



NEWSBRIEFS

Tornillo water

The Tornillo Water Improvement District received a \$5.68 million grant from the North American Development Bank (NADBank). "These funds will be used for a new treatment plant, a collection system and residential hook-ups," said Congressman Silvestre Reyes. "This project will allow El Paso to take another step toward sustainable water use." These grant funds are made available through NADBank's Border Environment Infrastructure Fund (BEIF).

Horizon recycling

A cooperative effort to provide recycling to the Horizon community will come to fruition on Aug. 20 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at a recycling center at 14999 Darrington Rd., next to the Horizon City Town Hall. Sponsored by the El Paso County Water Authority, the Horizon Communities Improvement Association (HCIA), Clint ISD and the Town of Horizon City, the center is funded through a solid waste management grant provided by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality through the Rio Grande Council of Governments. The community is invited and refreshments will be provided.

In other news

■ Salvador Nieto, a 15-year veteran of the U.S. Border Patrol, has been selected as Assistant Chief Patrol Agent of the El Paso Sector. Nieto, 39, is a graduate of Socorro High School and began his career in 1988 in Bracketville. He transferred to the Fabens station in 1991, where he was later promoted to Supervisory Border Patrol Agent for that station. He became Special Operations Supervisor in the El Paso station in 2001. He is credited with being instrumental in the success of the current El Paso Sector Border Patrol Citizens Academy. A U.S. Air Force veteran, Nieto is married, to wife Sylvia, and they have two children, Sal Jr. and Daisy.

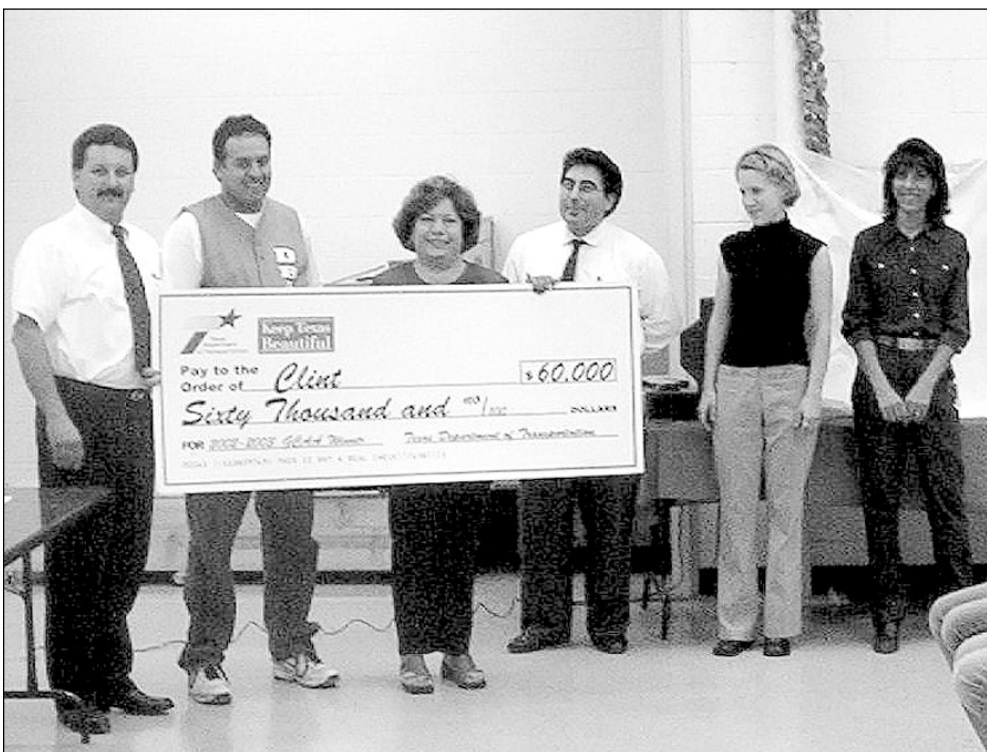
■ Socorro High School will host the Trans-Pecos Association of Student Councils' Annual District Conference on Aug. 22, 1 p.m. in the Socorro High School Performing Arts Theater, 10150 Alameda Avenue. Special guest will be motivational speaker Mark Scharenbroich. About 800 to 1,000 students are expected to attend — the event is open to all area student council members and group activities and leadership activities will be held all day.

■ It has been confirmed that a white-tailed deer near Del Rio died from anthrax — the first confirmed case in Texas in 2003. "It's not unusual to have a few cases of anthrax in livestock or deer each year in Texas, and usually, they occur in a triangle bounded by Uvalde, Ozona and

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Education can't make us all leaders — but it can teach us which leader to follow.

— Quips & Quotes



—Photo by Isabel Portillo

Clint group cashes in on hard work and community service

CLINT — On Aug. 5 Clint Mayor Charles Gonzalez helped present a check for \$60,000 to the local volunteers and residents of Clint who make up "Keep Clint Beautiful" (KCB) team. The group has been named one of the Governor's Community Achievement Award Winners and as a result Clint is sharing in \$1,000,000 in landscaping prizes from the Texas Department of Transportation. Shown from left is Mayor Gonzalez; KCB Vice President Joe Portillo; KCB Secretary Helen Rojas; Philip LoPiccolo and Kira Maas, office of U.S. Congressman Silvestre Reyes; and Betzy Lagunas, TxDOT. Nina Serna from State Rep. Chente Quintanilla's office also presented the KCB representatives with a Certificate of Appreciation for their volunteer efforts. The award was based on the town's efforts to reduce solid waste, clean up illegal dumpsites, beautify the community and involve the community and schools in different beautification projects and programs. Representatives from Clint were also recognized during the 36th Annual Keep Texas Beautiful Conference in Dallas on July 11.



—Photo courtesy of Horizon Police Department

HORIZON NIGHT OUT — Reserve Officer Danny Ramos gives a group of Horizon residents a close look at one of the department's police cruisers.

For fifth year Horizon spends the night out

HORIZON CITY — On Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2003 the Horizon community came together to participate in National Night Out (American Night Out Against Crime).

About 75 people attended the event which was held at John Ensor Middle School in Horizon City.

The event was sponsored by the Socorro Independent School District Police Department. Disco Music was provided by Danny Aguilar, hamburgers and hotdogs were cooked by SISD Police Officers and refreshments were provided by donations from the community.

Horizon City Police were on hand to answer questions about starting neighborhood watch groups and showing police cars to the children. "We hope to have more events of this nature and will be planning another event next year" said Sgt. Swenson of the Horizon City Police Department "A special thanks are in order for Officer Gammon of the SISDPD who spearheaded this event and made the arrangements for the food and drinks".

The event is designed to heighten crime and

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—Photo courtesy of Socorro ISD

UTEP BOUND — Ariana Guerrero

Gifted Socorro student awarded scholarship

SOCORRO — Financing her college education is easier for former Socorro High School senior Ariana Guerrero, thanks to the Sam's Club store at 11360 Pellicano Drive which awarded a \$1,000 Sam Walton Community Scholarship to Guerrero, as part of

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Tradition of Folklórico "Quatli"/Revolución musical production continues in Canutillo

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Independent School District Folklórico Quatli/Revolución Musical Production, a nonprofit, student and community organization, has embarked on a mission to teach Canutillo and El Paso area residents about the cultural richness of the Southwest and to nurture future folklorico instructors and dancers.

Folklorico Quatli/Revolución musical production is designed to involve members of all ages in community events that complement their academic endeavors. During the past year, folklorico members participated in community events including community fairs, dance recitals, bazaars, school functions, conferences, summer camps, among other activities.

Members also organized dance workshops for parents and their children, volunteered their services at a recent bilingual education conference, assisted with Americorps VISTA's youth program, and performed in the 15th Anniversary of Revolución musical show at the Chamizal National Memorial Theater which was produced by Sylvia Camañez, well-known local area folklorico dancer and instructor.

"Canutillo ISD Student/Community Services Department has inherited this marvelous musical production that was started 15 years ago by Ms. Camañez, and we are dedicated to continuing this spectacular

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Other people's stuff

It never ceases to amaze me how fascinated people are with other people's stuff.

I'm no exception. I see a yard sale and there is this urge to stop and "see what they've got." I don't plan to buy anything. I'm not looking for anything. And I sure don't *need* anything. I just want to see what's there, what someone else has and doesn't want anymore. Apparently I'm not the only one. We had a garage sale last week.

The only thing I can think of that is more dumb than having a garage sale is to go camping. They equate in terms of the effort, sweat and futility. The main difference is that after a garage sale you are minimally more wealthy. Notice that the word I used was "minimally."

It was a joint effort by several of us — some were cleaning out a rented storage unit, some had several big items that didn't warrant a classified ad, and some — like me — had closets full of stuff that probably has historical value by now, but who cares?

Marking prices was the part I disliked most — I mean, not being a financial genius, how on earth do you know how much someone else will pay for a slightly used table cloth, a Hawaiian party hat, or tennies with plenty of tread left?

The battle cry was "Mark 'em high, they'll try to talk you down anyway!" Somehow, I wasn't able to price anything very high.

So we hauled, sweated, pushed, priced, organized — and faced opening day with entrepreneurial optimism. We were going to get rid of stuff and make money doing it.

Of course, the shoppers started coming long before we got everything out there. Our mistake was putting the sign up too early, I guess. I

kept wanting to beg them to stay until they saw all our wares but some of them were on their way to work and had to rush off with only a cursory inspection.

One lady drove by, saw a sofa set on sale, and leaned out her window to ask us to mark it sold — she'd be back in the afternoon after work. Lucky I knew her well enough to trust that she'd actually do what she said.

Later, they came at a more leisurely pace. They shopped, lifted, turned, inspected, hefted and sniffed at practically everything. Amazingly, after all that time and effort, some folks left without buying anything or even making an offer.

Equally amazing, some of them paid the marked price for stuff I figured would never sell — and walked away without a second look at things I thought were a real steal.

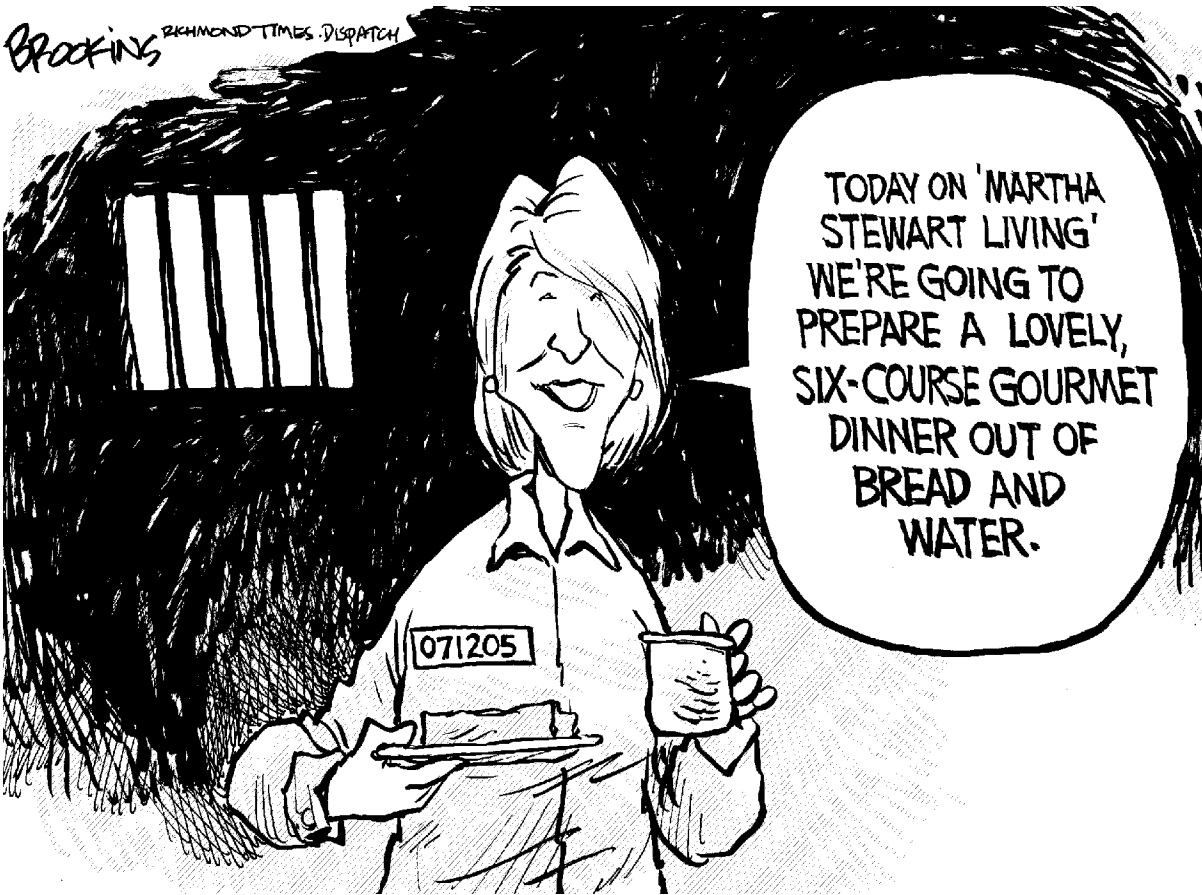
One lady actually switched the pieces of masking tape with prices from one toy to another so she would pay less for one she wanted. We figured if she wanted it that bad, a dollar didn't matter that much.

The negotiators were pretty funny. Several people picked out things that weren't for sale — like our coffee table used for display purposes or the step stool we used to hang a clothes line in the tree after the rack fell down. The more we told them they weren't for sale, the better the offers were. I kept getting the feeling that it was all part of the yard-sale game — that if we decided to take their offers they'd have been quickly withdrawn.

We unloaded a lot of merchandise, like shoes, way under the marked price to one guy just because he was taking so much of it.

Just like camping, we set off with the highest expectations. And, like

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Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Giving our military veterans their due

POW 30-Day Rule
When the 507th Maintenance Company returned from Iraq, a glaring problem surfaced regarding our country's veterans/Prisoner of War (POW) benefits. Because the ex-POWs of the 507th Maintenance Company were not held in captivity for the required 30-day minimum, they were not eligible to receive certain health benefits. These benefits included treatment for psychosis, anxiety disorders, and dysthymic disorders, among others.

I worked with both the Veterans Committee and its Benefits Subcommittee to ensure that all POWs — regardless of the length of their imprisonment — receive the benefits they deserve. This provision was included in the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003, which successfully passed the Veterans Affairs Committee and is awaiting consideration by the full House of Representatives. As a combat veteran, and knowing the horrors of war, I can-

not even begin to comprehend what POWs experience. Those who endure such an ordeal for their country should be justly compensated.

Freedom Fiesta Week
This past week, El Paso celebrated and honored its local armed forces with Freedom Fiesta Week. This week-long fiesta featured many free and discounted opportunities for active-duty personnel and their families, as well as a picnic and parade. Families enjoyed a Diablos game, an afternoon at Wet 'n' Wild and Western Playland, a picnic at Biggs Park, and a chance for parents to get away from it all through Friday's "Couple's Night Out" downtown.

While the free food and entertainment were the highlight for many last week, what was most important was the sense of gratitude and solidarity felt throughout the community. El Paso really pulled together to honor our local heroes. Fort Bliss will always remember Operation Iraqi Freedom and the harrowing experiences of the 507th Maintenance Company. El Paso experienced the

extremes of sorrow and joy during the war. The soldiers from Fort Bliss who served their country deserved this week-long recognition, and I am proud of El Paso for providing it.

Just as we in El Paso support our military community, I am working with my colleagues in Washington to honor the hard work and sacrifices of our military.

Transition Assistance Program
Recently discharged service members, veterans, and spouses of active-duty military benefit from the Transition Assistance Program (TAP). The Department of Defense (DOD) created TAP to help those leaving the service readjust emotionally and practically to civilian life.

TAP services include relocation, employment, financial management, health insurance, and education assistance. There was one problem with TAP's services, though — they did not apply to those who chose to live overseas after separating from the military.

While serving as Ranking

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TRUE TEXAS FACTS *by Roger Moore* August 10, 1911, Jimmy Don Perkins, a cook in Lamesa, accidentally makes the first chicken fried steak.



Scholarship

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the \$8 million Sam Walton Community Leader Award program.

“I applied, and it came pretty late,” the Socorro High graduate says. “My family and I got back from a camping trip, and when I received the mail, I thought, ‘Wow, I got another scholarship.’ I credit Assistant Principal Jeannie Meza with helping me get my renewable Gates Scholarship.”

Guerrero will begin classes at UTEP in August. She plans to major in mechanical engineering with an eye toward aerospace science. She received the award based on her academic performance and involvement in school and community activities.

“We’re pleased to support Ariana Guerrero in her pursuit of higher education and wish Ariana the very best in the years ahead,” said Sam’s Club manager Daniel Martinez.

Horizon

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drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting against crime and the use of illicit drugs. Horizon City passed a resolution supporting such activity on July 27 th 1999 and has since been involved in supporting other National Night Out activities such as the annual block party held on Flowering Cactus and supporting two neighborhood watch groups.

If anyone has questions or would like to get information on starting a neighborhood watch or other related activities call 852-1047 and ask to speak with Chief Tony Aguilar or Sgt. Ron Swenson.

Stuff

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camping, halfway through it we began to wonder what on earth possessed us to do this. As the sun got hotter, the plastic began to curl and the candles to liquefy.

By the end of the day our battle cry had changed: “Give it to anybody who offers you anything for it!”

One of our contributing entrepreneurs

said she had yard sales all the time, for the fun of it. I just stared at her.

Unlike camping, it’s been 15 years since I did this last time, and unlike camping, it’ll be at least that long before I try it again.

Reyes

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Member of the Benefits Subcommittee of the Veterans Affairs Committee during the 107th Congress, I recognized this problem and raised the issue with my colleagues on the committee. During these past two years, we have worked with the Departments or Labor and Defense to make sure the problem is resolved.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Labor Secretary Elaine Chao recently pledged to provide TAP assistance to overseas personnel. Efforts are in place to establish TAP programs in Korea and Europe as soon as this month.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Socorro Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 26, 2003 in the Education Center Board Room, 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year’s Rates					
	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.3818	\$ 0.2337*	\$ 1.6155	\$1,776	\$4,934
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.4006	\$ 0.2019*	\$ 1.6025	\$ 1,723	\$4,878
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.4006	\$ 0.2019*	\$ 1.6025	\$ 1,723	\$4,878

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 74,022	\$75,357
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 58,984	\$60,338
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.6155	\$ 1.6025
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 952.89	\$ 966.92
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 14.03

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.6625. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.6625.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,900,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ -0-

Briefs

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Eagle Pass,” said Dr. Bob Hillman, state veterinarian and executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). He said rains spawned by Hurricane Claudette triggered the germination of dormant anthrax spores in the ground. “If the animals haven’t been vaccinated, the anthrax bacteria can cause severe illness within hours and death within a couple of days,” he said. All suspected anthrax cases must be reported to the TAHC which has a 24-hour hotline at 1-800-550-8242. “Anthrax is not a danger to travelers or vacationers in an area where cases have occurred,” stressed Dr. Hillman. “(But) we advise tourists to avoid touching carcasses. Anthrax has been with us for hundreds of years, and while cases are noteworthy, they are not alarming.”

■ Bryan Daniel, State Director, Texas USDA Rural Development announced today the appointment of Roel R. Gomez, Community Development Specialist of Edinburg, Texas, as Statewide Colonia Programs Coordinator for Texas. “There continues to be a large number of families in colonias who are in need of USDA Rural Development assistance. The successful delivery of our assistance requires the coordinator of our programs with other agencies and entities that deliver alternate forms of assistance,” said Daniel. “Colonia residents can utilize our programs to help provide essential public services that will enhance their quality of life.”

■ Students, employees, and supporters of Montwood High School will attend the Annual “Light up The Night” Celebration, 7:30 - 9 p.m. Aug. 20, at Montwood High School Green Gym, 1200 Montwood Drive. “Last year we had the New York firemen,” Student Activities Director Laura Price said. “Every club partici-

pates; every school organization comes out to a sort of ‘Meet the Rams’ night.” This year’s special guest is Socorro Superintendent Dr. Robert Duron. The public is invited to see and hear student skits, the flag and cheerleading teams, the Emerald Dancers and school bands. Montwood students must be in school colors green, royal blue and white — to participate. For more information, call the Montwood student activities office, 937-2465.

■ Don Woodyard of the *West Texas County Courier* was named to the Media Honor Roll, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), by the San Elizario Independent School District. The Media Honor Roll recognizes media representatives statewide who deserve recognition for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools.

■ Montwood High School Cheerleaders will sponsor a “Cheer, Jump and Dance” Cheerleading

Camp, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 16, at Montwood High School, 12000 Montwood Drive. The Montwood students perform in three squads totaling 28 cheerleaders who will train youngsters between seven and 13 years to lead effective cheers. Student Activities Director Laura Price said the fee of \$30 per student pays for the class, lunch and awards, and supports the Montwood cheerleading squads. “There’s a half-day camp for ages four to seven,” Price said, “and then award presentations are at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The older kids go all day, and we’ve got about 100 kids signed up.” For more information, call Price at 937-2465 or Nellie Ugarte at 937-0558.

■ Boll weevil eradication assessment notices were recently mailed to cotton producers in the El Paso/Trans Pecos eradication zone based on information cotton producers provide the Farm Service Agency when they certify their crops. If growers find an error in their billing, they should provide corrected information to the Foun-

dation. A two percent discount is available to growers who pay the full assessment by Sept. 1, and to aid growers who have been affected by adverse weather conditions, the TBWEF is offering payment extension agreements for producers whose accounts are current. For more information contact the Assessments Department in Abilene at (866) 672-2800.

■ UTEP has received a \$148,000 award for a genetic research project from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. “This project, entitled ‘Does the Lack of MRP1 Alter Expression of Other Genes?’ is another example of the impressive science curriculum at UTEP,” said Congressman Silvestre Reyes. “UTEP contributes so much to the sciences and it is fitting that they won this award. I applaud the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences for this generous grant.” , D-El Paso. The NIEHS is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

— Corrected Notice —
Public Notice
City of Socorro

Balance Budget Recap for FYE 09/30/2004

1. Revenues	\$8,144,805
General Fund	
2. Administration	834,130
3. Public Works	591,728
4. Police	1,144,885
5. Court	437,243
6. Planning and Zoning	310,098
7. Health	197,703
8. Special Projects (M&O)	297,464
9. Rio Vista Community Center	71,605
10. Human Resources	88,688
Sub-total General Fund	\$ 3,973,544
Debt Service Fund	
11. Debt Service	254,692
12. Interest	1,404
Sub-total Debt Service	\$ 256,096
Other Funds	
13. Special Projects	1,383,375
14. Tourism-Hotel Tax	11,160
15. Interest	10,160
Sub-total Other Funds	\$ 1,404,695
Allocations	
16. Court, Planning, Museum 2001 Series	357,470
17. Court-Savings	20,000
18. Parks-Reserve	83,000
19. Settlements-Savings	50,000
Other Expenses	
20. Street Projects - Proposed Series	2,000,000
Sub-total Allocations & Other	\$ 2,510,470
Total Expenses	\$8,144,805
Expenses Over Revenues	\$ -0-

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS
BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **San Elizario Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, August 28, 2003 in the SEISD Administration Office, 1050 Chicken Ranch Road, San Elizario, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year’s Rates					
	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.500000	\$ 0.077326*	\$ 1.577326	\$ 410	\$ 6,273
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.470500	\$ 0.077326*	\$ 1.547826	\$ 397	\$ 6,304
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.500000	\$ 0.077326*	\$ 1.577326	\$ 416	\$ 6,695
*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.					

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 36,995	\$37,367
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 21,995	\$22,367
Last Year’s Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.577326	\$ 1.577326
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 346.93	\$ 352.80
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 5.87
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.		

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 2.695180. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 2.695180.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,100,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 155,000

Classified Ads

LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

address below on or before Sept. 12, 2003.

To file nominations or for further information, contact: Ms. Barbara Kauffman, Deputy Executive Director, Rio Grande Council of Governments, 1100 North Stanton, Suite 610, El Paso, Texas 79902. Phone 915-533-0998, ext 121; fax: 915-532-9385. WTCC-8/14/03

FABENS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Invitation to bid

Notice of invitation to catalog bid for Athletic Equipment, Supplies and Uniforms , Bid No. 02-03-05. Fabens Independent School District will accept sealed bids until

10:00 a.m., August 18, 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. WTCC-8/14

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 - IHGCB7559LAI80356, 1990 Honda Accord, white, Mexico license 127SDS4 VIN - IFAFP55203A226864, 2002 Ford Taurus, white, Illinois license 215-9571 VIN - CKLI4AZIII978, 1980 Chevy Custom Deluxe, silver, Chihuahua license ZUF 9480 VIN - KNAFBI214X5802822, 1999 Kia Sephia, green, no license VIN - WBADK8307G970I6I3, 1986 BMW 528E, silver, no license VIN - IG8ZK547XMXI48528, 1991 Saturn 4-door, maroon, Colorado license 238956 WTCC-8/14/03

BUSINESS PROSPECT

Need extra income? Use the Internet? We just might have what you're looking for. Call 852-3235 for area representative.

GARAGE SALES

FRIDAY AND SUNDAY ONLY: Aug. 15 and 17. 15344 Werling in Horizon City, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Toys, clothing and miscellaneous.

HELP WANTED

National pharmacy referral service now hiring home telephone workers nationwide. Lead generators, recruiters, sales, and management positions. Interview now at 773-379-4645. 100% legitimate training

provided. 10/9

LOCATION WANTED

MEETING HALL TO SEAT 80 in the Westside area between Canutillo and UTEP. Must have refrigerated air conditioning and bathrooms for both men and women. Looking for safe, attractive location with parking. Small storage area and kitchen facilities preferred. Will commit to long-term leasing arrangement. Call Bob: 584-5396.

RENTALS

FOR RENT: One-half acre lot in Vinton. All utilities available. Mobile homes allowed. \$300/month. 731-

6764.

ROOMMATE WANTED to share 3 BR home in Horizon. \$300 plus 1/2 utilities. 852-4527. 8/21

REAL ESTATE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 25, 2003 in the Canutillo ISD Administration Facility, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.500000	\$ 0.210000*	\$ 1.710000	\$2,061	\$ 5,049
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.479600	\$ 0.249300*	\$ 1.728900	\$2,181	\$ 5,163
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.500000	\$ 0.230548*	\$ 1.730548	\$2,146	\$ 5,126
*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.					

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 55,879	\$58,963
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 40,708	\$43,811
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.710000	\$ 1.730548
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 696.11	\$ 758.17
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 62.06
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.		

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.782956. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.782956.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,031,732
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,313,477

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CIUDAD DE SOCORRO Public Notice

La Ciudad de Socorro a puesto en vigor una nueva ordenanza prohibiendo a los ciudadanos o personas de tirar/enterar la basura o lllantas, en las zanjas, canales, lotes valdios, calles, caminos y otras areas dentro del Municipio de Socorro, Texas. Cualquier persona que viole esta ordenanza será culpable de delito menor y se le impondra una multa de \$200.

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Parenting classes for guy who beat up coach is a little ridiculous

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Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Programs at Fabens ISD

- 1) Fabens Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in Home Economics, Business Education, Drafting, Graphic Arts, and Automotive Technology. Admission to these programs is based on courses offered, age appropriateness, class space available, and individual graduation plans.
- 2) It is the policy of Fabens Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 3) It is the policy of Fabens Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 4) Fabens Independent School District will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.
- 5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator and/or Section 504 Coordinator: Charles Hopp, P.O. Box 697, Fabens, Texas 79838, (915) 764-4353.

Notificacion Publica de no Discriminar en los Programas de Carrera y Tecnologia de Fabens ISD

- 1) *El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens ofrece programas programas vocacionales en Carrera y Tecnología en Economia Domestica, Educación de Negocios, y Mecánica. La admisión a estos programas se basa en registrado en la escuela de Fabens y completar los requisitos necesarios.*
- 2) *Es norma de El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, o impedimento, en sus programas, servicios, o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, que fue enmendada, Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendada.*
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- 4) *El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua inglés no sea obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas vocacionales y educativos.*
- 5) *Para más información sobre sus derechos y procedimiento para quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX: Charles Hopp, P.O. Box 697, Fabens, Texas 79838, (915) 764-4353*

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By **Steve Escajeda**
Special to the Courier

Are you bored? Are you anxious to do something but have just run out of ideas?

Don't worry... I've got one.

Why don't you join me at the next El Paso Diablos baseball game at Cohen Stadium. We'll sit in the stands along the first baseline and drink beer for about six innings.

Then, and this is the exciting part, we'll wait for the top of the seventh inning when the teams are warming up and then... we'll race onto the field and beat up the first base coach.

Now that's some exciting stuff.

What? What do you mean we'll get in trouble. You don't understand, that's the best part... the most we'll get is a few months probation. And heck, we'll become famous and get our pictures in the paper and maybe shown on ESPN like that guy in Chicago.

O.K., let's get back to reality.

I'll bet what you just read sounded pretty stupid. It is.

But not as stupid as what the judge did, or didn't do, to William Ligue Jr., the idiot who thought it would be cool for he and his teenage son to run onto the field and beat up Kansas City Royals coach Tom Gamboa.

Remember the scene? Two drunk, or high, shirtless, tattoo-covered thugs attacking a defenseless man on the field during a game.

Gamboa is just lucky one of them didn't have a knife.

Well, at least for guys like this, there is the justice system.

They say the United States has the best justice system in the world. I'm beginning to wonder about that.

An entire nation saw replays of these two attack Gamboa every night on the news and sports channels for weeks. But it appears that judge Leo Holt did not.

How else would you explain Holt's decision to give Ligue 30 months probation, community service and, I'm not kidding here, parenting classes.

I guess the judge thought that forcing him to eat a whole bowl of spinach was too severe.

Even more ridiculous was some of the wording in the judge's 13-page sentencing order. He actually wrote that probation should not be viewed as a pass, or a slap on the wrist because Ligue will have to live with the stigma of being a convicted felon.

It's tough enough with the stigma? Excuse me, while I blow my nose and wipe my tears.

The judge, obviously a drinking buddy of Ligue, said Ligue would also be allowed to attend more baseball games during his probation. Major League Baseball tried to ban him from all their ballparks.

Prosecutors sought prison time but our good old judge said that putting Ligue in prison would not deter anyone from doing what he did because this kind of misbehavior is so uncommon.

Well, because of you judge, this kind of behavior will soon become common, because after all, what have you got to lose?

Oh, and by the way, ever notice that the guys who say we have the best system of justice in the world are always lawyers, judges and politicians?

Talkin' Tuna

New York Giants tight end Jeremy Shockey is one of my favorite NFL players.

He has a style reminiscent of the Raiders' Dave Casper, who I think was the greatest tight end of all time.

Shockey is tough, fearless, flamboyant and unfortunately, at times... pretty dumb.

Last week Shockey got in front of TV cameras and apologized for calling new Dallas Cowboys and former Giants coach Bill Parcells "a homo."

A great word by Shockey, usually used by kids in ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

What makes this so difficult to understand is that Shockey claimed he never said that, he said he was misquoted.

Maybe he said something about Parcells liking his milk "homogenized," or maybe he said something about Parcells being "homosapiens."

I'm sure you can see where Shockey was clearly misquoted.

Jeremy, you are a great talent, a throw back to the tough guy player who would rather run through someone than around him.

There are only a few of you left, Mike Alstott and Brian Urlacher quickly come to mind.

Shockey is quickly approaching that fine line — that Dennis Rodman line — where you start becoming more known for your antics away from the game than your brilliant play in it.

Be careful, Mr. Shockey, you are way too good to be, oh, so bad.

Folklorico

From Page 1

tradition," said Jorge Valenzuela, Canutillo ISD musical production coordinator.

"CISD accepted the musical production with the intent of making it a self-sustaining effort," said Valenzuela. "So we are currently exploring ways to finance the annual Revolución musical performances that have been held traditionally in the fall."

This year's musical production is scheduled for November 13-16, at the

Chamizal National Memorial Theater. The production provides a lively musical presentation that allows the audience to view the history of the Mexican Revolution through mariachi music, traditional dances and dramatic characters.

"The experience gained in working in this production is very motivational, and it gives participants interesting insights into the history and culture of this region," said Valenzuela.

The group's goal is to raise \$15,000 to cover the cost of supporting the entire production including mariachis, theater rentals, costumes, and other miscellaneous expenses, according to Valenzuela.

"Any donation that an interested individual or business person are able to provide would be greatly appreciated," said Valenzuela. "In return, the folklorico group will include the donor's business in all of the group's printed materials, such as posters, tickets, and banners that will be used at the Chamizal Memorial Theater and other presentation venues," he added.

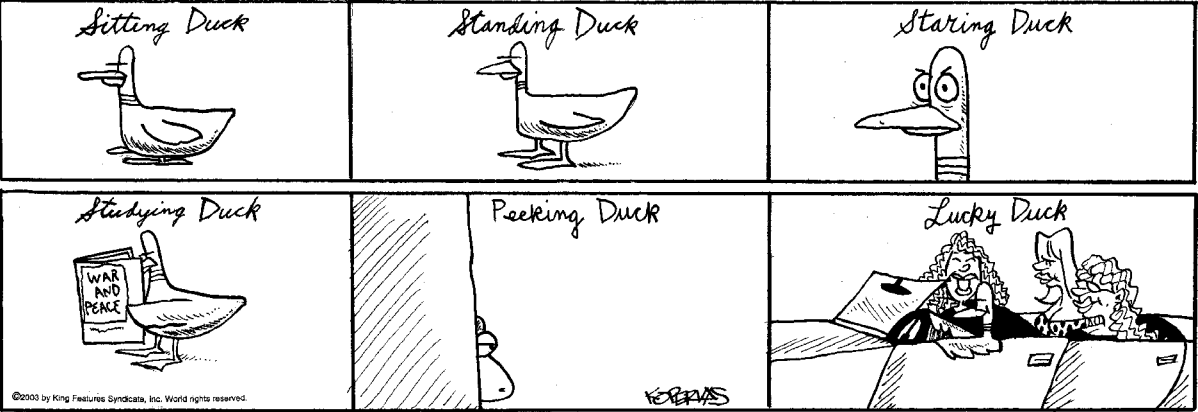
For more information, contact Valenzuela at 877-7427.



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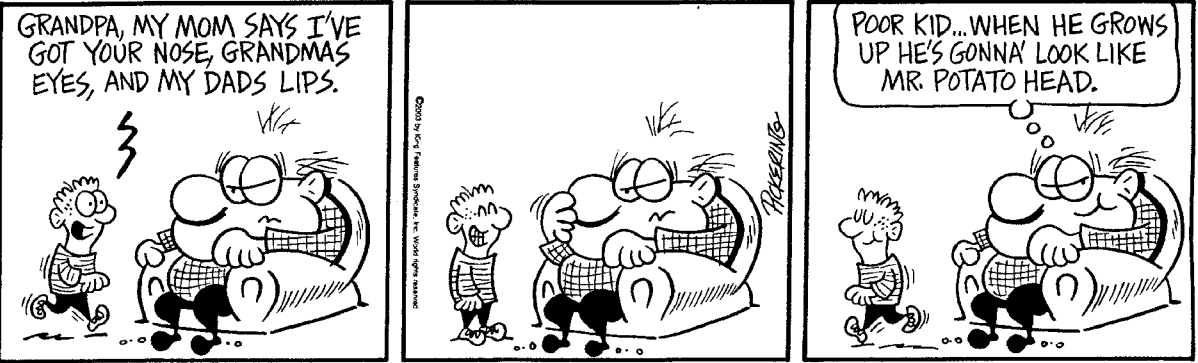
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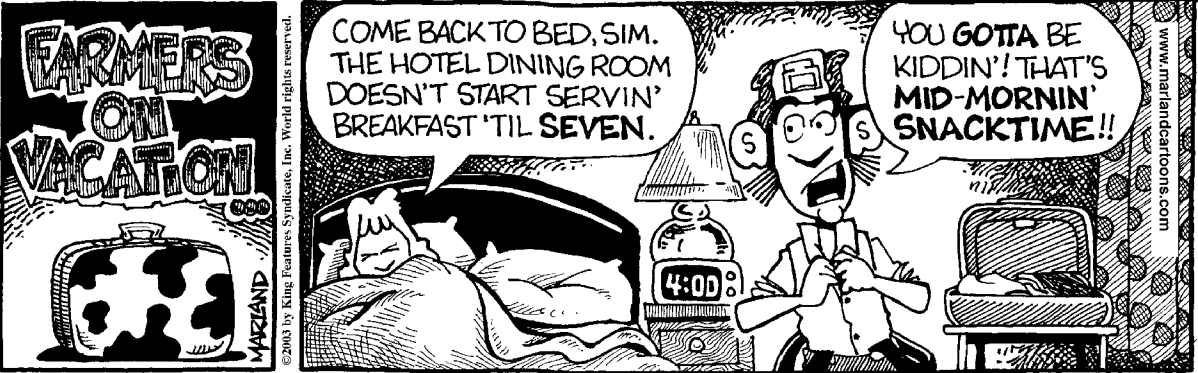
THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



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By Mike Marland



End procrastination — tomorrow

By Don Flood

A while ago, I received a press release about ending procrastination.

It was from a Dr. Donald Schnell, co-founder of Fit For Life, the Spiritual Java Program, and it offered some really good advice about ridding your life of procrastination.

The main message was, DO IT NOW!

It impressed me so much I decided to write about it, but you know how things go, one thing led to another, and I never got around to it.

It started out, “Procrastination has to be public enemy number one. 1. It is a career killer.”

Of course, that’s just a little bit of an exaggeration.

Sure, procrastination can be a problem, especially when by handled by people who, unlike myself, are non-professionals, but Public Enemy No.1?

Is procrastination out there robbing banks?

Of course not, procrastination didn’t get around to it.

No, it’s Mr. Do It Now, he’s the hold-up man.

He probably heard about Dr. Schnell’s self-help program and said, “You know, he’s right! Every day I tell myself, ‘Today’s the day I’m going to embark on my new career as a bank robber.’ No more excuses!”

But I have other concerns with Dr. Schnell’s approach.

In the release, he said, “Right now you have something on your desk that needs your attention.” (In my case, an empty coffee mug.)

“Imagine you have a ‘DO IT NOW!’ switch within your mind. Turn the switch on.”

Please don’t take that “do it now” stuff literally (unless your coffee mug is empty).

After all, you’re reading a column now, and it’s not like that problem of yours can’t wait the two or three days it will take you to read and absorb this helpful and informative essay.

In fact, Dr. Schnell seems to be unaware of a secret strategy followed by many of the country’s most successful executives: *If you ignore a problem long enough, it might go away all by itself.*

Or, just as good, someone else may be foolish enough to make it his problem!

Either way, you’re off the hook!

But neither of those happy results will occur unless you seize the initiative *right now* and decide to ignore the problem.

You’re thinking, “Sure that’s easy for you to say, Mr. Journalist. You’re trained to put things off until the last minute. Perhaps you could help me understand, using a convenient question and answer format.”

Well, of course, I’d be happy to oblige.

Q: I can think of a million reasons for not doing something, but sometimes I still wind up getting it done.

A: Don’t worry, your problem is quite common among beginning procrastinators. As you become more experienced you’ll realize it’s much more effective to pretend the problem doesn’t exist in the first place.

Q: I want to be a procrastinator, but I don’t know where to begin? Can you help me?

A: Maybe later, but not now. (See how easy that was!)

And finally, one last word of advice, imagine that your brain has a “DO IT LATER” switch.

Turn it on.

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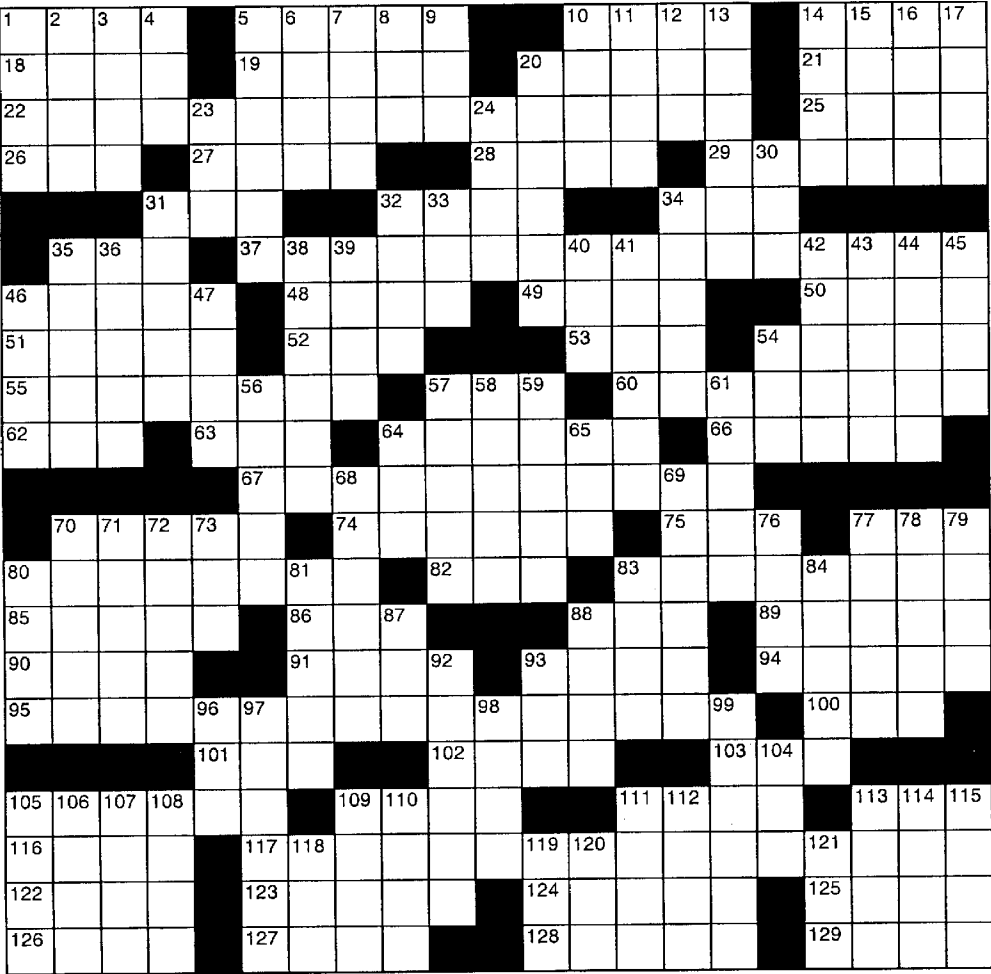
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- 113 Boxer LaMotta
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- 118 Seville shout
- 119 Chew it!
- 120 _ -Cat
- 121 Peke's perch



For Sanity's Sake

By Taprina Milburn

Summer camp

Dear Mom and Dad,
Camp is fun. I made a new friend.
I really miss you. Bye.

Parent's note: Whew. Now all the guilt is gone for having sent my babies off to camp.

Dear Mom and Dad,
I went swimming in the lake today. A snake almost bit me.
Camp is fun. Bye.

Parent's note: Heart did a flip flop. Need a glass of wine.

Dear Mom and Dad,
I've only worn one pair of the

socks you packed for me. Camp is great. Bye.

Parent's note: Pick up air fresheners for car ride home and can of athlete's foot spray.

Dear Mom and Dad,
You said camp food would be healthy. You were wrong. We get lots of junk food and sugar. Had a blue icy last night. My tongue and teeth are still blue.

Camp is fun. Bye.

Parent's note: Schedule dentist appointment.

Dear Mom and Dad,
We shot B.B. guns today. Camp is great. I hope I see you soon. Bye.

Parent's note: Say extra prayer of thanksgiving tonight that child didn't shoot out eye. Will be only child wearing safety goggles at camp next summer.

Dear Mom and Dad,
Watched fireworks last night and saw some of them fall on camp counselors. Nobody was hurt, though. I love camp.

Parent's note: Send fire retardant clothing to camp next summer.

Dear Mom and Dad,
I'm sleeping on the top bunk. There's no railing. Hope I don't fall off. Well... time to turn off lights and crash. Love ya.

Parent's note: Remember to request lower bunk next summer for child who tosses incessantly throughout the night.

As much as I like to worry and hover over my children, they made it through a week of camp away from home — away from mom's tether. When we picked them up they were in one piece — both children had their limbs and eyeballs. There were no snake bites, only great "Did I tell you about the time I almost was bitten by a snake?" stories.

Their teeth hadn't fallen out, and because the youngest recycled one pair of socks throughout the week (quite proud of himself, I might add), I had less laundry to do. They returned home with memories of new

friendships made without a parent's help and stories of adventures they forged on their own.

One child wants to go again next summer; the other insists he had fun but says he doesn't think he'll go next summer.









Parent's Note: Parents didn't sit around empty house wringing hands while children were gone. Good preview of what it will be like when kids move out. Parents like each other and actually enjoyed having time for lengthy conversations. Rented movies, ate dinner out, went shopping and took a short trip. Might have to work on reluctant child to change mind about next summer.

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WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
							
Not quite as hot, clouds and sun; chance t-storm.	Partly to mostly cloudy.	Partly sunny; t-storm possible.	Clouds and sun, slight chance t-storm.	Mostly sunny.	A good deal of sun.	Mostly sunny.	Hot with a good deal of sun.
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UV INDEX

Statistics for noon.

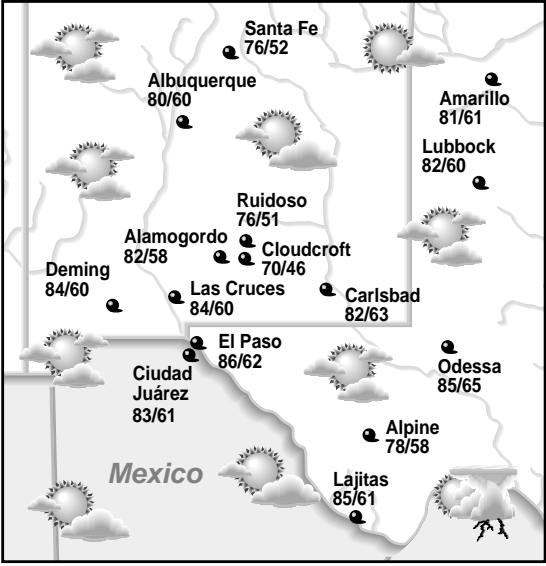
The higher the UV Index, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

Thursday	8High
Friday	7High
Saturday	7High
Sunday	8High
Monday	10Very High
Tuesday	10Very High
Wednesday	10Very High

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	85	62
Canutillo	85	63
Clint	87	61
E. Montana	86	62
Fabens	85	61
Horizon	88	63
San Elizario	83	60
Socorro	84	61
Tornillo	83	61
Vinton	86	63

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	80/60/pc	82/62/pc	85/63/pc	88/64/pc	86/61/pc
Atlanta	88/72/pc	90/72/pc	90/70/pc	90/70/pc	89/71/pc
Atlantic City	85/72/s	87/68/s	85/70/s	82/64/s	83/65/s
Austin/San Antonio	87/70/c	93/73/pc	95/71/pc	96/74/pc	97/73/pc
Baltimore	92/70/s	92/68/s	90/66/s	92/68/s	86/67/pc
Boston	90/72/pc	86/70/pc	84/68/pc	86/70/s	79/66/pc
Chicago	86/67/s	88/67/s	88/67/s	84/66/pc	84/68/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	88/72/pc	96/76/pc	96/76/pc	96/76/s	98/76/pc
Denver	84/58/pc	88/60/s	90/62/pc	90/62/pc	84/53/pc
Flagstaff	74/50/pc	75/48/t	78/50/t	80/52/pc	78/46/c
Houston	90/74/pc	94/76/pc	92/76/pc	92/76/pc	94/76/pc
Kansas City	88/68/pc	90/68/pc	92/62/pc	89/69/pc	89/70/s
Las Vegas	104/80/pc	102/78/pc	102/80/pc	104/80/pc	102/80/pc
Miami	89/80/t	91/78/pc	91/77/pc	90/77/pc	91/76/c
Minneapolis	90/66/s	92/68/s	88/66/pc	83/63/s	81/62/s
New Orleans	92/78/pc	93/78/pc	92/78/pc	93/78/pc	94/76/pc
New York City	91/74/pc	86/71/s	91/70/s	92/70/s	82/70/pc
Philadelphia	90/72/s	92/70/s	90/68/s	92/70/s	85/72/pc
Phoenix	96/84/pc	102/84/pc	104/86/pc	106/86/pc	103/80/pc
Portland	78/56/pc	79/58/s	83/60/pc	82/59/pc	81/56/s
San Francisco	72/57/pc	69/58/s	76/58/s	75/57/pc	73/55/s
Seattle	77/54/pc	74/56/pc	78/56/pc	76/56/pc	76/53/pc
Tucson	96/71/pc	92/71/t	94/71/pc	96/73/pc	98/73/pc
Washington, DC	92/74/s	92/70/s	90/70/s	94/72/s	87/71/pc

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Expect 8-10 hours of sunshine Thursday with a thunderstorm in parts of the area. Winds will be east to northeast at 7-14 mph. There still may be a thunderstorm or two around Friday. Rainfall from any thunderstorm will average about 0.25 of an inch. Mainly dry weather is expected over the upcoming weekend.


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