

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Homeland security

Congressman Henry Bonilla announced increased funding for the Department of Homeland Security on Tuesday saying, "The new Department of Homeland Security has a huge role to fill. I'm proud that we've taken care of the agency's needs and given it the opportunity to grow into a strong defense for our homeland." The Department of Homeland Security will receive \$29.4 billion for operations and activities. This funding will allow the Department to work with state and local governments and the private sector to develop and implement our national homeland security strategy. Funding for the Department will assist several crucial programs. State and Local First Responders will receive money to help firefighters, emergency management and law enforcement officials. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will receive more than \$5 billion for passenger and baggage screening, highway and air security, and training. Funding is also included to develop nuclear, chemical and biological countermeasures; protect critical infrastructure; and outreach activities with state and local governments. TSA will receive additional funding for port security grants. Other funding will help modernize border, customs and immigration information technology; increase inspection technologies for vehicles and cargo; and support the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism.

### Call 2-1-1

What if your co-worker was a victim of domestic violence and needed a safe place to spend the night? What if your neighbor needed to find a referral for childcare or adult day care? What if you needed information for your parents on foster care or nursing homes? Would you know where to call? The Texas Information and Referral Network has made it much easier to find answers to the above questions and to other local health and human services information with a website and twenty-five Area Information Centers throughout the State of Texas. Just dial 2-1-1. Through the twenty-five Area Information Centers, the Texas Information and Referral Network works with local communities to identify a "first point of contact" where people can call to find information on a variety of health and human services. Each Area Information Center has a toll-free number, which anyone can call, 24 hours a day, for information and referrals to the appropriate provider. Whether callers need substance abuse hotlines, a community information center, transportation, a childcare referral, disaster relief information, disability referral, or many other types of information, the Area Information Centers can point them in the right direction to get the help they need. The website, <http://www.helpintexas.com>, is designed to provide people across the State of Texas with an easy and accurate resource for health and human services, along with a description of services and up-to-date contact information.

**Famous last words: "Go right ahead, don't let that big truck crowd you off the road."**

— Quips & Quotes



Cathy Hill, left, and Bonita Johnson give the El Paso del Norte and other panels a spot check prior to Friday's opening. The exhibit is free to the public and will run through July 31, 2003. 14 panels present glimpses of 400 years of border history.

## New exhibit chronicles creation of the U.S./Mexico boundary, 400 years of Paso del Norte

By Michelle J. Brown  
*Special to the Courier*

El Paso, Texas — An all new 14-panel detailed historical exhibit chronicling more than 400 years of battles, breaches, crossroads and collaborations debuts June 20 and runs through July 31, 2003 at the Mexican Consulate in downtown, 910 East San Antonio Ave. Free and open to the public, the regional traveling Spanish-language exhibit is the only one of its kind that encapsulates the centuries-long U.S./Mexico border's creation with a specific focus on the El Paso/Juárez region, including the Chamizal settlement.

Authored by Dr. Oscar J. Martinez, noted borderlands historian, The Pass of the North and the Creation of the U.S.-Mexico Boundary tells the story of how the U.S. expanded westward and eventually established its southern boundary at the Rio Bravo del Norte, or the Rio Grande.

"This was a watershed event for the people who lived at the Pass of the North, a natural crossroads in the geographic center of North America," explained Gary Williams, coordinator for the Pass of the North Heritage Corridor Project, a multifaceted historical program of the El Paso Community Foundation. The Foundation developed the exhibit as a joint

effort with the Fundacion Margarita Miranda de Mascareñas. "The new international boundary fundamentally changed the destiny of the area forever and continues to have profound national and international significance. It's really our story."

Among the abundant historical images and illustrations that form the major part of the exhibit are 11 color maps that trace major boundary changes from the continent over a span of four centuries. This Spanish version significantly expounds upon a similar exhibit in English, developed in 1999, that is on display at the Los Portales Museum & Information Center in San Elizario, 1521 San Elizario Road.

Juan Carlos Cué, General Consul of México in El Paso, said that this joint venture exemplifies the continued cooperation between both countries.

"We are delighted to be part of this project that without a doubt will be very attractive to all the communities of the region," he said. Later this year, the exhibit will be displayed in Ciudad Juárez at a variety of venues including the Juárez International Airport, University of Juárez and the Juárez History Museum.

For more information about the El Paso Community Foundation or The Pass of the North exhibit, call Gary Williams at (915) 533-4020.

## Whitty conducts first meeting as Horizon's sixth mayor

By Arleen Beard  
*Special to the Courier*

HORIZON CITY — Mayor Diane Whitty conducted her first meeting with confidence and quickly shared her vision for Horizon City at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on June 10, 2003. Mayor Whitty stated her goal is to work at developing a style for the city instead of just being a suburb of El Paso, Texas.

She went on to say there is nothing distinct about the way Horizon City is growing. She would like to see Horizon City make a posi-

tive statement. Mayor Whitty continued by saying, "Because Horizon City is experiencing considerable growth, it is important for Horizon City to consider hiring a City Planner. The town of Vinton has a City Planner and we are bigger than they are."

According to Mayor Whitty, the City Planner would be contracted on a part-time basis with about 10-15 hours a week. Community member Walt Lee (mayor from '97-'99), expressed his approval for a City Planner because of Horizon City's growth. Mr. Lillard Thompson, (mayor from '93-'97), feels Horizon City

## "Pocket Pets" under scrutiny Federal movement prohibition to stop monkeypox outbreak

Working in concert with federal and state agencies, Texas animal health officials are alerting pet owners and distributors to comply with a federal emergency order issued Wednesday, June 11, prohibiting all sales, interstate movement and most intrastate movement of prairie dogs and several specific species of rodents. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued the embargo to prevent the potential spread of monkeypox, a foreign virus that may have infected more than 70 persons in Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois and New Jersey. Health officials believe the virus was introduced into the U.S. by infected Gambian giant pouched rats imported from Africa in April for sale as companion animals. To date, no monkeypox cases in humans or animals have been confirmed in Texas.

"Investigations are still underway, but federal and state human health and veterinary epidemiologists theorize the imported Gambian rats may have spread monkeypox to a group of American prairie dogs that had been captured for the pet trade. The animals were distributed to new owners, mostly in northern states. By May, several persons had developed the rashes, fever and sores indicative of the disease," commented Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's regulatory agency for animal health. He noted that it is the first time monkeypox has diagnosed in the U.S.

"With the Gambian rats and prairie dogs now suspected in this disease outbreak, it complicates the eradication effort, and makes it even more important that everyone obey movement prohibitions. Several other species of foreign rodents also may harbor or be susceptible to the virus, so the federal embargo covers Gambian rats, tree squirrels, rope squirrels, dormice, brush-tailed porcupines and striped mice, and prohibits the importation of all rodents from Africa."

"If you have owned one of these species of animals for several months, and it appears to be healthy, there is probably little risk that the animal has monkeypox. Likewise, we do not believe that the wild prairie dog population has been endangered," stressed Dr. Hillman. "However, do not release any of these captive species into the wild. If the animal has been exposed to monkeypox and is set free, it could potentially spread the virus to our native species."

"In susceptible animals, monkeypox can cause eye irritation, fever, and lesions. If you have a sick animal or are apprehensive about retaining captive prairie dogs or the other susceptible species, contact your private veterinary practitioner. The federal embargo allows for owners to transport their animals intrastate for veterinary care, but not for sale, swap meets or any other distribution. As a biosecurity measure, dead prairie dogs or other susceptible species should be incinerated, so that free-ranging rodents will not have contact with the carcasses."

"The Texas Animal Health Commission does not ordinarily regulate the health issues





# One perspective

## Insidious business

By Francis Shrum

Sometimes I feel like a host.

No, I don't mean someone who graciously invites people over for dinner. I'm talking about the kind of host that parasites live on.

The kind of parasite I'm talking about is the kind that wants to make his money at my expense.

It used to be that this kind of parasite was fairly easy to spot — it was probably a lazy uncle or a bad employee, both of which you could eradicate by showing them to the door.

But the more complicated life becomes in the business world, the more insidious the parasites have become until you sometimes don't even recognize them until you get the bill. The little electronic, technical intricacies of our everyday work environment — e-mail, telephone, fax machine — are fertile breeding grounds for some pretty nasty species of parasites.

Eradicating them isn't so easy as it used to be.

The most recent infestation we are dealing with involves our fax machine. Now, the fax machine manufacturers are all in a huff because you can fax stuff over your computer. It doesn't take a fax machine to send a fax anymore and their market share was drying up. That's not fair. They have to preserve their niche, don't they? Isn't that the first rule of survival for a parasite?

So they simply quit making an expensive product.

No more can you just purchase a plain old thermal-paper fax off the shelf like you used to. No way. Now you must purchase a piece of equipment so complicated and intricate that it must be "programmed." It

takes several people just to figure out how to work it — or one, if that person can decipher the convoluted fifteen-language instruction manual.

But that's only the beginning. It now costs between five cents and 25 cents *per page* just to receive a fax depending on which kind of machine you purchase. Therefore, you are a continuing source of sustenance for the fax-manufacturer parasite. You constantly feed the ink or toner needs of your machine.

Now it gets even better. Advertising companies have figured out how to use my fax machine to run their businesses at my expense.

If you stole \$10,000 in a lump sum from someone you would be arrested. But these fax parasites aren't that stupid. They simply suck their livelihood out of a variety of hosts instead of just one — staying so marginally within the law, and stealing a nickel here, a quarter there so that it isn't really worth the time and attention of any one host to go in and eradicate them.

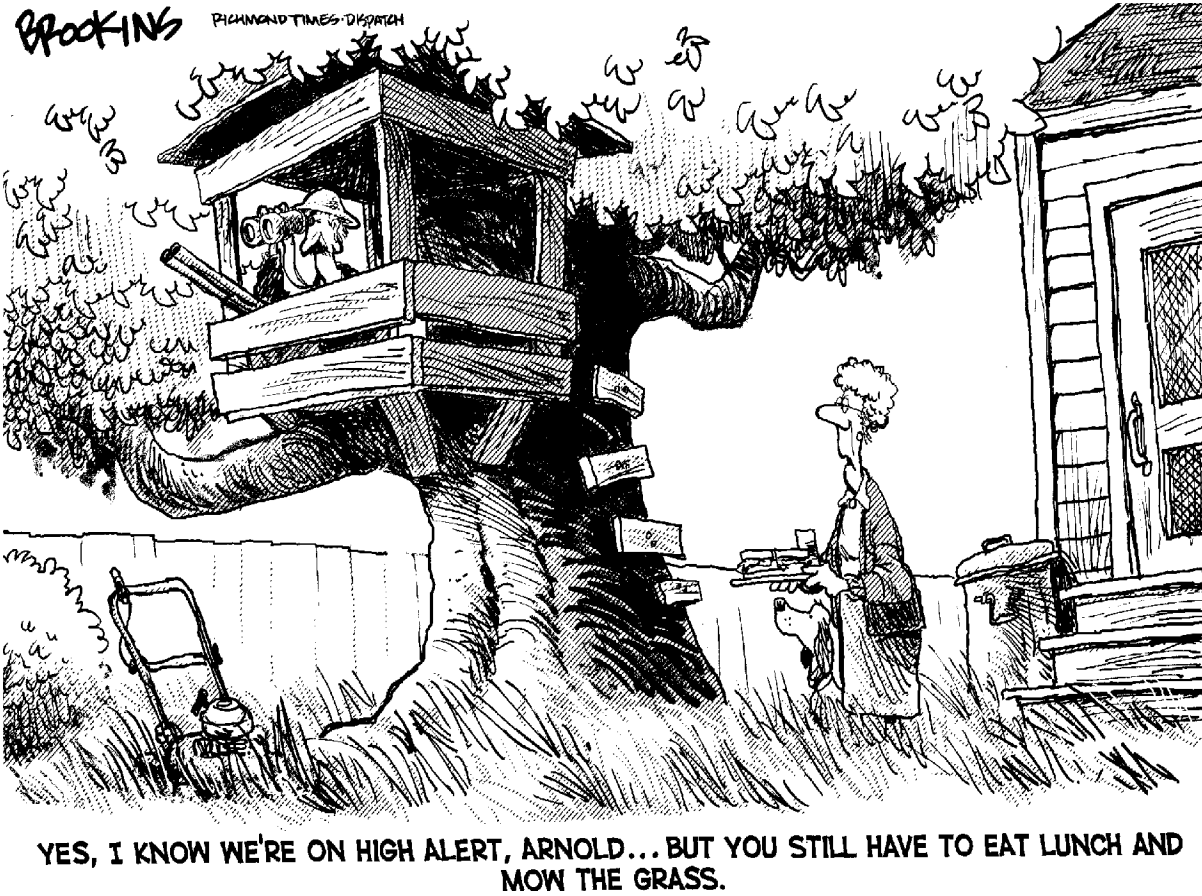
And they do it all from their computers.

No postage, no long-distance telephone bills, no muss, no fuss.

Just create your advertising electronically, hit the button, and presto-chango — steal \$10,000 as your cost-free ad is miraculously produced — unwanted and uninvited — on the fax machines of thousands of businesses across the country.

They advertise cruises, contests, diet plans, "hot" stock picks and computer equipment and make the person who reads it pay for it. They run opinion polls, and if you answer them, they'll charge five bucks to your phone bill. And the phone

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## Unemployment rate unacceptable

The most up-to-date information shows El Paso's unemployment rate at 8.3-percent.

While this is a significant and encouraging drop from the beginning of the year — January's unemployment rate was 9.8-percent — we still have some way to go, considering El Paso remains above the national unemployment rate of 6.1 percent.

Our unique position on the border calls for somewhat unconventional solutions to our unemployment problems. El Paso needs - and deserves - more than a tax cut as a way to stimulate our economy and job prospects. We are lucky to have numerous organizations in El Paso that promote quality job opportunities and I am proud to support them.

Project ARRIBA (Advanced Retraining and Redevelopment Initiative in Border Areas) is a hugely successful program aimed at providing high-skill, high-wage job training. Project ARRIBA provides critically needed

training in health care, computers, and other fields that offer higher-paying jobs. Our community as a whole benefits from Project ARRIBA, as graduates are filling positions in our local hospitals and businesses.

El Paso is also home to the El Puente Community Development Corporation, which is dedicated to improving the economic status and quality of life of Limited English Proficient (LEP) Hispanic women and their families. El Puente weaves together the development of business, bilingual on-the-job training, and access to technology with neighborhood revitalization and civic participation.

Through El Puente's efforts, LEP community members become social entrepreneurs, increasing their individual skills, economic opportunities, and assets while helping to promote family-centered development within their communities.

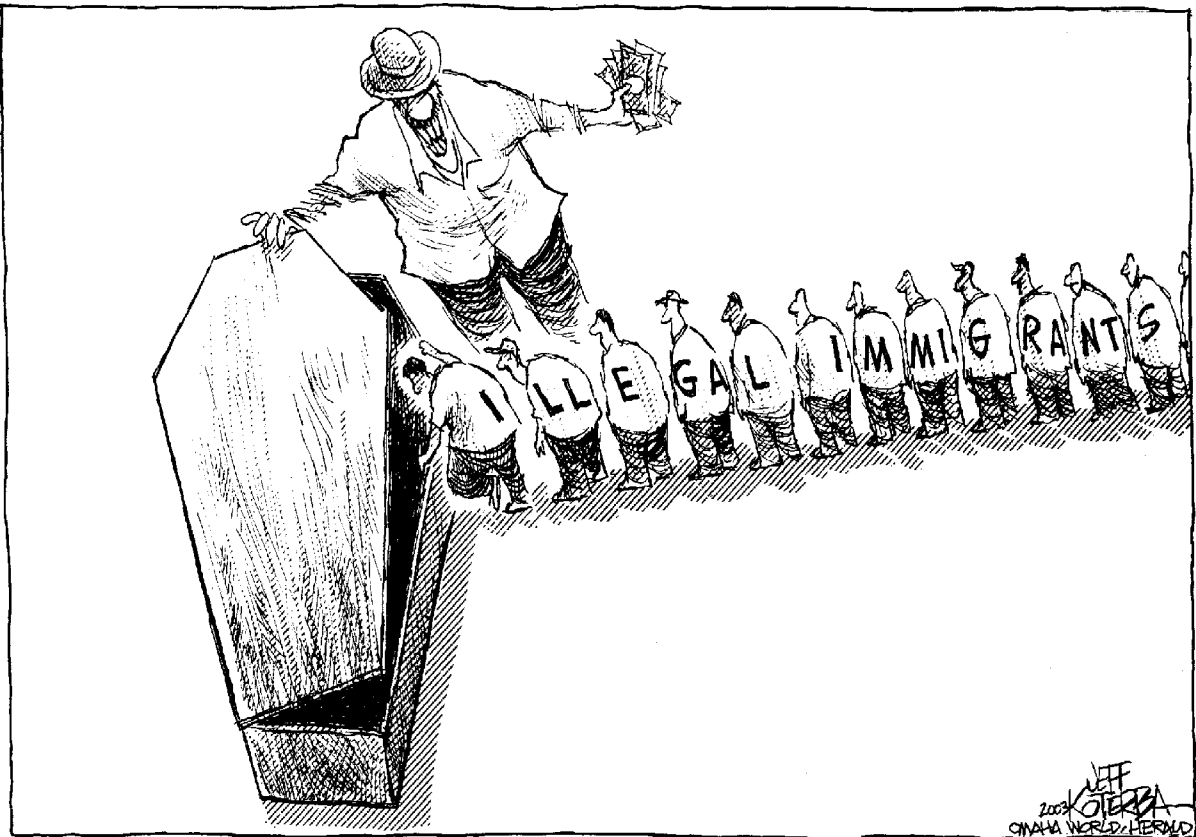
The David L. Carrasco Job Corps Center in El Paso is another example of El Pasoans working to improve our job prospects and is an organization I have supported for a long time. The Job Corps is the nation's largest and most comprehensive residential edu-

cation and job training program for at-risk youth. Over 90-percent of graduates from this nationally-recognized center are placed in jobs or go onto higher education. This positively impacts El Paso's economy and population and is a center to be copied and emulated.

I introduced legislation to establish an Adult Job Corps program in the U.S.-Mexico border region. While the national Job Corps program (of which the Carrasco Center belongs) targets youth under 21, the Adult Job Corps program is for adults adversely affected by the North American Free Trade Agreement. The Adult Job Corps program is modeled after the highly successful youth Job Corps program and will provide opportunities for those over 21 years of age.

Through the work of these organizations, the hard-working attitude of our community, and federal assistance, we can reduce our community's unemployment rate. 8.3-percent is an improvement from earlier in the year, but is definitely not enough. I look forward to the achievements we are yet to accomplish.





THE SMUGGLER



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

Summer food safety: A checklist

The temperature is quickly approaching 100 degrees. Lawn chairs, pool supplies and beach towels are in high demand at the local grocery store. And the neighborhood kids are out of school. All these things could mean just one thing: Summer is here!

Many of you have already fired up the grill. And others of you are in the process of digging through the garage, trying to find the picnic basket. I will admit that I spent some time this weekend looking for my favorite barbecue recipe. If there's one thing I love about summer, it's the joy of outdoor eating. Barbecue just somehow tastes better in the heat of July. You know what I mean.

But as you're making that grocery list for the picnic or scheduling some activities for the beach, I hope you'll add food safety to your checklist. Just because the eating has moved outdoors doesn't mean that we can skip food safety.

Many of us forget that foodborne illnesses increase in the summer months. Bacteria are always present in our environment. They're in our soil, air, water, and the bodies of

people and animals. But these micro-organisms grow faster in the warm summer months. Given the right circumstances, harmful bacteria can quickly multiply to large numbers. When this happens, someone eating the food can get sick. That's exactly why we need to take extra precautions this time of year.

As Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, I work closely with the Food and Drug Administration. Each summer, the FDA provides the nation with food safety tips. We use these tips every day in our house. They're as simple as only packing what you intend to eat.

These tips are easy and will become second nature before you know it. I encourage each of you to clip out this column, stick it on the refrigerator and use it as a reference. Summer's about having fun and enjoying the outdoors. By following these simple tips, we can keep it that way.

**KEEP YOUR HANDS CLEAN:** Wash your hands with hot, soapy water before handling food and after

changing diapers and handling pets.

**PLAN AHEAD:** When eating away from home, find out if there's a source of clean water. If not, bring water for preparation and cleaning. Or pack clean, wet, disposable cloths or moist towelettes and paper towels for cleaning hands and surfaces.

**MARINATE AND REFRIGERATE:** Always marinate food in the refrigerator, not on the counter. If some of the marinade is used as a sauce on the cooked food, reserve a portion of the marinade. Don't reuse the marinade used on raw meat or poultry unless it's boiled first to destroy any bacteria.

**DON'T CROSS-CONTAMINATE:** When packing a cooler for an outing, wrap raw meat and poultry securely to prevent juices from coming into contact with ready to eat food. Wash plates, utensils and cutting boards that held the raw meat or



For Sanity's Sake By Taprina Milburn

# Lost and found

Let's get something straight. I don't lose things.

My house may on occasion look like a black hole where nothing can be found; it's messy, but there's a method to my messiness. And when someone in my family's lost something, they know I'm the one who can find it.

Just call me Super Sleuth.

Can't find your left shoe? Let me take a look. Homework assignment has disappeared. I'll ferret it out. How about that receipt you need so you can return those pants? Hey, here it is.

If I were to be paid for my hunting expertise... wow, I could take you all out for a burger.

Recently my car-collecting husband, who swears he isn't experiencing a mid-life crisis, bought a red convertible Mustang and presented me with the keys.

"It's yours, Honey," he says, telling me that the car isn't to be driven on days when the weather is bad and that the tires are never to travel down a gravel road.

"Put super unleaded in it, too," he continues, "and can you keep the cat off the hood?"

People ask how I like my husband's new car.

"It's mine," I reply, feeling a bit territorial.

But my heart knows that the true test of whose car it really is will be who gets the keys on the first sunny day.

And that's where our problem began.

On the first sunny, no-hail-in-the-forecast day I couldn't find the keys to my car. I, a person who always puts her keys on a hook when she walks

through the door, looked high and low. I went through laundry baskets, garbage sacks, the refrigerator, the pantry, my underwear drawer.

Then I did what any wife would do in this circumstance.

"You must have lost them. I bet you locked them in the trunk last night when you put all that stuff in it," I said to my husband.

"C'mon, they're not in the trunk."

In my head I reviewed the list of times when he asked me to find things he'd lost or hadn't looked for hard enough — the book on his nightstand, his wallet, his sunglasses.

"Yep, I'm sure of it. They're in the trunk."

So the following Monday I called the locksmith to open the trunk of the car.

No keys.

Super Sleuth was stumped.

I went inside to ransack the house some more as the locksmith began his work on making new keys for the car.

On the ironing board under a pile of wrinkled shirts were the keys.

Let's get something straight. My husband never goes near the ironing board. Honest.

I tell the locksmith I don't need keys after all.

"Do you suppose I could just tell my husband we found these in the trunk?"

He smiled and said something about getting an extra set of keys made just in case I lose these again.

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**TRUE TEXAS FACTS** by Roger Moore June 21, 1857, Charles Alderton is born. As a pharmacist in Waco in 1885, he would concoct a famous carbonated beverage.



Horizon

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needs expertise in planning to keep pace with Horizon’s growth. The Council approved to request a Statement of Qualifications for City Planner to be reviewed by a selection committee appointed by Mayor Whitty.

In other business City Council members appointed Councilman Baerbock as Mayor Pro-Tem, though he was not present at the meeting.

A public hearing was held for the 2nd Reading of Amendment No. 002 to Zoning Ordinance No. 0102,

amending the Appendix III Fee Schedule. There was no public input, therefore, Mayor Whitty closed the hearing and called for a vote. Initially the item did not pass with three votes for and two votes against. A minimum of four votes is needed for an item to pass. Later in the meeting, Council reconsidered the amendment and approved it.

Another public hearing was held regarding the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 0107 regulating street names and addresses within the Town of Horizon City. Once again, as with the previous public hearing, there was no public input and Mayor Whitty closed the hearing.

Council approved the ordinance.

The Council had to revisit some old business as well. Two items previously were approved with only three votes. The City Charter states an item must be approved with at least four votes in favor of the item being considered.

The Council re-approved the purchase of a police unit in the amount of \$22,533.00. This vehicle will replace the unit that was totaled in February, 2003. The insurance will provide \$12, 325.87 for the vehicle and Horizon City will pay the difference of \$10, 207.13. City Council also re-approved the purchase of a street broom in the amount of \$1675.00.

Star Fireworks awards scholarships

EAST EL PASO COUNTY—Irving Alvidrez of San Elizario and Victor Dominguez of Fabens each will begin their college educations this fall with \$500 scholarships from Star Fireworks. The two high school seniors were the winners of an essay contest out of more than 600 seniors who were eligible.

Both students had outstanding high school careers.



V. Dominguez

than one winner was selected. The other two finalists for the award were David Miranda and Ana Garcia of Fabens High School.

“The essays were very competitive,” said Navin Navidomskis, Star Fireworks president. “We’ve wanted to expand the program and figured we ought to do it this year. All four finalists were very impressive.”

Navidomskis said the scholarship program has been a success.

“School counselors tell us that the previous winners are doing well in school,” he said.

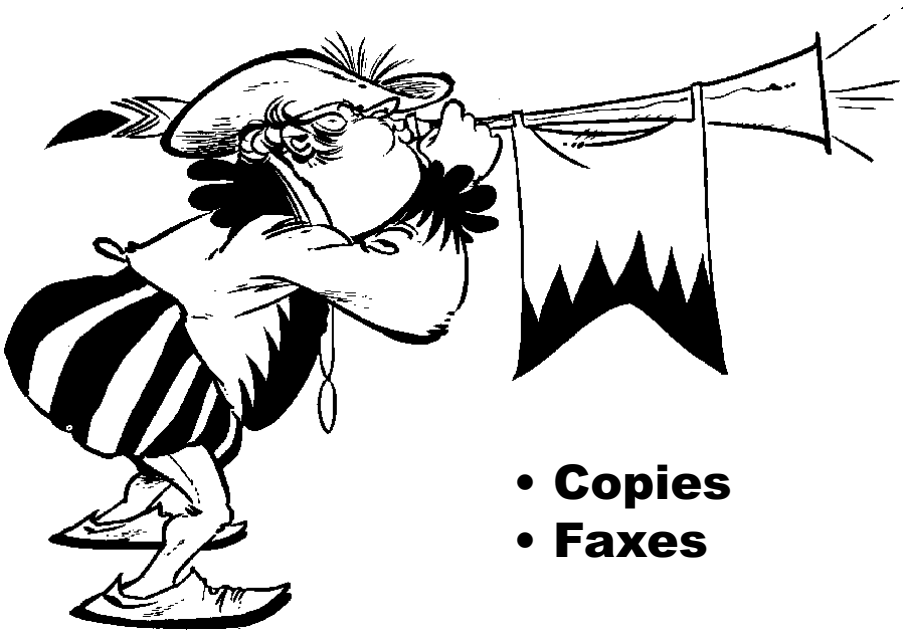
In this year’s essay, students discussed national security versus individual rights in light of recent world events. Star Fireworks officials select finalists from the essays for an in-person interview to decide the winners.

The scholarships are offered to graduating seniors from Clint, San Elizario, Fabens and Socorro high schools who plan to attend four-year universities.

Star Fireworks is a locally-owned company, established in 1995 by Clint High School graduates Navin and Wes Navidomskis, and Ray Sanchez.



Irving Alvidrez



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- The San Elizario Independent School District provides an opportunity for public comment on the 2003 — 2004 Application for Federal Funding covering:
- El Distrito Escolar de San Elizario presenta la oportunidad al público que comente sobre la aplicación para Fondos Federales de 2003 — 2004 cubriendo:*
- Title I, Part A — Improving Basic Programs  
*Título I, Parte A — Mejorando Programas Básicos*
  - Title II, Part A — Teacher & Principal Training & Recruitment  
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  - Title III, Part A — Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students  
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  - Title IV, Part A — Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities  
*Título IV, Parte A — Escuelas y Comunidades Seguras y Libres de Drogas*
  - Title V, Part A — Innovative Programs  
*Título V, Parte A — Programas Innovadores*

The meeting will be held:  
Wednesday June 25, 2003  
1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

San Elizario Administration Building  
Located at: 1050 Chicken Ranch Road  
San Elizario, Texas 79849

*La junta será el:*  
*miércoles el 25 de junio del 2003*  
*1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.*  
*Edificio de Administración de San Elizario*  
*Ubicado en: 1050 Chicken Ranch Road*  
*San Elizario, Texas 79849*

For information on the Application for Federal Funds, call Ernesto Rodriguez, Director of Research and Development at (915) 872-3939, ext. 3567 (for Title III call Isela C. Rosales, Director of Bilingual/ESL Education at (915) 872-3920).

*Para información sobre la aplicación para Fondos Federales llame a Ernesto Rodriguez, Director de SEISD Investigación y Desarrollo al número (915) 872-3939 ext. 3567 (para Título III llame a Isela C. Rosales, Directora de Educación Bilingüe al número 872-3920).* WTCC: 06/19/03

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Town of Anthony, Texas  
Outdoor Recreation Project  
T.R.P.A. Program of the  
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

The Town of Anthony will conduct a public hearing to solicit the input and participation of all of its residents in the preparation of an application for an outdoor recreation project. Please attend this meeting and voice your opinion concerning the proposed project.

DATE: JUNE 24, 2003  
TIME: 7:00 P.M.  
LOCATION: ANTHONY TOWN HALL

There will be discussions of available and potential assistance for parks and recreation facilities, and the Texas Recreation and Parks Account Program of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. These discussions will include amounts of funds available, requirements, schedules for applying for assistance, possible projects to be presented for funding, general cost estimates, locations, and timing.

Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the Anthony Town Clerk at (915)886-3944.

Copies of the application for the proposed project will be available for examination at the Anthony Town Hall after August 3, 2003.

*El publico en general esta invitado a asistir a esta audiencia. La presentation y la discusion sobre el programa de asistencia para parques y recreacion del Departamento de Parques y Vida Natural del Estado de Texas se haran en espanol para aquellas personas que asi lo deseen.*

Art Franco, Mayor  
Town of Anthony, Texas

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# Parasites

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company acts as the billing agency! It's a parasite paradise.

Now on the horizon arrive our knights in shining armor — the law-makers who are wielding an extermination weapon so old and ineffective as to be virtually useless — regulation! You bad old advertising parasites must now put a toll-free number on your unwanted advertisements so your host can call you and tell you to stop bleeding him dry. Who knows, there may be someone out there stupid enough to actually *want* to engage in this illicit relationship and we have to think of everyone, don't we? There, that'll fix it.

Sure. Printed neatly across the bottom of each unwanted ad is a number to call to have your number removed from their call list.

Beep, beep, beep, beep. The line is busy, for hours, for days. Sometimes the number has been disconnected. Sometimes to get removed from their fax calling list you have to go on the internet and *leave them an e-mail address* — what, so they can infect my e-mail, too? And so it goes.

Meanwhile, they are doing what all parasites invariably do — they are damaging their host until eventually both suffer from the exchange.

They are stealing something from me that they find worthless yet which is much more valuable than my electricity, paper and ink — something so rare and precious I deeply resent its loss.

They are stealing my time.

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**Publisher's note:** *This is a serious problem for any business of any scale. This year unsolicited faxes, e-mail and spam will cost this publication \$5000 in materials and lost productivity. And this is a small business. Larger companies lose more.*

*Two recent lawsuits by AOL and Earthlink against big business spammers have resulted in judgments in the neighborhood of \$80 million. The spammers were forced out of business, but for how long? Additionally, most small to medium size businesses don't have the resources to follow AOL and Earthlink into the legal system. It is time for people to call these type of businessmen what they are — thieves. Stealing is defined as taking from another without right or permission. A thief is one who steals. Our state and national representatives need to reexamine a system that allows this blatant style of theft. One industry solution floating around is to force multiple e-mail "verifier" or "authenticator" messages back and forth between a sender and recipient before a system will accept the actual e-mail. But that still puts the burden of time and effort on legitimate users. The same goes for calling 800 numbers (that don't usually work) to stop faxes. Plus, when these mass market thieves get their quarterly list updated, you're right back in their system. There is a simple solution. The companies that are mining this information should be required to validate the lists they sell. They should be required to get permission from the fax owners and e-mail address holders to sell that information. And this would also make their product more valuable! By this type of verification the burden would be put back on the individuals seeking to profit from these styles of shotgun solicitations. They should spend their money, not yours and mine, to make their living. They would also be sending their materials to a receptive audience instead of a hostile one. The resources that these thieves steal could be put to better use than as lining for their pockets.*

## Canutillo Independent School District PUBLIC NOTICE

Canutillo Independent School District invites parents of students residing within the District boundaries and attending a private nonprofit school outside of the District to contact Letty González, at (915) 877-7440, and arrange a meeting with a District representative. The purpose of the meeting is to offer eligible students equitable Title I, Part A services. These services, available through the "No Child Left Behind Act", support students experiencing difficulties mastering the state academic achievement standards. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available.

## Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo NOTICIA PUBLICA

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo invita a los padres de familia que viven dentro de los límites del distrito escolar y que tienen hijos que asisten a escuelas fuera del distrito a que contacten a Letty Gonzales al (915) 877-7440 para programar una reunión con un representante del distrito escolar. El objetivo de esta reunión es el ofrecer, a los estudiantes que califiquen, servicios equitables bajo el Título I, Parte A. Los servicios son ofrecidos dentro del "Acta de Ningun Estudiante se Atrazará" y la cual apoya a aquellos estudiantes que afrontan dificultades para alcanzar las metas academicas requeridas por el estado. Si se requiere, se harán arreglos para las personas con discapacidades.

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# Travel guide available to highlight contributions of African Americans

By Janie Headrick  
*Special to the Courier*

AUSTIN, Texas — On June 19, people all over Texas celebrate the day enslaved Texans received their freedom. Emancipation from slavery came in 1863, but African Americans in Texas were not made aware of the proclamation of freedom until June 19, 1865, after the end of the Civil War.

## Monkey pox

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of prairie dogs and exotic pet animals, but we are charged with protecting the state against foreign animal disease," said Dr. Hillman. "In this case, monkeypox is not only a danger to pets, but to owners, and to several of our wildlife species. We are providing any assistance and support possible to the Texas Department of Health (TDH) and other state and

This celebration of freedom is known around the state and nation as Juneteenth. In honor of this holiday, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) offers a free brochure outlining the contributions of African Americans in Texas. Plan a trip this using this colorful booklet as a guide. It showcases statewide cultural attractions and is an educational resource on the state's African American legacies. "Years of research and documen-

federal agencies that are working as a team, under the direction of the CDC, FDA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture," he said.

Dr. Hillman said that TAHC animal health inspectors and veterinarians have assisted the USDA by visiting pet dealers and distributors to trace the movement of prairie dogs and other susceptible species of animals. TAHC representatives also have issued several temporary hold orders, restricting animal movements while the disease investigation is being conducted.

"If you may think you have been

tation for state historical markers and National Register of Historic Places nominations allowed the THC to create a guide that identifies the significance of African American participation in the state's heritage," said Larry Oaks, THC executive director.

To obtain this free guide, call 512/463-5853, email [thc@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:thc@thc.state.tx.us), or write to the THC at P.O. Box 12276, Austin TX, 78711-2276.

exposed to monkeypox, contact your physician," said Dr. Hillman. "The TDH and CDC have developed human health guidelines and are working with physicians to ensure appropriate medical care for persons who may have been exposed to or infected with this foreign disease."

More information about monkeypox may be obtained on the CDC's website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/monkeypox/index.htm>. The FDA's website is at: <http://www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/monkeypox.html>.

## Food

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poultry before using again for cooked food. Carry a clean plate out to the grill to hold the safely cooked food.

**KEEP COLD FOOD COLD:** Cold perishable food like luncheon meats, cooked meats, chicken and potato or pasta salads should be kept in an insulated cooler packed with several inches of ice, frozen gel packs or containers of frozen water.

**WATCH THE TEMPERATURE:** When cooking outside, take your thermometer along. Meat and poultry cooked on a grill often browns

very fast on the outside, so be sure that they are cooked thoroughly. Check them with a food thermometer.

**COOK IT COMPLETELY:** Cook hamburger and other ground meats (veal, lamb and pork) to an internal temperature of 160°F and ground poultry to 165°F. Beef, veal and lamb steaks, and roasts may be cooked to 145°F for medium rare. Whole poultry should be cooked to 180°F as measured in the thigh; breast meat to 170°F. All cuts of pork should reach 160°F.

**TRAVEL WISELY:** When taking food with you on an outing, keep the cooler in the coolest part of the car. Place it in the shade or shelter and out of the sun whenever possible. Chill cold drinks in a separate cooler

to avoid constantly opening the one containing perishable foods. Preserve the cold temperature of the cooler by replenishing the ice as soon as it starts melting.

**FOLLOW-THROUGH:** After your outing, move food immediately into refrigeration. Bacteria multiply rapidly between 40 and 140°F. Never leave food in this "danger zone" more than two hours.

I hope these tips prove handy this summer. For additional food safety information, contact the Food Safety and Inspection Service at (202)690-9113 or check out their website at [www.fsis.usda.gov](http://www.fsis.usda.gov).

I hope each of you has a fun, relaxing and most importantly — a safe summer!

## PUBLIC NOTICE / AVISO PUBLICO

### Canutillo Independent School District

### *Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo*

#### Public Meeting To Review Federally Funded Programs

#### *Junta Pública Para Examinar Programas de Fondos Federales*

Canutillo Independent School District will conduct a meeting to review the following CISD programs funded by federal and state compensatory funds:  
*El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo llevará a cabo una junta pública para examinar los siguientes programas de CISD de fondos compensatorios federales y estatales:*

- Title I, Parts A and D — Supplemental Education Services and Neglected Delinquent Youth;  
*Título I, Partes A y D — Servicios Educativos Suplementarios y Juventud Delincuente y Desatendida;*
- Title II Parts A and D — Professional Development and Technology Enhancement;  
*Título II, Partes A y D — Desarrollo Profesional y Mejoramiento en Tecnología;*
- Title III Part A and Title IV, Part A — Safe and Drug Free Schools;  
*Título III, Parte A y Título IV, Parte A — Escuelas Libres de Drogas y Seguras;*
- Title V — Innovative Programs  
*Título V — Programas Innovadores;*
- Title VII — Bilingual Education: Comprehensive School Grant.  
*Título VII — Educación Bilingüe: Fondos Escolar Comprensivo.*

The meeting for Public Review of the Federal Application for Educational Funding for Canutillo ISD will be held from 8:30 to 10 a.m., Thursday, June 26, 2003 at Canutillo Elementary School Cafeteria, 651 Canutillo Avenue.  
*La junta para Revisión Pública de la Solicitud Federal para Fondos Educativos para Canutillo ISD se llevará a cabo a las 8:30 a.m. hasta las 10 a.m., el jueves, el 26 de junio 2003, en la cafetería de la Escuela Primaria de Canutillo, 651 Canutillo Avenue.*

For more information, call 877-7440.  
*Por más información, llame a 877-7440.*

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# Where there’s trouble, you might find a professional athlete

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

Now that the NBA and NHL seasons are officially over, many of you may have thought that this time of year would be kind of quiet, sports wise.

Think again. No matter what the time of year, athletes are always making news... just not always on the field.

## MJ KO’s Karla

Michael Jordan was in the news last week, but it had nothing to do with his basketball skills on or off the court.

It had to do with Karla Knafel, who claimed that Jordan promised her \$5-million to keep quiet about their alleged affair.

According to Knafel, she and Jordan had an affair from 1989 to 1991. Apparently Jordan

wasn’t doing all his scoring in the gym. Knafel said that soon after one of Jordan’s “visits,” she became pregnant and claimed the child was his.

However, Knafel forgot about a little thing we call modern science. Blood and DNA tests on the child proved that it was not Jordan’s.

The judge threw out the case and Michael Jordan won yet another battle on the court — though he may lose points in the court of popular opinion.

## The Pitts

The last time I saw Michael Pittman he was busy rushing for 124 yards in Tampa Bay’s 48-21 thrashing of the Oakland Raiders in the Super Bowl.

Those were good times for Pittman; these are not.

Pittman was indicted on aggravated assault charges last week. Seems he used his Hummer

to ram a vehicle carrying his wife, his 2-year-old son and his baby sitter.

The Bucs’ running back was accused of ramming his wife’s car after they argued about taking their son to Buccaneers training camp.

Pittman hit the car with such force that it pushed Melissa Pittman’s car over a median and tore one of the tires from its rim.

Pittman did apologize for his actions and added that he was anxious to tell his side of the story.

*His side of the story? He rammed his Hummer into a car with his wife and kid inside!* What possible explanation could he make up for that stunt?

I know... he could say, “Your honor, she didn’t know what she was talking about so I just thought I would... you know... knock some sense into her.”

## Not worth the gamble

Former Washington Huskies football coach Rick Neuheisel gambled and lost. Well, kind of.

You see, Neuheisel did a great job of picking Maryland to win the national basketball championship last year. Only problem is that Neuheisel picked Maryland against three other guys in a bet and it’s against NCAA rules for a college coach to bet on college sports.

Neuheisel fought to keep his job but it looks more and more like the coach may have to seek employment in the NFL. Neuheisel also left the University of Colorado under suspicious conditions and I don’t think any other colleges are going to take the risk on a guy who seems to make up his own rules as he goes.

There is no doubt that Rick Neuheisel is a great young coach... he just can’t seem to make

the right decisions off the football field.

## Not all bad for CW

The last time we saw Sacramento Kings forward Chris Webber he was hurt in a playoff game against the Dallas Mavericks ending his season and in effect, ending the season of the Kings.

Well not all is bad for Webber. Seems his troubles on the court were made a tad better by his victory in the court.

Webber had been playing this season with the chance of federal obstruction charges looming over his head.

After months of investigating the former U of Michigan star and whether he received money while attending the university, officials decided not to pursue the obstruction charges.

However, perjury charges still stand against Webber and his father.

Though he is not completely out of the woods, Webber’s fortunes have taken a turn for the better.

We’ll stay tuned to see if his luck holds up.

Webber must pray for the day when his only worries in life are how to stop Shaq and Kobe.

## P.S.

It isn’t pretty, all this news of athletes in trouble. But it is a huge part of the sports landscape today. Maybe I’ll just have my son put the baseball bat down and pick up a violin. I don’t think you can cork a violin.

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# Williams in Rio Grande Sports Hall of Fame

D. Joe Williams ,a science teacher at Tornillo Junior High School, has recently received an exceptional honor.

Mr. Williams was inducted into the Rio Grande Sports Hall of Fame on June 13, 2003. But this event was the most recent in a series of honors. Mr. Williams, “D. Joe” to his friends, was honored in 2001 by being elected into the Texas Black Hall of Fame.

A man of firsts, “D.Joe” broke the color barrier at pan American College in 1954 and went on to lead Pan American to win the Big State Conference as a runner.

His career moved to coaching baseball at Fabens High School — winning three district titles in five years.

Another honor garnered by “D.Joe” was his induction into the El Paso Baseball Hall of Fame.

— *Contributed by James H. Blake, with congralations from all the staff at Tornillo Junior High School*

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## Classified Ads

### LEGALS

**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 South West Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges:

VIN - FHR4I7902, Fruehauf Flatbed, black, New Mexico license: 6630A VIN - AF01MG23553, Ford Mustang, white, no license WTCC-06/19/03

**SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Invitation to Bid/Respond:**

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

**BACKFLOW INSTALLATION II**  
**CSP NO. 199-0627-0381**

**Fabens Independent School District**  
**Fabens, Texas**

**Notice of invitation to bid for: Cafeteria Non-Food Items**  
**Bid No. 02-03-04**  
Fabens Independent School District

**ACCEPTED UNTIL JUNE 27, 2003 AT 1:30 P.M. PRINT SHOW - DIRECT TO PLATE SYSTEM CSP NO. 199-0627-0365**  
**ACCEPTED UNTIL JUNE 27, 2003 AT 2:30 P.M.**

**RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT CSP NO. 199-0627-0367**  
**ACCEPTED UNTIL JUNE 27, 2003 AT 3:00 P.M.**

**LANDSCAPING, XERISCAPING, AND MASONRY SERVICES CSP NO. 199-0627-0368**  
**ACCEPTED UNTIL JUNE 27, 2003 AT 3:30 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-6/19/03

**SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Invitation to Bid/Respond:**

Competitive sealed proposals for providing all labor and materials for the construction of Phase II of Eldorado High School. Proposal package will be received at Socorro Independent School District, 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until 10 a.m., local time, Friday, June 27, 2003, at which time the identity of the respondents will be publicly read aloud.

Proposals shall be addressed to Socorro Independent School District; all proposals must be sealed and clearly marked as follows:

• **El Dorado High School - II**

**02A Site Improvements**  
**02B Site Fencing**  
**02C Final Cleaning**  
**03A Concrete**  
**04A Masonry**  
**05A Structural Steel**  
**(Fabrication)**  
**05B Structural Steel and Tilt Wall Erection**  
**06A Millwork**  
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**08A Doors and Frames**  
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**09A Drywall, Acoustic, Paint**  
**09B Ceramic Tile**  
**10A Visual Display Boards**  
**10B Toilet Partitions and Accessories**  
**10C Metal Lockers**  
**10D Fire Extinguishers**  
**10G Signage and Graphics**  
**11C Commercial Washer and Dryers**  
**and Whirlpools**  
**12B Horizontal Blinds, Cubical**

Bidders may obtain proposals documents by contacting Gilbane/ECM International at the Job Site Trailer

Gilbane/ECM International  
Attn: David Kessinger  
12401 Edgemere El Paso, Texas 79938  
Phone: (915) 857-4977  
Fax: (915) 857-4939

Proposal deposit is refundable \$100 per set in the form of a cashiers check or certified check payable to Socorro Independent School District.

Proposals will be received at the Business Services Department, 12300 Eastlake Drive until the specified times.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on Monday, June 23, 2003 at 10 a.m. at El Dorado High School, located at 12401 Edgemere, El Paso, Texas 79938. The conference is not mandatory but encouraged. WTCC-06/19/03

### BARGAINS

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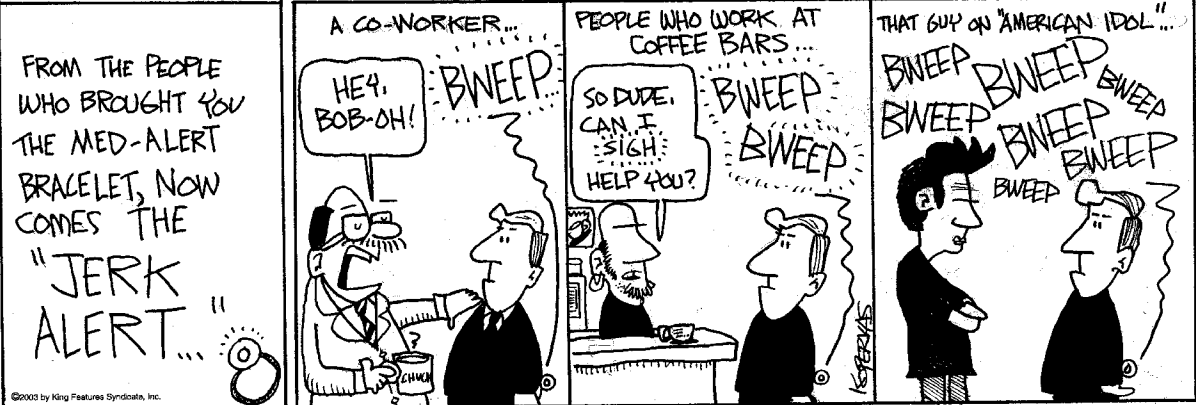
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Yes, you can blow in J.Lo's ear, sort of

By Don Flood

It's not your grandfather's wax museum. And hopefully it wasn't your grandfather.

But Madame Tussaud's in New York City recently opened its first "interactive" exhibit with 85-year-old Michael Stirna — smiling lecherously — posing with his hand on the famous rump of Jennifer Lopez.

Or rather a wax figure of J.Lo.

Still, for me anyway, seeing an old man get fresh with a wax figure painted a rather disturbing picture of the human race.

(You may have seen the recent story where scientists said that chimpanzees should be added to the human branch of the family tree. Soon after, a spokeschimp from the Chimpanzee Defense League denounced the study, saying chimp scientists had found just the opposite: that the two species were not at all closely related, as evidenced by how increasingly weird human beings had become.)

And here's the kicker. This 85-year-old man won the privilege of being the first member of the public to touch the wax J.Lo's rear end by winning a "booty call" contest.

What are they *doing* in senior centers these days?

(Note to parents: Before allowing the kids to go out with grandpa to a museum, make sure you find out which museum and what they will be doing.)

So you might wonder, especially if you're some kind of pervert, what the "interactive" J.Lo does.

She blushes.

Yeah, that's right, you blow in her ear and J.Lo blushes.

I'm sorry, but that's a bit of a stretch.

If the real Jennifer Lopez could blush convincingly, she should win an Academy Award.

I mean, this is a woman who shows up for the Oscars — watched around the globe by hundreds of millions — in a dress that makes the simple fashion statement: *As you can see, I may as well be naked!*

My guess is — and I admit unlike a growing number of men, I have not been married to her — that she is not the type to blush easily.

Also, for added realism, shouldn't they include a Ben Affleck wax figure?

He could simper menacingly when his ladylove is accosted. Or maybe order his wax figure bodyguards to beat you up.

But then, based on his acting schedule, maybe they could just use Ben Affleck himself.

Sure, he wouldn't be as animated as the J.Lo wax figure, but I think it's a role he could grow into.

("And the winner of the Oscar for Best Portrayal of a Wax Figure is... Ben Affleck! Hey, somebody carry Ben up here so that he can accept the award!")

According to the story, the "interactive" exhibit also includes a Brad Pitt figurine that comes equipped with "pinchable cushions" in its rear end.

(New Madame Tussaud's slogan: *Where you can reach out and touch the backsides of famous people!*)

The story didn't say what Brad did when he was pinched — who knows, maybe he blushes too — but I hope the 85-year-old grandmothers can keep their hands off him.

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King Super Crossword

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**ACROSS**

1 "Li'l Abner" cartoonist

5 Mann or Greeley

11 Lloyd Webber musical

15 Owns

18 Fragrance

19 Military helicopter

20 Tigris-Euphrates land

21 Convent cubicle

22 African Revolutionary War heroine?

24 Hunt's " \_ Ben Adhem"

25 Wells' creatures

26 Stun

27 Author Follett

28 Actress Massen

29 Primer pooch

30 Nobelist Wiesel

33 Operetta composer

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44 Actress Talia

45 Relished a roast

46 King of comedy

47 Grind

49 \_ cotta

52 "America's Most Wanted" host

55 Jubilant

57 Belfry sound

59 Marry

60 Roller-coaster unit

62 LAX letters

63 Desire

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69 Roll-call reply

70 Cozy

71 Swiss sight

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74 Crewel tool

76 European capital

77 Memo start

79 "Agnus -"

80 Wonderful

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82 Like a raisin

83 \_ deco

85 Lodge brother

86 Part of MPH

87 Stalk

88 Infantry action

91 Cosmetician

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95 Take the honey and run

97 Walker's "The \_ Purple"

99 Pat on the buns?

101 Sign a contract

102 Declaim

104 Start of an African anthem?

108 Nasty

109 Puccini's " \_ Lescaut"

110 Secure the ship

111 Scoundrels

112 Cow's cry

114 LP successors

117 Most minute

121 Potpourri

122 British buggy

124 African movie theme song?

127 Wise \_ owl

128 Turner or Wood

129 Aromatic plant

130 Mrs. Charlie Chaplin

131 Looney Tunes critter

132 In addition

133 Salem's state

134 Manipulates

**DOWN**

1 Deep unconsciousness

2 Smith or Sandler

3 Actress Negri

4 Much valued

5 "Bali \_"

6 Select, with "for"

7 Pinion's partner

8 Flu symptom

9 Chinese Olympic skater

10 Chariot follower

11 Security grp.

12 Ann \_ , MI

13 New Mexico resort

14 Court sport

15 Beach Boys' African hit?

16 Knock for \_ (astonish)

17 Skirt feature

21 One of the Borgias

23 Soccer superstar

31 Tempest \_ teapot

32 Parisian pronoun

34 TV's "The \_ of Night"

35 Card collection

36 Actress Alicia

38 Deed

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40 Actress Hagen

41 Tierra \_ Fuego

42 Connecticut campus

43 Grabbed

44 Start wool gathering

48 Mall madness

50 Upshot

51 Proverb

53 It'll give you a weigh

54 Jackrabbit, for one

56 O'Hara homestead

58 Settle a score

61 Go to bed

63 Certain singer

65 Make a pile

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73 Paper quantity

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78 Sib's kid

82 Trepidation

84 It may be small

88 Mindy of "The Facts of Life"

89 Approximately

90 Abound (with)

92 Archaic contraction

93 Compass pt.

94 Scrape by, with "out"

96 Bastille, e.g.

98 Mauna \_

100 Yoko \_

103 Curly Shirley

105 Stick-in-the-mud?

106 Cry of distress

107 " \_ Lonesome Tonight?" ('60 hit)

108 Taco topping

109 Haunted-house sounds

111 Paint layer

113 Spoken

115 Barry or Brubeck

116 Stocking mishap

118 Baseball's Slaughter

119 Unit of loudness

120 " \_ brillig..."

123 West of Hollywood

124 Day- \_

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

*Q: I am 59 years old and receive Social Security disability. My wife is 54 years old and also is disabled. But she has been turned down for Social Security. She didn't work very much and only has six years of Social Security coverage. Does that mean she will never be able to draw Social Security or Medicare?*

A: It means she will never be able to draw Social Security on her own record. But she might qualify for Social Security and Medicare on your record when she's old enough. Social Security and Medicare are insurance programs. She must be

"vested" in the system to qualify for benefits on her own record. Most people, including your wife, need 40 credits (about 10 years of work) to meet the minimum qualification requirements. So assuming she never works again, the only way she will get Social Security benefits is on your record. However, we do not pay benefits to wives until they reach 62. If your income is very low, you might want to ask your local Social Security office about the Supplemental Security Income program or talk to your local welfare office about food stamps or other help.

*Q: I soon will be 60 years old and am afraid I will not qualify for widow's benefits at that time. I was married to my husband for many years. But four years after he died, I married another man. That marriage was later annulled because of fraud on his part. Did that mistake mess up my chance to get my first husband's Social Security?*

A: Don't worry. When you turn 60, you will be eligible for widow's benefits on your first husband's Social Security record. The fact that your second marriage ended (or because it was annulled, it legally never happened) is the key. The law says you merely have to be unmarried in order to qualify for a deceased

husband's Social Security. So, because you are now unmarried, you will get widow's benefits on your first husband's Social Security record when you turn 60.

*Q: I am 68 and my husband is 67. He started his Social Security at 62, and I'm getting a wife's benefit on his record. If he dies before me, will I get the 80 percent rate he's getting for taking early retirement? Or will I get the 100 percent rate I understand widows are due after age 65?*

A: You'll get 100 percent of his 80 percent rate. Does that make sense? In other words, if your husband dies, you'll start getting whatever Social Security benefit he was getting at the

time of his death. In addition, you would also get a one-time \$255 death benefit.

*Q: I'm about to turn 65, and I heard Medicare will not cover any pre-existing conditions I have. Is this true?*




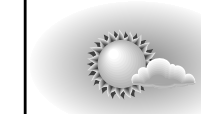
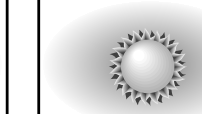
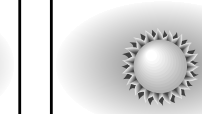
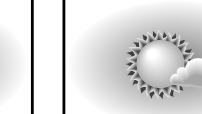
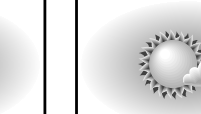
A: No, it's not. Medicare will cover you no matter what state of health you're in when you turn 65.

For more information visit your local Security office, see [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

WEATHER

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THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
							
▲ 94°	▼ 68°	▲ 96° ▼ 68°	▲ 96° ▼ 70°	▲ 94° ▼ 72°	▲ 94° ▼ 72°	▲ 96° ▼ 70°	▲ 94° ▼ 70°

UV INDEX

Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday	9	Very High
Friday	9	Very High
Saturday	10	Very High
Sunday	10	Very High
Monday	10	Very High
Tuesday	10	Very High
Wednesday	10	Very High

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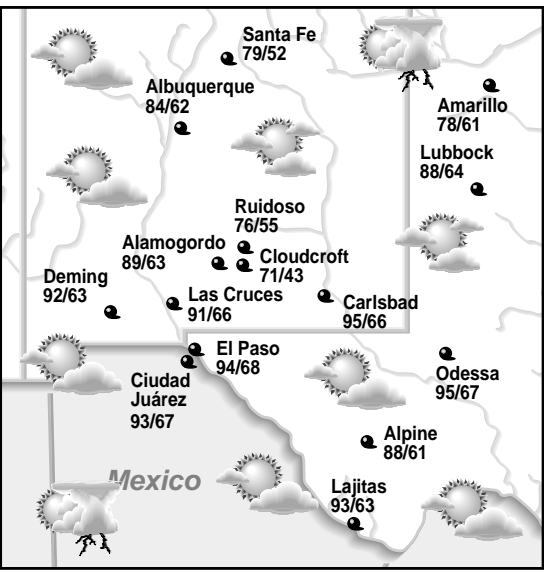
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Thursday	96°
Friday	89°
Saturday	87°
Sunday	87°
Monday	93°
Tuesday	97°
Wednesday	96°

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	93	68
Canutillo	94	69
Clint	93	68
E. Montana	94	68
Fabens	93	68
Horizon	94	69
San Elizario	90	66
Socorro	93	67
Tornillo	93	68
Vinton	94	69


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	84/62/pc	89/62/pc	87/60/s	87/62/s	88/57/s
Atlanta	84/68/t	84/68/t	84/66/t	82/68/c	87/68/c
Atlantic City	81/57/t	79/57/pc	78/60/pc	81/61/pc	80/56/pc
Austin/San Antonio	91/69/pc	95/72/pc	95/72/s	98/72/s	97/75/pc
Baltimore	84/62/c	82/58/pc	84/62/pc	86/66/s	82/57/pc
Boston	76/58/t	72/58/pc	72/62/c	70/62/sh	81/64/s
Chicago	74/56/pc	78/58/s	82/60/s	81/61/c	78/56/c
Dallas/Ft. Worth	88/70/c	91/71/pc	95/75/pc	95/74/s	94/72/pc
Denver	76/55/pc	84/57/pc	84/55/s	80/53/s	80/55/s
Flagstaff	78/40/s	78/40/s	80/42/s	82/44/s	80/43/s
Houston	92/72/pc	93/73/pc	93/74/s	94/76/pc	94/74/pc
Kansas City	85/61/s	85/64/pc	88/66/pc	85/64/c	83/62/pc
Las Vegas	100/74/s	98/74/s	96/72/s	98/73/s	100/75/s
Miami	90/78/t	91/79/pc	91/78/pc	91/79/pc	91/76/pc
Minneapolis	82/60/s	84/62/s	82/60/pc	79/62/c	77/59/c
New Orleans	90/77/c	92/77/t	91/77/t	91/76/c	92/74/pc
New York City	80/62/t	79/65/pc	77/68/pc	82/68/pc	82/66/s
Philadelphia	82/62/c	80/62/pc	82/64/pc	84/66/pc	83/62/pc
Phoenix	103/78/s	103/76/s	103/76/s	105/78/s	105/76/s
Portland	70/54/pc	66/52/c	68/54/c	73/54/c	74/51/pc
San Francisco	64/54/pc	66/52/s	72/52/s	74/54/s	71/55/s
Seattle	66/52/c	64/50/c	66/52/c	67/53/c	68/45/pc
Tucson	100/70/s	98/68/s	98/68/s	99/69/s	103/69/s
Washington, DC	84/64/c	84/64/pc	86/66/pc	86/68/s	83/63/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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