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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Lower Valley Int'l Bridge meeting

A public meeting to discuss the Tornillo/Guadalupe International Bridge application will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 14, at the TxDOT's El Paso District Office, 13301 Gateway West. The application for the international bridge was submitted Dec. 23 of last year by El Paso County for review by TxDOT before being submitted to the U.S. State Department. Written comments on the application will be accepted through Feb. 28, and should be mailed to James L. Randall, P.E., Director, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, 125 E. 11th Street in Austin, TX 78701-2483. Texas, which shares the largest land border with Mexico of some 1,254 miles, has 26 international bridges and border crossings into Mexico and five rail-only crossings.

### Rural traffic

STEP (Special Traffic Enforcement Program), a federally funded program administered by the Texas Department of Transportation, allows state and local law enforcement agencies to put additional officers on the road to focus on specific violations. The program will run through Sept. 30 this year. DPS chose to run the program in counties with rural areas that showed large numbers of DWI-related and speeding-related crashes. El Paso County — in its rural areas — had 86 DWI-related crashes and 250 speeding-related crashes in 2000, according to preliminary DPS crash figures. "Motorists will frequently encounter a DPS trooper who is working on the STEP program in this county," said Major Tim Thompson, who oversees the program. "We're asking motorists to slow down, wear your seatbelts and drive sober — every day."

### San Eli jail

San Elizario will get \$75,000 in matching funds from the County of El Paso to move ahead with a \$105,000 project to renovate the historic San Elizario Jail, now estimated to be about 125 years old. The El Paso County Sheriff's Dept. will also apparently use the jail for a museum to showcase their history as well. The project is supposed to take about a year to complete.

### In other news

■ Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Monday, March 3, 7-9 p.m. at the Region 19 Education Service Center (6611 Boeing Drive, El Paso). The workshop will provide members of the public and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved

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*If you don't know where you're going,  
you may miss it when you get there.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Socorro seniors get affordable housing Rules of order for council under consideration

By Arleen Beard  
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — Ms. Rose Garcia, president of Tierra del Sol, brought the Socorro City Council up to date regarding some affordable housing for senior citizens at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Feb. 6.

A non-profit organization known as Tierra Del Sol Housing Corporation purchased a 6.49 acre tract of land located in the Three Missions Subdivision off of North Loop in Socorro in response to a survey conducted by a Denver firm surveying the need for affordable housing and improved housing for senior citizens.

The survey, conducted in 1999 and updated in 2000, determined there were 369 senior respondents expressing a need for improved housing conditions. Tierra del Sol was able to obtain \$2,349,300 in financing from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in order to build 41 units of senior housing known as the Missions Senior Community.

Construction for these units began around nine months ago and will be ready in March. The 41 units are being constructed in 3.4 acres of the tract of land. The application process for interested residents should begin. Eligibility requirements for occupancy include that the applicant is 62 years of age or older; immigration status verified; police and credit reports required; and birth certificate. Projected rents pending approval from HUD will be approximately \$245 per month. The rents paid by tenants are calculated at 30 percent of adjusted annual income. Utility assistance is also provided for eligible persons.

The initial 41 units comprise Phase I of the project and Tierra del Sol is hoping to continue Phase II which would include 16 to 38 more units of senior apartments and a 5,120 square foot senior citizen multipurpose center. Garcia said Tierra del Sol is asking the City of Socorro to provide them with a letter of support to potential funding sources, i.e., Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture. They would also like assistance from the City Council to testify, if necessary, at public hearings and to actively advocate for the financing

resources.

In other council business, it was noted that over the past years, City Council meetings in Socorro have been conducted without establishing rules of order though it is common practice for governing entities to establish and implement rules to bring order to the meetings.

Since Socorro City Council has no specific rules of order established for their meetings and they have experienced some unfortunate behavior and unruly conduct by members of the audience, causing the meetings to be unnecessarily lengthy. Some types of unruly conduct experienced at these meeting include addressing City Council on certain agenda items without a designated time limit, speaking out of turn from the seats or insisting to speak on an agenda item without having signed up for the item in question.

City Representative Gary Gandara said he is concerned about these issues and asked to council to have the item of rules be addressed. City Attorney Dominguez has begun to investigate the type of rules that would best suit the City of Socorro Council meetings. He has looked into other city's governing entities rules of order, such as that of San Antonio, Texas.

Bernardo Frescas, community member, mentioned to City Council he would like to see the most commonly used "Roberts' Rules" of Order to be utilized by City Council. Council members said that though they feel "Roberts Rules" is an option, they would like to research all avenues available, or maybe establish their own Rules of Order. City Attorney Dominguez was directed by City Council to continue researching the matter to be discussed at a later meeting.

City Council approved a student for internship for the City Planning Department to be under the supervision of Reyes Fierro.

City Council took action approving and allowing Connie Ruiz, Personnel Director, to initiate actions to do an assessment of the city's information systems needs. This action would allow Ruiz to recruit assistance professionally from a systems expert and hopefully eliminate any problems being experienced with the current system. Some of those problems include losing valuable information, inability to access

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## Statistics show fires twice as likely to claim a life in manufactured homes as in other types of dwelling

EL PASO COUNTY — Fires in manufactured homes claim the lives of 500 Americans each year and injure 1,000 more. Many of these fires are caused by heating and electrical system malfunctions and improper storage of combustibles.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) would like consumers to know that there are simple steps you can take to prevent the loss of life and property in home fires.

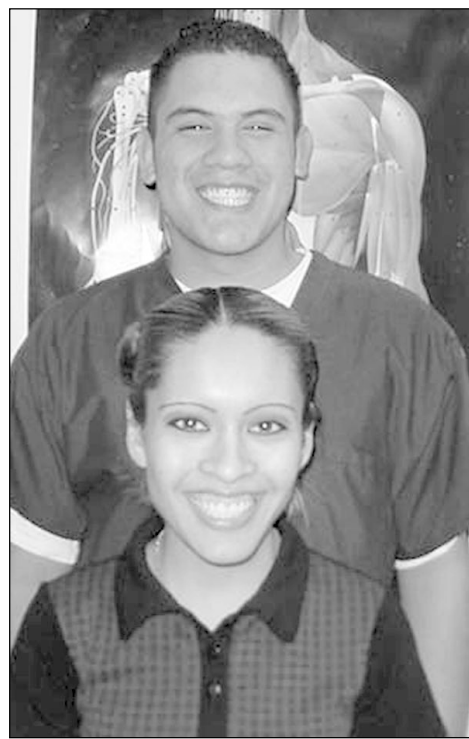
During a typical year, manufactured homes account for 22,000 fires, hundreds of deaths

and \$200 million in property losses. An estimated 11 million Americans live in manufactured homes, where fire deaths occur at twice the rate of fire deaths in other types of homes.

Young children account for more than one-fifth of all fire deaths in manufactured homes. A recent study of rural fires showed that smoke alarms were less likely to be present or operating in manufactured homes.

Electrical system malfunctions and heating

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Jonathan Grijalva and Brenda Acevedo

## San Elizario HOSA students qualify for state

By Phillip Cortez  
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — San Elizario High School's Brenda Acevedo has a clear vision about her future, which is a good thing because as a participant in the school's Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) program, excelling in vision screening has earned the senior a trip to state, April 10-12, 2003 in Dallas.

Acevedo took first place in the Clinical Specialties category at the Area IV HOSA Competition in Lubbock, Texas, and joining her in Dallas is Jonathan Grijalva, a junior, who took third in the same category. Both Acevedo and Grijalva were required to submit videotapes that demonstrated two specialty skills and a portfolio.

"I demonstrated setting up and conducting HOTV screening and the tumbling 'E' screening," Acevedo said. Both demonstrations are vision-screening tests.

Meanwhile, Grijalva demonstrated cover slipping (the covering of slides) and numbering specimens. According to both students, even though it only took a couple of days to shoot their respective video presentations, the nerves began to set in once the record button was pushed.

"It took me lots of takes," Grijalva laughed. "I was just really nervous."

"It took him like five minutes to put his gloves on," Acevedo added in more laughter.

Nobody, however, could blame the San Elizario HOSA students for being nervous. According to Mathilda Mirabal, the school's HOSA teacher, this was the first time she had taken a group of students from San Elizario to competition. Aside from Acevedo and Grijalva, the Biomedical Debate Team (Claudia Arias, Maira Avalos, Vienna Sanchez) placed 4th and made it to the finals, Career Health (Miriam Baca, Diana Borrego) placed 4th, Medical Spelling (Liz

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# One perspective

By Francis Shrum

## Worse than television

I always thought that television was the worst possible time consuming medium in the world. I was wrong.

When I was a kid we didn't get a TV in our house until I was already in junior high. Even then it didn't make a very big dent in my life because the screen was little more than a blur of black and white snow. My parents could hear the news commentator through the static, but it had little other entertainment value.

Living way out in the country, cable wasn't available and satellite disks hadn't yet come into vogue.

Later on, though, things got more complicated. TV screens nowadays are as big as your living room window, the picture is more clear than real life, and you can receive a jillion channels of trash TV even if you live way up on the mountain in Tibet. You could spend every moment of your life watching television and never watch up all the programming that is cheerfully billed each month by your provider.

Therefore, many of us seem obligated to watch it, although I suspect some of us do it because it lets us escape our own lives and gets us off the hook of having to deal with our own problems.

So what could be more time consuming than that? The telephone? Shopping? A good book, maybe?

No. It's a baby.

Now babies consume a lot of time in their care and tending, changing those nasty nappies and worrying about whether that stubborn two-year-old is consuming enough nutrients to survive another 24 hours.

But I'm not talking about caring for a baby. I mean watching one.

Funny thing is that they are more mesmerizing than the latest *Columbo* murder mystery. They're more enter-

taining than *World's Funniest Home Videos* and more endearing than *The Andy Griffith Show*.

I know a couple whose daughter and husband were living with them when their first child was born. The family consisted of grandmother, grandfather, and two uncles and an aunt of teen age, in addition to the baby's parents.

Now, I don't know how that family managed to meet their basic physical needs to survive because they all spent every waking moment staring into the baby's sleeping — or, oh joy! — wakeful face, searching like gold miners for any change in expression, blink of eye, curl of tiny lip.

I'm not much better. My youngest grandboy spends several days a week with me since his mother started college. He takes a good bit of watching to keep him out of the cat litter, from turning on the knobs on the kitchen stove, and from taking my alarm clock outside and dumping it in the dog's water.

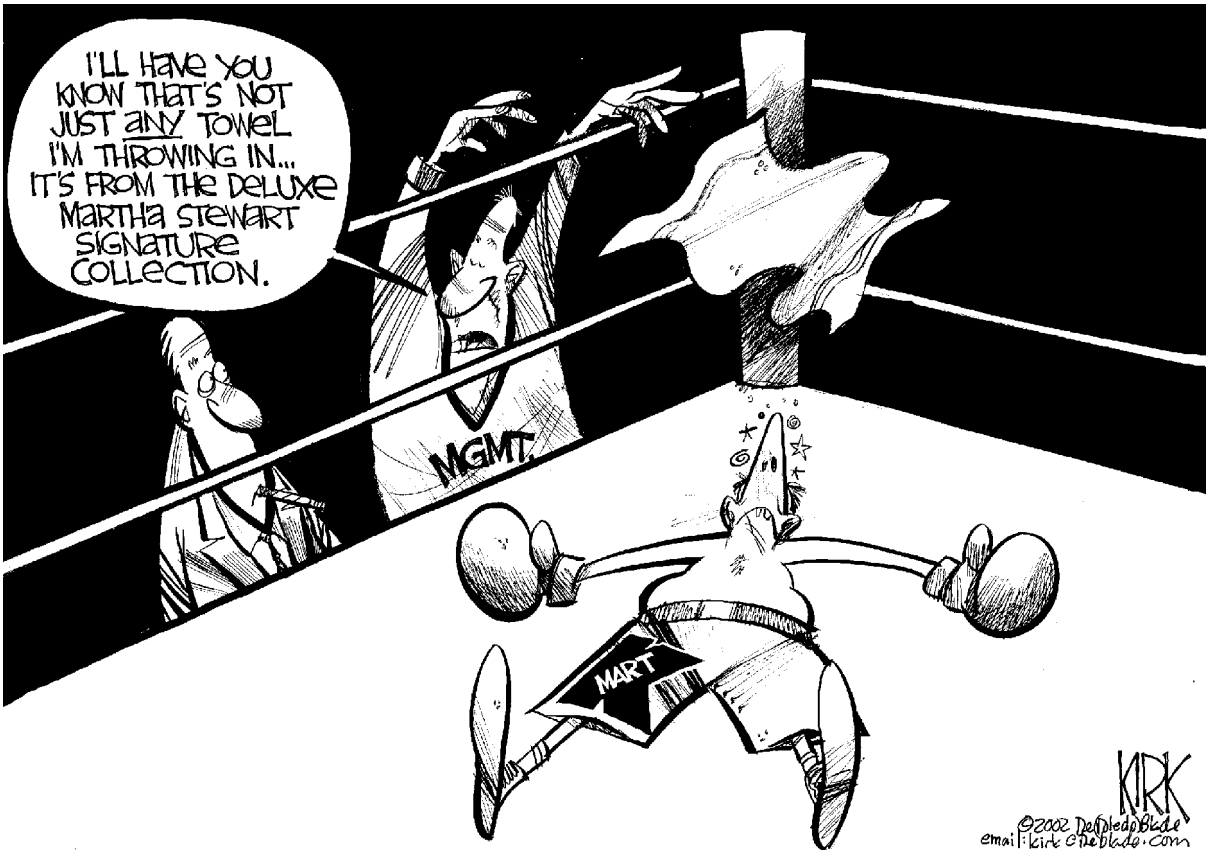
But more than that, he is just downright interesting.

It looks like I'd get over it, especially after watching four of my own before my two grandboys came along. But I'm not the only one. Our whole household can, and does, come to a complete stop when the youngest member does something momentous like line up bouncy balls along the wall in correct sequence of size, successfully climb into the high chair without assistance, or emerge dripping and smiley with a funny wet hairdo from an evening bath.

A dancing two-year-old or a baby in a kissing mood are guaranteed show-stoppers.

So why is that so interesting? It's hard to say. For me it is watching a

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## Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes



## Bush-proposed budget will hurt social services

In the new \$2.23 trillion budget proposed by President Bush, he wants to nudge operation of social services to state governments while cutting some programs and mandating more proof to show eligibility for public assistance.

That would affect housing and unemployment, health insurance and — no surprise! — Head Start.

While also looking to make cuts in numerous programs, such as "community services" grants for poor neighborhoods, the president also wants nearly \$1.5 trillion in tax cuts for the wealthy and intends to shrink social spending for the near future.

White House officials justify the changes, saying the cuts would actually help the poor better than direct government aid by accelerating quicker economic growth, raising wages and adding to the workforce.

R. Glenn Hubbard, chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, basically considers the "pro-investment tax policy" as Bush's version of an anti-poverty program.

But Hubbard is departing from the White House at a date uncertain. As the architect of the president's \$364 billion poised cut on investment dividends, he was passed over as the choice for Deputy Treasury Secretary in the wake of Kenneth W. Dam's exit.

Hubbard kept his New York home and commutes to Washington. His apparent successor is N. Gregory Mankiw, a Harvard University economist.

Meanwhile, Democrats hesitate to leave town with assaults on Head Start, low-income housing, health insurance for the poor and community services still targeted.

While everyone was trying to figure out when the attacks on Iraq would start, people are wondering now how local Washington Post columnist Al Kamen figured out when the shooting would stop!

Kamen pegged his date on the basis of the Army's award of "a \$12 million 'firm-fixed-price contract' to a South Carolina company for a 'regional heavy lift for 305 trucks and buses.'"

Supposedly, they are needed for a job in Kuwait which has to be finished by March 27.

He goes on to say that if March 27 was the completion date, then he pegged the date for attack to be in "a few days, and allowing a week or so for the dust to settle, that would put the first cruise missiles flying in, absolute latest, early March." Interesting...

Meanwhile, some of the heavily-promoted new programs being touted by President Bush appear to be worth less than the tout.

Take a red pencil to AIDS funding, mentoring and homeland security, and it doesn't add up to his promises.

The president wowed everyone recently, saying he wanted Congress to spend \$1.2 billion to put hydrogen-powered cars in the showroom.

But a fact sheet from the White House later showed \$720 million of the \$1.2 billion would come from "new funding." The remaining 40-percent is what the government is already spending on hydrogen fuel-cell development.

Looks like more colorful repackaging to hide his preferred intentions to expand energy drilling. Critics are calling it a "shell game," but President Bush's defenders say, no, it's for real.

And, he said he wanted to spend \$15 billion to fight AIDS overseas over five years with \$10 billion in new funds. But his 2004 budget calls for spending \$1 billion — and \$450 million in new funding.



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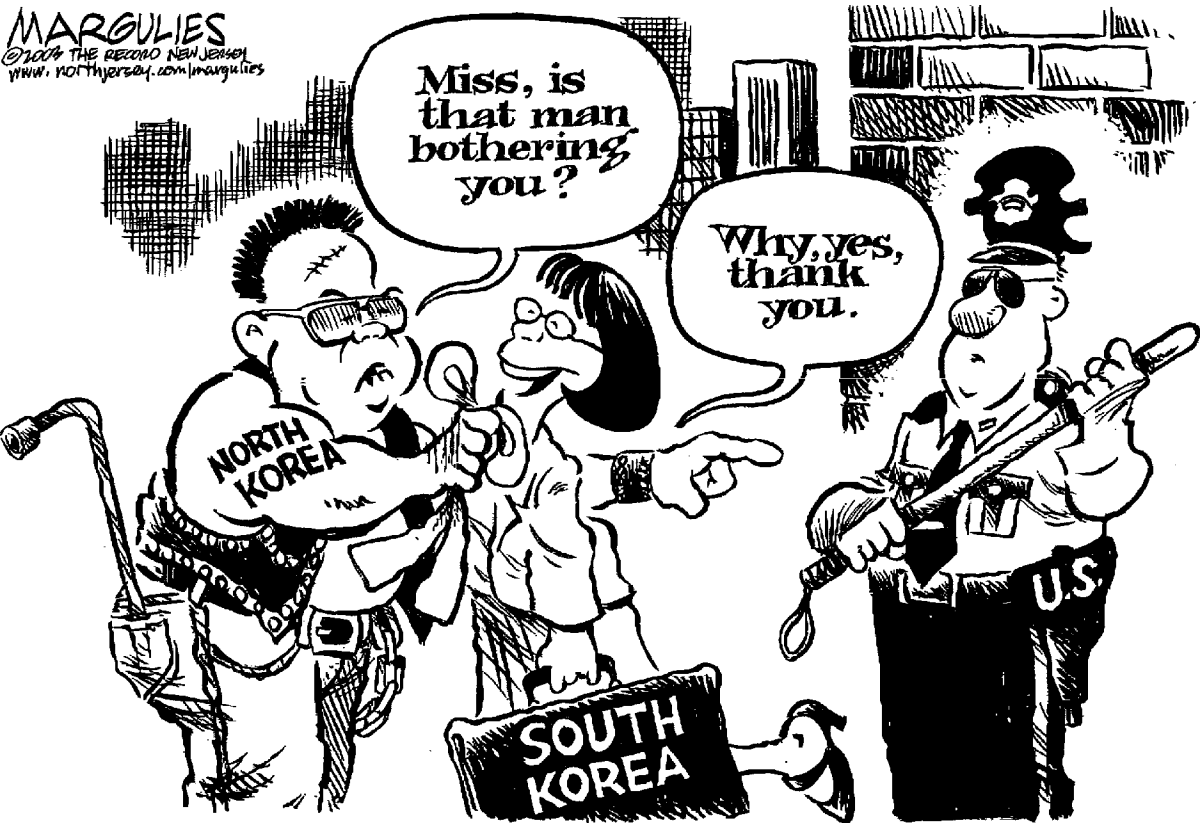
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Eye on D.C. By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

American heart month  
Get in on the action

Heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases remain the number one killer in the United States. On an average day in Texas, 150 Texans die due to cardiovascular diseases and stroke. Heart disease has affected my family and, chances are, it may affect many of yours too.

Every year since 1963, February has been designated American Heart Month. This month is the time to learn more about cardiovascular disease detection, prevention and treatment. The American Heart Association has designated this year's educational message as "Get in on the Action!," urging Americans to make physical activity a part of their daily lives.

There are a few simple things we can all do to reduce the risk of heart disease. Exercising regularly is an important step. We all enjoy some form of exercise. So, whether it's horseback riding, jogging, walking or bike riding, help keep your heart healthy and "just do it!" Other easy approaches to control heart disease include eating a diet low in fat and high in fiber, and controlling stress.

One of the myths surrounding heart attack and stroke is that it is a "male disease." Wrong. Heart attack and stroke do not discriminate. In fact, heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases remain the number one killer of American females.

Research and education are key to battling and preventing heart disease. Today, the chances of saving a life and reducing disability from heart disease and stroke are better than ever because of research done in our lifetime. Important discoveries such as life-extending drugs, bypass surgery and pacemakers, have improved the lives of many heart patients. But the fight against heart disease is far from over.

Hopefully, with more heart disease research and better education, fewer Texans will fall victim to the disease this year. As with any other health problem, please consult a physician immediately if you, or someone you know, shows any sign of a heart problem. For now, as we remember American Heart Awareness Month this February, get in on the action and increase your physical activity!

For more information or questions concerning prevention or treatment of heart disease, please call the Texas chapter of the American Heart Association (AHA) at 512/433-7220 or the San Antonio division of AHA at 210/614-4121.

For more information on this or other issues, please check-out my website at [www.house.gov/bonilla/](http://www.house.gov/bonilla/)



Babies  
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tiny human mind at work, so simple and straightforward while stacking

dominoes or loading balls into the wagon, learning with each activity that life has ups and downs, frustrations and successes, and all these emotions are being experienced in miniature.

My grandboys' grandfather, aka Grumpy, says that God made babies

so cute just so they would survive their first few years. But he's not so immune to their charms. He wastes more time than I do just watching our latest little person at work.

It's the only time waster worse than television.

For Sanity's Sake By Taprina Milburn

Team players

Until recently, I'd never paid much attention to the saying, "What doesn't kill you will make you stronger."

My family and I set out on an adventure during the kids' winter break. We were in Colorado, and my husband scheduled a snowmobile tour through the mountains.

After driving deep into a national forest one early morning to meet the tour, we found no sign of life, only a fleet of snow-covered snowmobiles.

The map showed an office up the mountain a few miles, so we decided to drive on to check in there. The snow was much deeper in this area than where we were staying in town, and when I glanced at the car's thermometer it gauged a negative 9 degrees F.

A few miles up we realized that our four-wheel-drive vehicle couldn't make it — and there was no way to turn around because the road was too narrow. So we began backing down slowly, but started sliding.

The car lodged itself into a snow bank.

My husband and I looked at each other, passing a lot of non-verbal messages: "D\_\_\_!" "Don't panic." "What are we going to do now?"

When we got out of the car it was apparent just how lucky we were that we hit that snow bank. If we'd slid 2 more feet, we'd have fallen off the cliff.

The kids and I joined my husband, who was already on his knees digging out snow from the tires with an ice scraper, the only tool we had in the car. It took an hour to clear enough snow to create traction behind each tire. We backed up and got stuck again, which took another hour to clear.

We had a lot of time to talk, and we all admitted that this really wasn't how we wanted to spend the day. But we agreed that we'd have awesome stories to tell our friends and family. The kids seemed to understand the concept of being team players. The more we worked together as a team, the quicker we'd get off the mountain to find hot cocoa and hamburgers (I'd forgotten our lunches).

Warmth, food and chocolate are great motivators.

Two hours later we dislodged and safely backed a little more than a mile down the mountain.

As we did, our 7-year-old son casually remarked: "I hope when I get married that I don't marry a person who'd throw a fit if something like this happened. It wouldn't do any good; you'd still be stuck."

I was so grateful that his parents had been on their best behavior despite a stressful situation.

We didn't have our snowmobile adventure (we later learned there'd been a miscommunication about our reservations), but we did have an adventure in working together and being thankful for such things as a snow bank that prevented us from an awful accident, a family full of team players, and a wonderful, handy ice scraper.

I don't want to do it again, but if I had to, I'd pick the same team.

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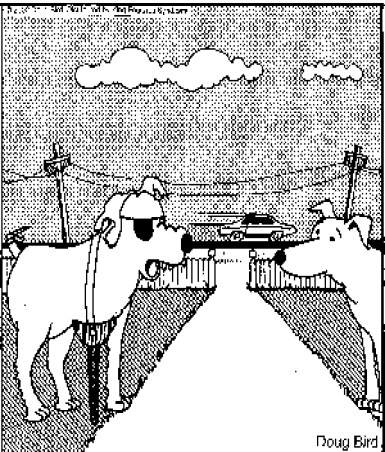
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**TRUE TEXAS FACTS** by Roger Moore Feb. 13, 1991, Texas Legislature establishes a procedure to allow the Native American church to use peyote in their ceremonies.





"I chased that dream hard, buddy, and all I can say is, be careful what you wish for."

## Write stuff

### Dear Editor:

The holiday season has come to a close. We, the senior citizens from Fabens, want to thank the local businesses for their donations of fruits, candy and gifts to the Fabens Nutrition Center.

A special thank you to Mr. Carrera and family, Jim Pendell, Armando Baca, Greg Spence and Kit and Paul Ryan.

Mrs. Kit Ryan has always

worked so hard for her project of the Giving Tree. They have never missed a Christmas holiday for our seniors.

From the bottom of our hearts we thank all of you. God bless you and may you all have a prosperous year.

**Seniors of the Fabens Nutrition Center and Council Board**

## Briefs

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in being elected and serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service. The workshop is open to anyone and admission is free. For more information call Brenda Canul at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6104, or check the TASB Web Site at [www.tasb.org](http://www.tasb.org) for other dates and locations.

■ Keeping children safe on the road by using proper restraining seats is the message being conveyed by the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) El Paso District Traffic Safety Office as part of Child Passenger Safety Week 2003. On Thursday, Feb. 13 TxDOT will hold a presentation on child restraints and seat belts at Loya Primary and Sambrano Schools in San Elizario, from

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parents and students will watch a demonstration using the Rollover Convincer which demonstrates the effectiveness of seat belts. Life size adult and child dummies are used to demonstrate what happens in a rollover crash. TxDOT will hand out materials on child passenger safety and will have some promotional items for the participants. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions and the public is invited. For more information contact Charlie Guerra at 872-3940 or George Augustain at 872-3950.

■ Americas Cup 2003 Cheer and Dance Competition will be held Friday, Feb. 21, from 6-9:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 22 the Cheer Competition will be 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Americas High School, located at 12101 Pellicano, welcomed over 85 teams from all over the El Paso area as well as Las Cruces last year. The event is sponsored by the Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) The Dance competition will have 10 divisions and the Cheer competition will have seven.

Entry deadline is Friday, Feb. 17 and cost is \$20.00 per team and per routine. The public is invited and admission is \$3 for adults, students \$2 and children under five are admitted free. For information call the Americas High School Student Activities Director at 937-2832,

■ The Socorro ISD Middle School District Science Fair was held Jan. 25, with Col. John O. Ensor Middle School in Horizon City winning the Sweepstakes Trophy Award for the third consecutive year. Gabriel Mendoza, and Ensor student, won Sweepstakes for grades seven and eight; and Cassandra Venan, also of Ensor, won Sweepstakes for the sixth grade level. Science teacher at Ensor Middle is Mary Mendoza. The campus has 12 first place winners in various categories; five second place winners; and five third place winners.

■ If fighting hordes of rowdy teenagers for a few inches of sand during spring break isn't your idea of a dream vacation, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) offers an alternative. Before your spring break this year, call the THC for free travel guides to cultural destinations around Texas that inspire and educate. These brochures guide visitors to frontier forts in West Texas, Spanish Colonial villages along the border, historic oil derricks and railroads, quaint courthouse squares and hundreds of other cultural and historic resources across the state as well as one-of-a-kind festivals. The THC offers seven free themed travel guides — Texas Forts Trail, Texas Forest Trail Region, The Chisholm Trail, Texas Independence Trail Region, African Americans in Texas: Historical and Cultural Legacies, Texas in the Civil War; and Los Caminos del Rio: Legacies of the Borderlands. To request one, visit the THC web site at [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us), call 512-463-6254 or email [thc@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:thc@thc.state.tx.us).

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important employee data and failure to issue the W-2 forms in a timely manner.

City Representative Joseph "Chito" Bowling brought up for discussion the need to have several streets repaired, weed infested lots to be attended to and also the need for more street lights. Reyes Fierro told Bowling the reason for the neglected street repairs is a matter of funding. Fierro elaborated on the fact of only being able to make pot-hole repairs. He is aware of the streets and their needs and wished he had a solution, but until there is more funding, the pot-hole repairs would continue. There will be an additional 60 plus street lights installed in the very near future, according to Fierro.

## San Eli

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Perez) earned a fifth place and also made it into the finals for the spell off, and Medical Math (Eunice Rascon) earned a tenth place.

But it's a good bet that more laughter will be on the way for both Acevedo and Grijalva. If things go according to plan, Acevedo will be an Obstetrician or a Physician one day while Grijalva aspires to be a Forensic Pathologist — "I like bodies," he said.

And quite possibly they'll be laughing all the way to the bank.

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

Data Control Codes		General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:						
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 5,966,069	\$ 1,073,334	\$ 120,686	\$ 1,111,274	\$ 8,271,363
5800	State Program Revenues	36,942,262	1,634,400	—	1,210,034	39,786,696
5900	Federal Program Revenues	333,755	—	—	5,259,746	5,593,501
5020	Total Revenues	43,242,086	2,707,734	120,686	7,581,054	53,651,560
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
0011	Instruction	25,031,806	—	—	2,218,502	27,250,308
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	767,350	—	—	41,197	808,547
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	239,042	—	—	395,193	634,235
0021	Instructional Leadership	605,513	—	—	96,482	701,995
0023	School Leadership	2,772,725	—	—	847,560	3,620,285
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	1,463,957	—	—	398,480	1,862,437
0032	Social Work Services	148,487	—	—	—	148,487
0033	Health Services	408,166	—	—	7,181	415,347
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	1,211,119	—	—	2,502	1,213,621
0035	Food Services	—	—	—	2,936,898	2,936,898
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,128,196	—	—	—	1,128,196
0041	General Administration	1,925,624	—	—	—	1,925,624
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	4,842,652	—	—	68,587	4,911,239
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	831,433	—	—	2,291	833,724
0053	Data Processing Services	623,373	—	—	—	623,373
0061	Community Services	128,708	—	—	98,508	227,216
Debt Service:						
0071	Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	295,236	960,000	—	—	1,255,236
0171	Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	721,762	1,810,981	—	—	2,532,743
Capital Outlay:						
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	168,772	—	6,693,094	—	6,861,866
6030	Total Expenditures	43,313,921	2,770,981	6,693,094	7,113,381	59,891,377
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(71,835)	(63,247)	(6,572,408)	467,673	(6,239,817)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
7911	Capital-related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	—	—	5,800,000	—	5,800,000
7912	Sale of Real and Personal Property	194,707	—	—	—	194,707
7915	Transfers In	24,719	22,606	—	12,293	59,618
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(12,293)	—	(47,325)	—	(59,618)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	207,133	22,606	5,752,675	12,293	5,994,707
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	135,298	(40,641)	(819,733)	479,966	(245,110)
0100	Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	2,441,039	620,396	5,478,949	131,981	8,672,365
3000	Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,576,337	\$ 579,755	\$ 4,659,216	\$ 611,947	\$ 8,427,255





**WINNING TRADITION** — Canutillo Middle School seventh grade boys' team is shown front row, from left, Mickey Grajeda, Michael Garcia, Hector Sanchez, Bernie Ochoa, and Johnny Hernandez. Second row, from left, is Elias Gutierrez, Moises Monreal, Fernie De La Rosa, Jose Ochoa, Robert Holguin, and Drew Norris. Back row is Coach Mike Garcia.



**A NEW PLACE IN CHAMPIONSHIP ROW** — Canutillo Middle School seventh grade girls' basketball team, shown front row from left, Alyssa Bustamante, Dorene Harris, Erika Magallanez, Jazmin Amezcua, Priscilla Hernandez. Back row from left is Coach Robert Marshall, Ishia Adams, Jessica Gonzalez, Johanna Varela, and Debra Dominguez. Not shown, Jessica Soto.

# Canutillo Middle School seventh grade teams set new winning basketball tradition

**By Alfredo Vasquez**  
*Special to the Courier*

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Middle School seventh grade boys basketball team and seventh grade girls basketball team captured their respective district titles during the recent El Paso County Basketball Tournaments. Both teams went up against strong Clint Middle School teams in the championship games.

The seventh grade boys' team defeated the Clint Cubs 22-18 in a sec-

saw battle played at Canutillo Middle School. The Canutillo boys' team finished the season with a 6-1 district record. This was the fourth time that Coach Mike Garcia has led his team to a district championship in the 13

years that he has been coaching at Canutillo Middle School.

The seventh grade girls' team defeated Clint Middle School by one point, 29-28, in the championship game that was played at San Elizario

Middle School last week. After losing twice to Clint Middle by one point during the regular season, Canutillo girls rallied in the final period to score the only basket of the period for the win.

"I think this is the first time ever for both the seventh grade boys and girls to win the district basketball title in the same season," said Robert Marshall, coach for Canutillo seventh grade girls' team.

## Safety

From Page 1

fires are the leading causes of fire in manufactured homes. Together, they account for one-third of manufactured housing fires. Electrical distribution fires occur nearly twice as often in manufactured homes as in one- and two-family dwellings.

A few safety precautions can help beat these odds:

- Have a minimum of two smoke alarms installed in your home regardless of sleeping space arrangements.
- Install smoke alarms in accordance with smoke alarm manufacturer guidelines. Test your smoke alarms once a month and replace the batteries at least once a year.
- Maintain your home heating system by having it serviced at least once a year by a professional.
- Do not store combustibles or flammables near heat sources.
- Never overload outlets, extension cords or electrical circuits. If the circuit breaker trips or fuses blow, immediately call a licensed electrician to check your system.
- Have an escape plan and practice escape routes with your family.
- Space heaters need their space. Do not place portable space heaters close to drapes, clothing or other combustible materials.
- Install skirting material to keep leaves and other debris and combustible items from blowing under your manufactured home.
- When considering a new home, ask if residential sprinklers are available as an option.
- If there is a fire, get out immediately, go to a neighbor's and notify the fire department using the 911 system or the proper local emergency number in your area. For more information go to <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/public/safefhome.cfm>

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# Miners travel tough road, Colorado has unusual two-sport wonder

By **Steve Escajeda**  
*Special to the Courier*

## Oops

From the “how stupid am I,” department: Last week I wrote about a light heavy-weight boxer from El Paso who will be competing in the Nationals Boxing Tournament in April. The stupid part is where I kept calling him Luis Gutierrez when his name is Jose Gutierrez. Jose, who is a great guy, took it well (thank goodness). As for me, I will cut the Prozac in half next time. Sorry, Jose!



Jose Gutierrez

## Home, sweet home

How does the old saying go? —

“There’s no place like home.” That saying has never been more appropriate than it is to the UTEP athletic program. I’m not saying that the football and both basketball teams win all their home games but I am saying that they can’t even come close to winning a game on the road. I know that once in a while a team goes through a rough stretch where wins away from home are hard to come by — but all UTEP teams at the same time? Let’s take a closer look at this. The UTEP Lady Miners are much improved but they have lost seven straight games on the road. The UTEP men’s basketball team is really having a hard time They’ve lost 21 straight away games. The UTEP football team is just three years removed from an appearance in a Bowl game, but since have lost 15 straight road games. That makes a combined total of 43 consecutive losses when the Miners

are the road team. That’s got to be difficult to do. I mean, you would think that the Miners could win one of those games by accident. To make things worse, the lousy number could rise. The women basketballers have three more road games on their schedule and the men have five left so the streak could top 50. During the Don Haskins era the road-loss number never got very high because the Miners could always be counted on to win at least half of their road games. I don’t know what UTEP officials will do the next time the Miners win on the road. The really bad news is that we may have to wait until next year to find out.

## He said, he said

There have been some monumental confrontations throughout history. Batman vs. the Joker, Superman vs. Lex Luthor, King Kong vs. Godzilla and even Bill vs. Hillary Clinton. But one of the most publicized skirmishes in recent times turned really ugly last week. The war of words was so spiteful that elementary

school kids were jealous. Of course, I’m talking about Indianapolis Colts teammates quarterback Peyton Manning and kicker Mike Vanderjagt. It all started when a frustrated Vanderjagt told a Canadian reporter that he thought Manning should show more emotion and was probably too soft to win a championship. The talented quarterback fired back by calling Vanderjagt an idiot. Manning’s exact quote was: “The sad thing is, he’s a good kicker. He’s a good kicker, but he’s an idiot.” Manning also said that Vanderjagt got all liquored up and said some stupid things. Well after a week of finger-pointing and na-na-na-na-naaa-na’s, the two less-than-tough football players kissed and made up. Not exactly Junior Seau vs. Warren Sapp, is it? Maybe the team should change their name from the Colts to the Shetland Ponies.

## Twice as nice

The idea of the two-sport athlete is not a new one. In fact, it’s become kind of commonplace in this day and age.

But only a few players have become truly successful at both sports. The first names that come to mind are Deion Sanders, Bo Jackson and Brian Jordan. They all played professional baseball and football. I don’t know what that means but I guess there must be some kind of association between the two sports. There’s another two-sports athlete on the horizon. “Big deal,” you say. Yes, it is a big deal. Not because this guy excels in two sports, but more for which two sports they are. University of Colorado football player Jeremy Bloom returned punts for the Buffaloes last season. Although Bloom plays football, he is even better at another sport. Let’s play Guess the Other Sport. Is it baseball, basketball, hockey, track and field or boxing?

The answer is...none of the above. Bloom won his first World Freestyle Skiing Championships gold medal two weeks ago, finishing tops in the dual moguls competition. Boy, that’s a first, a skier/football player. What’s next? A football player/figure skater...a soccer player/swimmer...how about a sumo wrestler/golfer.

# Clint Jr. High 8th grade girls blast through formidable competition to win conference title

CLINT — Clint Junior High School has always been known for their basketball teams. However, no team has added to this prestige better than this year’s 8th grade girl’s team. The team not only finished undefeated in conference play, but also won the conference tournament. They completed the season with the Division I Lower Valley Conference Championship against Montwood Middle School on Saturday, Feb. 1 at Clint High School. Much smaller by comparison, Clint Junior High took the floor against a school that has four times the enrollment and had not lost a game in their two-year history. Consequently, the Lady Cubs proved their worth defeating powerhouse Montwood Middle School 40-38. Shown from left to right,



front row, is Yedith Cortez, Marlyn Garcia, Enid Sanchez, Krystal Rivera, Yvonne Dickson; second row, Kody Engle, Lauren Eveler, Alex Mendoza, Coach Armando Rueda, Jenny Macias, Nikki Gonzales, and Allison Hayes. — Contributed by Armando Rueda

Village of Vinton

PUBLIC NOTICE

For the customers of:  
Vinton Village Estates Water System  
Villa Alegre Estates Water System  
Vinton Hills Water System

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 7:00 p.m. during the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at Vinton Village Hall, 436 Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding:

1) RH Brown, the owner of the water systems listed above is proposing a rate increase as follows:

• 3,000 Gallons — \$12.00 Minimum Charge;

• Each Additional 1,000 Gallons — \$1.50.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the Village Clerk of the Village of Vinton.

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Village Clerk

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52 Marion of "Happy Days"

56 Stifle Dad?

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33 Wedding wear

35 Terminate

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39 Gator's cousin

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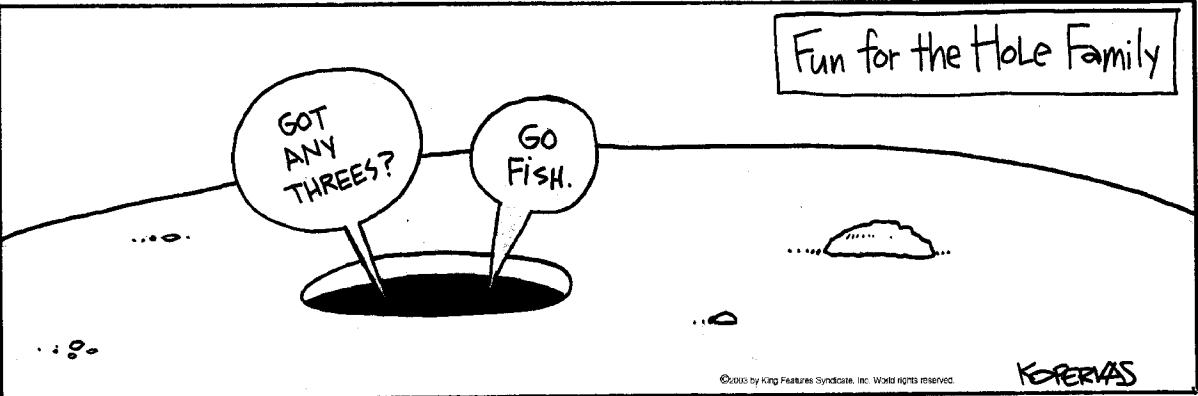
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By Gary Kopervas



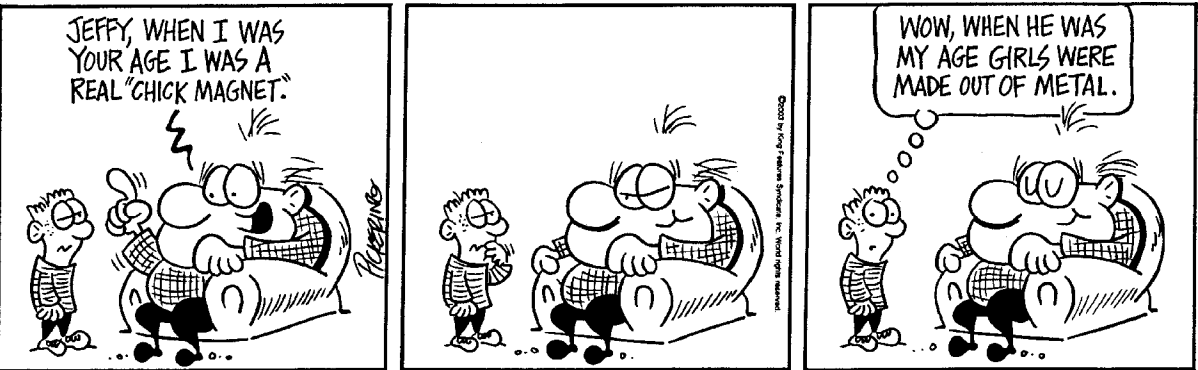
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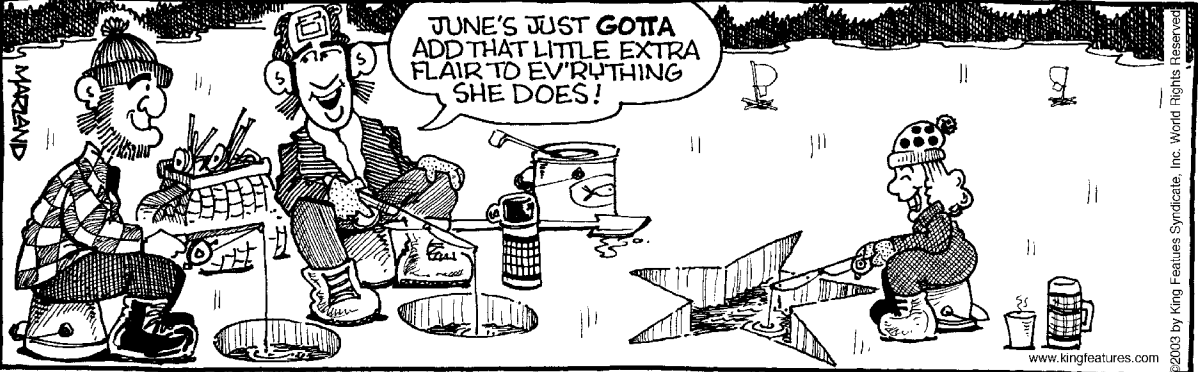
THE SPATS

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The show doesn't go on for boomers

**By Don Flood**

Baby Boomers of the world, unite!

We have nothing to lose but our dignity!

I'm talking, of course, about Drew Cummings, who is leading what might be the most important crusade since Mr. Whipple led the struggle against squeezing the Charmin.

Cummings, a 50-year-old professor, stood in line for hours to audition for "American Idol," only to be told HE WAS TOO OLD!

Too old?

A spring chicken of a mere Half Century?

Naturally, he did what any red-blooded Baby Boomer would do when handed such an insult.

He filed suit.

Well, it's about time these young whippersnappers face the truth: Baby Boomers are NOT going to be pushed off life's stage, by cracky.

We can still swivel our hips — with a little help from Motrin and Bengay — and we can still rock 'n' roll *all night long* — as long as we have a little nap and we're not up past 9 o'clock.

The problem is, advertisers no longer care about us. They worship young consumers.

(This is literally true. There is a church, Cathedral of the Young Consumers in Los Angeles, where advertisers actually pay homage and light candles to young shoppers, ages 18-34. OK, so I made that up, but it could be true.)

The result: an "American Idol" TV show where contestants *must* be between 16 and 24.

We can't even remember being between 16 and 24!

But couldn't they at least throw us a bone?

Instead of "American Idol," we could have a special Boomer edition of "American Could-Have-

Been-an Idol Maybe 25-30 Years Ago."

(Yeah, I know the title needs a little work.)

Which brings me to another new reality show, "Are You Hot: The Search for America's Sexiest People."

Now I don't want to cause unnecessary panic and alarm, but I have reason to believe this show, too, will engage in *rampant and unbridled age discrimination!*

OK, I'll admit, maybe "Are You Hot" wouldn't be the best show for Boomers.

But how about "Were You Hot A Couple of Decades Ago"?

Bring out the old spring-break photos!

But despite its vile and unfair age discrimination, there is something about this show I like: its honesty.

Susan Lyne, president of ABC Entertainment Television, said, "This is a show where intelligence, achievement have absolutely no bearing."

That says it all, doesn't it?

If only the Speaker of the House could go on C-Span and speak with such candor.

On the downside, "Are You Hot" will have guys like the one I saw on TV recently who was having implants placed in his calves.

(Note to farm boys: in his legs, silly, not his baby cows.)

He was subjecting himself to this operation because he thought everybody was looking at his skinny legs and laughing at him.

Yes, I wanted to yell at him, that's why I go to the gym, so I can laugh at guys with skinny legs! HA HA HA!

I mean, how self-absorbed can you get?

You'd think he was a Baby Boomer.

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Rio Grande Council of Governments

The Rio Grande Council of Governments, on behalf of the Far West Texas Water Planning Group, is seeking nominations to fill one position on the Planning Group, representing Underground Water Conservation Districts. Nominees must submit a brief resume summarizing their experience, represent the interest group for which a member is sought, be willing to participate in the regional water planning process and abide by the Bylaws of the Far West Texas WPG. Written nominations (including a resume) must be filed with the Rio Grande Council of Governments at the address below on or before March 21, 2003.

To file nominations or for further information, contact: Ms. Barbara Kauffman, Environmental Services/Special

Projects Director, Rio Grande Council of Governments, 1100 North Stanton, Suite 610, El Paso, Texas 79902. Phone 915-533-0998, Ext. 121; fax: 915-532-9385. WTCC-2/13/03

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 in-

crease 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-02/13/03, 02/20/03

TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS

Request for Proposal

Seeking internet service provider. Interested parties may obtain a copy of the Request for Sealed Proposals at the Horizon City Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Rd. Deadline in March 3, 2003 at 5 p.m. For information call 852-1046. WTCC-2/13/03

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FLAG GROUP SUPPLIES

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THURSDAY, FEB. 20, 2003, 3:00 P.M.

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Classified

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FRIDAYS.  
WTCC-02/13/03

**FEB. 20, 2003,  
2:30 P.M.**

in plastic. Cost \$595, must sell, asking \$295. 860-7102. 2/13

**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:

**BACKFLOW INSTALLATION**  
**CSP NO.199-0220-0340**  
**THURSDAY,**

**BARGAINS**  
  
NEW QUEEN MATTRESS SET - (pillow top)

**BEFORE PEOPLE WROTE... THEY DREW PICTURES! ANYONE CAN DRAW!**  
Drawing is the basis for

all human visual communication. Anyone, from beginner to professional, will benefit from a back-to-basics "Drawing in Perspective" course offered by Horizon Design Consultants. The first class runs March 17-21. The second class is from March 31 to April 4. Class sizes are limited to provide maximum individual attention. Call 852-4817 to reserve and for more information.

**ENHANCE YOUR CAREER SKILLS! LEARN TO CREATE GRAPHIC DESIGN**  
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. Class sizes are limited so call early to reserve at 852-4817. TFN

**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 sabado, 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 solución. Visitemos. Alcohólicos Anónimos, Grupo 8 de Enero, 15360 Horizon Blvd., Horizon*

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WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
							
Plenty of clouds along with some rain.	Mostly cloudy with a few showers possible.	Clouds and some sun; chance for a shower.	Clouds and sun.	Partly sunny.	Clouds and some sun; chance for a shower.	Partial sunshine.	Partly sunny.
▲ 61°	▼ 45°	▲ 62° ▼ 41°	▲ 60° ▼ 38°	▲ 62° ▼ 36°	▲ 62° ▼ 34°	▲ 64° ▼ 36°	▲ 62° ▼ 38°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday	2	.....Minimal
Friday	4	.....Low
Saturday	4	.....Low
Sunday	5	.....Moderate
Monday	5	.....Moderate
Tuesday	5	.....Moderate
Wednesday	5	.....Moderate

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Thursday	54°
Friday	52°
Saturday	48°
Sunday	52°
Monday	53°
Tuesday	55°
Wednesday	63°

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	61	45
Canutillo	62	46
Clint	61	45
E. Montana	61	45
Fabens	61	45
Horizon	62	46
San Elizario	60	43
Socorro	60	44
Tornillo	61	45
Vinton	62	46

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



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Low/W	Fri. Hi/Low/W	Sat. Hi/Low/W	Sun. Hi/Low/W	Mon. Hi/Low/W
Albuquerque	57/37/c	55/33/sh	53/31/r	51/31/c	50/26/pc
Atlanta	50/34/s	52/43/r	55/42/r	50/38/c	50/36/c
Atlantic City	26/14/pc	28/24/pc	38/24/c	34/21/c	42/12/pc
Austin/San Antonio	61/57/r	71/50/c	64/46/sh	60/43/c	64/40/pc
Baltimore	27/10/s	32/22/pc	38/24/c	38/26/c	43/16/pc
Boston	19/6/pc	24/20/s	30/20/c	32/22/pc	33/8/pc
Chicago	30/18/s	32/20/sn	32/22/c	28/18/pc	31/27/s
Dallas/Ft. Worth	54/50/c	66/47/c	56/40/c	58/38/c	58/38/pc
Denver	48/30/c	48/23/c	38/27/c	50/27/pc	50/21/s
Flagstaff	43/30/r	42/23/sh	42/21/i	44/22/c	46/14/pc
Houston	67/57/c	71/56/c	68/48/t	56/44/c	52/40/c
Kansas City	50/34/c	44/23/c	36/22/pc	39/27/c	45/32/s
Las Vegas	63/44/r	60/42/sh	62/40/pc	62/40/pc	64/40/pc
Miami	75/59/pc	76/65/pc	81/70/pc	82/68/pc	82/60/pc
Minneapolis	26/8/c	28/8/sf	26/2/pc	30/10/pc	29/22/pc
New Orleans	61/49/pc	70/58/pc	71/53/t	65/49/c	62/41/pc
New York City	23/9/pc	25/24/pc	36/23/c	33/23/c	38/14/pc
Philadelphia	26/10/pc	30/22/pc	36/22/c	36/22/c	41/13/pc
Phoenix	67/53/r	65/50/sh	66/49/c	69/51/pc	70/45/c
Portland	52/38/c	54/36/c	52/36/pc	53/39/c	51/37/sh
San Francisco	58/48/sh	60/48/pc	62/50/pc	60/52/c	57/41/pc
Seattle	50/38/pc	50/38/pc	52/40/pc	52/41/c	51/37/sh
Tucson	64/49/r	63/44/sh	62/42/c	67/44/c	67/42/c
Washington, DC	30/18/s	34/24/pc	40/26/c	40/28/c	45/19/pc

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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