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NEWSBRIEFS

Truck denial appeal

Congressman Henry Bonilla has called for an appeal of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling regarding Mexican trucks. The court recently blocked the Bush Administration's plan to end the 21-year moratorium that had restricted Mexican trucks from entering the United States. "The bottom line is that our nation's ban on cross-border trucking is in violation of the North American Free Trade Act (NAFTA). Our nation agreed years ago that the border should be open and an arbitration panel concurred. This recent court decision is attempting to rewrite history and stop progress in its tracks," said Bonilla. He is urging Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta to take action in the appeal. He is also asking the Department of Transportation to expedite the Environmental Impact Study to prevent any delay which may be caused from it not complying with the court standing. "I represent almost 800 miles of the Texas/Mexico border and I've seen some incredible opportunities come to these communities. Our people want more opportunity and that's exactly what they would get by allowing these trucks to enter," said Bonilla.

Dogging drugs

Border Patrol agents in Ft. Hancock were alerted last Wednesday to several people walking along the Rio Grande about five miles east of the Ft. Hancock Port of Entry, a notorious area for drug smuggling. When agents investigated the situation, the subjects had fled but left muddy tracks leading to a bulldozer. A canine unit was dispatched and discovered several burlap bags filled with cellophane-wrapped bundles of marijuana, about 461 pounds, had been hidden inside the dozer. Agents said they believed the drugs were abandoned and the suspects fled back across the border when they discovered agents approaching. In another incident, a drug dog at the checkpoint on N.M. Highway 54 near Alamogordo confirmed that a 2001 Ford Excursion was hauling drugs — about \$2.1 million worth of cocaine in 32 bundles hidden in a metal compartment under the vehicle. Five border crossing card-holders from Mexico were turned over to the Drug Enforcement Agency in the incident, along with the drugs and the vehicle.

In other news

The Horizon Youth Association will meet on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 6:30 p.m. at Pepperoni's Pizza and Deli, 14020 Horizon Blvd. The public is invited. Information: 852-0706.

Marine Corps Pvt. Angel Muela, son of Maria Del Rosanio Muela of San Elizario recently completed basic training at

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The people of the United States do not need more judges but more judgement.
— Quips & Quotes



LONG NEGLECTED PARK — Years ago residents would gather for barbecues and parties under the cool shade of this grove of trees nicknamed Hobo Park. The benches and tables have since disappeared but this unofficial park is on the list of projects for renovation. The property is owned by Union Pacific whose tracks lie just to the north.

Clint mayor and community take dumping issue seriously

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Thirty volunteers gathered to clean up two illegal dumpsites and one park area last Saturday in Clint. Illegal dumping is a common problem in the Lower Valley and East El Paso County due to the amount of vacant lots, irrigation waterways and the location of the landfill.

The Town of Clint's Mayor Charles Gonzalez said Saturday's clean up was a success and there are plans for more cleanups in the future.

Penalties for illegal dumping, under the Texas Health and Safety Code, range from \$500 to \$100,000 in fines and six months to five years in prison. The Town of Clint recently received a grant funded by the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality (formerly TNRCC) specifically to address illegal dumping and roadside litter.

"Illegal dumping and littering affects all of us," Mayor Gonzalez said. "Illegal dumpers beware, we are taking this matter seriously."

Gonzalez said he plans to formerly introduce a "Keep Clint Beautiful" (KCB) program at February's Town Council meeting.

"These volunteer organizations and community clean ups create awareness and they bring the community together," Gonzalez said.

KCB will be an affiliate member of Keep Texas Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful, funded in part by a grant and local resources. The program is not limited to the residents of the town and residents from the surrounding communities are invited to participate and suggest areas in need of cleanup.

In a survey taken by the Clint High School Environment Club of Clint residents, 58 percent felt the community has a litter problem and identified pedestrians, construction sites and uncovered trucks as the top three contributors to litter. Other survey results were:

- 25 percent recalled dropping a paper

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ENDANGERING WATER SYSTEM — This pile of debris was left by a dump truck on Hansard Street in November. Residents of the area were not able to identify the license plates of the culprit, however the Clint Police Dept. was able to uncover evidence which identified the source. The case was turned over to the El Paso County Environmental Task Force and is pending with the County Attorney's Office. If found guilty, the person responsible faces up to a \$100,000 fine and five years in prison for dumping adjacent to a water way. The Lower Valley Water District's Clint Spur Drain is located along the row of brush to the left of the picture.

Canutillo board considers bond election to cover upgrades in new high school

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO — Even before actual construction begins on the new high school, the board of trustees of the Canutillo Independent School District is already fine-tuning plans for the facility.

At its Jan. 22 meeting, the board authorized the administration to go ahead with new design changes and revised construction timelines. Alfredo Vasquez, the district's public information officer, emphasized these were minor changes and would not affect the planned completion of the new high school

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Quatrini, San Eli ISD beat short-term superintendent trend with contract extension

SAN ELIZARIO — Already the superintendent with the longest current tenure in the region, Superintendent Mike Quatrini received a contract extension from the San Elizario Independent School District Board of Trustees on Jan. 11, 2003.

In a unanimous vote, the trustees added two more school years to Quatrini's contract, which was to end after the 2003-2004 school year. The extension will keep Quatrini at the helm through 2005-2006, his 10th year.

"I feel that continuity is important in the success of this district," said SEISD Board President Antonio Araujo. "Mike is doing an excellent job and has the same vision of the school board."

According to Barbara Williams, who works in the public information office at the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), the days of superintendents staying for longer than the state average of four years is "a chapter in Texas that used to be the norm."

"It's more the exception than the rule now that superintendents hire on and stay for decades," she said. "That's why districts are getting more creative in trying to retain their superintendents."

Some of the district highlights under Quatrini's leadership include:

- A district realignment at the elementary level that made transportation easier, aligned curriculum and lightened class loads.
- Opened the new high school and hired its administration.
- Oversaw the construction of Borrego Elementary School and the Administration Building.
- Saw San Elizario High, Sambrano and Alarcón Elementary Schools receive

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Mike Quatrini



By Francis Shrum

Fish in a bowl

Then we came up with this variety

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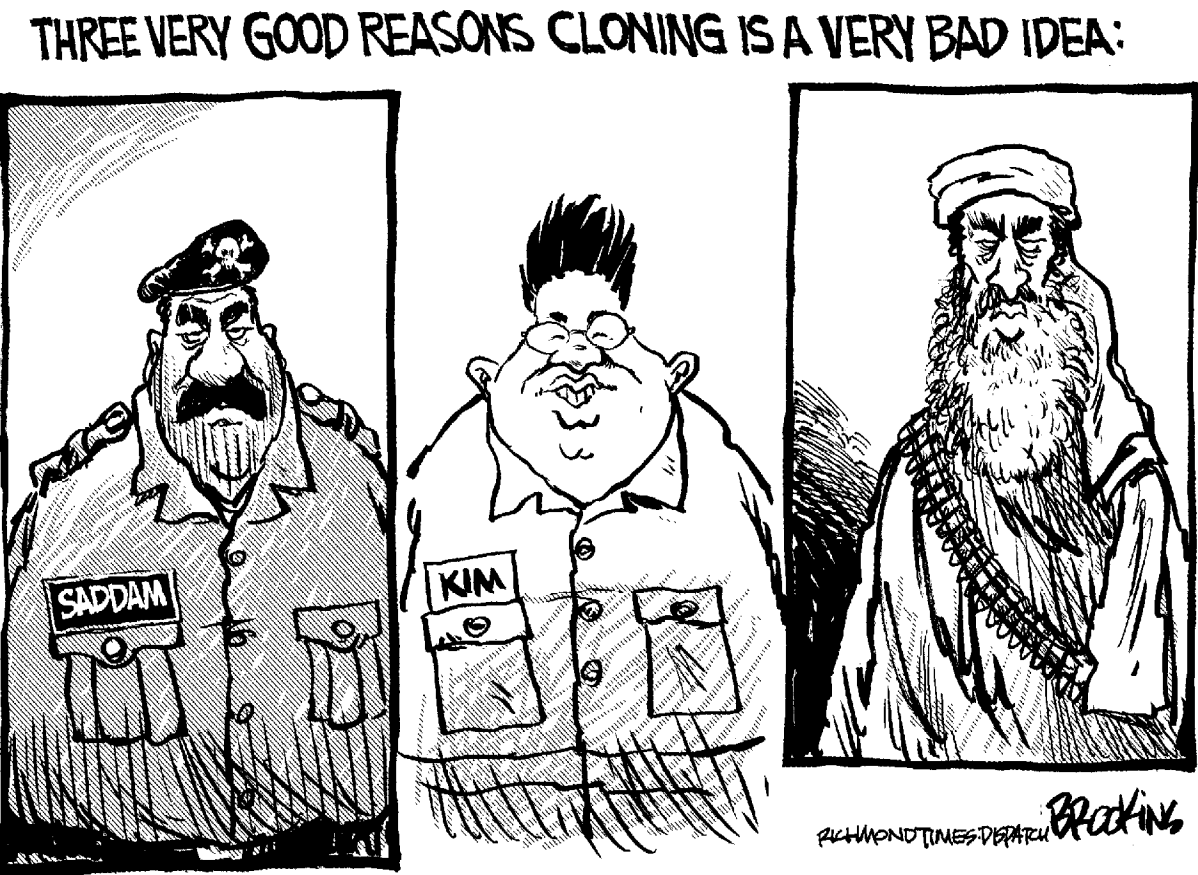
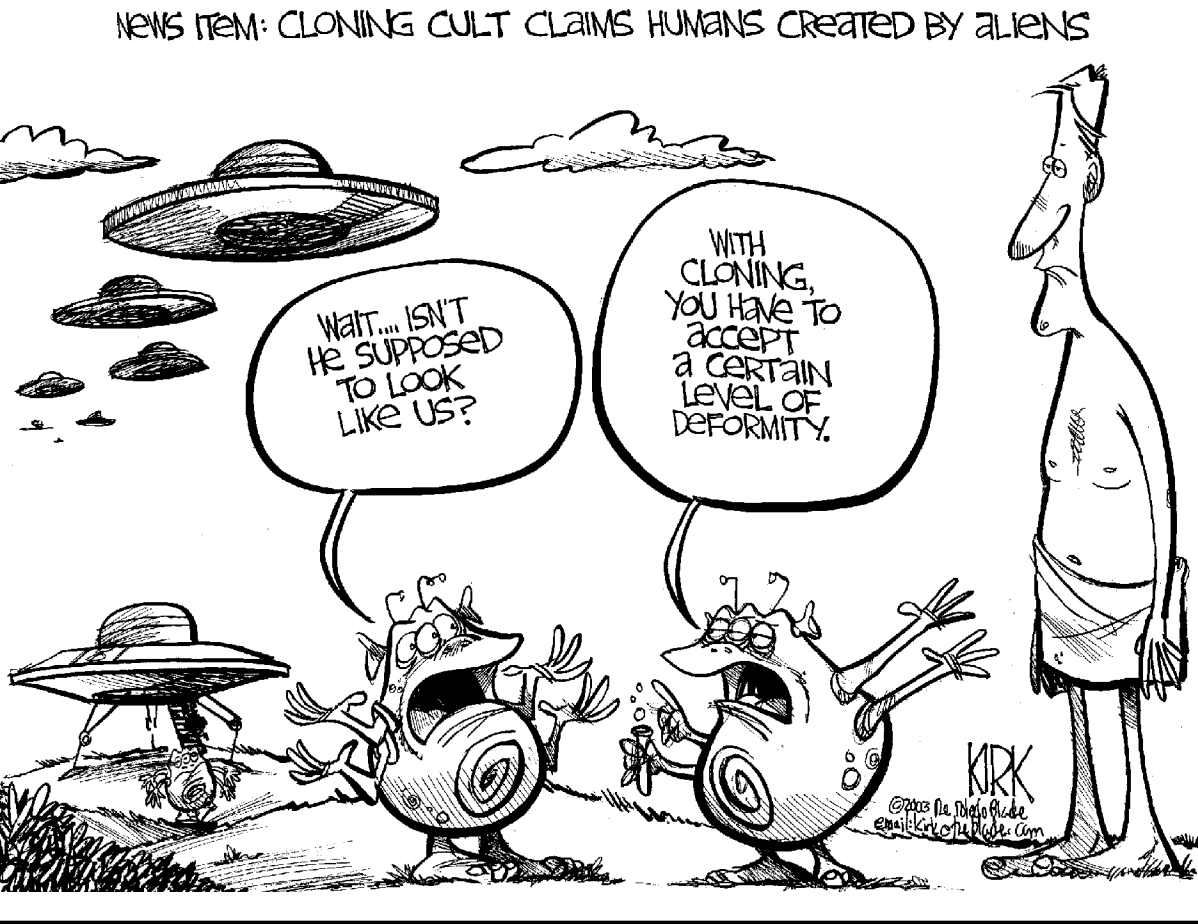
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Homeland Security short on funds

Nobody said homeland defense would be cheap. Meanwhile, individual citizens can learn how to protect themselves against dirty bombs, biological, chemical and

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Eye on D.C.

By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

The state of our District

This week, President George W. Bush delivered his State of the Union address to an attentive audience. These are tumultuous times and I believe it was the speech our nation needed to hear.

In his national address, President Bush reminded us of the tremendous accomplishments made over the last year. But all the time, the president expressed that we still have a long road ahead of us. He presented a blueprint for our nation's success. I believe that with this vision, our nation can and will remain focused and strong.

Much like the president reviewed the state of the Union, I've taken the opportunity to review the state of the 23rd Congressional District. And I have good news: The state of our district is **STRONG!**

Growth statistics show that cities in our district are growing at a rapid pace. This record growth is providing more economic opportunities for people throughout the 23rd Congressional District. Growth means more jobs, better opportunities for small business owners, and continued economic development. Our district universities are expanding and health care facilities are providing better service, more doctors and nurses and greater coverage for all patients.

By working with the local border patrol, we're keeping our borders prosperous and safe. If all goes well, the border will become open for additional commerce brought by Mexican trucks in the very near future and border towns will reap the economic benefits. Our farmers and ranchers are seeing improvements in grants and


research programs that help bolster their profitability. And our local military service-members are enjoying improvements in salary, base renovations and retiree commitments.

Yes, the state of our district is strong. But we must remember that "no man is an island." The issues affecting our nation also affect our state and our district. And while I will always look out for the needs of the 23rd Congressional District, I am also committed to keeping a watchful eye on the needs of our nation.

As a member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, I am dedicated to rebuilding our national defense. We must continue to support our men and women in uniform who have taken an oath to defend and protect our nation. As our troops face new challenges, we must demonstrate the true commitment for our armed services.

As Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee I oversee hundreds of state and national agriculture programs. Last year's Agriculture bill was great news for Texas agriculture producers. Many of the programs funded will directly impact farmers and ranchers in the 23rd district and throughout our great state, as well as our nation. I remain dedicated to keeping the agriculture industry strong and healthy.

Beyond my subcommittee positions in the House of



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Town of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

During the Regular Council Meeting on Jan. 14, 2003, the Town of Horizon City rescinded and replaced Zoning Ordinance No. 0006, including amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27 and 28. Ordinance No. 0102 has been assigned to the codification of the Zoning Ordinance along with the scheduled amendments. The ordinance regulates requirements such as: building permits, construction set backs, zoning regulations as well as other general rules that may affect developments. Also, amendments 10, 11, 24, 25, 29, and 30 to Zoning Ordinance No. 0006 were not rescinded and remain in full force and effect. Ordinances are available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sandra Sierra
City Clerk

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TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore January 30, 1915, Rice and Baylor play basketball in the first competition of the Southwest Conference.

Briefs

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Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Sand Diego. Muela, a 2002 graduate of San Elizario High School, successfully completed 12 weeks of training in combat and weapons, first aid, water survival, and close order drill as well as physically conditioning.

■ Families in El Paso County and the surrounding area are invited to participate in an international student exchange program during the 2003-2004 school year. Host families are needed for carefully screened young people from other countries, ages 15-18, who have own medical insurance and spending money, and will expect to share responsibilities and activities as a child of the household. Participants are invited to review applications before making a selection and are encouraged to correspond with their student prior to arrival. At least two

agencies are currently recruiting host families. One is Educational Resource Development Trust SHARE! at 1123 Shady Oaks Court in Allen, Texas 75002, 1-800-941-3738, (website www.erdtshare.org) for which Yvette Coffman is regional administrator. The second is World Heritage, for which the local contact is Lillian Page, 5784 Port Lavaca Dr., El Paso, TX 79924, 1-800-888-9040. International information for World Heritage is available at www.world-heritage.org.

■ Horizon Communities Improvement Association is planning to give away free trees to residents of Horizon View Estates, Unit 17 on Saturday, Feb. 8. There will be two trees available for each HCIA member lot. The trees are being provided for street planting in front of each lot, to help green the area and encourage owners in that area to meet the requirements of their covenants. Details concerning time and place will be confirmed by letter. Residents will need proof of their address to collect their trees.

If the initiative is successful it will be extended to other Horizon View units.

■ In recognition of Low Vision Awareness Month during February, Lighthouse International urges people with impaired vision, their families and friends to learn about the benefits of vision rehabilitation. In the United States alone, 16.5 million persons over age 45 report having vision loss. * People who lose their sight as adults can continue to pursue their daily activities, safely and independently, when they are equipped with the training, counseling and employment services provided through professional vision rehabilitation services. Call Lighthouse International’s toll-free number at 1-800-829-0500 or visit the website at www.lighthouse.org to locate vision rehabilitation services and other professional referrals in your area.

■ The next meeting of the Southwest International Personal Computer Club (SWIPCC) will be Sat-

urday, Feb 8, 20003 at 9:30 a.m. CPA and SWIPCC member Kenneth England will pass on some “tax tips” and answer questions from the audience. The second part of the meeting will be SWIPCC member Jesse Blair representing the Better Business Bureau who will talk about scams, what they are, how to avoid them and making sure that your charity donation goes to the right place with the least amount going to administration and other costs. The meeting will be at the Senior Citizens Center at 3200 Fierro in El Paso. For more info, call Mark Connolly at 852-4505 or e-mail at <http://www.swipcc.org>.

■ The El Paso Rose Society will hold a rose pruning demonstration on Feb. 2, 1-4 p.m. at the Municipal Rose Garden at 1702 Copia. The public is invited, and there is no charge for this hands-on training. Rose Society members will be on hand to answer any rose care questions. Information: 751-3631.

Reyes

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other kinds of disasters. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) just published its 102-page handbook, “Are You Ready? A Guide to Citizen Preparedness,” which lists everything from tornadoes, heat waves, and toxic spills to suspicious packages. FEMA now showcases 14 pages on terrorism and terror-related disasters. “Are You Ready?” is featured on FEMA’s Web site, www.fema.gov <<http://www.fema.gov/>>. About 200,000 hard copies, including Spanish-language versions, will be available in March.

Perspective

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watching a performance on television or other forms of video. It reminds me of the difference between eating a home-cooked meal or a frozen dinner, or the difference between your mate waving goodbye from the car window or giving you a big farewell kiss as he or she goes out the door. The feeling left behind is quite different. An amateur variety show performed on a thumpy old stage with poor lighting and framed with crepe-paper streamers for curtains by people you actually know creates its own kind of energy, a camaraderie sadly missing from our society that values personal space so highly that we shut each other out. It’s the kind of thing that can even make elephant jokes funny.

Bonilla

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Representatives, I want each of you to know that I will not back down on the issues I have fought for since my first days in Congress. We must continue to provide meaningful tax relief to the people of America — especially considering our current economic conditions. Now more than ever, we also need to look out for the small businesses of America. They are the back-bone of our country. Small businesses should be protected so they have the opportunity to grow and flourish. I’ll also continue my work on the Texas/Mexico border; I’ll aim for better health research funding; and of course, I’ll shoot for the stars when it comes to educating our nation’s children. After almost a decade of commitment to these issues, we’ve seen remarkable results. But we’re not finished. This year will bring us one step closer to accomplishing our goals and making the 23rd district better than ever. It goes without saying that America is facing new and different challenges. With these challenges come important, new goals that we must attend to. President Bush has set forth his goals for our nation and now you and I must set goals for our district. By standing together we will prove that these goals can be accomplished. We will prove that we are a united district and united nation, prepared to work together for the good of America.

San Elizario Independent School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended August 31, 2002

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,836,160	\$ 254,029	\$ 2,090,189
5800 State Program Revenues	20,926,815	1,428,763	22,355,578
5900 Federal Program Revenues	1,785,301	1,726,733	3,512,034
5020 Total Revenues	24,548,276	3,409,525	27,957,801
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	12,486,988	1,502,405	13,989,393
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	471,641	1,589	473,230
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	341,869	73,092	414,961
0021 Instructional Leadership	485,368	166,742	652,110
0023 School Leadership	1,776,453	118,445	1,894,898
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	888,082	9,016	897,098
0032 Social Work Services	30,323	203,408	233,731
0033 Health Services	355,384	16,027	371,411
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	775,759	15,679	791,438
0035 Food Services	1,999,070	26,329	2,025,399
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	411,136	—	411,136
0041 General Administration	1,218,094	—	1,218,094
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	2,957,697	1,000	2,958,697
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	516,019	—	516,019
0053 Data Processing Services	542,204	—	542,204
0061 Community Services	5,136	196,455	201,591
Debt Service:			
0071 Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	406,000	900,000	1,306,000
0171 Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	594,839	488,115	1,082,954
Capital Outlay:			
0081 Facilities Aquisition and Construction	2,080,352	62,300	2,142,652
Intergovernmental:			
0091 Contracted Instructional Services Between	10,800	—	10,800
6030 Total Expenditures	28,353,214	3,780,602	32,133,816
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(3,804,938)	(371,077)	(4,176,015)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	2,300	—	2,300
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	2,300	—	2,300
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(3,802,638)	(371,077)	(4,173,715)
0100 Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	5,467,890	528,711	5,996,601
3000 Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	\$ 1,665,252	\$ 157,634	\$ 1,822,886

Canutillo

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in 2005.

In a related action, the board also gave the go-ahead for the administration to begin the preliminary planning process for a possible bond election this spring to pay for upgrades. Vasquez said this process to “enhance” the new high school is in response to further feedback from the community as to what it wants in the facility.

He said meetings will be held with financial advisors to determine the size of the bond issue. Charley Hecker, chairman of the Facilities and Finance Committee, reported that his group discussed and reviewed with architects the design of and timelines for the building at its December meeting.

Vasquez said it’s too early to state how big the bond election would be, only that it would likely be in the multi-million-dollar range. (Canutillo overwhelmingly passed the initial \$23 million bond issue in 1999 for the high school.)

Groundbreaking was held Jan. 10 for the 235,000-square-foot facility that will be located south of the Northwest campus of El Paso Community College. Site preparation and construction is expected to begin by March.

District campus representatives thanked board members for their efforts throughout the year during School Board Recognition Month activities. Superintendent Charles Hart also praised board members and invited them to the Goat Jackpot event scheduled Feb. 1 near Childress Elementary.

Dr. Josie Tinajero, interim dean of UT El Paso’s College of Education, presented special recognition awards to the board, administration and staff for “10 years of exemplary performance in the mother-daughter program.”

Based on recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the board approved providing benefits to a special class of substitute teachers who are awaiting results of certification tests.

The board presented Damian Elementary’s Betz Britton with the Wanda Fisher Award as the district’s Outstanding Nurse of the Year.

Senior center not just for seniors anymore

HORIZON CITY — You don’t have to be 55 years of age anymore to have fun and participate in the many programs available at the Oz Glaze Senior Center in Horizon City.

Associate, non-voting memberships are being offered to anyone in the community who would like to take part in Tai-Chi classes, play cards and other games, quilt, and share in regular pot-luck meals.

Bill Rutherford, current director of the Center, said everyone that participates is a volunteer, except for the cleaning service.

“To become a voting member, the dues are \$5 per year, 55 years or

older. Associate memberships are \$5 per year. The Center is operated by a seven-member Board of Directors who are elected by the members. The day-to-day operation of the Center is by a volunteer director appointed by the board and reports to the board,” Rutherford said.

“We have a pot-luck dinner the second and fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 11:30 a.m. The Center is open about 30 hours a week. Each morning there is coffee and doughnuts starting about 6:30 a.m. wit the men shooting pool and solving the problems of the world.”

He said the Center, located at

13969 Veny Webb, is also available to be rented for parties, but restrictions do apply.

“We are looking for members and volunteers so we can offer more like crafting, sewing, knitting and crochet but we need volunteer instructors to do this,” Rutherford said. He said interested persons may call the Center at 852-0062, Betty Austin at 852-9158, or Audrey Glaze at 852-3291 for information.

“We have a very clean and cheerful Center with a lot of very wonderful people. The food is great. The camaraderie is even better. Come and join us. You just might like it,” he said.

Dumping

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wrapper or similar small litter item on a street, sidewalk or parking lot.

- 33 percent recalled dropping a paper sack, cup or similar litter on a street, sidewalk or parking lot.
- 75 percent thought the streets had more visible litter.
- 50 percent thought the business area had more visible litter.

- 66 percent felt they are helping to reduce litter in the community.
- 58 percent felt they help influence others in reducing litter in the community.
- 83 percent were familiar with “Don’t Mess with Texas”.
- 66 percent were aware it was an anti-litter campaign.
- 83 percent had heard of Keep Texas Beautiful
- 75 percent had heard of Keep America Beautiful.

When asked which of the following would be the major source of litter, those surveyed replied:

- 15 percent — Motorists
 - 18 percent — Pedestrians
 - 18 percent — Construction Sites
 - 18 percent — Uncovered Trucks
 - 12 percent — Household Trash
 - 9 percent — Commercial Dumpsters
 - 6 percent — Loading Docks
 - 4 percent — Boaters.
- Story/photos by Jessica Garza

San Eli

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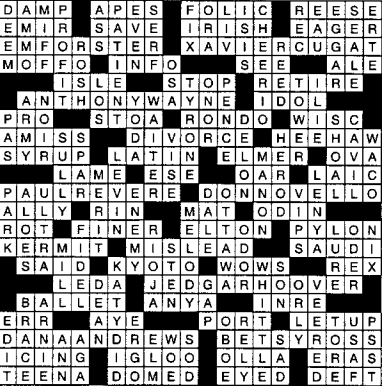
“Recognized” status from the Texas Education Agency.

• Was Region 19’s Superintendent of the Year twice and was among the state’s top five finalists during those years.

Quatrini is quick to give credit to the team he works with in San Elizario.

“All of the successes we’ve enjoyed are the result of a team effort,” he said. “That team is made up of teachers, students, parents, the support staff, administration and, of course, the board of trustees of San Elizario.”

“It’s an honor to have been working here in San Elizario for the last seven years,” Quatrini said. “I’m looking forward to continue working here in the future.”



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Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Capital Project Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 762,989	\$ 53,242	\$ 110,557	\$ 926,788
5800 State Program Revenues	5,825,600	—	929,199	6,754,799
5900 Federal Program Revenues	617,428	—	624,909	1,242,337
5020 Total Revenues	7,206,017	53,242	1,664,665	8,923,924
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	3,784,566	7,440	842,848	4,634,854
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	177,409	17,620	—	195,029
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	19,920	—	25,264	45,184
0021 Instructional Leadership	157,187	—	—	157,187
0023 School Leadership	378,688	—	525	379,213
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	215,934	—	1,832	217,766
0033 Health Services	87,472	—	113	87,585
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	114,713	—	968	115,681
0035 Food Services	436,945	—	11,271	448,216
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	233,157	—	9,819	242,976
0041 General Administration	349,568	—	3,309	352,877
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	794,001	—	11,436	805,437
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	121,492	—	—	121,492
0053 Data Processing Services	293,702	—	—	293,702
0061 Community Services	696	—	—	696
Debt Service:				
0071 Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	20,150	—	255,000	275,150
0171 Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	5,169	—	556,469	561,638
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Aquisition and Construction	1,360	3,452,411	—	3,453,771
6030 Total Expenditures	7,192,129	3,477,471	1,718,854	12,388,454
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	13,888	(3,424,229)	(54,189)	(3,464,530)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7911 Capital-related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	—	3,500,000	—	3,500,000
7915 Transfers In	236,777	—	40,618	277,395
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(265,000)	—	(12,395)	(277,395)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(28,223)	3,500,000	28,223	3,500,000
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(14,335)	75,771	(25,966)	35,470
0100 Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	1,612,340	15,572	101,994	1,729,906
3000 Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	\$1,598,005	\$ 91,343	\$ 76,028	\$ 1,765,376

Full court press

DA Esparza charges that coach ran a-foul of the law

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The honeymoon between Billy Gillispie and El Paso may have come to a crashing halt last Sunday. Just when everybody was beginning to feel giddy about Gillispie and the future of the Miners basketball

team, the coach may have gone out and celebrated his team's win over Boise St. just a bit more than he should have. The El Paso district attorney is investigating whether Gillispie had a few too many and was caught driving the wrong way down a one-way street downtown at 2:30 a.m. Why in the world would a high-profile in-

dividual like Gillispie take the chance of drinking and then driving? Especially on the heels of replacing a man like Jason Rebedeaux, who scored in the low teens on the responsibility meter. Anyway, Gillispie, whom has shown nothing but class since arriving in El Paso in November, may have made a huge mistake and must

convince the county and the university that this was just a momentary lapse of concentration, an itsy bitsy lack of judgment.

Gillispie denies the DWI charges and says his difficulties with a field sobriety test were not related to alcohol.

What to do? Good question. I don't have the answer. But something has to be done just to show the community that UTEP holds its employees to at least some sort of semi-high moral standard.

Who knows how aggressively the city is going to pursue this but we all have choices to make in life, and when we choose the wrong one or the illegal one — we have to face the consequences. And we only have ourselves to blame.

I hope Gillispie can rise above this and most of all learn from it. He's seems like a nice guy — I hope he's a smart guy.

The boy from Brazil

When the UTEP Miners announced that they were bringing in a walk-on from Brazil to help the basketball team last week, I figured this going to be a big clumsy guy that would play about five minutes a game to give the real players a short rest.

Even more proof that this player was going to turn out to be a bust was the fact that coach Billy Gillispie had never even seen the kid play in person. Heck, he had never even seen this kid in person.

Seems a friend of Gillispie's told him about a player in Brazil who was the real deal. Gillispie trusted his friend, looked at some tape and sent for the big guy.

Thomas Gehrke arrived in El Paso six days before his first game against Boise St. last week. Gehrke, a gangly 6-foot-8 blond, made his first appearance in the game late in the first half and looked a little out of place for a minute or two.

But that apprehension disappeared quickly and when it was all said and done, Gehrke scored 15 points and blocked six shots including a last-second layup try by Boise St. in regulation

to give the Miners the chance to win in overtime — which they did 85-78.

With the Miners winning their second (2-5) WAC game of the season, the team is beginning to take on the persona of a gritty, hustling, positive bunch of overachievers other conference members had better look out for in the few weeks remaining.

The addition of Gehrke has given the Miners of some depth inside along with Justino Victoriano, Darius Mattear and Joe Devance. And when John Tofi returns from his injury the Miners could be a little dangerous in the WAC tournament.

If Gillispie can pick 'em this good when he's never even seen them, imagine the players he recruits in person. Things are definitely on the way up for UTEP basketball.

That is if Gillispie can stick to prune juice.

This Rose stinks

Talk around pro baseball circles lately have been about the much anticipated acknowledgment by Pete Rose that he bet on baseball games so that he can be finally enshrined into the Hall of Fame.

The deal seems to have already been made. Baseball's all-time hits leader says "Sorry, everybody, I really did bet on baseball games, I lied then but I'm telling the truth now...now show me the nearest way to Copperstown."

Not so fast, Charlie Hustle. There appears to be a monkey in the wrench. It looks like Rose is in some fresh new trouble. The same kind of trouble he served prison time for about 10 years ago.

The taxman has paid a visit to Pete and he wants his money. According to Los Angeles County Recorder's Office, Rose owes \$151,689 in taxes from as far back as 1998.

Makes you wonder how many fastballs to the head Rose took in his 20-plus years in the game.

P.S. - Did I not tell you the Tampa Bay Bucs were going to beat the Raiders in the Super Bowl? Hey, when you get so few right, you've got to toot your own horn a little bit!



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1 Like some cellars

5 Fossey's friends

9 _ acid

14 Actress

Witherspoon

19 Gulf ruler

20 Computer command

21 Word with coffee or linen

22 Intense

23 Writer born 1/1/1879

25 Bandleader born 1/1/1900

27 Soprano Anna

28 Facts, for short

30 Diocese

31 Flagon filler

32 Vacation location

34 Cease

38 Join the leisure class?

41 General born 1/1/1745

45 Adored one

46 Paid player

47 Athenian arcade

48 Musical movement

50 Madison's st.

53 Wrong

56 Splitting headache?

58 Donkey's declaration

60 Flapjack sauce

61 Tacitus' tongue

62 Glue guy

64 Eggs

65 Fancy fabric

67 Nationality suffix

68 Boathouse item

69 Secular

70 Patriot born 1/1/1735

74 Comic born 1/1/1943

77 TV's " _ McBeal"

78 _ Tin Tin

79 Welcome item?

80 Norse deity

81 Deteriorate

82 More delicate

84 Singer John

86 Marking post

90 Henson amphibian

92 Deceive

94 Riyadh resident

95 "I Am ... I _" ('71 song)

96 Japanese city

97 Amazes

100 Smith or Stout

101 A swan was her swain

103 G-man born 1/1/1895

107 "Petrouchka," for one

109 Novelist Seton

110 Memo start

111 Fumble

112 Supporter

114 Nice or Newark

117 Abate

121 Actor born 1/1/1909

127 Seamstress born 1/1/1752

129 Buttercream, e.g.

130 Northern hemisphere?

131 _ podrida

132 Ages

133 "Lovergirl" singer Marie

134 Like the Taj Mahal

135 Viewed

136 Skillful

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1 Judge

2 Snowballs, sometimes

3 Irritate

4 Make a bundle

5 Palm Sunday

6 Exam subject?

7 Like Steven?

8 Medieval menial

9 Rig a race

10 " _ pro nobis"

11 Ullmann or Tyler

12 Horus' mother

13 "Ta-tal"

14 _ room

15 It's found in the Seine

16 Actress Samantha

17 Panther Bobby

18 Ziegfeld Follies designer

24 _ Hashanah

26 Stalk

29 Actress Massen

33 _ Alamos, NM

35 Power or Guthrie

36 _ about (approximately)

37 Carnaby Street

40 Nastase of tennis

41 Bunch of battalions

42 Film _

43 Jedi instructor

44 Restaurant employee

46 _ de deux

49 Actor Alain

51 Shallow area

52 Find fault

54 Tarnish

55 Practice punching

57 Workbench attachment

58 "Salome" character

59 Texas city

61 "The Stepford Wives" author

63 Massenet opera

66 Earn

69 "The Threepenny Opera" star

70 Transmission setting

71 Fugard's "A Lesson from _"

72 Marine leader?

73 Foe

74 Buttermilk's

mistress

75 Canada's capital

76 Bigwigs

79 Tune

82 _ Castro

83 Sangria wine

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88 Central European river

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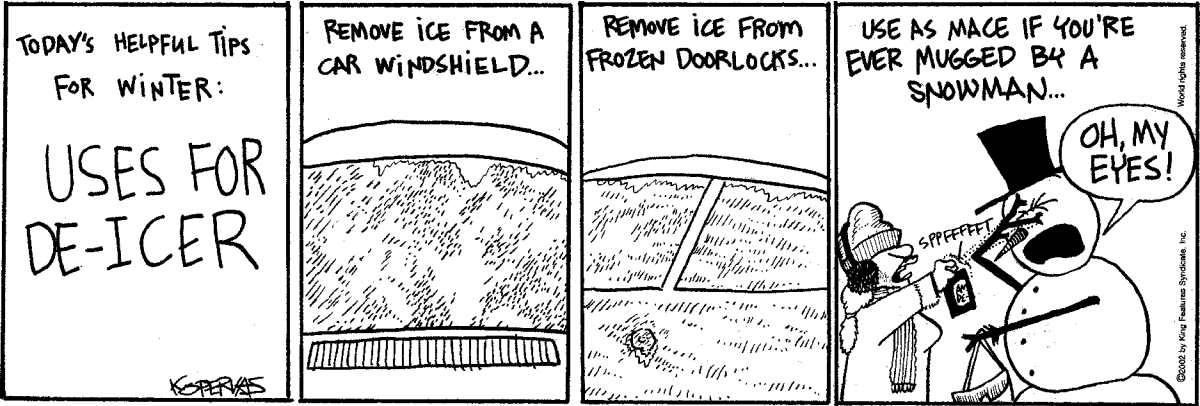
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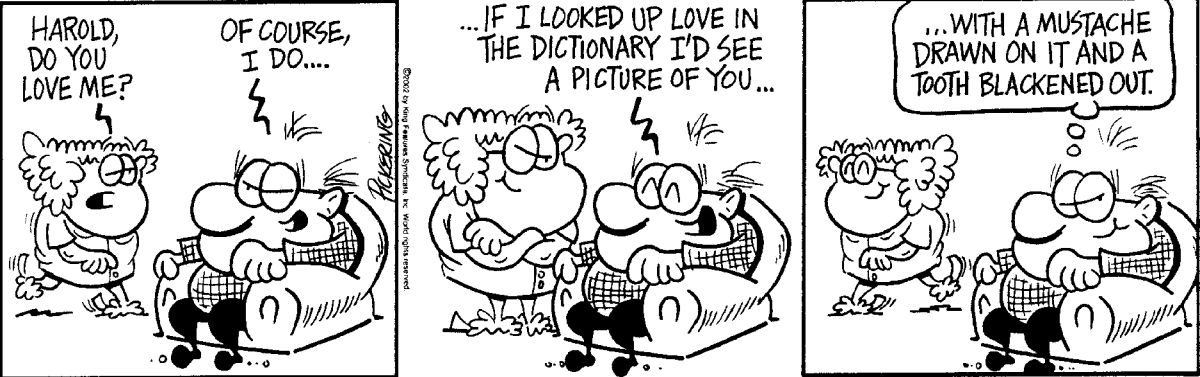
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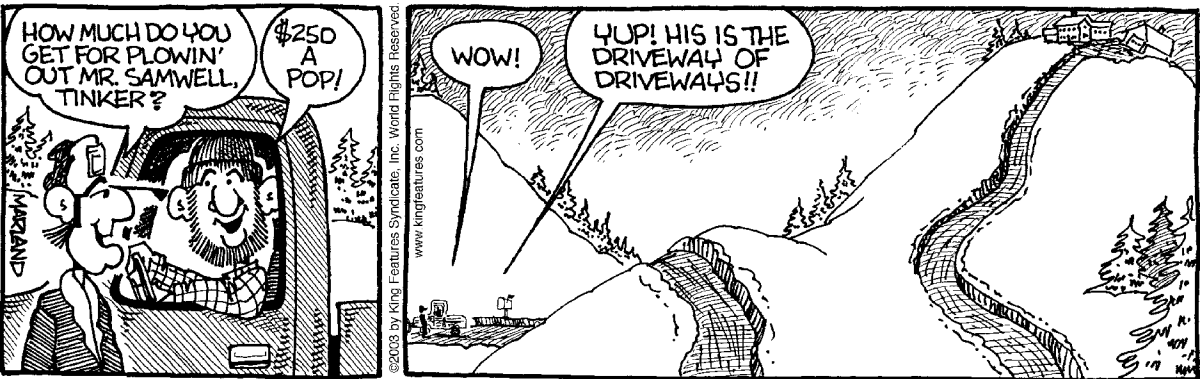
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You can believe us ... we lied

By Don Flood
We lied.

That was the grabber.

A reality show where women subjected themselves to national humiliation by competing for a man was hardly new.

Nor was the fact that the man was wealthy, in this case worth \$50 million.

No, the angle for Fox Network's "Joe Millionaire" was: We lied.

He wasn't worth \$50 million. He was a \$19,000-a-year construction worker.

In other words, these young women were debasing themselves for *nothing*.

Good family fun!

You might think "Joe" is a shallow guy, looking for an easy way to score with women.

Not true. He's looking for True Love. Specifically, he said he wants to find a girl who will love him for himself.

Let's go over that again s-l-o-w-l-y:

I'm looking for a girl who loves me for who I am, so-o-o ... I'm going to *pretend* to be someone else — a man with 50 million reasons for women to love him!

This is not a run-of-the-mill case of the Logic Train jumping the tracks.

This is the engineer barreling *backward* down an airport runway hoping the train will sprout wings and take flight.

Actually, it makes for a good parlor game:

I'm looking for a girl who doesn't put on airs, so-o-o ... I'm going to pretend to be a member of the Royal Family.

I'm looking for a guy who is interested in more than my physical endowments, so-o-o ... I'm going to parade around in a see-through blouse.

It's fun, and you may well come up with an idea for a new reality show!

But some people, I realize, are troubled by this sort of programming.

They fear we have reached bottom. To which I say, "Bunk!"

With that sort of can't-do attitude we would never have had shows like "The Gong Show" and "Temptation Island."

To be an American is to believe that we can always plumb new depths.

As a columnist I feel it is my duty to lead the way.

Here are some potential promos based on the groundbreaking "we lied" concept:

"The Bypass — We offered a man a free heart operation in exchange for allowing us to tape, in action, the world's foremost heart surgeon.

"We lied.

"Our 'heart surgeon' is actually a retired forklift operator whose only medical training consists of carving the Thanksgiving turkey!

"Sit back and enjoy the fireworks as he asks the family, 'Who wants the drumstick?'"

"Joe Single Guy — We told 20 women that this wealthy single man would like nothing better than to settle down with the girl of his dreams.

"We lied.

"He's a married deadbeat, with three kids, and the police are looking for him in six states!

"Watch 20 women go all out for a chance to marry a two-timing sleazeball!"

"The Bachelorette (?) — We told 25 guys that the winner would get to marry this rich and beautiful woman.

"We lied.

"She's really a 'he.' Don't miss the fun as 25 men compete for the affections of the world's most successful cross-dresser!"

I think they might work. No lie.

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SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Invitation to Bid/ Respond:

Sealed bids/proposals/ CSP to furnish the District with the following products and/or services accepted at the following times:

DISTRICT AWARDS
CSP NO.199-0210-0311

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NOVELTY AWARDS
CSP NO.199-0210-0330

SECOND LANGUAGE LEARNING CURRICULUM
CSP NO.199-0210-0333

CAREER KITS
CSP NO.199-0210-0335

ALL OF THE ABOVE PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL FEB. 10, 2003, AT 3 P.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso,

Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.
WTCC-01/30/03

Notice of Intent To Change Rates

Texas Gas Service Company (the "Company"), formerly Southern Union Gas, gives notice of its intent to implement a new schedule of rates for approximately 7,835 customers in the environs of El Paso, Texas. The environs customers include approximately 7,311 residential, 485 commercial, 3 industrial, 33 public authority, and 3 transportation customers.

On September 24, 2002, the City of El Paso approved a revenue increase of \$1,918,230 which was derived for the entire El Paso Service Area which includes the environs of El Paso. The environs share of this increase is approximately \$77,886. The rates that the Company is proposing

are identical to those approved by the City of El Paso on September 24, 2002 which became effective for meters read on or after September 24, 2002. The Company is asking that the rates for the environs become effective on March 25, 2003.

The proposed tariffs include increases in gas sales rates for all residential, commercial, industrial and public authority customers, and changes in the cost of gas, in the environs of the El Paso Service Area. The effect of the change in rates, when allowed, will be to increase the revenues of the Company by approximately 1.7 percent. Based on the proposed rate design, the average monthly residential bill of 45 Ccf will increase by approximately \$0.64, or 2.1 percent, the average monthly commercial bill of 280 Ccf will increase approximately \$2.12, or 1.3 percent, the average monthly public authority bill of 997 Ccf will increase approximately \$6.15, or 1.1 percent, and the average monthly industrial bill of 2,625 Ccf will increase approximately \$13.92, or 1 percent. The proposed change does not constitute a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code.

A complete copy of the Statement of Intent, filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas on October 21, 2002, is available for inspection in the Company's business office located at 4600 Polard, El Paso, Texas, 79930. Any affected person may file a written petition to intervene, comments or protest concerning the proposed change in environs rates with the Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time prior to March 3, 2003.

WTCC: 01/30/03
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PUBLIC NOTICE

As per Article V, Sec.

5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to reclaim their vehicles at Southwest Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges:
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VIN - IHED3640KA038672, 1989 Honda Civic, blue, Georgia plates 2753ABK
WTCC-01/30/03

TOWN OF HORIZON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
Invitation to Bid
2003 Police Patrol Vehicle
Bid #505-0301

Sealed bids will be received at the Town of Horizon City, 14999 Darrington Rd., Horizon City, TX 79928, until 5

p.m. Feb. 12, 2003. Specifications and information may be obtained at the Horizon City Police Dept., Townhall building, or call 915-852-1046 for more information. Bids will be opened on Feb. 7, 2003, at 5:05 p.m. at the Town of Horizon City Town Hall.
WTCC-01/30/03

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

HORIZON DESIGN CONSULTANTS will hold two studio classes this spring entitled Graphic Design: Creating a Dialogue. Part One will be March 18-22; Part Two April 1-5. This is a 30-hour foundational level course introducing concepts and techniques used by graphic artists to create effective visual works. For more information call 852-4817.
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SELF-HELP OPPORTUNITIES

Alcoholics Anonymous Group Paso Del Norte

meets at 8501 Kingsway in Westway, Monday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Call 886-4948 for information.

Alcohólicos Anónimos Grupo Paso Del Norte sesiones lunes a sábado, a 8-9 de la tarde, 8501 Kingsway, Westway. 886-4948 para informacion.

Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous Group 8 de Enero meets at 15360 Horizon Blvd. in Horizon City on Mondays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Call 859-0484 for information.

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solucion. Visitemos. Alcohólicos Anónimos, Grupo 8 de Enero, 15360 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, sesiones lunes a sábado a 8 de la tarde. Informacion: 859-0484.

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For Sanity's Sake By Taprina Milburn

Parents of young children most stressed

You've got to be kidding. Did someone really need to poll Americans to determine which was the most stressed group among our masses? According to a Gallup poll, parents of young children are the most stressed, with mothers — at-home and at-work alike — saying they have little or no time to relax.

You and I could have published these findings from our own neighborhoods, churches and local grocery stores.

It's the mom sitting in front of you at church whose kindergartner is doing the potty dance in the pew. It's the woman who looks as if she's preparing to compete in a pro wrestling match each time she wheels her children down the grocery store aisle while fending off their pleas for double chocolate chunk nugget breakfast cereal. It's the woman next door who, after working all day and putting her kids to bed, is up until midnight finishing work she brought home.

It's you and me, the study tells us. We're stressed and in need of some serious rest and relaxation.

Books and magazine articles are full of advice on how moms can incorporate time into their day for relaxation. Here are some suggestions I ran across recently and tried.

Take five minutes alone and clear your mind. Repeat a soothing word and keep that word going in your head.

OK. The first soothing word that came to my mind was "butter." Butter is soft and smooth. I like the way it smells on pancakes. But after repeating it a few times, the word made me think of my grocery list. And I was out of butter. I had promised to make cookies for my kids but

couldn't without that ingredient. As I repeated the word I became more stressed about how I could get to the grocery store before my kids walked through the door. If you try this one, think of something that doesn't relate to a task.

Breathe in serenity; breathe out stress.

Sounds a little hokey, but as I sat at my desk I pictured breathing in the scent of freshly laundered sheets. I then pictured my stress and imagined breathing it out. This worked for a moment, except that on that particular day I was stressed because, frankly, I didn't have freshly laundered sheets, underwear, socks or jeans in my house. It was time to get the laundry done. Again, avoid task-

oriented visualization.

Take a bubble bath.

Now we're talking. This is the closest I came to relaxation. I drew a bath full of water and poured in the bubbles. I made sure the kids were occupied, closed and locked the door. Ten minutes into the bath, the kids are yelling for me throughout the house to tell me the mailman is at the door and I need to sign something.

The poll tells us what we already knew: When we move from the parent of young children category to the older American without children category, we will achieve relaxation.



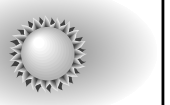





For now, however, a relaxed mother is an oxymoron.

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WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
							
Mostly sunny and pleasant.	Clear.	Warm with sunshine.	Sunny to partly cloudy and warm.	Partly sunny, breezy and cooler.	Partly sunny.	Mostly sunny.	Plenty of sunshine.
▲ 65°	▼ 36°	▲ 68° ▼ 38°	▲ 70° ▼ 42°	▲ 67° ▼ 36°	▲ 64° ▼ 34°	▲ 62° ▼ 32°	▲ 60° ▼ 30°

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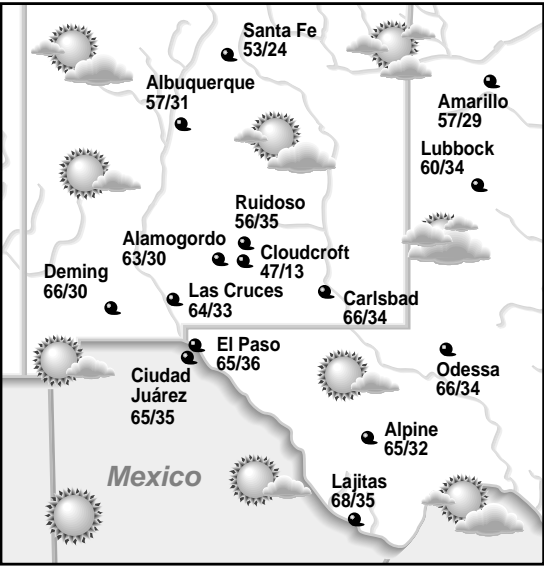
The higher the UV Index, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

Thursday	5	Moderate
Friday	5	Moderate
Saturday	5	Moderate
Sunday	5	Moderate
Monday	5	Moderate
Tuesday	5	Moderate
Wednesday	5	Moderate

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	65	35
Canutillo	66	36
Clint	64	37
E. Montana	65	36
Fabens	64	37
Horizon	66	36
San Elizario	63	33
Socorro	64	35
Tornillo	64	37
Vinton	66	36

Shown is Thursday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday's highs and Thursday night's lows.



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Low	Fri. Hi/Low	Sat. Hi/Low	Sun. Hi/Low	Mon. Hi/Low
Albuquerque	57/31/pc	59/33/s	60/34/pc	54/25/s	51/13/s
Atlanta	54/39/c	52/39/r	55/41/pc	61/56/pc	68/40/sh
Atlantic City	34/24/pc	40/35/pc	47/30/r	38/32/pc	49/34/c
Austin/San Antonio	58/42/c	68/43/s	70/50/pc	73/42/pc	61/33/s
Baltimore	36/23/pc	38/32/pc	46/30/r	42/24/pc	47/35/r
Boston	28/20/s	34/32/pc	44/34/r	36/28/c	40/34/c
Chicago	30/22/pc	36/27/sn	38/32/pc	40/28/r	34/12/c
Dallas/Ft. Worth	50/39/c	63/43/s	66/51/pc	66/42/pc	55/27/s
Denver	50/28/pc	56/30/pc	59/29/pc	41/19/c	42/5/c
Flagstaff	54/24/s	56/27/pc	57/29/pc	46/18/s	44/12/s
Houston	60/42/c	68/50/pc	70/52/pc	72/54/pc	65/32/c
Kansas City	42/28/c	50/34/pc	52/36/pc	50/30/c	36/16/c
Las Vegas	70/46/s	72/46/s	70/42/pc	62/39/s	62/35/s
Miami	78/66/pc	78/63/pc	77/62/pc	77/64/c	79/61/c
Minneapolis	28/22/sf	34/22/sn	38/24/c	38/16/c	25/-3/sn
New Orleans	60/44/c	61/48/pc	66/50/pc	68/53/pc	64/44/pc
New York City	32/24/s	36/32/pc	44/32/r	40/28/pc	44/37/sh
Philadelphia	34/23/s	36/32/pc	46/32/r	40/26/pc	48/35/r
Phoenix	76/50/s	80/54/s	78/51/pc	71/45/s	68/40/s
Portland	54/44/r	56/38/r	50/36/c	49/37/sh	50/36/sh
San Francisco	62/50/pc	62/52/pc	60/46/c	58/46/pc	57/44/s
Seattle	52/40/r	54/40/r	48/38/c	48/37/r	49/38/r
Tucson	76/44/s	78/46/s	77/45/pc	73/39/s	67/38/s
Washington, DC	37/24/pc	39/34/pc	48/34/c	42/28/pc	52/38/r

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.



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