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NEWSBRIEFS

Fewer minor smokes

An annual survey of the state's tobacco retailers found that minors were able to illegally buy tobacco only seven percent of the time, the lowest level recorded since the survey began in 1997. Under the direction of local law enforcement officials, 60 volunteer minors in the survey attempted to buy cigarettes or smokeless tobacco from retailers. Of the 961 unannounced attempts, 69 were successful. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) coordinated the survey. Stores were selected from 19 counties to represent a sampling of the state. The Texas law prohibiting tobacco sales to those under 18 went into effect in 1997. The level of illegal sales has declined from 24 percent in 1997 to seven percent in 2006. The level for 2005 was 12.4 percent. "Curbing youth access to tobacco has been a combined effort of state agencies, law enforcement and retailers," said Penny Harmonson, manager of the DSHS Tobacco Prevention and Control program. "We know that almost 90 percent of adult smokers started before age 18, so our goal is to prevent youth from ever starting."

Get a shot

Mid-way through the flu season, Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) officials are saying it is still important to take precautions against getting the viral illness. "Getting a shot is the one best way to prevent flu, which can cause serious, sometimes deadly complications," said Dr. David Lakey, DSHS Commissioner. "The flu shot together with simple precautions such as washing your hands frequently, covering your cough and sneeze and staying home when sick are good ways for people to protect themselves and their families from infection." Flu season typically runs October through March. Vaccinations can be given at any time during this period or later as long as the vaccine has not reached its expiration date. While the season in Texas has been relatively light so far, the peak for flu illnesses in Texas is usually January and February but could run longer. Because most flu vaccine is privately purchased and distributed, it is hard to tell how much flu vaccine remains statewide - contact vour health care provider. The flu shot takes about two weeks to become effective. Flu is a viral respiratory illness. The illness is spread when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks, releasing the contagious virus into the air.

Socorro ISD breaks ground on 38th campus

By Irma Flores Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY - Monday, Jan. 22, 2007 may have been a cold winter morning, but the memories of a beloved wife and teacher warmed the hearts of family and friends of Dr. Sue Shook as they witnessed the groundbreaking of Socorro Independent School District newest school. Named in honor of the long-time educator, the school will be located on Paseo Del Este near Darrington Road in Horizon City.

Socorro ISD's new superintendent, Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson, welcomed family, friends and colleagues of Dr. Shook who gathered to

nearly 30 years bringing innovative programs to the district. "She made a lasting im-

honor a woman who spent

pression," says Dr. Atkinson. "She was an extraordinary woman who had a lot to do with the success of this school district."

 File photo Dr. Shook started her career as an English Sue Shook teacher at Socorro High School in the 1970's and retired in 2003 as the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction. During her tenure she was instrumental in implementing the Year-

Round Initiative. Dr. Shook also served on the Board of the National Association for Year-Round Education and served as the organization's President bringing national exposure to the District.

"She gave her all to the students and families of Socorro ISD," said Dr. Atkinson. "We are honored to preserve her legacy by naming a school for her."

Socorro ISD Board of Trustees President Craig A. Patton echoed those sentiments and explained how exceptional it is to name a

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Canutillo High student scrambles for \$500 certificate

By Kim Guzman Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY - Brandon Dillar, freshman at Canutillo High School and FFA member, successfully grabbed a calf during the "calf scramble" at the Forth Worth Livestock and Rodeo Show recently. Along with Dillar, 15 other students armed only with a rope halter, scrambled after eight calves for a chance to win. Only the eight students successful in catching a calf were awarded a certificate. The "calf scramble" is a program which provides students an opportunity to get a jump start in the business of owning and showing livestock. Through the generosity of donors who provide the funding, major livestock shows in Texas hold the calf scramble. To participate in the "calf scramble," Dillar went through an application process that began in August. Each winner in the scramble was awarded a \$500 certificate to purchase a calf. Then a yearlong project of grooming, feeding and caring for the animal begins. Dillar will raise and show his heifer at the 2008 Fort Worth Livestock Show. He must keep accurate and detailed records of the calf's progress, submitting records to both the Show and the donor to chronicle the animal's development. These requirements allow students the opportunity to compete for over \$60,000 in scholarships for best animal, best record book, best scrap book, and more in Fort Worth. "This is a tremendous opportunity for Bran- High School.



San Elizario ISD parents master Microsoft programs

By Cynthia P. Marentes Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO - In a small portable classroom on the Lorenzo Loya Primary School campus, parents of San Elizario ISD students have learned to unlock the secrets of technology. On Jan. 18 four groups of parents delivered PowerPoint presentations as their final project for the computer literacy course offered as part of the San Elizario ISD Adult Education Program.

Each group researched an ancient culture, created a PowerPoint slideshow, and finally presented their findings in front of the entire class. Michelle Rey, Messina Holguin and Suzette Herrera studied the ancient Egyptians. Fina Hernandez and Deana Murrillo delivered a presentation on the Aztec Empire. Martha Chaverria and Teresa Dominguez spoke about the Incas. Martha Gojara and Aida Reyes researched the Mayan culture. Finally, each of the groups also set-up a table display showcasing artifacts and information related to their chosen cultures.

In the audience watching and supporting all the parents as they delivered their presentations was Ernie Rodriguez, Director of Research and Development, who commended the group by stating that they now had the tools to help their own children at home with schoolwork involving research, technology, essays, and even ancient history. "I am extremely proud of their confidence and the courage they displayed by presenting in front of others," Rodriguez said.

Suzette Herrera, a mother of three children, was at first apprehensive about taking the course because she had little experience working with computers. After completing the computer classes, she said she felt truly enriched by the experience. "I feel this course has really blessed me. Now I can help my children with their homework," Herrera said.

Josie Campos, Adult Education Program Facilitator, echoed a similar comment adding the she believed the value of the course was that it helped carry the educational learning experience from the classroom to the home as well as the personal gratification it brings to the parents. Parents are able to not only learn technology and practice their English speaking skills, but they can help students with academics and become involved with their children. "By helping with homework, parents are enriching their family bonding," Campos said. Instructor Ileana Prieto provides the computer classes in three basic levels covering Microsoft Office programs such as Word, Excel, Publisher, and PowerPoint. The computer classes are offered regularly free of charge to any San Elizario resident who is at least 18 years of age. There are no pre-requisites to register for the course, which are taught in both English and Spanish. San Elizario residents interested in registering for the computer class may sign-up with Josie Campos at 872-3939 ext. 3646. San Elizario ISD has been offering computer classes to the community for over six years, which began as a result of a donation of computers from the Texas Cooperative Extension Office.



- Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

THE GROUND SHOOK – Breaking ground on the Dr. Sue Shook Elementary was conducted by Joe Bob Shook, SISD Board Trustee Raymundo Rodriguez, Board Secretary Karen P. Blaine, VEMAC President Oscar Venegas, Board Trustee George Salas, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson, SISD Citizens Oversight Committee members Linda East, and Susan Hill, SISD Foundation President Bruce Truesdale and SISD Board President Craig A. Patton.

In other news

■ The Kiwanis Club of Horizon City, El Paso will have a regular meeting on Saturday, February 3, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. at Oz Glaze Senior Center, 13969 Veny Webb. The guest speaker will be Katie Wright from Community Solutions of El Paso. She will be speaking about a mentoring

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Revenge may seem sweet, but not when you're on the receiving end. - Quips & Quotes

Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

SCRAMBLING FOR CASH — Canutillo High School Agricultural Science Instructor and FFA Advisor Ron Gil, left, recently accompanied Brandon Dillar, CHS freshman and FFA member, right, to the Forth Worth Livestock Show and Rodeo, where he won a \$500 Certificate in the "calf scramble."

don, because he is one of only 120 students from the entire state selected to participate in the program," said Ron Gil, agricultural science instructor and FFA advisor at Canutillo

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poor planners.

part very well.

fail. I heard someone say recently that

it's a good thing that criminals aren't very smart or the loss to crime would

be much higher. Basically, this would

indicate that criminals are simply

The big problem with most crimi-

nals is, I believe, that they don't tend

to think ahead any further than the

commission of their crime - and

some of them don't even plan that

It's pretty hilarious to watch COPS

and see a fellow fleeing the scene of

the crime down a dark street trying

to lose himself in the shadows only

to be transmitting an unerring flash-

ing red locator for the cops to follow

- the movement-activated lights in-

stalled in the heels of his "sneakers."

Or how about that poor kid who spent

grinning cop denying that he had

been smoking marijuana — while a

freshly rolled joint was clearly vis-

But these first two examples don't

even hold a candle to several other

criminals who recently made the news.

Carolina, a 50-year-old woman

walked up to a Sheriff's deputy

parked at a convenience store and

launched into a complaint about the

poor quality of the crack cocaine she

had just purchased. Authorities said

she pulled a crack rock out of her

mouth and offered it for inspection.

Meanwhile, in Madisonville, Ken-

She was promptly arrested.

Back in mid-December, in North

ible from its perch behind his ear.

One perspective By Francis Shrum

Failure to plan

There's a tucky, there are a couple of fishersaying that if men who had a plan. Unfortunately, you fail to it wasn't a very good one.

> These fellows have sullied the long-standing fisherman's tradition of lying about how big your catch is. Not because they lied about it, but because they got caught red-handed trying to make it the truth!

> These fellows won about \$15,000 in cash and a \$30,000 bass boat for catching the most fish at the Relav for Life Buddy Tournament. They caught all the fish, true enough, they just didn't catch them all *during* the tournament. In fact, they had stashed a big bucket of pre-caught fish near where they would be fishing during the contest.

Unfortunately, these boys didn't figure on how many eye witnesses otherwise known as spectators — who would be watching as they transferred the planted fish into the livewell they had on board. One of the men will spend three years on probation and pay 10 minutes in an interview with a back half of the \$15,000. His good buddy is still waiting for a hearing on the charges. But the boat was confiscated by Fish and Wildlife authorities and, worse yet, they were relieved of their fishing licenses. Now that's pretty poor planning if you want to fish in the next tournament.

> And did you hear the one about three thieves in Lindenhurst, N.Y. who were arrested in mid-January for stealing 14 global positioning system (GPS) devices that had been installed in city equipment? The GPS devices promptly led police right to them. They thought they were stealing cell phones. One of thieves was a 46year-old father who was using his 13year-old son in his heist, which is

truly poor planning for the boy's future. The father was caught with one of the devices literally in his hand probably trying to make a call!

Now, if you have a problem with a neighboring businessman, it probably isn't the smartest plan to set fire to his establishment if it is separated from you by only a wall. Such was the case with the donut shop and the fried chicken restaurant in New York.

It all started when the donut shop's new owner decided to add chicken to his menu, never mind that his nextdoor neighbor was a fried chicken restaurant that had already fallen on hard times. The chicken man objected to the competition to the point that, in a moment of "heated" rage, he punched a hole in the wall between them, squirted some gasoline through the hole and tossed in a lit match for good measure. The criminally challenged fellow, however, didn't plan the hour of his arson very well and had to close his store unusually early, in broad daylight, and was spotted leaving the place just prior to the fire breaking out. He confessed when questioned by FDNY officials.

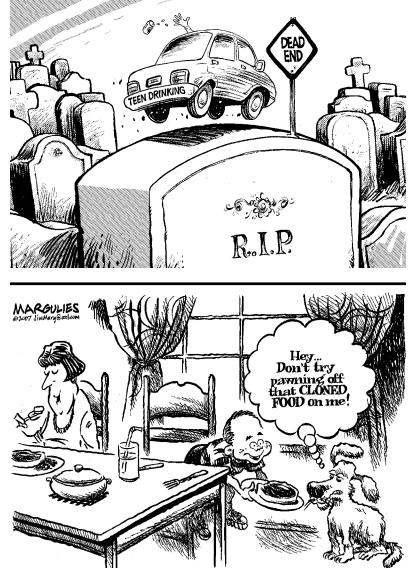
But, oh, how dumb was the man who burned the hand that fed him.

A man in Louisiana was arrested for arson after he confessed to setting his mother's house on fire after she told him he needed to go get a job. Apparently, this 31-year-old juvenile objected to this perceived mistreatment and while his mother was out visiting a neighbor, torched the place to the tune of about \$50,000 in damages.

My question is this: Bright Boy, how is mama going to find the money to go your \$20,000 bond when she's going to need every penny she's can scrape together to rebuild the house you just destroyed? Besides, if she's any brighter than you, she's not even going to let you visit when you get out of the pokey, let alone live there ever again.

Talk about failure to plan!









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not many of you, may have read articles and commentaries in the El Paso Times about a bill that I filed regarding inattentive driving. It has to do with drivers who divert their attention from driving to other activities while behind the wheel.

First of all, let me assure you that the bill does not prohibit any activity while driving. To pass a bill like that would place too great a burden on law enforcement to uphold. Officers would also be forced to be looking inside your car which to me sounds like "Big Brother."

In April of 2006, the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released a study that showed in 80 percent of crashes inattentive driving within three seconds of a crash was a definite factor. The study showed strong evidence that cell phone use was less of a factor than other behaviors such as talking to passengers or reaching for an object within the car.

With my bill, House Bill 652, if a driver can perform other activities

Crime analysis center will provide objective study of state programs

By Robert Black Special to the Courier

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today issued an executive order establishing the Texas Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) to provide objective analysis and assessment of state criminal justice programs and initiatives.

"By providing objective reports on statewide criminal justice trends, the Statistical Analysis Center will help policymakers develop effective and efficient criminal justice programs that will keep Texans safe," Perry said. "This center will help us manage our prison population better and attract more federal funds for crime prevention and criminal justice initiatives."

Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Bill doesn't prohibit cell phones in cars, just encourages attentive driving

ing or violating traffic laws, the pogente. I think lice will not stop him or her for drivthat some, if ing while inattentive. However, if a person cannot drive safely while performing other activities behind the wheel and violates driving laws, then there is a definite possibility of the fine doubling.

> In its editorial this past Sunday, the Times asked a good question: "Is reading a billboard or roadside marquee distracted driving?"

> If you are driving the speed limit on the freeway and you look at a billboard as the officer clocks your speed, there will be no penalty.

> If you are speeding and look at a billboard as a police officer records your speed, there is not a likely chance that the officer will enhance the violation.

> However, if you are in a school zone and you look at a billboard while passing a school bus and hit a

Hola, mi and still drive safely without crash- student, then this legislation would impose a stiffer penalty for focusing on other things rather than the road.

> While in Austin, I received many compliments from officers who were from Dallas, Austin, Houston, and San Antonio. The Chief of Police from Laredo personally expressed his appreciation for the bill.

> I filed this bill with the intention of providing law enforcement officers with another tool to help make the streets safer. There is plenty of time to improve the bill to make sure that it passes and that it does not make police work harder. I will meet with officers from the Department of Public Safety this week toward that end.

> I welcome any comments that you, the readers, may have. Please call my Capitol office at 512-463-0613 and leave your name and thoughts with my staff. Gracias, mi gente, and I remain your friend and public servant, Chente por la gente.



Moore Texas by Roger T. Moore Jan. 26, 1833: Birth date of Elizabet Ney. The rebellious" sculptor laureate" of Texas often worked in a knee length skirt that shook up the stodgy Austinites of the day.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance **Governmental Funds**

For the Year Ended August 31, 2006

Data Contro Codes		10 General Fund	272 Medical Admin. Claims - MAC	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	REVENUES:				
5700 5800 5900	Total Local and Intermediate Sources State Program Revenues Federal Program Revenues	\$ 1,452,387 4,717,943 436,550	\$ <u>—</u> 16,800	\$ 195,888 381,745 695,140	\$ 1,648,275 5,099,688 1,148,490
5020	Total Revenues	6,606,880	16,800	1,272,773	7,896,453
	EXPENDITURES:				
	Current:				
0011 0012 0013 0021 0023	Instruction Instructional Resources and Media Services Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development Instructional Leadership School Leadership	2,919,194 148,995 947 125,942 349,399	 	594,404 1,500 70,537 14,884 10,241	3,513,598 150,495 71,484 140,826 359,640
0031 0032 0033	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services Social Work Services Health Services	80,352 6,135 84,260	16,800	67,188 729	147,540 6,135 101,789
0034 0035 0036 0041 0051	Student (Pupil) Transportation Food Services Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities General Administration	65,776 335,543 201,878 420,678 668,157	 	1,165 22,573 2,260	66,941 358,116 201,878 422,938 676 701
0052 0053 0061	Plant Maintenance and Operations Security and Monitoring Services Data Processing Services Community Services	18,240 156,857 70,000	 	8,544 1,083 	676,701 18,240 157,940 70,000
	Debt Service:				
0071 0072 0073	Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	22,542 2,240 —		173,000 214,067 183,350	195,542 216,307 183,350
	Capital Outlay:				
0081	Facilities Aquisition and Construction Intergovernmental:	—	—	74,937	74,937
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA		_	5,000	5,000
6030	Total Expenditures	5,677,135	16,800	1,445,462	7,139,397
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	929,745	_	(172,689)	757,056
7911	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): Capital Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)			3,529,999	3,529,999
7915 7916	Transfers In Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	10,202		58,606 170,488	68,808 170,488
8911 8949	Transfers Out (Use) Other (Uses)	(68,808)	_	(3,530,000)	(68,808) (3,530,000)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(58,606)		229,093	170,487
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	871,139	—	56,404	927,543
0100	Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	835,903		61,905	897,808
3000	Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	\$ 1,707,042	\$ —	\$ 118,309	\$ 1,825,351

Under the governor's order, the SAC will collect, analyze and report statewide criminal justice statistics; evaluate the effectiveness of statefunded initiatives; and disseminate analysis results to practitioners, policy-makers, researchers, and the public in order to enhance the quality of criminal justice and crime prevention at all levels of government.

Perry's directive also designates the SAC as the state's liaison to the U.S. Department of Justice on criminal justice data reporting and research. This designation will make Texas eligible for additional federal criminal justice funding.

The SAC will be housed within the Office of the Governor and will have access to data maintained by the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the

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School Boards Make a Difference



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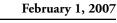






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program. The public is invited.

■ As part of the Performance Based Monitoring process, the San Elizario Independent School has scheduled two focus groups for Monday, February 12, 2007. The discussions will be specifically regarding the Bilingual/ ESL program. All Bilingual/ESL Teachers and parents of children enrolled in Bilingual/ESL classes at San Elizario ISD are invited to attend. The focus group for teachers is scheduled to take place from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The parent focus group will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. All meetings will take place in the San Elizario Administration Office Boardroom located at 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd. For further information, please contact Eliza Simental at (915) 872-3939 ext. 3595 or at esimental@seisd.net.

■ As part of the street reconstruction project on Santa Fe from Montestruc to the Border Highway, an additional lane will temporarily close for one week effective Monday, January 29, 2007. The closure is necessary in order to raise the existing railroad tracks.

■ One way parents show their love for their children is to make sure they are are seated in proper restraint systems every time they ride in a vehicle, said Bev Kellner, Extension program coordinator for passenger safety. Each February, Child Passenger Safety Week is observed and this year it's Feb. 11-17. Choosing a safety seat for children isn't as simple as going into a store and buying one, Kellner said. The child's height, weight and age must also be taken into consideration. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's "4 Steps for Kids," lists four different types of child safety seating for children of different ages and sizes:

Step 1: For the best possible protection keep babies in the back seat, in rear-facing child safety seats, as long as possible. Step 2: When children outgrow their rear-facing seats (at a minimum age 1 and at least 20 pounds) they should ride in

Two Clint ISD teachers conduct research using grant from UTEP

By Laura Cade Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY - Clint ISD teachers, Glenn White and Sergui Slavnicu, have been awarded the Math and Science Partnership Teacher Ac-

tion Research Award from UTEP's Center on Educational Research and Reform. White and Slavnicu were two of 11 area teachers who received the \$3000 award to conduct classroom research projects aimed at bolstering achievement in math and science for middle and high school students.

Glenn White, Clint High School math teacher, was

UTEP where all recipients were honored. This is the third consecutive rected by the El Paso MSP, was deyear White has received this award. signed to encourage teachers to re-Over the past two years, he has received \$5000 in funding from the tices to improve the teaching and center. With the award funds, White learning of math and science.

has been conducting a longitudinal study to determine if technology in the classroom increases students understanding and application of math.

Sergiu Slavnicu, a math teacher at Mountain View High School, plans to conduct research on teaching the Pythagorean theory to determine

> what the most effective strategy is to increase student achievement and a positive attitude toward geometry among students. This is the second year Slavnicu has been granted the award.

White and Slavnicu will conduct their research during the 2006-2007 school year with mentoring from a UTEP

a presenter during a ceremony at math professor. This award program, one of many initiatives diflect on their own teaching prac-

Star on the Mountain lit in honor of Ensor volunteer, Val Guitarr

By Irma Flores Special to the Courier

HORIZON – For more than seven years there was a familiar face at the library at Col. John O. Ensor Middle School. Since the opening day at Ensor in 2000, Val Guitarr spent her mornings volunteering at the library. Surrounded by middle school students, this 80year-old was at Ensor every day offering a helping hand. Checking new shipments, setting up the bar codes and preparing all the books, Val was a valuable resource to the school and its staff until she began to lose her eyesight due to macular degeneration. Because of this condition, the oldest volunteer in the district was unable to continue to do the work she loved to do at the school she loved.

her a reason to get up every morn-

ing," says Pamela Thompson, Ensor librarian. "She was here since the beginning. All the books we have, which are more than 20,000, Val got them ready for use."

Thompson says Val's impact was immediately noticed.

"She was priceless. We are realizing how much she freed us from time consuming tasks and allowed us to work with classes," says Thompson. "She would always say 'A hug a day, a smile a day will get you through the day.'

To recognize the vital role she had at the Ensor library, the librarians throughout the Socorro ISD dedicated the Star on the Franklin Mountain on Jan. 26, 2007 in her honor. Val will also become the first member in the Friends of the Library, which was created to recognize those individuals like her who helped school libraries be-"I think that being at Ensor gave come an enriching and educational environment for all students.



Glenn White

Fabens Independent School District

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5020	Total Revenues	19,960,477	705,699	4,419,177	25,085,353
	EXPENDITURES:				
C	Current:				
0011 0012 0013 0021 0023 0031 0032 0033 0034 0035 0036 0041 0051 0052 0053 0061	Instruction Instructional Resources and Media Services Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development Instructional Leadership School Leadership Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services Social Work Services Health Services Student (Pupil) Transportation Food Services Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities General Administration Plant Maintenance and Operations Security and Monitoring Services Data Processing Services Community Services	$\begin{array}{c} 10,341,319\\ 288,824\\ 73,464\\ 277,828\\ 1,142,352\\ 374,678\\ 48,907\\ 289,342\\ 402,591\\ 1,165,487\\ 592,844\\ 898,918\\ 2,496,706\\ 282,534\\ 25,460\\ 63,793\\ \end{array}$		3,329,219 15,405 129,136 338,806 127,322 121,746 101,307 65,301 3,539 37,605 211 76,716 20,972 4,283 48,163	13,670,538 304,229 202,600 616,634 1,269,674 496,424 150,214 354,643 406,130 1,203,092 593,055 975,634 2,517,678 286,817 25,460 111,956
D	Debt Service:				
0071 0072	Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt		220,000 460,775		220,000 460,775
C	Capital Outlay:				
0081	Facilities Aquisition and Construction	246,316	—	—	246,316
6030	Total Expenditures	19,011,363	680,775	4,419,731	24,111,869
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):	949,114	24,924	(554)	973,484
7915 8911	Transfers In Transfers Out (Use)	76,890		(76,890)	76,890 (76,890)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	76,890	_	(76,890)	_
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Step 4: When children outgrow their booster seats (usually at age 8 or when they are 4 feet 9 inches tall), they can use the adult safety belt in the back seat. For information on local certified child safety seat technicians, contact an Extension agent or Kellner at 979-862-1782 or email to: bkellner@ag.tamu.edu or visit http://buckleup.tamu.edu/. For more information on Child Passenger Safety Week, visit http:// www.nhtsa.gov/.

February 1, 2007

Manning will make the difference on 'Super Sunday'

By Steve Escajeda Special to the Courier

This Sunday is the big day, finally. The Super Bowl.

The game pits a tough, hard-nosed defense against an explosive, wide-open offense. This game has a little something for everyone.

The Chicago Bears and Indianapolis Colts are very different types of teams but they do share one thing in common - each has been to the big game just once — and each is undefeated.

The Bears won their only Super Bowl appearance in 1986, a 46-10 wipeout of the New England Patriots The Colts — in Baltimore back then — knocked off the Dallas Cowboys 16-13 with a last-second field goal in 1971.

That, my friends, is where the similarities end.

So who is going to win the game? Well, let's take a closer look.

It's no secret that the Bears field one of the more talented defenses in the game. Brian Urlacher is as talented a linebacker as there is in the league. And though Chicago's defense

the season, it is still more opportunistic than the Colts' defense.

Indianapolis' defense is playing much better in the playoffs than it did in the regular season but the Colts are not exactly considered an "in-your-face" kind of team.

What the Colts are good at is scoring points in bunches. After losing Edgerrin James, it was thought that the Colts would no longer be able to run the football. But Dominic Rhodes and rookie Joseph Addai have filled in admirably.

But the man who makes the Colts go is quarterback Peyton Manning. Manning is obviously the best quarterback in the NFL, and with receivers Marvin Harrison and Reggie Wayne at his disposal, Indy can score at any time from anywhere.

So that brings us to the main difference between the two teams - Peyton Manning and Bears quarterback Rex Grossman.

If Manning is one of the greatest quarterbacks in NFL history, then Grossman is arguably one of the worst. And at times this season he has played like the absolute worst.

I believe the game will come down to the play

hasn't played as well lately as it did early in of the two signal callers. It seems, that after years of scrutiny about not being able to win the big one, Manning has finally conquered his demons and is about to have the game of his life.

> Grossman, on the other hand, has got to be wondering how in the world he got this far. The answer is simple, his defense and special teams. They have played exceptionally well and he has managed to stay out of their way.

> In the final analysis, the Colts will finally win the big one for Manning and coach Tony Dunge, who went through the heartbreak of losing his son around this time last year.

Final score: Colts 34, Bears 14.

Shaq PD

It's been said that all movie stars want to rock stars, and all rock stars want to be athletes, and all athletes want to be movie stars, and so on and so on.

And for the most part, that saying is right on the money.

But at least one superstar athlete is bucking the trend - and he's been in a movie.

Shaquille O'Neal happens to be an athlete who wants to be a cop.

O'Neal got the chance to apprehend one of those "bad boys, bad boys" recently and it turns out that Shaq may be a natural when it comes to law enforcement.

First of all, Shaq is already a reserve officer with the Miami Beach Police Department, and second of all, I wouldn't want to get on his bad side even if he were just a florist.

But it turns out that one guy made the mistake of really getting on Shaq's bad side. After crashing his car into Shaq's Cadillac Escalade, 18-year-old Emmueo Cibrin decided to flee the scene of the accident.

The big center and his bodyguard weren't about to let this punk get away with it, so they followed the kid until he stopped near a gas station.

Shaq approached the car and summoned a police officer and the perpetrator was arrested. O'Neal has said on several occasions that he intends to pursue a career in law enforcement when he's done playing basketball.

Now, I don't know if Shaq will eventually join the police force, but the thought of facing a 7-foot-1, 320-pound police officer makes me glad I didn't choose a life of crime.

Crime

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Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, the Texas Youth Commission, the Texas Department of State Health Services, and other relevant agencies as needed.

Perry designated former criminal justice policy advisor Janna Burleson as director of the Center.

Shook

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school after a person.

"The bar has to be set so high before the board considers naming a school after someone. She cleared it with ease." He continued, "there are many people who contributed to this district and making it what it is today. There

are some who made extraordiwas one of them."

Patton added that while he thinks highly of all the schools in the district, this one will have special meaning because of Dr. Shook.

"Her life and her accomplishments were unparalleled in the district. There was a sweetness and purity to her voice. She was always poised and articulate and never failed to impress me," he said.

"While she may not be with us, her contributions to the students in this nary contributions and Dr. Shook presence will always be felt at this district." school."

> At the site of the district's 38th campus, her husband, family mem-Atkinson broke into the ground that

"We are blessed," says Dr. Shook's husband, Joe Bob. "Any teacher would be honored to be remembered this way. I want to thank the Board of Trustees for acknowledging her rizon City area.

The new school is among nine schools to be constructed in the District with 2004 Bond funds. bers, school board trustees and Dr. Built on a 25-acre site, the school will house 600 students in prein two years will house 600 students. kindergarten through 5th grade. The more than 70-thousand square foot facility will have 36 classrooms and relieve the growing student population in the Ho-

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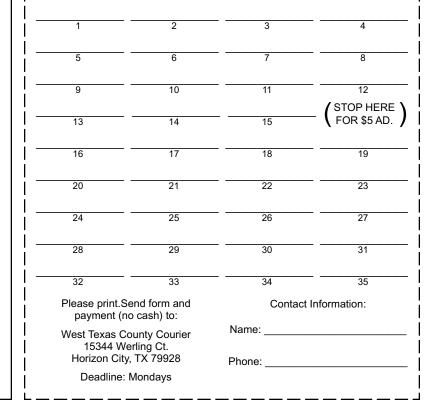
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Take the money and run

By Don Flood

A recent headline caught my eye: "Embattled Home Depot CEO Nardelli Resigns, to Take \$210 Million With Him."

There was something about having "embattled" and "take \$210 million with him" in the same sentence that didn't seem quite right.

His situation might meet the dictionary definition of "embattled," but \$210 million sure makes the whole firing/resignation process a whole lot easier to take.

I would have preferred the following headlines:

"Embattled CEO Forced to Watch Rosie O'Donnell vs. Donald Trump Interviews" or "Embattled CEO Placed on Spit, Barbecued by Shareholders."

After all, he was run out of town because the stock languished the look for if you suspect your cat has six years he was in charge.

I don't want to sound too arrogant, but I like to think I could run a corporation into the ground as well as the next guy - and I'd bewilling to do it for a lot less than \$210 million.

But we have more pressing matters to discuss, namely doggie obesity. It's a growing problem. (Hah!)

And fortunately we have the answer — Slentrol, "the first drug for obese dogs."

Pet owners could exercise with their dog instead, but who has the time, especially if you're busy watching the Food Network?

Note: The doggie diet pill is not for humans. According to USA Today, the FDA warns that it "could cause bloating and vomiting, among an array of other unpleasant side effects."

ery other drug they advertise on TV.

So, how long before Lindsay Lohan shows up in the hospital with an overdose of Slentrol? Any (c) 2007 King Features Synd., Inc.

bets? Oh, already happened? Time to move on.

Also on the pet news front is word that cats may suffer from Alzheimer's.

At the risk of offending my feline readers, what difference does it make if a cat becomes forgetful?

As far as I know, the only important thing to remember is the litter box. Remember that, and you can be a cat in good standing.

Here's a typical "to-do" list from a cat executive of my acquaintance, who wishes to remain anonymous.

1. Eat.

2. Sleep.

3. Stare at nothing.

4. Cough up fur ball.

It's a pretty light schedule. Here are some actual signs to Alzheimer's,

"Excess sleep (sleeps a lot during the day)."

Got that? If your cat seems to sleep a lot it could have Alzheimer's. Then again, if it's been "sleeping" since Labor Day it could be "dead."

"Occasional lack of recognition of the owner."

I'm embarrassed to admit this since it probably means I haven't properly "bonded" with our cat (someone once accused me of that) but I'm not always sure our cat does recognize me.

Sadly, we never developed the kind of relationship where our cat would say, "Good morning, Don, how are you today?"

She meows at me, but I suspect she just wants me to feed her.

And if I don't feed her right Which means it sounds like ev- away, she gets mad. In fact, she gets so cross I sometimes feel "embattled" - without the benefit of \$210 million.

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: My adult son has Down syndrome make him ineligible for payments and is receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and I am his payee. His aunt told me she plans to give him some money for the holidays. Does this mean that his SSI payments will stop?

Page 8

A: When you receive the money, do with it you need to contact Social Security and report it. The money he Q: My older sister signed up for receives from his aunt probably will be considered income for the month it was received, and it could

that month. You also should know that to receive Supplemental Security Income, or SSI, an individual cannot have more than \$2,000 in resources. You should talk to a Social Security representative about the gift before you decide what to

Medicare Part D last year and qualified for the extra help with her prescription drug costs. Since I will be Prescription Drug Costs? (SSA

how can I find out if I qualify for the extra help?

A: You can begin by visiting the Social Security website at www.socialsecurity.gov. There you will find information about eligibility for the extra help, which could reduce the cost of your premiums, co-payments and deductibles under the Medicare Q: After the holidays, I plan to start Prescription Drug Program. If you do not have access to the Internet, *early retirement at age 62! Will my* you can call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for Need Help With

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the New Year off right – with an Medicare coverage begin then, too?

A: No. Medicare benefits based on *El Paso, Texas 79935.*

eligible for Medicare next month, Publication No. 05-10015). If you retirement do not begin until you at tinue to have medical insurance coverage through your employer. Or, you may decide to purchase it from a private insurance company until you reach age 65.

> For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil,

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