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NEWSBRIEFS

Be aware!

In 2004 over 9,700 people in the United States were treated in hospital emergency rooms for injuries associated with fireworks. Over half the injuries were burns and most of the injuries involved the hands, eyes, and head. Half of the victims were under 15 years of age. The 4th of July is almost upon us and the El Paso Fire Department established checkpoints at all entrances in the City of El Paso beginning June 26. Fire Officials would like to remind the public about the dangers of using fireworks and that fireworks are illegal inside the City of El Paso. Persons caught with fireworks within city limits — which includes 5,000 feet beyond the city limits — will have their fireworks confiscated and will be issued a citation. Fines can go as high as \$2,000. El Paso and County Fire Officials are also reminding the public about the extremely dry conditions affecting the El Paso area and are asking the public to refrain from buying and using fireworks due to the dangers of starting brush fires. Fire Officials are asking the public to attend one of the many professional firework displays throughout the county.

Free HIV testing

June 25 was the 25th Anniversary of a dark day — the nation’s first HIV/AIDS diagnosis. In recognition of that anniversary the Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe is urging the community to take advantage of free HIV testing by calling the CARE Center at 772-3366. “Take the first brave and vital step against the spread of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS,” said America Jones, RN and administer of the CARE Center. “Everyone, especially Latinas and youths 14-25 years of age, needs to get tested to protect their health and those they love.” Certified HIV testers administer the test through a simple and quick finger-prick to produce a tiny droplet of blood. Within 20 minutes, the OraQuick Rapid-HIV Test will deliver a 99.9 percent accurate result.

In other news

- With the advent of recent wind storms and more in the forecast, El Paso Fire Department officials are asking the public to take precautions during the high winds and offers these safety tips:
- Conduct a home hazard hunt and perimeter search, in which you inspect your home for items that can move, fall, break or cause a fire;
- Make trees more wind resistant by removing diseased and damaged limbs;
- Move or secure lawn furniture, outdoor decorations or ornaments, trash cans, hanging plants; and anything else that can be picked up by wind and become a projectile;

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People are funny. They spend money they don't have to buy things they don't need to impress people they don't like.
— Quips & Quotes

Humane Society offers summer safety advice for pet owners

WASHINGTON — The summer season is an excellent time to enjoy the outdoors, still pet owners must take extra precautions in order to ensure the safety of their furry family members.

Transportation

- Never leave your pet in an unattended car. On warm days, the temperature in your car can rise to 120 degrees in a matter of minutes, even with the windows slightly open.
- When you bring your pet along on a car ride, use a pet safety harness. If an accident were to occur, it could save his or her life.
- If your dog must ride in the back of a pickup truck, make sure that he or she is in a crate that is secured to the bed of the truck. If you were to suddenly hit the brakes, swerve or be hit by a car, it could result in serious injury not only to your pet, but to other drivers.
- Do not travel with your pet on an airplane unless it’s absolutely necessary. If you plan on bringing your pet on vacation, consider driving to your destination. Otherwise, think about leaving your pet behind under the care of a pet sitter or boarding kennel.

Wellness

- Only use veterinarian-approved flea and

tick control products. Over-the-counter products may contain ingredients that have been found to harm pets.

- Make sure that your pet is protected from heartworm. Dogs and cats are at higher risk of contracting heartworm during the summer because there is an increase of mosquitoes, which transfer the disease. Contact your veterinarian in order to determine the best schedule for heartworm testing and preventive medication for your pet.
- Protect your pet from the heat by providing him/her with large amounts of fresh water and keeping them indoors with you and providing plenty of shade when they are spending time outdoors.
- On hot days, limit your pet’s exercise to the early morning or evening hours. Also, keep in mind that the hot asphalt can burn your pet’s paws.

Precautions

- Learn to identify the signs of heat stress: heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid pulse, unsteadiness, a staggering gait, vomiting, or a deep red or purple tongue. If your pet does become overheated, immediately lower his/her

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Anthony continues tradition of colorful July 4 celebration

UPPER VALLEY — The communities of Anthony, in Texas and New Mexico, will celebrate the 4th of July with their annual parade and fireworks display.

The parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will start on the New Mexico side on Anthony Drive and proceed down Main street to Franklin and end at the Anthony Municipal Park.

This year the Parade Marshall will be El Paso County Judge-elect Anthony Cobos. Judge Cobos is a native of the Anthony area and is a graduate of Gadsden High School.

In the past, more than 65 units have participated in the parade and at least that many are expected this year.

The parade has become a tradition in Anthony over the past 13 years and the commu-

nities look forward to spending their July 4th morning enjoying the spectacle. For information in being part of the parade contact the Anthony Town Hall at 886-3944, Mayor Art Franco at 726-6788 or e-mail afranco@townofanthony.org.

The Town of Anthony will also have a fireworks display at 9:45 p.m. July 4 at the Anthony Municipal Park following the fireworks display at Wet N’ Wild Waterworld. This year Anthony will feature two displays in Anthony and the public is invited to attend and enjoy the festivities. In addition to these fireworks displays, Wet N’ Wild will feature two other displays on June 30 and July 1. For more information contact the Town of Anthony or Wet N Wild Waterworld.

Control of drug stash houses in county depends on community input

EL PASO COUNTY — The West Texas HIDTA Stash House Unit comprised of Investigators from the El Paso Police Department, Drug Enforcement Administration, and El Paso County Sheriff’s Department has seen continued success during the first six and a half months of 2006. The unit has seized 20,649.9 pounds of marijuana, with a street value of \$16.5 million; 211.98 pounds of cocaine with a street value of more than \$15 million; and charged 103 individuals with drug related offenses.

Law enforcement officials say the community has a part to play in the continued success of this program and law enforcement encourages tips based on certain indicators

These include: Rental homes or vacant-looking homes with attached garages, unkempt yards, with little if any furniture; occupants who keep to themselves, are not visible on a

daily basis and do not hold a normal pattern of lifestyle; different vehicles — especially vans and pickup trucks — entering and exiting the garage and arriving at the house with out of town plates from Texas, New Mexico, Mexico, and paper “buyer” or “dealer” plates; bursts of sudden activity in the home after days or weeks of apparent vacancy; accumulation of advertisements on the front door; and occupants who do not usually put their trash out for regular collection, but instead haul it away for disposal themselves.

These indicators alone do not necessarily mean that the occupants of the home are running a stash house but, as a general rule, if residents believe there is suspicious activity in a home in their area they should call the West Texas Stash House Unit at 629-8600 or Crime Stoppers at 566-8477(TIPS).

U.S.-Mexico border is focus of health care conference

WASHINGTON — Health disparities in El Paso and the border region were recently the focus of a conference in Washington, D.C. featuring national health leaders Dr. Mark McClellan, the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Dr. Julie Gerberding, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

“The residents of the border region need and deserve improved health care,” said Congressman Silvestre Reyes of El Paso, the lead organizer of the conference and a participant. “Similarly, our physicians and other health care professionals need an environment that empowers them. As a community on the U.S.-Mexico border, the challenges El Paso — and other border communities — face are unique, but could have national implications. There must be a real sense of synergy and partnership between all levels of government and all types of health care providers to provide access to quality health care for border residents.”

El Paso doctor Manny Alvarez, MD, President of the Border Health Caucus of the Texas Medical Association, provided opening remarks at the conference. El Paso doctor Manuel de la Rosa, Regional Dean of the Texas Tech Health Science Center, and Teresa Hines, Program Director of the Health Education Training Centers Alliance of Texas in El Paso, served on a panel that examined best practices to provide care for border residents in the future.

With a variety of national and regional leaders in attendance, topics explored included fair reimbursement rates for physicians, health services for border residents, national health threats such as the avian flu, and international health efforts between the U.S. and Mexico.

“The participation of (CMS Administrator) Dr. McClellan and (CDC Director) Dr. Gerberding helped panelists and attendees gain greater understanding of federal efforts to improve health care along the border,” said Reyes. “There is still much work to be done, but I think this conference helped facilitate the important partnerships that need to be in place to address the challenges we face. I think our national leaders really got a taste of the energy and commitment border physicians have in providing the best care possible for their patients.”

As a matter of background, the conference highlighted certain aspects of the U.S./Mexico border. It was pointed out that if the 24 U.S. counties on the border with Mexico were the nation’s fifty first state, that “border state” would be second in the incidence of tuberculosis; third in deaths due to hepatitis; fifth in diabetes-related deaths; fiftieth in insurance coverage for adults and children; and fifty-first in the number of health care professionals.

The incidence of tuberculosis on the border is double that of the national rate. Three of the ten poorest counties in the United States are located in the border area, and approximately 432,000 people live in 1,200 colonias in Texas and New Mexico, which are unincorporated communities with sub-standard housing and unsafe public drinking water or wastewater systems.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Gender bender

The feminist movement really came to the fore when I was entering my formative thinking years. I remember puzzling about women who believed that their equality with their male counterparts was somehow under threat and they felt called upon to defend themselves — sometimes rather militantly.

What puzzled me most about this was that there should be any question as to whether one gender considered themselves superior or more powerful or felt they needed to defend themselves against the other.

I'd always understood that male and female were different in some pretty basic, important and significant ways but competition between the two wasn't within my frame of thought.

The way I understood things as a kid was that whoever was capable of doing a job just did it. If you were big enough to throw a bale of hay to the stock, ride a horse, milk the cow or drive the pickup, you took your

turn. You also took a turn at hanging out laundry, doing dishes and cleaning the house.

As a kid I didn't have gender-specific parameters — wrestling, running, climbing and playing all kinds of games with other kids, boys and girls alike, was something I took for granted. Distinctions among us at play were more likely to be whether we were a cowboy or an Indian, not whether we were male or female.

Some of those parameters changed, of course, after the boys I once could regularly outrun and take down in a wrestling match got too strong and too fast, but I didn't spend any time worrying about it. That was nature. The male creatures got bigger and stronger because they were going to have to do the heavy lifting. We females were going to have the kids.

I also understood my older brother was allowed to go alone to certain places and do certain things that my older sister wasn't simply because of his size and strength — he would not be taken advantage of in some ways she might have.

When I first heard the saying "A woman needs a man like a fish needs a tan," it took me days to figure it out. If you wanted a family and kids, which everyone did, I thought, you needed a man. That, too, was nature.

Boy, was I naive.

When I "grew up" I found out there were women who made lots of money all on their own and didn't want to mess with the inconveniences of the male gender to get their heavy lifting done. They knew of ways far too mysterious and murky for me to



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fathom in which women could have children without even meeting the biological father.

I found out that there were men who didn't mind fathering a child without ever meeting the mom either, who helped create sons or daughters they would never see, let alone take pride and pleasure in. These men sold little vials containing their ability to father kids in exchange for pocket money.

It was an equally horrifying shock to learn that women who found themselves with an unwanted pregnancy could simply pay a doctor to get rid of it and that this was perfectly okay because a court of law said so.

I found out that there were men who didn't want man jobs. They didn't want to be saddled with the responsibility of earning a living, putting up with a cranky baby or petulant teen, or trying to figure out

why their woman might cry in the night. I found out many men deserted their families, looking for a woman who wasn't messy or needy and didn't expect anything from them, and they never found one.

I found out that people got married without knowing why they were getting married and wound up hating each other, not knowing why they did that, either.

I also found out that sometimes things got really confused and some men decided that other men made better wives than women did, and if they wanted to bother with kids they could adopt them or rent the use of a woman's body for nine months to produce one for them. And the same thing happened to some women, who felt that since they could pay cash for heavy lifting and child seeds, they could find a more "caring" partner

in another woman, so they dispensed with the natural order of things.

Others, I found, decided to just do it all, sometimes in and sometimes out of marriage, with this one or that. As a result of all this behavior without limits, though, I found out there are all kinds of terrible diseases that kill people and can't be cured. And there are kids all over the place who don't know who their parents are, let alone their grandparents or their family history and are like leaves in the wind, without direction, roots or identity.

I found out that everybody believes they are responsible to nobody and for nobody and nobody follows any rules and you must never question anything about what anybody is doing.

Talk about confusion. I just wish I could go drive the pickup and milk the cow.

Medical School and UTEP slated to receive federal funding

WASHINGTON, D.C. — About \$550,000 in federal funding for the El Paso community is included in the fiscal year 2007 funding bill for the U.S. Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. The Committee on Appropriations in the U.S. House of Representatives approved this bill last week.

Congressman Silvestre Reyes said funding has been secured for the following projects in the bill:

- \$300,000 to the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) for facilities and equipment at the TTUHSC-El Paso Medical School.
- "El Paso is anxiously awaiting the opening of the four-year medical school, and the border region needs and deserves this school," said Reyes. "It will not only help address health disparities along the border and improve access to health care for border residents, its strategic location will also help contribute to research on pressing national health issues," he said.
- "This appropriation moves our dream of a four-year medical school on the border into reality," said Dr. Manuel de la Rosa, Regional Dean for Texas Tech University.
- \$250,000 to the University of Texas at El Paso for development of curriculum, courses, and materials for its Center of Excellence in Border Security.
- "As border residents, we have a unique perspective on what is needed to create a 'smart' border," said Reyes. "UTEP in particular has the resources and expertise to serve the nation through a Center of Excellence in Border Security, and I am proud to contribute federal funding to this important initiative."
- Dr. Diana Natalicio, UTEP President, said that UTEP's location in the El Paso-Juárez borderplex makes cross-border access and security issues "of daily relevance to us."
- "To that end, UTEP has built capacity in a broad range of academic disciplines, ranging from engineering to policy studies, to serve as a resource to this region and to external partners attempting to address the complex issues that we face. We appreciate Congressman Silvestre Reyes' continued support of UTEP's active role in border security research and education," she said.

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- Slow down when driving and have enough plenty of distance between your vehicle and the car in front of you due to blowing dust lowering visibility; and
- Do not attempt to remove any electrical wires that fall on your homes and vehicles — call 911 immediately.

- The Community Libraries at Clint High School, Horizon High School, and Mountain View High School are open to the public for summer hours, Monday through Thursday from June 30 to July 27.
- Clint High School Library is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The CHS Library offers programs and presentations for children and their families every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. from June 7-July 26 (closed July 5). For a schedule, call 926-8017.
- Horizon High School Library is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information: 926-4217.
- Mountain View High School is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information: 926-5016.

- Fabens Cotton Valley Lions Club is having a closing ceremony celebration for Little League Baseball and Girls Softball on July 1 with a huge fire works exhibition. The community is invited to bring lawn chairs, relax and enjoy the sights starting at 5 p.m. at the Swig Compress Fields. Take I-10 East, exit at the Clint Exit, then take Northloop east to the ball field.
- The El Paso Fire Department is accepting applications for Fire

Fighter Trainee through July 7, to enroll in a six-month training academy. Applications can be picked up at the Fire Training Academy at El Paso City Hall on the 3rd floor in the Human Resources Dept. or on the City's web page, elpasotexas.gov. Applicants can pick up an application at these locations 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Qualifications and documents needed to register include: attaining 18 years of age by July 31; holding a valid drivers license; birth certificate; high school diploma or equivalent; Social Security Card; no more than three moving violations in the past 18 months; no DWI in the past 24 months; and no felonies. Exams will be held July 20-22. For more information call El Paso City Human Resources Dept. at 541-4000, or El Paso Fire Training Academy (6800 Delta) at 775-7300.

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By Mary Katherine Stout

Government takes a lot quietly, gives a little back with fanfare

Preeminent economist and social commentator Thomas Sowell once described the welfare state as “the oldest con game in the world. First you take people’s money away quietly and then you give some of it back to them flamboyantly.”

Sowell’s words were brought to life in recent weeks by the United States Government Accountability Office’s audit of the FEMA hurricane disaster relief boondoggle. Indeed, it seems that government’s flamboyant generosity was matched only by the flamboyance with which it was exploited by recipients.

According to the June 2006 audit, debit cards provided to those displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita were used to purchase all manner of adult entertainment, jewelry, vacations, spirits, and the services of a divorce lawyer in Houston, among other things. The auditors add their seemingly deadpan conclusion that such expenses were “not necessary to satisfy legitimate disaster needs.”

In addition, the audit details millions of dollars of likely fraud, waste and abuse stemming from the government’s disaster relief efforts, citing everything from \$1.5 million in lost debit cards, to paying \$20,000 to a Louisiana prisoner reporting his post office box as damaged property. The audit also revealed that FEMA did not validate the identities of those registering for assistance, nor did they validate claims of damaged property. Reports from CNN and the Associated Press noted that there was so much information missing GAO auditors could not be certain how many people “double-dipped,” and at what cost to the taxpayer.

It is an interesting lesson for all who believe compassion is measured by government spending. Lawmakers arrogantly compel each of us to generously support their philanthropic efforts, often spending the money with a glaring lack of accountability. Who should have been surprised that in its haste to show its big heart, the government lost millions of dollars in debit cards and fraudulent payments?

Interestingly, only days after the FEMA audit made headlines, the Giving USA Foundation reported that Americans donated more than \$260 billion in 2005, missing the inflation-adjusted all-time high set in 2000 by less than \$300 million. And for those who would assume that charitable giving was the result of natural disasters, the report noted that relief for natural disasters like the hurricanes, the tsunami in Asia and the earthquake in Pakistan generated significant giving, but accounted for only \$7.37 billion — less than 3 percent of total giving.

So what can these stories teach us? First, that Americans are charitable when they perceive a real need. Class warfare rhetoric to the contrary, the reality is that most people do not begrudge helping others, but chafe at the idea of government directing philanthropic efforts to determine who and what will receive our tax dollars.

Second, private charities compete with one another, and those that squander donors’ generosity will eventually find themselves unable to attract new donors. The government does not have this problem. The government’s “donors” are taxpayers compelled to give generously of the fruits of their labor. There is no regard for whether government “charity” comports with the taxpayers’ values, much less whether the spending is effective or efficient.

Therein lies the third lesson: people give from the heart while government gives to get political credit. Flamboyant redistribution of wealth underlies every appropriations debate whether earmarking funds for social welfare programs or pork barrel spending for Alaska’s famed “bridge to nowhere.”

Had a charity’s name, instead of FEMA, been splashed across the news for such appallingly bad oversight and sheer waste there is little doubt their donations would dry up and lawsuits would be filed against the managers. Government, however, lives to tax and spend another day.

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Eye on D.C.

By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Death tax is deadly to Texas business

I represent an amazing district in Texas which spans more than 700 mile of the Texas/Mexico border reaching from San Antonio to Laredo, out to El Paso, and then back to San Antonio. The district encompasses a broad range of family run businesses including everything from farming and ranching, to oil and gas, even your local newspaper. Small business is the backbone of America’s economy, but many local businesses are at risk due to the burden of an unfair tax code.

Fundamental reforms of our tax policy are needed to strengthen our national economy and to strengthen the future of America’s families. There are several actions that could move us as Americans towards this goal. By simplifying the tax process, fewer small businesses would run afoul of the IRS, fewer would suffer undue tax burdens and a fairer and balanced system would be in place. The estate tax, commonly referred to as the “death tax,” forces many Americans to pay as much as 60 percent of the value of their savings, businesses or farms in taxes when they die. Many families are forced to liquidate assets and sell businesses and farms that have been in their family for generations, just to pay this outlandish tax.

I consider the ‘Death Tax’ to be one of the most egregious and outdated tax fossils. This severe toll actually penalizes citizens for contributing to society. Since coming to Congress in 1993, I have advocated an all-out repeal of this arcane measure. In the 108th Congress, we scored a partial victory by fighting and helping secure a temporary repeal of the estate tax through 2010. After reaching this temporary victory, I again cosponsored legislation to permanently repeal the death tax.

Too many families worry if they will be able to afford to keep the doors to their family owned business open after one of their loved ones passes away. This is appalling to me. I cannot comprehend how anyone could advocate stealing the hard earned savings from the families of those who pass away. This past week, the House of Representatives reached a compromise in an effort to eliminate the estate tax. In a 269-156 vote, the House passed legislation which would eliminate the estate tax for all but the wealthiest Americans. While this will not permanently repeal the tax altogether, it will at least help protect American families who might lose their businesses.

Unfortunately, a couple weeks ago, the Senate could not muster the necessary votes to permanently abolish the death tax. The passage of this compromise legislation by the House sends a powerful message to members of the Senate to find the 60 votes needed to send this measure to President Bush to be signed into law. Repealing the ‘death tax’ is the right thing to do. The death of a family member should not be a taxable event. Our family members deserve to keep more of what you worked your whole lives to build. After all, you earned it.



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body temperature by applying cool (not cold) water over his/her body, and giving small amounts of water or ice cubes. Most importantly, get immediate help from a veterinarian.

- Teach your dog how to get out of your pool. Like people, many dogs like cooling off in pools. Even if your dog can swim, tragedy can occur if he/she does not know how to exit the pool. This can be prevented by showing your pooch how to enter the pool via the stairs and guiding him or her back out. Never leave your pet untended around a pool.
- Make sure that your pet is always wearing a collar with an updated identification tag. Even if your pet has an implanted microchip, as of late 2003, animal shelters and humane societies may not have a universal scanner that can read every brand of microchip.
- Spay or neuter your pet in order to prevent unwanted puppy or kitten litters.



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Specs. Monica Phillips and Shiloe Weston, from the 116th Brigade Combat Team, 42nd Infantry Division, prepare to remove the transmission from a Humvee at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq.



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Sailors and Landing Signal Officers (LSO) watch from the LSO platform as an F/A-18F Super Hornet assigned to the “Gladiators” of Strike Fighter Squadron One Zero Six (VFA-106) prepare for an arrested landing on the flight deck aboard Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75).



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



— *Congressman Silvestre Reyes*
16th Congressional District

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Young entrepreneur embarks on big business with gourmet chocolates

By Maya Kirtley
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — For 19-year-old Marlena Vargas, creating a couple of sweet treats for a young entrepreneurs fair seemed fun and easy. However, what Vargas never expected was that her small business would quickly be something El Pasoans would take a liking to.

Vargas started up Red Letter Fortunes just little over a year ago. Vargas and brother, Devon Leatherbury, 16, started off with a couple of custom-made fortune cookies to sell at the Eastside Youth Connection (ESYC) Young Entrepreneurs Fair in April 2005. Before they knew it, cookies were being ordered by the dozen as Red Letter Fortunes was quickly kicked into overdrive.

“I really didn’t expect it to get so big. I think the cookies are really unique and people wanted to help me pursue my business and therefore placed orders,” Vargas said.

Red Letter Fortunes has now expanded from custom fortune cookies to truffles, gift baskets, chocolate covered pretzels, and other seasonal type gifts. Each gourmet chocolate

treat is beautifully packaged and can be ordered in a variety of different flavors.

“I think my business is successful because I believe in putting quality and care into everything I do. I also try to really get to know my customers,” Vargas said.

Vargas’ has truly embarked on a business she hopes to make a household name. You can even view Vargas’ items on the Red Letter Fortunes website redletterfortunes.com.

Vargas is a member of the Eastside Youth Connection, the organization who started the Young Entrepreneurs Fair one year ago. “ESYC is all about developing leadership skills in our young members. When I saw she was interested in starting her own business I was more than willing to offer all that I could to help her succeed,” partnership coordinator, Catrina Cornell said.

Vargas has also expanded her clientele from a few family members to many businesses requesting sweet treats to give to their employees and/or clients. The buzz about Red Letter Fortunes has spread one customer at a time.

“My biggest order was for 180 custom-made s’mores. I also had an order for 130 fortune cookies. I get a lot



SWEET BUSINESS — Marlena Vargas shows off a few of her gourmet chocolates.

of business from real estate agents who use the fortune cookies or other items as a gift to give people who have just closed on a home,” Vargas said.

While Red Letter Fortune orders continue to grow by leaps and bounds, Vargas’ business skills are also on the rise.

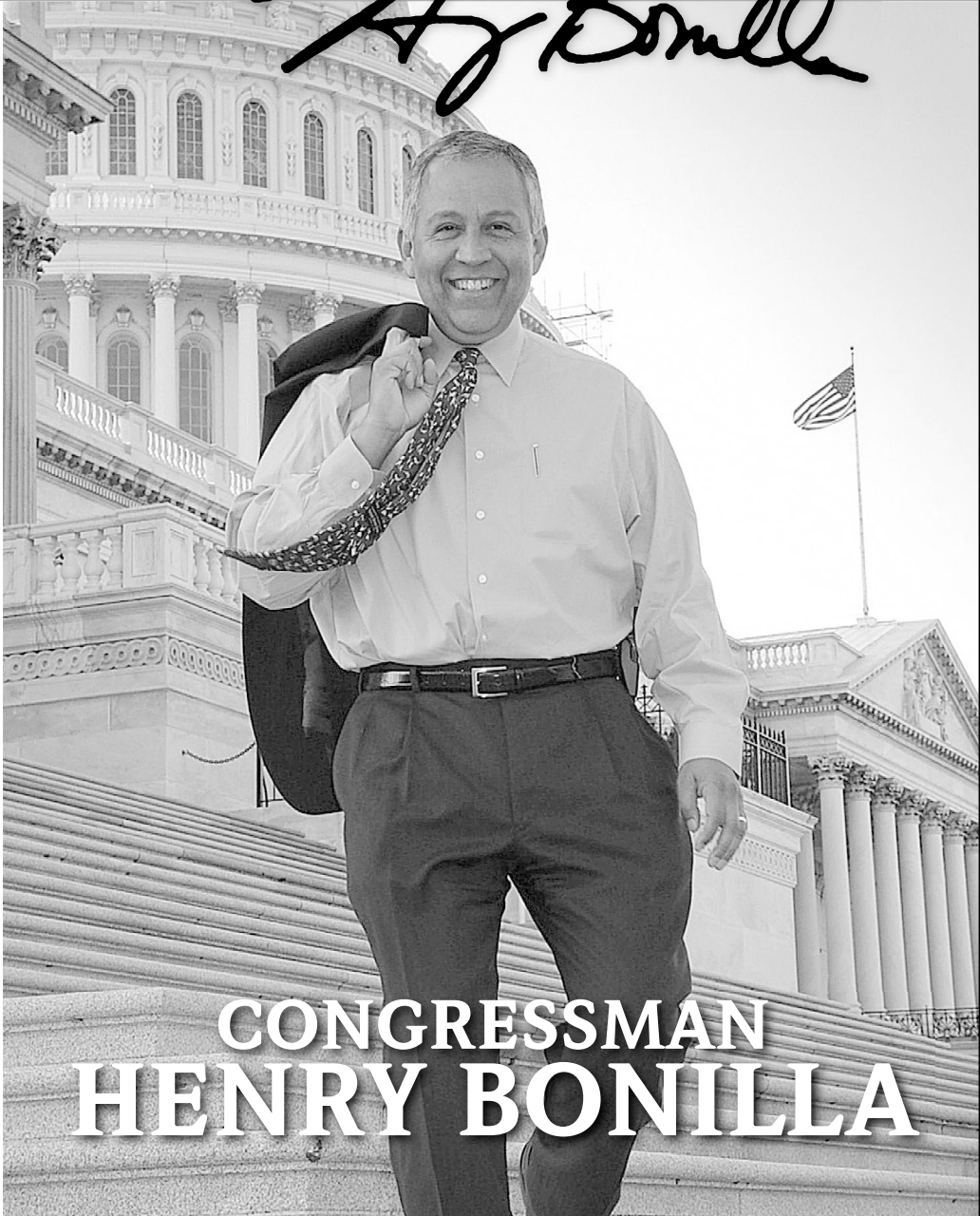
“I think I’ve learned that although it’s a lot of work and you don’t have much time for anything else, it all pays off in the end,” Vargas said.

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

Hy Bonilla

The Fourth of July is a day of celebration. It is also a day of family reunions and loving tributes to the men and women who have created and defended our liberties. This day commemorates our freedom and our bonding as a nation. I hope you and your family truly enjoy the birthday of our nation.

Have a safe weekend and a Happy Fourth of July!



CONGRESSMAN
HENRY BONILLA

Soccer needs bigger goals, more offense and tougher players

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

If I told you I was excited about the World Cup Soccer Tournament going on right now, I'm afraid my nose would grow noticeably. I don't disparage people who love the game of soccer. Whenever you have a passion for something, that's a good thing, even if it's soccer. The problem I have with the game, along with just about every other American sports fan, is the fact that there is almost no scoring — ever.

From a fan in the stands point of view, how can you love a sport where you never have the chance to shout “defense, defense?” I mean, that's all the game is. I've sat at home and yelled “offense, offense!” But they never seem to hear me. I don't know how a fan can sit there for two hours and wait for a team — any team — to score — one goal! Maybe they should expand the goal about three feet in both directions and about two feet higher. Let's make the goalkeeper work a little. Let's make him earn his shutout.

Many goalkeepers record shutouts because they face only two or three legitimate shots to their goal for the entire game. Imagine how good a 6-5 soccer match would be. Another thing I just don't like about soccer is the wimp factor. You know what I'm talking about. A player gets tripped to the ground and you'd think he was thrashed to within half-an-inch of his life. A player rolls around on the ground and screams like he's expecting the last rites, but once the referee hands out the penalty, he gets right up like he's just enjoyed a good nap.

I guess I shouldn't be too hard on soccer. If there was a day when I was watching TV and all I had to choose from was an WNBA game, any NASCAR event, or the world championships of bass fishing — I'd watch soccer. But I'd still check in on the bass fishing.

The Bigger Dance?
From the “what a waste of time” department, the NCAA is actually contemplating expanding their March Madness basketball field from

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Classified Ads

LEGAL

NOTICE TO CUSTOMER

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 approximately \$ 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 by approximately \$0.27, or 0.6 percent, the average monthly commercial bill of 279 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

PUBLIC MEETING

FY 2007 Solid Waste Grants Program

A public meeting will be held by the Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) regarding the Solid Waste Management Grants program for fiscal year 2007. An estimated total of \$222,000 will be available in FY 2007 to local governments for projects in the following categories:

- Local Law Enforcement to Curb Illegal Dumping
- Community and Workplace Waste Reduction and Recycling
- Household Hazardous Waste Management
- Litter and Illegal Dumping Cleanup
- Citizens Collection Stations and iSmall Registered Transfer Stations
- Community Collection Events
- Technical Studies
- Educational and Training Projects

- Other

Grant-funded activities must be conducted in a way that will not create unfair competition with the private sector. Activities must generally support solid waste management options other than basic collection and land disposal. Activities must be in accordance with the Municipal Solid Waste Plan for Far West Texas and the Solid Waste Management Plan for Texas. Grant-funded activities must help to implement the regional solid waste management plan, and show measurable results.

RGCOG staff will explain the goals and objectives of the regional plan, the recommended grant categories, the availability of grant funding to local governments, and the process for considering private industry concerns regarding particular projects. Public comment is invited regarding the recommended priorities for funding and the proposed funding plan. Questions or comments regarding eligible activities, proposal review procedures, and private industry concerns will also be welcomed.

Meeting location, date, and time are as follows:

Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. (CST) at the Van Horn Convention Center, 1801 West Broadway, Van Horn, Texas.

Persons unable to attend the meeting are invited to submit written comments to the Rio Grande Council of Governments, Attention: Evaristo A. Cruz, 1100 North Stanton Street, Suite 610, El Paso, Texas 79902, or fax their comments to: (915) 532-9385.

WTCC: 06/29/06

TOWN OF ANTHONY NOTICE OF

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AND FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES

2007-2008 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS

The Town of Anthony, Texas, is seeking to contract with:

(1) A registered firm or individual qualified to provide engineering services required by the locality for the procurement of grant funding from the Texas Community Development Program and for the implementation of a project or projects anticipated to be carried out with the grant assistance procured.

(2) A professional firm or individual qualified to provide management services required by the locality for the procurement of grant funding from the Texas Community Development Program and for the implementation of a project or projects anticipated to be carried out with the grant assistance procured.

The projects are to be financed with federal funds from grants administered by the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) under its Texas Community Development. In order to be considered, proposals must be submitted prior to 4:30 P.M. on the 10th day of July, 2006.

Complete Requests for Proposals have been prepared for this purpose; those outline the services required by the locality, submission requirements, and evaluation criteria. Interested parties may obtain copies of the Requests for Proposals by contacting the Town Clerk by telephone at (915) 886-3944, or by mail at the fol-

lowing address.

Office of the Mayor
Town of Anthony
P. O. Box 1269
Anthony, TX 79821-1269

The locality reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms submitting proposals, in accordance with the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards Act. The locality also reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

The Town of Anthony is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Art Franco
Mayor

Date published:
June 29, 2006

TOWN OF CLINT

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AND FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES

2007-2008 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS

The Town of Clint, Texas, is seeking to contract with:

(1) A registered firm or individual qualified to provide engineering services required by the locality for the procurement of grant funding from the Texas Community Development Program and for the implementation of a project or projects anticipated to be carried out with the grant assistance procured.

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Office of the Mayor
Town of Clint
P. O. Box 350
Clint, TX 79836

The locality reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms submitting proposals, in accordance with the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards Act. The locality also reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

The Town of Clint is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Employer.

Dale T. Reinhardt
Mayor

Date published:
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SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Invitation to Bid/Respond:

Sealed bids/proposals/CSP to furnish the District with the following prod-

ucts and/or services will be accepted at the following times:

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2006
FULL LINE FOOD SERVICE CSP NO. 199-0711-6113 ACCEPTED UNTIL 1:30 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. WTCC-06/29/06

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ucts and/or services will be accepted at the following times:

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2006
SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CSP NO. 199-0711-6129 ACCEPTED UNTIL 2:00 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. WTCC-06/29/06

PUBLIC NOTICE

As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to reclaim their vehicles at South west

Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN - IFTCR14A6NPA28525, 1992 Ford Ranger, green, Texas license 8RL-Y87 VIN - 4H2967Z121138, 1977 Buick Centrury, white, Texas license C30-VBY VIN - 2FABP74F4KX177320, 1989 Ford Crown Victoria, tan, no license VIN - ILNLM9845RY797921, 1994 Lincoln Continental, white, New Mexico license GRM-498 WTCC-06/29/06

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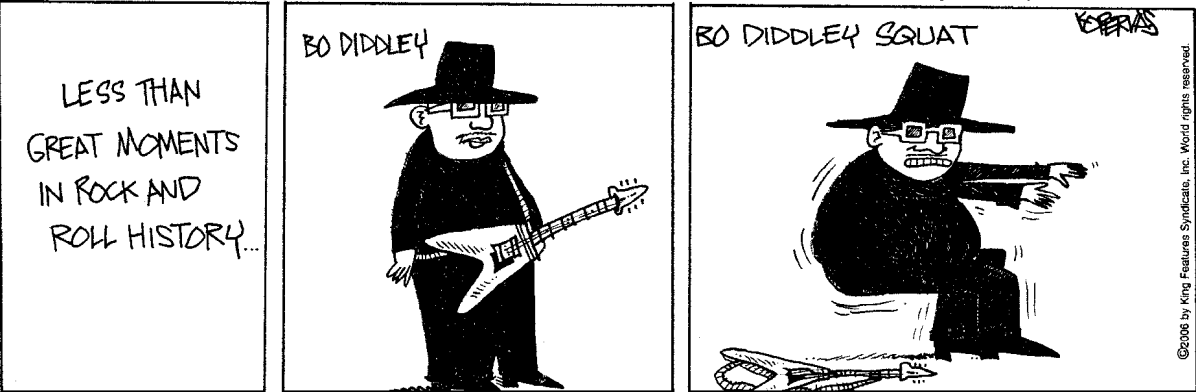
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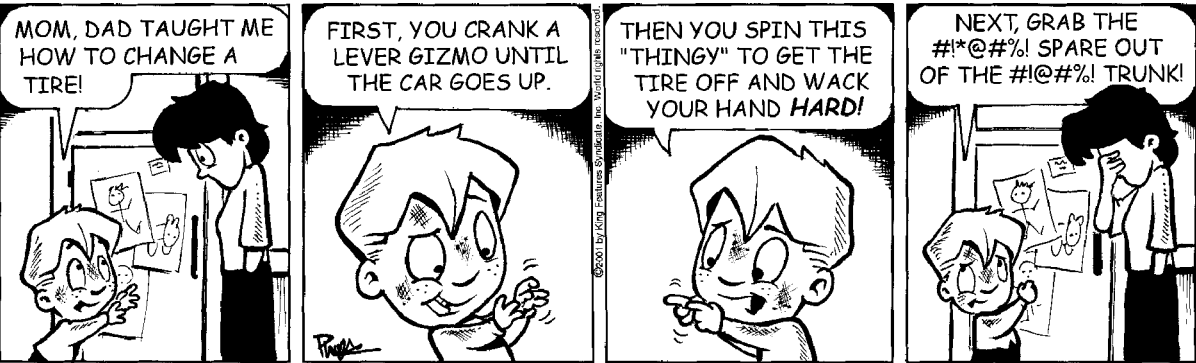
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OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



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Can you spell H-O-A-X?

By Don Flood

It's time to face the disturbing truth about an American institution, the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Oh, I know what you're thinking, the spelling bee is good, pure, wholesome, all-American fun.

In other words, it's a hoax.

Not a complete hoax, of course. The bee does exist, and contestants and judges do go through the motions of saying and spelling "words."

It is the words themselves that are hoax.

The winning word this year: "ursprache."

Cut me a urspraching break. That's not a word.

Here's another one: "icteritious." You can't be serious.

These words are not English. In fact, they are not words at all, but meaningless gibberish foisted on a gullible public by the tyrannical masters of the National Spelling Bee.

(In the interest of fairness and intellectual honesty, I will entertain the notion that the people who run the National Spelling Bee are not at fault, that their bodies have been taken over by space aliens, who are using the spelling bee to introduce their own language to us Earthlings as a prelude to world domination. It makes sense.)

I read. I'm reasonably intelligent. (No smirking.) But I watched the recent spelling bee, and it wasn't a question of whether I could spell the words.

I had never heard of the words. My spellchecker had never heard of these words. Case closed.

Here's how the scam operates.

The judge pronounces the "word" and then he and the contestant go through this long dance, the purpose of which is to convince the audience that it is, in fact, a

word:

"The word is 'stlzeklaquimlo.'" (Not that it sounds like that, of course.)

"What's the definition?" (The top spellers will say this with a straight face, just like it's a real word.)

"It is the shadow cast by an outtie bellybutton on the lower abdomen." (Generally, the more ludicrous the definition the better.)

"Could you use it in a sentence?"

"Look how big his stlzeklaquimlo is."

"What is the word origin?"

You half expect him to say, "My brain. I just made it up 15 seconds ago," but that would spoil the fun:

"Cherokee by way of Pig Latin, originally from Sanskrit Valley Girl."

And so the nonsense continues.

Yet I remained glued to the TV (not literally, people), waiting for the announcer to say: "April Fool! This isn't a word — Hah!"

And thanks to the good folks at PinnacleSports.com, you can even enhance your viewing experience by betting on the spelling bee.

Gambling opportunities include — and these are for real — betting on whether the winner is a boy or a girl or wears glasses or — attention, high rollers! — whether the winning word will contain an "e." Big fun!

It may appear unseemly to bet on a spelling bee involving middle-school students, but the owner of the Web site said his company thought "long and hard" before jumping in — in other words, about one gazillionth of a New York millisecond.

The National Spelling Bee judges need to make up a new word to describe these sleazeballs.

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King Super Crossword

COMPLETE THE THOUGHT ACROSS

1 Skilled

5 1492 vessel

9 Proclaimed pompously

15 With 103 Across, present-day Ceylon

18 Flynn of films

19 Tart

20 Texas city

21 Flat hat

22 If at first you don't succeed...

25 Actress Gardner

26 Long-running Western

27 Ed of "Lou Grant"

28 Actor Young

29 Turner or Cole

30 "Yo!" at the library

33 Triangle type

37 _ Na Na

40 Build

42 Cartoon cry

45 Nitrous _

46 Save the whales...

51 Conductor Dorati

52 Maglie or Mineo

53 " _ the Sheriff" ('74 hit)

54 Spiked the punch

58 Keanu of "Speed"

60 Forsaken

62 Erwin or Gilliam

63 Night noise

64 No-nonsense

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65 Musical finale

67 Poem of praise

69 "My Favorite _" ('82 film)

70 He who laughs last...

75 Type of pear

79 Mine find

80 Act like a Crabbe

81 Sample the souffle

85 Activist Medgar

87 Unwell

89 Italian rumbler

91 California town

93 Robert of "The Citadel"

94 Insomnia cure?

96 Tiriac of tennis

98 Tales

99 A penny saved is...

103 See 15 Across

105 Maestro de Waart

106 More appealing

107 It may be white

108 Grisham characters

110 " _ Shame" ('70 song)

111 Excellent

114 Citrus cooler

115 Eventual oak

119 Returns from a trip

123 Sundial numeral

124 Honk if you...

129 "Cheers" prop

130 Negative terminals

131 _ Spumante

132 Travis or Quaid

133 _ blond

134 "The _ Trap" ('61 film)

135 Competition

136 Incites Rover

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2 Fiber source

3 Theatrical salesman

4 Actress Verdugo

5 Out-of-this-world org.

6 Hosp. area

7 Pen point

8 Commotion

9 Auto pioneer

10 Eaves dropper?

11 "Rule, Britannia" composer

12 "The _ of a Clown" ('70 song)

13 PA hours

14 Buck's beloved

15 Put on

16 Deep gorge

17 Persona

18 Peter out

23 Montezuma, for one

24 "The Wind in the Willows" critter

30 Pansy part

31 Junk

32 Sault _ Marie, MI

34 _ Cob, CT

35 Jumps on the ice

36 Catalogue

37 Trauma aftermath

38 Sharpened a skill

39 Change

41 Certain linemen: abbr.

42 Surprised sounds

43 Reacts to fireworks

44 "Martha" composer

47 89 Across output

48 Vote in

49 Like some beaches

50 Practice piece

55 Runner Sebastian

56 Age

57 Augsburg article

59 Manhattan area

61 Writer MacDonald

66 Disembarked

68 Punta del _

71 Coming from Cork

72 Nervous _

73 Literary collection

74 Roberts or Tucker

75 You can retire on it

76 "Ab _" (from the start)

77 DC figure

78 Nook's companion

82 Strikebreaker

83 Innsbruck's locale

84 Boredom

86 Tend the fire

88 Expect back

90 Major artery

92 Word form for "bone"

95 Conceit

97 Dundee denial

100 Pine product

101 UN Day month

102 Splendid

103 "Good Night _" (1853 song)

104 USNA anthem word

108 First dog in space

109 Relish

110 Claire or Balin

112 Alphabet sequence

113 Neighbor of Oahu

116 Surrender

117 Ready for business

118 Be still

119 Component

120 Pres. Bush, e.g.

121 Converse competitor

122 Pig's digs

124 Fold over

125 "Sat _ tuffet..."

126 Machine part

127 Language suffix

128 Tackled a taco

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Answer Page 2

Sports

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65 teams to 128.

Some coaches feel that the field is too small and too many worthy teams stay home.

For the life of me I don't understand why this conversation is even taking place.

They don't have to expand the tournament to 128 teams because it already contains more teams than that already.

Now before you think I've nipped into the liquor cabinet, let me explain. Although only 65 teams are se-

lected into the tournament, every team in the country is eligible. Once the conference tournaments begin, all a team has to do is keep winning and they get the automatic berth.

Look at it this way, if little Joe Schmo College (0-26 overall record) goes into the "Little Engine That Could" conference tournament and wins every game, they get the automatic bid.

So once the conference tournaments start, every team is actually in the NCAA Tournament. If they win every game, they win the national title.

Is it likely? No. But it is possible. Just ask those guys from little George Mason — remember them?

Dexter's Dilemma

I was quite saddened to hear the latest news concerning Dexter Manley.

You remember Dexter Manley. He's the guy who had a great career as an All-Pro defensive end with the Washington Redskins.

Manley made headlines when he was banned from the NFL in 1991 after repeated cocaine use. It was also later learned that he went through his entire career not knowing how to read.

Despite his problems, Manley was well liked because of his wide smile and good-guy attitude.

Well, Manley went through over

10 hours of brain surgery over the weekend for an enlarged colloid cyst that was collecting fluid and causing increased pressure on the brain.

He went through the surgery well enough but is suffering some memory loss.

When asked what his jersey number (92) was after the operation, Manley said "7272."

There's no doubt that Manley has had a tough life, and it appears it's going to get much tougher. But let's hope the big guy pulls through.

He's always had a reputation of being a good person toward other people, he just hasn't always been very good to himself.

Nine-Holers swing at Emerald Springs

HORIZON CITY — The Emerald Springs Ladies Nine Hole Golf Association held a tournament on June 27, sponsored by the Horizon Vista Food Store.

Winners in the scramble were Sue Fields, Grete Bush and Ginger Taylor. Francis Taylor, Louise Wikstrom, Louise Alfrey and Jessica Gross were second.

The Nine-Holers invite new members from the community to join them at 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday each week. Contact Ginger Taylor at 852-9151 for more information.

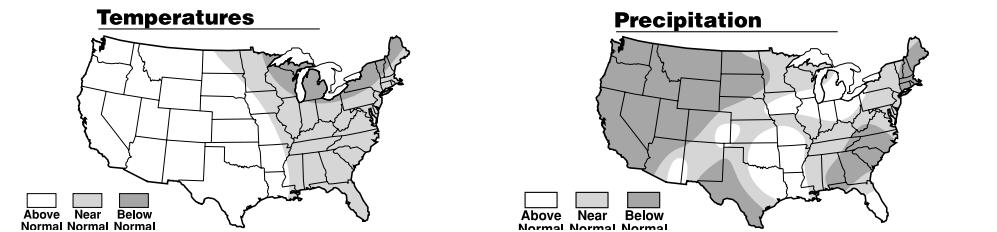
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WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK



IN THE SKY

Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	First	Full
Thu.	6:03 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	Thu.	9:42 a.m.	11:21 p.m.		
Fri.	6:03 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	Fri.	10:38 a.m.	11:47 p.m.	7/3	7/10
Sat.	6:04 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	Sat.	11:33 a.m.	none	Last	New
Sun.	6:04 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	Sun.	12:26 p.m.	12:12 a.m.		
Mon.	6:04 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	Mon.	1:20 p.m.	12:36 a.m.	7/17	7/24
Tues.	6:05 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	Tues.	2:16 p.m.	1:01 a.m.		
Wed.	6:05 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	Wed.	3:14 p.m.	1:28 a.m.		

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REGIONAL CITIES

	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
City	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Abilene, TX	90	67	s	92	68	s	92	69	s	93	71	s
Albuquerque, NM	88	65	t	92	68	s	94	68	s	93	67	s
Amarillo, TX	90	62	t	94	64	s	94	65	s	94	66	s
Austin, TX	91	65	pc	91	69	s	93	71	s	93	73	pc
Brownsville, TX	92	75	pc	89	74	pc	92	74	pc	93	77	pc
Dodge City, KS	96	65	pc	95	61	pc	90	65	pc	95	65	pc
Jackson, MS	92	65	s	92	66	pc	92	68	pc	92	68	s
Laredo, TX	99	76	s	96	75	pc	96	76	pc	98	78	pc
Little Rock, AR	93	67	s	90	66	pc	92	70	pc	90	70	pc
Lubbock, TX	90	62	t	92	64	s	94	66	s	94	66	s
Memphis, TN	91	70	s	91	73	pc	89	73	pc	89	73	s
Midland, TX	90	67	s	94	67	s	96	70	s	97	70	s
Pueblo, CO	98	55	t	94	56	t	94	58	pc	95	59	t
Roswell, NM	93	62	pc	95	65	s	96	65	s	97	67	s
St. Louis, MO	89	64	pc	85	67	pc	83	65	pc	88	70	pc
San Antonio, TX	94	70	pc	91	71	s	91	73	s	93	73	pc
Texarkana, AR	93	66	s	92	68	s	93	71	s	91	73	s
Waco, TX	92	66	s	93	71	s	93	73	s	94	75	s
Wichita, KS	94	65	pc	92	67	pc	91	67	pc	92	70	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	90	69	pc	90	66	s	88	68	pc	87	69	s
Boston	82	65	t	82	65	t	84	67	s	78	65	t
Chicago	80	58	pc	80	60	pc	84	60	pc	86	62	pc
Denver	91	59	t	88	59	t	88	60	pc	91	59	t
Detroit	78	58	pc	80	60	pc	82	62	t	83	63	c
Houston	94	68	pc	92	70	pc	90	72	s	92	72	pc
Indianapolis	82	60	pc	84	59	pc	84	63	pc	82	64	c
Kansas City	88	65	pc	90	69	pc	92	67	pc	88	69	pc
Los Angeles	84	64	s	84	66	s	84	66	s	84	64	pc
Miami	89	76	t	90	79	pc	89	78	t	90	79	t
Minneapolis	85	65	pc	83	64	pc	80	62	pc	82	64	sh
New Orleans	92	74	s	90	72	pc	91	73	pc	90	73	pc
New York City	87	70	pc	81	68	pc	85	68	pc	83	68	t
Omaha	90	68	pc	93	67	pc	88	66	pc	91	69	pc
Phoenix	106	86	t	110	88	s	110	87	s	110	86	s
San Francisco	72	56	pc	68	54	pc	68	54	pc	70	55	s
Seattle	76	56	pc	78	54	s	80	54	s	78	54	s
Washington	88	70	pc	86	68	pc	88	70	pc	85	68	t

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