 02-04-09-04=19
Iraan 00-00-02-00=02
Playing for the 7th Grade Lady Eagles:
Allison Jarrett 7, Ashley Paulson 2, Abbie Ussery 2, Amy Alvizo 1, Brittaney Gauna 6. Also playing were: Amber Guzman, Marci Minor, Brenda Galan, Rosy Iglesias, Laura Garcia.

8th GRADE GIRLS

Reagan County Tournament

January 7, 2006

Eldorado 01-02-00-02=05
McCasey 13-14-08-04=39
Playing for the 8th Grade Lady Eagles:
Emily Espinosa 1, Maureen Martinez 2, Patricia Hernandez 2. Also playing were: Maegan Self, Clarissa Hernandez, Mary Alice Aguirre, Taylre Bilbrey, Victoria Garza, and Krystal Hamilton.

Reagan County Tournament
January 7, 2006

Eldorado 00-02-08-04=14
Iraan 06-04-09-07=26
Playing for the 8th Grade Lady Eagles:
Emily Espinosa 10, Maureen Martinez 2, Adrianna Hernandez 2. Also playing were: Maegan Self, Clarissa Hernandez, Mary Alice Aguirre, Patricia Hernandez, Taylre Bilbrey, Victoria Garza, and Krystal Hamilton.



2006 Reagan County Tournament 7th Grade Champions: (front L-R): Manager Morgan Barker, Robert Buchholz, Sam Jenkins, Tyler Farmer; (middle L-R) Jamie O'Harrow, Eloy Bustos, Briley Minor, Zack Brame; (back L-R): Briley Ledbetter, Ben Wipff, Miles Mikeska, Aaron Parsley, J.R. Martinez, Joshua Jurecek and Coach Larry Mitchell. The team won First Place at the Reagan County Tournament in Big Lake, Texas on January 5-7, 2005.

Eagles varsity basketball update.

The Varsity Boys continued their district run this past Friday night as the Junction Eagles ousted the Warbirds 55-24 here at Eagle Gymnasium.

The following Tuesday the Eagles travelled to Ozona only to return with a 61-52 defeat.

"The Ozona game got off to a slow start," Boys Coach Rene

Valeriano said following the loss. "We turned it up for the rest of the game but, unfortunately still fell short."

The Lady Eagles posted a home victory against Junction on Friday winning 59-32.

"The girls played a great first half of basketball, leading 42-9 at the half," Girls Coach Brian

Daniels said. "I have been telling them to relax and then the shots will start falling for them."

The girls stats were not available for the Ozona game at press time. Both the boys and girls will be facing off against the Eagles of Grape Creek this Friday here at Eagle Gym.



Chelsey Hill moved the ball inside against the Junction girls last Friday evening as the Lady Eagles coasted to a 59-32 victory.

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8th GRADE BOYS

Reagan County Tournament
January 7, 2006

Eldorado 06-06-06-07-06=31
Reagan Co. 06-07-0804-06=31
Playing for the 8th Grade Eagles:
Tony McCord 2, Dustin Ramos 5, Mason Baker 4, Wes Brown 4, Ivany Sanchez 6, Ryan Castillo 2, David Tirado 4, and Juan Merdrano 4. 3 point goal: Ramos (1).

School Lunch Menu

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

BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, January 16
Biscuits, Sausage, Orange Juice, Jelly, Milk

Tuesday, January 17
Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

Wednesday, January 18
Breakfast Roll, Mixed Fruit, Juice, Milk

Thursday, January 19
Waffles, Syrup, Pineapple Tidbits, Choice of Juice, Milk

Friday, January 20
Buttered Toast, Jelly, Choice of Cereals, Choice of Juice, Milk

BASKET LINE

Monday, January 16
Mc Ribb Sandwich, Tator Tots, Cole Slaw, Apple Halves

Tuesday, January 17
Cheese Burgers, Chips, Pork-n-Beans, Hamburger Salad, Pickles, Pineapple Tidbits

Wednesday, January 18
Chef Salad, Crackers, Chopped Ham, Cheese Cups, Peaches, Jello/ Topping

Thursday, January 19
Fish Burger, Cheese, French Fries, Lettuce, Rosy Applesauce

Friday, January 20
Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Pineapple Slices, Ice Cream

CAFETERIA LINE

Monday, January 16
Chicken Nuggets, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Black Eyed Peas, Hot Rolls, Apple Halves

Tuesday, January 17
Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Cole Slaw, Carrot Stix's, Dip, Pineapple Tidbits

Wednesday, January 18
Lasagna, Broccoli/Cheese, Hot Rolls, Tossed Salad, Jello/ Topping

Thursday, January 19
Corn Dogs, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Rosy Applesauce

Friday, January 20
Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Pineapple Slices, Ice Cream

HONOR ROLL

Eldorado Elementary Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

2nd Grade
Mrs. Jones'
"A" Honor Roll: Eli Hulsey*, Cade Ledbetter*, Abigail Narvaez*, Heather Moreno, Rylea Self, Aaron Santellano
"A-B" Honor Roll: Clayton Arndt*, Jeremiah Geuea, Fabian Gomez, Lursa Muniz, Danny Pechacek*, Jesse Ramon*, Michael Rios*, Tito Rios*, Aaron Santellano, Rylea Self
Mrs. McGregor
"A" Honor Roll: Crystal Piña
"A-B" Honor Roll: Leonardo Castro, Jose Guerra, Christian Martinez, Johnathan Martinez*, Megan Powell, Skyler Sheppard, Jake Swindall, Marinda Villanueva, Justin Whitten, Caitlin Wilson

Mrs. Meador
"A" Honor Roll: Jaine Chancellor, Kaitlyn Lindsey*, Jose Olivares*, Strait Pridemore
"A-B" Honor Roll: Jr. Gonzalez, Michael Rodriguez, Kyler Wilha
3rd Grade
Mrs. Sessom
"A" Honor Roll: Breana Crofoot, Baylee Griffin*, Carlos Guzman*, McKenzie McAngus, Arden Mertz*, Dominique Ochoa*
"A-B" Honor Roll: Garet Swinford, Kiarra Trevino
Mrs. O'Harrow
"A" Honor Roll: Jessica Gonzalez*, Abby Nolen, Whitney Perez*, Tres Whitten, Claire Wideman*
"A-B" Honor Roll: Dalton Buch-

holz, Stephanie Estrada, Elizabeth Guerrero*, Mika Key*, Alex Rodriguez

Mrs. Newman
"A" Honor Roll: Caitlyn Self
"A-B" Honor Roll: Tori Guerrero*, Brittney McCulloch*, Morgan Miller, Lucas Santellano, Abbi Spradley

4th Grade
Mrs. Edmiston
"A" Honor Roll: Abbye Chatham, Abriana Islas, Obdulia Huerta*, Justin Estrada

"A-B" Honor Roll: Jose Aranda, Michael Bilbrey, BreeAnna Cortez, Taylor Carter, Bailey Espinosa*, Elizabeth Estrada*, Josiah Jurado, Roger Gehrels, Macy Mikeska, Yszenia Ramirez*, Mikayla Ramon*

Mrs. Beach
"A" Honor Roll: Madison Albin, Odette Barrientos*, Lupe Pasillas*
"A-B" Honor Roll: Juan Carlos Aranda, Colton Crowder, Cody Kohutek, Brittany Galan*, John Lozano, Sunni Cate McCormick, Jordan McCulloch, Jackson O'Harrow, Elizabeth Olivares, Megan Reel, Maria Reyes*, Adriana Rios*, Sasha Rodriguez*

HONOR ROLL

Middle School Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

Fifth Grade
"A" Honor Roll: Miranda Arispe, Will Barker, Camron Capps, Cesar Cruz, Shelby Daniels, Lori Escobar, Ryan Espinosa, Ethan Hulsey, Mary Lou Martinez, Blaine Mitchell, Avery Nolen, Brian Parsley, Jessica Pasillas, Hector Reyes, Austin Stapp, Domingo Torres
"A-B" Honor Roll: Eric Estrada, Veronica Fuentes, John Paul Galan, Kasey Gonzalez, Lane Griffin, Edward Hernandez, Nikki Herrera,

Robin Hibbs, Nancy Iglesias, McCall Miller, Hagen Porras, Dylan Ramos, Preston Rodriguez, Luis Vazquez, Chasity Willis

Sixth Grade
"A" Honor Roll: Brianah Creek, Amanda Garcia, Ashby ragsdale, Charli Swinford
"A-B" Honor Roll: Robert Chavez, Ryan Fortenberry, Abby Fuentes, Clarissa Gomez, Marissa Gonzales, Karina Granados, Polli Guerrero, Evan Joiner, Oscar Robles,

Christian Sanchez, Brianda Torres, Dacy Whiddon

Seventh Grade
"A" Honor Roll: Amy Alvizo, Morgan Barker, Emily Hulsey, J.R. Martinez, Miles Mikeska, Ashley Paulson, Ben Wipff
"A-B" Honor Roll: Deisy Aranda, Zack Brame, Samantha Brown, Robert Buchholz, Allyson Jarret, Josh Jurecek, Briley Ledbetter, Jorge Medrano, Bailey Minor, Marci Minor, Jaymie O'Harrow, Aaron Parsley, Lourdes Pasillas, Yadira Zambrano

Eighth Grade
"A" Honor Roll: Wes Brown, Adriana Hernandez
"A-B" Honor Roll: Mason Baker, Ryan Castillo, Timothy Cuevas, Emily Espinosa, Patricia Hernandez, Tanja Hibbs, Garrett Lux, Maureen Corrales, Ramiro Perez, Dustin Ramos, Greg Rodriguez, Ivany Sanchez, Maegan Self

HONOR ROLL

Eldorado High School Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

9th Grade
"A" Honor Roll: Marcus Garica, Katherine Johnson, Bridgett Mitchell, Kirsten Stubbs, Corie Williams
"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Cassandra Buitron, Rance Cathey, Deyanira Cruz, Victoria Fuentes, Megan Griffin, Haley Higgins, Brent Martinez, Marcela Huerta, Janelle Pechacek, Lindsay Pridemore

10th Grade
"A" Honor Roll: Jorge Chavez-Blake Chatham, Erika Estrada, Chelsey Stone
"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Selvia Aranda, Joshua Burleson, Maria Contreras, Liana Danford, Misti Daniels, Jeffery Doan, Erika Estrada, Maygen Eubanks, Marybel Fuentes, Diana Hernandez, Chelsey Hill, Luis Huichapa, Jorge Mata, Rhapsody Swyter, Kassandra Tyler

12th Grade
"A" Honor Roll: Taylor Baker, Diego Barrera, Diego Barrera, Lauren Brown, Josefina Diaz, William Ediston, Joel Esparza, Esperanza Fuentes, Jose Garcia, Nester Hernandez, Maxie Holley, Rachel Joiner, Allison Reynolds, Chelci Rodriguez, Karina Sanchez, Alison Sproul, Chandra Wanoreck, Frank Wipff

"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Charlotte Adame, Jaaron Crawford, Adrian Figueroa, Sandra Guzman, Melinda Hernandez, Taylor Niblett, Myra Robles, Samantha Rodriguez, Jeremy Ussey




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11th Grade
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"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Mark

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6. Job detail, for short
10. Window frame
14. Totaled, costwise
15. "Nagila"
16. Whodunit board game
17. Songwriters' org.
18. Jungle swingers
19. Emcee Trebek
20. Con artists play music?
22. Pie a la
23. The "L" in UNLV
24. Acted the siren
26. Used mouthwash
30. Map rtes.
31. Trim to fit, maybe
32. Actor Sandler
36. Barely sufficient
40. U2 vocalist
41. State with a panhandle
43. Natural emollient
44. Italics feature
46. Teller's call
47. "Lisa"
48. Something to shuck

50. Hawk or eagle persona
56. Staff, in a way
57. Touched down
58. Chimney cleaners show sorrow?
64. Onetime Yugoslav leader
65. Nervous twitches
66. Sand trap selection
67. Bard's river
68. Slaughter in baseball

69. Bottled water name
70. Artist Magritte
71. Depend
72. Oboe's pair

DOWN

1. Mardi
2. Diaper problem
3. Andean of old
4. Take the lead
5. Force from office
6. Persian leaders of old
7. One of the Three

8. Tennis star Chris
9. Comics ghost
10. Mischief-makers rough it?
11. Mete out
12. "Blue Shoes"
13. Put a spell on
21. Begin's co-Nobel
25. Rx prescribers
26. Lee's men, for short
27. Temple figure
28. Caravel of 1492

29. Mick and mates shape up?
33. Thieves' hangout
34. Feller's tool
35. Upper limit, informally
37. Oodles
38. Taboo thing
39. Mad dash
42. Seat belt part
45. Brewpub fixture
49. Baseball scorecard listing
51. "Jeopardy!" offering
52. Middle Ages invader
53. Martini garnish
54. Delay, in a way
55. Bale binder
56. Like Oscar Madison
59. Earth-friendly sci.
60. "Only Just Begun"
61. Sedgwick or McClurg
62. "Zounds!"
63. Bill-signing souvenirs

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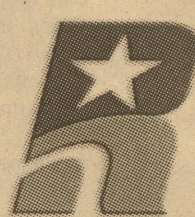
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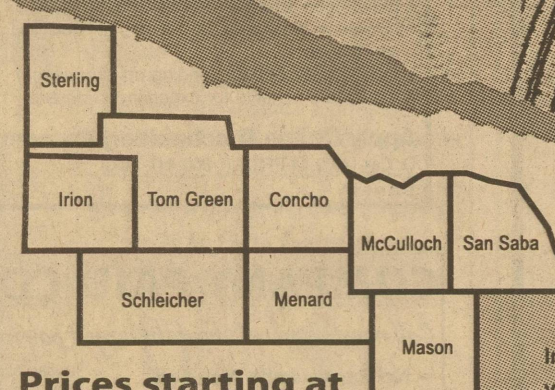
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have caused a level of concern in your heart then you might be interested in a course that will begin Sunday, January 15, 2006, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church and last for six weeks. The course, entitled Faith-Sharing, teaches dynamic Christian witnessing by invitation and is based on a book by the same name written by H. Eddie Fox and George E. Morris, both United Methodist clergy. Participants will concentrate on developing relationships as an entryway to sharing one's faith with another person.

A suggested fee for the class is \$15.00 to cover cost of the materials. The Faith-Sharing course is an ecumenically based study. It has the potential to radically change any congregation.

If any of these questions

"Call me!" is the plea as Rehab Telethon nears

"Call me!" That's the plea being made by Mary Roden and other Schleicher County volunteers who will be manning telephones during West Texas Rehabilitation Center's 36th annual telethon on Saturday, January 21.

Located at the Southwest Electric Co-op office, the local phone bank will be in operation from 7-10 p.m. that night. The telephone number to call to make a pledge will be 853-2544.

Originating live from the

Abilene Civic Center, the telethon will be carried by 10 television stations covering Texas and portions of New Mexico and Oklahoma. KLST-TV in San Angelo and KTAB-TV in Abilene will be among host stations. Also, the show may be viewed via satellite on Galaxy 11, Transponder 16.

Top country singers the Belamy Brothers will be headline entertainers for the five-hour television special and will be joined by fast-rising young star Kristi Lee and hosts Red Steagall and Charlie Chase. Other performers include Rehab regulars Bill and Susan Hayes, Brad Maule and Anacani.

In addition to entertainment, the telecast includes an auction of more than 400 items donated by businesses and individuals. Items can be seen—and bids placed—on

the web site from now until midnight on January 21 at www.west-texasrehab.org. An auction tabloid and toll-free bidding numbers will be published in the San Angelo Standard-Times and the Abilene Reporter-News on January 21.

Significant underwriting for Rehab 2006 has come from American Electric Power (AEP) and Associated Publishing's Area-Wide Phone Books. Also providing support is Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Texas, American Airlines/American Eagle, and NTS Communications.

Traditionally, the benefit telecast raises more than \$1 million for Rehab's operating expenses of facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona. WTRC staff provides outpatient rehabilitation treatment services to more than 21,000 patients each year—regardless of their financial circumstances.

Trustees praised on NHS ruling, asked to keep rules consistent

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ing. Ms. Williams expressed her appreciation to the board for their decision not to overturn a ruling that barred some students from membership in the National Honor Society. The NHS controversy was prompted by a police raid on a keg party last year where a number of EHS students were caught.

Ms. Williams went on to say that she wished rules of conduct could be applied more consistently across the various student organizations. She noted the same raid that resulted in the NHS suspensions caused a cheerleader not to be able to participate in cheerleading activities, but that the same girl was allowed to continue her participation in the flag corps.

Ms. Williams concluded by thanking the school board for their service and urged them to find a way to keep school activities from conflicting with Wednesday night church services.

In other business, the school board approved the district's financial reports as presented by Ray Ballew. They also approved the minutes of their Dec. 12, 2005 meeting.

The trustees then okayed moving the March 13 board meeting to March 20, due to a conflict with Spring Break. They also approved an update to the school's homebound education policy. Supt. Blanch explained that the homebound policy does not include home school students, but only SCISD students that are homebound due to accident or illness. The change in the policy was necessary for the school to receive attendance credit, and thereby state funding for the af-

fects students.

Among other business, Supt. Blanch reported a total enrollment of 578, up from the 576 reported last year. He also explained that Coach Burleson has requested repairs to the track in Eagle Stadium in hopes of scheduling an early spring track meet in the tradition of the Plateau Relays which were held here for years, but which fell from favor under previous athletic directors.

Capital Highlights...

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The heavily funded Perry and Strayhorn campaigns already have begun to run political commercials on network television.

Creation theory sides taken

Last fall, Pennsylvania federal judge John Jones III ruled it inappropriate to teach "intelligent design" in public school classrooms.

With nine weeks to go before the GOP party primary, Gov. Perry came out in favor of intelligent design as a theory suitable for teaching in Texas science classes.

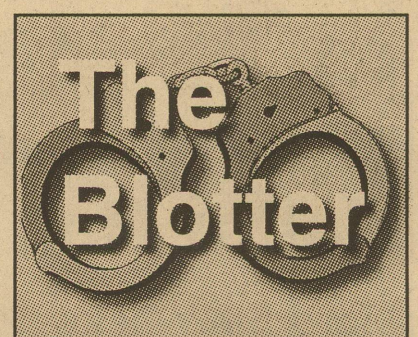
But Chris Bell of Houston and Bob Gammage of Llano, who also are running for governor in the Democratic primary, sided with the Pennsylvania court.

Texas report card shows gain

Texas is showing overall improvement in student achievement,

the magazine Education Week said in its annual yardstick report on education in America.

The Texas public school student population earned a grade of "C" while teachers earned a "C-minus." Fourth grade African-American, Hispanic and poor students made noteworthy gains in reading.



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. Incidents 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

January 5 • Cox, Kevin Blaine, male age 23, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Possession of Marijuana less than 2 oz. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

• Pannell, Jason, male age 31, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Possession of Marijuana less than 2 oz. Released on Charges Dismissed.

January 6 • Melton, Barbara Faye, female age 52, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

• Cortez, Bobby Jr., male age 30, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Resisting Arrest / Disorderly Conduct. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

January 7 • Aguilar, Luis Jose, male age 23, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Out of County Warrant. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

January 8 • Gore, Bradley Trace, male age 21, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Out of County Warrant.

January 10 • Cavness, Billy Monroe, male age 31, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Theft of Property >\$1500 <\$20,000.

INCIDENTS

January 4 • 2:35 p.m. Sutton County Sheriff's Department requested assistance in locating some subjects. Officer

responded.

• 4:56 p.m. Complainant reported ex-husband making harassing phone calls to her. Officer responded.

• 6:52 p.m. Caller reported reckless driver headed into Eldorado. Officer and EMS responded.

January 6 • 6:14 p.m. Complainant reported male subject kicking front door in an slashing vehicles tires on Laredo Street. Officer responded.

January 6 • 10:51 a.m. Complainant reported a ranchers tanks have been overflowing for a couple of days and he has been unable to contact him by phone. Office responded made contact with owner.

• 11:53 a.m. Complainant requested help in locating a female subject driving a white four door Honda Accord. Officer responded.

• 12:18 p.m. Complainant reported seeing some black smoke. EVFD responded.

• 3:27 p.m. Complainant reported possible grass fire. Complainant reported seeing a lot of smoke. EVFD responded.

• 8:12 p.m. Complainant reported a female laying on the street possibly drunk. Office responded.

• 9:30 p.m. Complainant called S.O. Without an answer, dispatched called back. Caller would pickup but would hang up, made contact with caller and she seemed upset officer could hear someone in the background shouting at the caller advised officer of call and went to make sure caller was OK. Dispatched became concerned for callers safety being that every time she was asked if she was OK she hesitated to answer. Officer responded.

January 7 • 7:33 a.m. Caller advised loose Boer goats on highway 277 north 2-3 miles out. Officer notified.

• 8:45 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for an elderly female. EMS 2 responded.

• 8:50 a.m. Complainant reported someone stole a chrome and green and blue Mongoose on or about January 1. Officer responded.

• 11:14 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about her brother. Game Warden responded.

• 11:54 a.m. Complainant requested a criminal trespass be served on a male subject. Officer responded.

January 8 • 9:03 a.m. Complainant reported a wounded deer. Game Warden responded.

• 5:18 p.m. Patient requested a medical lift and assistance. Office responded.

• 6:29 p.m. Complainant reported a breaking and entering at Doris. No items were noticed to be missing, complainant requested an officer.

• 6:53 p.m. Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on highway 190 near city landfill. Dark colored 1/2 ton Chevy pickup with a wreath on the front. Game Warden in the office at time of call.

January 9 • 9:26 p.m. Caller requested EMS to residence, possible cardiac patient. Officers and EMS notified and responded.

January 10 • 8:49 a.m. Complainant reported a vehicle accident. Office responded.

• 1:48 p.m. Complainant reported damages done to local convenience store by fuel delivery company. Officer responded.

• 3:40 p.m. Reported a possible missing person. Officer responded.

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Local EMS raises money to assist Snap-On tool man

Schleicher County Emergency Medical Services rally to raise funds for Greg Curtis 46-year-old man from San Angelo who underwent surgery for injuries sustained do to an accident when a 3,000-pound toolbox fell on him.

Curtis pushed his wife out of the way but was unable to jump back before the toolbox fell on him. The family is with out medical insurance and Curtis had to have his right shoulder replaced, and his right leg was broke in 10 places.

Greg Curtis is the owner of Greg Curtis Tool Co., which sells Snap-On brand tools to area and local mechanics.

The Curtis were helping a friend load the toolbox onto a truck sliding it up a piece of plywood when the plywood broke, Curtis pushed his wife away. Doctors expect him to make a full recovery in about a year.

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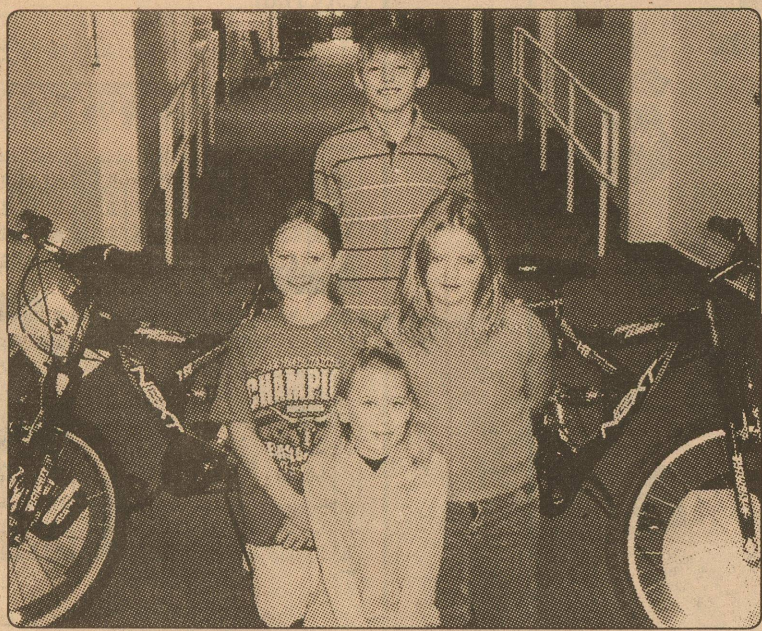
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Commissioners okay library grant application and AC repairs at jail

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Judge Griffin signed the grant application in the amount of \$2,913.13 for the upgrade of the county library circulation system. If the grant is awarded the county library would move to a web-based system that allows library patrons to use a personal computer to see if a book is available to check out. The system is similar to one in use at the school library.

Following a brief discussion the men approved the request and

Judge Griffin signed the grant application on behalf of the county.

Discussion then turned to information provided by County Clerk Peggy Williams who asked the court to consider installing old-fashioned light poles on the courthouse walkways in order to light up the grounds at night. The commissioner discussed the idea but decided they would like to see an sample of the actual light poles.

Judge Johnny Griffin then

provided a estimate from a heating/cooling contractor who listed expenses for repairing the largest air conditioner unit at the county jail. The estimate was for a pro-rated 3-year repair contract that would cost the county a total of \$9,594.00 for parts and labor. The

commissioners told the judge to proceed with the contract. No vote was taken.

Treasurer Karen Henderson gave the commissioner four pages of budget transfers to the 2005 Budget. Henderson told the court the biggest budget expense adjust-

ment was in the county's court house maintenance account. It was noted the county will have over \$80,000 left over from the 2005 budget that will be transferred into contingency funds once all the end-of-year bills have been paid.

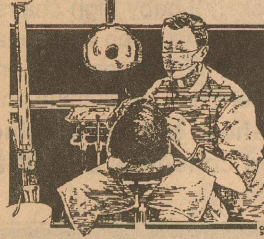
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sioners considered but denied a indigent care request.

The commissioners' next meeting will be held on Monday, February 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located on the first floor of the county courthouse.

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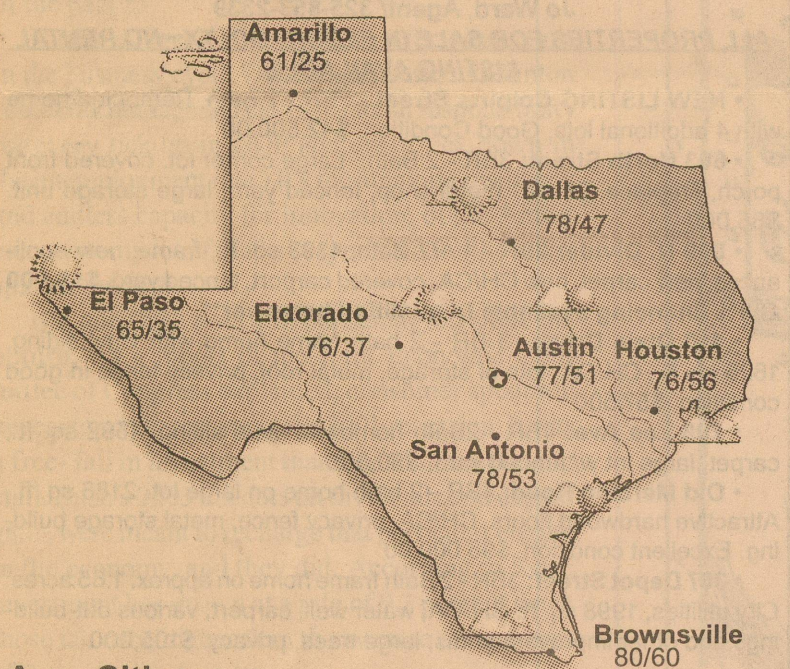
Eldorado Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

| Fri 1/13 | Sat 1/14 | Sun 1/15 | Mon 1/16 | Tue 1/17 |
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| 76/37 Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 30s. | 61/30 Sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s. | 64/33 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 30s. | 68/40 Windy with times of sun and clouds. | 65/31 Occasional showers possible. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 30s. |
| Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:01 PM | Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:01 PM | Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:02 PM | Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:03 PM | Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:04 PM |

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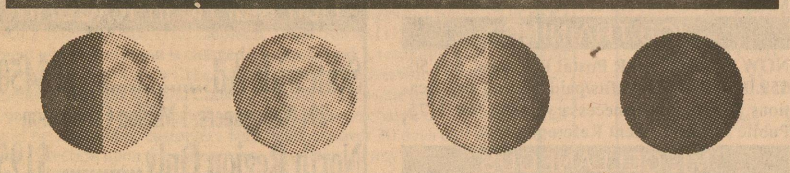
Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
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| Abilene | 75 | 40 | sunny | Kingsville | 80 | 56 | cloudy |
| Amarillo | 61 | 25 | windy | Livingston | 74 | 54 | cloudy |
| Austin | 77 | 51 | pt sunny | Longview | 73 | 51 | pt sunny |
| Beaumont | 74 | 59 | cloudy | Lubbock | 72 | 28 | windy |
| Brownsville | 80 | 60 | cloudy | Lufkin | 75 | 54 | cloudy |
| Brownwood | 80 | 44 | mst sunny | Midland | 74 | 34 | windy |
| Corpus Christi | 77 | 57 | cloudy | Raymondville | 80 | 56 | cloudy |
| Corsicana | 77 | 50 | windy | Rosenberg | 76 | 55 | cloudy |
| Dallas | 78 | 47 | mst sunny | San Antonio | 78 | 53 | pt sunny |
| Del Rio | 75 | 44 | mst sunny | San Marcos | 78 | 52 | windy |
| El Paso | 65 | 35 | sunny | Sulphur Springs | 72 | 48 | pt sunny |
| Fort Stockton | 79 | 42 | sunny | Sweetwater | 75 | 38 | sunny |
| Gainesville | 75 | 41 | sunny | Tyler | 72 | 49 | pt sunny |
| Greenville | 73 | 47 | windy | Weatherford | 77 | 41 | sunny |
| Houston | 76 | 56 | cloudy | Wichita Falls | 74 | 39 | sunny |

National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|-------------|----|----|-----------|----------------|----|----|-----------|
| Atlanta | 67 | 50 | mst sunny | Minneapolis | 35 | 25 | rain |
| Boston | 50 | 34 | mst sunny | New York | 55 | 38 | mst sunny |
| Chicago | 48 | 39 | mst sunny | Phoenix | 71 | 41 | sunny |
| Dallas | 78 | 47 | mst sunny | San Francisco | 59 | 49 | pt sunny |
| Denver | 44 | 22 | windy | Seattle | 47 | 43 | rain |
| Houston | 76 | 56 | cloudy | St. Louis | 59 | 42 | sunny |
| Los Angeles | 68 | 52 | pt sunny | Washington, DC | 57 | 42 | mst sunny |
| Miami | 76 | 66 | pt sunny | | | | |

Moon Phases



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UV Index

| Fri 1/13 | Sat 1/14 | Sun 1/15 | Mon 1/16 | Tue 1/17 |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate |

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

Court appointed special advocate training to begin

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is in dire need of volunteers to represent children in a 10 county region. In the past the caseload of children removed from their homes has more than doubled and the majority of these children are in foster care and are awaiting quality CASA volunteer representation. It is our desire to acquire as many CASA volunteers as possible to represent more than 100 children currently in need.

CASA volunteers serve as advocates for

abused and neglected children while their home placements are determined in court. Judges depend on the CASA volunteer's input to aid them in making well-informed decisions as to where the child will live, for how long, and under which conditions.

The next 30 hour CASA volunteer training will begin Monday evening, February 13th in San Angelo at the Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County. This training will focus on issues from substance abuse

to case management to family violence. For specific training schedule, please go to www.cactomgreen.org. At the conclusion of the nationally recognized training, District Judge Jay Weatherby will "swear in" volunteers as official Court Appointed Special Advocates. Volunteers for CASA must be at least 21 years old and pass a criminal background check.

For more information on how to become a CASA volunteer, please call 653-HOPE (4673).

2006 is already a bad year for wildfires.

State Forester and Director of the Texas Forest Service, Jim Hull, says this winter's fire season is the worst he's seen in nearly ten years since he became state forester in 1996. He is urging Texans to remain on their guard against any actions that could result in additional wildfires in the state.

In the first five days of 2006, 191,806 acres have burned in Texas, which are more acres than

all of 2005. While local fire departments are the first responders to wildfires in Texas, if the size of a fire or conditions - such as the recent drought and high winds and low relative humidity - exceeds local control, additional Texas Forest Service crews and equipment are called upon to help.

"Current fire threat conditions are so extreme that almost any wildfire has the potential to exceed local control at this point," said Hull.

Today, 156 Texas Forest Service personnel are assigned to the fires, with another 279 out-of-state firefighters from 34 states working under the direction of the agency. Supplementing the personnel are 19 helicopters, four tankers, 14 air tactical aircraft, 82 dozers and 28 fire engines.

In addition to those working directly on the fires, personnel and equipment are pre-positioned in areas that the state's fire be-

havior analysts have predicted to be in an extreme fire danger situation.

"We are here to protect Texans and their property," said Hull. "And we need all Texans' help in guarding our state against the devastation of these fires."

For more information, visit the Texas Wildfire Information page on the Texas Forest Service website at: <http://texasforestservicetamu.edu/>

City council considers garbage truck purchase

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been down for repairs causing dumpsters to overflow during the Christmas and New Year holidays. Repairs for both trucks came to over \$7,000.00. Fay then distributed a letter written by city employee Felipe Montalvo that outlined down time and part problems encountered with the trash trucks, and the numerous citizen complaints. The letter requested the council purchase a newer trash

The council discussed the issue briefly then instructed City Secretary Carolyn Mayo to speak with First National Bank about financing a trash truck. A new truck is estimated to cost up to \$120,000.00.

Floyd Fay also informed the council that the city sewer plant will be having its annual inspection this week and noted the complaints he has been hearing about the rising cost of natural gas.

In other business the council

approved budget amendment #2 which transferred \$7,000.00 between accounts in the city's utility fund.

Carolyn Mayo then distributed the monthly financial and tax reports. She noted that \$135,277.09 has been collected so far on the city's 2006 tax levy. The current balance outstanding is \$104,104.45.

Mayo also reported one incident with fireworks was reported during the fireworks ban


during New Years holiday. She also reported on new legislation that will impact the city's group health insurance premium liability. Ms. Mayo then reported there would be a contractor meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, at the courthouse dealing with the Orient Heights Colonia Sewer Project. She said she would attend to represent the city.

Ms. Mayo then asked the council to look at section 4 of Ordinance #105-91 that regulates junked or abandoned vehicles. The section states that the City Administrator, or his appointee, shall inspect enforce and notify owners of vehicles in question. No action was taken by the council on the matter.

Also, Mrs. Mayo told the council at the next meeting an electrical service representative will be present to go over bid/renewal contracts.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, February 6th, and will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall.

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Solution to puzzle on Page 5

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