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NEWSBRIEFS

Information sought

Sheriff’s Deputies were alerted to the presence of a dead body in the canal near the Tornillo Head Gate, about a mile west of the 200 block of FM 1109, on Sunday, July 18, by a farmer working near there. The incident has been classified as the unattended death of an unidentified woman, about 50 years old, wearing a black blouse, brown shorts and white shoes. Anyone with information is asked to call 546-2280.

A nice Night Out

The Horizon City Police Department, in conjunction with Socorro ISD, invites the local community to “National Night Out — America’s Night Out Against Crime” at Col. John O. Ensor Middle School track field at 13600 Ryderwood on Aug. 3, 6-9 p.m. Since 1984, the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) has sponsored the first Tuesday in August as National Night Out, with a variety of events that include block parties, cookouts, parades, local police visits, and youth programs, intended to strengthen anticrime programs and community/police relations. A limited supply of hamburgers and hotdogs will be available, first come, first served, and the community is invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic items to enjoy.

In other news

■ The American GI Forum of Greater El Paso will sponsor a no-host breakfast meeting entitled “Understanding Veterans Benefits,” 9-11 a.m. on Aug. 14 at Gerardo’s Restaurant, 6099 Montana. Event presenter will be Dave Mojica, U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs. For more information call Al Briones at 227-5291 or Dan Cedillos at 790-1448.

■ Twenty-one Socorro employees have been accepted into the Sin Fronteras program. The program is part of a federal grant which provides financial assistance to allow employees to attend El Paso Community College or the University of Texas at El Paso in pursuit of bachelor’s or master’s degrees.

■ The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has awarded the University of Texas-El Paso (UTEP) a \$262,261 grant to assist nursing personnel in promoting their careers and furthering their education. Funding is provided through the “Nurse Education, Practice and Retention: Career Ladder” program of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). “The border region requires more nurses in our hospitals and clinics to meet our health care needs,” said Congressman Silvestre Reyes. “I commend UTEP on the important strides they are taking in response to this shortage.”

Too many people confuse free speech with loose talk.

— Quips & Quotes

Horizon approves subdivision ordinance, looks to lifting building moratorium

Courier Staff Reports

HORIZON CITY — During the regularly scheduled Horizon City council meeting on June 8, the second reading of an ordinance amendment which places a moratorium on residential property development within city limits and the ETJ (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction).

Developers were opposed to the moratorium which was instituted for 120 days to allow the town time to correct, what town officials termed, a loop-hole regarding street development. City planners said the existing ordinance did not appropriately address providing a network of streets, on and off the development site, by the developers.

During the July 13 council meeting, Council took its first step towards lifting the moratorium by approving the amendment which addresses the deficiencies. General requirements of the ordinance state that no development shall be approved unless the subdivider provides for the construction of such streets and sidewalks as are necessary to serve the proposed development. The layout of streets shall provide for integrating new development with existing and future development in a manner that provides for traffic safety, public convenience, emergency access, and traffic patterns consistent with the land uses and intensities proposed by the town’s master plan, the amendment states. Further details of the first reading of the amendment are available at City Hall.

Agenda item nine was set for the July 20 meeting to vote on repealing the moratorium (Ordinance 0123). Results of that item, and the vote, were not available by press time. It is

unclear what affect, if any, this will have in a suit brought by developers against the town seeking an injunction against the moratorium and other remedies stemming from the imposition of the moratorium. Developers contend that the moratorium was not only unfounded, but illegal, by the inclusion of impact fees as a part of the language the town cited as justification for the moratorium. A hearing had been scheduled for July 29 in that cause.

On another agenda item, Council approved the first reading on an amendment to Subdivision Ordinance No. 0035, which includes that failure of the subdivider to submit a final plat map for review and approval within six months of the date of approval of the preliminary plat by Town Council, will nullify the approval of the preliminary subdivision plat. The subdivider will then be obligated to reapply for preliminary plat approval, should they wish to pursue the subdivision. No vested rights will survive if the preliminary plat approval is nullified by a failure of the subdivider to submit a final plat map within the time frame specified, nor will the subdivider be entitled to a refund of any application fees or review fees that may have been paid.

Council may extend the deadlines at their discretion due to understanding that circumstances may arise which would keep the subdivider from meeting the six-month deadline. Further clarification of the amendment is also available at City Hall.

In other business, approved for the Flowering Cactus Neighborhood Crime Watch to hold their 6th Annual Block Party scheduled for July 31, 2004.

Council also approved the second readings to create a Planning Department and a Public Works Department.

Anthony voters will go to polls Saturday to consider bond election

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

ANTHONY — Voters will determine Saturday, in a \$1.1 million refunding bond election, the level of services and programs that the 712 students in the Anthony ISD will receive.

Numbers aside, Superintendent Vern Butler sees a bottom-line benefit to the students if voters approve the administration’s proposal to switch from the lease-purchase agreement to pay for the Fine Arts building to general obligation bonds. If approved, it would free up approximately \$300,000 that Butler would channel into instructional areas — salaries, programs, textbooks and other teacher materials.

Benefits of passage as cited:

- “We could provide a little more for students, a higher level of programs and services,” he points out. “It would give us flexibility.”
- He adds that passage would also help stabilize district finances that took a heavy shot with the loss of revenue from the closing of the Mountain Pass facility.
- Only \$985,000 of the \$1.1 million would be needed to refinance the fine arts complex. The balance of approximately \$115,000, But-

ler says, would go for renovation of the middle school gym. It would be a phased-in renovation which would include roof repairs as well improvements to the heating and cooling system. Butler assures residents that failure to pass does not mean the AISD would shut down. “Without passage, we simply could not provide the programs and services at the level we would like. There would also be the prospect, although not immediate, of personnel cuts in the district.

The bottom line for taxpayers, if they pass the bond issue, is that taxes will go up five cents for every \$100 of property valuation. That means, according to a district presentation, you will pay an additional \$12.50 a year next year if your house is valued at \$25,000. For houses valued at \$75,000, the additional taxes will be \$37.50 a year.

Senior citizens who have filed for homestead exemption would be entitled to have their taxes frozen at age 65 and would not receive an increase in property taxes based on the bond issue.

Butler and Karen Elmore, his director of finance, have explained some of the mechanics of and reasoning for the bond issue in informational presentations to the Anthony Town Council and

San Eli bilingual program may need to undergo changes

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

SAN ELIZARIO — For the second month in a row, San Elizario ISD’s bilingual program was under the microscope of its board of trustees.

At its July 14 meeting, the board got a more detailed look at the program whose shortcomings had come to light in a report at its June session. The second report covered the number of students in the program by grade level and how long they have been in the program. It came at the request of board members concerned about the length of time students were in the bilingual program.

“Three years is too much time,” board member Armando Martinez had said at the June meeting. “Basically we are doing something wrong.”

Timelines for the program and “Catch 22” were terms that came up often in a lengthy discussion of just what was wrong in the July board meeting that was marked by frank admissions of problems in the system.

“We have not been keeping an eye on students who are not exiting the program,” said Superintendent Dr. Mike Quatrini. “We have had blinders on,” he admitted. “We saw the success of those exiting the program, not the ones who were left behind.”

At last week’s meeting, Martinez served notice that things had better improve and hinted that there had better be some improvements in a year’s time or else the board may have to take further-unspecified-action in regards to timelines.

Quatrini welcomed Martinez’ remarks, seeing it as a spur to further administration efforts. “You have made it clear that something has to be done.”

While he welcomed the comments, Quatrini pointed out that it is difficult to put a timeline or limit on how long kids are in the program because all are different and learn at a different pace. “Some students just take longer,” he added.

The superintendent used the “Catch 22” term to describe the dilemma of bilingual teachers whose goal it is have their students exit the program as quickly as possible with a prescribed proficiency in English. The Catch 22 aspect comes into play when student scores are higher when they are tested in Spanish rather than English.

Teaching in Spanish and passing in Spanish when the program is designed to improve English proficiency, Quatrini points out. A teacher’s success is measured against a student’s success, he adds, noting that teachers are under pressure to move students out successfully with the school board as well as state and federal agencies looking over their shoulders.

Quatrini warned the board that English scores might drop in the short term as he pushes for more English instruction in kinder through the third grade. “We’ve got to turn the numbers around,” as he emphasized a quicker pace for transitioning into greater

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Out on a limb

I saw her when the old car she was riding in buzzed up the gravel road. She was about seven years old, her wispy brown hair flying in the breeze as she leaned out of the car window.

I was in a cherry tree.

She saw me, too, and grinned — a sweet, simple smile of excited childhood, a smile that was decidedly out

of step with the raucous rap music that was also streaming out of the car window.

The season when cherries ripen in the mountains of Southern New Mexico creates an environment not unlike that of an international airport or a train station in a metropolitan city.

Just sit down somewhere, be still and watch, and you are likely to see people of virtually every nationality, culture and background. What brings

them winging to find the tiny outlets where cherries grow is a force as mysterious as that which motivates the flight of the Monarch butterflies and the buzzards from Mexico.

I've heard it referred to as cherry mania, and like politics, it brings together the strangest of bedfellows. And like the proverbial cafe on the streets of Paris, it seems as if the whole world eventually passes by.

But I wasn't sitting pretty on a charming French sidewalk. I was up a ladder, out on a limb.

There are definitive stages to cherry picking. When you first start, you consume, on the spot, at least half as many cherries as go into the bucket. As time passes, your consumption drops to a third, then a quarter, until finally, if you stay in the tree long enough, you become a sort of connoisseur, issuing sighs of contentment as you devour only the richest, fullest, deepest burgundy of the tantalizing globules hovering among the shimmering green leaves.

I guess the attraction isn't really that mysterious, after all.

If you are in the orchard for only a short time you miss the full range of people who pass under the trees, bucket in hand, some serious pickers, some just there to browse around. Thankfully, I had all day.

From my perch in the tree, I caught a glimpse of the little brown-haired girl. She was not too clean, wearing frayed shorts and t-shirt, her flip-flops doing little to keep her tiny feet

from getting cherry-stained. But her voice kept wafting up, as sweet and clear as a bird in the morning chorus.

Look, mama, look here, this one's perfect! Yeah, the mother said, around the bubble gum she was popping. She was a pretty young woman, unkempt as the child, but also tattooed, and pierced in a few places that couldn't possibly be comfortable.

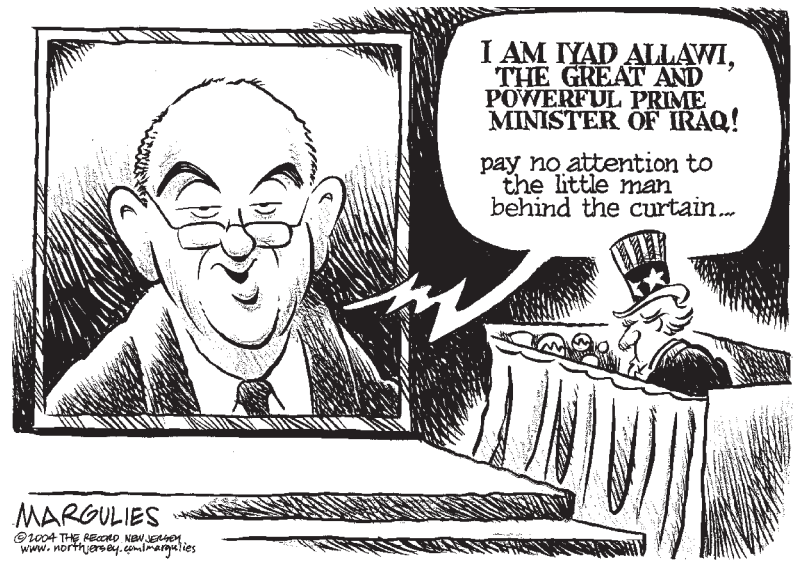
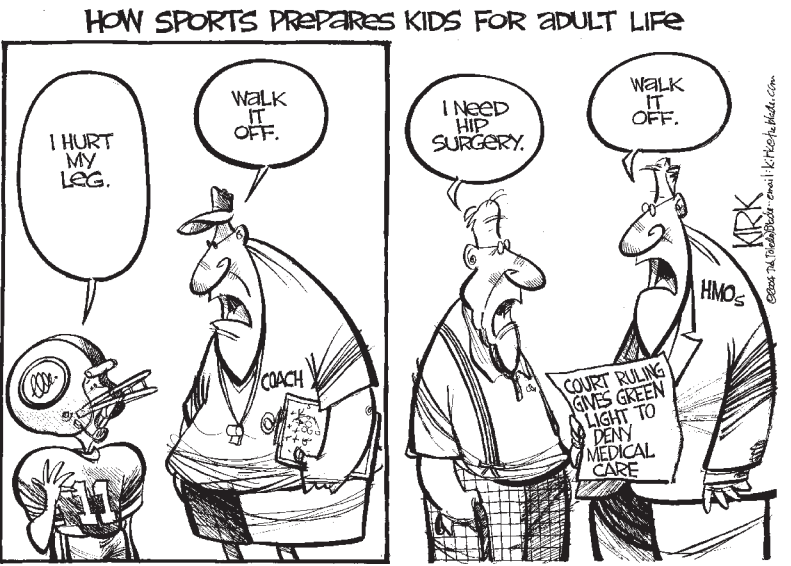
As the day wore on the voices drifted to me, the lilting musical refrains of Spanish; the clipped Asian sing-song, my experience doesn't tell me if it was Korean, Vietnamese, maybe Japanese; the solid, full-mouth phrases of German.


The vehicles came and went in a steady stream, everything from worn-out pickups, 15-passenger vans, motor homes, four-wheel duallies, and tons of shiny SUVs hauling about a million kids. Unhurried old folks, energetic young people, sullen teens, effusive city people, enthusiastic couples, reluctant husbands, harried wives, people who liked one another, some who didn't. Rude people and polite. Educated, sophisticated, pushy, socially at ease and rough of manner, in an unceasing flow.

I watched an incredibly muddy, lime-green Pontiac Grand Am pull up, to emit, to my surprise, a cowboy who had to literally unfold his long legs and big booted feet like an accordion just to get out. He could have walked right out of *Lonesome Dove*, with his huge black hat and handle-bar mustache; his big, work-hardened hands erupted from a workshirt with too-short sleeves. A few minutes later he came back with a small bag of cherries and solemnly folded his lanky frame back into his unlikely ride. Then I noted the license plates — Wyoming.

In departing, he passed within a few feet of several young Asian men, as neat and shorn and urban as a magazine ad, wearing designer shorts and shoes, laughing and gesturing. Two worlds passing in an orchard, each oblivious of the other.

I don't know if life is just a bowl of cherries but a cherry tree is a pretty good place from which to view life.





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Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

SBA loan program preserved by Congress

The House of Representatives recently saved one of the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) most popular loan programs — the 7(a) Loan Guaranty Program — from being dismantled in the fiscal year 2005 budget. As a program that provided 5,200 small businesses in Texas with over \$1 billion in loans in 2003 alone, it is extremely important to keep this program alive.

Here in El Paso, our nearly 1,000 small businesses play a major role in our community — pumping almost \$30 million into our economy and providing thousands of jobs each year. Federal loan programs help our small businesses get off the ground and grow, not only improving job prospects locally, but improving our country's overall economy. The SBA's 7(a) Loan Guaranty Program has proven extremely successful and popular among our small businesses. Despite this success, the Bush

Administration's fiscal year 2005 budget proposal severely weakened the program. The Bush Administration would like to eliminate the federal government's contribution to the 7(a) program by imposing a zero credit subsidy rate. With a zero credit subsidy rate, the government would not pay for the program, requiring fees for both small businesses and lenders participating in the program to substantially increase. By shifting costs to the small business community and lenders, the 7(a) loan program would fail to remain a viable option for our nation's entrepreneurs.

Recognizing the severe blow this move would deal to our nation's small business community, my colleagues and I in the House of Representatives simply could not let this happen. Last month in Congress, we debated — and ultimately passed — the spending bill that funds the SBA.

Reps. David Manzullo (R-IL) and Nydia Velázquez (D-NY), the Chair and Ranking Member of the House Small Business Committee, sponsored a bipartisan amendment to the

bill that will provide \$79 million in funding for the SBA's 7(a) loan program. I am proud to say we approved by a vote of 281 to 137, a major legislative victory.

The 7(a) program, which finances 40 percent of all SBA loans, is a lifeline for many minority and women-owned businesses. While many small businesses do not qualify for traditional bank loans, the 7(a) program provides an avenue for small business owners to access the basic operating and expansion capital they need to survive and grow. By utilizing this loan program, small businesses have more access to bank financing because the SBA guarantees 50-85 percent of the loan.

We need to create good paying jobs by expanding other loan programs, eliminating unnecessary regulation, and opening up the federal marketplace to small businesses. By empowering our small businesses, we are keeping America competitive in a changing global marketplace by creating the jobs of the future, and keeping good-paying jobs here at home.

Lack of respect for public is protested at Socorro council meeting

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — While people were entering the Socorro City Hall on July 15 to attend the regularly scheduled council meeting, several protesters were approaching the parking lot of City Hall chanting “Socorro deserves respect” in Spanish.

The demonstration was in protest to how they feel they have been treated by members of City Council and the Socorro Police Department.

Trini Lopez organized the march that began at Cougar Park and ended up at City Hall, in time for the City Council meeting. Many of the protesters signed up to speak to Council to voice their dissatisfaction on the way the City of Socorro is being operated.

Some of this frustration was said to have been due to the recent death

of a member of the community member while in custody of the Socorro Police Department. Most of the frustrations were aimed at the Police Department.

Lopez reminded council that people have continually complained about several city departments for the past 18 months. Some of their complaints include lack of street improvements, lack of street lights, not enough sidewalks, minimal community development, no solidarity, absence of representation and, emphatically, lack of respect for the public.

Lopez challenged Council to come up with an answer to their demands. After several hours of community members venting their frustrations, Mayor Irma Sanchez told Lopez and the audience that Council would be looking into all complaints and would get back to them.

She also suggested holding a pub-

lic meeting in the near future in which department heads and key employees of the departments being complained about could be present so issues could be discussed and specific complaints addressed.

In other business, Council approved a request from Suky Ramos to hold The Native American Arts and crafts Festival, an annual event, at Cougar Park for the next five years.

City Council also approved a tourism advertisement through the Chamber of Commerce at an approximate cost of \$2800. Mayor Sanchez said this is a great opportunity to market the City of Socorro to improve tourism. City Representative Gloria Rodriguez voted against because she said she felt it was too expensive. City Representatives Gary Gandara and Chito Bowling voted for it. City Representative Joe Ramirez was not in attendance at the meeting.

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

Teach kids their financial ABCs

Kids today can receive emails on their cell phones or use a CD-ROM for their homework. Yet, many don’t know basic money skills like saving, budgeting, balancing a checkbook and comparison shopping, among other real-life skills.

Recent studies show that kids aren’t learning about money management at school or at home. And to top it off, our national savings rate is now lower than during the Great Depression. Studies show that Americans spend more than \$9.99 for every \$10 they earned in income — literally, a penny saved — with no relief in sight.

If parents, schools and community leaders don’t teach children how to manage money, today’s young people may become tomorrow’s bankruptcy statistics. That’s why I’m participating in a program called Teach Children to Save, created by the American Bankers Association Education Foundation (ABAEF).

Kids are advertising targets in the marketplace and statistics say they spend an average of \$104 dollars a week. Now that’s a lot more spending money than what I was used to. From video games and trendy clothes, to compact discs, the message they receive is “spend” and by the time they become adults, it could be too late to teach them financial skills. Financial education now is an answer and an investment.

This month I’ll visit a Third District school to teach kids about money, using presentations that include educational games and hands-on activities covering the concept of saving, how interest makes money grow, budgeting and needs versus wants. The Teach Children to Save program uses lesson plans that incorporate activities, videos and budget exercises that children can relate to, such as “Buying a Scooter,” and “Living in the Real World.”

I encourage parents to teach their children about money. It’s critical for their future — good habits start early and healthy money skills last a lifetime. Here are some simple suggestions to teach your kids the value of money:

1. Give children an allowance. Six is the age when most children learn to add and subtract. With this money, you can introduce key concepts into a child’s vocabulary such as budget, savings and interest. Help them create a budget worksheet with their money and teach them to save a portion of their allowance.
2. Let children help with shopping. Compare prices and values of grocery and household items. Give kids a small sum of money, or play money, for practice.
3. Teach young people the difference between needs and wants. Talk about the rewards of saving money rather than spending it. Start a sav-

ings account for the child and go over bank statements together. Explain the miracle of compound interest.

4. Reach teens before it’s too late. Go over a sample credit card statement with them; develop a budget; and explain the impact that bad, and good, credit can have on people’s lives.
5. Best of all, teach by setting a good example. Show them how you save. Deposit a portion of your paycheck in a savings account or make this the year you save your tax refund.

Finally, parents should realize that personal finance is a life skill, just like reading and writing. Even with adequate personal finance education in school, students must learn from their parents.

People who learn to save early in life usually make smarter financial decisions later. The Teach Kids to Save program starts young people off on the right path to saving for their future.

If you’re a grown up with young savers in your life, make the extra effort this month to Teach Children to Save.

If we don’t teach our kids the difference between a “need” and a “want,” Madison Avenue will.



Write stuff

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Fabens ISD Board of trustees, the parents, community and especially the children of Fabens, we would like to thank and recognize the following organization and a few of their members for their generous donation of time and dedication in starting the “Fabens Cotton Valley Little League.”

The Fabens Lions Club organization, baseball league coaches, volunteer umpires, Danny Salcido, Rey Sepulveda, Chris Spence, Greg Spence and anyone who helped make this year a success,

in addition to their spouses and family, are to be thanked for volunteering their time.

Because of their support, children in our community have the opportunity to participate in the American pastime. Not only are the youth enjoying the sport of baseball, they are learning many valuable life-long lessons by being a member of a team.

We all applaud you and the organization for a job well done. Keep up the good work!

Pancho Garcia
Superintendent
Fabens ISD

TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger T. Moore, July 25, 1882: Judge Roy Bean sends a card to the San Antonio Express extolling the virtues of his Saloon West of the Pecos.



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Village of Vinton PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 9, 2004 during the Planning Commission meeting at Vinton Village Hall, 436 Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed items:

1. A public proposal by the Village Council to amend the Village Zoning Ordinance regulations (Ord. No. 088-94) in the following specified particulars:

Article IV, Prohibited Uses, Subsection B. Uses Prohibited, paragraph 4 is proposed to be amended as follow:

“4. Feed lots, poultry farms or facilities for killing or slaughtering and dressing of animals, *except for as allowed by special permit in zoning district R-1.*”

Article IV, R-1 Residential District, Subsection D. Uses Permitted by Special Permit is proposed to amend by adding a paragraph 4. to read as follows:

“4. *The keeping of agricultural livestock and the butchering and dressing of those animals as part of an educational program at a public school; The showing of agricultural livestock and agricultural products to the public as part of a public school program or competition.*”

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

CAMILLE CASTILLO
Village Clerk

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State historical commission designates new heritage trail regions, includes El Paso County

AUSTIN — In unprecedented action, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) designated two new heritage trail regions — one of which includes El Paso County — to be the seventh and eighth areas to participate in the agency’s regional tourism initiative, the Texas Heritage Trails Program.

Acceptance into the program begins the state-assisted development and promotion of the area as a heritage tourism destination.

The two new regions are the Texas Mountain Trail Region and the Texas Tropical Trail Region.

“Heritage tourism is a key element of regional economic development,” said THC Chairman John L. Nau, III. “With the addition of these regions, our program will cover 221 Texas coun-

ties serving as economic engines generating more dollars for our state.”

The Texas Heritage Trails Program helps Texas communities promote tourism,revitalize local economies and foster community leadership through historic preservation. The THC will work with both regions for a minimum of three years providing technical, marketing and financial assistance.

The Texas Mountain Trail Region includes six counties: Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis and Presidio.

The Texas Tropical Trail Region includes 20 counties: Aransas, Brooks, Cameron, Dimmit, Duval, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Webb, Willacy and

Zapata.

The Texas Mountain Trail Region will officially launch September 2004 and the Texas Tropical Trail Region will begin operating in January 2005.

Initial steps include establishing a board, hiring a regional trail coordinator, assessing and reporting on the region’s heritage tourism readiness and creating a regional travel guide.

For free travel guides highlighting Texas’ heritage trail regions, please call toll free at 866/276-6219 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us/travel.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.



San Elizario

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English proficiency.

He is looking for a graduation rate from the program in the 70 percent range by the time they finish the third grade.

In other action, the board ap-

proved:

- Selling wastewater system items it no longer needed to the Clint ISD;
- Bids for food service products; and
- Changes in SEISD health plan rates and benefits, requiring a 2-5 percent contribution increase by employees and district.

Public Notice Special Needs Programs at Tornillo Independent School District for 2004-2005 School Year

Tornillo Independent School District provides the following educational program/services to identified children with disabilities who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one. Instructional Program: Including Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resource (grades K-12), Diagnostic Services, Transportation Services, Speech Therapy, Assistive Technology Equipment, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, School Health Services, Homebound Services, and Career & Technology.

Services are provided to identified auditorially and visually impaired children who reside within the district from birth through age twenty-one.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 94-142, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policy FL provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Paul Vranish, Superintendent, Tornillo ISD, at 915-764-2366.

Aviso de Programas de Necesidades Especiales del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo para el año 2004-2005

El distrito escolar independiente de Tornillo provee los siguientes programas/servicios educativos a niños que son identificados como incapacitados que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años. Programa de instruccion: infacia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), y cuarto de recurso (K-12), incluyendo servicios diagnosticos, servicios de transportacion, terapia de habla, equipo auxiliar de tecnologia, terapia fisica, servicios de salud escolar, servicios de clases en el hogar y servicios de carrera y tecnologia.

Se provee servicios a niños identificados como incapacitados audible y visualmente que viven dentro del distrito desde nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años.

Conforme al Acto de Confidencia y de Derechos Educativos de la Familia de 1974 y Ley Publica 94-142, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derechos de ver los archivos educativos. Polizas FL y FL-E explican los derechos, la confidencialidad, y el proceso para quejarse.

Si usted desea mas informacion o sabe de un niño/niña incapacitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Tornillo que no esta recibiendo servicios educativos. Favor de comunicarse con: Paul Vranish, Superintendente, Tornillo ISD, 915-764-2366.

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Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice of Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of the Tornillo Independent School District to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or any person who has a disability in the admission or access to programs, delivery of services or employment.

The Tornillo Independent School District is fully committed to meeting its responsibilities as specified by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; prohibiting sex discrimination, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Inquiries concerning your rights may be referred to Superintendent Paul Vranish, P.O. Box 170, Tornillo, TX 79853. Phone: (915) 764-2366. Fax: (915) 764-2120.

Notificacion Publica

Es la norma de conducta de el distrito escolar de Tornillo prohibir la discriminación a base de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o deshabilidad en la admisión o el acceso a programas, entrega de servicios o empleo.

El distrito escolar de Tornillo esta comprometido a cumplir con las responsabilidades especificadas por el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, como enmendado, el Título IX de la Enmienda de Educación de 1972, como enmendado, que prohíbe la discriminación sexual, el Acta de la Discriminacion por edad de 1975 como enmendada, la Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendado, y el Acta de Americanos con Deshabilidades.

Para información tocanta a sus derechos comuniquese con Superintendente Paul Vranish, P.O. Box 170, Tornillo, TX 79853. Phone: (915) 764-2366. Fax: (915) 764-2120.

WTCC: 07/31/03

Socorro High freshman to start high school career with Japan trip

SOCORRO — Sarah Chacon’s Japanese should improve after July 31.

That’s because she will have spent a week in Tokyo, Japan as part of the Yazaki North American camp. Yazaki is affiliated with El Paso’s Elcom manufacturing organization. She’s one of seven El Paso-area students chosen for the trip.

The Socorro High School freshman will miss the first week of school. She leaves July 23 and will experience the music, food and the people of Japan.



Sarah Chacon

Chacon is working on her language skills, learning phrases for greetings and courtesies. Yazaki is asking her to write about her impressions of Japan, putting her thoughts into a single-page paper written during her long return flight.

“I am so excited about this,” Chacon says. “I want to experience everything, and I’ll have to write a one-page essay about my trip. I’m also very excited about meeting new people at Socorro High School, and I’m looking forward to my future.”

Anthony

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at a public meeting for concerned citizens.

The school district has two separate tax rates that allocate funds in two areas, M&O (Maintenance and Operations) and I&S (Interest and Sinking Fund). The bonds on lease-purchase agreement on the Fine Arts are now paid out of M&O funds that must go for instructional purposes.

If the bond issue passes, paying for the bonds will come from funds gen-

erated from taxes collected on the I&S side of the ledger. In doing so, it frees up, over a 10-year period, approximately \$240,000 on the M&O side presently obligated for operating expenses and other costs in administering the lease-purchase bond agreement. Bringing the total savings to \$300,000 is an additional \$60,000 in estimated interest savings.

Approval of the bond issue is expected to generate an addition \$150,000 in state funding.

The bond election will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Anthony Elementary School, 610 6th St.

Public Notice Tornillo Independent School District 2004-2005 School Meal Policy

The Tornillo Independent School District serves breakfast and lunch every school day. All children in the district will receive a reimbursable meal at no charge through the academic year of 2004- 2005. All children will receive a free breakfast and free lunch regardless of income. In the operation of the child feeding program, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, gender, disability, age or national origin. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Paul Vranish, Superintendent, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Rudy Barreda, at P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, 79853, or call (915) 764-2366.

Noticia Publica Poliza de Comida del Año 2004-2005 del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo servira desayuno y almuerzo cada dia escolar. Todo los ninos del distrito recibiran comida sin cobro durante el ano escolar 2004-2005. Todo los ninos recibiran un desayuno gratis y un almuerzo gratis a pesar de sus ingresos. En la operacion del programa de comidas para ninos, ningun nino sera discriminado por su raza, color, religion, genero, incapacidad, edad o origen nacional Para mas informacion de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el coordinador de Titulo IX, Paul Vranish, Superintendent, y/o la coordinadora de la Seccion 504, Rudy Barreda, P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, 79853 or call (915) 764-2366.

WTCC: 07/22/04

County Democratic party seeks to fill vacant precinct chairs

EL PASO COUNTY — The El Paso County Democratic Party is accepting applications for candidates for vacant precinct chairmanships, according to Carmen S. Duarte, Chair of the El Paso Democratic Party.


Applicants for these positions must be at least 18 years of age, a resident of the precinct which they seek to represent, a registered voter and must have voted in the Democratic Primary election. The County Democratic Party Executive Committee at a special meeting in August will vote on candidates for precinct chairs. Under Party Rules, the votes of 51 percent of the Executive Committee’s membership are required for election.

Those interested should check the precinct number on their voter registration certificate. The application forms are available at the El Paso County Democratic Party headquarters at 1401-C Montana Avenue.

Completed applications, executed under oath and subject to verification, must be received at Democratic Party headquarters by 5 p.m. July 30.

The El Paso County Democratic Party is also sponsoring a 2004 Democratic National Convention Celebration on July 29 at the Elk’s

Lodge, 211 East Cliff Drive beginning at 5:30 p.m. to watch Sen. John Kerry accept the Democratic nomination for President. Refreshments will be available. For more information, contact the El Paso County Democratic Party Headquarters at 915-533-2141.

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Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Education Programs at Tornillo Independent School District for 2004-2005 School Year

- 1.) Tornillo Independent School District offers career and technology programs in Business Education, Agricultural Science and Technology Education, Health Science Technology Education, Family and Consumer Science Technology Education (Home Economics), Trade and Industrial Education, and Marketing Education. Admission to these programs is based on current enrollment in the Tornillo ISD and completion of any necessary prerequisites.
- 2.) It is the policy of Tornillo ISD not to discriminate on the basis or race, color, national origin, gender, or disability 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 Tornillo ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, 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.)Tornillo ISD will take steps to assure 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, Paul Vranish, Superintendent, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Rudy Barreda, at P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Street. Tornillo, Texas, 79853 or call (915)-764- 2366.

Notificacion de no Discriminar en los Programas Educativos de Carrera y Tecnologia Tornillo ISD por el año escolar del 2004-2005

- 1.) *El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo esta ofreciendo programas de carreras y tecnologia en Educacion de Negocios, Ciencia de Agricultura y Educacion en Tecnologia, Ciencia de Salud Tecnologia Educativa, Ciencia de Consumidor y Familia Tecnologia Educativa (Economia del Hogar), Comercio y Educacion Industrial, y Educacion de Mercado. La admision a estos programas es basada en la matriculacion actual en el distrito escolar de Tornillo, y tambien que se aiga cumplido cualquier requisito de antemano.*
- 2.) *Es poliza del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo no discriminar segun la raza, color, origen de nacionalidad, genero, o incapacidad en estos programas de carreras y tecnologia, servicios, o actividades requerido por el Acta de Derechos Civiles Titulo IV de 1964, que fue enmendada; Titulo IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; y al seccion 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitacion, de 1973 como enmendada.*
- 3.) *Es poliza del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo no discriminar segun la raza, color, origen de nacionalidad, genero, incapacidad, o edad en sus practicas de empleo como esta requerido por el Acta de Derechos Civiles Titulo IV de 1964, que fue enmendada, Titulo IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; y el Acta de discriminacion a la edad de 1975 como enmendada; y al seccion 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitacion, de 1973 como enmendada.*
- 4.) *El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo tomara pasos para asegurar que la falta de ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y partipacion en todos los programas vocacionales, y educativos.*
- 5.) *Para mas informacion de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el coordinador de Titulo IX, Paul Vranish, Superintendent, y/o la coordinadora de la Seccion 504, Rudy Barreda, P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, 79853 or call (915) 764- 2366.*

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Hockey players on real thin ice

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I know the National Hockey League season has been over for more than a month but it seems to be in the news now more than ever. And with the league struggling to survive, the publicity it is now enjoying couldn't have come at a worse time.

Two players have put the NHL back in the minds of the American public, and that's not a good thing. In a story that boggles the average mind, St. Louis Blues player Mike Danton pleaded guilty last weekend to a federal murder-for-hire conspiracy charge. See, Danton tried to hire a guy to murder his agent, David Frost.

Wow, at least Tonya Harding only wanted to break Nancy Kerrigan's leg.

Danton's biggest mistake, other than evidently taking too many blows to the head, was who he chose to help him do away with Frost.

The guy he tried to hire turned out to be a police dispatcher.

Man, you can't trust anybody anymore.

For his dastardly deed, Danton is facing seven to 10 years in prison when he's sentenced on Oct. 22. The prosecutor in the case told the judge Friday that Danton promised to pay Justin Jones \$10,000 for killing his agent, and to make it appear like a botched burglary.

It appears that Danton was afraid his agent might give information to the team about his recent trouble with certain pain killers and sleeping pills.

So naturally Danton tried to have Frost killed. That seems a little extreme, but that's just me.

Wow, this is better than the last episode of "Law and Order."

But wait, the plot thickens — turns out that there is a woman involved. Danton had a lady acquaintance of his, Katie Wolfmeyer, 19, do the actual hiring of Jones for the murder.

Wolfmeyer's attorney is claiming that the college student was smitten with the big, bad athlete and was manipulated by Danton. She has pleaded not guilty.

Anyway, the good thing is that the big dumb dope will be off the streets for a while and will have plenty of time to make some close personal friends in prison.

Besides, you can hardly blame Danton for thinking his actions weren't so bad. Just think about it, during a game he can beat a hockey opponent to within an inch of his life with his bare fists and the most he'll ever get would be five minutes in the penalty box.

This time he'll get five minutes — plus about 10 years.

The other guy giving hockey a black eye this week is the Atlanta Thrashers' Dany Heatley, who was indicted on vehicular manslaughter charges that claimed the life of his teammate Dan Snyder.

Have you ever driven your car through a curving road in a residential area? Yeah, me too. I take it pretty slow because you can't really see around those curves.

I guess Heatley thought he could see around those curves when he was driving his black Ferrari between 60 and 90 mph through a residential area.

Needless to say, Heatley lost control of the vehicle and ran it into a brick pillar and an iron fence. Heatley survived, Snyder did not.

Snyder hung on for several days in a coma before losing his life.

But fortunately, there is a person in this story that provides some comic relief in an otherwise sad state of events. And the character is, once again, the lawyer.

Heatley's attorney, Ed Garland, said the case did not justify a homicide charge. "We don't want any sentence that would put him in jail, destroy his career, or have him deported from the United States."

This guy breaks the law by speeding through a residential area, putting other people in danger before crashing and killing his passenger — and his lawyer is worried about his client's career!

Had enough of the attorney? Sorry, there's more. Garland also said he was going to determine if the car Heatley drove had any mechanical defects. Right, blame it on the car. Any mechanical defects? I think the defects were all in the driver's head.

Heatley and Snyder were very close friends and there is no doubt that there was no intent to harm Snyder. But some people are calling this a mistake, an accident.

No, when you're at the big meeting at work and you suddenly realize you're wearing different colored socks, that's a mistake.

When you're speeding at nearly 90 mph in a residential area you're deliberately putting yourself and everyone around you in serious danger.

That's only common sense — common sense, that is, to anyone who is not an attorney.

Motorcyclists, motorists urged to look out for each other

With 50 percent of motorcycle fatalities taking place at crowded intersections, both motorcyclists — and the auto drivers who can hit them — need to be particularly cautious both going to work and home afterward.

Keith Code, the world's top motorcycle instructor, has trained more than 125,000 motorcyclists and written bestsellers in five languages. He recommends the following:

- Booze and bikes don't mix so don't go for "swiller time" — 64 percent of motorcycle fa-

talities are alcohol-related.

- Intersection collisions follow alcohol as the second highest cause of accidents, especially when a car makes a left in front of the motorcycle. Code recommends letting a car run interference for you by running off the rear right fender of the car in front. Other auto drivers are geared to look for cars, not the smaller profile of a motorcycle.
- Use your front brakes — they have 90 percent of the stopping power and are more reli-

able and effective.

- Assume cars never see bikes so ride in a way to make yourself visible — speeding up and slowing down, moving back and forth within the lane — not illegally but in a positive manner to let drivers know you are there. He encourages bright clothing and loud pipes but warns that they alone won't get the attention needed for safety. He recommends using all three — lane movement, pipes and color — to increase visibility.

King Super Crossword

WAYNE'S WORLD ACROSS

1 Big bargain

6 Carpentry device

11 Diplomacy

15 Sault _ Marie, MI

18 Fill with fizz

19 "Bolero" composer

20 Return address?

21 Pallid

22 Frequent Wayne co-star

24 Film directed by Wayne

26 Wayfarer's whistle

wetter

27 Thrill

28 Troubles

30 Pianist Gilels

31 Word with car or pea

33 Muhammad's daughter

36 Commotion

38 Tune

41 Small mall

42 Bearing

43 Faced the day

44 Wayne's birth name

49 _ Grande

50 Plot

53 Facilitate a felony

54 Poetic preposition

55 Makes one's mark

56 Tortellini topping

57 Fretful

60 Songwriter

Greenwich

62 Jean of "Upstairs, Downstairs"

63 " _ Sorry Now" ('58 hit)

64 Gossip material

65 Numbers man?

67 Wayne's final film

72 Went jogging

73 Maestro Zubin

75 "Braveheart" costume

76 Fielder's equipment

78 Yale or Root

79 Corn

81 Simon's "Plaza _"

82 Rascal

85 Out of sorts

86 Restaurateur

Toots

88 Seat cover?

89 Actress Peggy

90 Oscar-winning Wayne role

95 Hugh of "Small Time Crooks"

97 Spineless

98 Egg evaluation

99 Rich soup

100 Insist

103 Lost one's tail?

104 A shake in the grass?

105 "Star Trek VI" actress

106 Bendix role

108 Tease

109 Spigot

112 Frequent Wayne director

114 Wayne's role in "The Searchers"

120 Rink legend

121 New York city

122 Shortstop Pee Wee

123 Volcanic state

124 Comedian Louis

125 Actor Epps

126 A la King?

127 Proficient

DOWN

1 Navy warrior

2 " _ Colors" ('86 hit)

3 Teacup part

4 Tackled a taco

5 Margin

6 Singer Sheryl

7 _di-dah

8 Palindromic name

9 "Mal de _"

10 Luciano's colleague

11 Neon _

12 Flu symptom

13 _ cat

14 Shelley's " _ Skylark"

15 Okefenokee, for one

16 Indian tongue

17 " _ Gay"

18 Internists' org.

23 " _ if I can help it!"

25 Tea of "The Naked

Truth"

29 Prayer finale

31 _ Cob, CT

32 Forsyth's "The _ File"

33 Surround a Seurat

34 "God's Little _" ('58 film)

35 Skater Babilonia

37 Olympian Al

38 "You Bet Your Life" emcee

39 Part of HOMES

40 Author Anita

41 Don of "Cocoon"

42 Melville title start

45 "Nowhere _" ('66 hit)

46 Actress Diamond

47 Sky stalker

48 _do-well

51 Supermarket vehicle

52 "Be quiet!"

57 Complete

58 Night noise

59 Relative of -ator

61 Tempt

62 School subject

63 Crackerjack

65 Casals' instrument

66 Detective Vance

68 Emulate 102

Down

69 Exotic pet

70 Lingerie item

71 Shopper's sack

73 Golda of Israel

74 Darcy's creator

77 "The Aeneid" author

79 Mindy's mate

80 Circle section

81 Fathered a foal

82 Neighbor of Jordan

83 Waiter's offering

84 Fancy appetizer

87 TV's "Max _"

88 Teen title

91 Proust protagonist

92 Eye appreciatively

93 Cheeseboard choice

94 " _ Girls" ('79 smash)

96 Pretoria's loc.

99 "The Enlightened One"

100 Mustard city

101 Atlanta campus

102 Athlete Phil

103 More advanced

104 Rush

107 Role for Shirley

108 Patella's place

109 Kisser

110 Mine feature

111 Pressure meas.

113 To and _

115 Pigskin prop

116 "Tell _ About It" ('83 song)

117 " _ see it..."

118 Gum gob

119 Overwhelm

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CORRECT CLUES TO JULY 15, 2004 PUZZLE

WHIRLED TOUR ACROSS

1 Hollywood clashers

5 Out of line

10 Palindromic

Parseghian

13 Haarlem export

18 '78 Bujold thriller

19 Lavished

21 Waggle

22 Meyerbeer

masterpiece

23 West Indian

troublemaker?

25 Mideastern show tune?

27 Aquatic animal

28 Appraise

30 Compass pt.

31 Vacation sensation

34 Citrus fruit

35 Brand or Chamberlain

38 Thames town

41 Son of Noah

43 Touch down

45 " _ Dinah" ('58 hit)

46 Opening

47 _ acid

49 One _ customer

51 Gambols

54 Speechless, in Southeast Asia?

59 Church members

61 Hold up

62 Pro bono

63 Summer quencher

64 Gawk

65 Israeli dance

68 TV's " _ Life"

70 Brenda or Brandon

72 "Unforgettable" name

73 South American designer?

76 Scandinavian sugar substitute?

80 Muir or Miniver

81 By means of

82 Nobelist Wiesel

84 _ gin fizz

85 Gam and Wilson

88 Exec's deg.

90 Concept

92 Pointless

96 Adult insect

97 Central American song?

101 Addis _

103 Rock's _ Bravos

104 Ointment

105 Ornamental vine

106 Whip, for one

108 Family members, to many

111 Hum bug?

112 Perplexed

113 Artist Vincent

116 Stagger

118 Haul

120 Impresario Hurok

121 Self-assurance

123 Biblical kingdom

127 Caribbean entree?

130 African palanquins?

134 Where the buoys are

135 Fr. holy woman

136 Beethoven symphony

137 Ginger cookie

138 Swelling

139 Aunt or niece

140 Bestow

141 "Guarding _" ('94 film)

DOWN

1 Narcissus' nymph

2 Big kid?

3 Fail to mention

4 Glossy cloth

5 Garment part

6 _ Paulo, Brazil

7 Relatives

8 Actress Georgia

9 Plant pest

10 Hunt's " _ Ben Adhem"

11 Director Polanski

12 Let up

13 Anderson's "High _"

14 News org.

15 Raze

16 Musical of 1919

17 Unwind a rind

20 Stage stuff

24 Levin or Remsen

26 Extremely

infrequently?

29 Slowly, to Sibelius

32 Dispel

33 Head set?

36 Sacred cows

37 Paul of "The Burning Bed"

38 "Heavens to Betsy!"

39 "Little Man _" ('91 film)

40 Fall birthstone

42 Irritate

44 Mrs. David Copperfield

47 "Blue _" ('77 hit)

48 It's walked at Windsor

50 Baffle

52 Nero's instrument

53 Scarecrow stuffing

55 Bolger/Haley co_star

56 Singer Della

57 Moisten

58 Starts a lawn

60 Still

66 Gun the engine

67 Out on _

69 Stage whisper

71 Sushi candidate

73 _ donna

74 Cornerstone abbr.

75 Tag

77 Literary parson

78 Din

79 Easter ends it

80 Med. test

83 Taylor or Trotta

86 "F Troop" corporal

87 Edna Ferber novel

89 Crooked

91 Spirited steed

93 Baudelaire's buddies

94 Church area

95 "Orinoco Flow" singer

98 Grenoble's river

99 Beseeched

100 Done

102 Take on

107 Way out

109 On edge

110 Anchored

112 Taken way aback?

113 Endorse, with "for"

114 "The Sandbox" playwright

115 Wasteland

117 Enticed

119 Timber tree

120 Sailboat, e.g.

122 _-Ball (arcade game)

124 Mozart's " - kleine Nachtmusik"

125 Some underwear

126 Snake charmer's crew

128 Bond rating

129 NBC comedy showcase

131 Support

132 Sgt. or cpl.

133 Cornfield cry

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By Gary Kopervas



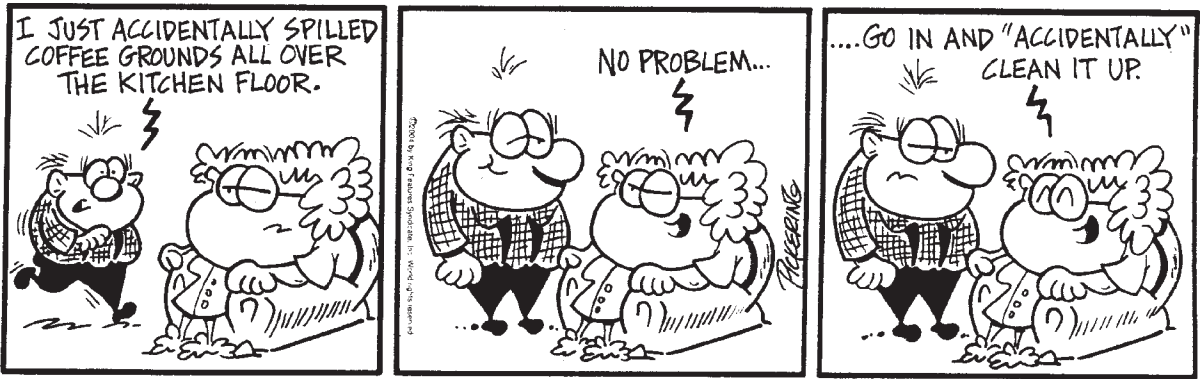
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It is anticipated that the effect of the change in rates will be to increase the revenues of the Company within the El Paso Service Area by approximately \$684,705 or 0.69 percent. The proposed change does not constitute a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code.

The proposed tariffs include increases in gas sales and transportation rates for all residential, commercial, industrial, public authority, and municipal water pumping customers. The Company has also proposed changes in the cost of gas tariff, changes to the transportation tariffs to include balancing provisions and filed initial tariffs for an Economic Development Rate and Interim Cost Recovery and Rate Adjustment Clause in the incorporated areas of the El Paso Service Area. The effect of the change in rates, when allowed, will be to increase the revenues of the Company by approximately 0.69 percent. Based on the proposed rate design, the average monthly residential bill of 45 Ccf will increase by approximately \$0.21, or 0.7 percent, the average monthly commercial bill of 279 Ccf will increase approximately \$1.00, or 0.6 percent, the average monthly public authority bill of 975 Ccf will increase approximately \$3.32 or 0.6 percent, the average monthly industrial bill of 2,926 Ccf will increase approximately \$9.60, or 0.6 percent, the average monthly municipal water pumping bill of 11,698 Ccf will increase approximately \$33.87 or 0.5 percent, and the average standard transportation bill of 34,406 Ccf will increase approximately \$96.01 or 3.1%.

A complete copy of the Statement of Intent is available for inspection in the municipalities' offices and in the Company's business office located at 4600 Pollard St., El Paso, Texas 79930.

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He's too sexy for his eyebrows

By Don Flood

Because of my continual insistence on tough investigative pieces, regular readers of this column know how Barbie doll ditched Ken and began seeing an Australian surfer dude named Blaine.

But now it appears there may be more to the story. According to an actual report by CNN.money about the Barbie-Blaine relationship, "some experts say the move by Mattel was purely 'a publicity stunt.'"

A publicity stunt? That's all it was? Am I supposed to believe that a well-respected toy manufacturer encouraged — perhaps even forced — two of its dolls to pretend to be dating as a publicity stunt?

You could have knocked me over with a feather, but that's apparently what the experts have said. So, in the interest of journalistic integrity, I am now reporting that the alleged love affair between Barbie and Blaine may or may not be the real thing.

But let's move on to the hotties of the human world — in this case, Andy Rooney, veteran newsmen of "60 Minutes."

Rooney, who made his mark by being the first journalist to report that dinosaurs had become extinct, is one of 18 male candidates in Playgirl magazine's sexiest TV newscaster poll.

Sure it's nice to look ahead to your future as a babe magnet, but what if you're half Rooney's age or younger and — doggone it! — you don't want to wait half a century to be sexy?

Well, in America, a country where we have one plastic surgeon for every 8.3 people — which leaves us, sadly, with a severe shortage of doctors to meet our beauty demands — you have a Constitutional right to be sexy.

(Those interested in Constitutional scholarship may look it up themselves in the Dec. 17, 1787 issue of People magazine, which published the Constitution in its entirety — at least the photo portion, though not the text — in a special double-issue, "Sexiest Founding Father Alive!")

Here are some of the "miracle" treatments doctors now offer so you won't have to wait decades to release your outer Andy Rooney:

Hipposuction — Similar to liposuction, but in reverse. Fat is taken from portly hippos and added to your face, stomach, waist, thighs — wherever doctors decide a little "aging" will do the most good.

Eyebrow enhancement — Much of Andy Rooney's sex appeal derives from the fact that he appears to have two furry animals — perhaps roadkill skunks — attached to where most people have regular eyebrows.

Achieving this look is quite difficult, but in a recent breakthrough operation, doctors — using a powerful staple gun — were able to attach two possums above the eyes of a 29-year-old Dayton, Ohio, man who felt his love life was hampered by overly sparse eyebrows.

(In initial accounts, the man was reportedly quite pleased, saying women were definitely "noticing" him more.)

Wrinkle enrichment — While excessive sun and smoking can help speed the aging process, doctors agree nothing beats wrinkle enrichment treatments for achieving those deep, furrowed grooves that young Playgirl readers find irresistible.

Grumpy attitude transplant — Just kidding! (Ha!) Some things you still have to do yourself if you want to be the next Andy Rooney.

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: I have three statements from different doctors saying that I am 100 percent disabled. However, Social Security tells me I am not eligible for disability benefits because I do not have enough coverage. Actually, I have 40 ‘quarters’ of coverage. Isn’t that all I need to get Social Security?

A: As you work and pay taxes, you earn credits that count toward your eligibility for future Social Security benefits. You can earn a maximum of four credits each year. Anyone

with at least 40 credits (sometimes called “quarters of coverage”) is eligible for Social Security retirement benefits. But to qualify for Social Security disability benefits, you must have earned at least some of those credits in recent years. The general rule (for most people age 31 and older) is that you would need to have worked and paid Social Security taxes in five out of the last 10 years..

Q: I am a 68-year-old widow who receives Social Security retirement

benefits. My sister-in-law told me that since I do not have much money I might be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. But a neighbor told me I have to be disabled to get SSI. Which is true?

A: Anyone age 65 and older is potentially eligible for SSI based just on his or her age. You would qualify for benefits if you have less than \$2,000 in liquid assets and if your income is below certain limits. Those limits vary from state to state, so please call 1-800-772-1213 to find out the SSI income

limits that apply where you live.

Q: I am 62 years old and my husband is 57. He makes about four times as much money as I do. Can I take my reduced Social Security retirement benefits at age 62, and later switch to full wife’s benefits based on my husband’s earnings record?

A: Yes. Normally, when you apply for retirement benefits, you are “deemed” to have applied for all other benefits for which you are eligible. That usually means if you take reduced benefits on your earnings record, that reduction carries over to

any spouse’s benefits you would be due. Since you are now not eligible for any spouse’s benefits (because your husband isn’t old enough to qualify for his own Social Security retirement), the “deemed filing” provision does not apply to you and you can make the switch later on

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

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THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Clouds, sun, a p.m. t-storm..	Mostly cloudy with showers and t-storms possible.	Clouds and sun, t-storm possible in the afternoon.	Clouds and sun, chance for a t-storm in the p.m.	Times of clouds and sun.	Mostly cloudy with t-storms possible.	Times of clouds and sun.	Intervals of clouds and sunshine.
▲ 92°	▼ 74°	▲ 94° ▼ 72°	▲ 94° ▼ 72°	▲ 92° ▼ 70°	▲ 92° ▼ 68°	▲ 90° ▼ 66°	▲ 88° ▼ 62°

UV INDEX

Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday	9	Very High
Friday	8	High
Saturday	8	High
Sunday	7	High
Monday	7	High
Tuesday	9	Very High
Wednesday	9	Very High

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Anthony	93	73
Canutillo	93	74
Clint	92	73
E. Montana	92	74
Fabens	92	73
Horizon	93	75
San Elizario	90	72
Socorro	91	73
Tornillo	92	73
Vinton	93	74

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

TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Low/W	Fri. Hi/Low/W	Sat. Hi/Low/W	Sun. Hi/Low/W	Mon. Hi/Low/W
Albuquerque	89/68/pc	89/68/t	91/67/t	88/66/t	89/60/t
Atlanta	92/72/pc	90/72/t	90/70/t	88/70/t	86/66/t
Atlantic City	86/72/pc	85/70/t	78/66/sh	77/65/sh	83/64/sh
Austin/San Antonio	95/75/pc	98/73/pc	98/72/t	94/70/t	95/68/c
Baltimore	90/72/t	88/68/t	80/66/c	80/68/sh	82/62/pc
Boston	84/66/pc	80/66/t	78/62/sh	76/64/sh	78/61/r
Chicago	88/64/t	76/58/pc	76/58/s	78/60/s	82/61/s
Dallas/Ft. Worth	97/76/pc	94/74/t	93/71/t	92/71/t	93/69/pc
Denver	80/56/t	74/54/t	79/56/t	83/59/t	87/54/t
Flagstaff	86/53/pc	84/53/pc	82/53/pc	80/51/s	78/44/t
Houston	94/75/t	95/76/t	95/74/t	93/74/t	93/73/t
Kansas City	89/66/t	83/63/t	81/63/pc	82/64/s	85/61/s
Las Vegas	108/82/s	108/82/s	104/82/s	102/82/s	102/82/s
Miami	90/79/t	90/79/t	88/77/t	90/77/sh	90/77/t
Minneapolis	84/60/pc	69/56/s	76/60/s	78/63/pc	82/63/s
New Orleans	94/77/t	93/78/t	93/78/t	90/77/t	90/74/t
New York City	88/74/t	84/68/t	77/66/c	78/68/sh	81/67/r
Philadelphia	90/74/t	86/68/t	78/66/c	78/68/sh	83/67/r
Phoenix	112/88/s	112/86/s	109/86/s	106/87/s	105/77/c
Portland	92/62/s	96/64/s	98/64/s	92/60/s	88/60/s
San Francisco	72/58/pc	74/58/pc	74/58/pc	71/57/pc	74/60/s
Seattle	88/58/s	94/60/s	96/62/s	86/56/s	78/62/s
Tucson	100/78/pc	100/78/pc	98/76/pc	97/77/t	97/69/t
Washington, DC	90/74/t	88/72/t	80/70/c	80/72/sh	82/66/pc

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

AGRICULTURE

A couple of showers and thunderstorms will develop over the area Thursday afternoon. These storms will be hit or miss and while some places have a drenching rain, others places will not have a drop. These storms will most likely occur Friday with the nearby front.

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