



NEWSBRIEFS

Off-roader rescued

In the early morning hours of Sunday July 3, around 5 a.m., Sheriff's Office dispatch received a phone call from a male subject who claimed he was lost in the desert area east of El Paso. The male victim stated that he was off-roading behind the Socorro Activities Complex when his vehicle got stuck in the desert area in an unknown location. The victim stated that he did not know where he was and could not provide dispatch operators with a distinct landmark. He also stated that he had been out there for about an hour. The El Paso County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Team was called out. The victim was located at about 7:30 am by members of the Team using their 4-wheel drive vehicles. The victim was identified as 22-year-old Gabriel Crespo of Horizon City, who appeared to be unharmed and in good health. The Horizon City Police Department also assisted the Sheriff's Office in obtaining information and locating the victim. "These types of situations are exactly what the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Team are prepared and trained for — we are on call 24 /7 and do not charge for our services" said Deputy Dan Watling, S&R member. "This rescue was a success due to the combination of hard work by Sheriff Deputies, Search and Rescue Team members, Horizon Police and Sheriff's Office Dispatch operators who were vital in communications," said Deputy Jesus Tovar, Acting PIO.

Westway fire

On Saturday, June 3 at about 4 p.m. Sheriff Deputies were dispatched to 1405 Coach in the Upper Valley in reference to a structure fire. When Deputies arrived a mobile home was engulfed in flames. The West Valley Fire Department was already at the scene fighting the fire. The owner of the mobile home is a 31-year-old woman whose name was still being withheld by investigators. The initial report indicates the victim was inside her home when she began to smell smoke. Unable to locate the fire on the inside, she went outside and saw smoke coming from underneath her trailer. She said she immediately went inside and evacuated her family members from the home. The West Valley Fire Department was able to put out the fire, but the home suffered extensive damage — the home was deemed a total loss. The home is a 1980 Catalina mobile home for which the owner said she has insurance. The damage to the mobile home was estimated at about \$8,000. A second mobile home and a 1982 Ford Crown Victoria were also damaged, at an estimated \$1,000 due to the fire. No injuries were sustained in the fire.

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Everybody should get at least a high school education — even if they already know everything.

— Quips & Quotes

Elephant Butte Reservoir level peaks for 2005

EL PASO COUNTY — As El Paso County moves into the summer season and heat, Wayne Treers at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, El Paso Field Office is projecting flows into Elephant Butte Reservoir of 132 percent of average or 757,000 acre feet for this season's runoff. This is down from an earlier mid-spring forecast of 140 percent.

So far this year over 690,000 acre feet of water has entered the reservoir. This above average runoff is welcome in the area following seven years of drought and would be the highest runoff since 1995.

The peak storage and elevation at Elephant Butte Reservoir for the season occurred on Saturday, June 25 at 569,920 acre feet. The combined water in storage in Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoirs on June 28 was 27.6 percent of capacity or 607,474 acre feet out of a total capacity of over 2.2 million acre feet.

Based on water demand projections and

"normal" summer rains, the end of season low point in reservoir storage is projected to be 429,000 acre feet or almost one-fifth of capacity. This would be 340,000 acre feet more than the 2004 low of water in storage.

Even with above average inflows projected for the year, the current amount of water available to users is 62.28 percent of a full supply. The allocation or availability of water to users is made only after water actually enters the reservoir, not on projections of supply. It is anticipated that a full water supply allocation will be made available to users in early July.

Caballo Reservoir is currently releasing 2,326 cubic feet per second or approximately 4,614 acre feet of water per day for agricultural production in the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) in New Mexico, El Paso County Water Improvement District #1

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Clint High student chosen for prestigious FFA staff

CLINT — Clint High School student Karla Avila has been selected to serve on the Future Farmers of America (FFA) Convention Chronicle staff at the 77th Annual Texas FFA Convention this summer. The Convention Chronicle is the Texas Convention's newspaper and is published three times per year on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the Convention by a staff of FFA members

and advisors who get the chance to see what it takes to run an actual newspaper.

The members are the reporters, photographers, editors, layout/designers and distributors. Karla is one of approximately 50 students from across the state chosen as a staff member for this summer. Applicants were chosen from a pool

of FFA members, agricultural education teachers and agriculture college students based on their experience on the school yearbook/newspaper staff, and good writing and computer

skills. Karla will be a senior next school year. The mission of FFA, established in



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD
Karla Avila

1929, is to develop student potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Clint High School has been a member of FFA since 1949. Staci Eckhart is the Clint High School FFA sponsor and Agricultural Education teacher. The convention will be held July 12-15, 2005 in Lubbock, Texas at the United Spirit Arena.

— Contributed by Laura Cade

West Valley Fire Department receives upgrade in rating

UPPER VALLEY — The West Valley (Volunteer) Fire Department has received a new Insurance Services Offices Rating, a Class 4, which will benefit residents and business owners in Canutillo, Westway, Vinton, and Anthony.

The ISO "grades" all 40,000 Fire Departments in the United States by examining all aspects of each facility.

Included are fire alarm and communication systems, which accounts for 10 percent of the total classification; fire department equipment and personnel, which accounts for 50 percent of the total classification, and includes items such as engine companies, ladder or service companies, distribution of fire stations and fire companies, equipment carried on apparatus, pumping capacity, reserve apparatus, department manning, and training; water supply system, which accounts for 40 percent of the total classification, highlighting the water supply used for fire suppression, including hydrant size, type, and installation, as well as the inspection frequency and condition of the fire hydrants.

Once graded, the Fire Department can score anywhere from one to 10, with one being the best. ISO then forwards this grade to the Texas State Insurance Office and all insurance companies. This directly relates to how much the

homeowner and business owner pays for their yearly insurance premiums.

The West Valley Fire Department was last graded in December of 1998. At the conclusion of that grading, it was classified as 6/9. That meant that if the home or business was within five miles of a fire station and within 1000 feet of a fire hydrant, they paid their insurance at a six rate. All others that lived or had their business outside of the five miles, and 1000 feet limits paid at a nine rating, meaning property in class paid up to 25 percent more for their insurance.

Now all Upper Valley residents and business owners, regardless of their location, as long as they are in West El Paso County will pay their rates as a class 4 without a split classification. Homeowners will save from 9.1 percent up to 38.5 percent depending on their location. Business owners will go from paying a factor of 1.4 (ISO class 9) or 1.030 (ISO class 6) to .96 (ISO class 4). Home and business owners will see this change upon renewal of their insurance policies.

Of the 40,000 fire departments nationwide (paid and volunteer) 0.1 percent are ISO class 1; 0.7 percent are ISO class 2; 2.6 percent are ISO class 3, and 6.9 percent are ISO class 4. The rest fall into ISO class 5-10.

Officer's emergency response training helps save life of choking infant

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Horizon City Police Officer Ruben Garcia has received extensive emergency response training as a member of Horizon's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) #1. He never expected to use his CPR training skills on his own god-daughter during a christening ceremony.

Officer Garcia and his wife were part of a baptismal ceremony at the Socorro Mission Church on June 25 for Lorena Maria Evans, daughter of Mike and Mabel Evans, who is only eight months old.

During the ceremony, the child swallowed a plastic part from a scapular, a religious relic, which the little girl had been given to play with by her mother. The child started choking and coughing.

The child's father tried to help his daughter but was unsuccessful in dislodging the plastic part. Officer Garcia recognized the signs of choking and noticed the baby was turning blue. He took the baby from the father and ran to the nearest hall way where he did a sweep of the baby's mouth but didn't find anything. Noticing that the baby was not responding and she was now turning purple, he took the baby on his left arm and applied the Heimlich maneuver. The child vomited and spit out a small plastic part from the religious relic.

Officer Garcia continued to clean the child's mouth and stabilized her before he returned the child to her parents. Officer Garcia later said the CPR life-saving skills which he received last year through the CERT training may have saved this little girl's life.

Officer Garcia is a five-year veteran police officer assigned to the Patrol Division with the HCPD. He graduated as a CERT member on Dec. 4, 2004.

"Officer Garcia continues to be at the right place at the right time," said HCPD Chief Tony Aguilar. Two years ago, Officer Garcia was selected as Officer of the Year by the local VFW for saving the life of a woman trapped in a burning vehicle. "Officer Garcia told me he used his CPR training which he received from the El Paso City/County Health Unit recently, along with other officers and CERT members," Chief Aguilar said. "CPR training is just one of many life saving skills which all CERT members are required to take in order to be part of Horizon City's program."

CERT members also receive basic training in disaster preparedness, fire suppression, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue operations, and disaster psychology and team organization training.

"This is why it's so important, that everybody, not just police officers, have some type of basic CPR training," said Chief Aguilar. "It can be used on and off-duty, as in this case. You just never know when you are going to be the one that is at the right place at the right time. We congratulate Officer Garcia and thank the local City/County Unit for providing the necessary CPR training to our officers and CERT members."

CERT #2, consisting of officers and

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Spotlighting

What would you say is the hardest place on the face of this good earth for mankind to survive?

Would it be the frozen north where the warmest weather is still way below zero and your breath freezes in your lungs? How about the scorching sands of the Sahara desert, where life-giving moisture is evaporated from your body almost as quickly as you take it in — if you can find any.

No, the place that makes all these other trouble spots look like paradise when it comes to human survival is the spotlight.

The worst thing about being the center of attention is that, like the Siren song of ancient mythology, people are drawn to it like moths to the flame, believing it to be a beautiful and glorious place, only to find their ships smashed against the rocks, their very souls ripped and twisted by enemies they do not recognize.

It's a regular industry these days. Folks who are "in the business" hire other folks — public relations experts — to help them shape and mold their public image. It's so common that they don't even keep it a secret that who you see isn't really who they are. There are even news stories about how old-so-and-so is trying to reposition himself in the public eye.

But every now and again, the image slips and you see the person behind the facade, the real person with real thoughts, real feelings and faults.

Like poor old Tom Cruise who bared his soul to the world about the woman he loves — and has taken a media bashing for his emotional outburst. I don't understand why, though. After all, he did it on *Oprah*, who is all about nothing but emotion.

Then poor old Russell Crowe's

temper got away from him again and he threw a tantrum, slamming a hotel employee in the face with a malfunctioning telephone. The media was all over that one.

Now, if this were you or me, our behavior would have gone virtually unnoticed, except by the police who would have carted us down to the pokey to post bond for assault or our families who would have rolled their eyes because there we go, falling in love again. In a day or two, we could have gone on with our lives, feeling a little chagrined but otherwise unharmed.

But not in the Land of the Spotlight. No, in fact, the entertainment industry did a nationwide poll on what fans thought of Cruise after his oh-so-public declaration of love, crowing that he dropped a few points on the popularity scale because of it. As for the gladiator from downunder, one tabloid declared that Maximus is really a Jerkus.

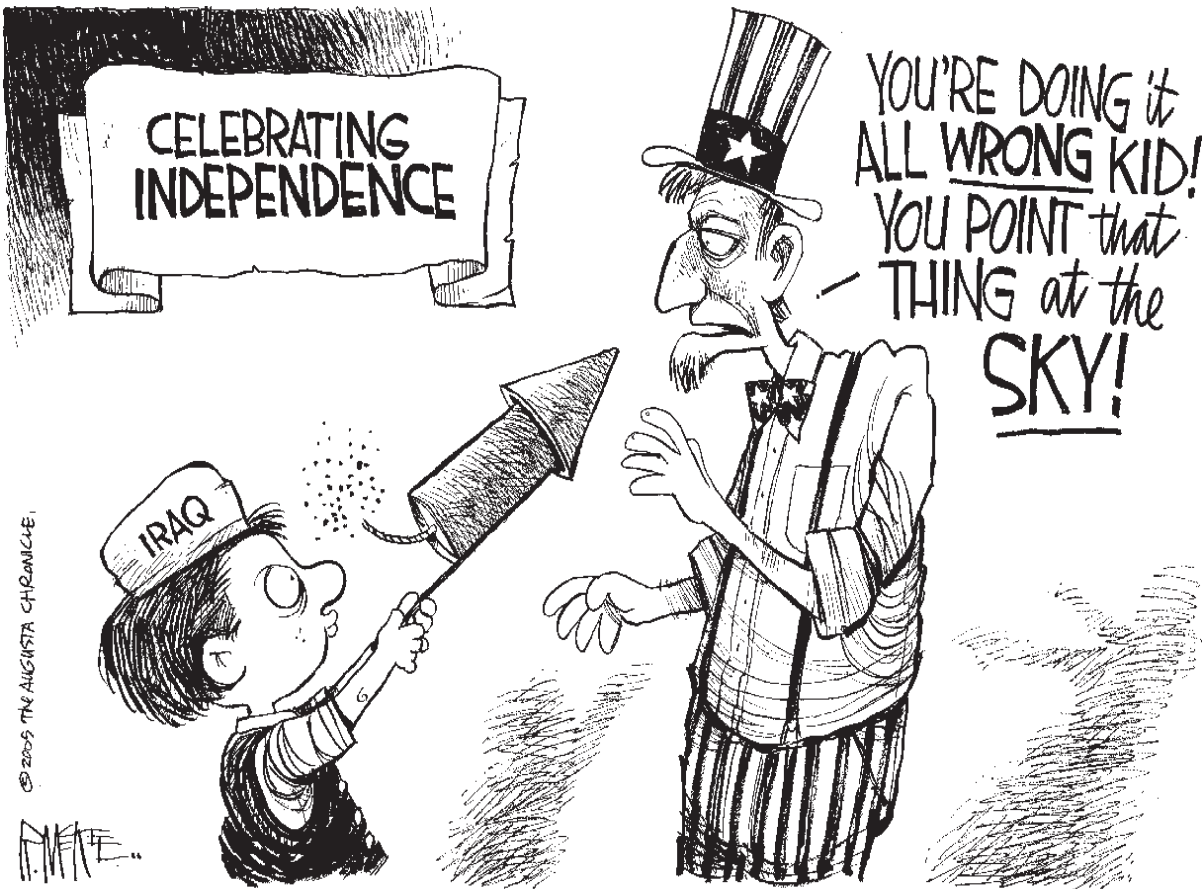
In the spotlight, every unscripted move is dissected, analyzed, criticized and catalogued for future reference. That's why only the toughest survive in it.

Some people who are born to famous families learn to survive media pressure from an early age or they are simply destroyed by it — witness the sad and terrible lives of many children of famous personalities.

The ones I really feel sorry for are those who come into the glare of public opinion unprepared and unaware, blinded by the light and believing that the general public really does have their best interest at heart.

Our kids wish they could be that cute cheerleader or the handsome football player that everyone idolizes. They don't believe us when we tell

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Reyes Reports

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Veterans funding is shameful

A day late and a dollar short — apparently, that's how the majority party in Washington sees fit to care for our veterans.

The recent announcement by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) that it was suffering from a financial shortfall of over \$1 billion for fiscal year 2005 came as no surprise to me, many of my colleagues in Congress and numerous Veterans Service Organizations. Former VA Secretary Anthony Principi testified before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on Feb. 4, 2004 that the Office of Management and Budget at the White House denied him an additional \$1.2 billion in the fiscal year 2005 VA budget, funding that the Secretary deemed essential to provide necessary health care services for our veterans.

Throughout the year, in the House Veterans' Affairs Committee and on the floor of the House of Representatives, my colleagues and I made numerous attempts to provide the VA with the funding Secretary Principi

said it needed in the fiscal year 2005 budget and the additional needs recognized by the House Veterans' Committee. Every last attempt failed on a party-line vote. In fact, when former Veterans' Committee Chairman Rep. Christopher Smith (R-NJ) spoke out about the funding shortfall and pushed for increased funding, his leadership not only removed him from his Chairman post, but from the Veterans' Committee altogether.

In March of this year, the House of Representatives considered the fiscal year 2005 Emergency Supplemental bill to fund military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and recovery efforts in Southeast Asia. I offered an amendment to that bill to provide \$1.3 billion in emergency funding for veterans' health care. Surely, certain colleagues of mine who consistently opposed increased funding for veterans care would recognize that inadequate health care and services for our veterans in a time of war was an emergency situation. However, my amendment was blocked by a procedural motion and the House of Representatives could

not vote on it.

The fact that Congress didn't provide the VA with this funding in the 2005 budget cycle and only stepped forward when embarrassed by the public acknowledgment is not only telling, but shameful. Unfortunately, our response was also too little, too late. After months of waiting for appointments, struggling with outdated equipment and receiving care in crumbling buildings, veterans got a boost with the House of Representatives' vote to provide \$975 million in emergency funding last week, but not the full funding they need. The Senate has recommended \$1.5 billion to make up the 2005 shortfall. Hopefully, when the House and Senate reconcile the different funding amounts, the \$1.5 billion amount will prevail. I will do everything I can to ensure that it does.

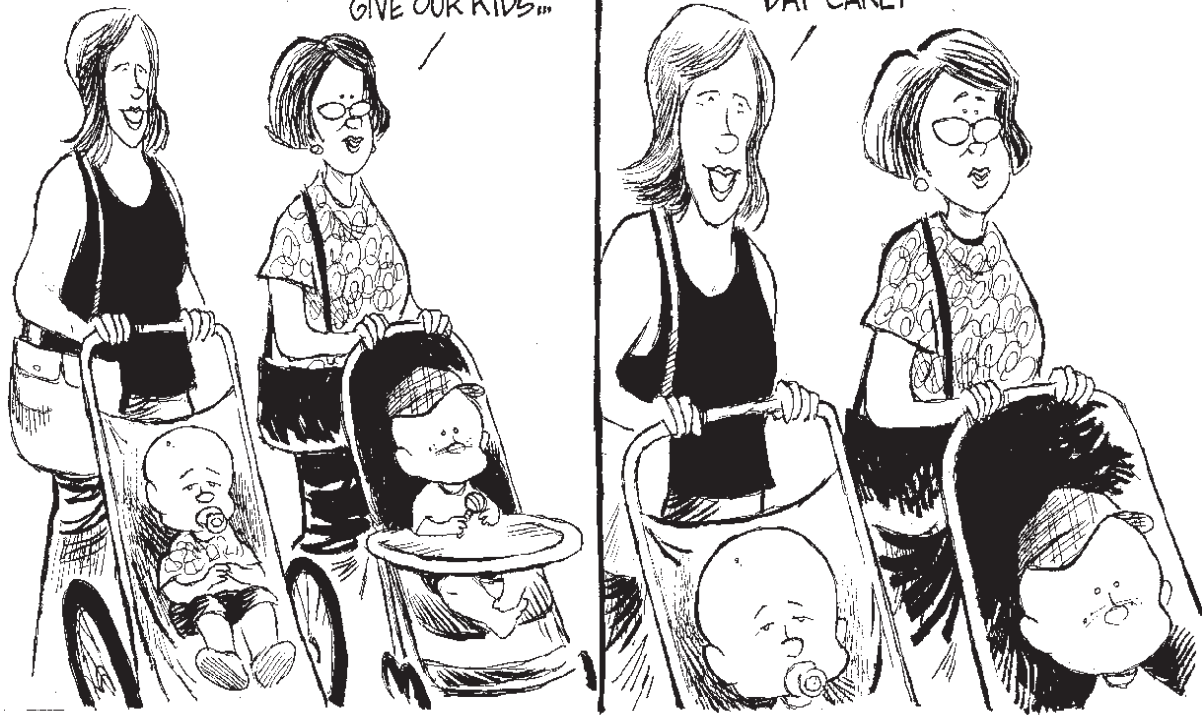
We are a nation at war. We have sent young men and women into combat in Iraq and Afghanistan and we must provide them with the highest quality health care and benefits when they return home. If we, as a Congress, don't stand for our nation's heroes, then for what exactly do we stand?

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WHAT A GREAT IDEA!

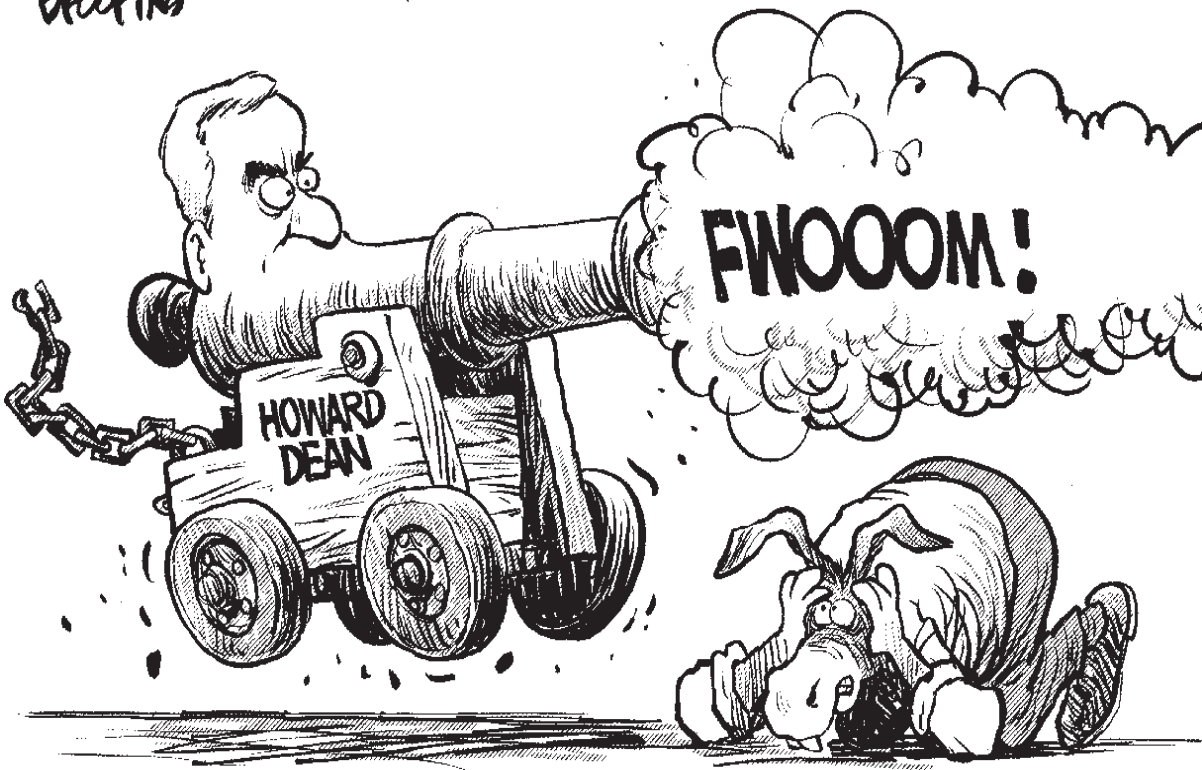
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Eye on D.C. By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Teach kids financial ABCs

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

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

If parents, schools and community leaders don't teach children how to manage money, today's young people may become tomorrow's bankruptcy statistics.

Kids are advertising targets in the marketplace and statistics say they spend an average of \$104 dollars a week. Now that's a lot more spending money than what I was used to. From video games and trendy clothes, to compact discs, the mes-

sage they receive is "spend" and by the time they become adults, it could be too late to teach them financial skills. Financial education now is an answer and an investment.

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

1. Give children an allowance. Six is the age when most children learn to add and subtract. With this money, you can introduce key concepts into a child's vocabulary such as budget, savings and interest. Help them create a budget worksheet with their money and teach them to save a portion of their allowance.

2. Let children help with shopping. Compare prices and values of grocery and household items. Give kids a small sum of money, or play money, for practice.

3. Teach young people the difference between needs and wants. Talk about the rewards of saving money

rather than spending it. Start a savings account for the child and go over bank statements together. Explain the miracle of compound interest.

4. Reach teens before it's too late. Go over a sample credit card statement with them; develop a budget; and explain the impact that bad, and good, credit can have on people's lives.

5. Best of all, teach by setting a good example. Show them how you save. Deposit a portion of your paycheck in a savings account or make this the year you save your tax refund.

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

If we don't teach our kids the difference between a "need" and a "want" — Madison Avenue will.



View from here By Bill Peacock

Supreme Court ruling highlights vulnerability of property owners to economic development seizures

Acie Frizzell owns a couple of vacant lots in the City of Freeport. The city attorney has told her that if she won't sell her lots as part of a planned economic development project, the city will condemn her land at the price of \$100 per lot. The lots might then be turned over to a private developer.

On the other side of town, Wright Gore is the owner of Western Seafood Company. The city also wants to condemn part of his property — 330 feet along the old Brazos River — and turn it over to his next door neighbor to build a marina. Gore says the condemnation threatens the viability of his \$40 million-a-year business.

Now that the U.S. Supreme Court has issued its decision in the Kelo case, the city says it will move "aggressively" to condemn this and other property necessary for the development.

"This is the last little piece of the puzzle to put the project together," said Freeport Mayor Jim Phillips.

This "last little piece" is the ability of governments to ignore the U.S. Constitution's plain language referring to "public use" and transfer the private property of one landowner to another for a "public purpose" using eminent domain.

The Kelo decision was rightly decried in dissent by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor as hanging "the specter of condemnation... over all property." The decision produced similar reaction and surprise across the country.

Yet the decision should not be so much a surprise as a wake-up call. Kelo is really the logical conclusion to recent jurisprudence on the Constitution's Public Use Clause.

The reaction could be a silver lining in the otherwise dark clouds, just like the closeness of the 2000 presidential race led to a dramatic increase in voter turnout in the 2004 elections,

Kelo could produce a resurgence of interest in the debate over private property rights.

The increased interest doesn't come a minute too soon for property owners like Frizzell and Gore. Without the protection of the Public Use Clause, Texans are quite vulnerable to economic development takings of private property.

The Texas Constitution has a Public Use Clause very similar to its federal counterpart, and Chapter 21 of the Texas Government Code regulating eminent domain contains the same reference to public use as contained in both constitutions. However, other parts of Texas law appear

to alter the definition of public use much like the Supreme Court has.

The Development Corporation Act of 1979 allows cities like Freeport to create economic development corporations that can exercise eminent domain powers for public purposes, including "the promotion and development of new and expanded business enterprises."

Likewise, the Texas Urban Renewal Law allows cities to seize land for "urban renewal activities" such as "slum clearance, redevelopment, rehabilitation, and conservation activities" and then be sold to private investors.

Fortunately, there are constitutional and legislative solutions to this problem at the federal and state level. U.S. Sen. John Cornyn has proposed legislation to make clear that public use does not include economic development. State Rep. Frank Corte has proposed an amendment to the Texas Constitution that would prohibit the taking of private property for the primary purpose of economic development.

It is unfortunate that such effort must be expended toward restoring adherence by government to the bedrock constitutional principle that personal freedom is grounded in economic freedom, i.e., the ability to control one's own property and labor.

The Michigan Supreme Court displayed an understanding of this last year when it unanimously overturned a 1981 case that had allowed Detroit's Poletown neighborhood to be condemned and converted into a General Motors plant.

"We overrule Poletown," wrote Justice Robert Young, "in order to vindicate our constitution, protect the people's property rights and preserve the legitimacy of the judicial branch as the expositor, not creator, of fundamental law."

Economic freedom did not come easy for the American colonists, and it has not proven easy to maintain for American citizens. While we may feel burdened having to explain to politicians that "use" means "use" and not "purpose," "intent" or "benefit," we should be grateful for this opportunity to participate in a revival of our most basic freedom.

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True Texas by Roger T. Moore, July 2, 1936: Keith Rumbel sends international mail via rockets from McAllen. One hits a bar, one explodes, but a few get to Mexico.



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

CHARTER NJHS TAKES ROOT — A total of 16 Desert Wind students were inducted into the school’s first National Junior Honor Society.

Desert Wind forms new chapter of National Junior Honor Society

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — A new National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Chapter was formed recently at Desert Wind School when a total of 16 students were inducted into membership in a ceremony held at the school on May 4, 2005.

Members were selected by a Faculty Council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leader-

ship, citizenship and character. The students were Elizabeth Chacon, Leanne Cordero, Anel Alejandra Corona, Alexis Delgado, Kimberly Garcia, Jorge Alberto Gonzalez, Jacqueline Granados, Ana Karen Gurrola, Kassandra Marie Lara, Xavier Ismael Martinez, Ivan David Medrano, Luisa Fernanda Muela, Francisco Javier Muniz, Miriam Lizeth Ossio, Janelle Kristen Perez, and Perla Jacqueline Rodriguez.

“NJHS members are chosen for

their exemplary contributions to the school and community,” said Ruben Cadena, chapter adviser.

The Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for middle level students. Chapters exist in more than 60 percent of the nation’s middle level schools. Since 1929, millions of students have been selected for membership. NJHS is sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, which also sponsors the National Honor Society.

Sybert G/T students attend science camp at Insights Science Museum

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Mariah Alvarez, a third-grader at Bill Sybert School, knew she had to quickly reduce her thrust to safely land her aircraft. She was losing altitude at a rapid rate and the clearance was just ahead. But she misjudged the landing and severely damaged her plane. Fortunately, she was able to walk away from the wreck.

Mariah was only flying a simulator but she was exposed to aviation, something she now may consider for her future.

“This is the first time I do this,” she said. “I thought it was pretty cool, the feeling of flying and everything. Maybe sometime in my life I may want to join the Air Force.”

Mariah and 23 other Gifted and Talented (G/T) Sybert students spent a week at the Insights Science Museum at different camps learning about aviation and other subjects. Laura Garcia-Beard and Claudia Helmling, the G/T coordinators at



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

BRING ‘ER IN — Mariah Alvarez, a third-grader at Bill Sybert School, attempts to land a fighter plane while her Insights Science Museum instructor, Jose Bocanegra, supervises.

Sybert, organized the event.

“We’re always looking for different projects to do with our G/T students,” Garcia-Beard said. “Insights handles all the classes here, so it’s pretty neat.”

Martha Bocanegra is the floor supervisor for the Insights camps and she also teaches some of the classes.

She said the Sybert students were exposed to four different courses.

“In our ‘Charlie & the Chocolate Factory’ course they were exposed to the science of cooking and mixing ingredients,” she said. “In ‘Mona Lisa’s Smile’ they learned about the science of photography and artwork. In ‘Behind the Scenes’ they were taught the science of movie-making and television. And finally we had ‘Top Gun’ where we discussed the technology used by the military throughout history.”

Bocanegra said the students really enjoyed the camp.

“I’m amazed with them,” she said. “They captured some of the more complicated elements. And they also helped the students from the other schools. They shared and they learned together.”

Del Sol Medical launches 5th annual Christmas in July to help Project Redirection

EL PASO COUNTY — Del Sol Medical Center is launching its fifth annual “Christmas in July” project, a city wide effort to collect items needed by Project Redirection, a 20-year-old program of the YWCA which provides support to pregnant and parenting teens in El Paso.

The Project Redirection “Wish List” consists of diapers, formula, baby wipes, nursing pads, toiletries, and other necessities including maternity clothes, baby clothes, cribs, pacifiers, baby bottles, bassinets, strollers, and other basics.

Cindy Stout, Administrative Director of Maternal/Child Services for Del Sol Medical Center who is spearheading this project, said, “The YWCA is in need of these items, especially diapers. We really hope the community will turn out in huge

numbers to support this effort.”

Project Redirection offers a variety of services to ensure that teen moms and dads meet their educational and health goals. Over 1,000 teens participated in Project Redirection during the 2004-2005 school year. Its success rate in preventing repeat pregnancies is excellent. The unique El Paso program includes job readiness, home visits, crisis intervention, advocacy, life skills guidance, health referrals and access to child care.

Donations will be accepted July 1 through July 31, 2005 at all YWCA locations, Del Sol Medical Center Teen Pregnancy Centers, 10201 Gateway West, Suite 330 and 10725 N. Loop, Suite 102, and all Del Sol Medical Center facilities. For more information, call 595-9454.

Training

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community residents, was graduated on April 30 of this year. Plans are in the making for a third team to be organized and trained in the near future.

“You don’t have to live in Horizon City to be a part of CERT,” Chief Aguilar said. “Anybody that

wants to participate can pick up an application at the Town of Horizon City, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas, or call 852-1047, for an application to be mailed to you. Maximum classes of 20 people will be accepted, on a first-come basis.

More information can be obtained about CERT at the following website: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/CERT/>

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In other news

■ With West Nile and Lyme disease a common part of our vocabulary during hot weather, the Texas Cooperative Extension Service says the selection and use of bug repellents are important to the health and welfare of our families. Mosquitoes, biting flies and ticks can sometimes pose a serious risk to public health, said Courtney Schoessow, program specialist. Repellents come in a wide variety of forms from sprays to creams and in varying strengths for use when the insect problem is either mild or for heavily infested environments. Schoessow said repellents containing a higher concentration of DEET, a chemical developed more than 50 years ago by the Army and the Dept. of Agriculture, are still the most effective and longest-lasting. However, other repellents are available for those who may have an aller-

gic reaction to DEET. Schoessow said these will need to be applied more frequently. Because bug repellents are a chemical, however, they do not come risk-free and should not be applied to broken skin, in or near eyes or mouth, inside enclosed areas or near food, and fumes should not be breathed. She said labels should be read carefully and should include the EPA-approved label and registration number.

■ Children who enjoy the television cartoon *Dragon Tales* might enjoy a more live version in the Missing Music Mystery performance at the Don Haskins Center at UTEP during multiple performances Aug. 25 through Aug. 28. Featuring Max and Emmy, the event encourages audience participation in a unique theatre experience teaching children cooperation and problem-solving. Call 544-8444 or 747-5234 for information on tickets which go on sale July 11, or log on at www.dragontaleslive.com.

Spotlight

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them that these young people have the same problems they do, and that being the center of attention only multiplies the stress.

It is the rare lottery winner who has the foresight to hire an accountant, an attorney, and just-say-no to the cameras. Those who are seduced by the spotlight will lose it all every time.

The spotlight is the reason that Donald Rumsfeld has developed a strategy to minimize direct hits from the newsboys — and girls. At the beginning of the war in Iraq, he was a media darling because he was always available, his style “plain-spo-


ken” and “folksy.” Not anymore. He got too comfortable, said too much, got burned a few times.

Now, after he made a simple statement about how it will take the Iraqis years to defeat the insurgency, the media runs to Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim Jaafari, waving Rumsfeld’s words like a red flag in front of a bull.

He may be new to the international spotlight, but this guy may have the makings to survive it. Of course, he conceded, it was impossible to make predictions about how long it could take to quell guerrilla activity in his country.

“Politics is not mathematics,” he said.

Brave words from a man who has as much to fear from the world media as he does from a suicide bomber.

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SUMMER BALL — Shown, from left, Canutillo ISD Summer Basketball Program Coach, Raul Villanueva and Jose Escobedo, project link coordinator, work with students in the program at Bill Childress Elementary School.

Canutillo students participate in Summer Basketball Camp

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Independent School District students are benefiting from participation in the District’s Summer Basketball Camp which continues through July 29.

The camp is sponsored by the Project Link Program, a federally funded program that promotes the bonding of school and community through shared interest in academics and extra curricular activities. One of the goals of Project Link is to engage students into healthy recreational activities during the summer break as an alternative to at-risk behavior.

Jose Escobedo, Project LINK coordinator for CISD, said, “It is our hope that the children in Canutillo, Vinton, and Westway will be inspired and motivated to continue to participate in a variety of sports throughout their lives.” Project Link wants to connect the community and education in preventing high school drop-outs.

Four CISD campuses, Canutillo Elementary School (CES), Bill Childress Elementary School (BCE), Deanna Davenport Elemen-

tary School (DDE), and Canutillo Middle School (CMS) are hosts to the summer camp for students from fourth through eighth grades. BCE and CMS’s program runs from June 3-30, DDE is from June 3-July 29, and CES is from June 3-July 15, all basketball summer camps are held from 12:30 -3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

During a recent summer camp session, students were fortunate to have Greg Foster as a speaker. Foster played basketball for the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) and was an NBA professional basketball player for the Los Angeles Lakers, Milwaukee Bucks, and the Utah Jazz. After speaking to the participants and answering several questions, he signed autographs for the students.

Canutillo coaches coordinating the program at each of the campuses are Jose Medel, CES; Raul Villanueva, BCE; Margie Alvarez, DDE; and Bobby Leyva, CMS.

Escobedo, who was also a professional basketball player in Mexico said, “We want to give special thanks to the school principals, Hector Giron, Annette Brigham, Sylvia Gonzalez, and Tom Patti, for their hospitality in hosting these camps at their schools.”

Water

From Page 1

(EPCWID#1) in Texas, Mexico’s Irrigation District #009, and to El Paso Water Utilities for urban use. Reservoir releases are expected to stay near this level through mid-July and then decrease as irrigation and urban demands begin to fall.

With a full river water supply the El Paso Water Utilities could provide about half of it’s urban water demand from the Rio Grande saving ground water resources for drought and future needs. Scheduled end of season reservoir release dates

are Sept. 18 for Mexico, Oct. 7 for EBID and Oct. 14 for EPCWID#1 at which point the reservoir gates will be closed until next year. These end of season closing dates are subject to change depending on available water supplies and late season demand.

“Drought Watch on the Rio Grande” is provided by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas A&M University, El Paso Agricultural Research and Extension Center in collaboration with the United States Bureau of Reclamation El Paso Field Office and USDA-CSREES Rio Grande Basin Initiative.



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

ALL IN THE FINE PRINT — Canutillo Elementary School DARE Essay Contest winners are, front row, from left, Lisa Del Bosque, Marisa Gonzalez, Celina Duran, Jose Ceballos, Edmundo Villar, Juan Ceballos, and Kimberly Valdez; back row, from left, are Deputy Carlos Tavaréz, Deputy Delma Veliz, Greg Foster, Diane Ramirez, Lieutenant Dennis Georgens, and Sergeant Louie Medina.

Canutillo DARE grads receive certificates

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Elementary School fifth grade students were awarded certificates of completion for successfully participating in the 10-week Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program presented by the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office recently.

During the awards ceremony, DARE essay contest winners were announced and given an opportunity

to read their winning essays to the audience. Also recognized was Sandra Kreps’ fifth grade class for winning the special question box design contest.

Guest speaker for the event was Greg Foster, former UTEP and NBA basketball player. Foster provided words of encouragement for the more than 100 fifth grade students and their teachers and parents. The basketball star also provided three basketballs with his autograph for a special drawing that was held at the end of the celebration.

“The DARE program is a structured curriculum that assists students in resisting drug use and violence. It also promotes an effective decision making process that focuses on consequences,” stated Deputy Carlos Tavaréz, DARE instructor. Assisting Tavaréz was CES Counselor Diane Ramirez.

CES fifth grade teachers participating in the DARE program were Nury Campbell, Sandra Kreps, Juan Gonzalez, Roberto Guerrero, Lily Maldonado, Sandra Sapien, and Emma Santarriaga.

Write stuff

Dear Editor:

I wish I could stand up and yell with all my might: Stop making all those toothpick houses. But I am just one individual being very selfish. But developers don’t stop and think about the citizens in San Eli. All they care is making money.

I, as a citizen of San Eli, worry where are we going to accommodate all the future children in school. I know other districts are building in the sand hills. We just don’t have anymore space. I also have a feeling that our taxes will pretty soon be skyrocketing. What is going to happen to the families, including myself, that lives on a fixed income?

Sometimes I wonder why do we have to tolerate all of this. I just hope that nobody will start destroying our

little plazita or our baseball field to build a school there. This is a very historical place not many people know about it. But as a longtime resident my memories still cling in my heart.

The town of San Eli where old adobe building are decaying like sweet polvorones.

Residents who knows the history about these building are sadden to see them abandonados like the aging of our elders.

Only the hissing sounds of our patriotic ancestors are rambling throughout all the adobe paredes, where once there were many cheerful negocios.

Now everything is echoing. Memories cling as I visualize all

the adventurous recuerdos.

And the making of history. All the ambition politician clamoring promises of good thing standing in the Kisko. Heavy stale beer odors, smoke of Lucky Strike, and puros the dust of unpaved road and the musty odors of ladies perfumes, Making up or making love en todos los rincones.

Know-a-day when walking by these old buildings it feels espantoso on the crossroads downtown San Eli with no neon sign. Don’t be surprise, if at night you hear some chains jingling when passing by the jail and church bells ringing.

Beatrice Cantu
San Elizario

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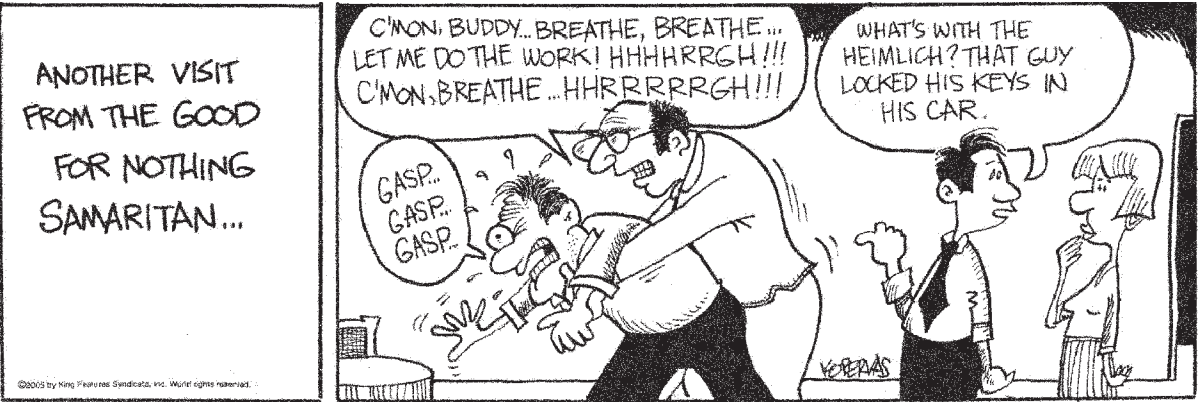


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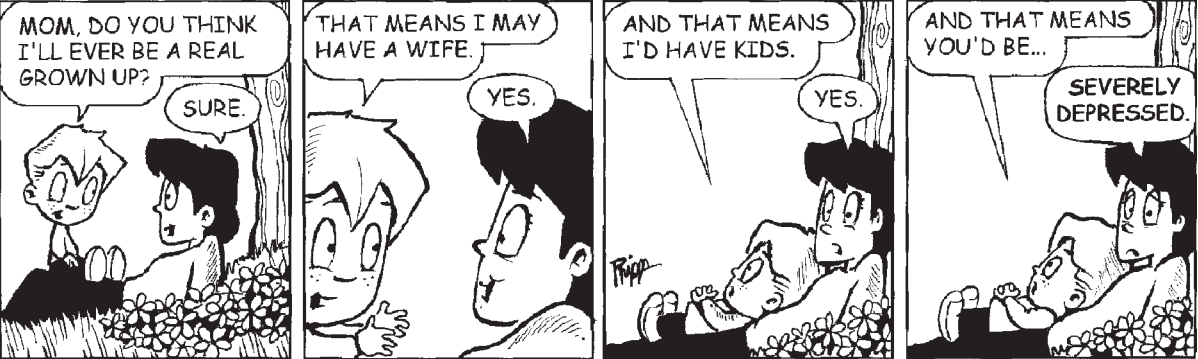
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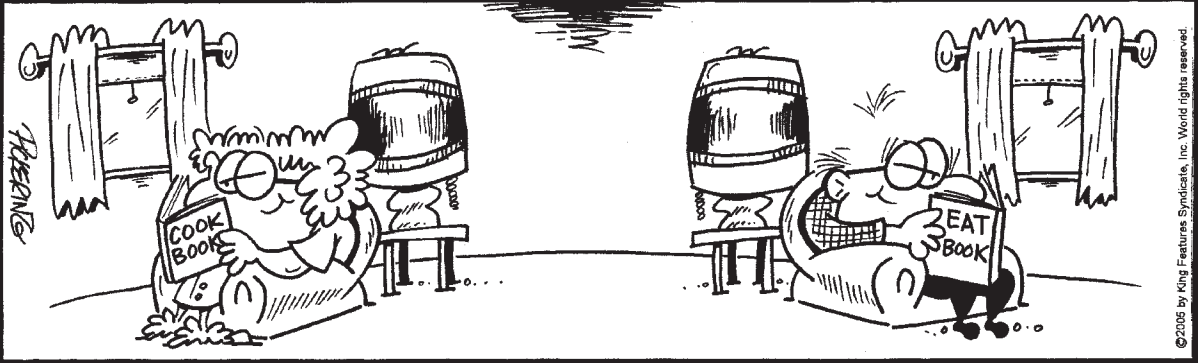
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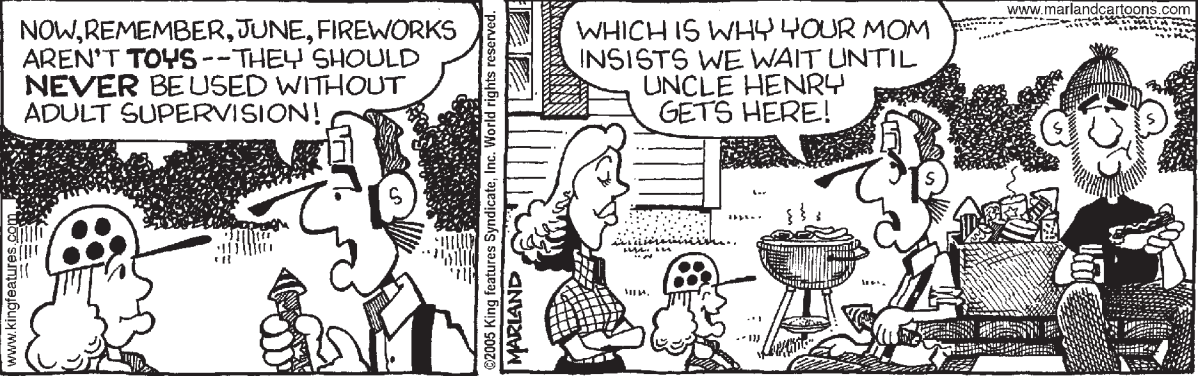
THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



Coming soon to your town

By Don Flood

You think traffic’s bad now? Wait a few years and this entire nation will be in the grips of the *same crisis now faced by the good citizens of Paintsville, Ky.*

A recent CNN.com headline — and this is an actual headline — said it all: “Town overrun with old people on scooters.”

Old people on scooters! Paintsville officials say that old folks on slow-moving scooters are snarling traffic and causing delays.

And they’re coming — at a speed of 3 or 4 mph — your way!

According to highly placed fictional traffic experts, as aging baby boomers acquire their own scooters, traffic all across the country will eventually stop cold.

(Boomers, of course, won’t get just any scooters. They’ll get massive Hummer scooters, designed to run over lesser scooters.)

This will be your traffic report of the future:

ANNOUNCER: And now for this morning’s traffic report, we go live to Chopper 6!

CHOPPER 6: Bad news, Bill. The interstate is entirely clogged with old folks on scooters. Don’t go out there.

ANNOUNCER: How are the bridges?

CHOPPER 6: Not moving.

ANNOUNCER: How about in town?

CHOPPER 6: A Road Rage incident has brought traffic to a halt. According to police, the trouble began when two elderly men on scooters started drag racing down Main Street, reaching speeds believed to be in excess of 3 mph.

The two, said to be vying for the affections of a certain Lola — who was described by the scooter crowd as a “flirt” and “one hot great-grandmomma” — collided near the intersection of North and

Main, resulting in dents in both vehicles.

ANNOUNCER: Anyone hurt?

CHOPPER 6: Both men received bruises after they fell off their scooters and started beaming each other with canes, right in the middle of Main Street. It’s not a pretty sight, and it looks like traffic will be backed up for hours while the old people and their scooters are cleared out.

ANNOUNCER: Well, can you see any clear spots from the air?

CHOPPER 6: Who bothers going in the air anymore? Traffic hasn’t moved in seven years.

Sadly, Marlon Brando is no longer with us to reprise his role of Johnny, the black leather-clad biker of “The Wild One.” In the original, a small town is terrorized by a motorcycle gang of rebellious youth.

In the movie’s most famous exchange, a woman asks the young tough, “What are you rebelling against?”

Brando’s Johnny answers, “What’ve you got?”

Of course, for the scooter-gang sequel that would have to be updated to something like:

“We have a wide range of issues we’re concerned with, beginning with rising health-care costs. We think it’s high time the federal government begins to negotiate with the major drug companies for lower-cost prescription drugs. Also, Congress must *guarantee* that the Social Security system remains solvent and that benefits are indexed to inflation, so that our senior citizens, who have been paying into the system for many decades, do not lose purchasing power, and furthermore...”

WOMAN: Help! Help! Bring back the young hoods!

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SHARPEN YOUR WITS

ACROSS

1 Mineral suffix

4 Awaited

9 Two, in Tijuana

12 Out of line

17 Worthless

19 Pad

20 Journalist Tarbell

21 Hapsburg capital

22 Like a spy story

25 Actress Jennifer

26 Former Pentagon head

27 Big name in locks

28 Dweeb’s cousin?

30 Competitor

31 Germ type

34 Made likely

37 Pumper’s pride

38 Harrison Ford

movie

41 With 68 down, “CHiPs” star

42 Tenor Thomas

46 Writer Hunter

47 Turf

48 Field marshal

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50 Chemistry info

51 Gets slushy

53 Seoul soldier

55 Non-threatening

58 Ms. Goldberg

60 Act like Etna

62 Fine stuff?

64 Actor Everett

65 Bring up

67 Conger

68 Look over

69 “Superman” star

70 Pitch in

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79 Prison pariah

80 Rum sum

81 Mead’s milieu

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84 Snyder or Hanks

85 Houston ballplayer

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90 “Calendar Girl”

90 Competitor

92 Fox’s foot

94 Desert schlepper

96 Circus barker?

97 Fight site

99 Crank’s comment

101 Take risks

102 Auto adornment

103 Very, very satisfied

104 Michael Ansara

series

108 Egg plant?

109 Fondue ingredient

110 Rifleman

114 Business abbr.

115 James of “Misery”

116 Pearl Harbor’s locale

119 Hold back

121 Flautist James

123 The Searchers hit

128 Private’s posture

129 Lodge member

130 Carry on

131 Joy Adamson’s joy

132 Hirsute Jamaican

133 Occupy a cot

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135 Chariot bumper?

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1 Peruvian of old

2 Oklahoma city

3 Hitch in haste

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5 _ Saud

6 Comic Goodman

7 Snorri’s stories

8 He moves cars

9 Excavate

10 Laudatory lyrics

11 French philosopher

12 Isn’t completely wrong?

13 Diocese

14 Roman Polanski

film

15 Put behind bars

16 Cardiff’s country

18 Where lions laze

21 Nothing but space

23 Handle

24 Class

29 Used to be

32 Imperfection

33 Roof edge

35 Breathe like a bull

36 Reverse

37 Eventual monarch

39 Chip’s chum

40 Beseech

41 Fluffy female

42 Mouth piece?

43 Antique ending

44 Impending peril

45 Pericles’ portico

49 Mil. group

52 De Lesseps’ ditch

54 Danny or Stubby

56 Hot rocks?

57 Early orchard?

59 Essence

61 Machinations

63 Some wines

66 Mr. Saarinen

68 See 41 Across

69 San _ , Italy

70 Basics

71 “Dies _ ”

73 Interstate exit

74 Coll. cadets

75 Armada member

78 Shred

82 Kind of kiln

84 Prepare to be in

“Baywatch”

85 Vigilant

86 Astronomer

Khayyam

88 “Bali _ ”

89 New Haven

hardwood

91 Brew barrel

93 “_ Named Sue”

(’69 hit)

95 Slips up

98 “_ -Ca-Dabra” (’74 song)

100 Biblical tyrant

103 Musical composition

105 Stream

106 Kevin of “SNL”

107 Unrestrained

108 Churchill trademark

109 Motown’s Marvin

111 Organ part

112 Boxer Griffith

113 Hair coloring

115 _ Grande, AZ

117 Present

118 Weekend warriors

(Abbr.)

120 Autocrat

122 Angkor _

(Cambodian temple)

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Answer Page 6

New home warranty standards clarify responsibilities on part of contractors

By Stephen D. Thomas
Special to the Courier

This month, the new warranties and performance standards, approved by the Texas Residential Construction Commission will take effect and detail how the components of a newly built home or remodeled home should perform while under warranty. These new requirements apply to residential construction that begins on or after June 1, 2005 and are the first written building and performance standards ever in Texas.

The commission’s primary goal is

to serve as a neutral third-party to help resolve disputes between homeowners and homebuilders/remodelers. The law that created the commission was designed to ensure that new and remodeled homes will perform to objective post-construction standards and to assist in minimizing construction defects.

The standards cover a lengthy list of home components covered by one, two- and 10-year warranties. Workmanship and materials are covered by a one-year warranty. The two-year warranty period includes plumbing, electrical, heating and air-conditioning delivery systems, while major

structural components fall under the 10-year warranty.

There is also a 10-year warranty of habitability that addresses defects that could not have been reasonably discovered during the one- and two-year warranty periods, but later become apparent and affect the habitability of the home, such as a slow water leak in a wall.

These standards will be used by the commission when inspecting possible post-construction home defects under the new state-sponsored inspection and dispute resolution process (SIRP). Through this process, a neutral third-party inspector evaluates problems reported by the homeowner and issues a report detailing the findings.

The performance standards are not just more building codes — instead, they are objective criteria that define how the components of a home must perform after it is built and while it is under warranty. Any newly built homes and any interior renovation that exceeds \$20,000 or a material improvement that changes the size of the home’s living space will carry a statutory warranty and have to comply with the performance standards.

The new home warranty and building and performance standards will help both consumers and homebuilders/remodelers by defining specific performance and mini-

mum warranty standards. This will create certainty for both the builder/remodeler and the buyer.

If homeowners cannot get their builder/remodeler to work in good faith with them to resolve construction defects, before exercising their legal rights, they must file a SIRP with the commission.

The SIRP can be a very valuable tool for homeowners. If a builder/remodeler chooses to ignore SIRP findings in a homeowner’s favor, not only does the homeowner still retain their right to pursue other legal options, but a final SIRP report holds a rebuttable presumption — proof, or a preponderance of the evidence. That makes the SIRP a great encouragement to builders/remodelers to address issues identified and fix them to the homeowner’s satisfaction. We work closely with the homeowner and builder to resolve issues prior to filing an SIRP and have resolved more than 50 cases in this manner during the last few months.

In addition to tracking SIRPs, the commission keeps records on each complaint lodged against registered builders/remodelers. These complaints could include issues involving construction defects that would be eligible for the SIRP but were resolved amicably pre-SIRP, but also encompass non-SIRP issues such as contractual matters or other pre-con-

struction disputes.

Regardless of whether an item is SIRP-eligible, the commission is carefully following up on each complaint to determine if builders/remodelers are dealing with their customers in good faith. When a builder or remodeler applies for renewal of their registration, the commission has the authority to consider factors impacting the question of a builder’s honesty, integrity and trustworthiness, including any unwillingness to address their customers’ concerns and complaints filed with the commission. Further, if a builder/remodeler displays business practices that are misleading or illegal, the commission has the authority to levy administrative fines up to \$5,000, per offense.

The commission, created in 2003, is meant to be fair and balanced for both the homebuyer and homebuilder/remodeler. The warranties and performance standards, along with the SIRP, are meant to help both parties achieve a common goal — a reliable, well-built home.

For more information about the commission, call 877-651-TRCC (8722) or visit us on the web at www.trcc.state.tx.us.

Thomas is executive director of the Texas Residential Construction Commission.

Clint teacher to serve on national board for honor society

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

CLINT — Clint High School’s German teacher, Annette Loomis, has been elected to a three year term on the Board of the National Council of the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society. She is one of 11 advisors and principals nationally to be chosen for the board, and will represent Region 8, which includes Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. She was elected by members of the govern-

ing board of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) at an earlier board meeting. Loomis will be among those advising the NASSP Board of Directors and national staff on matters related to Honor Societies and serves also as the Scholarship Board to select the winners of the NHS National Scholarship each year.

She has served as the NHS Advisor at Clint High School for the past five years where she teaches German. She is also currently serving on the Board of the Texas Foreign Language Association (TFLA).

Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Social Security reminders for traveling overseas

EL PASO COUNTY — I recently received a call from one of our readers about travel. This individual was planning a lengthy overseas trip this summer to research his family’s

roots. He asked me if there were any Social Security or Medicare issues that he and his wife should be aware of. Here, basically, is what I told him, and it may be useful to anyone else

who plans a trip abroad in the near future.

First, if you haven’t already done so, consider getting direct deposit of your benefit payments. More than 80 percent of Social Security beneficiaries now use direct deposit. You never have to worry about your check being lost or stolen. And direct deposit makes funds available to you even when you are not at home to cash your checks.

You should also be familiar with how your Medicare coverage works

outside the United States.

If you get sick or hurt while traveling, you should know that generally, Medicare does not pay for hospital or medical services outside the U.S., except for some emergency services in Mexico and Canada.

Finally, if you plan to stay outside the country more than 30 days, other rules may apply. You can find out about these rules and more by visiting our website or by requesting the Social Security Publication entitled









Social Security: Your Payments While You Are Outside the United States.

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.

WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
							
Mostly sunny.	Mainly clear.	Plenty of sunshine.	Partly sunny.	Mostly sunny.	Mostly sunny.	Partly sunny.	Partly sunny.
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Sunday	10Very High
Monday	10Very High
Tuesday	9Very High
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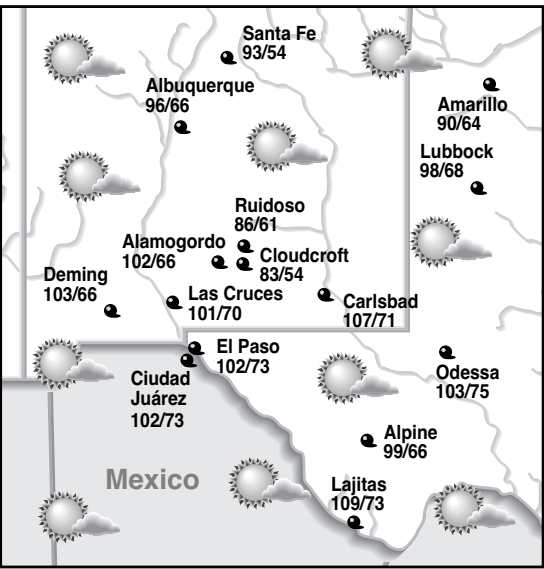
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Thursday	100°
Friday	91°
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Sunday	90°
Monday	90°
Tuesday	91°
Wednesday	90°

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Anthony	101	73
Canutillo	101	73
Clint	101	73
E. Montana	101	73
Fabens	101	73
Horizon	101	74
San Elizario	102	73
Socorro	103	73
Tornillo	101	73
Vinton	101	73

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



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Albuquerque	96/66/s	93/65/s	93/67/pc	91/67/s	90/67/s
Atlanta	81/71/t	91/70/pc	87/70/t	87/70/t	87/67/t
Atlantic City	88/64/t	83/63/t	87/67/pc	88/67/s	91/69/pc
Austin/San Antonio	100/74/s	98/71/pc	93/71/pc	96/72/s	97/69/pc
Baltimore	86/66/t	86/64/t	88/66/pc	90/68/s	88/69/pc
Boston	74/60/t	74/62/sh	80/66/t	87/66/s	86/68/pc
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Flagstaff	86/45/s	86/48/s	83/48/s	83/49/pc	84/44/s
Houston	98/74/t	96/72/pc	96/72/pc	96/72/sh	98/72/t
Kansas City	86/70/t	89/70/t	92/69/pc	91/69/pc	90/67/c
Las Vegas	104/78/s	106/78/s	104/78/s	103/78/s	100/75/s
Miami	93/81/sh	87/81/t	88/78/t	88/77/t	88/80/t
Minneapolis	86/66/pc	88/68/pc	90/70/t	88/69/s	87/69/pc
New Orleans	93/75/t	93/75/t	94/77/pc	94/79/t	93/73/t
New York City	85/68/t	82/68/t	87/72/t	88/71/s	89/73/pc
Philadelphia	86/66/t	84/68/t	89/70/t	91/70/s	89/72/pc
Phoenix	110/82/s	110/82/s	110/82/s	109/82/pc	106/77/s
Portland	76/58/pc	78/58/pc	74/56/sh	76/56/pc	82/58/pc
San Francisco	69/56/pc	68/57/pc	69/54/pc	73/56/pc	72/59/pc
Seattle	72/56/pc	72/58/pc	68/56/r	70/56/pc	76/63/pc
Tucson	104/75/s	104/75/s	104/75/s	102/73/s	100/68/s
Washington, DC	87/68/t	84/68/t	89/70/pc	91/71/s	89/72/c

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