



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Calling candidates

All Horizon, Clint ISD and Socorro ISD candidates running for positions in the upcoming May 2005 Election are invited to attend and provide a five minute presentation on their qualifications and platform issues to the general public during Meet the Candidates Night at the Emerald Springs Golf and Conference Center Ball Room, 16000 Ashford Street, in Horizon City March 23 at 7 p.m. Sponsoring the event is Voice For Action Political Action Committee (VFAPAC).

### New library opens

The Dorris Van Doren Regional Library, 551 Redd Road held Grand Opening celebration and ribbon cutting on March 16 with a Native American blessing of the building by the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo. Taumbu Latin Jazz Quintet provided live music. Guest speakers invited were Mayor Pro Tem Anthony Cobos, Deputy City Manager for Quality of Life Debbie Hamlyn, Library Director and American Library Association President Carol Brey-Casiano, Library Association President Mary Jo Lee, Westside Friends of the Library President Gretchen Trominski and Dorris Van Doren Library Manager Cheryl Bernero. Mrs. Van Dorren's husband, Don Sr., her son Don Jr., both daughters and several grandchildren were on hand. Long-time friend and former colleague of Dorris Van Doren's with the Gasden School District, Mary Holguin, shared her memories of the Library's namesake. The branch's art gallery is featuring photographs by local artist Marcos Casiano, as well as pottery and glass works from various local artists. For more information call 875-700 or visit [www.elpasolibrary.org](http://www.elpasolibrary.org).

### In other news

■ Clint ISD Career and Technology Student Jose Varela competed in February in the Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Competition in Lubbock. Jose won his category of Occupational Specific Job Interview. He also created a portfolio for a business which included a resume, letters of recommendation, a cover letter and pictures. He presented the portfolio before moving on to the job interviews. FCCLA is a vocational student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work and societal issues through family and consumer sciences education. Jose will compete in the state FCCLA competition in April in Corpus Christi, Texas. Jan Palmer is the Coordinator of Career and Technology Education in Clint ISD.

■ The importance of dogs in various aspects of law enforcement and first

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*We're using sign language more and more. We sign for just about everything we buy.*

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

**BETTER FOR BALL BOUNCING** — El Dorado students refurbish the Rescue Mission's basketball court — from left, Teri Juarez, Julius Mannix (with curly hair), Kirsten Paredes in center, Alyse Lopez behind her, and Ivan Nino with paint pan.

## Spring break put to good use at Rescue Mission

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Students from SISD's Montwood, El Dorado and Socorro High School started their March intercession by cleaning, painting and repairing facilities at the Rescue Mission of El Paso, 1949 Paisano Drive.

About 87 students from SISD and other area school districts worked to improve the Mission, which offers temporary housing and meals to those without homes.

Montwood High School student Victoria Scroggs of the Montwood Student Council organized the project, which also involved donations from Home Depot at Zaragoza Road and Montwood Drive, Sherwin-Williams paints and the LH and R Signs firm.

The effort marked a return trip for some of

the students who participated in last year's weatherization project for the Rescue Mission.

"When we did it last year, I really liked it," Scroggs says. "I really thought we could help them out by doing the rest of the building. We're also caulking the windows, and picking up the outside, picking weeks, painting the basketball court, vacuuming and cleaning. It's our part to help the community."

Christy Gimbel organized the Rescue Mission weatherization project last year, and she returned to help this year. "I like that we help out places in the El Paso community that help out other people."

El Dorado's Julius Mannix is painting the

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## Health Fair brings information, fun to Valley for 23rd year

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Socorro, Clint, San Elizario, Fabens, Tornillo, Horizon and East El Paso residents will benefit from the annual Lower Valley Health Fair, scheduled for April 16 at Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda Avenue. The fair — the Valley's biggest, most comprehensive annual health event — is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is sponsored by the Lower Valley School Nurses Association, the El Paso City-County Health and Environmental District, and Del Sol Medical Center. Approximately 80 agencies will be available to provide health screenings and information.

This marks the 23rd year the fair has offered free screenings for a variety of medical conditions. Adults and children will be able obtain the screenings, and all childhood immunizations will be available. The fee is \$10 per child, and no one will be denied services.

Parents will also have the opportunity to enroll their children in the El Paso County Sheriff Department's AmberCard program, which helps locate missing children. Experts from R. E. Thomason General Hospital will be available to check children's car seats for safety.

Interested in donating blood? Visit the United Blood Services van.

Have your blood pressure, height, weight,

vision, cholesterol, blood sugar, hearing, and body fat checked at one of the many health fair booths. Organizations will also help applicants complete the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) applications — so be sure to bring proof of income, proof of residence, your child's Social Security card and shot record.

In addition, SISD's Special Education Department invites all children to the Kids Korner where they can have both their gross and fine motor skills checked, and also be screened for hearing, speech and language problems. You'll also be able to visit the Montwood Wellness Center's Ronald McDonald Care Mobile.

Other exhibitors will include the U.S. Border Bike Patrol, and the 911 Simulator at the Southwestern Bell Pioneers booth. A representative of the El Paso Zoo will talk about venomous predators.

Families are encouraged to register at 9:15 a.m. for the "Family Fun Walk" conducted on the SHS running track behind north of the school. Walks are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Adults participating in the walk will get a free T-shirt and kids will receive a prize for completing the walk. Food and beverages will be sold during the health fair. For more information, call the SISD Health Services office, 937-4044.

## Horizon Council decides against citizen's oversight committee for police department

HORIZON CITY — The controversial issue of a Citizen's Review Board with oversight of the Horizon City Police Dept. that has stirred conflict between some Horizon City Council members and Mayor Dianne Whitty over the past several months was voted down at the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 8.

It was the last item to be considered during what turned out to be a very lengthy meeting. Council was to consider and take action on an ordinance to create a Board of Citizen Police Review. This agenda item was tabled on Feb. 8 because two Council members were absent and the rest of the Council felt all members should be present for such an important item.

Mayor Whitty had initiated the process to create the board because she said that some constituents have approached her to make complaints about the HCPD. At the present time, the police department investigates its own complaints, but Mayor Whitty said people will be intimidated into not making the complaints if they know the department investigates its own complaints.

She brought up the city of Pittsburgh as an example, where they have a Citizens Review Board. The city of Pittsburgh's population is over 350,000.

Police Chief Antonio Aguilar is against the review board and feels the police department is doing a good job investigating any complaints that come in. During the February meeting, he advised City Council if there was a problem or complaint he could not handle, there are other law enforcement entities that are available to step in and assist the HCPD.

Councilman Walter Miller said, "We were elected by the citizens in Horizon City and it is our duty to handle the complaints without the need of a Citizens Review Board. We must make sure the complaint is taken care of at our level."

Chief Aguilar also informed City Council that in the four years he has been Horizon's Chief of Police, there have been no lawsuits for officer misconduct. He feels the Citizens Review Board would be a form of micro management.

After considerable discussion, Councilman Jackie Rutledge made a motion to turn down the Citizens Review Board and was seconded by Councilman Miller, but when the vote was taken, the motion lost with a vote of 4-3. Then a vote was taken to approve the Citizens Review Board and the item was voted down with a vote of 4-3. Those voting for the Citizens Review Board were Councilmen Byron Taylor, Jay Blobner, and Robert Reyes. Those voting against the Citizens Review Board were Councilmen Garza, Miller, Rutledge, and Keenan Greseth.

In other business, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance to begin annexation proceedings on parcels that include over 830 acres of land.

City Council also approved the second reading to submit Charter Amendments to the qualified voters of the Town of Horizon City.





# One perspective

By Francis Shrum

## Handicapped accessible

You don't think much about it until it affects you.

Most things are that way. Take for instance the obstacles faced by people who have some sort of handicap.

I'm strong and healthy. My surgery is non-critical, non-life threatening. My pain, comparatively, is minimal. Still, I'm daunted.

There are some people who joke about the Ten Commandments being the Ten Suggestions. I don't think any spoken word thundered from a mountain top shrouded in clouds and lightning could be considered a suggestion, and while my doctor's instructions were not delivered quite so dramatically, I don't think they could possibly be construed as suggestions, either.

Absolutely *no* pressure on my right foot for at least two weeks. Then minimal pressure allowed only on the heel for the next four weeks. You're sentenced to crutches for at least six weeks until your foot heals, lady, and you better believe what I say if you want it to end there. Maybe he could see how much I dread helplessness.

Maybe the adjustment isn't so dramatic for people who are born with a handicap. You've done things the hard way from the beginning so you are used to it. For the rest of us spoiled people who are accustomed to having full use of all our arms and legs, a handicap makes the prospect of simply getting across the room suddenly loom large — let's not even mention picking something up off the floor, negotiating a flight of stairs, getting out of an automobile and onto our new "legs" for the first time.

There's also the insidious, indescribable sense of vulnerability that surgery gives you, especially if it involves general anesthesia. Now, I'm extremely grateful for the heavy-duty narcotics that make surgery a breeze for the patient — you just go blissfully to sleep and don't remember a thing. It's the waking up that's the hard part, and the throwing up. Sedatives are a blessing in the immediate face of pain — afterward they exact their high wages by sapping your life-strength and energy.

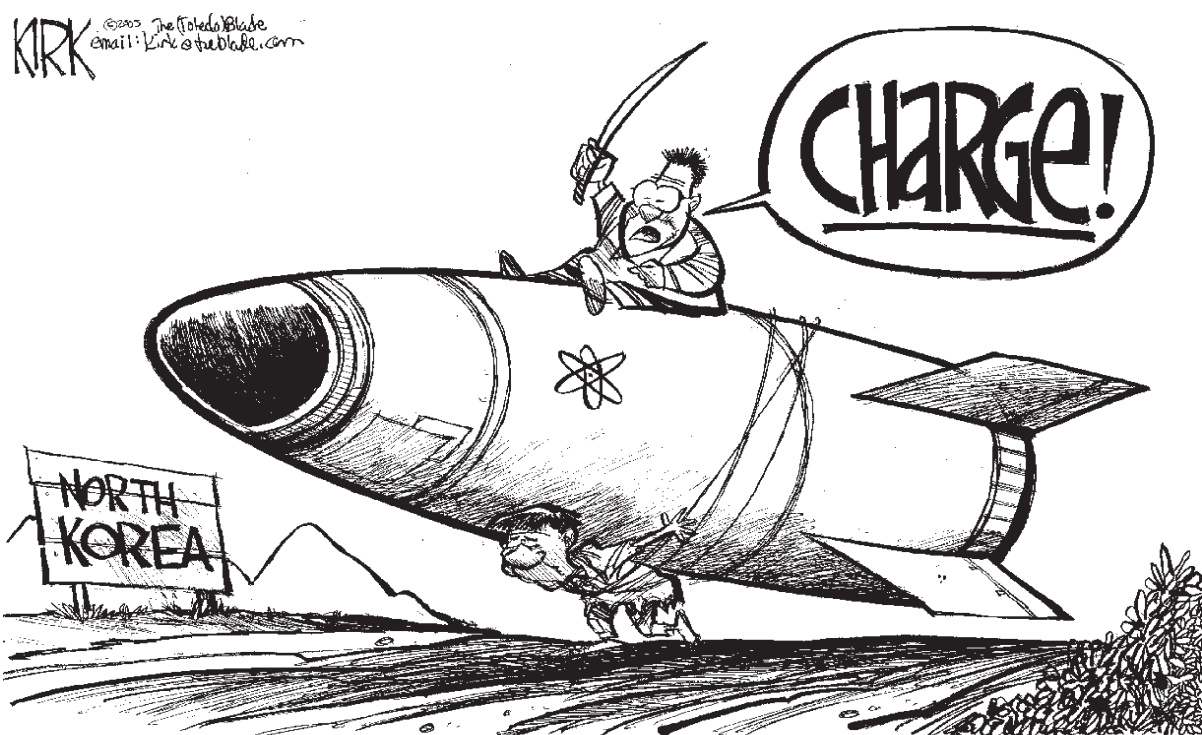
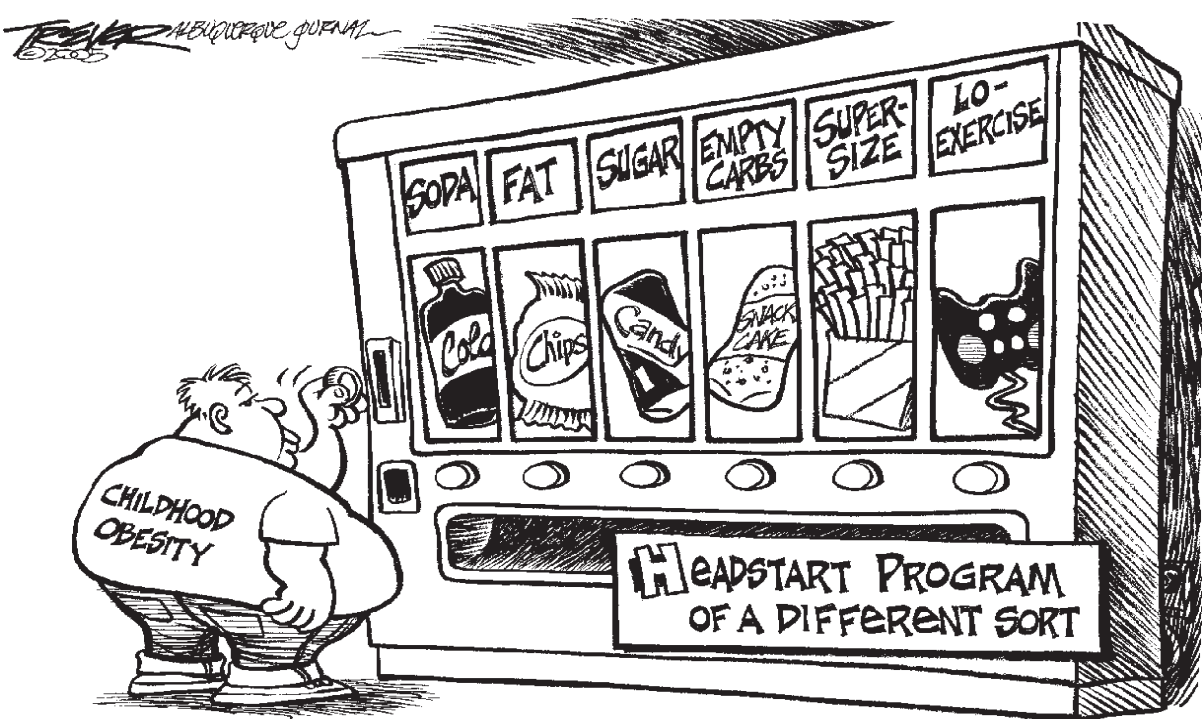
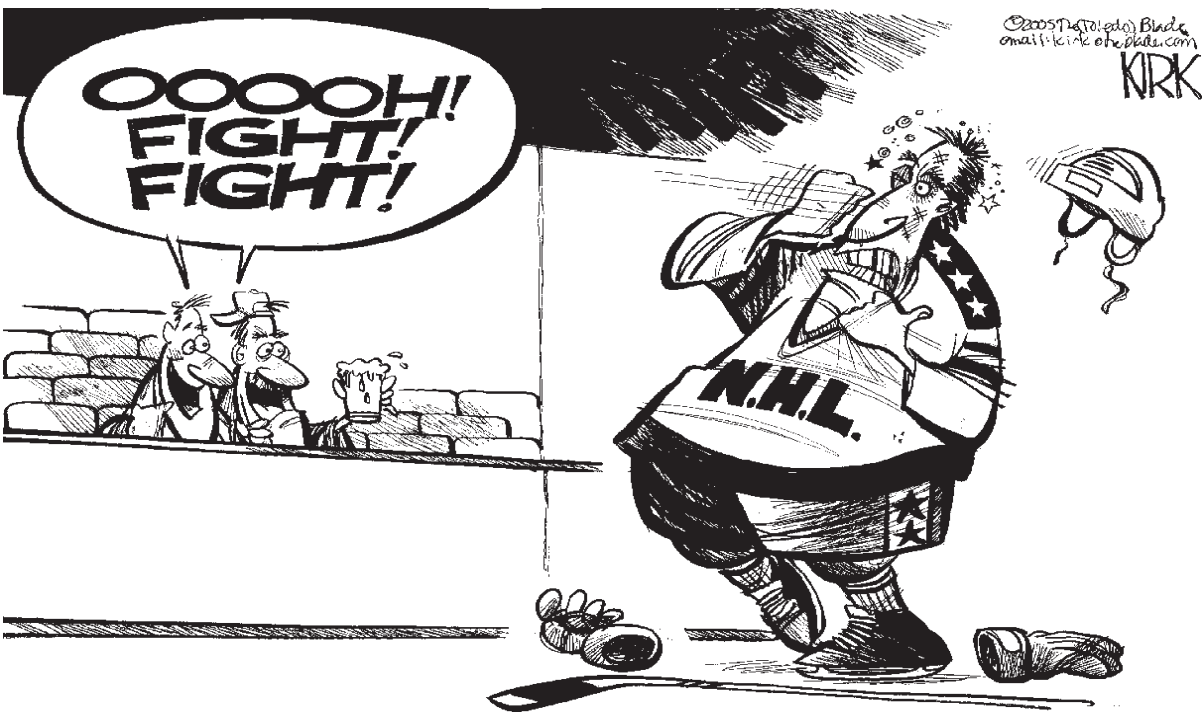
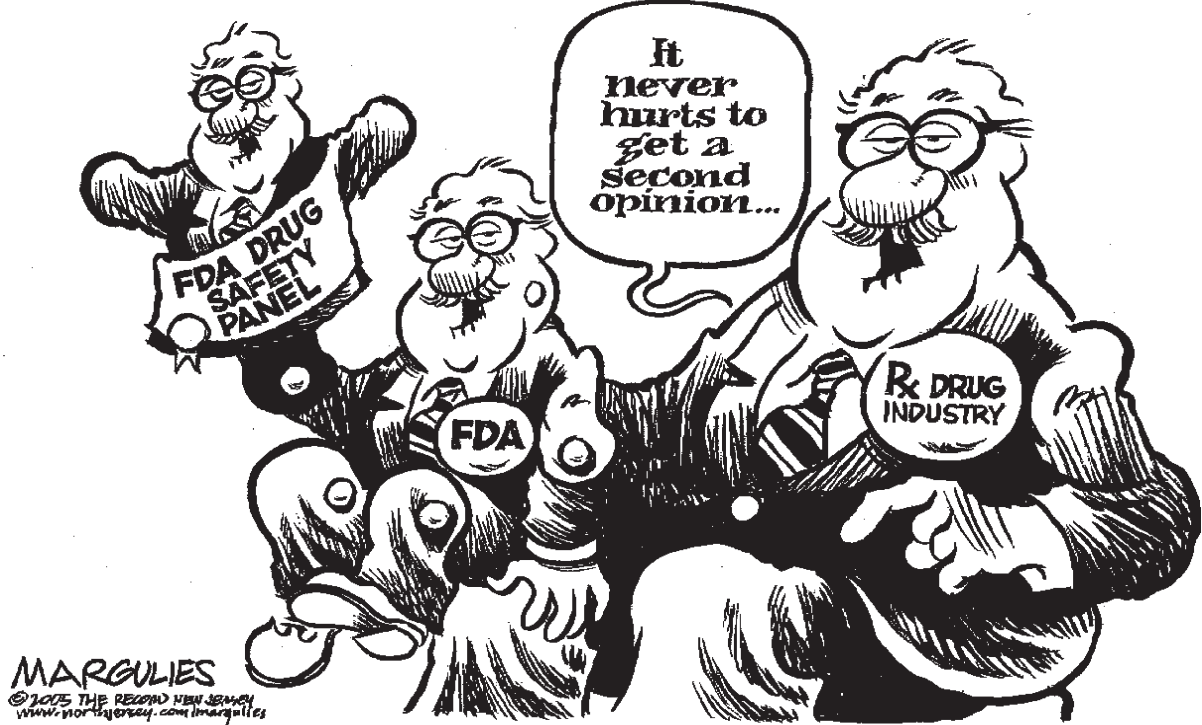
I can only imagine how hard it must be for people waking from surgery to find their previously whole bodies are permanently damaged — teens injured in an automobile accident, soldiers fresh from the killing fields, changed forever in body and spirit.

Crutches are my greatest blessing and my greatest curse. I call them Thing One and Thing Two. They are my deliverance from the prison of immobility. They are also instruments of torture as they rub my sides raw, make my arms and hands ache, and mischievously threaten me with a headlong and possibly fatal sprawl when I don't lift their little rubber heads high enough off the floor. They are also not equipped with brakes — a spurt of early confidence was quickly extinguished when I motored a little too fast down the hallway and gave the linen closet door a sideways body-slam when I couldn't slow down enough to negotiate a hard right turn.

Thankfully, my house is small, so it doesn't take long to get from one end to the other. But it could never be described as American Disability Association-approved handicapped accessible. Small turning around spaces and lots of busy family members create all manner of traffic perils.

The biggest frustration I've

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# El Paso area seniors gear up for 2005 Senior Games

EL PASO COUNTY — It's time for El Paso area seniors to sign-up for the 23rd Annual Senior Fun Day and Senior Games with an anticipated 300 seniors already fine tuning their physical and mental skills in anticipation of this year's competition.

The Senior Games are sponsored by the El Paso City Parks and Recreation Department and Sierra Providence Health Network with the goal of encouraging and promoting long, healthy, enjoyable lives. Senior Fun Day on Saturday, April 9 kicks off the Senior Games.

It's a day to participate in recreational events including Around the World, Free Throws, Fun Walk, Football Throw, Softball Throw and much more. Grandkids participate free with a paid adult. During Fun Day, seniors can also register for the month-long Senior Games.

The El Paso Senior Games will run from April 16 through May 1 and offer competition in bowling, cycling, racewalking, basketball, swimming, track and field, in-line hockey, horseshoes, washers, billiards, dance, table tennis, golf, volleyball, spelling, short story and poetry writing.

"The Senior Games include individual and team competitions in both the physical and intellectual arenas so there's really something for everyone age 50 and over," says Julie Belcher, El Paso Senior Games Coordinator.

The Hall of Fame Banquet on Tuesday, May 3 will bring the Games to a close. Local winners will go on to the 2005 Texas State Senior Games in Austin, Texas.

Senior Game registration packets are available now at Memorial Park Senior Center, 1800 Byron. Packets can be mailed to interested seniors. Contact: Julie Belcher 562-4268.

## View from here By Bill Peacock

### Unfair competition: Governments should get out of the business of business

Think back to your experience with cafeteria food when you were in elementary school. Cheapness and blandness were its most memorable characteristics. So while you didn't starve at school, neither did you run home and ask mom if she could make you the same dish for dinner.

That is generally what we have come to expect from government services. They are cheap and they work, just not very well.

However, one thing we didn't understand as second graders is that those lunches were subsidized by our tax dollars; school lunches, and other government services, are not as cheap as they seem.

Governments engage in traditional service activities such as trash collection and road maintenance as well as high-tech ventures such as cable and broadband. In many of these areas they compete with private business.

Corpus Christi is one of the latest entrants into the world of municipal high technology. The city is investing \$7.1 million to deploy a 147-mile contiguous Wi-Fi mesh network. While the system is intended to support municipal services such as public works, public safety and free Wi-Fi in libraries, its technology is perfectly suited to commercial provision of broadband services in competition with the private sector.

Legislation currently under consideration by the Texas Legislature would prohibit Corpus Christi and other local governments from doing this.

Representatives of cities have complained that the provision would keep them from providing Wi-Fi hot spots for municipal employees and library patrons.

The author of the legislation, Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, said that is not the case, and that the provision was designed only to keep cities from competing with the private sector.

"What we're struggling with is wanting to prevent cities from directly competing with the private sector where those services were going to be provided by the private sector," King said.

The Texas Public Policy Foundation examined this issue in a 2003 study entitled *The Business of Government? Competition Between Texas Governments and the Private Sector*, by Wendell Cox.

Our study found Texas governments compete with the private sector or preclude competition in a number of consumer markets. While most of these government enterprises are generally profitable or "break-even," they are also usually exempt from taxes and regulations that are applied to their private sector competitors. As a result, these government enterprises

have an unfair advantage over their private sector competitors.

There are also many examples of high-tech ventures such as broadband and cable where taxpayers are subsidizing operational losses of millions of dollars.

For example, after eight years in the fiber business, the city of Marietta, Georgia sold its FiberNet to American Fiber Systems for \$11.2 million, at a loss of about \$24 million. The city had invested about \$35 million into building and maintaining the system which serviced only 180 customers along the 210 miles of deployed fiber.

Everywhere we look, the world is moving away from the government provision of goods and services. We are finding out that in today's world, publicly operated or regulated services just don't work very well.

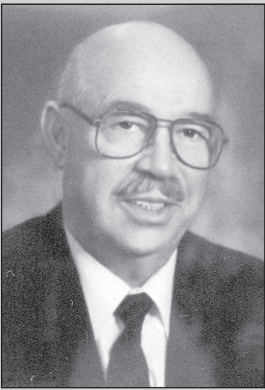
While businesses don't seem to have much to worry about, Texas consumers and taxpayers have every right to be concerned about governments getting into the high-tech business. We can't afford — or stomach — any more cheap lunches.

Bill Peacock is the Economic Freedom Policy Analyst for the Texas Public Policy Foundation, an Austin-based non-profit, non-partisan research institute.

# Longtime Horizon community leader Bill Slider dies at 78

HORIZON — William D. "Bill" Slider, descended from a family steeped in the importance of education, left behind a legacy carrying that dedication with his death on Thursday, March 10. He was 78.

His career spanned 20-plus years in teaching and educational administration, beginning in Ohio and culminating in El Paso County. As a result of his dedication, a school in the Socorro ISD is named in his honor, the William D. Slider Middle School.



He began teaching Business Law in Ohio, moved up to vice-principal and finally retired as principal of Grafton Elementary School. Locally, he held a lifetime teaching certificate and the all inclusive "city superintendents" administrative certificate. He was active in professional associations at local, state and national levels. After retirement, he continued community service as a trustee for the Socorro ISD, as a member of the El Paso County Water Authority board of directors, Central Appraisal Districts Appraisal Review Board, and the Horizon Country Club's Board of Directors.

He served on numerous committees for both school and church, and on the Juvenile Justice Center Committee, County Court House Bond Committee, and AARP Nominating Committee.

Donations or contributions in his name may be made to the Socorro ISD Foundation for Excellence in Education, 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas, 79928; or to the American Heart Association.

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

### Border bill will improve health, environment

According to the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration, if the U.S.-Mexico border region were the nation's 51st state, it would:

- rank last in access to health care;
- second in death rates due to hepatitis;
- third in deaths related to diabetes; and
- first in the numbers of children who are uninsured.

To combat these dismal statistics, I re-introduced the Border Economic Recovery Act for Health and Environment (BERA) in the House of Representatives this week. If signed into law, BERA will fund:

- \$8 million for the Border Health Commission;
- \$250 million for hospitals and healthcare providers who provide emergency health services to undocu-

mented immigrants;

- \$25 million for the prevention and control of tuberculosis;
- \$1 million for grants to the Pan American Health Organization to prevent and control diabetes;
- \$4 million for the Border Economic Cooperation Commission for environmental infrastructure projects; and
- \$5 million for the International Boundary and Water Commission for long-range planning on water supply use and distribution in the U.S.-Mexico border area.

Since first introducing BERA in 1997, Congress has passed one of the bill's provisions that will improve healthcare along the border and deliver funds to the region. The Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act President Bush signed into law in December 2003 included \$250 million annually for

2005 to 2008 for hospitals across the country that provide emergency health services to undocumented immigrants.

I have worked hard to make my colleagues aware of the stress hospitals face providing emergency health services to undocumented immigrants and am pleased the Medicare bill included that funding; however, border counties alone spend \$200 million annually providing those health services. BERA would close the funding gap that border communities still face.

Tuberculosis rates along both sides of the border are 1.5 times their national averages and communities all along the border suffer from inadequate health services. If we do not solve these problems, not only will border residents continue to suffer, the public health of the nation as a whole will be endangered.

**TRUE TEXAS FACTS** by Roger T. Moore Feb. 2, 1860: The first law for protection of game was enacted. It forbade the killing of Quail on Galveston Island.





## Socorro ISD principal named for service on national board

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Socorro High School principal Oscar Troncoso has been selected to join the National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB). The NAGB is an independent group whose members include governors, state legislators, local and state officials, educators, business representatives, and members of the general public.

One of the members is Florida Governor Jeb Bush. Congress created the 26-member Governing Board in 1988 to set policy for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) — commonly known as “The Nation’s Report Card.” The Report Card measures and compares the quality of high school education throughout the United States.

Troncoso was sworn in as a member of the governing board on March 4 in Austin by board chairman Darvin Winick. “I’m honored,” Troncoso says. “There are only two school principals.”

The Socorro High School principal has worked in education for 18 years as an ESL classroom teacher and assistant principal be-

fore becoming principal at Socorro High two years ago. He says the NAGB’s challenge is both simple and complicated.

“Nationwide, there is no 12th grade assessment,” Troncoso says. “So what they’re trying to figure out is ‘What do our 12th graders know when they leave high school?’” Every state has something a little bit different, he said. “Texas has the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills but there’s no national assessment. So this organization samples populations that represent demographics of the coun-

try. Part of the challenge we’ve had is that about 45 percent of the schools are not participating. In Texas, for example, the TAKS stands between a student and his diploma — so it’s very important to pass that test.”

NAGB conducts its work and carries out its responsibilities through five standing committees. The full Board and its committees meet quarterly.

Troncoso says he was nominated for the position by the El Paso Collaborative for Academic Excellence.



Oscar Troncoso

## Clint ISD business students qualify for national competition

By Laura Cade  
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Four students from the Mountain View High School Business Professionals of America (BPA) organization competed in the BPA State leadership conference in Arlington this month. The team of Ramon Estrada, Ruben Aldaz, Steven Ogrey and Alexandria Ogrey took second place in the E-commerce event.

Ogrey also took third place in PC trouble shooting and second place in Information and Technology Concepts. Estrada took second place in Microsoft Networking.

Business Professionals of America is a student organization whose mission is to contribute to the preparation of a world-class workforce

through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academics and technological skills. In order to be eligible for the competitions, students must be a member of the organization.

The students will compete at the BPA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California in April. The Clint ISD Coordinator for Career and Technology is Jan Palmer.



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

HEADED TO NATIONAL — Ruben Aldaz, Ramon Estrada, Alexandria Ogrey, Steven Ogrey.

## Mission

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white lines of a basketball court on black tarmac west of the building, and says it’s fun to help people. “We’re out here

to help make this place a little bit better and (improve) the lives of people who don’t really have a home.”




— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

EVEN THE BATHROOMS — Socorro High students clean and paint a restroom at the Rescue Mission — from left Danielle Faulkner, Denise Vasquez and Caleb Escamilla.



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

ROLLING STONES — Montwood students rake rocks at the Rescue Mission; from left, Christy Gimbel, Steven Rosales, Matt Reilly and Victoria Scroggs in foreground.



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# Kreps goes above and beyond in education field

By Don Woodyard  
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO — Sandra Kreps is not one in a million, but her own numbers are, nevertheless, comparable and quite impressive.

Kreps, an elementary school teacher in the Canutillo ISD, was honored for her singular achievement at the March 8 meeting of its board of trustees. Superintendent Charles Hart presented her with the Exemplary Employee Award for having earned National Board Certification, an academic honor achieved by only 175-200 teachers statewide.

The prestigious award is presented by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

The honor puts Kreps in a select circle, one comprised of a small fraction — .00070 — of one percent of the more than 289,000 teachers throughout Texas. She says six teachers in the El Paso area have earned the certification.

“We are so proud of you,” said Hart in presenting the award. He later added that she was “a leader of teachers in the district.”

In accepting the award, Kreps said, “I hope I am only the first of many

to follow in the district.”

The certification process is lengthy and expensive, a matter of simultaneously wearing two hats — one a continuing role of teacher and the other as a “student.” As she challenged herself to be a better teacher, she pushed her educational envelope, sharpening her instructional skills and testing her knowledge of the core subjects of math, science, social studies and language arts.

The ultimate bottom line goal, she explains, is for the students to achieve a greater level of success and achievement in the classroom.

It cost her \$2,300 to take part in the certification program that she embarked on two years ago.

The money came out of her own pocket, and the time was over and above her classroom obligations at Canutillo Elementary where she is a fifth-grade teacher. She estimates she spent between 200 and 400 of extra hours to meet the program’s requirements.

Meeting those requirements, she says, involved the preparation — lots of writing — of an academic portfolio showing the analysis and presentation of innovative teaching methods. The process also included the videotaping of classroom sessions.

“They want to see students working and talking in groups,” she says. In one session about taxation of Americans in the Revolutionary War, she had students use M&M candies as money.

There were also deadlines to meet and six computerized assessments she had to take.

Why embark on such an endeavor that made such demands of a person?

Kreps, a teacher for 19 years, puts it simply in basic terms.

“It’s all about the quality of teaching — of how to do a better job of teaching,” she explains. “It really forces you to think why you are presenting material in such a way, to get the most out of a lesson. It’s (also) about the desire to impart knowledge to others. It’s about education; people can’t take that away from you.”

On a more personal note, she adds that she went through the certification process “to give myself a boost — to validate what I was doing in the classroom and recharge my educational batteries.

“I did it for the challenge, to see if I could do it. Once I was in it, I was in it. I was determined to complete it.”

Kreps believes it was all worth it, saying that it has made her a better teacher, making her “more aware” of what she was doing in the classroom and how she could better present material to her students.



Sandra Kreps

## Rare opportunity to prepare for WMD incident being offered free of charge

HORIZON CITY — The Horizon City Police Department, in conjunction with the Rio Grande Council of Governments, will host a special presentation of the training course “Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD): AWR-160 Awareness Level WMD Training.”

The course goal provides trainees with a base-line awareness level knowledge of weapons of mass destruction (WMD), according to HCPD Chief Anthony Aguilar. He said the course includes six hours credit Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) and the Texas Fire Commission and the Texas EMT Organization.

The course is a product of the Office for Domestic Preparedness developed by The Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) and delivered nation-wide by members of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC). Course Objectives include defining terrorism, describing chemical agents and effects, describing biological agents and symp-

toms, describing the symptoms of radiation exposure, and describing the characteristics and effects of explosive devices.

The course is mandatory training for HCPD officers and personnel and is being offered free of charge to volunteers and the general public.

The six-hour training day will be Saturday, April 9, at the OZ Glaze Senior Center, 13969 Veny Webb in Horizon City, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Citizens, CERT volunteers, other law enforcement agencies and community service groups are invited to attend this training by special invitation, Chief Aguilar said.

The training is free, however, anyone wanting to attend should pre-register for the class. A minimum of 25 people must register in order to hold the class.

Anyone wishing to attend this training must contact the HCPD no later than March 21 by e-mail to [aaguilar@horizoncity.org](mailto:aaguilar@horizoncity.org); fax to 852-0318; or call 852-1047.

A second, follow-up class, with more advanced training will be held

April 14, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Carolina WIC Training Center, 500-D Carolina in El Paso which pertains to Critical Incident Stress Management Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction Events Training, Chief Aguilar said.

This training will be presented by the National Terrorism Preparedness Institute and is being hosted by El Paso City County Health and Environmental Health District. It is geared for first responders, and public health preparedness workers.

The goal of these training sessions is to provide an organized approach to the management of event-induced stress for first responders involved in WMD incidents. To attend the second class, register no later than April 12 by contacting Yuri Orozco at 751-8600 or send e-mail to [yuridia.orozco@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:yuridia.orozco@elpasotexas.gov). Again, there is no cost for this training and CEU’s will be offered.

Those wanting further information are encouraged to contact Chief Aguilar as soon as possible.

### Briefs

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response emergency was underlined last week when the Border Patrol National Canine Facility at Biggs Army Airfield graduated 38 Canine Teams for use by the Border Patrol, the New Mexico Dept. of Public Safety and the El Paso County Sheriff’s Dept. The teams were trained in either concealed human and narcotics detection or search and rescue.

■ The El Paso Public Library is

seeking public input to help chart its course for the future. To help, fill out a survey questionnaire and return it to any public library by March 22. The survey is available at all public library facilities or by downloading one from the library Web site, in English and Spanish. The information received will remain confidential and will be used to adapt library services to better serve the community. For more information call 543-5468 or visit [www.elpasolibrary.org](http://www.elpasolibrary.org).

■ The current El Paso Playhouse production is the Agatha Christie play *Ten Little Indians* based on her

mystery novel *And Then There Were None*. Directed by the renowned Kate Keyser, it will play March 18 through April 9. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sunday performances are March 27 and April 3 at 2 p.m., and the Thursday performance is April 7 at 6:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$10. Senior tickets are \$8. Students and active military tickets are \$7. The cast includes: Fred Keyser as Sir Lawrence Wargrave, Vanessa Keyser Casas as Vera Claythorne, Carlos de la Garza Garcia as William Blore, and Ron Szatkowski as Dr. Armstrong.

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# UTEP heads for the NCAA ‘Dance’ in Tucson

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

It’s hard to believe that it’s already been a year since the Miners scared the pants off Maryland, losing 86-83 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

This year the Miners find themselves back in the field of 64 but under very different circumstances.

Because of their WAC Tournament championship, the Miners weren’t obsessing on whether they’d play in the tourney, but they were anxious to find out who and where they would play.

And when the selection show announced the very last team of the 64-team field, the suspense was over.

How cool is it that UTEP will take on former rival Utah in Tucson? Were the selection committee gods looking out for us or what?

In playing Utah, the Miners are not only playing a team they know they can beat, but they’re playing close to home so El Pasoans can get to the McKale Center and provide the team with an ample cheering section.

And though you have to love UTEP’s chances in this one, the Miners still have one very big obstacle to overcome — a 7-foot tall, 245-pound obstacle.

Andrew Bogut is considered by almost everyone in college basketball as the best player in the nation. Bogut, just a sophomore, is aver-

aging over 20 points and 12 rebounds a game. Want to know exactly how good he is? He has scored in double figures in all 32 games he has played in this season. He has 23 double-doubles and is shooting almost 64-percent from the field.

It’s enough to make an opposing coach cry. But Doc Sadler isn’t crying. In fact, he’s rather underwhelmed with the whole thing.

During last Sunday’s selection show ceremonies at the Don Haskins Center, Doc told me this was just another game. “I’ve coached in a state high school tournament and now I’ll coach in the NCAA Tournament, there’s no difference, they’re all very special.”

Wow, I get the feeling that Doc was either pulling my leg, or at least was trying to convince himself of his own words.

If the Miners can get by Utah it’s likely they would play Oklahoma. The Sooners are 24-7 and are not the team they’ve been over the last few years.

The Miners come into the game playing their best basketball of the season. Fili Rivera and Omar Thomas have been unbelievable all season long and Jason Williams has been as steady as a rock.

But it’s the re-emergence of two players that makes the Miners especially dangerous in the tournament.

Gio St. Amant and John Tofi are beginning to resemble the players they were as freshmen. St. Amant has found his shooting touch and Tofi is back to being a force around the basket.

This matchup is definitely going to be a war of wills. Utah wants to slow the pace down and control the tempo, keep the game in the 60s. UTEP starts running as they leave the team bus. The up-tempo Miners want a game in the 80s.

The key is going to be whether the Miners’ Rivera can push the ball up the court all game long. One bad thing about having a 7-foot tall, 245-pound center is that it takes him much longer to get up and down the court.

Bogut is big, tough, talented and most of all — slow. If the Miners can exploit that, they’ll be celebrating in Tucson.

Whatever happens this weekend, it has been another fantastic season for the UTEP basketball program.

I’ve got one question that keeps coming up in my mind though, I wonder where Billy Gillispie is going to watch the tournament on TV from?

If he thinks he was a hot commodity after last season, imagine how many top programs would be after him now — had he decided to stay.

One more thing to keep in mind, it’s a long shot but there is still a possibility of this happening: If the Miners were fortunate enough to beat both Utah and Oklahoma and reach the Sweet 16, chances are they would meet the #2 seed in their bracket, the Kentucky Wildcats.

Wouldn’t it be wild for UTEP and Kentucky to meet in the NCAA Tournament on the eve of the release of the movie *Glory Road*, which depicts the events surrounding their matchup in the 1966 title game?

Stranger things have happened.

## Handicapped

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encountered is the inability to carry anything from one place to another, what with both hands busy maneuvering the crutches, so I figured I’d solve that by attaching a small, lightweight bag to one crutch. This worked pretty good until the first day I was left alone in the house and discovered no one had fed the dog. No way was that little bag going to hold the food bowl. Faced with either letting the boxer go hungry or figuring something out, I finally managed, after numerous trips back and forth, to get the food into the bowl and mixed. But how to transport it from the kitchen, across the back porch, to the backyard?

The plastic laundry basket finally solved the problem. I sat the food bowl in it and pushed it ahead of me with my crutch.

Afterward I sat down and thought about all the ways that people must have figured out to get around seemingly insoluble problems created by their handicaps. I bet the volumes their stories would fill — inspiring, ingenious and heart-breaking — would prove that the ADA doesn’t even begin to understand that handicapped accessibility isn’t something you create by law. It’s something that springs from within the heart and mind of human beings. I am awed by the multiple millions who have not only prevailed but prospered in the face of incredible challenges.

Now, about running that vacuum cleaner...

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coverage prior to contract approval. Bids will be accepted through March 31, 2005. For more information and detailed instructions, please contact the local Foundation office at (877) 765-2139, or the Foundation Headquarters office at (800) 687-1212 Ext. 3124. WTCC: 03/17/05

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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 \$1,207,239

or 0.95 percent. The proposed change does not constitute a “major” change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code.

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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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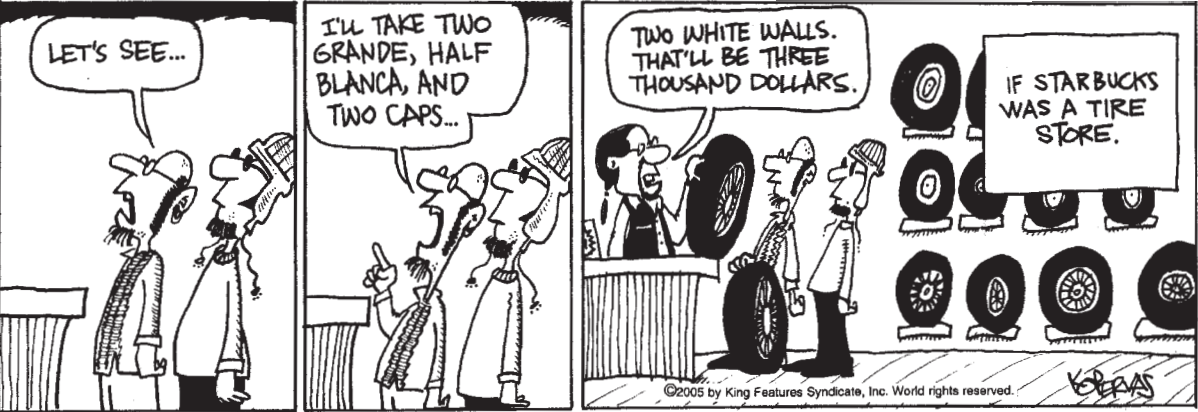
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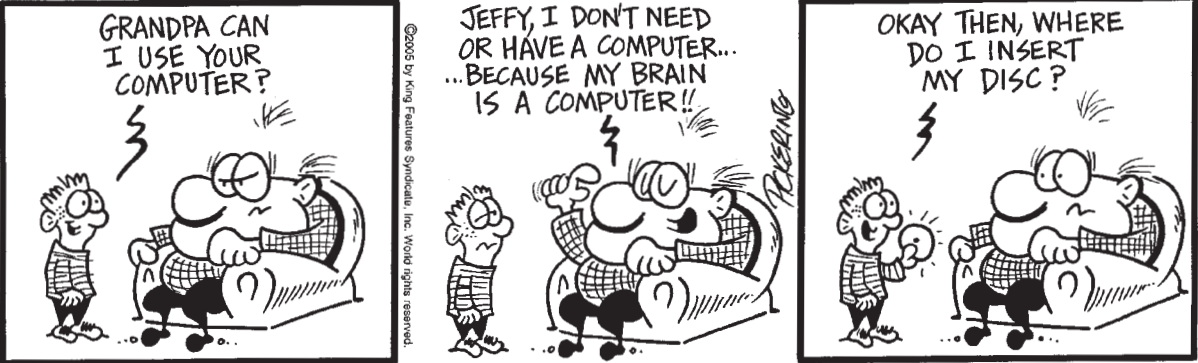
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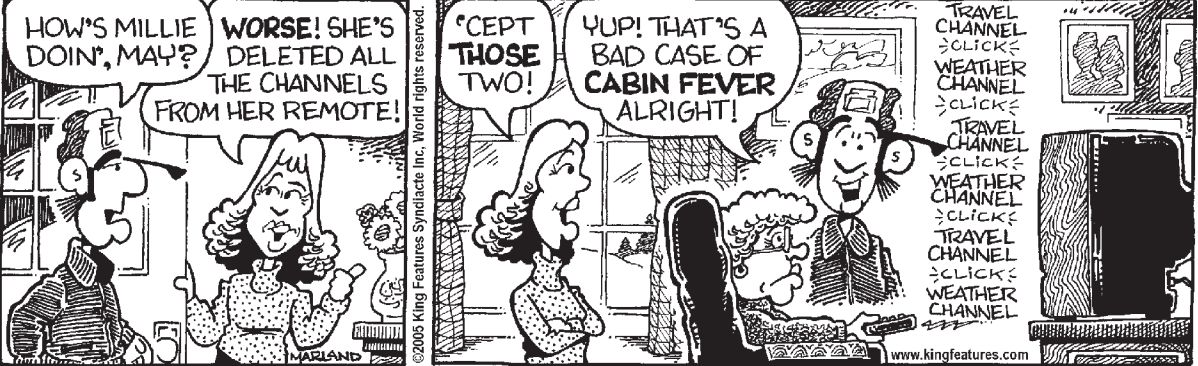
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Bugs brought up to date, unfortunately

By Don Flood

What's up, Doc?

More specifically, what is up with the new Bugs Bunny?

OK, it's not exactly Bugs Bunny. The WB network has updated the original characters — Bugs, Daffy Duck and Wile E. Coyote and the rest — by “reimagining” them as their descendants in the year 2772.

Well, if this is what you call a “reimagining,” then I suspect we'll soon see Mary Poppins brought back as a prostitute and Charlie Brown as the leader of a street gang.

Or perhaps the Family Circus crew will take up residence in a crack house.

It's that bad.

The new Bugs, known as “Buzz,” is darker, but the color's not the big deal.

The real change in this extreme makeover is the personality transplant.

The old Bugs flashed a big, friendly smile.

The new “Buzz” has a nasty expression that is pure snarl. A little foam around the mouth and you might think he's rabid.

(“Hey, kids, it's time for the Rabid Rabbit Show!”)

David Janollari, president of Kids' WB, said, “We think the legacy is intact. If anything it's a homage to the legacy instead of a destruction of the legacy.”

A homage, huh? Yeah, sort of like the homage we paid to those Pacific islands we used for testing the atom bomb.

And, weirdly, his eyes lack pupils. They're blank, almost as if sunglass lenses had been surgically implanted over his eyes. He's all surface — desperate to be seen as

tough and menacing.

The old Bugs had no need for this sort of nonsense. He didn't have to act tough. He was tough — the master of any situation, ready with a wisecrack, even with Elmer Fudd's double-barreled shotgun pointed at his head. James Bond should be so cool.

American men may have liked imagining themselves as icons like the cynical Humphrey Bogart or the tough John Wayne, but I suspect quite a few would have been happy to be Bugs Bunny — though perhaps with shorter ears.

He was, in fact, the quintessential American — at least the way Americans like to view themselves — or used to. He was friendly, quick, smart, resourceful and a wiseguy — and none-too-respectful of those in authority.

His “What's up, Doc?” was assertive but also friendly. He wasn't looking for trouble, but he was ready if it came his way.

The new Buzz still says the famous line — you have to hear it, of course — but it's lower and slower and with an odd pause, “What's up ... Doc?”

The tone and phrasing are obviously meant to convey a certain threat, as is his aggressive stance. It doesn't work. He comes across like a phony. Bugs would have made mincemeat of this guy without breaking a sweat.

And Daffy Duck — and this is an accomplishment — may be even weirder. He's depicted with some bizarre form of clenched-fist power salute. Daffy Duck as a street tough?

I've got just one question for Kids' WB: “What's up, Doc?”

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1 Myron Floren's boss

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20 Napoleon's fate

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31 Norm

32 Rib \_

34 One of "Them!"

35 Dirty

37 Part 2 of remark

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46 Mature

47 Peachy-keen

48 Plumb crazy

49 "Maria \_" ('41 song)

51 College growth

52 Before, to Byron

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62 Hibachi residue

63 Oaf

65 "Love \_ the Ruins" ('75 film)

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76 Genesis vessel

79 "Little \_" ('64 hit)

81 "Be my guest!"

82 God with a trident

84 Storms

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87 Paw part

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89 Field of knowledge

90 With 56 Across, common appetizer

92 Chimney part

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94 Part 4 of remark

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99 "Excuse me"

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105 Whetstone

107 Out of control

109 She's a sheep date

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117 "The Kiss" sculptor

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36 Too tubby

37 Twist and turn

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53 "Fee, Fi, Fo, \_ ..."

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87 Horner's fruit

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91 New Jersey town

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95 One who no's best?

96 "What a relief!"

97 Charlatan

100 Uncool

101 Hard to find

102 Miasma

103 Portend

104 Rohmer or Carmen

105 Sign of sanctity

106 "Glad All \_" ('64 hit)

107 Carpenter's tool

108 Knight's quaff

109 Kind of pitcher

110 "Huh?"

111 Bronte heroine

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

*Q: I'm expecting my first child this summer, and wondered how I should get a Social Security number for the baby?*

A: The easiest way to apply for a Social Security number for a newborn is to do so while you are still in the hospital. Staff there should ask if you want to do so when the child's birth certificate is being completed. If you don't apply then, you can apply after leaving the hospital by visiting your local Social Security office.

*Q: What identification do you need to get a replacement Social Security card?*

A: To get a duplicate or replacement card (one with the same name and number), all you usually need is one type of identification and a completed Form SS-5 (Application for a Social Security Card). The identification must be an original or a copy certified by the custodian of record.

*Q: I'm disabled and get Supplemental Security Income (SSI). I did some part-time work last year and reported it to Social Security at that time. I've just completed my tax returns and will be getting a refund this year. Does my tax refund count as income?*

A: No, tax refunds do not count as income for SSI purposes. That's because Social Security counts your gross wages each month that you work, and the taxes withheld from your wages were already counted as income. However, if the money you get from IRS isn't spent in the month you get it, it will be counted as a resource in the following month. If your total resources are worth more than \$2,000 (or \$3,000 for a couple) you cannot get SSI. Report how much you get and the date you receive it to Social Security.

*Q: I recently began receiving Social Security disability benefits. Is there a time limit on how long I can receive benefits?*



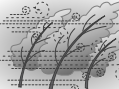





A: If you were found to be disabled under Social Security's definition of disability, you would continue to get disability benefits as long as you continued to be disabled. Social Security periodically checks claims to determine that a person is still disabled under Social Security's definition.

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

WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
							
Warmer with sunshine; becoming windy.	Mainly clear and blustery.	Sunny to partly cloudy and very windy.	Times of clouds and sun with a brief shower.	Partly sunny with a shower possible.	Partly sunny.	A good deal of sunshine.	Abundant sunshine.
▲ 66°	▼ 46°	▲ 72° ▼ 41°	▲ 64° ▼ 42°	▲ 66° ▼ 42°	▲ 70° ▼ 43°	▲ 72° ▼ 46°	▲ 75° ▼ 48°

UV INDEX

Statistics for noon.

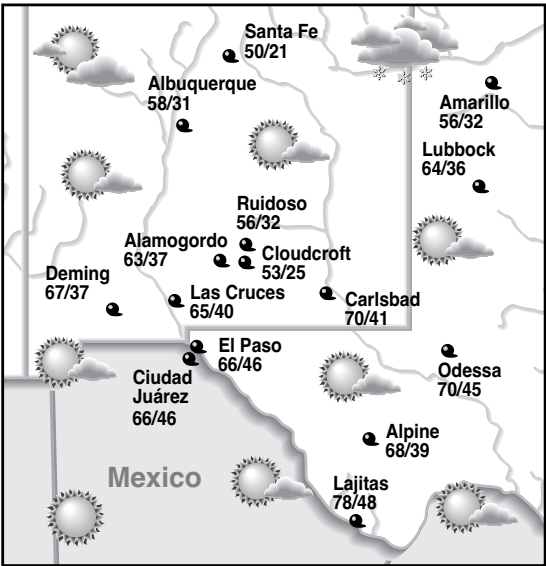
The higher the UV Index, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	68	44
Canutillo	67	45
Clint	67	45
E. Montana	66	46
Fabens	67	45
Horizon	69	47
San Elizario	64	44
Socorro	65	45
Tornillo	67	45
Vinton	68	45

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



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	58/31/pc	51/29/pc	54/32/pc	59/37/s	60/37/s
Atlanta	44/40/r	56/39/r	60/44/r	66/48/s	67/44/c
Atlantic City	46/25/s	45/25/pc	47/30/pc	40/33/sn	46/31/s
Austin/San Antonio	69/45/pc	74/42/pc	63/45/pc	60/40/c	65/44/c
Baltimore	46/30/s	48/32/pc	48/34/pc	44/34/r	51/32/s
Boston	39/28/s	41/30/pc	43/30/pc	41/30/sn	45/31/s
Chicago	44/30/c	46/32/pc	40/30/sn	44/32/pc	44/24/r
Dallas/Ft. Worth	64/46/pc	66/45/pc	60/44/pc	60/42/c	62/44/c
Denver	52/20/pc	32/16/sf	39/20/pc	47/26/pc	48/27/c
Flagstaff	48/22/pc	47/20/pc	47/23/r	49/24/c	52/27/s
Houston	67/48/pc	74/52/t	68/49/t	64/50/t	70/47/c
Kansas City	58/34/pc	46/31/r	48/31/pc	52/30/r	50/30/pc
Las Vegas	70/48/pc	68/48/c	66/46/r	66/47/sh	68/45/pc
Miami	82/66/r	80/67/pc	83/70/t	82/69/pc	84/68/pc
Minneapolis	37/29/sf	38/27/sn	38/24/sf	39/23/c	34/19/sn
New Orleans	60/47/r	69/54/pc	72/54/pc	70/57/pc	72/52/pc
New York City	43/30/s	46/30/pc	45/32/pc	41/37/sn	49/36/s
Philadelphia	46/30/s	48/32/pc	48/34/pc	42/34/sn	48/35/s
Phoenix	74/54/pc	72/50/pc	71/50/r	75/54/pc	78/54/s
Portland	59/34/pc	61/38/pc	59/40/pc	59/40/r	57/36/r
San Francisco	63/48/pc	61/49/r	61/50/r	64/50/r	64/47/r
Seattle	52/35/pc	55/35/pc	54/37/pc	53/39/r	53/37/r
Tucson	72/44/pc	70/42/pc	64/42/r	68/46/r	70/47/pc
Washington, DC	48/34/s	48/36/pc	48/36/pc	44/36/r	53/37/s

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

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