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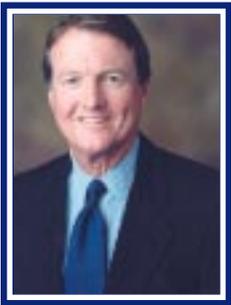


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Showcase Luncheon Committee

July 26th Luncheon: William Powers, Jr., President of the University of Texas at Austin, "Higher Education Goals for 2007"
by Laure McLaughlin, 2006 Program Committee



One of the most influential people and one of the best legal minds in the great State of Texas, William Powers, Jr., became president of the University of Texas at Austin earlier this year, succeeding Dr. Larry Faulkner.

Running an institution with 50,000 students and almost 7,000 employees on \$356 million annually in state appropriations, and doing it well, is no small feat. Fortunately, for both UT and the state, Mr. Powers is uniquely and wonderfully qualified for his new job.

Powers received his B.A. in Chemistry from the University of California at Berkeley in 1967, and his J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 1973. From 1973 to 1974 he was law clerk to Judge Eugene Wright, United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit.

Formerly the dean of the UT School of Law from 2000-2005, Powers is also a University Distinguished Teaching Professor and holds the Hines H. Baker and Thelma Kelley Baker Chair in Law at the School. Prior to UT, Powers was affiliated with the Southern Methodist University School of Law, the University of Michigan School of Law, and the University of Washington School of Law.

An expert in tort law and products liability law, Powers has authored several texts alone or with colleagues. He is a member of The American Law Institute, where he was Co-Reporter for the Restatement (Third) of Torts: Apportionment of Liability, and currently is Co-Reporter for the Restatement (Third) of Torts: Liability for Physical Harm.

For all of Powers' intellectual and managerial acumen, he is probably best known in Texas for his service as Chair of the Special Investigation Committee, Enron Corp., which in 2002 produced the "Powers Report" detailing the activities leading to Enron's demise.

We are tremendously pleased and honored to have Bill Powers as our guest speaker at the July 26th luncheon. Make your reservations now by emailing ewtg@ewtg.org or calling 512.894.4370. EWTG luncheons are scheduled on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Austin Woman's Club, 708 San Antonio Street.



July 12 Austin Minicourse
Carver Branch Library, 1161 Angelina
at noon. Speaker: Anita Zinnecker,
Assistant Director, Legislative Budget
Board. Topic: "What Is An LAR And
What The Heck Does It Mean To Me?"
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July 13 Community Service Opportunity.
Capitol Area Food Bank, 8201 S. Congress (between
William Cannon and Slaughter Lane), from 6 to 9 pm. For
information or to sign up, please contact Paula Griffin at
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July 13 Dallas Affiliate Meeting.
A.W. Harris Faculty Club, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas
(214.688.2653). Speaker: Pam Silvestri, Southwest
Transplant Alliance. To receive the Dallas Affiliate monthly
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Austin Woman's Club, 708 San Antonio, at noon.
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2007". For information and reservations, contact
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August 3 Austin Happy Hour.
Serrano's, 1111 Symphony Square, at 5:15 pm. Join us
for fun and networking! For information and reservations,
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If you would like to receive the current minutes from this month's EWTG Board meeting, please contact Penny Johnson at ewtg@ewtg.org or 512.894.4370.

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A Note from the President

by Beverly Bavousett

Last month I talked about professional networking. We had an additional opportunity in June to practice networking at Serrano's with the return of the EWTG happy hour. It was a great time for all who attended—talking with established friends and meeting new and potential members. I want to share with you how well it went.

Upon arriving, I told the waitress that I was looking for the EWTG group, and she pointed me in the direction of our gathering. As I was finding my way, a woman came up to me and said, "Do you know anything about EWTG or the people who are meeting here?" I told her I did and asked if she was a member. "No, but I want to be," she said, waving a completed application with a check stapled to it. She found us through the Strategic Partnerships link—be sure to welcome Joyce Bertolacini of the Lottery Commission if you get a chance to meet her.

After we found our table and got situated, I soon learned that the two women to my left were potential members. They had heard about EWTG and were interested in joining but had not yet attended any events. They expressed interest in the next luncheon. Next I met Mary Anne Clement, who works for CIBER as a senior sales executive and who joined EWTG just two months ago. If you get a chance, please welcome her also!

All in all, there were a total of fifteen women, including four board members, attending the happy hour. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. It was a great time to catch up with some old friends and to get acquainted with new ones. Business cards flowed back and forth.

So, happy hours are back! If this last one is any indication of future ones, they should be enjoyable. We will have another one on August 3, Thursday at 5:15 pm at Serrano's, located at 1111 Symphony Square. Come join the fun. You never know who you will meet!

Lifetime Memberships Honor EWTG Founders

by Julie Atchison, Membership Director

The 2006 Board of Directors recently recognized and honored EWTG's founding members with Lifetime Memberships. Evelyn Ireland, Karen R. Johnson, Tamra-Shae Oatman, Mary Polk, Nelda Wells Spears, and Claudia Stravato are the six visionary women who created and developed this self-sustaining organization dedicated to supporting the professional development and advancement of women in Texas government. Their altruistic spirit, which created this resource to help and encourage women, is truly inspirational.



There is nothing wrong with America that the faith, love of freedom, intelligence and energy of her citizens cannot cure.

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

Program Committee

July 12 Minicourse: Anita Zinnecker, Assistant Director, Legislative Budget Board

“What Is An LAR and What the Heck Does It Mean To Me?”

by Laure McLaughlin, 2006 Program Committee



We’ve all heard the terms, and some of us lucky souls have even used them—LAR, MOE, MOF, FY, AY, CY, GR, GR-Ded, FF. But what are they and what do they mean to us in our daily work, particularly if we’re not budget-savvy state employees?

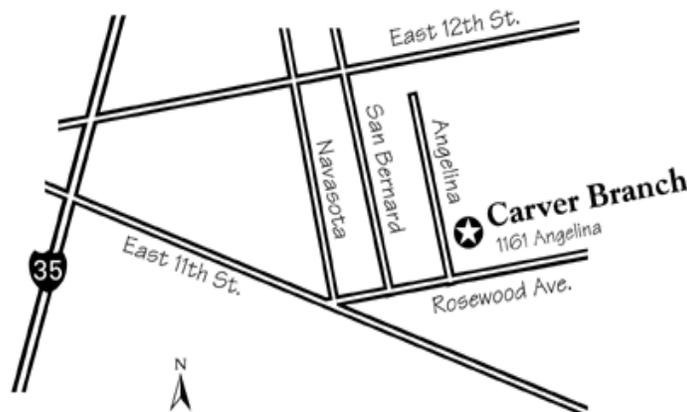
Anita Zinnecker, Assistant Director of the Legislative Budget Board (LBB), is coming to your rescue! She’ll help EWTG members untangle the complicated document that is a Legislative Appropriations Request—the LAR—and give meaning to all these acronyms.

LARs—the building blocks for the next biennium’s appropriations bill—will be due to the LBB this summer. LARs contain everything anyone wants to know about each agency’s goals, strategies, objectives, funding sources and personnel. This information will become all the more important come January 2007, given that the LBB and the Governor’s Office of Budget and Policy have asked agencies to submit budgets at 90 percent of their current levels (with some variances).

Ms. Zinnecker, Assistant Director of the Legislative Budget Board, supervises teams for business and economic development, health and human services, federal funds analysis and higher education. She is now the lead LBB staff to the Senate and the Senate Finance Committee, having previously served the House in a similar role for the past three legislative sessions. She is also a 15-year veteran of the LBB, and for six years was a faculty member at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston and at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. Ms. Zinnecker received her master’s degree from the LBJ Graduate School of Public Affairs and her undergraduate degree from Southwest Texas State University.

To help you make the most of your lunchtime, Mangia Pizza and salad will be available for \$6 per person (salad only is \$3) for the first 25 people who RSVP. Networking (and eating!) begin at 11:30 a.m., the program begins at noon and ends by 1 p.m.

For information and reservations, contact EWTG by email at ewtg@ewtg.org or by telephone at 512.894.4370. Please state whether you want to purchase pizza and/or salad when you make your reservation. Also, because EWTG provides the pizza at cost based on reservations, please be mindful that EWTG may have to invoice those who order pizza but are unable to attend.



Program Committee

June 28 Showcase Luncheon: Liz Carpenter, author and former White House insider

“Start with a Laugh”

by Laure McLaughlin, 2006 Program Director

Witty, wise and wonderful—these are the words that best describe Liz Carpenter’s talk to more than a hundred EWTG members and guests at the June 28th luncheon.



Being witty (her exact words were “having a ha-ha ready”) always comes first, she told the audience. And she takes her own advice: her latest book is entitled *Start With A Laugh: An Insider’s Guide to Roasts, Toasts, Eulogies, and Other Speeches*. Her instructions are to arrive an hour before the speech is to begin to be sure everything is ready, then - after the initial laugh - “put meat in the middle and wave the flag at the end.”

Mrs. Carpenter told the audience that she is unabashedly a lifetime Democrat “and I can say partisan things because I’m 85 years old and don’t give a damn.” After opining about several current and past state and national officeholders, she told of how past Presidents used humor to deflect criticism. President Lincoln, she said, was one of the first to bring humor “out of the closet” by telling jokes at Cabinet meetings. Although he was criticized for it, he replied to his critics, with tears streaming down his face, “Were it not for my little jokes, I could not endure the burdens of my country.”

Besides deflecting criticism, humor is also an excellent way for a speaker to connect with his or her audience, to reveal human feelings and intentions to an otherwise anonymous (and occasionally hostile!) crowd.

Of the thirteen Presidents she has known, Mrs. Carpenter said that John F. Kennedy was perhaps the most adept at using humor. When he appointed his brother, Bobby Kennedy, as Attorney General of the United States, the press was unrelenting in its criticism. Finally, one person too many asked him why he did it, and he responded, “Well, Bobby has always wanted to be a lawyer, and I thought it would be a good idea to give him a little on-the-job training.” End of story.

President Johnson, for whom Mrs. Carpenter worked as a speechwriter (she served afterwards as press secretary to Lady Bird Johnson), was once presented with a speech draft that quoted Aristotle. “Who in the h— knows who Aristotle is?” Johnson demanded. With that, he took out a pen, scratched through the word “Aristotle” and wrote, “As my dear old daddy used to say....”

Finally, Mrs. Carpenter told of President Ford’s relentless critics, and the comedians (notably, Chevy Chase of Saturday Night Live) who made fun of the new President’s stumbles and bumbles. On the advice of his aides, Ford finally hired a Hollywood speechwriter known for his funny lines. The speechwriter prepared, and even got Ford to rehearse, a new speech. Then, the opportunity came. After being announced as the speaker at the White House Radio and TV Dinner, Ford stood up, picked up the corner of the tablecloth and pulled it with him on his way to the podium, dropping dishes, glasses and cutlery along the way. When he got to the podium, he “dropped” his speech and papers flew everywhere. After the crowd’s laughter subsided, he gave a wonderful speech, and that was the end of the “Ford Stumbles Again” stories.

EWTG members received a rare treat playing host to Mrs. Carpenter, and thanked her with a standing ovation as they bought her book and sought her autograph.

Nominations Now Being Accepted for EWTG’s Woman of the Year

Do you know someone in EWTG who has gone above and beyond to enhance her experience with the organization, as well as that of others? Why not nominate her as the EWTG Woman of the Year?

EWTG’s Woman of the Year (WOTY) is an annual award given to an outstanding member of our organization who has demonstrated extraordinary participation and giving - not only to EWTG, but also to the community. Nomination forms are available on the “Activities” portion of the EWTG website, and may be submitted until September 1, 2006. This is a great opportunity to recognize someone you believe has made a difference in EWTG. The WOTY winner will be announced at the Professional Development Conference on November 20, 2006.

Community Service at the Capital Area Food Bank

It’s not too late to help the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) provide food to the needy families of Austin. Join your fellow EWTG members for a fun evening of sorting and boxing food donations at the Capital Area Food Bank on Thursday, July 13th from 6 - 9 pm. Please plan to arrive by 6:00pm and stay until 9:00pm, and don’t forget to wear closed-toed shoes! The Capital Area Food Bank of Texas is located at 8201 South Congress, between William Cannon Drive & Slaughter Lane.

Please email Paula Griffin at paula.griffin@cpa.state.tx.us to sign up for this fun – and worthwhile – event.



And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country. My fellow citizens of the world: Ask not what America can do for the world - but what together we can do for the freedom of man.

- John F. Kennedy

Program Committee

June 14 Minicourse: Cheri Butler of the University of Texas at Arlington “Developing Your Personal Portfolio”

by Laure McLaughlin, 2006 Program Director

If you’ve ever had to job hunt before—and who among us hasn’t—then Cheri Butler has the ideas and tools you will need to be successful in your quest for that Big Job.



Butler, the Associate Director of Career Services and a career counselor at the University of Texas at Arlington, told EWTG members and guests that the top ten personal qualities and skills employers seek are: verbal and written communication skills, honesty and integrity, teamwork, interpersonal skills, motivation and initiative, a strong work ethic, analytical skills, flexibility and adaptability, computer skills and—most importantly—self-confidence.

To show a potential employer that you have these qualities, Butler suggested building a portfolio to highlight your very best talents. The portfolio should contain documents or artifacts that validate your claims about your skills and accomplishments for potential employers to review. It can be a notebook or a special folder (usually available at office supply stores). Have a master portfolio that you keep, and make several copies of it to show or leave with prospective employers. Use a table of contents, collages of documents and tabs to make it easy to find and display your accomplishments.

Butler also suggested using what she calls the “bikini method” for selecting items for your portfolio—enough to cover the essentials, but short enough to be interesting. She counseled the group to “always leave potential employers wanting more.”

Butler suggested using the “PEAKS” system to categorize these documents, highlighting your Personal characteristics, Experience, Accomplishments, Knowledge and Skills. Examples of each might be:

Personal Characteristics—performance evaluations, letters or emails commending you for a job well done or perfect attendance; or an “atta girl” letter from a satisfied customer or fellow employee. It could also include writing samples and records of community service.

Experience—items that document your participation in activities similar to those in the job for which you are applying, such as a copy of a marketing plan you worked up for a non-profit, included when interviewing for a marketing job.

Accomplishments—items that document your ability to do outstanding work, perhaps a commendation letter or figures that show how you improved the production in or efficiency of something at your last job.

Knowledge—this category is a little easier, since it means diplomas, certificates, letters of reference, government documents (such as visas or passports if the job you’re applying for involves foreign travel), or other documents that show special knowledge in a specific field.

Skills—items that show off skills that you not only have, but enjoying using, such as drawing, feature-story writing or photography.

Finally, Butler suggested that potential portfolio-builders read *Working with Emotional Intelligence* by Daniel Goleman.



I sometimes think that the saving grace of America lies in the fact that the overwhelming majority of Americans are possessed of two great qualities - a sense of humor and a sense of proportion.

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

News from the Membership Committee

Volunteer to be a Mentor

by Julie Atchison, Membership Director

Seasoned EWTG members are encouraged to contact Julie Atchison at jatchiso@tceq.state.tx.us to volunteer to be a mentor to a new EWTG member. Mentors find that sharing their experiences brings pleasure and satisfaction because this exchange of knowledge makes a world of difference in the new member's professional journey.

This is a self-paced, one-on-one relationship, designed, along with other activities, to guide the member in activities that will help the new member reach for success via our EWTG activities and programs. This mentorship program has a one-year commitment, which starts as soon as the new member joins.

This is a great way for busy, seasoned members to notably contribute, both to EWTG and a new member, on a schedule that is good for both participants. Volunteer today!

News from the Public Relations Committees

by Carla James, Public Relations Director

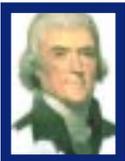
Who would argue that exercise is a bad thing? I wouldn't. So if that is the case, then why do I always sign up for a gym membership with great goals in mind, go for a moderate period of time, then let things slide? I'm paying for nothing when I stop taking advantage of everything the gym could offer me. The same is true for those of us who pay our annual dues to participate in EWTG and then let our efforts dwindle, in turn decreasing the number of benefits we derive from the organization. I was a member for several years who, with good intentions, paid my dues and told myself each month that I would go to the "next" minicourse or luncheon. I never quite made it to those functions and missed out on great information and the chance to meet some wonderful women. I finally began participating in EWTG as I had always wanted to, and have reaped the benefits. I'm more comfortable at EWTG functions and have made numerous friends that are a blessing to me - in and outside of work.

Don't let EWTG be *your* forgotten gym membership! Increase your participation today, and you'll soon realize just how much the organization has to offer you.

News from the Silent Auction Committee

by Connie Hofmann, Silent Auction Chair

The Silent Auction Committee is in the process of soliciting donations for the conference. We've already received a variety of great donations such as an Omni Hotel Package, The Crossings Spa package, tickets for a variety of museums and gift certificates for several restaurants. If you know of any prospects for the Silent Auction Committee, please contact Connie Hofmann, cell phone 512.638.6438.



The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.

- Thomas Jefferson



America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.

- Abraham Lincoln

November 20, 2006, is rapidly approaching!

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From August 1st through September 30th
\$125.00 (member) \$185.00 (non-member)

Regular Registration
From October 1st through October 31st
\$175.00 (member) \$235.00 (non-member)

Late Registration
From November 1st through November 20th
\$225.00 (member) \$285 (non-member)

Stay Tuned --- There's more to come!!!!

EWTG is an organization of dedicated individuals devoted to developing and encouraging women in Texas government and higher education by providing members with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel.

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Dallas Affiliate News

by Chris McDaniel, Communications Director

Legislation recently introduced to the House of Representatives may change the way Americans view the nursing profession and receive information about healthcare issues. Victoria Hawkins, RN, Doctor of Public Health, spoke about the "National Nurse" campaign during the Dallas affiliate's June meeting.



This grassroots movement, which began a year ago with Teri Mills' editorial in the *New York Times*, would create a National Nurse who, much like the Surgeon General, would promote health policy and education. Unlike the Surgeon General, however, the National Nurse's name and message would be recognized in households across America. Sponsored by Congresswoman Lois Capps (who is a registered nurse), the legislation currently has more than twenty congressional co-sponsors, and the Petition to the United States Congress has more than 1500 signatures to date.

The non-partisan office of a National Nurse would facilitate a multi-disciplinary approach to public health and would:

- Complement existing health services in collaboration with the Surgeon General and other national, state and local health authorities while reducing healthcare costs.
- Educate the public about disease prevention and health promotion through brief, weekly broadcasts in different languages to reach America's diverse population. Outreach activities would take place in schools, libraries, senior citizen centers, churches, etc.
- Create national nurse teams to educate the public about healthcare topics such as obesity, mental health, and community-acquired infections; and organize communities at the local level to serve in times of crisis (e.g., natural disasters, terrorism, pandemics, etc.).
- Focus attention on the nursing profession to recruit professional nurses, increase staffing and improve patient outcomes. Each of the nation's 2.7 million nurses would be eligible to join.

Dr. Hawkins shared some surprising statistics with the group about healthcare literacy as a problem in the United States and how most Americans do not fully understand even simple healthcare instructions. She also demonstrated how increased nurse staffing actually decreases medical complications and healthcare costs. This may explain why, she says, the Chinese translation for nurse is "watchful eye." To learn more about the National Nurse, or to sign the petition, visit www.nationalnurse.org.

Next month's meeting will feature Pam Silvestri of the Southwest Transplant Alliance's organ bank.

General meeting information: Dallas Affiliate meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2006 at the A.W. Harris Faculty Club, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd, Dallas (214.688.2653). The regular meetings begin with an informal social at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner and a business meeting at 6:30 p.m. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. If you would like to receive the Dallas Affiliate monthly email program announcement, or to RSVP regarding your attendance, please call Chris McDaniel at 817.792.7259 or send an email to chris.mcdaniel@dads.state.tx.us.

Houston Affiliate News

by Rebecca Rae, Houston Affiliate Chair

Houston Affiliate members are enjoying the beginning of a semi-typical Houston summer: hot and humid, with intermittent flooding. Hurricane Season 2006 has officially begun, and people living in the Gulf Coast and adjacent areas should have their emergency plans in place. People living farther inland should also be aware that the severe weather of a hurricane can be far-reaching.

All families and businesses should have emergency preparedness plans for their unique circumstances; and be familiar with their plans so they're ready for action on short notice. All communities are vulnerable to one type of emergency/disaster or another. Emergencies and disasters come in all sizes and types. Some occur naturally, while others are manmade. Preparedness and awareness are the key elements in lessening the impact of an emergency or disaster event.

There are numerous websites and publications to assist with arming yourself with knowledge to help you make your preparedness decisions. One website to help you get started is www.state.tx.us. This State of Texas site offers links to Texas Homeland Security and Disaster Response.

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The History of Fireworks

As early as the Chinese Han Dynasty (206 BC–AD 220), the world's first firecrackers (basic fireworks) were made by roasting bamboo to produce a loud sound (known as “bian pao”) that was intended to frighten evil spirits. In the Northern and Southern Dynasties (AD 420–581), the firecrackers were used not only to dispel evil, but also to pray for happiness and prosperity.

The discovery of gunpowder and the subsequent invention of true fireworks is owed to the Chinese. In their spare time, Taoist monks played with the basic components of gunpowder to create fireworks. Eventually, the art and science of firework making developed into an independent profession of its own.

In ancient China, pyrotechnicians (firework-masters) were well-respected for their knowledge and skill to mount dazzling displays of light and sound. Some scholars say fireworks were developed in the Sui and Tang Dynasties (581–907), but others argue there were no fireworks until the Northern Song Dynasty (10th century).

Since then, any event—a birth, death, wedding, coronation, or New Year’s Eve celebration—has become a fitting occasion for noisemakers.

Amédée-François Frézier published a “Treatise on Fireworks” in 1706. In this treatise, Frézier studied the recreational and ceremonial uses of fireworks, rather than their military uses. The book became a standard text for fireworks makers.



An etching of the ‘Royal Fireworks’ display on the Thames in 1749

Musick for the Royal Fireworks was composed by George Frideric Handel in 1749 to celebrate the peace of Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle, which had been declared the previous year.

America’s earliest settlers brought their enthusiasm for fireworks to the United States. Fireworks and black powder were used to celebrate important events long before the American Revolutionary War. The very first celebrations of Independence Day were in 1777, six years before Americans knew whether the new nation would survive the war; fireworks were a part of those festivities. In 1789, George Washington’s inauguration was also accompanied by a fireworks display. This early fascination with their noise and color continues today.



The World Showcase Lagoon at Epcot during IllumiNations: Reflections of Earth, the nightly fireworks show.

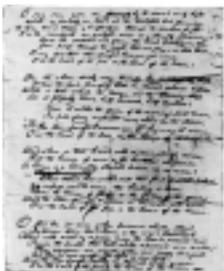
The largest manufacturer and exporter of fireworks in the world is China. China is estimated to have exported over 6 million cases or 120,000 tons of fireworks to the US in 2005.

In 2004, Disneyland in Anaheim, California, started using aerial fireworks launched with compressed air rather than gunpowder, the first time that such a launch system was used commercially. The display shell is detonated in the air using an electronic timer. The advantages of compressed air launch are a reduction in fumes, and much greater accuracy in height and timing. (Walt Disney Company, 2004)

The Star-Spangled Banner

“The Star-Spangled Banner”, a poem written in 1814 by Francis Scott Key, is the national anthem of the United States of America. Key, a 35-year-old lawyer and amateur poet, wrote the poem after witnessing the bombardment of Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland, by British ships in Chesapeake Bay during the War of 1812.

Set to the tune of “To Anacreon in Heaven,” a popular English song, it became well-known as an American patriotic song. It was recognized for official use by the United States Navy (1889) and the White House (1916), and was made the national anthem by a Congressional resolution on March 3, 1931. Although the song has four stanzas, only the first is commonly sung today.



*O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming!
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there:
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

Francis Scott Key's original manuscript of his Star-Spangled Banner poem, now on display at the Maryland Historical Society.

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Stars Over Texas

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Diana Maldonado, a 20-year veteran with the State Comptroller's Office, has been elected president of the Round Rock ISD school board. School officials said records dating to 1965 show that

Maldonado is the first Hispanic woman to lead the board, which manages a fast-growing district just north of Austin - *As reported by Strategic Partnerships, Inc.*

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