



NEWSBRIEFS

Trash collections

Not all residents of Fabens and Tornillo are happy about it, but El Paso Disposal was given an exclusive contract this week by the County of El Paso to provide residential trash service to the area through Nov. 30, 2008 for about \$15 a month. About 50 residents of these East County communities attended the Commissioners' Court session, mostly opposing the contract. Several said it appeared to obligate them for service they did not want, and gave them no choice in selection of trash collectors. A spokesman for El Paso Disposal said the company would not pick up trash from residents who did not wish to be clients. El Paso Disposal's contract was also amended to include billing and financial handling of the accounts — it provides service through the county to the Upper Valley community of Canutillo, as well, but billing of those customers is handled through the El Paso Water Utilities.

Pre-July 4 event

Combine baseball and fireworks and you have an All-American Independence Day event at the new Fabens Cotton Valley Lions Club just west of Fabens on North Loop. The summer has heated up with games between 21 teams from Fabens, Tornillo and Burgess. The annual Coach's Pitch and T-Ball Tournament began on Monday this week and will conclude on Saturday, June 2 with the Championships, followed by a pre-July 4 Fireworks Show. The community is invited. Additionally, the 9-10, 11, and 11-12 year old divisions will compete in the District Little League Games July 5-9. The District 36 Tournament will be held in El Paso, with the winners advancing to Waco, Ft. Stockton, or Lubbock. Information: 764-3530.

In other news

■ Several key appointments were made by the Socorro ISD Board of Trustees on June 21. Stephen G. Evans was named principal of Horizon Heights Elementary, a transfer from assistant principal at Hacienda Heights Elementary. Irma Rodriguez will be the principal at Vista Del Sol, after serving in that position on an interim basis. Dr. Jesus Jose Chavez was tapped to be principal at Paso Del Norte School, moving from assistant principal at Socorro High School. The post of Socorro ISD Police Chief was filled with the appointment of Michael Czerwinsky, a 29-year veteran of the El Paso Police Department, where he served as Northeast Regional Commander.

■ A male-mentorship program has been established at the Lujan-Chavez Elementary school entitled Hombres Nobles. Men and teenage boys interested in personal growth may take advantage of the 10-week

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A man has happiness in the palm of his hands if he can fill his days with real work and his nights with real rest.

— Quips & Quotes

Canutillo High School welcomes a new principal

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Max Padilla was recently named the new principal for Canutillo High School. He brings to this position 32 years of experience in education — 15 years as an administrator and 17 years as a classroom teacher.

For the past eight years, Padilla has been principal of Jose H. Damian Elementary School, one of four elementary schools in the Canutillo School District.

While at Damian ES, Padilla led the campus to be the first Recognized school in the District in the 1999-2000 school year. From 2001 through 2003, it attained Exemplary status, the highest accountability rating designated by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). In 2004, it received a Recognized rating. Last October, Damian ES was honored for the third consecutive year by the Just for the Kids (JFTK) organization and the Texas Business and Education Coalition (TBEC) as being among the top



Max Padilla

70 elementary schools in the state.

"My eight years at Jose Damian Elementary have led to many changes. There have been physical changes, of course, but there have also been mental and spiritual changes as well. I have come to deeply appreciate the fine and outstanding work that my faculty and staff did, and to understand the significant impact good teachers and staff have upon a school," Padilla said.

"As CHS principal, my initial goal will be to get all stakeholders to come up with a mission statement whereby we will promote a vision of high achievement for all students," Padilla said.

"I want students to get involved in developing school pride, I want parents to be full partners in the education of their children by actively participating in the educational process, and I want teachers to help

implement the 'High Schools That Work' initiative," Padilla said.

The High School That Works initiative is a school reform model funded through the Comprehensive School Reform program under the auspices of TEA.

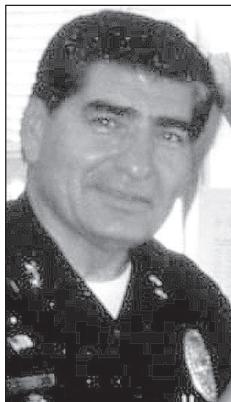
Horizon Citizen Police Academy taking applications

HORIZON CITY — The Horizon City Police Department is now accepting applications for the first session of the Citizen Police Academy Program (CPA), a community relations program designed to promote positive interaction between the Horizon City Police Department (HCPD) and the citizens of Horizon.

The eight week, 24-hour course is scheduled to start on Aug. 17, with classes held once a week on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Oz Glaze Senior Center located at 13969 Veny Webb in Horizon City.

The curriculum includes such topics as patrol procedures, traffic law, crime scene investigations, police dispatching, report writing, firearms, and much more. The instructors are HCPD officers and support personnel. According to HCPD Chief

Tony Aguilar, the classes will equip the citizen with practical knowledge and, in many cases, hands-on application.



Tony Aguilar

The CPA as a community relations program is intended to promote positive interaction with a simple concept: Better understanding through education.

It was developed to educate citizens on the many aspects of the HCPD. A special emphasis is made on the practical, hands-on, application of the subject matter, including role-playing and scenarios involving the police officers and citizens that make up the class. The HCPD encourages all citizens who are 21 years or older

to participate, however, the CPA is not designed or intended to train citizens to become civilian

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Summertime heats up with free music: Alfresco! Fridays and Music Under the Stars

By Pifas Silva
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — El Pasoans can once again enjoy free musical entertainment the entire weekend with the continuation of the successful Alfresco! Fridays Concert Series and the Music Under the Stars World Festival.

Both musical concert events are free to the public throughout the entire summer. It will end the last weekend in August.

The Alfresco! Fridays concerts start at 5:30 p.m. on Fridays at the El Paso Convention Center Plaza in Downtown El Paso and the Music Under the Stars concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Sundays at the Chamizal National

Memorial Park in Central El Paso.

For the second year in a row, the Alfresco! concerts are being held on the plaza in front of the El Paso Convention Center. Along with a new location, there will also be improvements to the concert series for patrons to enjoy. More seating will be added to the outdoor event as will an increase in the variety of refreshments made available for purchase. Another added bonus will be an information booth manned by the staff of the El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau out on the plaza which will provide information on the many events and attractions in El Paso and the region. This will include upcoming events and other attractions

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Fire season declared as dry conditions continue into holiday weekend

The hot and dry conditions have produced little rainfall across the majority of Texas during June, prompting officials with both the Texas Forest Service and the U.S. Forest Service to officially declare the start of the 2005 fire season.

"Fire crews are responding to an increasing number of fires every day. And with the lack of significant rainfall expected to continue through the July 4th holiday, things are going to get even drier," said Bobby Young, associate director of the Texas Forest Service. "It's important that everyone understand just how serious the threat of a wild-fire is right now."

According to Brad Smith, fire behavior analyst with the Texas Forest Service, conditions in some parts of the state have reached critical stages and drought indicators continue to climb.

"We are experiencing historically dry conditions for this time of year across most of the state, especially in the eastern half," said Smith. "Each day, the vegetation gets a little drier, and it becomes harder to prevent small fires from becoming large fires."

Doing any outdoor burning at this time is not only ill-advised; it may also be illegal. Residents are urged to check for burn bans daily. Burn bans have already been established in 39 counties, as well as on all national forests and grasslands in Texas. Along with burn bans, aerial firework restrictions have been implemented in 19 Texas counties. Both the burn ban and aerial fireworks ban maps can be viewed at www.tamu.edu/ticc.

Residents are reminded that it is illegal to use fireworks inside any state park or state forest and officials with the U.S. Forest Service stress that using fireworks inside any of the National Forests is illegal as well. U.S. Forest Supervisor Fred Salinas advises citizens to be aware of the rules.

"Those possessing or discharging fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices in the national forests or grasslands can be ticketed and fined. We don't want to spoil anyone's holiday, but at the same time, we want the holiday to be enjoyable and safe for all forest and grassland visitors," Salinas said.

Observance of some common sense safety precautions with fireworks and other outdoor fire use can prevent many senseless wildfires and injuries. Following are wildfire prevention tips suggested by the Texas Forest Service:

- Use fireworks outdoors in a safe area, well away from dry grass and buildings.
- Keep a bucket of water, wet towels and a garden hose nearby.
- Follow directions carefully and use only with close adult supervision.
- Never experiment with homemade or altered fireworks.
- Establish firebreaks down to bare dirt around all outdoor fires. Wide firebreaks down to bare soil around brush piles help prevent rolling or flying embers from getting into flammable vegetation.
- Stay with campfires and other outdoor fires. Leaving fires unattended is a major act of carelessness that leads to escaped fires.
- Establish a safety zone at least 30 wide around your home and outbuildings in which grass and weeds are kept mowed.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

How old are you?

It has been 25 years since I graduated from high school.

Or so I thought.

Until the other day when I made a comment about this in a family gathering. My baby brother let out a hooting noise. You better count again, he says. Make that 30 years.

My two youngest kids are sitting on the couch reading. They glance up over the cover of their books with age-old expressions. They are not strangers to their mother having conversations like this.

Of course, my brother was right. I'm mathematically challenged and this carries over into counting ages, dates, anything real specific. I tend to think in decades instead of years, in terms of eras in a life rather than birthdates.

I'm more comfortable with general terms of description like the police give of people seen committing a crime: The suspect is between the ages of 20 and 30, with brown hair, brown eyes...

It's all an estimate.

Like the time I was 35 two years in a row. My birthday came around and I thought it was my 35th. All year I thought I was 35. The next year, on my birthday, I said something about being 36. Everybody looked at me, then at one another. Then somebody said, Mom, you're only 35.

I can't remember exactly when my age became of so little consequence in my thinking. It was some kind of big deal all the way up to 20, as all young people know, waiting for Real Life to begin.

When Real Life finally arrived, I got so busy I didn't have time to notice — or care — anymore. It may have been around my 30th birthday when I stopped trying to keep seri-

ous track, though I remember getting a little mixed up in my 20's, as well. I can't tell you exactly how old I was when any of my children were born, though I've had to fill out enough registration forms for schools and doctors that I finally memorized the dates they were born. I just can't very successfully count backward so that I know the specific age of anyone.

For instance, just giving a birthdate doesn't automatically tell you how old they are without considering the month and the date, as well as the year. I mean, if you are figuring someone's age on Jan. 25 it will be different than if you are figuring it on Jan. 30 if they were born on Jan. 27. See what I mean? Too many details for an old broad-brush like me.

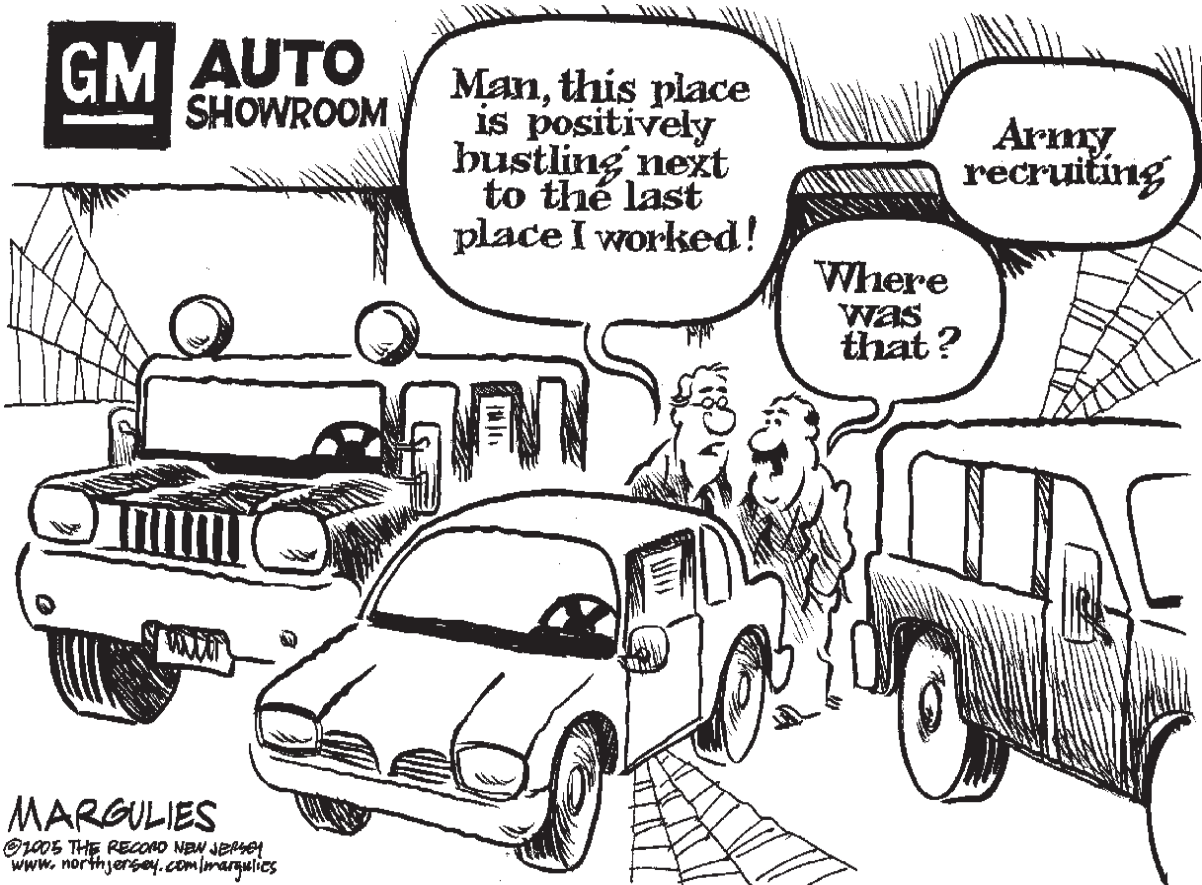
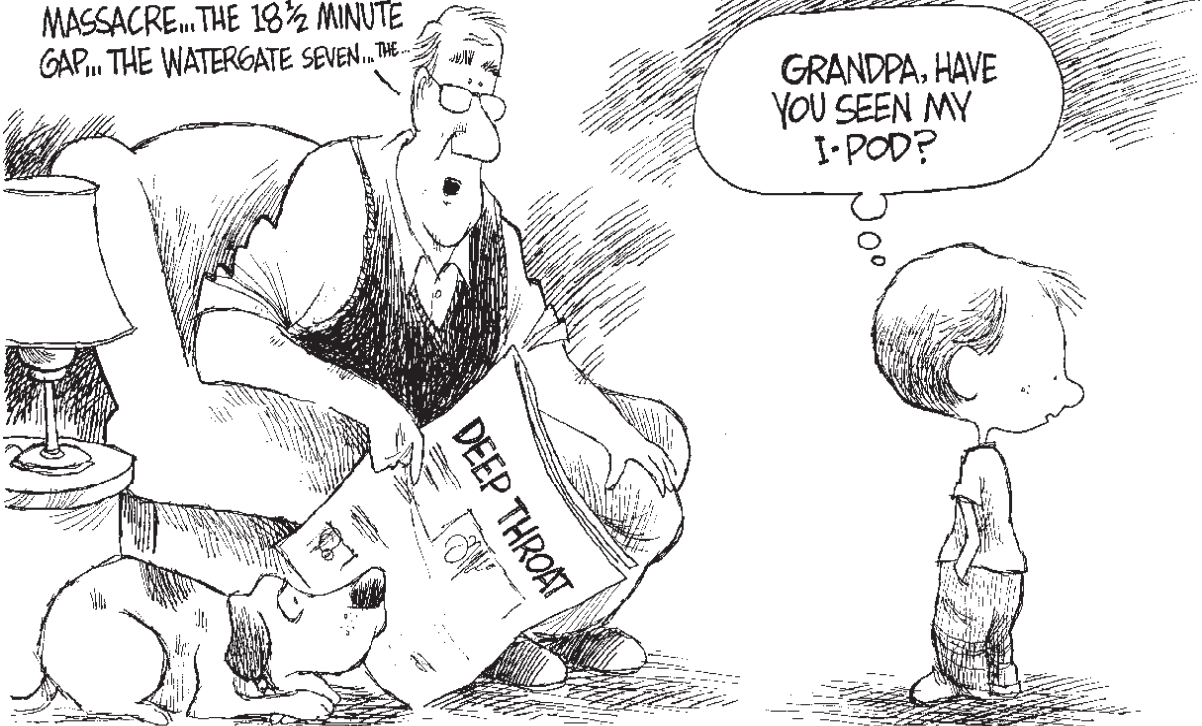
In attempting to remember a time frame for when some event took place in our lives, I'm more likely to identify it with some other important event, like a birth, death or move to a new address — never mind what year it happened to be.

People seem to age, in my way of thinking, in stages rather than years. This progression is most easily identified in terms of being a kid, a teenager, a young adult, then on into middle age and old age.

But all those age groups have not the slightest significance when I apply them to myself. I have a sort of indifference about it, a feeling like right now is all there is, all there has ever been, and, just maybe, all there will ever be.

If it weren't for calendars I wouldn't even know what month or week it is. I admire those guys who, for one reason or another, become isolated from civilization but still manage to keep track of dates perfectly, even when stranded on a desert island for decades. I might start out

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Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Educational victories in D.C.



Rudy Trejo — and many others — have reason to celebrate, as their efforts contributed to the restoration of federal funding for Talent Search and Upward Bound. These federal education outreach programs support students who are usually low-income, first generation, future college students who might need extra guidance during their high school careers and when applying for college.

The Bush Administration eliminated these programs in their 2006 budget request, and after months of hard work, last week's passage of the Department of Education spending bill restored funding for Talent Search and Upward Bound, as well as GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Education).

Beatriz and Rudy — and many other students — played an impor-

tant role in helping my colleagues and I restore funding for these programs. On Capitol Hill, I circulated letters to my Texas colleagues sharing their stories and documenting the number of students who would be denied educational assistance if the federal government failed to fund these programs.

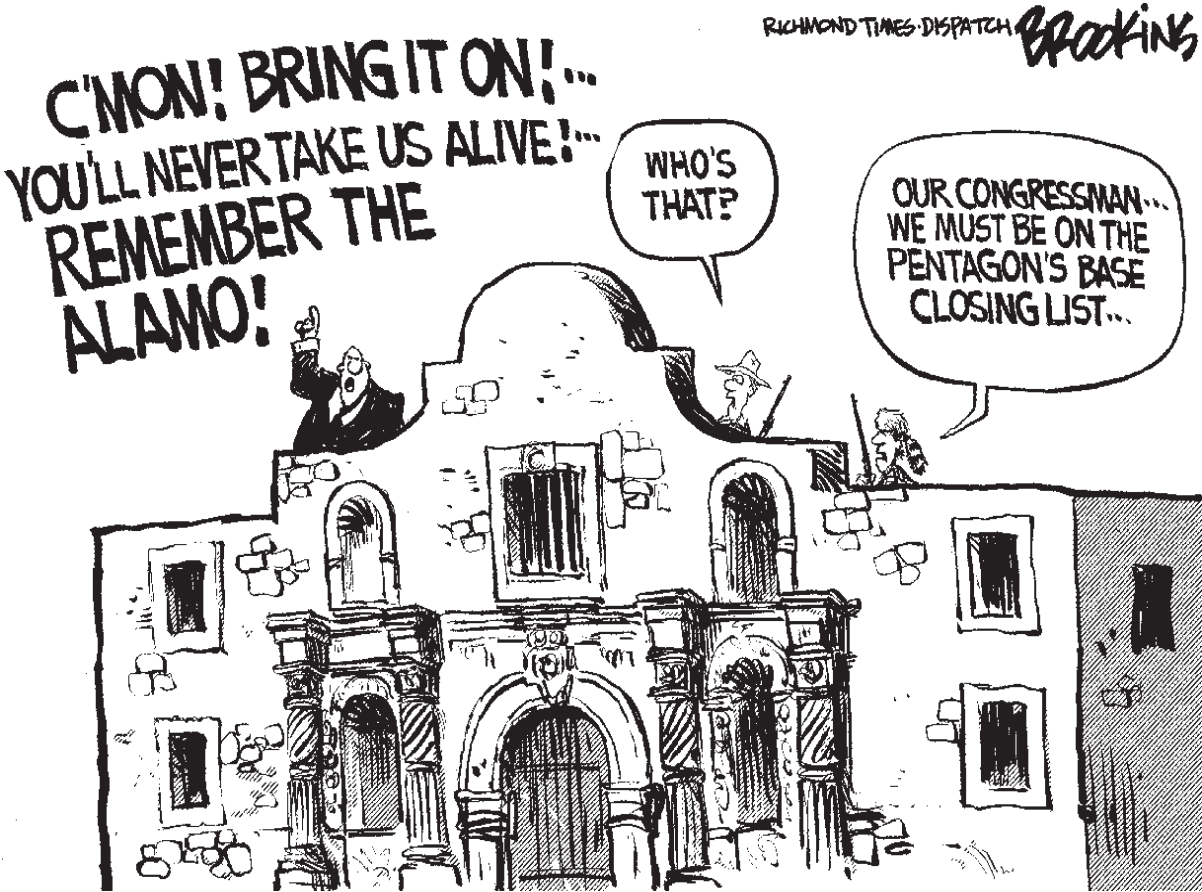
At a hearing my colleagues from Texas and I organized in Austin earlier this year about the negative impact of many of the Bush Administration's proposed cuts, Rudy offered compelling testimony about Upward Bound. "Growing up in a low-income, single-parent family of 13 children in my hometown of El Paso was one of the most challenging but educational experiences of my life. With Upward Bound on my side, I was able to learn, participate, and educate others."

Beatriz Carrillo, currently a Texas A&M University student, recounted speaking to current Talent Search participants when considering the program in a letter to President Bush:

"(Talent Search) had opened their eyes to a bigger, more amazing world. They told me how [Talent Search] had given them the desire and confidence to go to college." Of her own experiences, she wrote: "Talent Search was probably one of the best things that happened to me my senior year... it guided me through scholarships and admission applications."

Last week also marked another education victory on Capitol Hill. By a bipartisan vote of 284-140, the House of Representatives restored \$100 million in federal funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) budget, which was cut by the House Appropriations Committee earlier in the budget process. CPB provides federal funding to public broadcasters, including PBS and National Public Radio (NPR). Not only do PBS and NPR offer quality educational broadcasting for both children and adults, they reach underserved areas free of charge. My

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

Protecting the Stars and Stripes

This symbol inspires our soldiers in the midst of battle and provides the direction and morale they need to protect our freedom. It unifies our citizens in times of trouble and gives us reason to reflect on and celebrate our freedom.

It is, of course, our American flag and it is perhaps the ultimate symbol of our freedom.

Throughout American history, our flag has always held the value and meaning of what it means to be an American. The Stars and Stripes continue to command respect and admiration around the world.

Freedom is America's greatest and most recognized attribute. Freedom is symbolized by our flag and the

treatment of our flag is the ultimate expression of the honor we bestow upon this symbol. If we afford the flag our deepest respect, we are cherishing our freedom. When we fail to recognize the significance of our flag, we fail to recognize the significance of our freedom... that it does not come without sacrifice. Many men and women have sacrificed themselves for our freedom.

Protecting the flag is imperative because it is our greatest symbol of the freedom for which we strive. That's why I'm supporting an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

We cannot take our freedom for

granted. We must teach our children and our future leaders the importance of our freedom and the American flag. We cannot forget the courage and sacrifice of those who have fought to guarantee our nation's freedom. They fought to strengthen and preserve the values that America holds and that the flag represents.

It is time for the value we hold in the American flag to be reflected in our laws. By doing so, we are formally addressing the significance of the flag. More importantly, we are formally addressing the significance of our freedom.



Reyes

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children grew up watching Sesame Street and my grandchildren watch it now — as I'm sure many children

across El Paso do as well.

El Pasoans were very vocal about the cuts to CBP, contacting me by e-mail and calling both my El Paso and Washington, D.C. offices. As with the students who played such a big role fighting for Talent Search and Upward Bound, thanks to everyone who

shared their thoughts on NPR and PBS.

These are all educational programs that educate our children, enrich our lives and deserve the funding and support necessary to ensure they continue to inspire future generations for years to come.

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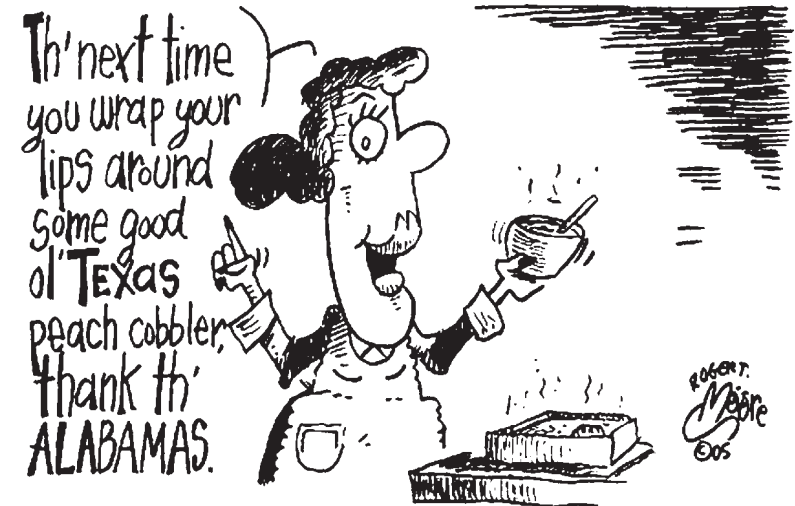
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AVISO PUBLICO

La Ciudad de Anthony anuncia un nuevo proyecto de ayuda para viviendas. Este programa dara ayuda financiera para reparar y renovar un grupo limitado de viviendas que estan ocupadas por duenos de muy bajo ingreso. Esta ayuda se extiende en la forma de un "prestamo que se puede perdona," y es por 100% del costo de la construccion. Esta ayuda es solamente para personas o familias que residen dentro de los limites de la Ciudad de Anthony, Texas. Las formas para aplicar se pueden conseguir en las oficinas municipales de Anthony. Los solicitantes se pueden ayudar a completar su solicitud si se necesita.

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An F/A-18C Hornet from the “Argonauts” of Strike Fighter Squadron One Four Seven (VFA-147) launches from one of four steam-powered catapults on the flight deck aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70). The Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group is currently deployed to the Persian Gulf conducting operations in support of multinational forces in Iraq. Vinson will end its deployment with a homeport shift to Norfolk, Va., and commence a three-year refuel and complex overhaul.



— Navy photo by Photographer's Mate Airman Jordon R. Beesley
A Sailor assigned to Air Department slowly opens the vari-nozzle of a fire hose to spray down the flight deck aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). Lincoln is currently at sea off the coast of Southern California conducting readiness training in support of the Fleet Response Plan. U.S.



— Photo by Staff Sgt. Suzanne Day
Capt. William White and Spc. Ryan Firth, from the 150th General Service Aviation Battalion, 42nd Infantry Division, preflight their UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter at Tikrit, Iraq.



— U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate Airman Recruit Ralph Zamora
Sailors from Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron One Four (HS-14) conducts a rotor head inspection on an SH-60F Seahawk in the hangar bay aboard USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63). Routine maintenance is conducted to ensure optimum levels of mission readiness and flight safety. Kitty Hawk is currently operating in the Coral Sea off the coast of Australia's Queensland region as part of Exercise Talisman Sabre 2005.

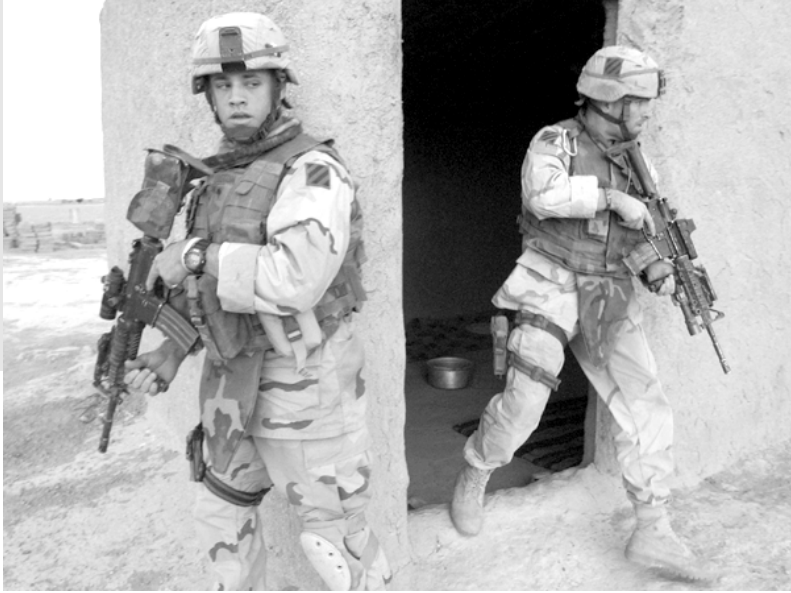


— Photo by Tech. Sgt. Christopher Gish
Spcs. Monica Phillips and Shiloe Weston, from the 116th Brigade Combat Team, 42nd Infantry Division, prepare to remove the transmission from a Humvee at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq.



— Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 3rd Class Kristopher Wilson
Sailors and Landing Signal Officers (LSO) watch from the LSO platform as an F/A-18F Super Hornet assigned to the “Gladiators” of Strike Fighter Squadron One Zero Six (VFA-106) prepare for an arrested landing on the flight deck aboard Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). Truman is currently underway conducting routine operations off the East Coast. U.S.

All photos are courtesy of the Army and Navy. These, and other photos, along with other information can be found at: www.army.mil and www.navy.mil



— Photo by Sgt. Matthew Acosta
Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, search for insurgents and weapons caches in central Iraq.



— **Congressman Silvestre Reyes**
16th Congressional District

“We proudly salute our troops and deeply appreciate their sacrifice for our freedom!”

Academy

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volunteers or police officers.

“The goal of our program is to develop, in our community, a working knowledge and better understanding of our Police Department.” Aguilar said.

Music

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people can visit to plan an entire weekend of free entertainment fun.

This year the El Paso Convention and Performing Arts Center added a *Friday Night at the Movies* film series to coincide with the Friday night Alfresco! concerts. A family-oriented movie is shown inside the Abraham Chavez Theatre at 7:45 p.m. Admission to the movie is free.

This venture was undertaken to provide El Pasoans and visitors another opportunity to visit Downtown El Paso and enjoy the many venues and attractions the city has to offer.

“Locals and visitors can plan their entire weekend with little or no impact on their pocketbooks,” said Bill Blaziek, General Manager of the El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau. “They can start with the Alfresco! concert and movie on Friday evening, visit one or more of our many fine museums in the city on Saturday and end the weekend at the Music Under the Stars concert on Sunday.”

Anyone wishing for more information can contact the El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau at (915) 534-0600.

The next Alfresco! event will be July 8, featuring Flamenco Duende, and on Sunday, July 10, Music Under the Stars will feature Yiddishe Cup Klezmer Band, a hybrid of Eastern European Jewish folk music and American Swing.

Old

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making my little scratch marks on the trunk of a tree, but chances are I’d be starting on the wrong date and after forgetting a few times during coconut harvest or hurricane season, I would be hopelessly off.

I think I came by this challenged condition through honest heredity, however. I can remember once that my grandfather, a colorful rancher-type person with little patience for details like what day it is, called our house to ask what year it was. It hadn’t been important until he started to fill out some kind of paperwork.

Of course, in my line of work, it is important and I still can’t keep track. That’s why I am glad I have kids. They can remember all these tedious little details.

After my baby brother — who incidentally isn’t such a baby anymore — so rudely reminded me that I can’t count, I turned to my kids and asked what my actual age is, just to make sure I’m on the right mile marker this year.

They told me in unison, never looking up from their books.

When they are grown up and gone, I’ll blame my forgetfulness on my advancing age.

Chief Aguilar said the HCPD would like to gratefully acknowledge the Horizon City Neighborhood Watch Programs; Volunteers in Police Service; and the CERT Team members for their cooperation with this program. Graduates of the CPA who are interested in more involvement with the Department are encouraged to join the Horizon City Police Academy Alumni Association (HPAAA) to assist the Department with future classes and support for the program.

“If you’ve ever wondered about

our police department, or wanted to gain police experiences first hand, then this is the chance you’ve been waiting for,” said Aguilar.

Applications for admission and more information may be obtained by contacting Crime Prevention Officer Luis Ruiz Jr. at (915) 852-4017 or at

lruiz@horizoncity.org. Class size is limited to 15 people. This program is offered free or charge and all applications will be considered on a first come-first serve basis. A background check will also be conducted. Deadline for applications is July 20, 2005 at 5 p.m.

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program sponsored in conjunction with the Communities in Schools, the Child Crisis Center and El Paso Families, according to Jaime Hernandez, assistant principal. “One of the issues we have in our communities is lack of male parental involvement. Many educational problems could be eliminated if more fathers were involved with their sons,” he said. Programs will also

be available for mothers and daughters. The sessions are free and child care is provided. Call Hernandez at 937-8703 for more information.

■ The El Paso County Library at 1331 N. Fabens St. in Fabens is sponsoring Board Game Wednesdays — bring your favorite board games and have some fun, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. — chess, checkers, Monopoly, and more along with Story Time in July, every Tuesday through Friday from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. beginning July 5. Parents are invited to bring little

ones to listen to stories in the afternoon. Children age nine and under must be accompanied by their parent/guardian. For more information contact Manuela Gandara at 764-3635.

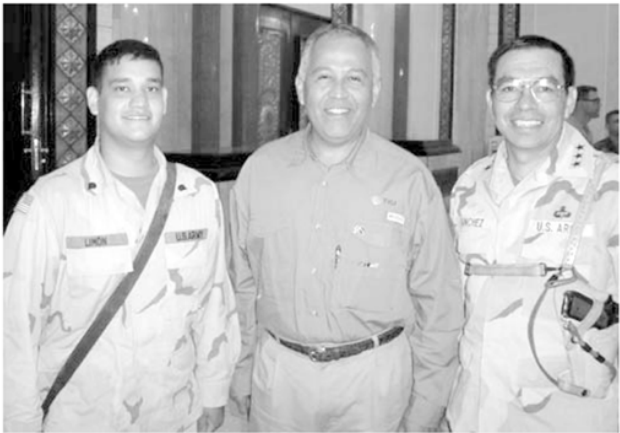
■ Sunshine Corner Vacation Bible School for children ages three to 12 will be sponsored by St. Brendan’s Episcopal Church July 11-15, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Horizon City Park on Rodman behind the Oz Glaze Senior Center. Bible stories, fun, music, games, skits, snacks and more will be offered. Register at the park at 8 a.m.

on Monday, July 11 or call 852-3954 for more information.

■ Canutillo Independent School District will continue to serve breakfast from 7 to 8 a.m., and lunch from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, through July 15 at the following campuses:

- Canutillo Elementary School, 651 Canutillo Ave.
- Davenport Elementary School, 8401 Remington Rd.
- Damian Elementary School, 6300 Strahan Rd.

For more information, call Adele Balesh, at 877-7451.



HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

From Congressman Henry Bonilla

The Fourth of July is a day of celebration. It is also a day of family reunions and loving tributes to the men and women who have created and defended our liberties.

On this July Fourth, as we stand on Main Street USA and watch the parades pass by, reflect on the hard earned freedom we cherish. Celebrate the Fourth of July not only as a family holiday but a community holiday. This day commemorates our freedom and our bonding as a nation.

Pass the brisket, slice a watermelon and draw your hand close to your heart when you see the banner of red, white and blue. I hope you and your family truly enjoy the birthday of our nation.

Have a safe weekend
and a Happy Fourth of July!

CONGRESSMAN HENRY BONILLA

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Dudley Field: Gone but not forgotten

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I have many memories of my youth. Among them are getting together with my Lower Valley buddies, hopping a bus to the downtown plaza and spending the day at the movie theater of our choice. One weekend it was the Palace, then the Plaza Theater, then the State, and so on and so on. Naturally, after five episodes of the *Planet of the Apes* series or several James Bond epics, it was time to stop by the Coney Island for a hot dog and a coke before heading back. There were times at Ascarate Park, either playing softball or basketball, or riding the rides at Western Playland or caddying for my dad at the golf course.

I remember the thrill of riding my bike where my parents warned me not to go. Swimming at the Chelsea Pool and playing summer league baseball. Those were just a few of my passions. Speaking of baseball, now that I think of it, some of my best memories come from sitting in the stands and yelling “we want a hit, we want a hit.” I remember looking up high above home plate, back beyond the seats of fans, to a man holding a microphone. He had a booming voice and an accent that was quite new to me. I couldn’t see his face very well but I could see his hand holding out this green flag — a green weenie flag, he called it. And all the people would stand and cheer. I mean this place was the place to be if you were a kid.

The seats left the occasional splinter but that was okay, I was with my friends, I had three dollars in my pocket, and with hot dogs costing just a dime, I was rich. There was that booming voice again calling out the names of “Mach One” Dave Machemer and “The Meat Man” Carney Lansford, and explaining once again that no team in America scored more runs with two outs than our team. I guess by now most of you can see the same visions in your head that I see in mine. Many of us grew up at Dudley Field watching the Diablos, or Sun Kings or Sun Dodgers or whatever name we had for the summer. It didn’t matter, it was summertime and that always meant Dudley Field and a ballgame. And not just for the game. There were those Diablo Dogs and burgers, and how about those cool, small plastic baseball helmets with ice cream inside.

I almost collected every team’s helmet one summer. My only regret about those wonderfully innocent days at Dudley Field is that I’ll never get to share a day of baseball at Dudley with my kid. The old stadium is being demolished this week to make way for the expansion of the zoo. And though I believe in progress, leveling Dudley Field just doesn’t seem right. I spoke to Ted Giannoulas, a.k.a. the Famous Chicken, recently and he told me he considered Dudley Field to be the Fenway Park of the minor leagues. And I don’t think they’ll ever tear down Fenway. Giannoulas was right, Dudley Field was small in stature, but it was big enough to hold tons of memories and history.

I remember seeing Frank Tanana and Dennis Eckersley pitch there. I remember one of the Diablos players getting married on the field before a game. I remember sitting through about seven hours of baseball as the Diablos defeated Beaumont 35-21. Don’t get me wrong, I love the modern conveniences Cohen Stadium gives me over old Dudley Field. But like an old shoe, or better yet in this case, an old baseball glove, the charm and intimacy of the old ballparks can’t be matched by any new stadium. No matter what, the grass at Cohen Stadium will never smell like the grass at Dudley Field. The food doesn’t taste the same and the game doesn’t seem as pure. Like visiting your grandmother’s house as a child, you never seem to miss it until it isn’t there anymore. I was there last Saturday night during Dudley Field’s final event. I had to be there. I owed it to Dudley Field to be there. It just seemed like the least I could do in return for all the happiness it gave me. Goodbye, Dudley Field. Bob Hope isn’t here anymore, either, so I’ll say it for him — thanks for the memories.

Canutillo student selected for Lone Star Leadership Academy in Austin this summer

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Zabdiel Martinez, an upcoming seventh grade student at Canutillo Middle School, is among a group of outstanding Texas sixth and seventh grade students who were selected to participate in the Education in Action’s 2005 Lone Star Leadership Academy, to be held in Austin during summer break. Selection for the Lone Star Leadership Academy is based on a student’s demonstrated academic success and leadership potential, an educator recommendation and involvement in school and community activities.



Zabdiel Martinez

In Action was founded to provide Texas students with opportunities to develop their leadership abilities during their formative years. Because leadership is one of the five areas of giftedness, gifted students are excellent candidates for the program. Martinez along with other outstanding students from across the state of Texas will travel to Austin July 25-29. During visits to sites and events, students learn about leaders of Texas, past and present. Upon completion of the Lone Star Leadership Academy program, students are invited to participate in Education in Action’s alumni program, the Lone Star Youth Leadership Council. For more information, call 817-285-8961 or visit www.educationinaction.org.

20 runners qualify for regional Junior Olympics competition

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Track and field athletes from the East County area competed at UTEP’s Kidd Field on June 25-26, and 20 of them qualified for the upcoming Region 10 Junior Olympics Championships to be held in Denver, Colorado. The athletes, ages eight to 18 were Ashley Muncie, Sarah Shepherd, Rebekah Muncie, Kimberly Muncie, Jessica Lira, Monica Lira, Jessica Sanchez, Tracy Sierra, Alisa Cook, Tara Greseth, Christina Lira, Brenda Esparza, Texas Quezada, Audre Granados, Chris Muncie, Jordan Benoit, Manuel Hernandez, Aaron Granados, Diego Sanchez, and Gerardo Lira. The club team is the No Limits Track Club which has been practicing at Col. Ensor Middle School since April.

Classified Ads

LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE

As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to reclamation, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN - IFTPX12544NB44863, 2004 Starcraft travel trailer, white, Arizona license N-49622 WTCC-06/30/05

PUBLIC NOTICE

Rafael R. Ramirez is requesting the following variances from the County of El Paso Subdivision Regulations for the proposed Park Ad-

dition No. 2 Replat A Subdivision:

1. Minimum lot setback of 25 feet from front of property line; and
2. 10 feet from side property line

The proposed subdivision encompasses three-quarters (3/4) acres of land and has a legal description of Portion of Tract 4, Park Addition No. 2. The El Paso County Commissioners’ Court will consider these variances on Monday, July 25, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. at the County Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio Street, Room 303, El Paso, Texas 79901.

Anyone interested in providing comment on the proposed variances, either in support or opposition, may do

so during the public comment period of the Commissioners’ Court meeting or by providing written comment to the attention of Subdivision Coordinator, El Paso Road and Bridge Department, 500 E. San Antonio Street, El Paso, Texas 79901. In order to be considered by Commissioners’ Court, the County must receive any written comments at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the Commissioners’ Court meeting. WTCC: 06/30/05

FABENS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Invitation to Bid/Respond:

Sealed bids for Waste Disposal Service, Bid No. 063005, addressed to Mr. Gilbert Alarcon, Fabens Independent School District, 821 NE “G” Avenue or P.O. Box 697, Fabens, Texas 79838, will be received at the above address until 10 a.m., Thursday, June 30, 2005, at which time they will be publicly opened.

Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915) 764-2025. WTCC-06/30/05

SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Invitation to Bid/Respond:

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

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2005

SPECIAL EDUCATION SOFTWARE CSP NO. 199-0714-0640 ACCEPTED UNTIL 2:30 P.M.

READING INTERVENTION CURRICULUM CSP NO. 199-0714-0642 ACCEPTED UNTIL 3:00 P.M.

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199-0714-0641 ACCEPTED UNTIL 3:30 P.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and on the Socorro Independent School District’s website: www.sisd.net. WTCC-06/30/05

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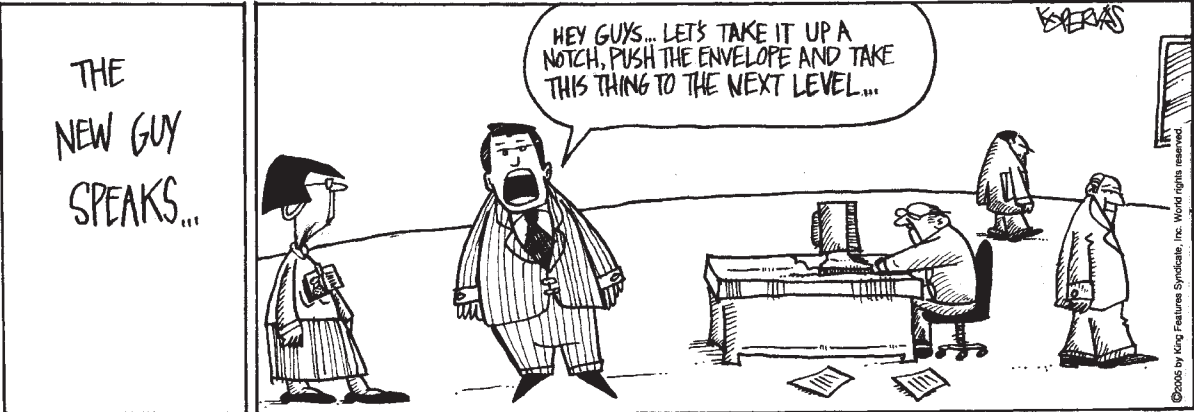
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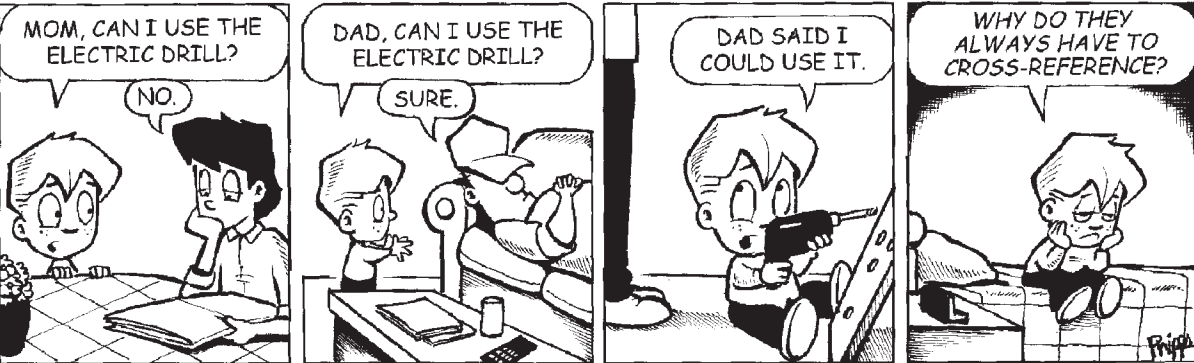
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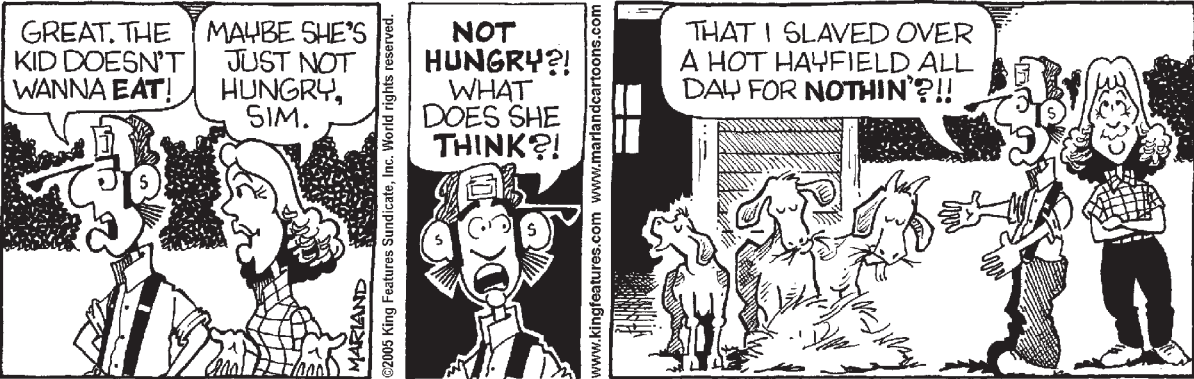
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Have cell phone, will travel

By Don Flood

Recently, in what many Americans believe is a publicity stunt to hype his new movie, Tom Cruise engaged in one of the most bizarre and embarrassing displays of human behavior since, well, every other day on TV.

But it was pretty weird, even for “Oprah.” Cruise, who is now — I’m sorry, Tom! — a middle-aged man, jumped up on his chair, got down on his knees, yelled and laughed uproariously, all to convince America that his new girlfriend had him acting like a lovesick 14-year-old again.

Except that 14-year-olds don’t act like that.

In fact, human beings don’t act like that. At the zoo, however, I have seen what I now realize to be simian Tom Cruises scampering about, perhaps celebrating their newfound monkey hotties.

Sadly, if his antics work, we’ll be sure to see more actors going ape to promote their movies.

Call me old-fashioned, but I prefer the way Russell Crowe went about garnering publicity: He hit somebody in the face. With a telephone.

For this — and this is true — Crowe was charged with assault and possession of a weapon, the phone.

Which brings up a couple of issues, one being the culpability of a hotel, in this day and age, leaving a phone — a phone of all things! — out in the open where anyone, such as a movie star, might use it as a weapon.

The second, what Constitutional guarantees do we have that allow us carry around what is, after all, a dangerous weapon, the cell phone?

Americans, naturally, point to the Second Amendment, but it remains ambiguous. Here is the exact wording: “A non-stop Blab

Session, being necessary to the lunacy of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Cell Phones, even those with the most idiotic and pretentious Ringtones imaginable, shall not be infringed.”

For years, lawyers, politicians, historians and complete morons have debated the exact meaning of this amendment.

Does it, as many maintain, guarantee that people have the right to bear cell phones and subject all within a city block to their inane ramblings 24/7, whether at the restaurant, theater or funeral home?

The Founding Fathers left few clues, though it is well documented that cell phones were not used at the Constitutional Convention.

Early in the proceedings, Charles Pinckney of South Carolina answered his cell phone while the delegates were debating the contentious issue of where to have lunch. George Washington, who always felt action spoke louder than words, promptly chucked his cell phone at Pinckney, knocking him out cold.

Benjamin Franklin, who had an instinct for calming a tense moment, quipped, “Well, that should take care of his roaming charges.” With that, everybody laughed — even though no one had the slightest idea what he was talking about — and they got back to ordering lunch.

Currently, of course, the cell phone’s utility as a weapon depends on one’s throwing ability, but phone companies, which are always adding new features such as miniature toasters, are expected to announce soon the addition of Taser technology.

And if Tom Cruise comes near me, I’m going to use it.

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 - 6 Host a roast
 - 11 Kipling novel
 - 14 Social worker?
 - 17 Conductor Dorati
 - 18 In a perfect world
 - 20 Slangy suffix
 - 21 Norm
 - 22 Start of a remark by 117 Across
 - 24 Northwestern capital
 - 26 “_ Day Now” (’62 hit)
 - 27 Stallion’s son
 - 28 Pom’s perch
 - 30 _ laugh
 - 31 Hound’s handle
 - 32 Torah, e.g.
 - 36 ’92 US Open champ
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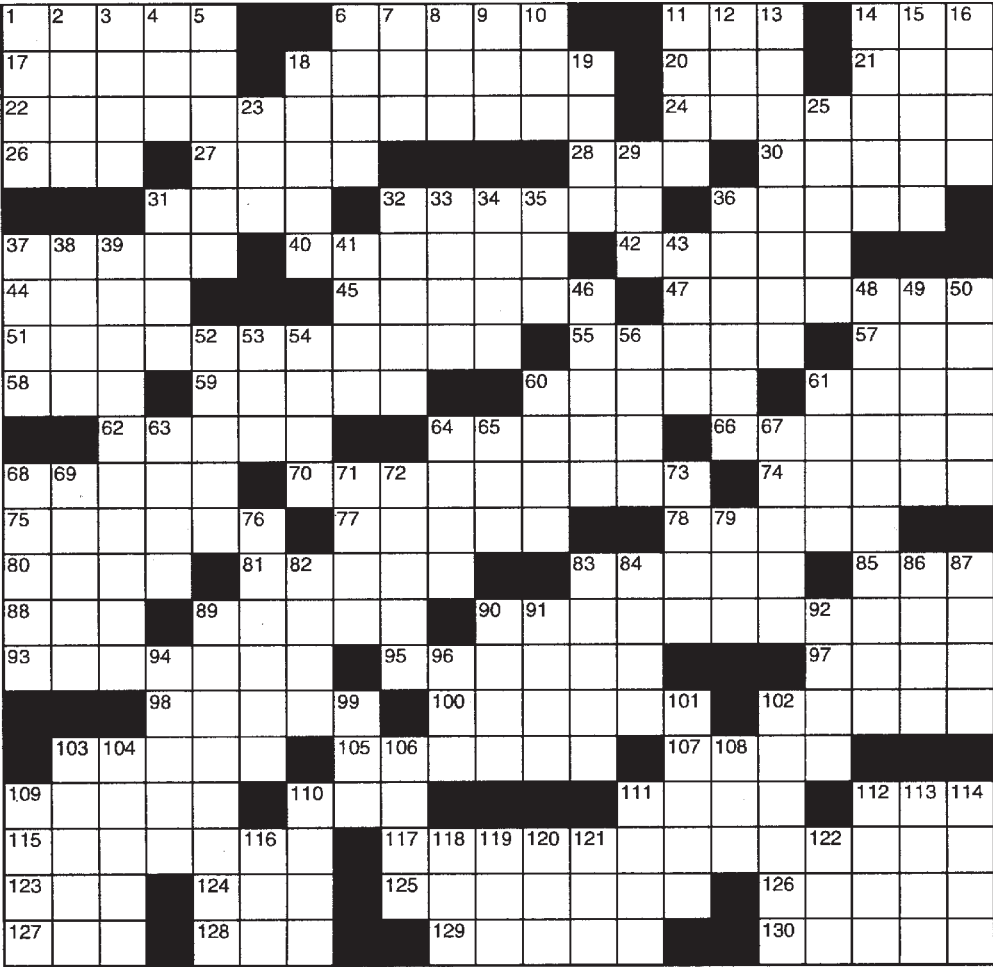
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- 90 End of remark
- 93 17 Across’ title
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- 98 Pants measurement
- 100 Study
- 102 Stick one’s neck out
- 103 Sportscaster
- 105 Classical hunk?
- 107 Shopper’s delight
- 109 _ in (tipped off)
- 110 Shuffleboard stick
- 111 TV’s “_ Living”
- 112 Hum bug?
- 115 More eminent
- 117 Speaker of remark
- 123 Hosp. area

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 - 10 Brownie, for one
 - 11 Former surgeon general
 - 12 Unwell
 - 13 Andy’s area
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 - 15 They get hit on their heads
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- Black”
- 34 Formal ceremony
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- 49 Newfoundland’s nose
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- 67 The Brainy Bunch?
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- 69 Spanish city
- 71 Farm measure
- 72 Use one’s noodle
- 73 Tiny coin
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- 83 Yoga position

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- 87 Unit of force
- 89 Plymouth leader
- 90 Small songbird
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- Lauder
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- 103 Thwart a blitz
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- 110 Pivotal point
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- 112 Put on a happy face
- 113 In addition
- 114 Genesis setting
- 116 When the French fry
- 118 Significant years
- 119 _ Tin Tin
- 120 “_ Doll” (’64 hit)
- 121 Fabric amts.
- 122 Charge

Answer Page 6



Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Understanding Social Security's disability program

EL PASO COUNTY — Social Security employees are often asked about our disability programs.

Here is a quick reference on the answers to four frequently asked questions, together with a reference source that should be able to answer many Social Security disability questions you may have.

Q. How does Social Security decide if someone is disabled?

A. By law, Social Security has a very strict definition of disability. We consider you disabled under Social Security rules if, due to a medical or mental condition:

- You cannot do work that you did before and we decide that you cannot adjust to other work because of your condition(s); and
- Your disability is expected to last for at least one year or to result in death.

Q. Why is Social Security's definition of disability different from that of other programs?

A. Social Security disability laws are different from those of most other programs because, unlike many other

programs, Social Security pays only for total disability. No benefits are payable for partial disability or for short-term disability. Social Security program rules assume that working families have access to other resources to provide support during periods of short-term disabilities, including workers' compensation, insurance, savings and investments.

Q. How long does it take to receive a decision about a disability claim?

A. It usually takes between three and five months to get a decision on an initial application. The time needed for a decision depends on how much time it takes to get your medical records and any other evidence needed to make a decision. The more information you can provide about your medical condition, the better your chance for a quicker decision.

Q. What is the difference between the Social Security disability and SSI disability programs?

A. The medical criteria for the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability pro-

grams are basically the same. But Social Security disability insurance is based on work done in jobs covered by Social Security. The program is financed with Social Security taxes paid by workers, employers and self-employed people. The amount of the monthly disability benefit is based on the Social Security earnings record of the worker. In 2005, the average monthly benefit payment for a disabled worker is about \$895, and for a disabled worker, spouse and one or more children, about \$1,497.

SSI disability payments are made on the basis of financial need. The program is financed through general revenues. The monthly payment amount varies up to the maximum federal benefit rate, which may be supplemented by the State or decreased by countable income and resources. Effective Jan. 1, 2005, the federal benefit rate was \$579 for an individual and \$869 for a couple.

For more information visit your local social security office, visit our website www.socialsecurity.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.

Well, the party's over...



...THANKS for coming. Hope to see you next year.



Jan & Paul Haney

Clint High School student receives German award

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Dahlia Rosas, daughter of Jose and Elly Rosas of Horizon City, has recently received the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG) Outstanding High School Senior German Award. Dahlia is a 2005 graduate of Clint High School in the Clint ISD. As a recipient of the award she was presented a medal and special certificate acknowledging her achievement and her name will be placed on the AATG Outstanding Senior Honor Roll on the AATG website. Only one student per

school is nominated for this award. Dahlia was selected by her German teacher, Annette Loomis, for having maintained an "A" average in German and by completing her AP German class after taking three years of German. She also graduated in the top ten of her class. Dahlia has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the study of German by participation in extracurricular activities related to German which include National German Week activities and National German Honor Society.











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WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
							
Sunny and hot.	Clear.	Hot with a full day of sunshine.	Mostly sunny and hot.	Mostly sunny and hot.	Mostly sunny and hot.	Sunny and warm.	Sunny and warm.
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UV INDEX

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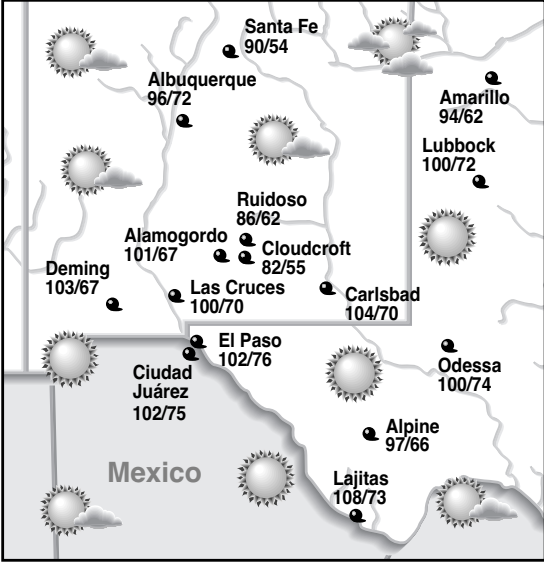
The higher the UV Index, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	101	73
Canutillo	101	74
Clint	100	74
E. Montana	101	75
Fabens	100	74
Horizon	100	74
San Elizario	101	73
Socorro	102	75
Tornillo	100	74
Vinton	101	73

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	96/72/s	96/72/s	96/70/s	94/68/s	94/68/s
Atlanta	88/72/t	92/72/t	90/70/t	88/68/t	85/65/t
Atlantic City	81/69/t	88/64/t	83/59/pc	82/60/s	84/61/s
Austin/San Antonio	100/75/s	100/74/pc	98/72/pc	96/74/s	95/71/pc
Baltimore	88/72/t	90/68/t	84/62/pc	84/62/s	83/63/s
Boston	86/67/t	88/65/t	80/59/pc	78/62/s	82/64/s
Chicago	86/62/t	80/60/pc	80/62/s	84/64/s	86/64/t
Dallas/Ft. Worth	102/77/s	100/78/s	100/78/pc	97/78/s	98/76/s
Denver	82/54/pc	86/58/s	88/56/s	90/58/s	87/57/c
Flagstaff	84/48/s	84/48/s	84/48/s	82/50/pc	84/50/s
Houston	96/76/pc	96/76/pc	96/76/pc	94/75/pc	94/72/t
Kansas City	90/66/t	84/64/pc	86/70/t	89/70/c	89/68/t
Las Vegas	104/78/s	104/78/s	104/78/s	104/78/s	105/79/s
Miami	89/79/t	89/79/t	91/79/t	91/79/t	91/77/t
Minneapolis	75/58/pc	79/60/s	82/62/t	81/63/t	82/64/c
New Orleans	96/78/t	94/78/t	92/76/t	93/77/t	92/75/t
New York City	82/72/t	88/67/t	82/64/pc	81/66/s	81/67/s
Philadelphia	87/74/t	90/67/t	84/65/pc	84/65/s	83/65/s
Phoenix	112/84/s	110/84/s	110/86/s	108/86/s	107/82/s
Portland	78/56/pc	76/54/pc	74/54/pc	74/54/pc	76/52/r
San Francisco	74/56/pc	72/56/pc	73/56/pc	75/55/s	75/56/s
Seattle	72/54/pc	68/52/pc	68/52/sh	68/54/pc	70/49/r
Tucson	108/78/s	108/78/s	106/76/s	104/76/s	101/76/s
Washington, DC	88/72/t	92/70/t	83/64/pc	83/66/s	83/66/s

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

AGRICULTURE

Thursday and Friday will be two of the hottest days of the season thus far as a high pressure ridge continues to promote bright sunshine. The relative humidity will average 20-30 percent each day, with light and variable winds. The upcoming weekend should also bring dry weather.

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