



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Safe summer food

The lazy days of summer are prime time for outdoor eating at backyard barbecues, picnics, and family reunions. They're also prime time for getting lazy about handling food safely. The free Summer Food Safety package from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Federal Citizen Information Center can help with tips on safely handling food at home. For instance, keeping raw foods like burgers and ribs and their juices away from other foods — and washing hands and food prep areas often — will keep bacteria and germs from spreading. There are also tips to prevent food from spoiling. And don't let down your guard when you get takeout or eat out — order meat, poultry, eggs, and fish fully cooked. And when you take leftovers home, refrigerate them within two hours or throw them out. Following food safety rules can head off serious illnesses from food-grown bacteria, viruses, and parasites that are especially dangerous for infants, the elderly, and those with weakened immune systems. To get your free package send your name and address to Summer Food Safety, Pueblo, Colorado 81009, or visit <http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/rc/n41summerfoodsafety.htm> to place your order online or to read or print out these and hundreds of other federal publications for free. Summer Food Safety is available online at: <http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/press/nfcfoodsafety06.htm>. You can also call toll-free 1 (888) 878-3256, weekdays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time and ask for the Summer Food Safety package. Get even more information and take advantage of government services online at <http://www.FirstGov.gov> and <http://www.Espanol.gov> — your official English and Spanish web portals to the Federal government.

### Help to lose

A free diet and weight control program is being offered this summer to people of all ages courtesy of Paul Aston through the El Paso Community College Senior Adult Program June 24 through Aug. 12. Meetings are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the El Paso Community College Valle Verde Campus in Room B-241 of the B Building, 919 Hunter. Aston, who lost 50 pounds in 2004 and is still maintaining his weight, said there is no fee for the program but participants must be willing to follow guidelines to reach a desired weight. Call 831-2701 for more information.

### In other news

■ Michelle A. Farley, formerly of Horizon City, was recently selected as one of five international graduate students, and the sole representative from the U.S., to present their research findings at the

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*Child psychology is what children manage their parents with.*  
— Quips & Quotes

## Viva! El Paso returns to McKelligon Canyon

EL PASO COUNTY — *Viva! El Paso*, the musical retelling of the history of El Paso, is returning to the beautiful McKelligon Canyon Amphitheatre for 12 shows from June 23 to July 29, 2006. Shows will be Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. and are being presented by the El Paso Association for the Performing Arts in conjunction with the El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau. This is the 29th season of the outdoor drama that chronicles the 400-year history and cultural evolution of the El Paso region through traditional dance, original songs, colorful costumes and special effects. Last year's performances were held in the Abraham Chavez Theatre due to the \$1.6 million McKelligon Canyon Park improvement plan. Since its creation in 1978, *Viva!* had performed in the McKelligon Canyon Amphitheatre and this season's return outdoors promises visitors a spectacular show in a newly-renovated amphitheater. Improvements to the McKelligon Canyon Amphitheater and Pavilion complex include newly landscaped grounds, refurbished flooring along with a new electrical system that increases power and lighting abilities. Existing restrooms have been upgraded to comply

with the Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS) and improvements on stairs, ramps, walkways and parking have been made.



— Photo courtesy Viva! El Paso

**SHOWTIME — Viva! El Paso returns to McKelligon Canyon from June 23 to July 29, 2006. In its 29th season, the outdoor drama chronicles 400 years of history and culture in the El Paso region through dance, songs, colorful costumes and special effects.**

Tickets to the show are available through all Ticketmaster locations or by calling 544-8444. For more information, contact the El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau at 534-0600.

## Horizon's new councilmen take seat with view to promote the city

By Arleen Beard  
*Special to the Courier*

HORIZON CITY — There are two new members seated on the Horizon City and one new member who has served before. Jennifer Whiskeyman and Carole Zimmerman, sister of former Mayor Diane Whitty, are new to the seat, while Ralph Padilla previously served as a council member during the years when Pat Randleel served as mayor. One of Councilman Whiskeyman's primary areas of interest to pursue as a representative of Horizon City is to promote the city. She said she wants to enlist residents to help design a new logo and a slogan for promoting the city's image. Whiskeyman said she believes many people

who do not live in Horizon City have a different perspective of the city, one which is not very positive. She said she would like to clear that up by promoting all its positive assets. "I'm proud of Horizon City and all it has to offer," she said. The remainder of City Council was in agreement with the need to promote the city. Councilman Walter Miller said promotion of the area is ongoing by Horizon City Improvement Association (HCIA) and he said he would contact the property-owners association to obtain records from their effort to promote Horizon City. This item was not an action item but discussion only. Council agreed to pursue this matter. In another matter of business Council voted to retain Miller as mayor pro tem. Zimmerman made the nomination and the vote was unanimous. Miller abstained during the vote, but graciously accepted the responsibility.

## Socorro takes on contentious rezoning issues

By Arleen Beard  
*Special to the Courier*

SOCORRO — There was a large turnout of Socorro residents at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on June 15, 2006. Most of the residents who turned out came to oppose a the reconsideration of the proposed rezoning of the corner of Winn Rd. and Apodaca Rd. Chacon Development wanted to rezone Tracts 17A & 17B, Block 21 Socorro Grant,

from A-1, Agricultural to R-2, Medium Density Residential. Prior to discussion from members of the audience, Mayor Trini Lopez asked City Manager Carol Garcia, why the item was placed on the agenda since the issue had been considered in January 2006. Garcia informed Lopez that the item was deleted and never acted on. She had been approached by Socorro City Attorney Richard Contreras to place this item on

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## Baking heat leaves Texas landscape burning

Hot, dry weather continues to bake Texas landscapes, lawns, gardens, fields and forests — and increasing both the number and the risk of wildfires. An extended weather pattern of hot days relieved by only isolated showers has left grasses and other vegetation much drier than normal. The result is that without significant

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w i d e - s p r e a d , long-duration rains, T e x a s firefighters foresee a growing threat of wildfires.

Conditions now are similar to those that occurred in summer 1998, during which Texas experienced one of the worst years on record for wildfires, according to Tom Spencer, wildfire risk assessment coordinator with Texas Forest Service. “The similarities between weather and vegetation conditions in 1998 and now are very alarming, from a wildfire standpoint,” said Spencer. “Texans could be facing a bad summer fire siege if increased winds should accompany hot, dry weather. Strong, gusty winds contributed greatly to the major wildfires experienced earlier this year.” What the whole state needs is slow, steady rainfall spread over many hours so most of the rain will soak into the ground and not run off, Spencer added. Many areas of the state, particularly in far West Texas, haven't received enough rain to stimulate full spring green-up, and even where green-up has occurred, grasses are wilting and turning brown in the heat. Regional fire coordinators have also reported that wildfire activity has picked up across the state. “Local fire departments everywhere are making more frequent runs on wildfires, and our own fire crews have battled many wildfires, including several recent fires more than 100 acres in size,” said Bill Rose, Texas Forest Service chief regional forester for resource protection in East Texas. He noted that accidental fires due to escaped debris burning continue to be the primary cause of wildfires, particularly in the eastern half of the state. Sparks-producing equipment, hot vehicle exhaust systems and careless disposal of smoking materials also cause many wildfires. In addition, Texas Forest Service fire investigators attribute several recent fires, including a 253-acre wildfire in northern Walker County, to the work of arsonists. Firefighters across the state could also face a seasonal wildfire risk if dry conditions continue. “Irresponsible fireworks use through the Fourth of July holiday period could spark additional fires, if dry conditions prevail and vegetative fuels, particularly grasses, continue to dry out,” said Rose. “We don't want to put a damper on holiday celebrations, but we do urge folks to use common sense and celebrate safely during the upcoming holiday period.”



# One perspective

By Francis Shrum

## A common discourtesy

You may be the nicest person in the world.

You pay your bills, wash your car, get your kids to school on time and call your mother once a week. You meet your obligations to Uncle Sam every tax season, salute the flag and even run errands for the neighbor lady who can't drive any more.

But you and I have a blind spot smack dab in the middle of all that niceness and it allows us to blot out all sense of common courtesy, responsibility or ethics. And it's causing chaos, frustration and damage to property in the parking lots of virtually every shopping center in America.

I personally am of the opinion that the way Americans use and abuse shopping carts is a festering blight on the reputation of this nation not only in the eyes of every person who visits here, but worse yet, in our own.

I ask you — if you can manage to push a shopping cart through a store loading it up with all your goodies, walk it out through the parking lot to your car and unload all your goodies out of it, why on earth can't you take the few additional steps to put the unloaded cart — hence much lighter and easier to push — into the stall provided for it?

Or at least bother to put it in an empty parking spot already occupied by a number of other carts if the stall is full?

Why is this simple principle, the smallest of common courtesies, such a hard concept for Americans to accept, let alone practice?

Somewhere along the time line of

our evolution as a society, Americans decided that shopping carts would become the dumping ground of every foul thing about us, from our trash to our manners, and we've been dumping on them — and therefore each other — with a gusto that makes the consumption of German beer look like a kindergarten sport.

I don't know how we arrived at a point in our thinking that made us believe that not only were shopping carts something to which we should have ready access but that their use and abuse is somehow included in our inalienable rights.

There is a major shopping club to which people pay money to be members. They have really big stalls to hold their shopping carts, placed at convenient intervals along each row of parking spaces. They buy new carts at regular intervals to replace the ones we tear up. Still, on any given day, you can find shopping carts abandoned against the bumper of the next car or blocking an otherwise empty parking space within spitting distance of the cart depository.

Like we were royalty or something. Like somebody died and made us

the godlings of the parking lot.

Like the moment we were through using the cart it became so much trash that we were somehow entitled to leave lying on the ground for the next guy to deal with.

Where do we get off with this kind of attitude?

Of course, not everyone treats this benefit provided to us by the merchants in such a rude fashion. I've seen folks who not only took their cart safely back to the depository but stopped along the way and cleaned up after some other folks who left theirs standing.

I'm sure in the back of some of our minds there is a haunting refrain of "the way it used to be," when an attendant pushed our cart out to the car for us, unloaded it for us and took it away for us. That was nice. Unfortunately, its one of those things that is gone forever, like the gas station attendant who used to pump gas for us while cleaning our windshields.

But just because we have to pump our own gas and carry out our own groceries, it still doesn't give us the right to abuse property that — while not as nice and convenient as it was with a helper attached to it — is still provided as a courtesy for us.

Over the last month I've seen shopping carts piled up behind cars whose owners are still in the store, which they will have to remove before they can move their car. I've seen them rammed against the sides of parked cars. I've seen them lying on their sides in the landscaping. I've seen them blocking empty parking spaces and drive-throughs.

I even saw one otherwise very nice looking lady simply let hers go on a slope and walk away without looking back, even as it rolled down and smashed into another car.

I've seen them full of trash left over from someone's stroll through the store — advertisement flyers, drink containers empty or otherwise leaking out whatever was left in the cup, chewing gum, candy wrappers, wadded up paper towels and napkins, used diapers, and packaging from some item the shopper wanted to use immediately but didn't want the litter in his or her car.

So they left it there for you and me, as a testament to their most common of discourtesy.

# Comptroller offers calculator to help businesses estimate new taxes

By Dick Ellis  
*Special to the Courier*

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today unveiled a tax calculator on her web site that will allow Texans who are in business to estimate how much more in taxes they will pay to the state under Gov. Rick Perry's business tax increase.

"I urge every businessman and businesswoman to use this useful tool to estimate their potential franchise tax liability the Governor has signed into law," Strayhorn said. "Businesses will have to pay the tax in May of 2008, but under Gov. Perry's plan, for some, the tax began June 1, 2006.

"More than 200,000 Texas businesses that currently do not pay taxes will have to pay or file taxes under the new law. Texans need to know now how much they will be paying and begin preparing today by setting aside dollars for the new tax," she said.

The new Franchise Tax Calculator is an easy way to give businesses an idea of what their franchise tax liability will be — especially those businesses that are not familiar with this new margin tax concept.

The tax calculator takes basic information provided by the businesses and automatically calculates the estimated tax. Results will vary from industry to industry and businesses within the same industry depending on specific financial data.

"The new tax calculator, available today at the Comptroller's web site, [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us), is a way all businesses affected by Perry's Tax Plan can get accurate and confidential estimates of their taxes, and better plan for the future," she said.

For example, a small manufacturer that had gross revenue of \$10 million last year will see a 50 percent increase in taxes, from \$21,400 under the old franchise tax to \$32,000 a year under the new Perry tax plan.

A convenience store that had \$10 million in gross revenue last year will see a 207 percent increase in taxes, from \$3,740 under the old franchise tax to \$11,500 a year under the new Perry tax plan.


A dry cleaner, considered part of the service industry and not subject to the old franchise tax, with \$1 million in gross revenue last year paid no taxes, will now pay \$6,120 a year under the new Perry tax plan.

"Gov. Perry's tax plan is a massive increase in business taxes that will increase the state's budget by \$6 billion a year, and includes an unconstitutional income tax on partnerships and unincorporated associations," Strayhorn said. "It leaves a \$23 billion hot check, increases the number of businesses that will have to pay or file taxes by 200,000, increases business taxes by 200 percent, and gives the average homeowner a \$52 property tax cut in school taxes only, this year, with most of our senior citizens and Texans with disabilities receiving no property tax cut at all."

Comptroller Strayhorn sent a letter to Gov. Perry on May 2, in which she stated: "First and foremost, the Bill will require 200,000 businesses that currently do not pay taxes to either file or pay taxes. Most of that astounding number of Texans will not realize they are in this group of new taxpayers until they are told before the tax is due in May, 2008.

"Among others, this group includes dry cleaners, lawn services, barbers, beauty shops, janitorial services and doctors," she wrote.

"To use the tax calculator, a business owner will have to know their annual business gross revenue and the cost of doing business in either cost of goods purchased for resale or payroll," she said.



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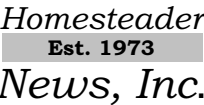
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## Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

### Identity protection for veterans

On May 22, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that a computer disk containing identifying information such as names, Social Security numbers, and birthdates of veterans and active duty servicemembers was stolen from the home of a VA data analyst. It is estimated that the electronic data contained information of up to 26.5 million veterans and spouses, 1.1 million active duty service members, and 430,000 members of the National Guard. Both the FBI and the VA Inspector General's office are investigating the situation, and it is believed by authorities that the burglars had no knowledge of the data contained in the computer.

I am deeply concerned by this incident, and along with my colleagues on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, I immediately urged the leadership of the Veterans Committee to hold hearings to investigate the possible effects of this breach, protect the veterans and servicemembers whose information was compromised, and prevent its reoccurrence. To date, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, of which I am a member, has held two hearings on the subject, and the full Veterans' Affairs Committee has held one hearing, and is scheduled to hold two additional hearings.

We have heard testimony from VA Secretary Jim Nicholson and other high level VA officials, who identified serious information technology deficiencies. Officials admitted that the VA lacks a robust information security program that should have included appropriately controlled access authority, adequate physical security controls, consistent implementation of software changes and others.

As hearings continue, it is important that the VA moves forward quickly to implement concrete security measures. I am a co-sponsor of H.R. 5588, the Comprehensive Veterans' Data Protection and Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2006, a bill that would provide real security for the military families at risk of identity theft. This bill enacts the following through the VA:

- Free credit monitoring for a year and free credit reports for two years;
- Free credit fraud alerts for veterans for one year;
- Free credit freeze for veterans for one year;
- Protection of sensitive information of veterans;
- Prompt notification to veterans if their personal information has been compromised by a data breach; and
- Creation of an Ombudsman for Data Security in the VA who is responsible for assisting veterans that are victims of a data breach or identity theft.

Currently, veterans and military families can visit the following website or call the toll-free number for more information: <http://www.firstgov.gov>, 1-800-FED-INFO (333-4636), Monday - Saturday, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

View from here

By Bill Peacock

Kelo anniversary reminds us much work left to be done

El Paso on the verge of becoming the next New London

Susette Kelo has lost the battle. And her home.

While there will be an outpouring of support for private property rights as the first anniversary of the Supreme Court’s Kelo v. New London decision passes by, it will not help Ms. Kelo. The city council in New London, CT, recently voted to evict her from her property.

This is the last step in the process to make way for a new master-planned community designed to boost tourism, commerce and tax revenue for the City of New London. It could feature amenities such as high-end condominiums, upscale restaurants and stylish retail outlets.

It is not likely to feature Ms. Kelo, however. It is doubtful that she’ll receive enough compensation for her home to afford one of the new residences — perhaps even occupying her old lot — in these fashionable environs.

Here in Texas, the same is probably true for many residents and small business owners in downtown El Paso.

The City of El Paso recently unveiled its redevelopment plan for downtown. With its stated goal “to become a leading American city,” this is the Texas version of similar plans across the country, including the one in New London.

It portrays a vibrant, renewed

downtown El Paso as “the destination for new residential housing, shopping, night-life, families and visitors [and] a culturally important place with an area dedicated specifically for U.S./Mexico art.”

In order to make room for the “new” El Paso, the plan calls for the demolition of many buildings within a 127.5 acre tract. The problem is that most of the El Pasoans who live, work and own property in the area were not asked if they thought this was a good idea.

The plan relies heavily on amassing an inventory of tracts of various sizes that can be used to attract developers and retailers to the area. The proponents of the plan need the land, whether or not the current owners and residents are interested in selling.

In a free market, this wouldn’t be a problem. Either the buyers and sellers would negotiate a price that satisfies everyone, or the developers would devise plans to work around the properties of those owners who didn’t want to sell.

But in the case of this plan, just like New London’s, the city of El Paso will be able to exercise the right of eminent domain to seize the property of those who do not wish to sell and relocate.

These might include the owner and residents of the Pablo Bay apartments, where the first novel of the Mexican Revolution was published

in 1915. Or the owners of Starr Western Wear and the Juarez Boot store. Or apartment residents in the historic Segundo Barrio.

These buildings are all in the demolition zone, even though they currently provide affordable housing and space for thriving businesses. It is just that they are not exactly the type of housing or businesses that the city and the Paso del Norte Group — the plan’s private sector backer — are looking for.

In response to the Kelo decision, various committees of the Texas Legislature are studying how to restore the private property rights of Texans stripped out of the U.S. Constitution by the Supreme Court.

While there are many abuses of eminent domain to be addressed, there would be no better place for Texas policymakers to start than by eliminating the practice at the core of urban redevelopment plans like those in New London and El Paso. It is simply wrong to take private property from one person and give it to another who is politically connected, on the promise they will generate increased tax revenues to fill the cities’ coffers.

By stopping this practice, the property rights movement Ms. Kelo awakened during her courageous fight could still prove victorious for men and women in downtown El Paso and across Texas.

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Eye on D.C.

By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Flag Day: A celebration of national history and freedom

This past week on June 14th, we celebrated national Flag Day, the day designated to celebrating the most recognized symbol of our independence, Old Glory. We have fought to keep it flying in war and in peace. We all swell with pride as the Stars and Stripes unfurls against the blue of our spacious skies. But how many of us know and follow the rules for respecting our nation’s beloved symbol?

Prior to the first official Flag Day, held on June 14, 1923, there were no official state or federal guidelines governing how to properly display of the American Flag. The National Flag Code was enacted on this historic day, but it was not until December 22, 1942, that this code became public law.

One of the most memorable rules states that when the American Flag is lowered or transported, no part of it should ever touch the ground. It should be “hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.” It is the custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset; however, the flag may be displayed around the clock if properly illuminated after the sun goes down. Old Glory should be flown on all federal holidays and election days, but not flown outside in bad weather. The

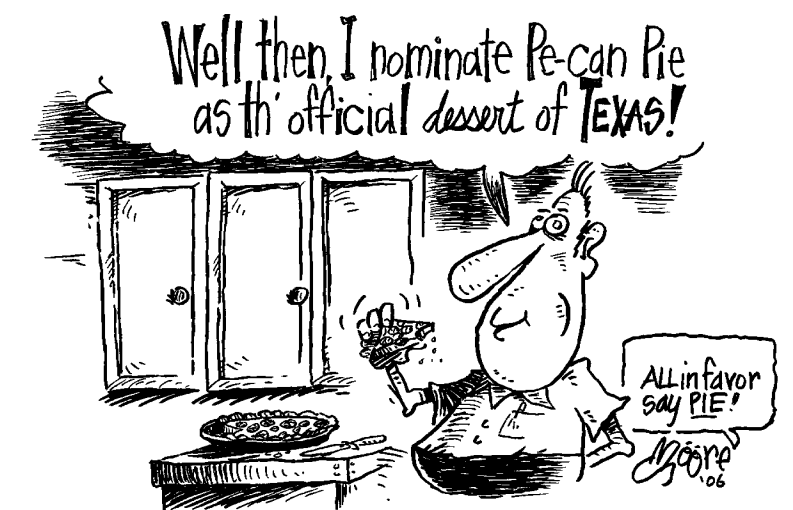
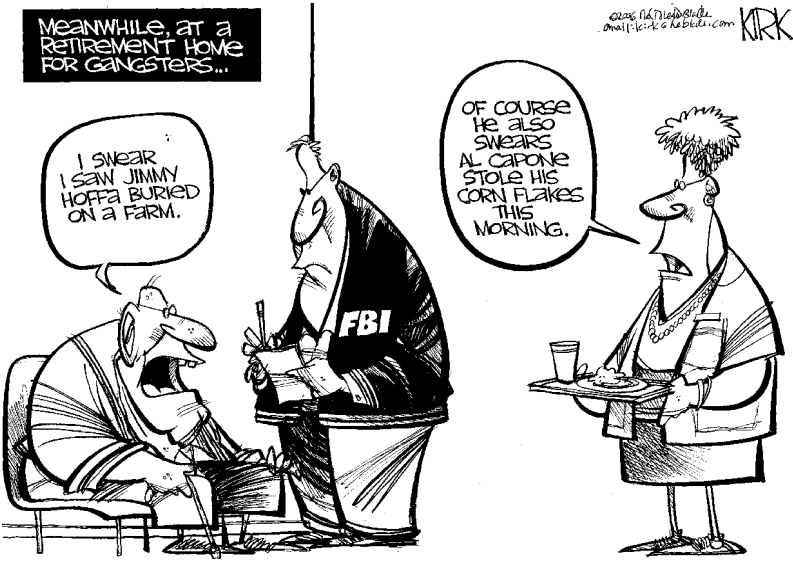
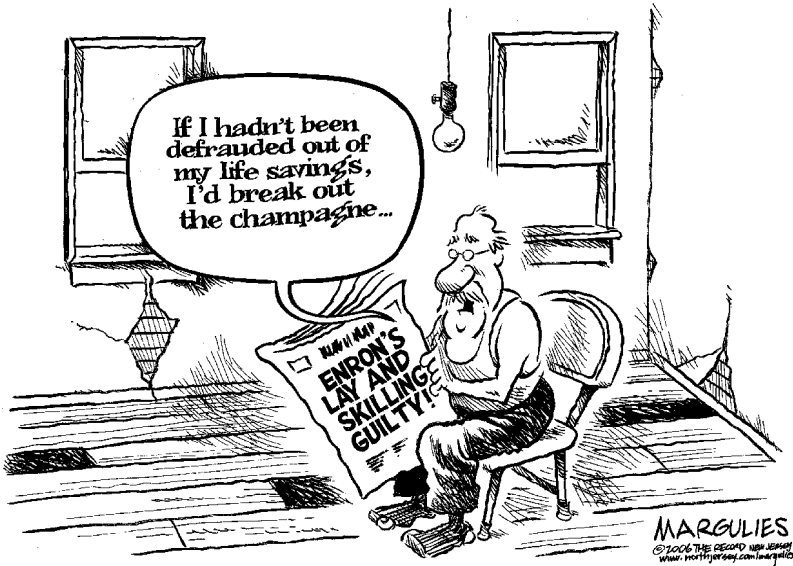
American Flag should never be flown upside down, or with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress.

There is much controversy over the issue of flag burning. The official guidelines state that, “The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.” However, some people chose to burn the flag in protest, not as a respectful means of retiring it.

I believe that the United States flag is a symbol of the enduring principles of our nation and should not be desecrated. I have co-sponsored and voted for legislation that would amend the Constitution to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag in the U.S. Every year since my first election to Congress I have voted in favor of a Constitutional Amendment to protect this sacred symbol, but it has yet to pass the Senate. All 50 state legislatures have passed resolutions calling on Congress to approve the proposed amendment. For more than 200 years our flag has served as a symbol of liberty to the world. It is my belief that those who burn the flag disgrace all those who fought and

died for this country.

As we look back through the history of our young nation, we realize just how important our flag is. The 13 stripes represent the beginnings of our nation when 13 colonies fought for their independence. The 50 stars represent where we are today, one for each of the United States of America. There are numerous historic narratives you can read about retelling the story of our nation’s most treasured symbol. The history of Old Glory includes Betsy Ross stitching the first threads, Francis Scott Key penning *The Star-Spangled Banner* as he admired the flag waving proudly during the Battle of Baltimore during the War of 1812, and more recently as we watched Old Glory being raised over the rubble of the World Trade Center on September 11th. Our American Flag has seen it all. She is a symbol of hope, strength, and of better things to come. She symbolizes the very spirit of America, the land of opportunity. We must remember to always treat the flag with love, care, and respect, because it represents us and our great country.



**Moore Texas** by Roger T. Moore June 19, 1919: The Pecan Tree is designated by the legislature as the official State Tree of Texas.





— Photos courtesy Socorro ISD

**THREE FROM BILL SYBERT** — Rosa Gonzalez, Melissa Dixon, shown with Principal Carole Bauer and Esmeralda Armendariz will be recognized in Chicago on June 26.

### Socorro, UTEP grad finishes medical program

**PAPERED UP** — Dr. Ruby Navarro Rubio received her doctorate on June 3, 2006 from the University of Texas-Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas, UTMB. Rubio was among the first group of students that were accepted into the Early Medical School Program at UTEP in May 1999. She was the first graduate — graduating early — of UTEP’s program and is one of the first to receive her medical degree from the overall program. She received the Herman A. Barnett Memorial Award for outstanding student in Anesthesiology in surgery. Rubio graduated from Socorro High School in 1999 and received her bachelor of Science in Biology in 2002 from UTEP.



Ruby Navarro Rubio

### Counseling programs at Bill Sybert School and El Dorado high receive national honor

By Carlos A. Briano  
Special to the Courier

**EAST EL PASO COUNTY** — The counseling programs at Bill Sybert School and El Dorado High have been nationally commended by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) as a Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP). The counseling staff at both schools will be acknowledged publicly with a plaque at the association’s national conference in Chicago June 26.

“Recognized program schools are an important part of a research

agenda to identify and document successful activities and student outcomes,” says ASCA president Barbara Blackburn.

Hilda Lopez, SISD Director of

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**A FIRST** — The counseling programs at Bill Sybert School and El Dorado High have been nationally commended by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) as a Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP), the first Texas schools to receive this honor. From El Dorado High (clockwise) are David Esparza, Diana Aguirre and Jane Johns.



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the agenda after the developers approached Contreras about having the issue reconsidered.

Lopez asked Contreras to confirm what Garcia had stated and to make sure the item had been placed on the agenda legally. Representative Sergio Cox also wanted the legality of the agenda item to be clarified. Contreras confirmed Garcia’s statement and verified the item was placed on the agenda legally.

Several Socorro residents expressed their opposition to the rezoning of R-2. It was their hope to rezone the area in question to R-1. Most of the objections were traffic related. The residents wanted to keep traffic to a minimum since the roads are currently not con-

ducive to high traffic.

Mr. Ray Mancera, representing Chacon Development said the development would only bring in 21 new homes and the developer has a plan for creating outlets in this area to alleviate the flow of traffic.

Prior to voting on the item, the mayor noticed on his agenda — immediately below the agenda item — that it stated that the item had been denied on January 05, 2006. Lopez quickly turned to Garcia and asked her to explain why she had stated earlier that the item had been deleted and not denied, again questioning the legality of the agenda item.

Garcia then told Lopez she had said it had been denied and not deleted. Contreras once again supported Garcia and said the agenda item was legal. After almost two hours of discussion between Socorro residents and City Council, the rezoning was approved.

The vote was 4 to 1 with Representative Victor Perez voting no.

Council also considered the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 76 Amendment 1-A, to eliminate Section 8.4 from the City of Socorro Zone district Regulations, related to R-3, High-Density Residential. Council denied the agenda item, therefore R-3, High Density Residential will remain in the City of Socorro Zone district Regulations.

In another matter, the City is moving forward with plans to honor two Socorro educators with a “Life Time Achievement Award.” The idea was put forward by Cox — who would like to see some type of ceremony happen in July — to bring some attention to the good things and good people in Socorro. The first two nominees are Socorro High baseball coach Chris Forbes and retired Socorro ISD teacher Mrs. Sandra Reinhardt.

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International Conference on Information Communications Technologies in Education.



The ICICTE is host to over 25 countries and 70 universities and will be held July 6-July 8 on the Island of Rhodes in Greece. Michelle’s research focuses on effective training of higher education instructors in

making the transition from face-to-face to online teaching. Research of specific goals of instructor training will be presented as well as examples of successful documented instructor training programs. Michelle is currently employed at New Mexico State University-Alamogordo as the Coordinator of Instructional Technology. She will obtain a master’s degree in Curriculum and Instruction from NMSU during the fall 2006 semester and will begin work on her Ph.D. this fall.

■ The Lower Valley Housing Corporation held a special celebration on June 6 to showcase the completion and building of some 348 so-called “sweat equity” homes in the Horizon area

subdivisions of Green Desert, Greendale and Horizon Hills. Under this program, six to 10 families are approved for financing in groups. They then work together to actually build at least 65 percent of the individual homes themselves to help drive down the cost of the houses, thereby making the monthly payments more affordable. Each family member provides whatever contribution they have the skills or the ability to perform. The LVHC, a non-profit corporation, works with local lending institutions, the USDA Rural Development and state housing funding sources to assist families in financing their homes. For more information, call 764-3413.

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### Town of Horizon City Public Notice

The Horizon City Municipal Court will be closed all day on Wednesday, July 12, 2006, and from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 13, 2006.

The Horizon City Municipal Court will reopen on Thursday, July 13, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. and regular hours will resume on Friday, July 14, 2006.

Any individuals affected on these dates will be allowed an extension until Tuesday, July 18, 2006, to make payments, extensions or other arrangements. We apologize for any inconvenience. If you have any questions, please call 915-852-1048.

*Mario A. Gonzalez*  
*Horizon City Municipal Judge*

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### Town of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

During the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2006 the Town of Horizon City Council approved the following ordinance(s):

1) Repealed and Replaced Ordinance No. 0131 — Powers and Duties authorizing the Code Enforcement Officer to issue written citations setting out the alleged violation to the owner of the premises or the person in control of the premises.

Ordinances are always available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 915-852-1046.

*Sandra Sierra*  
*City Clerk*

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*Life should be like a bowl of cherries...*



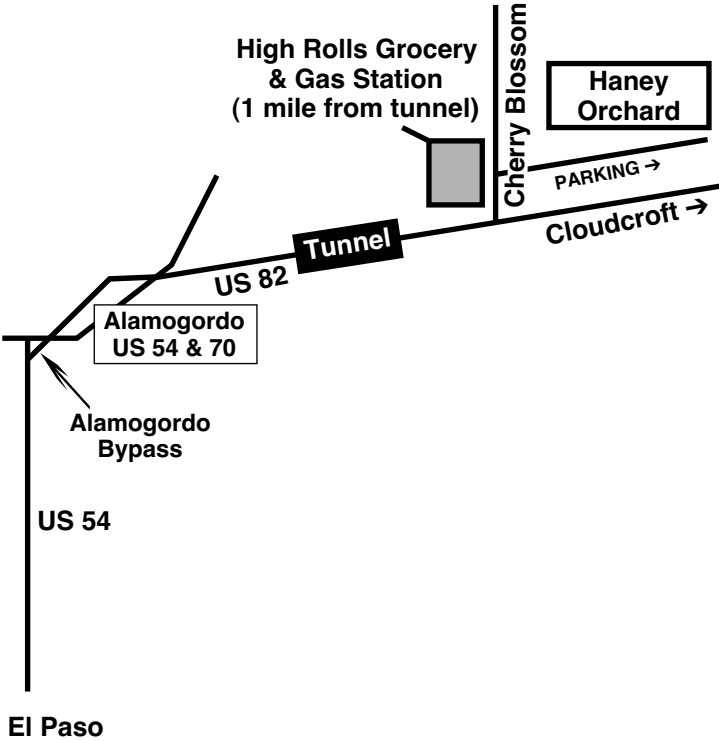
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# Hard heads still need helmets when it comes to motorcycles

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

I’ve got to admit that when I was younger, and fearless, and invincible, I rode a motorcycle.

For many years that’s all I had. I rode up and down the freeways of Los Angeles for about three years.

And yes, I bought my motorcycle without knowing how to drive it.

My cousin taught me how to drive it and off I went. But in the beginning when I was learning, I took a spill or two. I was in my early twenties so after I fell down, I simply got up and started again until I quit falling down.

But now that I have a teenage son who inquires about motorcycles, my gut reaction is to change the subject because I can’t stand the thought of anything bad happening to him on

a motorcycle.

In a split second a person can be enjoying the wind in his face, and the next he’s scraping the pavement with his face, especially if he’s riding without a helmet.

Last week Ben Roethlisberger, the quarterback for the Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers, reminded us how dangerous riding a motorcycle is, and how stupid it is to drive one without a helmet.

Roethlisberger received a lot of criticism after colliding with a vehicle. The quarterback was not wearing a helmet and received facial lacerations, a busted nose, a broken jaw, and lost two teeth. He also cracked his head on the vehicle’s windshield.

Ouch, talk about your quarterback sneak.

After the accident, Big Ben said if he ever rode a motorcycle again, he’d certainly wear a helmet. Good for him. A little too late — but good for him.

Another football player who knows exactly what Roethlisberger is going through is Kellen Winslow Jr.

The brash, young, Cleveland Browns draft pick declared that he was about the best thing since sliced raisin bread when he arrived on the scene.

The tight end came into the league with great hands but it was obvious that the most powerful part of his body was his unrelenting mouth.

Then the arrogantly-blessed athlete decided to buy a motorcycle. On a day when he was performing tricks on it in a parking lot, he hit the curb, did a 360 over the handlebars and busted his knees so bad he missed all of last season.

Winslow, who appears to have toned down his “hey, everybody look at me” attitude since the accident, has vowed never to ride a motorcycle again.

Roethlisberger and Winslow Jr. are just two examples of how to lose an argument with a motorcycle. Another is an NBA player who may never get his chance.

In 2003, Chicago Bulls guard Jay Williams was seriously injured when he ran his motorcycle into a light pole. He fractured his pelvis, he tore knee ligaments and damaged nerves in his left leg.

Williams, out of Duke, was the second overall player selected in the draft. He came in with all the promise in the world but he hasn’t played a single second since the accident. He is still planning to attempt a comeback next season.

These sports are tough enough on the body without going out and risking it on the streets.

Besides, why do you think video games were invented?

## I love this gaaaame

Don’t get me wrong, I’ve enjoyed this year’s version of the NBA playoffs as much as anyone. But please answer a question for me. What is it with every single public address announcer and the drawn-out pre-game festivities?

They last half-an-hour.

I never got the memo. When was it established that every announcer had to pronounce every player and team name like they were shouting goooooaaaaal at a foreign soccer match.

It’s like every announcer has got to say Shaquilllllllllll O’Neeeeeeaaaaal longer and louder than that other guy can say Diiirk Nowotzkiiiiiiiiiii.

What is going onnnnnnnnnn?

I like a little excitement too, but this is embarrassing. Every P.A. guy shouts until he turns an unnatural shade of purple and then needs an IV solution to finish the game.

Please, guys — I’m begging you — show a little class. Announce the names like a professional, not like you’re auditioning for the Jerry Springer show.

Someone long ago once said, “Act like you’ve been there before.” Oh, and one more thing for you aspiring public address announcers — be original.

## Counselors

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Guidance and Counseling, says the fact that Bill Sybert School and El Dorado High are the first and only schools in Texas to receive this prestigious honor is an amazing accomplishment.

“This is a reflection of their counseling programs,” she says. “Programs that have a

score of 42 or higher are awarded this honor. Only 25 schools nationwide have received the RAMP status since the program’s inception in 2004.”

No one could be more proud of the counselors than El Dorado principal Nora Paugh and Bill Sybert School principal Carole Bauer.

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Texas Gas Service Company, a division of ONEOK, Inc. (“Company”), hereby gives notice of its intent to implement a new schedule of rates for approximately 191,564 residential, 12,311 commercial, 67 industrial, 825 public authority, 26 municipal water pumping and 51 standard transportation customers within the incorporated areas of El Paso, Anthony, Clint, Horizon City, Socorro and Vinton, Texas, in accordance with the Company’s Statement of Intent filed with the Cities of El Paso, Anthony, Clint, Horizon City, Socorro and Vinton, Texas, on June 9, 2006. The proposed effective date is for meters read on and after August 30, 2006.

It is anticipated that the effect of the change in rates will be to increase the revenues of the Company within the El Paso Service Area by approxi-

mately \$ 825,952 or 0.59 percent. The proposed change does not constitute a “major” change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code.

The proposed tariffs include increases in gas sales and transportation rates for all residential, commercial, industrial, public authority, and municipal water pumping customers in the incorporated areas of the El Paso Service Area. The effect of the change in rates, when allowed, will be to increase the revenues of the Company by approximately 0.59 percent. Based on the proposed rate design, the average monthly residential bill of 45 Ccf will increase approximately \$0.96, or 0.4 percent, the average monthly public authority bill of 975 Ccf will increase approximately \$2.99 or 0.4 percent, the average

monthly industrial bill of 2,926 Ccf will increase approximately \$8.87, or 0.4 percent, the average monthly municipal water pumping bill of 11,698 Ccf will increase approximately \$16.11 or 0.2 percent, and the average standard transportation bill of 31,397 Ccf will increase approximately \$52.87 or 2.2 percent.

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

#### TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY

WTCC: 06/15, 06/22, 06/29, and 07/06/06

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

#### REGIONAL WATER PLANNING

The Far West Texas Water Planning Group (Region E) will receive suggestions and recommendations from the public on the issues that should be addressed or provisions that should be included in the scope of work for the amended regional water plan during the third cycle of regional water planning at a public meeting of

the planning group. Notice is also given that the Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) will submit an application for financial assistance to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to carry out the scope of work. The application will be submitted on or before September 14, 2006. Jake Brisbin, Jr., RGCOG Executive Director, is the official representative of the Far West Texas Water Planning Group. Region E includes the counties of Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and Terrell.

The public meeting will be held at the Texas A&M University, El Paso Research Center, at 1380 A&M Circle, El Paso, Texas, on Thursday, July 27, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. (MDT). Written and oral comments will be accepted at this meeting, and an agenda for the meeting is posted at <http://www.riocog.org/publichearing/publicnotice.htm>. Copies of the application may be obtained from the RGCOG when it is available at the RGCOG office. Comments on the application must be filed by September 14, 2006 with the applicant and with J. Kevin Ward, Executive Administrator, TWDB, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, TX 78711-3231.

For additional information, please contact: Barbara Kauffman, Rio Grande Council of Governments, 1100 N. Stanton Street, Ste. 610, El Paso, Texas 79902. Phone: (915) 533-0998, ext. 121; e-mail: [barbarak@riocog.org](mailto:barbarak@riocog.org)

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#### BEVERAGES AND SNACKS PRODUCTS CSP NO. 199-0627-6111 ACCEPTED UNTIL 2 P.M.

#### METAL SHADE STRUCTURE CSP NO. 199-0627-6105 ACCEPTED

#### UNTIL 2:30 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 ISD website: [www.sisd.net](http://www.sisd.net). WTCC-06/22/06

### GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE: Friday-Saturday, June 23-24, 19005 Bremerton Drive in Horizon City, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Furniture and miscellaneous items. 6/22

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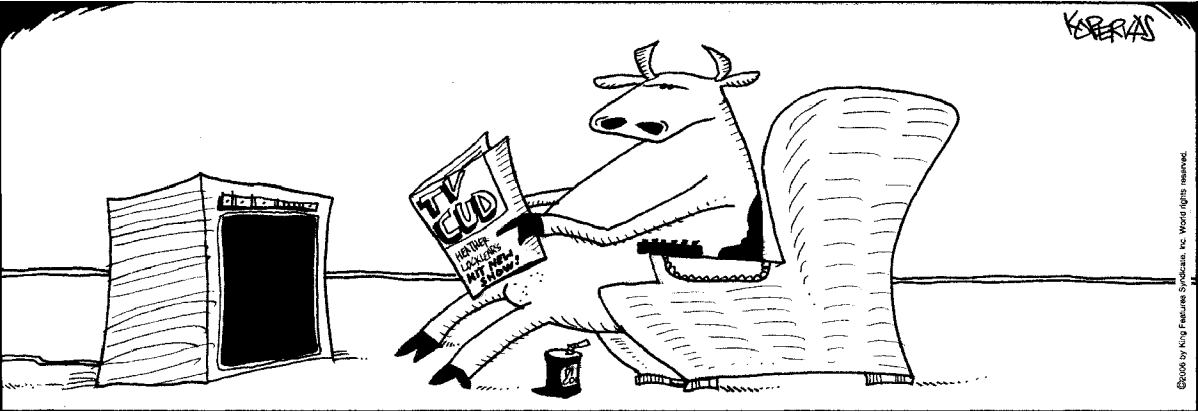
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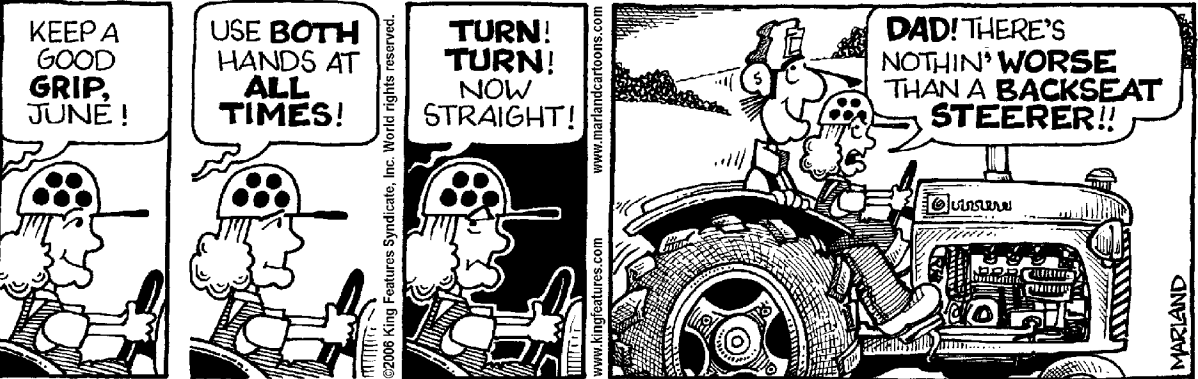
THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



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Planet of the Apes, I hope

By Don Flood

A recent news report told how apes have the ability to plan.

According to researchers at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, apes can remember, for instance, which tool to bring for retrieving grapes.

This is great, great news because finally we have solid evidence that our planet actually has mammals with the ability to think and look ahead.

Sadly, homo sapiens haven't acquired this ability. The latest estimates are that government entitlement programs will go broke faster than expected.

But our Congresspeople — homo sapiens all — don't seem to notice. They keep spending money like there's no tomorrow.

It doesn't seem to matter if they're Republican or Democratic homo sapiens. They're still human.

What we need instead are leaders capable of looking at a problem realistically and planning for the future. In other words, we need apes.

I'm not so foolish to suggest apes are the answer to every problem. We may also require help from the monkeys.

(Can you imagine an ape or a chimp adding all those pork-barrel projects to a budget already overflowing with red ink? Me neither.)

Now, I know what you're thinking: "Sure, Don, I'd love to have apes representing me in Congress and the Administration, but that's not realistic. People aren't ready to vote for apes."

Not to brag, but fortunately for you I possess a near ape-like ability to plan. (Just ask my wife.) I have a Plan B: geckos.

Certainly you have all seen the gecko spokesman that sells insurance for Geico. I don't know his name, which is a little embarrass-

ing since I'm endorsing him for president, but he appears to combine honesty, sincerity and intelligence.

He also brings to the table something I fear ape candidates might lack: charisma.

(Another asset: He's obviously familiar with insurance, and so would be well-qualified to help us tackle Social Security and Medicare issues.)

Unfortunately, I have to admit Plan B has problems, especially regarding a gecko presidency.

Namely, we are saddled with a Constitution that specifically limits the presidency to mammals who have been born in the United States.

The Geico gecko, a reptile with an Australian accent, appears to be neither.

One way to solve this problem would be to pass an amendment allowing non-native geckos to serve as president (while specifically barring aging action heroes named Arnold).

But even if a Constitutional amendment were to pass, would Americans be able to rise above their traditions and prejudices to elect a gecko president?

(A gecko-gorilla pairing, of course, would be ideal, but for a balanced ticket we might need a human for the vice-presidential slot.)

I have reason to be optimistic.

In the most recent election revealing voters' preferences, Americans showed themselves willing to vote for a gray-haired white guy singing '60s soul as the next American Idol. This is a goofy guy who wears purple jackets and rallies his supporters by yelling out inanities like "Soul Patrol!"

I think the gecko's got a chance.

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TOOTH PASTE

ACROSS

1 Self-confidence

7 Lady of the house

12 Pacific archipelago

16 Fit \_ fiddle

19 Not as affluent

20 Let up

21 "East of Eden" character

22 Negligent

23 Start of a quip by Ogden Nash

25 Massachusetts

27 "Kind \_ Drag" ('67 hit)

28 Little fox

29 Does some cobbling

31 Jannings or Gilels

32 "Pequod" captain

34 Whippet or wolf

37 Raptor feature

39 Dugong, for one

42 Salon offering

43 Faint

44 Fashionable

Emilio

45 Part 2 of quip

51 Agatha's colleague

52 Hardly popular

54 NASA affirmative

55 \_ vera

56 Revolt

58 Prop for Figaro

61 Make murky

62 Alpine area

63 Soccer superstar

64 Gounod opera

65 "Fantasia" frame

68 Part 3 of quip

73 Narcs' org.

74 Old Testament character

76 Jet-setter's need

77 Spine-tingling

79 Middle Eastern money

80 Play ground?

82 Cajole

86 Cry of dread

87 \_ Na Na

88 Tuscan town

89 Surfeit

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95 Prepare the champagne

96 Vintage

97 62 Across sight

98 Grown-up grub

99 Cumin or coriander

102 Pieces

103 Noisy birds

104 Tibia

105 Walker's "The \_ Purple"

107 Kennel feature

108 Catchall abbr.

111 Flirt

113 End of quip

119 Burmese statesman

120 TV's " \_ Life"

121 Early computer

122 Pianist Jose

123 Billy \_ Williams

124 Scent

125 Musical movement

126 Get in shape

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13 "Dies \_"

14 Control lever

15 Officeholders

16 Battle site of 1836

17 Fancy fabric

18 Salchow kin

24 Spare part?

26 \_ Aviv

30 " \_ in America" ('63 tune)

32 Say yes

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34 Proofreader's mark

35 Sailed through

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38 Orthopedists' org.

39 Detailed description

40 Continental currency

41 Bill of Rights grp.

42 Femme \_

43 Couturier Christian

46 \_ Vicente, Brazil

47 Zhivago's love

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50 Actress Burke

52 Long lunch?

53 Mighty mite

57 Satellite \_

58 Witherspoon of "Legally Blonde"

59 Soprano Gluck

60 Zuider \_

63 Bluenose

64 Move like a hummingbird

65 Chocolate substitute

66 Yale or Root

67 Inclined

69 Palindromic name

70 Most modern

71 MTV viewer

72 Precinct

75 Story line

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80 Wearing saddles

81 Author Amy

82 Places

83 Came down to earth

84 Droop

85 Howard or Petty

87 Chose

88 Bacteriologist

Jonas

91 Ad \_ committee

92 Repeat

93 Mitty's creator

94 Harrison's "Star Wars" role

95 Dodger Ron

98 Good name for a raccoon

99 Radiated

100 Stimulate

101 Shiba \_ (Japanese dog)

102 Weather word

103 Roast beef au \_

104 Move quickly

106 Football Hall of Famer Jim

107 Puerto \_

108 To be, to Baudelaire

109 Forbidden

110 Overcharge

112 Inflatable item?

114 Lennon's widow

115 Canterbury can

116 "I've been \_!"

117 Ike's domain

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**TEACHES FROM THE** teacher at Desert Hills El-  
**HEART** — Lizeth Carroll, a mentary, was recognized as  
bilingual kindergarten the Education Service Cen-

## Clint ISD honors teachers

ter-Region 19 Teacher Preparation and Certification Program Intern of the Year for EC-4. From left, Desert Hills Principal Mark Ayala with Region 19's Jerry Antwine and Mary Schmidt presented Carroll with a trophy during the Spirit Celebration. She was selected for the award because "she is a dedicated educator and contributes her accomplishments to her students who are the most important teachers in her heart," according to Schmidt, the Program Manager.



**NOT BAD FOR A ROOKIE** — Laura Feldman has been se-

lected as the 2006 Clint ISD Rookie Teacher of the Year. Feldman, a fourth grade teacher at C.T. Welch Intermediate, was awarded with a trophy, a check for \$500, and a gift package worth over \$1000 of donated instructional materials during the Clint ISD Annual Spirit Celebration in May. She was selected by a committee of veteran educators in the district based on her concern for students, her ability to inspire learning and to adapt and work with others, her willingness to get involved in special projects and professional organizations, and her will-

ingness to share ideas with others. "Laura exhibits wisdom that is rare in a first year teacher. Her understanding of people has helped her develop many effective and thoughtful assignments," says Ruth Valdez, C.T. Welch Teacher. The Clint ISD Rookie Teacher of the Year Program is designed to recognize outstanding first year teachers who have made a positive impact on students, schools communities, and public education. Superintendent Ricardo Estrada presented Laura Feldman with her awards during the ceremony.

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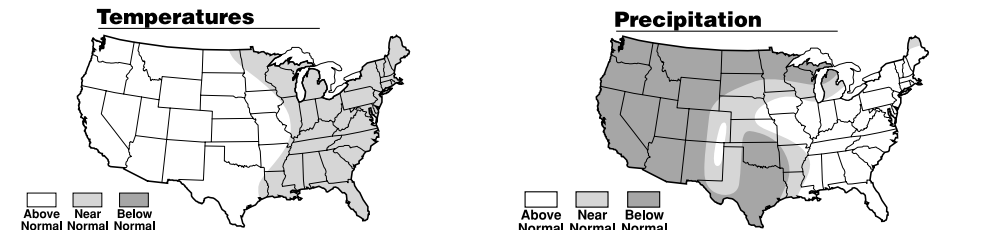
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Sun.	6:01 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	Sun.	5:41 a.m.	8:49 p.m.	7/10	7/17
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Tues.	6:02 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	Tues.	7:42 a.m.	10:18 p.m.		
Wed.	6:02 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	Wed.	8:43 a.m.			

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Amarillo, TX	85 65 t	90 67 t	92 62 t	86 63 pc
Austin, TX	88 71 t	93 70 pc	91 69 pc	94 69 t
Brownsville, TX	93 75 t	92 76 t	93 74 pc	93 73 pc
Dodge City, KS	82 66 t	93 66 pc	86 64 pc	87 63 s
Jackson, MS	94 70 t	92 70 pc	92 70 pc	93 69 pc
Laredo, TX	94 75 t	95 75 t	98 75 pc	96 76 pc
Little Rock, AR	94 72 pc	92 71 t	90 68 t	88 69 pc
Lubbock, TX	92 69 t	92 66 pc	92 66 pc	89 65 pc
Memphis, TN	93 73 pc	92 72 t	91 70 pc	87 69 pc
Midland, TX	89 70 pc	91 71 pc	95 70 pc	94 68 pc
Pueblo, CO	83 56 t	94 56 s	96 57 s	90 57 pc
Roswell, NM	95 65 pc	92 66 t	94 65 t	94 65 t
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Wichita, KS	85 67 pc	91 68 pc	87 66 pc	86 63 pc

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

## U.S. CITIES

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
CITY	HI LO W	HI LO W	HI LO W	HI LO W
Atlanta	92 71 pc	90 69 t	89 70 t	88 68 pc
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Chicago	84 64 pc	78 60 pc	78 58 pc	78 58 pc
Denver	74 55 t	88 56 pc	88 56 pc	83 57 pc
Detroit	86 64 pc	78 61 pc	78 57 pc	75 57 c
Houston	92 74 t	92 74 t	92 74 pc	94 74 t
Indianapolis	88 67 pc	81 64 t	80 62 pc	79 59 c
Kansas City	82 68 pc	84 66 pc	81 63 pc	80 63 sh
Los Angeles	87 64 pc	88 66 s	88 66 s	84 64 pc
Miami	89 77 pc	88 77 pc	88 77 t	88 77 t
Minneapolis	78 62 pc	80 60 pc	77 60 pc	77 59 c
New Orleans	92 74 pc	91 75 t	92 75 pc	90 74 pc
New York City	86 70 pc	86 70 pc	86 68 pc	76 61 pc
Omaha	81 65 pc	82 63 pc	78 61 pc	82 61 pc
Phoenix	112 87 s	115 90 s	115 90 s	112 86 s
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