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"It's been a lengthy process," said Munk, who took office in January. "We haven't even began the negotiation phase (of pre-trial motions). There is a lot of information, audio tapes, written statements and files for us all to digest and it's going to take some time to do that."

Munk confirmed former 106th District Attorney Brian Kingston, some time prior to exiting office in late-December, had filed intentions to seek the death penalty in the case against Hobbs, N.M. residents Bobby Ruiz, 25; Daniel "Dan Dan" Sosa, II, 34; Juan "Smokey" Castillo, 32, and; Desirae Mata, 25 for their alleged involvement into the shooting deaths of John Allen, 30, and Jay Doyal, 29 on or about May 10, 2012 at a residence near the intersection of CR 306 and CR 349.

"I was asked if I was married to seeking the death penalty shortly after I took office," said Munk in a Friday morning telephone interview with the *Sentinel*. "I haven't ruled it out, but I am also working on getting myself familiar with the case."

In June 2012, a Gaines County Grand Jury true billed two charges -- Capital Murder and murder

-- against Sosa, who was arrested without incident in Hobbs, N.M. by Hobbs (N.M.) Police Dept. and Lea County, N.M. law enforcement authorities shortly following the issuance.

During the course of the case's investigation by officials with the Gaines County Sheriff's Dept. and Texas Rangers, Castillo, Ruiz and Mata were placed under arrest in July 2012 for their alleged involvement in the case.

A Gaines County Grand Jury, in August 2012, indicted Castillo, Ruiz and Mata with respective charges of Capital Murder and murder.

All four suspects in the case remain in the custody of Gaines County Law Enforcement officials for their respective charges, which carries bond amounts totalling \$2 million per suspect.

Munk stated Friday he was unsure of when the negotiation process would begin between his office and defense attorneys in the case, and also stated he was unsure of when criminal proceedings of the case would be scheduled with the 106th District Court.

In the May 10, 2012 incident, Gaines County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a call in western

Gaines County, about 1/2 mile east of the New Mexico state line, on an unrelated call at around 3:30 p.m.

While on the scene of the call, GCSO Deputies were approached by an individual from Hobbs, N.M., who was not identified by the press release, who informed officers she had gone to a friend's residence and found the door of the residence open.

She stated she saw a male subject lying inside, who was deceased. The identity of the first subject found inside the house was not released by Gaines County Law Enforcement officials during their initial release of the murder investigation.

A subsequent search of the residence found the second shooting victim deceased in another portion of the residence.

Doyal and Allen were both pronounced dead at the scene on the morning of May 11, at 9:25 a.m., by Gaines County Justice of the Peace Tammy Clark, according to the GCSO report.

Preliminary autopsy results, according to Gaines County Law Enforcement officials, indicated both Allen and Doyal had suffered "several gun shot wounds," and died due to those wounds.

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Seminole ISD Administrator Contracts Up for Review

The professional contracts of eight top officials with the Seminole Independent School District, as well as administrators at each of SISD's six educational campuses will be reviewed as part of an annual process by members of the school district's Board of Trustees, during Monday's regular monthly meeting.

According to an agenda obtained by the *Seminole Sentinel* on Thursday afternoon, the annual review process will be conducted during an executive session of the board meeting, which is slated for a 7 p.m. start at the SISD Administration Building.

The evaluation/annual contract renewal process can be conducted in the executive session process of the board, in accordance to rules defined in section 551.001 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, as defined by the Texas Government Code.

Those professional positions up for consideration include: Mark Beaty, Asst. Superintendent; Nicole Smith, Dir. of Instruction; Jay Lashaway, Chief Financial Officer; Jesse Greenfield, Dir. of Operations; Sharla Ogden, Dir. of Technology; Becky Carson, Dir. of Special Education; Linda Wright, Dir. of Food Services, and; Chris Burch, Athletic Director.

Campus administrators include: Robert "Chip" Chappell, Seminole HS principal; Randy Hicks, SHS Asst. Principal; Kevin McCasland, SHS Asst. Principal; Seth Davis, Seminole Success Center Principal; Cary Moring, Seminole JH Principal; Daylan Sellers, SJHS Asst. Principal; Randy Clay, Seminole Elementary Principal; Judy Sage, Seminole Primary Principal; Sherrie Warren, F.J. Young Elem. Principal, and; Michelle Mull, FJY Asst. Principal.

EOC Deferral

Seminole ISD Trustees will consider adopting a resolution to defer the 15-percent provision related to End of Course assessments with the Texas Education Administration, in Monday's regular monthly meeting of the school board, slated for a 7 p.m. start at the SISD Administration Building.

In November, TEA Commissioner Michael L. Williams announced that for the 2012-2013 school year, school district may defer implementation of the statutory provision that requires performance on an end-of-course (EOC) assessment to count as 15-percent of a student's final course grade.

This is the second year the statutory requirement has been deferred, with former TEA Commissioner Robert Scot implementing a similar deferral option in the 2011-2012 school year.

According to background information in the SISD Board Agenda packet, each district will need to decide whether to defer the 15-percent provision.

"Districts that decide to defer the provision my do so only for the 2012-2013 school year," said SISD officials. "At this point, the requirement in (Texas' Education Code) for district to have local board policy stating that an EOC assessment score counts as 15-percent of the final course grade is still in place for the 2013-2014 school year."

"However, given the number of legislators that have indicated legislative change seems likely during the 83rd Legislative session, and could affect whether districts are required to count EOC assessments as 15-percent of a student's grade for future years."

Area DISH Customers Without Fox Stations

Residents in the Lubbock regional television market who are customers of DISH satellite television networks may have noticed a few channels missing from their program listings.

Despite steady efforts by DISH to negotiate a new deal with Ramar Communications, DISH customers in the Lubbock regional market, learned last week that Ramar has blocked their local Fox TV channel and three others.

DISH officials, via a press release issued on Friday of last week, stated the following: "Due to excessive price demands by Lubbock-based Ramar, DISH customers are not able to view Fox affiliate KJTV channel 34, CW affiliate KLCW channel 22, Telemundo affiliate

KXTQ channel 46 and MyNetwork affiliate KMYL channel 14.

"Ramar is demanding more than three times the amount DISH currently pays for the same content and rejected DISH's offer to extend the existing contract during negotiations to prevent a disruption to viewers. Without a signed contract or extension, DISH no longer has the legal right to carry those channels."

"We are disappointed that Ramar has chosen to be so unreasonable in its demands," said Andrew LeCuyer, vice president of programming for DISH. "We hope Ramar will soon recognize the reality of the market rates that have allowed us to forge agreements with hundreds of other broadcasting companies. On behalf of our customers, we are ready to listen to any fair proposal in an effort to bring this impasse to an end."

Ramar Communications offered the following statement regarding DISH

Network: "DISH will no longer be carrying our stations" said President and GM Brad Moran. "Dish subscribers will lose 4 of their local stations. These are FOX34, Lubbock's CW, My Lubbock TV, and Telemundo Lubbock. After months of negotiations between Ramar Communications and Dish Network, agreement could not be reached today, the final day of the current agreement."

Moran added, "We are sorry for the interruption of our service to our viewers, and we hope this will be resolved in a timely manner. In the meantime, the stations are all available through the eight other cable and satellite providers in Lubbock as well as an antenna."

Last year, broadcasting companies across the country blacked out 91 channels on various pay-TV companies at various times; and an industry watchdog group, the American Television Alliance, has called for the U.S. Congress to "revamp the out-of-date rules."

Filings:

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Jerry Don Foote currently holds the Place 3 seat. Foote, according to Therwhanger on Monday, had not re-filed his intentions to seek re-election to his seat.

In other municipal filings, current Seminole City Council members Chet Clark of Dist. 2, Place 1 and Michel Powers of Dist. 3, Place 1 had both re-filed for their respective seats upon the Council, which are up for consideration this cycle along with the Dist. 1, Place 1 seat, currently held by Seminole Mayor Pro-tem Rey Saldana.

Filing for the Council seats -- which hold a two-year term -- can be done with the City Secretary at Seminole City Hall.

Officials with the Seagraves Independent School District confirmed on Tuesday morning two of their three incumbents who are up for re-election have filed their intentions to seek another two-year term upon the district's Board of Trustees.

Those incumbents include Tim Carmichael of Dist. 2 and Suelema Cortez of Dist. 3.

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Along with the GCSO, 106th District Attorney's Office and Texas Rangers, officers from the Hobbs Police Dept. and Lea County Sheriff's Dept. are assisting with the investigation of the case.

Community Calendar

Check Dates and Times Below for All Weekly Community Happenings

SUNDAY, February 10

Attend the church of your choice.

MONDAY, February 11

- 8:00 a.m.-12 noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.--South Health Clinic, 704 Hobbs Hwy.
- 9:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.--Immunization clinic, South Plains Health Department, 704 Hobbs Highway. (Clinic in Seagraves every third Monday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; open from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. the first Monday and from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month).
- 9:00 a.m.--Exercise class, Senior Citizen Center.
- 10:00 a.m.--Gaines County Commissioners Court, Commissioners Courtroom, Gaines County Courthouse.
- 6:30 p.m.--Masonic Lodge #957 Meal and Meeting (meeting at 7:30 p.m.), Masonic Lodge...meet 1st Monday of every month.
- 7:00 p.m.--Seminole City Council Meeting, Board Room, City Hall.
- 7:00 p.m.--Seminole ISD Board Meeting, Board Room, SISD Administration Offices.
- 7:00 p.m.--Seagraves ISD Board Meeting, Board Room, Seagraves.
- 8:00 -9:00 p.m.--Alcoholics Anonymous, CR 402K, #110.

TUESDAY, February 12

- 8:00 a.m.-12 noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.--South Plains Health Clinic, 704 Hobbs Highway.
- 9:00 a.m.-12 noon--Seagraves shot clinic, Senior Citizen's Center, 1204 Avenue F.
- 12 noon--Seminole Lions Club, First Presbyterian Church.
- 1:30-4:00 p.m.--First Monday of the month Adult Learning Center Registration, SE 4th St.
- 7:00 p.m.--Al-Anon Group, 109 SW Ave G (First Assembly of God Fellowship Hall).
- 6:00-7:00 p.m.--Young People's Group, Gaines County Rehabilitation Center, 110 Southwest Avenue B.
- 7:00 p.m.--Al-Anon Group, 110 SW Ave B.
- 7:00 p.m.--Seminole EMT Volunteer Association. EMS building. (First Tuesday of each month).
- 7:00 p.m.--Gaines County Committee on People with Disabilities, Seminole City Hall. (First Tuesday of each month).
- 7:00 p.m.--"Wings of Glory" Chapter of the Christian Motorcycle Association, Thelma's One Stop. (Fourth Tuesday of each month).
- 7:30 p.m.--Seminole American Legion, Legion Hall, two miles west of Seminole on U.S. 180. (First Tuesday of each month).

WEDNESDAY, February 13

- 8:00 a.m.-12 noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.--South Plains Health Clinic, 704 Hobbs Highway.
- 9:00 a.m.--Exercise class, Senior Citizen's Building.
- 10:00 a.m.-12 noon--Bob Lewis Mission open, 109 Southwest Avenue B. (Open each Wednesday during the same hours).
- 8:00 p.m.--Alcoholics Anonymous (Spanish), Community Rehabilitation Center, 110 Southwest Avenue B.
- 8:00 p.m.--Al-Anon, Community Rehabilitation Center, 110 Southwest Avenue B.

THURSDAY, February 14

- 8:00 a.m.-12 noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.--South Plains Health Clinic, 704 Hobbs Highway.
- 10:00 a.m.--Llano Estacado Underground Water Board Meeting, Llano Estacado Offices.
- 12 noon--Seminole Rotary Club, First Presbyterian Church.
- 7:00 p.m.--Alcohol and other drug education group, 110 Southwest Avenue B.
- 7:00 p.m. (Mountain Time, 8 p.m. Texas Time)--Alzheimer's Disease and Related Demential Disorders Support Group meeting, Columbia Lea Regional Hospital Educational Complex Room, Hobbs. (Last Thursday of each month).
- 8:00 p.m. (Texas Time)--Gambler's Anonymous, 800 West Bender, Hobbs, N.M., First Assembly of God Church (across from Albertsons).

FRIDAY, February 15

- 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-3:00 p.m.--South Plains Health Clinic, 704 Hobbs Highway.
- 9:00 a.m.--Exercise class, Senior Citizen's building.

SATURDAY, February 16

No scheduled activities

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