



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Patriotic parade in Anthony July 4

The Town of Anthony is having its annual 4th of July parade and is expecting it to be the best ever. The parade will follow a route starting on Acosta Road in Anthony, New Mexico, following Main Street to Franklin Street and east on Franklin to its conclusion at Anthony Park. Starting time is 10 a.m. and 65 to 75 units are expected to participate from the surrounding areas. This year's theme is "Honoring our Heroes — the US Armed Forces" and floats and participants are urged to reflect this theme in support of our men and women in uniform. An addition to this year's parade will be the participation of local businesses along the parade route giving out refreshments, goodies and balloons to the community and there will be trophies presented to the first, second and third place participants. Anyone is welcome to participate by calling the Town of Anthony office at 886-3944.

### No trash July 4

Customers of the El Paso County Water Authority, which services the Horizon area, will not receive trash pick-up service on Independence Day, Friday, July 4. The new contract with Solid Waste Systems gives the company major holidays off. Other holidays include New Year's Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Trash will be picked up the next regularly scheduled day after the holiday. Company owner, Kip Crowther, told the *Courier* it's nice "but on Memorial Day we forgot. It's so new we had picked up the most of (Horizon) Heights before we remembered." The primary reason the company now takes these days off is because the Clint Landfill is closed. "We haul the same amount of trash either way," said Crowther. The Fourth will affect Tuesday/Friday customers in Agua Dulce, Lakeway, Horizon Manor, and Units 47, 48 and 50.

### Housing dedication

The Lower Valley Housing Corporation dedicated a new subdivision of self-help homes on June 5 near Horizon City. The subdivision will consist of 233 homes, all with an average appraised value of \$65,000 but which, with "sweat equity" will cost the new owners only \$44,000. Families work in groups of six to 14 to perform about 80 percent of the construction on the homes. No one moves in until all the homes are complete. The subdivision is expected to be complete within three years. The dedication ceremony was hosted by Dan Haggerty, El Paso County Commissioner, with special guest Arthur Garcia, administrator of the Rural Housing Services in Washington, D.C. The

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*One sure way to test your will power is to see a friend with a black eye and not ask any questions.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Get back to basics...

# Retiring teacher looks back at the good and bad in public education

By Phillip Cortez  
*Special to the Courier*

SAN ELIZARIO — Jeralyn DeFrank is busy cleaning out an old file cabinet in the corner of her San Elizario High School office, placing folders in boxes and other nagging end-of-school duties so many teachers and administrators attend to this time of the year.

For DeFrank, however, it's her end-of-career duties that keep her busy this morning, one week before her retirement becomes official.

But it wasn't supposed to be this way, DeFrank said. Like so many of us, Jeralyn DeFrank's career in education started off by accident.

As a junior at Texas Western College (now UTEP), DeFrank, like many young adults her age, wanted a little bit of freedom. So she

decided to move out of her parent's house and quickly realized that it was going to take money to attain this freedom.

"I just thought that I'd be a substitute teacher on the days I didn't go to school," DeFrank said.

Little did this red-headed Sociology major know she was going to find her calling, taking the lessons of absent teachers and "really affecting someone's mind."

"This is awesome," DeFrank thought to herself. So she proceeded to change her major from Sociology to Education. She later earned a Master's in Education Administration.

As DeFrank looks back on a long career, she notes the many changes that have taken place in the world of public education since she took her first teaching job at South Loop Elemen-

tary School in the Ysleta Independent School District in 1965. She specifically points to a need for teachers to help students get back to basics.

"We're taking a more global approach to education now but we don't focus on the basics like we used to," DeFrank says. "Although

kids today are expected to learn a lot more, a lot of the basics (grammar, reading, writing) are becoming lost."

"I still think we're going to be judged on how well we write, speak and on our manners," she continues. "There still needs to be an emphasis on basics because we seem to be lacking in that."

DeFrank has also seen changes in testing, saying that Texas is "so test-driven now." Although the emphasis on state test results has had a negative effect on curriculum, testing has caused us to look at all kids, she said.

Today, as she boxes up 35 years of fond memories, DeFrank wears a wide smile as she ponders what she's going to do with the abundance of time she'll now have.

"I'll probably be open to stuff that I didn't know was out there," she said, adding that learning the piano could be an option. "I think that one of the things that put me off about retiring was asking myself the question, 'what do I do?'"

One option for DeFrank is going back to the point where her passion for teaching first began, as a substitute teacher not too far from the adobe home she loves and shares with her husband, Mike, and the three acres it sits on in the Lower Valley.

Now all they need is room for a piano.



Jeralyn DeFrank smiles for the camera as she cleaned out filing cabinet drawers. Some of her numerous awards are still on the wall behind her.

## Socorro ISD recycles more than 223 tons of materials

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Students, teachers and employees of the Socorro school district recycled 223.55 tons of materials during the 2002-2003 school year. District Recycling Coordinator Richard Chacon says the program's success is shown in the numbers.

"SISD helped conserve 3,763 trees, 1,568,000 gallons of water, 538 barrels of oil and 515 cubic yards of landfill space. The numbers give us a better understanding of how we save our natural resources by recycling, and recy-

cling materials is one of the easiest and most practical," says Chacon.

As for campus efforts, Chacon says Socorro High School recycled the most material with a total of 25.5 tons, followed closely by O'Shea Keleher Elementary School with 25.3 tons of recycled materials. William D. Slider Middle School rounded out the top three with 19.3 tons.

Chacon says his program plans to honor the efforts of those campuses at the beginning of the 2003-2004 school year.

## Socorro hires city attorney

By Arleen Beard  
*Special to the Courier*

SOCORRO — Socorro's former City Attorney Francisco Dominguez, who resigned his position last month for undisclosed reasons, will be replaced permanently by Chris Borunda.

During the May 15, 2003 regularly scheduled Socorro Council meeting, Council temporarily appointed Ms. Borunda, who is also currently attorney for the Civil Service Commission, to the position. However, some Socorro city officials, including Mayor Irma Sanchez, said her service representing both the council and the commission, which has oversight of personnel complaints against the city, would be a conflict of interest.

However, on Thursday, June 19, Council made Ms. Borunda's appointment permanent under the same contract the city had with Dominguez.

In other business, several community residents voiced their opposition to the rezoning of Carreta Lane to allow the owner to build an apartment complex there.

Several other residents spoke in favor of the apartment complex.

Some of the concerns of the residents in opposition included violence that could take place and also the lack of having residents on a long-term basis.

The residents in favor of the apartment complex said the additional housing is needed in the area and it would also replace what they called "unsightly, unkept acreage" currently visible on the land in question. Council chose to table the item in order to allow them to investigate the area indepth.

A public hearing was held regarding the completion of the Office of Rural Community Affairs Planning and Capacity Building Fund Grant Contract Number 721174. There was no public input, therefore, Mayor Sanchez closed the meeting.

On a separate agenda item, Council accepted the recommendation from City Attorney Borunda regarding the implementation of "Roberts Rules of Order" for all future council meetings. Council will be implementing Roberts Rules Of Order immediately.

## Town of Anthony appoints police chief

ANTHONY — Anthony Mayor Art Franco has announced the appointment of Ed Miranda as Chief of Police for the Town of Anthony. Miranda comes to the Anthony Police Department from the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department where he retired after 16 years.

While at the sheriff's department Miranda served in many positions starting as a deputy, became an investigator and retired with the rank of sergeant. He also was the spokesman for the sheriff's

department and was involved in many high profile cases while with the department.

According to Mayor Franco, Miranda brings many years of experience and professionalism to the police department and his experience with the media and community relations will enhance Anthony's goal of establishing a community oriented police department.

The Anthony town council approved the appointment unanimously and he began his duties on Monday, June 16.





# One perspective

By Francis Shrum

## Sweet memories and stinky feet

There's an old saying about a man who cried because he had no shoes until he met a man who had no feet. Well, I have both, and they sure do stink.

But I'm not the only one. My feet alone couldn't possibly produce this much odor. Besides, when I was throwing a pair of my youngun's sneakers into the back of this car a few minutes ago I got light-headed.

You see, we've been to summer camp. In the part of Texas where it actually rains.

I knew I should have taken better care of our feet. I was given full instruction on this matter by the fastidious Lt. Dan in that modern American classic *Forest Gump*. The poor fellow was almost beside himself as he stridently urged his underlings to keep their feet dry and swathed in clean socks during their tour of military duty in Vietnam.

Now, I know the Dallas area of Texas isn't Vietnam and I figured it made sense to go without my socks if I were wearing sandals. Not so. All the ingredients that make for a really obnoxious pair of stinky socks simply soaked back into the bottoms of my feet and into the footbeds of my shoes.

The first thing to get unloaded and tossed in the washer is several pairs of shoes.

I missed camp last summer and was glad to get the opportunity to return — my girls go as campers, myself as a "helper."

Being a helper is a widely varied occupation. You may be assigned to the kitchen, to arts and crafts, or to chauffeur, all of which I enjoy. Or maybe you won't be assigned to anything specific and are simply expected to use your head to see where you can be of the most use.

This can be tricky. Sometimes you duplicate what someone else has already done, or expects to do and would have done differently than you did. Sometimes you get so involved in this exercise that you forget what you were already doing.

One youngster asked me one morning if she could have her bagel cold. Why, I asked. Well, she said, if it goes into the oven it'll come out burned. Oh, she of little faith!

I loved watching their faces as they trundled through the food line, comparing the camp fare with Mom's and, of course, finding it lacking. By the second day we had fewer picky eaters.

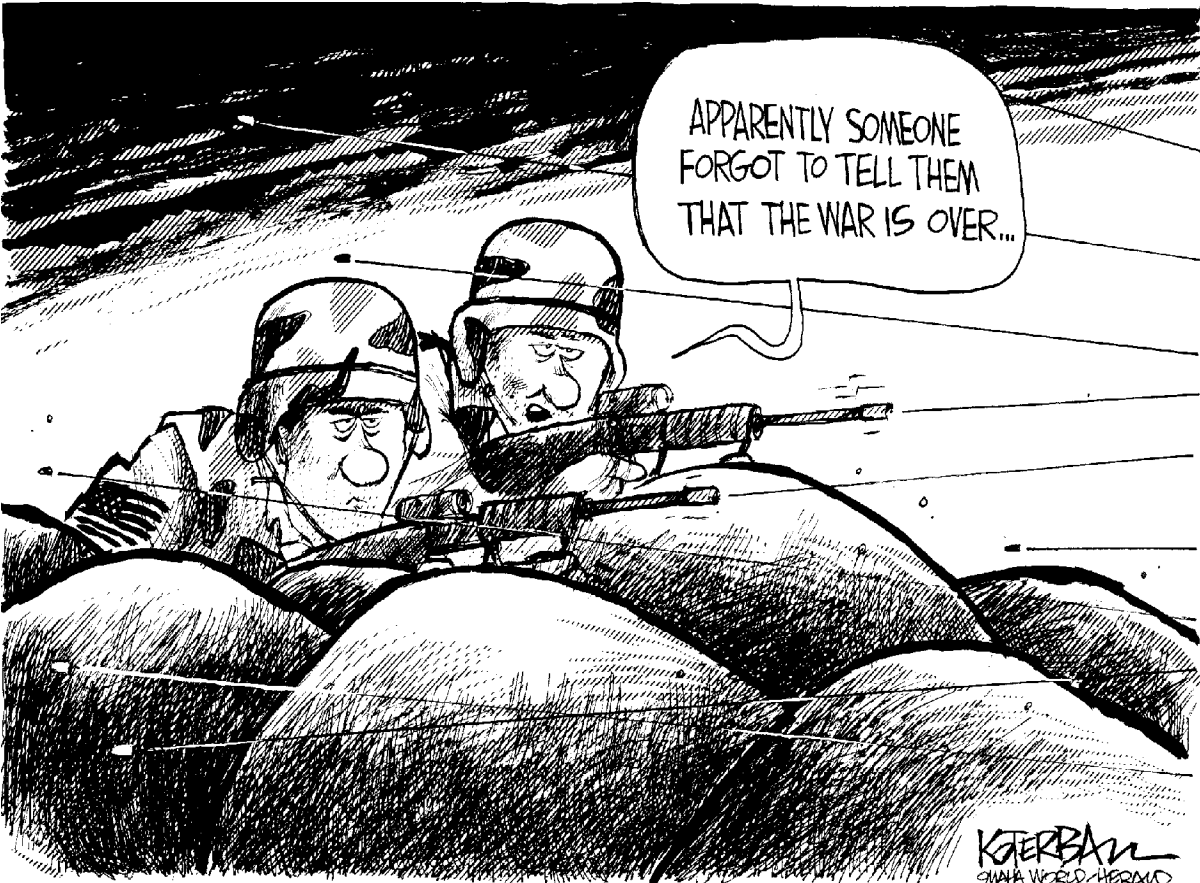
One thing about being a helper, though, is that you must take time to smell the roses or else you'll just wind up smelling the stinky feet. To that end, I made sure to attend all the evening campfires and the morning Bible studies. That's when the true treasure comes out in our kids.

Campfire songs are one of those things people like to label as being corny but in reality, when experienced, are simply great fun.

We sang one little ditty about a fellow who was bemoaning the fact that his goose didn't sing as well as his neighbor's, though he paid twice as much for his. This was, of course, ripe for abuse and was re-sung any number of ways including how come his goose didn't taste as well as the other man's even though he had basted his goose twice as long.

Even the old classic *Clementine* didn't escape a little creative abuse when the lover of the ill-fated Clementine was accused of being a

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

### Head start levels the playing field for low-income children

In El Paso, about 3,800 children and their families reap the benefits of Head Start.

Region 19 Head Start Centers are located across El Paso and touch the lives of many of our low-income residents. Head Start provides comprehensive social and educational services to children under age five.

The services provided are extremely important — children who might not receive dental exams or nutritionally balanced meals do so through Head Start. Head Start includes parents in their programs as well, integrating the entire family into the process. By building the foundation for healthy children and families, Head Start children are in a much better position to excel academically.

Head Start is run by the Department of Health and Human Services, and Congress has re-authorized, or established policies for, the program every five years. Head Start is up for re-authorization this year and Congress is debating proposed changes to the program.

Members of the Republican party, including President Bush, want to refocus the program so that it mainly stresses education. In his fiscal year 2004 budget request, President Bush proposed to move Head Start under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education and give block grants to states to administer the program.

House Republicans recently approved legislation that also emphasized preparing children academically for kindergarten and would allow eight states to take over control of Head Start in a demonstration project.

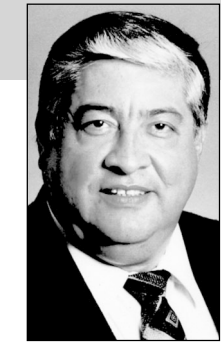
Passage of this Republican proposed legislation could potentially devastate Head Start. States are currently experiencing huge budget deficits. The money they would receive to administer Head Start would be on a discretionary basis. States are already cutting their own funds for early education and child care.

According to Ms. Blanca Enriquez, Executive Director of Region 19 Head Start, the program could potentially turn into 50 different programs, with a wide array of standards. All children in our country deserve the same high quality standards received under the current Head Start program. The state of Texas, for example, does not have performance standards for the holistic development of children as does Head Start. Without the federal standards now in place, low-income Texas children might not receive the developmental and health services they need.

Head Start works and has worked since its inception in 1965. The most recent Family and Child Experiences Survey (January 2001) found that Head Start graduates enter kindergarten "ready to learn." Other recent studies found that children who attended Head Start are less likely to repeat a grade, less likely to require

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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Tying med school to redistricting not fair

Wednesday, June 18, 2003 I received a letter sent via fax to me from our Gov. Rick Perry. To my immediate surprise, I read that he was notifying both chambers for a special session beginning June 30 for the primary purpose of addressing congressional redistricting. I thought that issue was done and over. I thought U.S. Congressman Tom Delay was taught his lesson and he had left Texas alone and apart from Washington D.C. politics... but apparently not.

What was most disturbing from the Governor's letter was the second paragraph he included to say, "Once legislators have begun their work on this important issue, I will consider expanding the call to other unfinished business from the 78th Regular Session, such as funding for the Regional Academic Health Center and Texas Tech Medical School, and other important matters." Is he looping congressional redistricting to El Paso's

need for a medical school? Although I do not agree that we should spend close to \$1.7 million in taxpayers money addressing a special session on redistricting — I welcome the challenge. What I strongly object to is the idea of discussing our medical school funding in a redistricting special session. To me, that's an outrage.

The Governor is playing political games, where he is trying to press delegations to choose between vital border issues and his redistricting efforts. I will not support the redistricting bill unless it is fair to all Texans. The medical school should stand on its own merit and not be tied in with the redistricting issue. El Paso deserves a medical school and should not be short changed through political maneuverings.

Border citizens need health care. They need to be able to access all the rights and benefits allowed to those Texans who don't reside in border areas. Non-border Texans receive, as a matter of course, a cornucopia of benefits that do not extend to us. The needs of border citizens should not

be relegated to the question of who's in power or what issue lies in D.C or on the governor's desk. (An) El Paso four year medical school should not be part of this redistricting issue and its future should not be held hostage simply because Gov. Perry insists that we tackle the issue of redistricting.

What Perry is doing is playing hardball politics. Nothing more, nothing less. He's telling us that we'd better let him play his way and with his ball, or he's going to take his ball and go home, leaving us in the lurch in our efforts to provide improved health care for our constituents. Perry's special call, slated for June 30, places us legislators in a very precarious position.

Not only will it be expensive — a special session costs taxpayers about \$1.7 million — but it will be futile. Does Gov. Perry expect us to just take his political maneuvering lying down? Does he not realize that even if a redistricting plan passes it will be challenged in court? I ask Gov. Perry: How can you politicize our citizens' most basic needs? We're

The rising cost of health insurance gives small business aches and pains

When discussing the needs of small businesses with my colleagues in Washington, I often compare small business with the human body. For small businesses to remain healthy and happy they must be able to provide health care to their employees. Without this option, like the body, the small business weakens and grows ill. The rising cost of health insurance is a major concern for the small businesses that I represent. Unfortunately, under the current system, many small businesses struggle to provide even basic health coverage to their employees. Hopefully, all that is about to change.

eration of Independent Business, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Restaurant Association could offer group health insurance to their member companies, allowing the small businesses to enjoy the same economies of scale as large corporations.

Of the 41 million Americans without health insurance, 60 percent work for small business employers who can't afford to provide them or their families with health care coverage. It is a crisis in this country that threatens to leave millions more Americans without health insurance. By passing legislation expanding the use of AHPs, this Congress can go a long way towards providing health insurance to millions of uninsured Americans.

The fact is, with more than two-thirds of all Americans relying on their employer for health insurance, we can't afford to continue this disturbing trend. The result of all this isn't hard to predict. Businesses can and clearly are dropping health benefits. Others struggle onward in providing coverage, but only at the cost of the growth of the business, or offering packages with higher premiums, or a combination of both.

Small business is the backbone of our communities, the brain of our nation's economy and the heart of American culture. I am committed to keeping small business healthy and strong for many years to come.



By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Eye on D.C.

Congress voted this week on crucial legislation to bring down the surging costs of health care for America's 25 million small business owners and their employees. This Congress is committed to helping small business men and women and is pursuing an aggressive agenda designed to foster and grow their companies. I believe the passage of the "Small Business Health Fairness Act" is a great step in the direction of achieving this commitment.

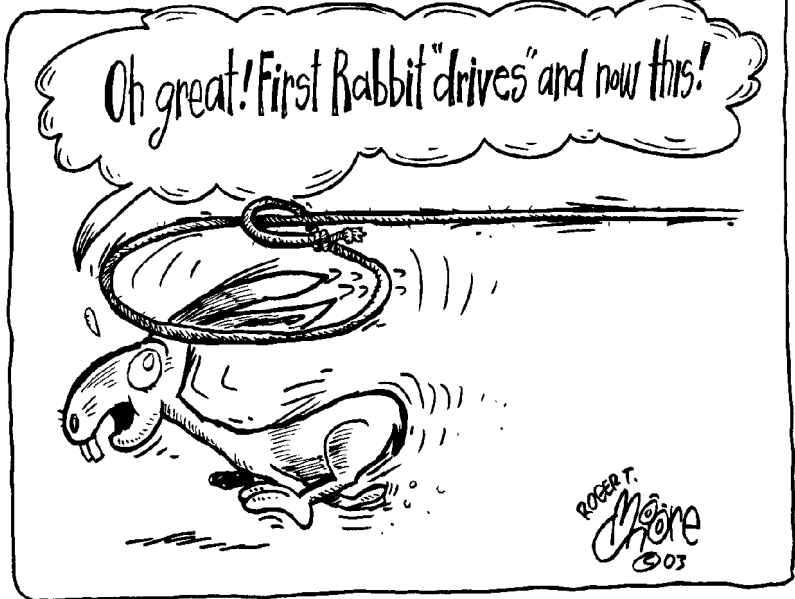
The "Small Business Health Fairness Act" would create national Association Health Plans (AHPs). These plans would allow small businesses to band together through associations and purchase quality health care at a lower cost. Under the bill, groups such as the National Fed-

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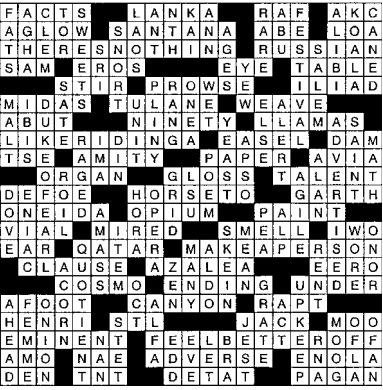
talking about necessities. The medical school is a necessity. Don't allow Washington politics to get in El Paso's way, when we are working hard to do right by those who need the most help. I trust our governor will reconsider not tying the El Paso's

medical school during this special session and be assured that I will fight for our immediate need for our well deserved four-year Texas Tech Medical school.

Thank you, and I remain, Chente for la gente

# Bojorquez to author municipal law manual

AUSTIN — Austin lawyer Alan J. Bojorquez has been selected by the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program to be the new author of the Texas Municipal Law and Procedure



Manual. He will replace State Rep. Ron Clark, who has been appointed to a federal judgeship by President George W. Bush.

Bojorquez is co-founder of the firm Bovey, Akers and Bojorquez, LLP, primarily representing municipalities. He was a former assistant general counsel with the Texas Municipal League, worked with local governments as an associate with another law firm, and was a staff lawyer for the Texas General Land Office.

While earning a Doctorate of Jurisprudence and Master of Public Administration degrees from Texas Tech, he interned with the cities of Lubbock and Garland.

Currently an Adjunct Professor of Political Science at Southwest Texas State University, Bojorquez was recently elected to represent 13 states, including Texas, on the National Council of the American Society for Public Administration.

As an established writer and frequent speaker at municipal seminars, he said he looks forward to updating the Municipal Manual and making substantive revisions. It serves as a desk reference for municipal clerks, city managers, city attorneys, and other government officials on virtually every important area of law affecting municipal governments.

A 1986 graduate of Socorro High School, Bojorquez is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bojorquez of Horizon City.

## “You Drink & Drive. You Lose”

# You’ll owe, you’ll owe, and off to jail you’ll go

“There will be no warnings,” said Horizon City Police Sgt. Ron Swenson. “Our message is simple: You drink and drive, you lose.” Sgt. Swenson was addressing HCPD’s part in a national crack-down on drunk drivers during the long Fourth of July celebration.

From June 27-July 13, police will be actively seeking drunk drivers and getting them off the road to prevent what is traditionally a deadly time of year. Planning ahead is necessary if you intend to drink away from home and, Swenson said,

“Most likely if you’re feeling ‘buzzed’ you are impaired.”

HCPD recommends that if you plan to drive, don’t drink; otherwise, select a sober designated driver, take a cab or ask a sober friend to drive you home. Another suggestions is to simply stay where you are. To report impaired drivers call 546-2280 or 911.

The “You Drink & Drive. You Lose” national campaign is sponsored by the Texas Dept. of Transportation and the National Highway Safety Administration.

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## PUBLIC MEETING

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) of the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will hold a **PUBLIC MEETING on FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2003, at 9:00 A.M., at The El Paso International Airport, La Placita Conference Room, 6701 Convair Rd., El Paso, Texas 79925.** A copy of the agenda can be found on our Web Page at <http://www.elpasompo.org>. For more information contact the MPO Office at (915) 591-9735, Ext. 11.

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## Fabens Independent School District PUBLIC NOTICE

Public review of the federal application for educational funding for Fabens ISD will be held on June 26, 2003 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Central Office Board Room, 821 N.E. “G” Avenue, Fabens, Texas.

## Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens AVISO PUBLICO

Revision publica de la solicitud federal para fondos educacionales para Fabens ISD se llevara a cabo el 26 de junio 2003 de las 9 a.m. a las 10:30 a.m. en la Oficina Central de Fabens, 821 N.E. “G” Avenue.

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## Town of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

During the regular council meeting on May 13, 2003, the Town of Horizon City approved the following:

- 1) Ordinance No. 0107 Regulating street names and addresses within the Town of Horizon City;
- 2) Amendment No. 002 to Zoning Ordinance No. 0102 - Amend Appendix III Fee Schedule for building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing permits.

Ordinances are available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sandra Sierra  
City Clerk

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event was scheduled to coincide with National Homeownership Month. The LVHC has, over the last 12 years, produced 882 units, with a taxable evaluation of \$44 million. Garcia announced that President Bush plans to double the number of mutual self-help houses in rural America in 2004. Information on the sweat equity program is available at 915-764-3413.

## In other news

■ U.S. Border Patrol agents from Santa Teresa seized more than a ton of marijuana and arrested a 20-year-old Los Angeles man last Wednesday, June 18 after they tracked a 1997 GMC pickup suspected of entering through a border fence in the Santa Teresa area at about 6:30 a.m. After the driver failed to yield to an attempted traffic stop and eventually became stuck in an embankment, agents arrested him as he fled on foot from the scene. In the vehicle they found 2,165 pounds of marijuana wrapped in cellophane bundles. Its street value is about \$1,732,000. A two-way radio communications system was also in the vehicle.

■ Police are seeking public assistance to find the perpetrators of a burglary in Fabens during the early morning hours of Sunday, May 25. At least two suspects entered the Good Times Store at 101 West Main St. by breaking out the glass in the front door window. They removed several 18 packs of beer and were last seen running east towards N. Fabens St. They are described as Hispanic males, about 5-feet, four-inches tall and wearing dark clothing. In another case, police are seeking two male suspects who approached a couple using an ATM at 12020 Rojas Dr. at about 9:30 p.m. on March 30. The two men robbed the couple at gun-point and fled on foot. They are described as males, about five feet, six inches tall and about 160 pounds, dressed in dark clothing and wearing ski masks. A cash reward of up to \$1,000 is being offered for information in either of these cases by calling 24-hour Crime Stoppers at 566-8477. In-

formants may remain anonymous.

■ Horizon City American Legion Post #598 will again host a celebration of the Fourth of July honoring the independence of our nation. Community festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with food, games, door prizes and something special for the kids. Fireworks will begin at dark. The Post is located at 13000 Horizon Blvd. Call 852-4823 for information.

■ How to find the clown in you and how to get it out will be addressed during an informational meeting regarding free classes in the art of clowning, presented at the El Paso County Library in Fabens on Saturday, June 28, at 10 a.m. Information: 764-2062.

■ An enchilada supper on Saturday, June 28 is being sponsored by the Church of Incarnation Episcopal in Horizon City from 4-7 p.m. The event will be at 15000 Darrington Rd. and cost is \$3 per person. Menu includes enchiladas, beans, rice, salad and beverage.

■ Want to get to a higher elevation for the Fourth? The 20th Annual Independence Day Celebration in Timberon, N.M. will be held Saturday, July 5 beginning with a free breakfast (donations accepted) at the Fire Station 7:30-9 a.m. Events to follow include a parade at 10:30 a.m., a golf tournament, a Library Book Sale, Little Theater Silent Auction, arts and crafts fair, and lots of food and fun. The Rim Riders will play for a dance 11 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. on the Lodge porch. For more information call Trudy Lidbeck at (505) 987-2433 or Pam Chamberlain at (505)-987-2263.

■ U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla says he believes that the United States flag is a symbol of the enduring principles of our nation and should not be desecrated, therefore he recently co-sponsored and voted for a measure that would prohibit the physical desecration of the flag in the United States. The legislation proposes an amendment to the Constitution authorizing Congress to protect the flag. The measure was approved by the House of Representatives by a vote of 300 to 125 and if approved by two-thirds of the Senate, the measure would insert the following sentence into the United States Constitution: “The Congress

shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.”

■ Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Ricardo Gallardo, son of Maria and Ricardo Gallardo of Fabens, was recently selected Junior Sailor of the Month with Helicopter Mine Countermeasures 15, and he received a Letter of Commendation for outstanding professional accomplishment, leadership initiative and military bearing. He is a 2000 graduate of Fabens High School. Also, Navy Petty Officer First Class Manuel A. Solano recently returned from a nine-month deployment with the amphibious assault ship USS Nassau as one of some 4,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines deployed as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is the son of Luz and Andres M. Solano and graduated from Socorro High School in 1990.

■ A new free Consumer Information Catalog is being offered by the U.S. General Services Administration with more than 200 free and low-cost publications that can help you save money, eat right, stay healthy, take care of your kids, travel safely and more. You can receive the catalog by calling toll-free at 1-888-878-3256, log on at [www.pueblo.gsa.gov](http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov) or write Consumer Information Catalog, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

■ Congressman Henry Bonilla has announced that he has secured more than \$5.6 million in funding for three important projects in West Texas: \$363,000 for meat, goat and wool research; \$3.8 million for efficient irrigation technologies research; and \$1.5 million for the West Texas Telecommunications Project. Bonilla visited Fort Stockton this spring to view the new technology and meet NRCS employees. “I’ve always said that the Agriculture Subcommittee touches lives on a daily basis. This is living proof that what we do makes a difference,” said Bonilla. He has represented West Texas since his first election in 1992. He serves as chair of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee and is also a senior member of the Defense and Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittees.



For Sanity's Sake

By Taprina Milburn

# Ten habits of highly over-scheduled moms

1. Tries to listen to everyone in her family speak to her at once and actually thinks she can solve everyone's problem at once. "Where is my wallet?" "Mom, can you sign my report card?" "I can't get the VCR to work."
2. In the midst of scheduling play dates for her children and getting them to birthday parties and sporting events, often forgets that she also has friends who like to play.
3. Relaxing means one or all of the following: 1) taking reading material into the bathroom with her; 2) reading her mail in the car while waiting to pick kids up from school; and/or 3) reading magazines in the grocery store checkout lane.
4. Is more familiar with controls in her minivan than with her kitchen appliances.
5. Can pass out snacks, drink coffee and referee fights while merging minivan into highway traffic.
6. If she remembers to bring camera to kids' very important self-esteem-building events, usually forgets film or charged batteries.
7. Would lend you the shirt off her back — that is, if you don't mind wearing something she's shrunk in the dryer or spilled paint on.
8. Gets kids to music lesson on time but often without music books.
9. Calendar is almost illegible because of programs, birthdays and meetings written in.
10. Often fantasizes about throwing out the alarm clock and calendar, unplugging the phone and taking a very long nap.
- Buy your over-scheduled mom a card. She may need some new reading material.
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## Memories

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"lily-livered land lubber who wouldn't have lost his Clementine if he had learned to swim" — all delivered in the best pirate brogue left over from the evening's treasure hunt.

One Bible discussion about talents brought up the Dutch artist van

Gogh, which led to one youngster piping up: "Did you know that van Gogh shaved off one of his own ears with a razor?"

More information than I needed.

The reasons why people sign on as staff for a kid's camp are as varied as they are unfathomable. Most of us had a vested interest — the stinky-footed child who, after four days of stewing in the summer humidity, can get pretty ripe.

## Reyes

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special education classes, and are less likely to be charged or convicted of a crime. Head Start graduates are also more likely to complete high school and college and earn more as adults than their peers who did not have the benefit of Head Start's services.

The key to Head Start's success is its holistic approach. In order to give low-income children a "head start," they need more than reading and writing skills. They need nutritious meals,

medical and dental visits, and a stable environment. All of which are currently provided in the program.

I grew up speaking Spanish in Canutillo. When I started school at six years old, I only spoke Spanish. The teacher only spoke English, so the other Spanish-speaking children and I were bumped down to a new "pre-kinder" class so we would not hold the others back. Throughout my years in school, my peers assumed that I had failed a grade because I was older than everyone else.

Head Start, which was created after I began school, leveled the playing field for Spanish-speaking children.

# Macias graduates from U.S. Naval Academy



Erika Macias

MARYLAND — Navy Ensign Erika Macias, daughter of Connie and Armando Macias of El Paso County, recently graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and was commissioned to her current rank in the U.S. Navy.

Macias is a 1998 graduate of Socorro High School.

She successfully completed four years of intensive academic, physical and professional training which resulted in a bachelor of science with a major in English.

As a graduate of the Naval Academy, she has completed a four-year,

total-immersion program where a strong, balanced academic program focused on the educational needs of the Navy and Marine Corps is superimposed on a strict, professional military leadership training environment.

Considered one of the top institutions in the country, the U.S. Naval Academy was founded in 1845, and has graduated more than 60,000 men and women, among whom are 4,000 admirals and generals, one president, 200 members of Congress, three governors, 73 Medal of Honor winners, one Nobel Prize winner and 40 astronauts.

# Historical Commission offers vacation alternatives

AUSTIN — If fighting crowds at the local theme park isn't your idea of a dream vacation, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) offers an alternative. Before planning your summer vacation, contact the THC for free travel guides to heritage and cultural destinations around Texas that inspire and educate.

"These driving trails guide visitors through such places as the Texas Forts Trail Region where travelers experience first-hand the flavor of the western frontier, or Los Caminos del Rio, with its Spanish Colonial villages, unique architecture and natural beauty," said Janie Headrick, director of the THC's Texas Heritage Trails Program.

The THC works to protect, preserve and promote historic and cultural resources across the state by offering free travel guides that highlight Texas' rich heritage. These brochures showcase one-of-a-kind festivals, historic sites, shopping and Texas cuisine. They give families and individuals a valuable opportunity to see up close what makes the state special.

The THC offers seven themed travel guides — Texas Forts Trail Region, Texas Independence Trail Region, Texas Forest Trail Region, African Americans in Texas: Historical and Cultural Legacies, The Chisholm Trail, Texas in the Civil War and Los Caminos del Rio: Legacies of the Borderlands. To request a free copy, call 512/463-6254 or visit [www.thc.state.tx.us/travel](http://www.thc.state.tx.us/travel).

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Take a bite out of history

By Don Flood

It's one thing to get a taste of history by visiting historical sites.

It's quite another to take a real bite out of history.

In this case, history came wrapped in cellophane. Like the history I learned in school, it was a little dry, but it was much sweeter and chewier and stuck to the roof of my mouth.

It was, in short, a piece of the Largest Rice Krispie Treat of All Time — toppling such earlier contenders as the Colossal Rice Krispie Treat of 1849, commissioned by Prince Albert, and the legendary Great Pyramid Rice Krispie Treat, built in ancient Egypt by a pharaoh with too much time on his hands.

My wife and I were in Ames, Iowa, to attend the Odyssey of the Mind competition, in which our son was participating.

At our first trip to the information desk, I was handed what I was told was a piece of the Rice Krispie Treat that had set the world record.

In the interest of honesty — which I assure my readers will not become a habit — it's possible that what I ate was not an actual piece of the historic Rice Krispie Treat itself.

I am, however, satisfied that it was — at the least — a genuine reproduction of that treat, and I intend, some day, to write a memoir about my exploits with this and other history-making snack foods. (Among other hair-raising adventures, I had a rather interesting encounter with a box of Krispy Kreme doughnuts, but you'll have to wait for the book.)

I hadn't known much about Iowa, but it's filled with places of

interest.

My wife wanted to visit Madison County to see — you guessed it — some of the “Bridges of Madison County,” which was the title of a rather sappy though hugely successful book a few years back.

(The movie, which starred Clint Eastwood, was marred by the fact that Clint did not bring along his Magnum and, even more odd, did not shoot any bad guys.)

Naturally, I nixed the bridge tour idea pronto. Who wants to track down the obscure haunts of fictional characters when one could visit the future birthplace of a real flesh-and-blood hero, like Captain James T. Kirk of the Starship Enterprise?

That's right. In just a little over 200 years, Captain Kirk is scheduled to be born in Riverside, Iowa, behind what is now a barbershop.

Unfortunately, I have some very disturbing news to impart. There seems to be some confusion about when Captain Kirk will be born. Some Web sites say March 21, 2228, others say March 22, 2233.

Which is it? How can we expect young people to take our nation's future history seriously if we can't at least be consistent about the birth date of the man who will fight so bravely in our battle with the Klingons?

Fortunately, I have confidence that Iowans will take the necessary steps to finalize a date for Kirk's birth.

After all, today's champion Rice Krispie Treat maker could become tomorrow's ancestor of Captain Kirk.

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LEGALS

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 will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m., July 8, 2003, at which time they will be publicly opened at the Fabens Administration Bldg, 821 N.E. 'G' Avenue, Fabens, Texas.

Specifications may be secured by requesting them from the Business Office, P.O. Box 697, Fabens, Texas 79838, phone (915) 764-2025 or fax request to (915) 764-2968.  
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**SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL**

DISTRICT

**NOTE:** The Socorro ISD offices will be closed during June 30, 2003 to July 4, 2003. Voicemail, inquiries, faxes, etc. will not be checked as regularly. The District will attempt to be as responsive as possible during this time.

**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:

**STAFF LEASING SERVICES**  
**CSP NO. 199-0708-0372**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2003**  
**AT 10:00 A.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.  
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**CSP NO. 199-0707-0382**  
**MONDAY, JULY 7, 2003**

AT 3:00 P.M.

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JULY 8, 2003

AT 2:30 P.M.

**DINE-IN MEALS AND CATERING**  
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**JULY 8, 2003**  
**AT 3:00 P.M.**

**BEVERAGES AND SNACKS II**  
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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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 2 p.m., local time, Tuesday, July 8, 2003, at which time the identity of the respondents will be publicly read aloud.

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# Fabens ISD board meets for reports, new school business

Fabens ISD Board of Trustees met on June 18, hearing a report from Superintendent Pancho Garcia that the Fabens ISD is now clear of compliance issues with the Texas Education Agency.

Garcia reported that the TEA monitor for the ALTA campus presented an exit interview last week.

He also told the Board that a new mower for all the fields has been purchased and staff in charge of the facilities are very happy with its performance.

Richard Ortega provided a short report on the summer school program. He thanked the administration and the Board for their support during

his four and a half years with the district. The department has greatly increased its continuum of services and related services for all children with disabilities.

New for 2003-2004 are an Academic Vocational Skills program for the middle school, a vocational academic program for the high school, a resource reading program for the high school, in-home parent training, a multi-sensory room at O'Donnell and use of the Regional Day School for the Deaf.

The Board endorsed Roberto Garcia, San Elizario Board member for re-election to the Texas Association of

School Board (TASB). The Board also approved a resolution to the Central Appraisal District to appoint Vicent Ordonez as the representative for the Lower Valley Taxing Entity.

Board delegates to the TASB were named. Rey Sepulveda will serve as the delegate with Sylvia Gonzalez serving as an alternate to the delegation.

Sally Gavlik of the Parks and Recreation office presented the O'Donnell improvement information to the Board, which approved an inter-local agreement between the County and the water district to proceed with the improvements which will be paid through a grant. The improvements include a

basketball court, skateboard park, T-ball field, playground, tables and grills and a washer pit.

A donation of various computer equipment was accepted by the Board from the Small Business Administration. The computers will be used by Technology for community use.

The Board approved the Student Code of Conduct for the upcoming year.

The Board considered the salary schedule for the 2003-2004. They approved a step plus \$500 for teachers, paraprofessionals and auxiliary staff. Administrators were given a raise of \$1,500. Staff that is capped

out on steps will receive \$500.

Gilbert Alarcon was named finance officer and Jose Cervantes was named administrative assistant.



## WEATHER

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### SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly sunny; windy in the afternoon.	Breezy in the evening; otherwise, partly cloudy.	Times of clouds and sun; breezy in the afternoon.	Intervals of clouds and sunshine.	Times of clouds and sun.	Plenty of sunshine.	Sunny and hot.	Hot with brilliant sunshine.
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Statistics for noon.

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

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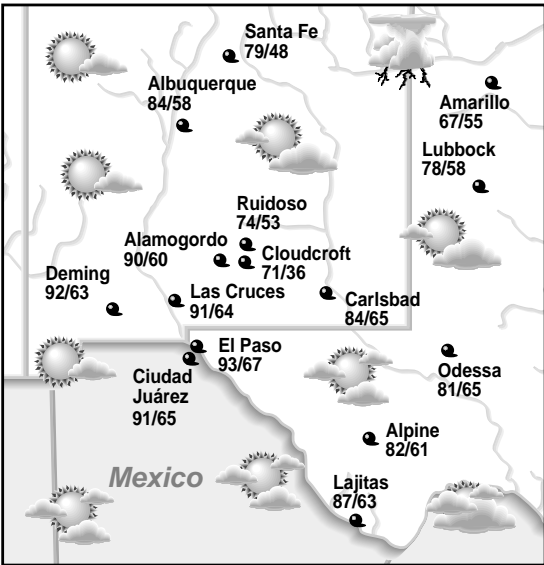
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Thursday	86°
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Saturday	85°
Sunday	86°
Monday	91°
Tuesday	98°
Wednesday	101°

### TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	91	67
Canutillo	92	68
Clint	89	66
E. Montana	93	67
Fabens	89	66
Horizon	92	68
San Elizario	88	65
Socorro	92	66
Tornillo	89	66
Vinton	92	68

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



### TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Low	Fri. Hi/Low	Sat. Hi/Low	Sun. Hi/Low	Mon. Hi/Low
Albuquerque	84/58/s	82/61/s	88/63/s	90/64/s	90/61/s
Atlanta	91/71/pc	87/67/t	85/67/t	85/69/t	88/71/t
Atlantic City	92/71/s	90/69/pc	84/64/c	80/62/pc	82/61/pc
Austin/San Antonio	94/69/pc	87/64/pc	92/67/s	94/70/s	93/71/s
Baltimore	96/72/s	92/70/pc	86/66/c	86/64/pc	85/64/pc
Boston	88/70/pc	88/70/pc	84/64/pc	80/62/pc	80/63/pc
Chicago	78/58/sh	74/58/pc	78/62/pc	81/63/pc	82/60/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	88/66/c	85/67/s	89/71/s	90/72/s	91/71/s
Denver	75/46/pc	78/53/s	82/56/pc	84/58/s	85/58/s
Flagstaff	79/39/s	79/41/s	81/44/s	80/46/s	79/43/s
Houston	94/72/pc	90/70/pc	92/72/pc	94/74/s	94/76/s
Kansas City	80/55/pc	80/60/pc	84/63/s	83/64/pc	85/64/pc
Las Vegas	99/74/s	101/76/s	105/78/s	102/77/s	101/69/s
Miami	89/76/t	88/77/pc	89/77/pc	90/78/pc	90/75/pc
Minneapolis	66/52/sh	76/60/pc	81/61/c	81/62/pc	83/64/pc
New Orleans	89/75/pc	89/75/t	90/73/pc	91/76/s	91/73/s
New York City	91/76/s	92/72/pc	84/68/pc	80/67/pc	83/68/pc
Philadelphia	96/76/s	92/72/pc	84/66/c	84/64/pc	84/67/pc
Phoenix	105/78/s	105/80/s	105/81/s	105/81/s	104/77/s
Portland	88/58/s	88/56/s	78/54/pc	73/55/c	74/51/pc
San Francisco	88/58/s	72/56/pc	68/54/pc	68/54/pc	68/45/s
Seattle	80/56/s	78/54/s	72/52/pc	67/52/c	68/49/pc
Tucson	101/70/s	101/71/s	101/72/s	101/74/s	101/70/s
Washington, DC	96/78/s	94/74/pc	86/68/c	86/66/pc	86/68/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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